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"ON THE CORNER"

A Community Tree

By MARTHA B. THOMAS

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OLD Solomon Way lived in a shack at the foot of the mountain. He was a queer, solitary man who seldom appeared in the village. Now and then he drove in for supplies; these he bought with as little conversation as possible. No one knew his history, and it is to be feared that few gave a thought to him, beyond idle curiosity which stirred mildly upon these occasional visits of his, and then died before satisfied.

Two days before Christmas there was a meeting at the minister's to discuss arrangements for a community tree. Most of the village was present, particularly the young people. This was their special interest, and they

contrived to get a great deal of fun out of planning and talking about the tree.

Just as the meeting was called to order, the front doorbell jangled and the minister excused himself to answer it. In a few moments he reappeared, and walking at his side was Old Solomon Way. He was a giant of a fellow, a trifle stooped about the shoulders, but carrying a certain dignity that hushed the clatter of the lively young people. The minister made no comment, but, seating Old Solomon in a comfortable chair, opened the meeting.

The usual discussion followed. Who would go for the tree? Who would set it up in the village green? Who would trim it? Who would arrange the electric bulbs and see about the battery?

Old Solomon listened intently. Perhaps the rest of the people forgot he was there. In any case, there was a little gasp of surprise when the tall, white-haired man arose, and, looking about shyly, said he would like to say a few words. The minister spoke a few courteous sentences to make Old Solomon feel at ease, and then sat down.

"I ain't never been down to one o' your meetin's before," began the newcomer, "but I reckoned I couldn't [illegible] seen your pretty [illegible] for two or three [illegible] as though [illegible] nothin'."

[illegible] and gentle, with [illegible] that gave it, and the [illegible] he said, a sort of weight and richness. The young people listened in puzzled silence, but it was to be noted that not a whisper disturbed the assembly.

"Mebbe you won't like what I got to say," continued Old Solomon, "but I feel like I must speak. I see and know a lot of things, up there in my cabin, that the rest of you don't have time to notice. And I'd feel pretty mean if I did not put in an oar for some friends of mine who can't say a word for themselves."

He paused, looked around the room, and then continued.

"We human bein's are pretty apt to think we're mighty important: we go about takin' for granted that this hull universe was made purpose for us, and everything in it. But when you're alone as much as I be, 'specially cold, windy, winter nights, you can't help thinkin' about all the little critters outdoors. And in the mornin' there are their tracks all about the house. They don't ask nothin' of us. All they want is a chance to hunt for food and some sheltered hole to sleep in. An the birds! Even the pesky sparrows! No matter what the weather is, they're flutterin' around chipper as anything. No complaints, no discouragement, no fuss; and if there's a warm corner or a bit of sunshine, they manage to try a few notes of singin'. They're an everlastin' example to us grumblers. And I was thinkin'"—Solomon looked keenly into the faces of his listeners—"if this year we couldn't have a community tree, as you call it, not for ourselves but for the birds, and any small critters that would venture near it."

Not a person answered this appeal they were too surprised. The minister arose and said the meeting was open to discussion.

Finally a girl in the back of the room popped up and asked how the thing could be managed. Old Solomon was ready with his plans.

"If you'd be willin' to have your tree just a little outside the village not too far to get to, I think we could fix it. I'll cut and haul down a good Christmas tree, and you young folks come out day before Christmas to trim it. Make it as fancy and pretty as you please. We'll tie on scraps of meat and suet for the birds. And we'll clear a good space around it, and put down boards for crumbs and grain. And a little ways off, we'll have a heap of hay for the deer, and odd bits for rabbits and squirrels and such. This has been a powerful hard winter, with the heavy storms and ice and snow I'll be the first to promise to keep the community tree supplied for one day a week, and I reckon there's young folks enough who'd be willing to take a day until the winter breaks. Seems to me"—here his big, rumbling voice lowered to a beautiful depth, "that the Baby who came this day, nearly two thousand year ago, meant for folks to remember their brothers in the woods. I sort of believe He'd like to see us givin' thought to 'em. Who knows? Maybe they're as important in the scheme of things as we are! And Christmas will last beyond one day. I thank you for listenin' to me."

Old Solomon sat down. Immediately there was a quick, light clapping of appreciation.

