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Merry Xmas to you. Thank you. Same to you.

It is bad form to look a Christmas gift in the price tag.

The president admits that he was goldbricked by Goldfield, but will not bite twice.

"Beer is going up," says the Milwaukee Sentinel. That is not the usual course of beer in Milwaukee.

Historians will have to give Santa Claus the credit for curbing people of the hoarding habit in the near-panic of 1907.

Booker Washington advises colored men to give their wages to their wives. White men are not debarred from accepting the same advice.

Tom Lawson now asserts that he is a stock market wolf. Tom has been trying for a long time to make some statement that would go unchallenged.

An Oklahoma man was defeated for speaker of the legislature because he wore a tall linen collar. Wonder if his successful rival wears a brass collar.

"Japan is not worrying over the movements of the American fleet," says Baron Aoki. Naturally not. Japan does not have to pay the coal bills.

The fight between Congressmen Williams and De Armond has served to call attention to the fact that Democrats have some places on the house committees.

Several July Christmas plums confidently expected in Nebraska from the appointive powers at Washington, seem, for unexplained reasons, to have been delayed in the mails.

Dividend payments for January will amount to about \$190,000,000, an increase of \$20,000,000 over January of last year. The recipient will have no cause for worry or complaint.

Official reports show that Uncle Sam has 2,800 islands in the Philippines, instead of the 1,800 originally reported in the deed from Spain.

Two-thirds of the girls who go on the stage should be in the kitchen cooking," says the Birmingham Age-Herald. It would not do. The country is already suffering enough from bad cooking.

While Admiral Evans is getting a good share of the lime light, he is fortunate in not being suggested for the democratic presidential nomination or having a house given to him by admiring Americans.

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CHRISTMAS. Away with the man whose iconoclasm leads him to dig into dusty records in search of the origin of Christmas.

WANTED—CHRISTIAN CHARITY. In every civilized land throughout the world the Christmas tide is a season for manifesting the spirit of true Christian charity.

Business Nightingale. Trade is not booming as it did before the panic. This can be seen with half an eye.

JANUARY DIVIDENDS. Estimates by financial experts of January dividend and interest payments indicate that, in spite of deferments and reductions due to the recent financial flurry, the total will be something like \$29,000,000 in excess of those for January last year.

Analysis of the figures is particularly interesting as showing that the legitimate interests of the country have been reasonably prosperous, however unfortunate have been the results of dealings in speculative securities.

Notwithstanding all complaints by railway managers against the operation of federal and state laws, the dividend payments of railroad companies will be largely in excess of those of January, 1906.

The banking interests, so far as reported, have had a normally good year and dividends will be as liberal as usual.

MR. TAFT ON THE PHILIPPINES. The one disturbing feature of Secretary Taft's verbal report on the conditions in the Philippines is that the society of busybodies down at Boston, known as the anti-imperialist league, is still doing much harm in the islands by its attempts to make the Filipinos believe that they are ready for self-government.

Congress will try hard to adjourn before the middle of June in order that members may get away to attend the big nominating conventions.

Those high priced water board attorneys took care to draw their Christmas presents in advance. The aggregate payments to John L. Webster out of the water fund to date foot up \$21,000 in round figures and those of C. C. Wright foot up \$14,000, with more to come.

Representative Burgess of Texas wants a currency commission appointed to report to the next session

of congress. Members are beginning to admit that currency legislation at this season is by no means assured.

A Superbous Question. The question whether a corporation can advertise to practice medicine has been brought before the courts.

Marvellous Patience. The treasurer of a Canadian railroad has confessed that he has been stealing from the company for eighteen years.

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The Poet Millionaire. In these, your days of Christmas cheer, When all your world is bright and fair,

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ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON. Current Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

Recalled Journal: "Well, let her panic," remarked a contented Johnson county farmer the other day.

Beatrice Express: The Nebraska primary law makes specific provision for state conventions to select delegates for national conventions.

Kearney Hub: After less than a year of experience with the new railroad law in this state, Burlington officials announce that they will make every effort to conform thereto during the year 1908.

Callaway Courier-Tribune: Today the difference between live hogs and dressed pork is so much that it is a wonder that farmers will continue to sell their stock at from 3 to 4 cents a pound and buy the finished product at from 15 to 25 cents a pound.

Aurora Republican: Carl J. Ernst, who formally retired from the Board of Regents last week, leaves behind him a record of service never equalled by any other state official in Nebraska.

Very little attention will hereafter be paid to the subject of visual signaling in the army. It is realized that the wireless telegraph and wireless telephone have supplanted the old methods of communication.

It is possible that the chief signal officer of the Army will be added to the personnel of the Army Board of Ordnance and Fortification.

The New York speculator who found his market had been wiped out, and immediately wiped out the broker and himself, was a bad loser.

At Atlanta university on December 21 Edward T. Washburn was elected the first president and founder of the institution, will succeed as the third president of the university to his father's great work.

Richard T. Crane, the millionaire philanthropist, has presented property valued at \$50,000 to the Hull house, Chicago, as a tribute to his first wife, the mother of his seven children.

Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota, the junior senator from that state, bears a remarkable likeness to former Senator John A. Logan.

George N. Wade, sculptor of the statue of King Edward, has arrived in New York to study our men and women. He will remain in New York a short time and then go west.

There is only one piece of the sculptor's work in this country. That is a drinking fountain ordered by Francis Willard and set up in Chicago.

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