

Two Yuletide Sentiments

Your kindness to a poor old lonely widow, or to a child without any one left to love him, your posy of flowers taken with your love to some one who is ill, your letter of kindly thought to parents who have just lost their darling daughter, your words of cheerful greeting to a tired serving maid, your honest hearted attempt to make things easier for mother at home—Christ said he would reckon these as gifts to himself.—Rev. Bernard J. Snell.

Christmas again, with its peace and good will and wonder! How our friends multiply and increase in value as the day of days draws near! How the touch of human hands thrills us and the look in human eyes! To our surprise we are not ashamed to be good, to be kind, to be loving. For this little space out of the long, selfish year we are glad to be ourselves. We give freely of our love: we offer our labor without price, and we speak kindly words that are rarer far than rubies. Once more we take courage and let our hearts have their way, and life laughs and is glad. When Christmas comes the world suddenly grows better, sin less lovely and heaven nearer—and all because a little boy was born in Bethlehem. Perhaps—who knows—we might carry with us throughout the year the joy of this Christmas living.—Edwin Osgood Grover.

His Handicap.
"As I was engaged in the very disagreeable and undignified task of splitting up some hickory knots yesterday," related Jay B. Iden, the poet "a wayfarer came along and offered to relieve me of the job in return for a pair of my old trousers. Unfortunately, I had them on at the time and the reading circle was convening in the house. On that account I was unable to avail myself of his kind offer."—Kansas City Star.

Discovery of Carborundum.
Carborundum first was produced by a chemist who, while experimenting with electricity, happened to place carbon electrodes connected with a dynamo into a bowl containing some crushed coke and clay.

Device Saves Much Labor.
Concrete piles have been patented with pipes running through their centers through which water can be pumped to wash away the earth and permit them to sink under their own weight.

AUSTIN SIDELIGHTS

Stanley Kowalewski is working for W. H. Couton.
Mrs. Hartwell visited the Austin school Monday.
John Throckmorton is attending school in Austin.
Mrs. Trompke has been on the sick list the past week.
Mrs. Etta Hartwell cleaned the Austin church Monday.
Marion Fulliton was marketing grain at Austin Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Burndt attended church at Austin Sunday.
N. T. Daddow marketed a load of hogs at Loup City Monday.
Fay Carpenter is still absent from school on account of sickness.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Dembowski, twins, baby girl and baby boy.
The Adventists held service in the Austin church Sunday evening.
Dan McDonald is still holding down his chair at Austin bridge.
The Austin Sunday school is preparing a Christmas entertainment.
Otto Henning, and family, visited at the Dan Carpenter home Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack, and family, took dinner at Mr. H. A. McCall's Sunday.
Paul Gilmore finished husking corn for Mr. McCracker of St. Paul last week.
Adeline and Elvin Daddow were helping invoice the stock at Austin Monday.

Revival meetings are being held at the Austin church by Rev. Steen of Loup City.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilmore and son, Gale, visited at St. Paul with his parents, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gregg, and family, spent Sunday at Ed Gray's in Rockville.
Mr. and Mrs. Burndt and Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hartwell, spent Sunday at the John Heil home.
The Austin Industrial society will meet with Mrs. R. Gilmore Wednesday. Everybody welcome.
The foreman of the bridge gang spent Sunday evening at Mrs. Dan McDonald's, being old acquaintances years ago.
Mrs. May and daughter, Gladys Warrick and Judge Smith of Loup City, spent Sunday at the N. T. Daddow home.
Mrs. J. W. Carnes from Creston, Iowa, arrived Monday evening for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. J. W. McCall.
The Baptist Aid society of Loup City and the Austin ladies, met with Mrs. Jack last Wednesday and report a jolly good time.
Mr. Throckmorton and Mrs. Ethel Throckmorton took possession of the Austin store Monday. The Austin people were very glad to receive them and wish them success.

CLEAR CREEK DOINGS

Sammie Hill is on the sick list.
Paul Hickman is hauling corn from Litchfield.
Mr. Otis is doing the chores for George Curry.
John Healy left Thursday evening for Halsey, Nebr.
C. D. Brookshier is hauling corn for F. T. Richmond.
Dave Herbert arrived home last Saturday on No. 39.
Guy Richmond is hauling corn from the George Wolf farm.
Mrs. Schertz, who met death by the explosion of a lamp.
Mrs. Hickman and Mrs. Jones, were trading in Litchfield Monday.
Mrs. Rosa Goethe left for Marquette Monday to attend the funeral of a Mrs. Anna Hill, and children, attended revival meetings in Litchfield.
Mr. Lowery and Frank Potter were hauling hogs to Litchfield the past week.
A good many people were in to the Presbyterian supper at the hall in Litchfield.
Misses Bertha and Emma Weber were shopping in Mason City last Wednesday.
O. A. Clark and wife were in Litchfield Monday and Tuesday visiting D. W. Titus.