Christmas day saw the community tree set up in a farmer's pasture. It was gayly trimmed with bright ribbons, popcorn and bits of food. Five boys shoveled away the snow around the base. Hay was brought; boards were laid on the ground for grain and other scraps. Never had the village such fun. When things were all in place, they formed a circle around the tree and sang a carol. Old Solomon sang the loudest. His face beamed with happiness. And if you'll believe it, no less than ten people invited him to dinner that day!

It was a glorious Christmas. And not only did the spirit of love and good cheer fly about that day, but continued for weeks. Every day someone went to the community tree and trimmed it with fresh bits of meat and suet. It grew famous: bird lovers came from miles around to watch the pretty sight: the birds hovered about in flocks. At evening and morning three young deer ventured down for the hay. Rabbits and squirrels appreciated their good fortune. Best of all, the village folk learned the happiness of thought for wild things. And they also learned a deep affection and respect for Old Solomon, who had prompted them to this unselfish service.

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HOGS ADVANCE A NICKEL

Further Weakness Develops in the Market for Fat Lambs, Top $11.90 —Aged Sheep and Feeder Grades Hold About Steady.

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, December 19, 1923.—Only 4,700 cattle arrived for Tuesday's market and prices were steady to a little stronger on the more attractive offerings. Cow stuff and feeders showed very little change.

Quotations on cattle:—Good to choice beeves, $8.75@9.75; fair to good beeves, $7.75@8.60; common to fair beeves, $7.00@7.75; trashy warmed up steers, $6.00@7.00; choice to prime yearlings, $10.75@12.00; good to choice yearlings, $9.25@10.50; fair to good yearlings, $8.00@9.00; common to fair yearlings, $6.50@7.75; good to choice fed heifers, $6.75@8.00; fair to good fed heifers, $5.25@6.50; common to fair fed heifers, $4.00@5.00; good to choice fed cows, $5.00@6.25; fair to good fed cows, $4.00@5.00; cutters, $2.75@3.50; canners, $2.00@2.50; veal calves, $4.50@9.00; heavy and medium calves, $3.50@6.50; bologna bulls, $2.75@3.50; beef bulls, $3.75@4.75; butcher bulls, $4.00@5.75; good to choice feeders, $7.25@8.00; fair to good feeders, $6.50@7.25; common to fair feeders, $5.50@6.50; good to choice stockers, $7.00@7.60; fair to good stockers, $6.25@7.00; common to fair stockers, $5.00@6.00; trashy stockers, $4.00@5.00; stock heifers, $3.75@5.00; stock cows, $2.75@3.65; stock calves, $4.00@8.00.

Hogs Steady to Five Up.

Some 10,300 hogs were received on Tuesday and under a broader general demand the market was active and strong to 5c higher. Best butcher weights brought $8.90 and bulk of all the trading was at $8.50@8.85.

Fat Lambs Sell Lower.

There were 13,300 fresh sheep and lambs on the market and they changed hands at prices steady to 10 cents lower than Monday. Best wooled lambs brought $11.90.

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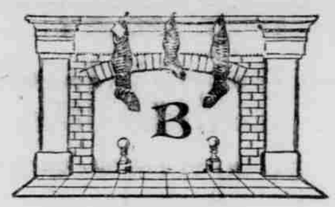

Are You Perplexed

Over What to Put in the Stockings Xmas Eve?

It isn't always easy, especially when economy is paramount and all your loved ones are to be remembered. So in this ad we are listing a number of articles of moderate price, for both men and women, that you've perhaps never given a thought before.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LADIES

Ladies' white stone bar pins	$1 up
Novelty stone set bracelets	65c to $1.25
Mesh and leather bags	$4 to $15
Mantel clocks (Seth Thomas, New Haven, etc.)	$10 to $25
Fancy decorated glassware and Hauger pottery	$1.50 to $3
Fancy beads, all colors	75c up
Pearl beads (Richelieu, La Tausca, etc.)	$4 up
Stone set and diamond rings, latest basket settings	$4 to $150
New colored ivory toilet ware and manicure sets	$5 to $35
Wrist watches (newest shapes and sizes)	$8 to $100

MEN WILL LIKE THESE

Cuff links, gold filled and solid, Kum-apart, and others	75c to $10
Waldemar chains (Simmons and Sturdy)	$4.50 to $10
Sterling silver and gold filled buckles with belts	$2.50 to $10
Military and shaving sets (new colored ivory ware)	$1.50 up
Silver plated cigarette cases	$4 to $7
Waldemar knives and combs	$1 to $10
Emblem charms, gold filled and solid gold	75c up
Stone set and emblem rings	$7 to $15
High grade guaranteed watches, leading makes	$1.50 to $35
And for the boy, dependable watches can be had at	$1.50 to $15

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GIFTS THAT LAST

INDUSTRIES AND BANKS VOTE EXTRA STOCK DIVIDENDS

American Exchange National Goes On 16 Per Cent Annual Basis —Traction Firm Listed.

