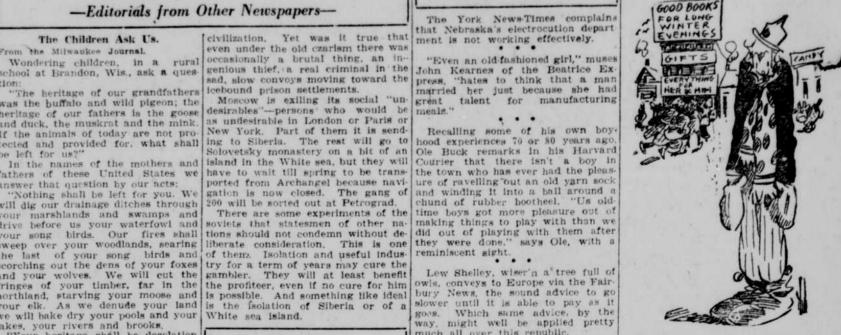
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Abe Martin



We like t' git Christmas cards, Noting that Mr. Rohrer complains fer if we jest feel sure our friends that the public is not well informed are thinkin' of us we'll gladly buy O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all fiesh come. Pa. 65:2. Most Gracious Father, from Whom all good gifts come, grant us, we en-right, basing the opinion on the the prohibition enforcement statutes. John Sweet of the Nebraska Press opines that Mr. Rohrer is way t' fool with wheat is t' go in

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to pray to Thee sincerely, but we Barney Baruch as a running mate cannot unless Thou dost cleanse our for McAdoo, but is in doubt about pair of deuces." The York Republican suggests a time when one cannot win with a

George Burr of the Aurora Regis ter frankly confesses that his war-Mentor Brown of the Kearney Hub time experiences causes him to look who has been watching political his with less favor upon the public own

> . . . The Fremont Tribune expresses the belief that Magnus Johnson has by

ing. If Cab hears that he'll take a Lowell with him and go over in a Noting a rumor to the effect that corner and throw a fit.

. . . George Burr of the Aurora Registe is the prize optimist. He opines that the gambling craze will die out some of these days, and the speed craze

probably accompany it. New York City remarks that "there always come



THE SONGS GRANDMA SANG TO THEM. More than three score years ago a winsome little southern girl cherished the ambition to be an opera

before the multitudes in trailing robes and under

the brilliant lights, singing the title roles in the

But Dan Cupid, always setting snares to lure

men and women into his kingdom, always piercing

Came death and heartache. But the sweet voice of the singer was not stilled and the ambition to be

a giver of joy through song was not quenched. Year

after year in her little home town in Texas she sang

in the church choir, sang over the mortal remains of

friends and relatives and neighbors. She sang the

crooning melodies of childhood first to her own

children and then to her children's children. She

led the songs when the brave sons of Texas march-

ed away to drive the Spanish tyrant from the west-

ern hemisphere, and sang them welcome home. The

years sped on, with ambition yet unfilled, and she led

the community songs that inspired the sons of Texas

when they rallied to the colors to follow it overseas,

and she was there to sing the songs of home when

was born; four score years of love and tenderness

and self-sacrifice and thwarted ambition. And then

her great moment came. Last Saturday night in

the great city of New York, Sarah Jane Brown

Wright bowed to an audience of strangers, sang to

it the sweet songs of her own childhood, the tender

ballads of her own beloved southland, and left it an

audience of friends and admirers. To that audience

of critics she sang only the songs that had charmed

three generations of Texans, not the soaring arias

of pretentious operas. From her grandmother heart

she sang into the hearts of the audience-gripped

them in the bonds of melodies that shall never die.

woman's hair, and left their impress upon cheeks

and brow. But they have not chilled her loving heart

nor quenched the fires of her girlhood ambition.

Other and perhaps greater singers have warbled

NEBRASKA GOOD PLACE TO LIVE.

days of her girlhood bloom.

manity.

The passing years have silvered this wonderful

Four score years had come and gone since she

they returned from duty nobly done.

world's best operas.

little lives.

songs of her girlhood; lifting on Sabbath morning Aditorials from readers of The Morn-ing Hee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest. and evening the good old songs of Zion that draw men and women nearer to the skies, and always looking forward to the time when she might stand

"Jazzing the Bible."

