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The sending out from the colleges and universities of young men of ability is a new departure in evangelistic methods. These young men seek to inspire others with a desire for better things by personal contact rather than by the use of lectures and sermons.

Collier's Weekly succeeded in receiving \$50,000 against the manufacturers of postum. This is the outcome of a libel suit which Collier's instituted against the food concern. This verdict shows that when a publishing house has sufficient capital it can protect itself against the unscrupulous and against those who desire to control its policy. Collier has money and can maintain his rights, can attack monopoly and greed in the individual without the fear of losing his bread and butter and his publishing house.

Christmas is the time of giving as well as receiving. At least two organizations in this city showed that they had caught the true spirit of Christmas by making the season pleasant for those who were less fortunate than themselves. In every community there are homes that can be made more cheerful at Christmas time, and many homes at which a kind visitor would be most welcome. Unquestionably the members of these two organizations enjoyed their own festivities a great deal more by reason of the fact that they had made Christmas possible in places where but for their thoughtfulness the day for some would have been bitter and sad.

False Economy.

There are some who withhold from the local publisher the \$1.00 or \$1.50 that his publication costs, not considering, apparently, the real money-saver it is to the family. The merchant often offers inducements that mean to the purchaser a saving of three times the price of the publication, and yet advantage thereof is not taken because the paper is not in evidence in the household and knowledge is not acquired that leads to acceptance of his offer. No man ever took a weekly paper that did not in the course of the year, if a buyer of anything at all, save the price many times over if he availed himself of advantages its columns set forth and of which he would not be informed in any other way.—Western Publisher.

Every Four Years.

Some have greeted the proposition to take longer rests between elections with considerable levity, but the more one studies this matter over the more sane and sensible it will appear, and the saving to the taxpayer would be very great. Governors and members of the legislature should be elected not oftener than every four years, but precedent to this we should have the "recall," so that if any incumbent of office got "fussy" he could be relegated to the obsolete.

It is time the people got wise to the fact that it is mainly pot-horse politicians and lobbyists that are bolstering these ever-recurring elections upon us, and a halt should be called. The result would be much less, but more needed and more intelligent legislation, and there would be fewer supreme court decisions that hasty and ill-advised laws were unconstitutional or defective. An amendment to this effect could and should be adopted at the next general election to this effect. We believe the great majority of the voters of the state would favor this, and once put in practice the old system, with its never ending turmoil and expense, would never be reverted to again. Think of it.—Hemingford Journal.

This is a sort of topsy turvy world. No one seems to be satisfied. One man is struggling to get justice, and another is flying from it. One man is saying up to buy a house and another is trying hard to sell his dwelling for less than it cost to get rid of it. One man is spending all the money he can earn in taking a girl to a theater or show and sending her valuable presents in hopes that he may eventually make her his wife, and his neighbor is spending all the gold he has saved trying to get a divorce. One man keeps a pistol to protect himself against burglars, while his neighbor doesn't keep one for fear of shooting himself or some member of the family. One man pays for his paper in advance because he can read it with a greater relish, while another takes it four or five years without paying one cent for it, and enjoys it hugely all the while. Surely a queer old world this is.

Christmas at The Churches.

Christmas exercises at the various churches were all held in this city Saturday night and many excellent programs rendered. Christmas in Red Cloud this year was a joyful event. All the children have been looking forward to the holiday season with eager expectancy and time slipped by none too fast to suit them.

At the Baptist church the exercises consisted chiefly of songs and recitations given by the children of the Sunday school. This program was well arranged and one in which the children took a great deal of delight. At an unexpected time big hearted Santa Claus arrived with his airship loaded with candy and presents. He certainly was a generous old chap and completely satisfied the children with his remembrances.

At the Methodist church the children furnished most of the evening's entertainment, in which they received valuable assistance from the choir. Considerable doubt was entertained by the children as to whether or not Santa Claus would arrive, but just at the proper time he entered the building and began to make merry with the children. This proved a great "boom" to the children and relieved them of their anxiety. Plenty of candy and nuts and many valuable presents helped in making the children happy.

At the Congregational church the program was taken up with songs, dialogues, and cantatas. It had been announced that Santa Claus had promised to come, and of course the children could hardly wait for his appearance, and when he did it was a most excellent surprise. Mr. Cressman had arranged a program all his own and had kept the secret all to himself. At the opportune time with the ringing of bells Santa appeared, but he was such a little Santa that the children could hardly believe their eyes. Just as the old fellow was beginning to read off the names of the good boys and girls, behold another Santa appeared and told the first one to sit down. This was a complete surprise to every one except the pastor. Old Santa explained that his "boy" had slipped in ahead. Between them they succeeded in satisfying the children with their candy and gifts.

At the Christian church the program consisted of recitations and songs. This program showed that a great deal of time had been spent in training the children for their various parts and every one was delighted with the entertainment. Here also Santa found time to attend and brought with him his inexhaustible bag and bestowed upon one and all sweetmeats and luxuries.

At the Brethren church, aside from the singing and speaking, magic lantern pictures enlivened the program. This feature was extremely interesting and instructive and pleased old and young alike. In some strange manner Santa Claus succeeded in arriving at this church just in the nick of time and did not fail to enlist the sympathies of the children. He gave with an unsparring hand and the children expressed a desire to see him again next year.

Card of Thanks.

To the M. W. A. and A. O. U. W. and kind friends and neighbors who so willingly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks, also those sending flowers and assisting in the music. MRS. FRANK NELSON AND SON WARREN.

Subscribers Notice

The subscription season is again at hand, and January 1st not far away, when we hope to have all that is due paid in, as the Postal authorities are insisting all newspapers clear their books of delinquencies in order to keep within the requirements of the second class mailing privilege.

Many Chief subscriptions have expired, and while the amount individually is small, in the aggregate it means a thousand dollars and more that has been earned in the best way we knew how, and we stand in need of the money.

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