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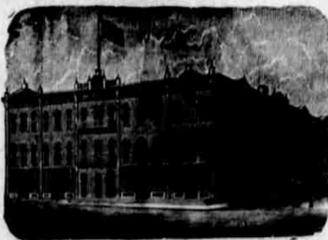
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CUSTOMS OF CHRISTMAS.

Gift Making One of the Most Gracious Features of the Season.

Gift making is one of the most gracious features of Christmas, and one that I pray may survive all other outgrown customs," says Florence Hull Winterburn in the December Woman's Home Companion. When love and sympathy are close counselors there is little fear that we shall make the mistake of leaving out of our little one's stocking the particular thing he has set his heart upon getting. And if his choice is beyond us to gratify, let us come as near to it as we can, and not convert this season into a sort of convenience for ourselves thrusting upon his reluctant acceptance such prosaic articles as shoes, hats and other essentials of the toilet. Far prettier is the German custom of bestowing gaudy trifles that have no place in themselves, but are a part of the glitter and fashion of the holiday. When it is possible, nothing is so good as the traditional Christmas tree. In after years memory hangs about it fondly, and we bless in our hearts the kind hands that took so much trouble to give us pleasure.

Then the stocking hung up on Christmas eve has a romance all its own. The breakfast table dressed with holly berries and gifts piled under snowy napkins is a graceful custom and is far nicer than the blunt handing out of our gifts. Some trouble should be taken to create the welcome element of surprise. We all like it but it is one of the greatest delights in the child's experience. He finds out before we would have him that what is looked forward to most eagerly seldom turns out well. It is sad philosophy, yet true, that it is dangerous to set one's heart on anything in this world. But the love that hides its intention until the hour of fulfillment, and then lets out its secret in an outburst of generosity, is the best substitute that is ever offered for the special providence—Santa Claus and all other gracious myths.

An example of generosity is seldom lost upon children if it is true, not artificial. They are very willing to live up to their little knowledge if we allow them the chance, and part of our duty to the day is to encourage in our young people the same kindness we cultivate in ourselves. It is so much easier to learn in youth to be genial, sympathetic and generous than it is after embittering experiences have hardened our hearts.

Gold as a Measure of Value.

Advocates of gold monometallism dare not lay before the people the real reason why they are so anxious to establish their theory of finance.

If they should frankly say that they want gold to be made the sole measure of value because gold is constantly appreciating, they would put the people on their guard and defeat the end for which they labor.

As a matter of policy gold monometallists deny that gold has grown more valuable during the last twenty-five years and has thus decreased the value of all property measured by that metal as a purchasing medium.

Any one who will take the pains to consult Bradstreet's index numbers of prices will become convinced that prices have fallen since 1872 at least 45 per cent. This index is based on the prices of 108 articles, and is a matter of statistics prepared with no political bias.

Taking the last six years up to Nov. 1, 1897, the fall has been 15 points, and the record stands as follows:

1891	99
1892	90
1893	91
1894	78
1895	77
1896	71
1897	75

In 1872 the index number stood at 127, according to the senate report, therefore, simple comparison with the index number for 1897 shows a drop in average prices of about 45 per cent.

There can be but one reasonable conclusion, and that is the purchasing medium has increased just that per cent in value.

How would the merchant like a yard stick that gradually grew in length each year until in twenty-five years he had to sell six feet of cloth for a yard?

How would a farmer like a bushel measure that doubled in capacity in a quarter of a century, requiring him to sell two bushels for one?

Yet that is exactly what the gold standard has done, not only for the merchant and the farmer, but for the owners of all property in this country, and that is the kind of monetary "reform" the republicans want to fasten in perpetuity on the people.—Chicago Dispatch.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

As an old physician retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula for a simple vegetable remedy for the specific and permanent cure of consumption, tuberculosis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, enclosing this paper, W. A. NAYLOR, 527 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Great Poultry Show.

The National Financier's Association of Chicago will hold their second annual show, Jan 24th to 29th at the second Regiment Armory Hall on Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. The importance of this show is sufficient to secure excursion rates over the railroads, and any one desirous of attending can arrange for cheap transportation by addressing the secretary, W. W. Hoyle, 1015 Benson Ave., Evanston, Ill. Elaborate preparations are being made and there is no doubt but what it will be the best show of the season in the central west.

Attorney E. J. Burkett of this city has received by express from St. Louis the remains of the late John E. Haas, whose will has been contested in district court recently. They fill a small urn and will be taken care of by the relatives of Mr. Haas. Mr. Haas' body was cremated after his death at St. Louis and his ashes have been at the crematory since, awaiting disposition by his relatives. The ashes from the body weigh about five pounds and are contained in an urn a foot in height.