George Burr visited a few days on Clear Creek with friends and took in the shooting match.
George Curry is quite sick with rheumatism. Dr. Rydberg is the attending physician.
Ross Goeth and Ross Hager, attended the shooting match at Vergil Weller's place Thursday.
Miss Alpha Haller is staying with Mrs. Gray for company while Mr. Gray is absent from home.
Miss Myrtle Pob, of Colorado, is visiting here with her cousins, Pearl Healy and Ernest Garnet.
Mrs. Julia Stouffer and son, Harvey, started for Ulysses Nebr., Friday to visit with John Stouffer.
Mr. Kusick, Mr. Shetler and Mr. Clark, bought their supply of gasoline from the Standard Oil wagon.
Harvey Stouffer, who is in the U. S. navy at Colorado, came home on a furlough to visit the folks at home.
F. T. Richmond and M. H. Burtner, attended to Loup City Tuesday to be present at the annual fair association.
Miss Stewart, Miss Mable, and John Kuhn, were delightfully surprised last Friday evening, when the young people of the neighborhood gathered for games and amusements.

CHRISTMAS HYMNS

THE earliest Christmas hymn was undoubtedly the "Gloria In Excelsis," which was probably one of the hymns which the Christians were singing in church at Christmas in Nicomedia, when Diocletian, the emperor, ordered the church to be closed and the whole congregation, young and old, burned to death.
It is strange that while we know that Christmas and the Epiphany were celebrated by the singing of hymns, no ancient carols have come down to us.
There is an old carol dating from the fifteenth century which has the "Gloria In Excelsis" for a refrain. It begins:
A babe was born all of a maid
To bring salvation unto us.
No more are we to sing afraid
Vene creator spiritus.
One of the best carols of the Elizabethan period is that by Robert Southwell, a Jesuit priest who was sent to convert England, but who was seized by her Protestant Majesty Elizabeth and imprisoned in the tower for three years, and then, after suffering the torture of the rack, was executed Feb. 2, 1594. It begins:
Behold, a simple, tender babe
In freezing winter night;
In homely manger trembling lies,
Alas, a piteous sight!
During the protectorate of Oliver Cromwell the observance of Christmas was forbidden, and yet there is a Christmas carol from the Puritan pen of George Withers, who was enriched and promoted by Cromwell and thrown into prison by Charles. It begins:
As on the night before this happy morn
A blessed angel unto shepherd told.
Bishop Christopher Wordsworth of Lincoln has given us the hymn beginning "Sing, oh sing, this blessed morn!" James Montgomery, who was considered one of England's most eminent poets by no less an authority than Lord Byron, is the author of the carol beginning "Angels from the realms of glory." Montgomery was born of Moravian parents and dedicated to the ministry, but he took up newspaper work instead and became eminent in general literature as well as in poetry.
Paul Gerhard, to whom we are indebted for the Easter hymn, "Jesus Lives," has also given us a spirited Christmas carol beginning "All my heart this night rejoices."
In the midst of the warlike strife between King Charles and his parliament in the year 1629 John Milton found both leisure and repose to write his hymn, "On the Morning of the Nativity," in which there are evidently references to the disturbed condition of things at that time—for example:
No war or battle sound
Was heard the world around.

ALONG ROUTE TWO

Vern Allman helped Jake Roy the past week.
Mrs. Rosa Gray is a little better at this writing.
C. W. Burt hauled corn to J. E. Roush's Tuesday.
Max Stark helped F. W. Kuhl husk corn this week.
Juna Rowe is staying with her mother for a few days.
Nicholas Fletcher spent Sunday at the home of his mother.
Myrl Warrick sold hay on the Loup City market Saturday.
John Czarnek hauled corn to J. E. Roush for Mike Klimek Monday.
William Coverly was seen hauling corn to Jess Fletcher's place last Friday.
Leon Pugsley visited in Loup City from Thursday until Saturday last week.
Herman Moore finished his job of corn husking at Bill Coverly's last week.
Jess Fletcher is feeding a big bunch of cattle for his father just south of C. W. Burt's.
Lost, strayed or stolen, a scotch collie dog with a collar on. Finder will please notify Carrier.
A surprise party was given on Mrs. Margaret Neisner Monday evening. Every one had an enjoyable time.
Mrs. Charles Gould was called to New Castle, Wyo., Saturday on account of the serious illness of her sister.