New York, Dec. 18.—Several industrial corporations and banks voted additional payments to their stockholders today in the form of extra dividends.

The People's Gas Co. declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent, an increase from the previous rate of 1½ per cent.

Directors of the American Surety Co. voted an extra payment of half of 1 per cent in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent on the capital stock.

The American Exchange National bank declared a 4 per cent quarterly dividend, placing the stock on a 16 per cent annual basis instead of the previous rate of 15 per cent.

Westmoreland Coal Co. directors voted an extra payment of 1 per cent and the regular 2 per cent quarterly dividend.

The Illinois Traction Co. declared an extra dividend of $1.50 on the common stock.

BISHOP SHAYLER BELIEVES IN VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST

Omaha, Dec. 18.—"We must make allowances for the brainstorms of mistaken men, for the limelight lovers, bishop haters and heresy trial hunting heroes," Bishop E. V. Shayler of the Nebraska Episcopal diocese declared in a statement on the battle raging in church circles between fundamentalists and modernists.

Bishop Shayler declared his belief in the virgin birth of Christ and His resurrection from the dead.

"Otherwise Christmas would be no more than Lincoln's birthday and all Christians would be worshipping a dead man today."

"Common honesty" demands that these ministers who deny the teachings of their church resign, the bishop declared.

DAD WESTON, BEWARE!

From Tuesday's Daily—

The record for long distance walking established by "Dad" Weston, General Coxey and other notable pedestrians is in danger of being eclipsed by several Plattsmouth young men who have become converts of the great wanderlust on foot. Sunday afternoon these young men felt the itch for travel and decided they would make Omaha their goal and accordingly with head erect and full of pep and vinegar the expedition started forth and choosing the Missouri Pacific tracks as their pathway they soon laid away the miles that stretch between the metropolis of the state and our own little city and after four hours of hiking were awarded with the distant glow on the sky of the great city and the white lights that grow brighter and brighter as the evening wanes. However, the members of the party did not walk back but returned via the Chemin de Fer. Since the expedition has returned Bill, Ray, Stuart and Fred J. are feeling rather stiff and sore and lacking the pre-hiking pep.

Do your Christmas shopping at the Bates Book and Stationery Store, Plattsmouth, where you will find the big assortment of goods in all gift lines at the right prices.

OBREGON FORCES LOSE RAIL POINT

Capital Labor Battalion to Join the Federals in Fight at Puebla— Executions Are Reported.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 18.—Rebel reinforcements have forced the Obregon troops to withdraw from the town of San Marcos, on the railroad east of Mexico City, according to newspaper accounts reaching here of the fighting zone.

The Obregonist vanguard, dispatches say, is still along the railroad. Their general headquarters is at Huamantla, about 10 miles northeast of San Marcos. They are under command of General Eugenio Martinez.

Mexico City, Dec. 12.—(By Courier to San Antonio.)—The first workmen's volunteer battalion composed of about 500 members of the Mexican organized labor party has left Mexico City for Puebla for the purpose of being incorporated in the army fighting the De La Huertistas. Many of the volunteers were military workers of Oriziba district.

This contingent as well as others in the process of organization aroused the consequent renewal of reports that presidents of the labor unions in Oriziba had been executed, also Heron Proal, leader of the anti-rent strikers in Vera Cruz.

Newspapers here published dispatches emanating from Puebla to the effect that the military headquarters at Puebla have received advices confirming the rumors of the executions which were current last week.

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Leather rockers	$18.00
Mahogany rockers	$9.50 to $14.50
Oak rockers	$3.50 to $9.50
Pedestals	$4.25 to $6.50
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High chairs	$2.75 to $4.75

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3-pc. velour davenport bed set	$129.50
Oak davenport beds	$35 to $49.50
Oak buffets (44 to 66")	$14.50 to $65
Library tables	$15 to $24
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Kitchen cabinets	$22.50 to $39.50
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Dining room chairs	$2.50 to $4.95
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