human hearts with his fiery arrows, decided other-Not only do the people demand jazz wise. Came lover with soft words and tender carhome, the church and the school. esses; came plighted troth, then marriage vows; and fate ordained that a girlhood ambition to be an opera singer was to be thwarted. Children and grandchildren came to bless and to burden; to bless with their baby caresses and burden with the care of their

and as children, committed chapters of it, and many of us remember when it was read in the home and no word of unbelief was ever heard Today the wording is changed, and some ministers give their own ver-sions; they also cast doubts into the minds of their hearers by saying they don't believe this or that, and leave question of doubt in the minds of those who listen, who have come

right." And as these doubts help to fit in with the rest of the jazz of everyday life, it's the blind leading the blind, and both fall into the ditch. Read Revelation 22:18-19, if tempt-the to the ditch and the to the ditch are the state of the state ed to add to or take away any word they will strip you bare--br, without rom this book God and His word is our only hope we shall kill your birds. These things

His followers: "Let not your hearts be troubled." That he was going to prepare a place for you. We must be a prepared people for that pre-pared place. Believe Him, 'trust Him, be a place for you. We must here you pared place believe Him, 'trust Him, be a prepared people for that pre-pared place. Believe Him, 'trust Him, Him to pave the streets of heaven From the St. Paul Dispatch. or do whatever is best for us. If he could do all we believe He has done, in the annual report of Secretary we can trust Him for heaven. ur minds can grasp this one thing, it is not heaven here on earth with for us in another world with the parity of tonnage in capital ships place for them, you may call it whatver you wish. Now, let us not ignore these things.

and as was said recently in The ship be matched with capital ship Omaha Bee, the sooner the world gets if the ratio of strength established the world will be brought to God. by this nation, Great Britain and Japan at Washington is to be relathe world will be brought to God. So, let us hear the conclusion of ized. A capital ship is to a large de-the whole matter: Fear God and keep gree helpless if it does not have a His commandments, for this is the suitable whole duty of man. MRS. EVA SHEARER.

Answers Tenth Ward Critic.

their wonderful notes in the hearing of those blase New Yorkers, but never a one so appealed to hearts Omaha-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Heighho; and a pocket full thetic attention to the recommenda-of monkeys. Who is this "citizen of tions which Secretary Denby has and minds as appealed this frail little mother who the Tenth ward," this self selected placed before it. censor of the efforts of the Tenth two classes, those had ventured so far from home and loved ones to reach the pinnacle she had sighted from the earliest Ward Improvement club, organized to see that our needs and desires for public improvements are properly and those having to do with the three May Grandma Wright be spared for many a year humbly brought to the attention of auxiliary arms of the service. The our city fathers? What office does program of modernization includes an to come to brighten the lives of those about her, and this modest and shrinking violet seek, appropriation for raising the elevato remain a living, breathing, loving example of that his mind is so engrossed by the tion of turret guns on certain of the Cattle patience and self sacrifice and helpfulness to hudesire for it, that he cannot witness has to feel that here is a potential to the legality under the treaty of adversary who must be squelched and

of course we know he belongs to e class of "the more substantial" in this way. This would have been done last year, indeed, inasmuch as the money was then appropriated. Despite the fact that death is an inevitable run out of the way? episode in the round of human existence; as certainly as birth begins it, so death will end it; few who own something more citizens" who own something more than a cigar holder, and do not be-British with American turret like do dwell on the thought. Considerable comfort come intoxicated, because his lanmay be extracted from the knowledge that Omaha guage implies that he is just about to is a good place to live, for here the summons comes about as seldom as in any of the larger American cities. Figures for 1922, just given out by the health bureau of the United States, show that Omaha

"The People's Voice" singer. She went about her daily tasks, singing the

Omaha-To the Editor of the Oma "The heritage of our grandfathers licebound prison settlements. ha Bee: Your editorial, "Jazzing the Bible," was splendid. You were ab heritage of our fathers is the goose desirables"--persons who would be desirables"--persons who would be solutely right in every respect. I and duck, the muskrat and the mink. am so glad you took the stand you If the animals of today are not pro-did in defense of the best guide book tected and provided for, what shall the world has ever known. be left for us?"

In the names of the mothers and island in the White sea, but they will Courier that there isn't a boy is n the Bible, but they want it in the fathers of these United States we have to wait till spring to be trans the town who has ever had the plea inswer that question by our acts: "Nothing shall be left for you. We gation is now closed. The gang of and winding it into a ball around the output of rubber bootheel. "Us old answer that question by our acts: A few years ago we could read God's word and understand it. We will dig our drainage ditches through were taught it was God's holy word and as children, committed chapters drive before us your waterfowl and soviets that statesmen of other na-making things to play with than we

of those who listen, who have come lakes, your rivers and brooks. to hear the truth, but after hearing, "Your heritage shall be desolation go away saying, "Well, he knows. ---a land swept clear of sheltering He is an educated man; I think he is trees. As in distant China, floods

for salvation from sin. If we obey shall be your heritage. But with purged from all unreality. We long its laws and commandments it will them we will give you steel and to pray to Thee sincerely, but we save our souls and make us better people to live with at home and in business. Jesus said when leaving of civilization and progress.