EDITORS' IDEAS.

Judas Sterilized Morton ran ahead of his ticket in Richardson county, receiving a total of 11 votes. Who says the Otoe county webfoot has lost his popularity?—Plattsmouth Journal.

J. Sterling Morton and his goldbug democratic party has failed to poll one per cent of the total votes cast and it will be necessary in the future for his ticket to be placed on the ballot "by petition." Morton's vote for regent is about 700, nearly 300 of which was cast in Otoe county, his home county. How the mighty have fallen! 700 votes in the whole state of Nebraska, for an ex-member of Cleveland's cabinet. Just think of it.—Chase County Tribune.

The last legislature appropriated \$10,000 to defray the expenses of a committee to investigate the books of the different state officers. Considering what they have done, the crookedness they have brought to light, it seems strange that any reasonable or sensible man would object to it in any way. But the scurrilous manner of the sniffing committee have \$3,000 left of the appropriation. A republican congress appropriated \$100,000 to send a committee to Europe to ask monarchs if we might enact our own currency laws, and congress and the committee knew beforehand what the result would be. Why does not the Bee ascertain if any of the appropriation is left, and what the committee will do with the balance, if any.—Minden Courier.

Give us the direct legislation—the initiative and referendum. Then politicians will not try to purchase votes to send them to the legislature or congress. No trust can frame bills to enrich some syndicate and with money buy their passage through some legislature. The rule of gold bonds and banks will end. Plutocratic monopolies and soulless corporations will end. Railroad rings, pools, trusts and corrupt courts will disappear. A government by injunction will end. It will bring a government of the people, by the people. It will give us equal taxation and make all equal before the law. Give us direct legislation.—Barwell Eye.

The true patriot is one who is constantly working for principles that he believes are best for the guidance of his beloved country. It is better to bring about reforms that will prevent riot, rebellion and war than it is to resort to armed force to restrain and repress lawlessness brought about by stupid, ignorant and vicious legislation. Remove the cause. Study the needs of the people and then stand for what you believe to be right regardless of the hue and cry of the demagogue and dastard. A true patriot will not flinch in the face of opposition. These are trying times, and men is what the country needs—careful, able men—men who do not hesitate to investigate and study for themselves. The people, let alone, will never go far wrong.—McCook Courier.

For some time we have been told the Chicago Record was tumbling over itself to secure the passage of a populist measure—the postal savings bank bill. It is not a populist measure. Section 8 of the bill permits officers to deposit the savings in national banks. Nice scheme this! Collect the savings of the people and turn them over to the national banks to speculate upon! Don't sign the Record petition.—Strang Reporter.

Spain still continues her old murderous policy in Cuba and the United States government still continues a policy of dignified silence. With men, women and little children within a cannon's shot from our shores, being shot, starved and outraged by the brutal soldiers of a brutal foreign government, the action of our government is enough to make an American blush with shame when he hears the stars and stripes designated as the emblem of liberty.—Madison Reporter.

The Nebraska INDEPENDENT in making a comparison between the vote for judge this year and the vote for congressman last year makes the statement that the third district shows a loss from last year of about 350 votes. It is true Sullivan received a smaller majority than did Maxwell, but the total vote was about 4,000 less, and had this vote come out and been divided in the same ratio as was the vote cast, Sullivan's majority would have been over 500 greater. The fact is this district increased its fusion vote this year one-fifth of one per cent, over that of last year.—Winner Chronicle.

What is the trouble with the new tariff law that it don't raise more revenue? The country is going behind every day and at a rapid rate too. This new bill has not done what was claimed for it. It was claimed to be a bill to raise revenue sufficient to run this government and prohibit the issuing of bonds, as had been done under the Cleveland administration. It has failed so far, and badly too. The new bill, substantiates the doctrine or theory of the populists—that a high tariff means the building of trusts and shortage of revenues. The new tariff law is a benefit to those who benefit by it and no one else; and it is not the intention of the law to benefit the common class of people.—Red Cloud Nation.

The leaders of the Tammany democracy at their jubilee over the victory won in the greater New York election, raised a donation of \$50,000 for the suffering poor of that city in ten minutes. Considering the great "blissness" Tammany will have with the new city administration, they can well afford to donate liberally to any charitable cause, for it will not be long until Tammany will have "money to burn"—Chase County Tribune.

It has leaked out that the cause of the failure of the Wolcott international bimetallic agreement has been traced to the white house. McKinley kicked it in the dark just when it looked promising. This is no surprise. That campaign pledge was nothing but humbug—a lie told merely to deceive silver republicans. The mask is now off. Two of thousands of silver republicans were fooled by the trick. Will they be fooled again?—Clay County Patriot.

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