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When the orb of day has risen
Till he stands right over town,
And these genial rays of his
Now are coming squarely down,
When the month is called December,

And the winds begin to roar,
Dearest will you then remember
What you've heard so oft
Before—

Do your Christmas shopping
early.

Ere the first faint trace of morning
Lights the hillock and the plain,
Ere the sunlight is adorning
Here and there a window pane,

Ere you shake the stupefaction,
Following the night of rest,
Ere you get yourself in action,
Are you with this thought impressed—

Do your Christmas shopping
early?

(Continued.)

Buy it pretty soon or you won't
buy it early.

Only fourteen more days in
which to do it. Time flies.

A few white days before
Christmas will serve to help solve
the gift problem.

Archibald is getting all that is
coming to him, and just what he
needs. He is guilty.

Plattsmouth Christmas stocks
were never better at this season.
No use going away from home to
do your shopping.

A New York preacher asserts
that the Sunday newspaper is one
of the seven curses of that city.
Pinheaded preachers is another.
What are the remaining five?

"Eat, eat, eat," is the advice of
a dietetic authority. That makes
three eats, which is the daily average
of most persons. Not bad
advice if the family pocketbook
can stand the strain.

"Public justice demands serious
punishment for serious offenses,"
says Governor Baldwin of Connecticut.
It does, but the tricky
lawyers, the incompetent jurors
and the soft-hearted governors
will see to it that the demand is
not honored to any great extent.

Wall street is striving to trap
congress into passing the Aldrich
currency bill in "sugar-coated"
form. Well, the people elect the
congressmen, and if any of the
western members want to place
their own necks in the halter, they
will be to blame for their own
hanging.

Eastern papers are comment-
ing admiringly on the action of a
Kansas woman jury which decided
a case in three hours after a jury
of men had disagreed. If the
truth were known the lady jurors
probably decided in one hour and
spent the remaining two in dis-
cussing fashions, Christmas
presents and their neighbors.

It must be conceded that Gov-
ernor Blease, if you please, of
South Carolina, has the courage
of his convictions, such as they
are. He is not afraid to speak out
in meetin'. And while he may be
a little radical in his views on the
lynching question, the most of
the husbands and fathers of the
south, where the negro outrages
are committed, feel just as he
does, and so would nearly every
father and husband of the north
if placed in like situation. Jack
Johnson should be taken out and
horsewhipped, everybody will
agree to this, and not only this,
but the girl he married deserves
such a punishment.

If the corn is not all picked it
is not the fault of the weather
man.

William Randolph Hearst is
willing that President-elect Wil-
son shall make his own cabinet
appointments. Good for Willie.

Some of the Nebraska women
have made up their minds to vote.
But this is a matter in which the
men will have a great deal to say
—whether they do or not.

A Chicago man lost \$17,000 in
currency and resorted to the
newspaper want columns and
found it. This shows how im-
portant a factor the little want ad
has become in modern civilization.

Twenty-four states have rat-
ified the income tax amendment,
four have rejected it, and two re-
main to act upon it. Affirmative
action by thirty-six states is nec-
essary to make the amendment
operative.

Governor-elect Morehead is op-
posed to any great display of
pomp at his inauguration, and we
think he is right. If he has his
way about it, and he no doubt will,
his induction into the office of
chief executive of Nebraska will
be very simple.

Many a little tot will go with-
out a Christmas present unless
some of our charity-inclined men
and women take some means to
provide the poor children with
something to remind them of the
Christian spirit for which Christ-
mas is truly intended.

Wonder if it is true that Wood-
row Wilson's school teacher forty
years ago, predicted that one day
he would be president of the United
States? The same old story is
reported every time a new man
is elected president, so it must be
true with all the presidents
elected.

A pigeon recently flew from
Niagara Falls to New York City in
six hours and thirty-three min-
utes, or at the rate of nearly
seventy miles an hour. While the
aeroplane can beat this rate, it
will probably be some-time before
an aviator equals this record for
a flight between the two places.

