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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The time of the year is near at hand when gift-giving will occupy the thoughts of the people, everywhere, and this thought gives rise to the query: "Don't many people give unwisely?"

By giving unwisely is meant giving when one cannot afford to give, or at least giving beyond one's means.

There was a day—a long time ago—when Christmas gift-giving was not commercialized to the extent it is now. Those were the days when inexpensive gifts were sent by one friend to another friend, and the remembrance treasured for years and years. But as the people became more prosperous, and society became more active, this was all changed, until today, in too many cases, a Christmas gift must be something of moment.

Without a question, this is all wrong—this commercialized gift-giving—for it too often works a real hardship on people who cannot afford to give costly gifts at Christmas time, but who are forced to do so because someone else has thus remembered them. Many of us would be glad to escape from this fad of gift-giving beyond our means if we only dared, but what are we to do? Are we to accept and not return that of equal value? It is a problem that has worried and is worrying more than one man and woman.

Some day, it is hoped, this will all be changed and then we can go back to the old happy days when a Christmas remembrance meant just what it was intended to mean—merely an avenue for expressing friendship, but until that day comes commercialized gift-giving will each yuletide run rampant, unwise as the practice has grown to be, everywhere in all the world.—World-Herald.

This is fine winter weather, and may it continue through the holidays.

Times may be hard for those who do not care to work. But not so with those who are willing to work.

The government might as well have required a \$1.00 tax on marriage certificates. A dollar does not look big to a bridegroom until after the honeymoon.

Once again the public is trying to reduce the cost of living by reading the stock quotations instead of the market prices of meat, eggs and vegetables.

A certain Plattsmouth man is such a familiar cuss he will probably be calling St. Peter "Pete" within thirty minutes after he edges through the "Shining Portals."

If the Christians in Turkey are like many of the professed Christians of the United States it isn't a great wonder that they are very distasteful to the Turks, for they are very much so in this country.

The appropriations for state institutions have been entirely too large for the past few years. In some of the reports we notice that salaries of superintendents and assistants and help costs more than all the expenses of the institutes. This should not be.

Bargain buying commonly is foolish buying. Benjamin Franklin, one of the wisest men in the management of business affairs, said: "Never buy anything because it is cheap." This advice means, of course, that perquisite of every purchase in positive need of the thing bought. Practically the only selling inducements offered by catalogue concerns are price, not need, and cheapness, not quality.

Over a million dollars has been added to the school fund of Nebraska.

Only eight more shopping days till Christmas. Do it now, and avoid the rush.

What Santa Claus cannot find advertised in the Journal he is not likely to need.

Some men waste more energy in trying to borrow a dollar than they would use in earning two.

Our fool actions are responsible for one-half our troubles and our imaginations for the other half.

Some people will "Hurrah for peace" and then favor sending the countries at war all the arms and ammunition they may need and are able to pay for.

Some Plattsmouth people will kick on increased railroad fares, because it will prevent them from going to Omaha to buy goods that they will afterwards wish to return.

The government will not be hasty in dealing with the Mexicans on the Arizona border. But if they keep on with their meanness a few weeks there will be something done, or ought to be.

In reference to speaker of the house, what's the matter with Hon. W. J. Taylor of Custer county? He is honest, reliable and one of the ablest and most sincere men that ever served in that body. He is a gentleman of great experience, and would prove a most creditable presiding officer.

The farmers' congress declared in favor of a constitutional convention, but was just as secretive as have been all other advocates thereof as what such a convention would be expected to put into or leave out of the constitution. However, if the congress really speaks the wish of the farmers, and the latter really want a constitutional convention, it is not for anyone else to protest, but it is certainly to be hoped that before steps are taken to hold a convention someone will have formed some idea of what is needed and given it to the public.—Lincoln Star.

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Some republican papers are not willing to give a democratic administration credit for what it does, no matter how deserving. It, however, shows their littleness in politics. The people generally have no confidence in such papers. We do not mean to put all republican papers in this class. But there is a paper at Lincoln which takes a delight in discrediting anything a democrat does, unless that democrat toadies to them in the way of patronage. This is political hypocrisy.

Secretary Bryan's new political scheme to establish a progressive democratic party in 1916 will not get much elbowing from democrats who do not believe in selfishness in political matters. It gives the lie to the proposition that the democratic party was never right, even when it supported Mr. Bryan three times for president of the United States. Maybe he wants to try it again, and desires to invent some scheme by which he may have a chance to do it.