William Rutherford, Glen Cash, Geo. Plambeck, and Thomas and son, will burn the side of the road along their places this week.
Charles Snyder had a stroke of paralysis at his home in Kearney Monday, December 13. Just how serious it is we have not been able to learn.
The "Victory" school will be at home to all the patrons and all who wishes to come, in the afternoon of December 23. A program will be given beginning at 1:30 o'clock. Come! Come! when—December 23, where—"Victory" school—Everybody welcome, so come.
The Pugsley children had quite an exciting time on their way home from Loup City last Saturday evening. Mr. Pugsley took in some hogs, and allowed the children to go along, in the spring wagon with another team. When ready to leave town he started the children out for home in the spring wagon, he following with the other team, in a short time. When the children were going down the big hill a mile west of the Hawk school house, the neckyoke center broke allowing the wagon to run against the team. In some way the wagon turned to the south and headed back up the hill. The only damage done was the wrecking of the braces and circle of the tongue.

ALONG ROUTE ONE

Chris Bauman is going to work for Dinsdale.
James Lee has been buying hay of Pageler this week.
E. E. Newcomer was hauling corn to town last week.
George Zahn shipped stock to South Omaha Sunday.
Jack Pageler shipped baled hay to Omaha the past week.
Allie Baillie has been busy hauling corn from town lately.
Lloyd Clay was fixing fence west of the river the past week.
E. L. Patton, and family are new patrons on the Route now.
Miss Laura Weish of Shelton, Nebr. is visiting at the Rudolph Schweitzer home.
Lost—A red sow weighing about

300 pounds. Finder please notify A. Franzen.
Tom McIlravy and Marvin Lee have been hauling seed corn to town the past week.
Miss Emma Rowe was boarding with her sister, Mrs. Schweitzer, the past week.
O. G. Hunt finished his contract work on the road near Kovalewski's place Friday.
Please mail your Christmas packages as early as possible. Don't put loose money of any kind in the mail boxes buy stamps of the carrier.
There are some roads on the Route that are being left in pretty bad shape for winter. They are so rough from not being graded after the other work was done.

FARMERS' EXCHANGES IN EIGHT COUNTIES.

When Mr. John Jones of Box Butte, Dakota, Dawes, Gage, Kimball, Madison, Seward, or Thurston counties, wants to buy a team of mares, it is no longer necessary for him to spend much valuable time scouring the county over in search of the prospective team. All that he now has to do is write or go to the office of his county agricultural agent and ask to see the list of horses for sale. If it happens to be a second-hand plow, or

some seed corn, it is all the same. All of the things which the farmer wishes to sell are listed in the office of the county agricultural agent. Through the agency of such farmers' exchanges, many thousands of dollars worth of business is transacted each year in the eight counties of Nebraska having farmers' associations employing such agents. The agent merely acts as a clearing house for such information.
Daily sells for less.

True Giving

Season your love gifts with judgment. The pains you take to divine the taste and desire of the dear one whose happiness you would enhance at this holy season are worth far more than the gift itself. These money cannot buy.
May I add to this friendly admonition an injunction to give to those from whom you do not hope to receive again? The founder of our faith cited as one test of his divine commission, "To the poor the gospel is preached." Now, if ever, the needy and the suffering are our brothers and sisters. The plain spoken apostle who was our Lord's near of kin puts this among the heart searching questions: "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food and one of you say unto him, 'Depart in peace! Be ye warmed and filled!' Notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body—what doth it profit?"
"Peace on earth, good will toward men!" should be set to heart music and the daily life, throughout Christmas week at least, move in accordance with it. Let us accept as the prayer which consecrates us to the Christlike work the Quaker poet's inspired line: "Salvation from our selfishness."—Marion Harland.

Mirage Easy to Be Seen.

The celebrated Fata Morgana, a presentation of natural "moving pictures" on an immense scale which is occasionally seen in the Straits of Messina, is explained by a scientific writer as being a mirage, such as frequently occurs in various parts of the world; "in fact," he says, "one may see a mirage any day by looking through the stratum of air overlying a hot stove, or adjacent to the side of a wall heated in the sunshine." Young scientists will be interested in verifying this statement.

Uncle Pennywise Says:

Countless ages of time passed, as we compute time—before the earth was prepared for the advent of man. The oldest civilization known is that of Egypt, and the pyramids are things of yesterday compared with the formation of the alluvial plains of the Euphrates, or the delta of the Mississippi, not to mention the Laurentian rocks.

His Misconception.

A man who was much in need of sleep rolled out of bed during the night. The jar did not awake him thoroughly, and his hand wandered in exploration. It encountered the mesh of some protruding springs and a sturdy iron corner post. "In fall at last," he murmured as he passed away.

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