The man or woman who asks
for credit the year round and then
goes to Omaha to pay the cash
for Christmas presents is not
treating those merchants who
have accommodated them the en-
tire year just right, and they who
do go to Omaha for this purpose
don't believe they are doing right,
either.

The democrats generally believe
in civil service, but not to the ex-
tent of being abused by the out-
going president making federal
appointments that should be done
by the incoming president, inas-
much as they have to serve four
years, or during the extent of the
incoming president's term of ad-
ministration.

The Christmas shoppers are
"doing it early" with the mer-
chants who have already done
Christmas advertising, telling of
the kind of articles they have for
suitable presents. The proper
advertising saves the clerks many
minutes' time explaining to the
hundreds of shoppers after they
enter the store about the many
articles in stock, and during a
time when there are many to be
waited upon.

The Omaha Bee is authority for
the saying "that married people
enjoy 'Bought and Paid For' more
than any show that has been in
this country for many years."
"Bought and Paid For" will be at
the Parmele theater Saturday
night, December 14. Go and take
your wife.

Our merchants now have their
holiday goods on display and the
wise shopper is beginning to se-
lect her (for most of it is done
by her) holiday gifts. In purchas-
ing your gifts now you do not
worry the clerks to death and
escape a great deal of trouble for
yourself. Buy it now and sleep
well.

In the United States the Pro-
testant churches have a mem-
bership of 22,000,000, an ad-
herency of 60,000,000, a Sunday
school enrollment of 16,000,000;
162,000 ordained ministers, 215,-
000 church organizations, 210,-
000 church buildings, with a seat-
ing capacity of 60,000,000, and a
total valuation of \$1,300,000,000.

Forty-five farmers, eighteen
lawyers, fifteen real estate men,
twelve "retired" and ten active
merchants, ten bankers, five grain
dealers, two newspaper men, two
physicians, two druggists, a tele-
phone engineer, one insurance
man, a lumber dealer, a dentist, a
laundryman and a couple of
manufacturers and five men of
various other occupations make
up the personnel of the Nebraska
legislature.

The New York Sun has recently
conducted an interesting discus-
sion on the question, "What is a
Gentleman?" Here is one of the
best answers received: "A man
that's clean inside and out; who
neither looks up to the rich or
down on the poor; who can lose
without squealing and win with-
out bragging; who is considerate
of women, children and old peo-
ple; who is too brave to lie, too
generous to cheat, and who takes
his share of the world and lets
others have theirs." What is
there to prevent any young man
from qualifying?

Political pie hunters are just
now reading senate document No.
836 with interest. No. 836 shows
that exclusive of enlisted men
and officers of the army and navy,
there are 414,322 officers and em-
ployees of the United States gov-
ernment. Of these, 262,608 are
under civil service regulations
and, therefore, cannot be re-
moved by the president except for
cause. Of the remainder, 137,-
895 are in the classified service,
taking them off the pie counter,
and only 10,849 are filled directly
by the chief executive. The con-
firmation of the senate is requir-
ed for 9,846 of these presidential
appointments before they can be
secured, but 993 can be made by
the president without confirma-
tion.—Nebraska City News.

One of the most enterprising
little cities in Nebraska is Louis-
ville. The business men of that
town are wide-awake all the time
and are up and doing for any
and everything that is calculated
to benefit the town. They are after
everything in sight that will assist
in building up a prosperous town.
A pottery is one of the latest
enterprises, and now they have
organized a water power company,
which is calculated to utilize the
water of the Platte river for
manufacturing purposes. Home
capital will be used in this enter-
prise, and if successful, it will
prove a big inducement for man-
ufacturing establishments to locate
there. The men at the head of the
movement deserve to succeed and
the Journal hopes they will. Just
as well an organization of this
kind at Louisville as at Fremont
or any other town on the Platte
river, and we are pleased to see
Louisville possesses such men
who have grit and vim to tackle a
proposition of this character.

