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Merry Christmas to you. This is to be Mr. Santa Claus' busy day.

Senator Allen's Christmas present came ten days ahead of time.

Fashion Note: The latest in children's stockings are extra lengths with bulging sides.

It is the people of the British coast towns who are now lying awake nights thinking of naval sea serpents that may come to visit them.

Another statement of Coln Harvey's installment-plan campaign fund is past due. So are several delinquent subscribers to the fund.

Colonel Bryan proposes to invade the enemy's country and plant the anti-trust flag on the ramparts of Trenton, Jersey City and Hoboken.

Members of the un-Patriotic League would appreciate as suitable Christmas gifts a set of whetstones and knife-scentils. The knives they already have.

Word comes all the way from New Jersey that a football player has become insane as a result of a Thanksgiving day game. What happened to the spectators is not disclosed.

One thing is certain—the Lawton home fund will not be invested in any way except that which conforms to the wishes of the donors, namely, to remove the mortgage from the home of his widow.

The richest man in England has died. But that will not prevent the calamity shouters from seeing in their imaginations continued conspiracies on the part of the money power to make money scarce.

Up to the hour of going to press no alarm had been sounded at railroad headquarters calling the traffic manager to quarters to repel the impending onslaught of the State Board of Transportation.

Lincoln will this week be the Mecca of Nebraska's school teachers who, in the election of their organization officials will show that they are as adept at political wire pulling as the most expert politicians.

If the un-Patriotic league is a republican club what need is there of lectures to initiate its members into the doctrine of sound money? If they are shaky on the money issue, their republicanism cannot be very sound.

While all the ministers of Omaha are today offering up fervent prayers for "Great Scott" in grateful remembrance of his redemptive lectures from the bench, his admirers in the pulpit should not forget that the irreverend judge will preach his farewell sermon on "Sodom and Gomorrah" next week.

General Miles has been interviewed on the Boer war. What the general did not say would make a much longer interview than what he really did say.

From the general's remarks about the best commanders being the ones likely to win it may be surmised that the general is giving his English military friends a little dig in return for their comments on the conduct of our war operations with Spain and in the Philippines.

It was eminently in accord with the eternal fitness of things for Mr. J. W. Kennedy to preside over the "patriots" assembled to hear Mr. Henry W. Yates' address on currency legislation designed to permanently establish the gold standard.

CHRISTMAS

The day that is welcomed throughout the Christian world as is no other day of the year; that awakens sentiments and emotions peculiar to itself alone; that appeals to all hearts not hardened against its beneficent influences...

Whoever has witnessed the throngs of Christmas buyers for days past may be able to form some idea of the vastness of the trade incident to this season throughout the country.

Grant that there is much of truth in this, yet is there not enough of sincere love, of earnest friendship and of genuine unselfishness in Christmas gift-making to justify the custom and make its maintenance desirable?

Christmas is a family as well as a religious festival and perhaps it is in its former character that its most valuable influence is exerted.

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In times of general industrial depression this class is very numerous. Many men and women who have known better days are reduced to straitened circumstances and forced to accept help from compassionate friends and philanthropic people.

In times of prosperity, when every person willing and able to work can find employment, the indiscriminate support of professional vagrants and beggars is of questionable propriety.

A recent contribution to the New York Independent by Maud Ballington Booth on the treatment of vagrancy sheds much interesting light on the subject.

The plan for colonizing the idle and destitute of the cities with the expectation that they will remain permanently in the country and become contented and thrifty is condemned as impractical.

These views doubtless apply as much to Omaha as to eastern population centers. The incorrigible vagrant must be handled through penal reformatories.

While there appears to be no immediate danger of European interference in the South African war, all of the governments manifesting a purpose to observe neutrality, it is possible that Great Britain may become involved in a new complication from her operations in Delagoa bay.

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intended for the other belligerent, because it was not contraband and it was going from one neutral port to another neutral port.

But this matter may easily be disposed of by the British government disclaiming any intention to interfere with American rights and giving assurance that the proceedings will not be repeated.

European powers are watching the course of events in South Africa with the keenest possible interest and while now maintaining absolute neutrality the nations having African possessions would hardly hesitate to depart from this should circumstances arise which seemed to menace their interests there.

And now the wagon-makers are getting together to raise the prices on farm wagons. The alleged reason for the advance is the increased cost of hardwood lumber, iron and labor.

The organ of the defunct candidate for U. S. S. says the only way for the members of the State Board of Transportation to defend themselves from the opprobrium attaching to the appellation "no nothing" is to do something to give the people relief from railroad extortion.

Those who are engaged solely in the mad pursuit of gain and have but little time for any proposition unless it promises a profit must not overlook the progress made by Omaha along social and educational lines.

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Perplexities of the Year. St. Paul Pioneer Press. If half the people and the century this year and the other half the next, Father Time will present the regular aspect of Sam Patch's dog, which was cut in two down the middle and hastily spliced with a discrepancy in his legs.

Supporters of the Merit System. Indianapolis Journal. As Speaker Henderson has been regarded for some time as one of the strongest friends of civil service reform in the house it is not surprising to learn that the new committee on reform of the civil service is constituted with special reference to the establishment and extension of the merit system.

A Disquieting Windup. Minden Gazette. Judge Scott of Omaha is winding up his career on the district bench in a most disquieting and contemptible manner.

Going Abroad for Luxuries. Philadelphia Press. As a result of this country's increased prosperity the old balance between imports and exports is being restored.

GLASSBORO FOR THE BOER STATE.

A good deal of discussion of Mr. Gladstone's Transvaal policy has been going on in England during the last two or three weeks.

The supreme court of Ohio has just rendered an important decision in the matter of applying the tax law of the state to the Bell Telephone company.

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