## THE GRADUATE IN POLITICS.

Every year, thousands of college and school graduates are educated to take an interest in politics. Under the leadership of spectacled professors, they are ambitious to go down into the dusty political arena, and do battle with the Gogs and Magogs of public corruption. After a few bouts with the aforesaid tough and battered old giants, the winning of the conflict does not look so easy. Where political conventions are still held, the novice is tried out in the capacity of one of the minor delegates, on some office where the results are slated in advance. Under the primary system, he is sent out to some meeting in the outskirts, to arouse the slumbering voters to a true conception of the nation's peril. The managers thus learn if he will stand without hitching.

His first desire is to get a fair and comprehensive statement of the issues to the voters. He still has faith, once the issues are clearly made known, that all thinking men must see them as he sees them. Among the political workers, he hears inquiries with bated breath as to when, and how far the candidate promises to "come across." There are ominous shakes of the head if a statement fails to perceive his duty and do it. As to issues, well those are stock in trade, to get in on. Nine out of ten young fellows when brought thus in contact with low aims, quit in disgust, and forever remain aloof. But once in a while there comes along a man with a bigger point in view. He sees that while the money grabbers may control the little pickings, the large prizes rarely go twice in succession to that kind of man. They go to the one who is big enough, patient enough, tolerant enough, to see that in the long run frankness and sincerity pay in politics, just as they pay in business.

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## PRICE OF BLOOD MONEY.

Speaking of his bill to stop the sale of arms and ammunition to the warring European countries Senator Hitchcock said:

"Our nation stands for peace and it seems to me outrageous that we should be running our powder factories and our gun works night and day to furnish means for carrying on the war. Those who are making money out of this traffic will of course object to this bill, but no one else ought to."

In this connection it should be noted that while the powder and arms factories are making money out of the trade in war material, every other interest and the citizens of the United States as a whole suffer greatly on account of the war.

We are all of us helping pay a war tax—on account of the war.

Everywhere commerce and industry along all legitimate lines are suffering—on account of the war. The longer the war lasts the greater will be the loss.

In every American city are men and women out of work, children cold and hungry, homes that face the Christmas season desolate and hopeless—on account of the war.

When we furnish arms and ammunition to the belligerents we are helping, directly, to prolong the war. When we do it we are sending death and misery and gaunt poverty into scores of thousands of homes in Germany, in France, in the British Isles, in Bohemia, in Belgium, in Poland, in Russia, and loss and suffering into the homes of the neutral countries like Denmark and Sweden and Norway and Holland and Italy. We are dooming at the same time thousands upon thousands of our own people to non-employment and destitution, and locking the drag of depression upon the limbs of the commerce and industry of our own country.

Every instinct of humanity, of religion, of enlightened self-interest should prompt this great republic to say: "We will furnish bread for your hungry and raiment for your naked, but we will not furnish the guns and shells with which you may prolong indefinitely this murderous war."—World-Herald.

## CHECKS CROUP INSTANTLY.

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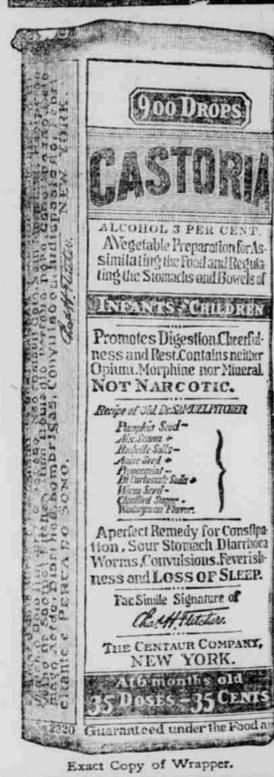


## Jim, Run This Editorial Tomorrow

THE law-abiding citizens of this city want the privilege of drinking beer—the drink of True Temperance. They are weary of blind tigers, speak-easies, blind pigs, holes in the wall—the off-springs of prohibition.

Prohibition has driven away the material prosperity of the people. It has cut off from this community the revenue derived from decent beer saloons and has increased intemperance. It has largely increased public expense in the vain effort to enforce laws which cannot possibly be enforced. It has added seriously to the burden of taxation. It has depreciated the value of real estate. It has thrown many out of work. It has discouraged investment—capital has learned to shun prohibition localities.

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## Customs of Nations.

We announce, with pleasure, that Mr. Joseph Triner, of Chicago, has again this year issued a beautiful Wall Calendar for 1915. It shows the customs of many nations and it is only to be regretted that on account of the limited space not all nations could find place there, but we hope that in one of the future calendars this will be remedied. A copy of this calendar will be mailed upon receipt of 10c in money or postage. Address your letters: Jos. Triner, 1333-1339 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. The calendars will be mailed after December 1, 1914. 11-30-w3t

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## Box Social and Program.

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