Th cold wave from the north-
west Saturday night was sure
enough a gentle reminder from
Santa Claus. Be sure and buy it
before the next one come along.

Civil service does not mean
that an office-holder—post-
master or any other appointee—
can hold over from one admin-
istration through another of an
entirely different political com-
plexion. And it does not mean
that the outgoing president can
re-appoint a man whose term is
about to expire, to serve another
term. No law will hold such a
proceeding fair and just, and a
democratic senate will so decide
when it gets to handling such
business. The democrats will
stand no such skulduggery—for
that is just what such a proceed-
ing would be termed.

The department of justice at
Washington is one that come in
as close touch with the people as
any other and from the nature of
its business the appointments in
it must be left to the discretion
of the attorney general and the
president. The civil service law
can never be applied to it in any
great degree. All the United
States district attorneys are ap-
pointed by this department and
the United States marshals. The
policies of the department must
be carried out by men in sympathy
with them and the consequence is
that most of the appointees are
changed with each administra-
tion. A lawyer at the head of this
department who was determined
on the destruction of the trusts
would soon make things lively all
over the United States.

Postmaster General Hitchcock
is a confirmed bachelor, say the
people of Washington, but there
are signs that he is warming up
to the beautitudes of life in a most
encouraging way. Just because
he hasn't any kiddies of his own
is no reason why he should not
work hand in hand with Santa
Claus to bless the kiddies of other
people. Evidently this is the way
Mr. Hitchcock feels about it, be-
cause he has issued an order to
all postmasters to take special
pains with Santa Claus letters and
see that they're delivered prompt-
ly to the old gentleman, who will
get them in time to fill the orders
they contain. This is good news
for many thousands of little boys
and girls who have written letters
to Santa Claus in the past and
have never received any answers.

These letters were held up by the
postoffice department either for
insufficient address or because
they did not carry the required
amount of postage. But the little
writers never knew why their
communications to Santa were
neglected. They looked in vain
for the toys and beautiful things
they knew Santa would bring them
if he had them on his list. So
this year the postmasters all over
the country will take every let-
ter that is addressed to Santa
Claus and see that it is delivered.
It won't make a bit of difference
if the address is scrawled, if it is
legible, or if the envelope is dirty
and tear-stained and lacking a
stamp. And thousands of men
and women out of the great hearts
that beat in their bosoms are go-
ing to turn in and help deliver
these letters to Santa Claus and
stay right on the job until every
order is filled.

RECALLING JUDGES.
It is gradually dawning on
some very intelligent and con-
servative people that the recall of
judges might not be such a ter-
rible thing after all. They have
discovered that there is a recall
of judges in every state in the
union and always has been. They
are recalled at stated periods
whether they have been good and
efficient judges or not, and the
working of the present recall is
about as unreasonable a drag as
was ever tacked onto a system of
government.

What is the common sense in
recalling a judge and forcing him
to go into a campaign for re-
election when nobody wants him
recalled and all are satisfied with
the manner in which he conducts
his court? Why would it not be
the proper thing to elect a judge
for life, saving to the people the
right to recall him if he proved
to be corrupt, inefficient or for
any other reason unfit to occupy
the position?

The founders of the govern-
ment provided a life tenure for the
federal judges because they dis-
trusted the people. In the form-
ing of state government the peo-
ple provided for frequent recall at
stated periods because they dis-
trusted judges. It could be
forcibly argued that too great a
distrust was manifested in both
instances. It is true that a round
about way, and one that is almost
wholly impractical, was provided
by the founders of the govern-
ment for getting rid of bad fed-
eral judges, and one such case is
now occupying the whole atten-
tion of the United States senate.
But there ought to be some more
practical way of disposing of
them, while the judges in whom
the people have confidence should
be left to pursue their duties un-
disturbed.—World-Herald.

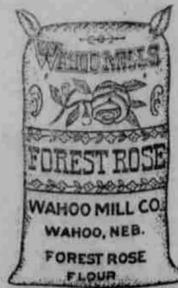
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