A Limping Navy.

But Denby, is not a reassuring one. wicked-and would not be heaven The United States is permitted a cked—so there surely is a separate with Great Britain under the terms ace for them, you may call it what of the Washington treaty, and this not enough.

Spirit of Christ! We want day by day that is to say, limps. We therefore hope that congress

Magic Manger

for Christ-Child's birthtime-Hark! Gongs peal midnight! ttle kneel-to wors cozy bedded stable, worship Him-in treaty battleships. There seems to be little difference of opinion now as Safe and warm as was the dog we heard of in the fable heard of in the fable

comparing the range of guns dears! before congress. A wrong impression was thus given of the true situation.

Dawn is slowly breaking.

Daily Prayer

situation, of course, so far as capital ships are concerned, is satisfactory.

ready to praise Thee. parity is roughly maintained. It is however, that capital

We would live the prayer life: we would learn what it is to pray with suitable complement of auxiliary strength, and in this, the United States is sadly deficient. The navy,

will give very careful and sympa-

our fellows, even as did Jesus In His name. Amen. S. P. ROSE, D. D., Montreal, Canada.

to glorify Thee, our Father, and to

These fall into Tenth two classes, those pertaining to the Stars like that of oldtime Gleam on glistening white Earth

Inside vule logs blazing Light up ingle nooks.

Up the chimney, out he goes to pa

Where the well-filled stockings the class of "the more substantial but was held up by an unfortunate Laugh and clutch their hooks-Look! There's loaded Santa, muffling bells and clinking chains,

tient waiting reindeers

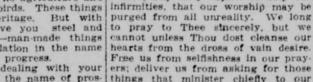
Nod-land's breath abates; 'Neath home's frostlaced windows Carol Christmas waits;

grant us a due sense of Thy good there is soon to be another decline ness, and awaken within us sincere in the prices of automobiles. Fred ness, and awaken within us sincere in the prices of automobiles, Fred gratitude, that our cold hearts are Howard of the Clay Center Sun sarcastically remarks that if the rumor Our love languishes and dies except is true it will mean a lot more peo-Thy Spirit shall quicken it into a liv-ing flame. Our good deeds cry aloud Noting the political ambitions of to Thee for pardon, if Thou dost not some men the Neligh Leader, eviinspire them and purify them by

dently speaking out of sad experience

earthly pleasure. Thou must inspire tory ever since the channel of the ership of utilities the petitions which Thou alone canst Platte river was excavated, tells us answer. We are conscious of our sin-fulness, but cannot be truly sorry for currency inflation to the minimum our misdoings until Thou dost move of \$50 per capita is not new. He this time discovered that Henry us to honest contrition and unfeigned calls attention to monetary condi- Cabot Lodge is merely a human berepentance. We would be grateful to tions in Europe to prove it. The mercies, but it is not until Thou dost

Thine own indwelling.



treat Thee, the gift we need above all large number of bootleggers and cus th' bakin' business.

"From State and Nation"

-Editorials from Other Newspapers-

civilization. Yet was it true that ment is not working effectively.

There are some experiments of the time boys got more pleasure out

meals."

chund of rubber bootheel. "Us old

much all over this republic.

even under the old czarism there was

as undesirable in London or Paris or

New York. Part of them it is send-

birds there can be no agriculture and others. Thy Holy Spirit to help our tomers thereof.

The Children Ask Us.

from the Milwaukee Journal.

come and go.

ular matter.

He is just as much alive to little children as ambition is to their elders; just as much a personage as the ideals of men and women; just as visible to mortal eyes as the hope of immortality, and just as true.

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HER MISTAKEN ZEAL.

department and signed "A Mother," we take the

following excerpt, preferring so to do rather than

neighbor's boy of the same age, came home from

school yesterday and said their teacher had told

them there wasn't any Santa Claus; that their

mammas and papas bought all the presents and

that Santa Claus never was, and didn't go around

seen the hurt look in their eyes as they told me

what their teacher had said. What do you think

of a school teacher who would knowingly destroy

to tell just what we think of a school teacher, or

anybody else, who would disillusion the mind of a

little child, more especially the illusion of Santa

Claus. One reason is that we strive manfully to re-

strain a somewhat hasty temper and a desire to

indulge in rather strong language on occasions of

this kind. Were we to throw off all restraint and

give voice to what we feel, the postal authorities

would get into instant action and many a sensitive

mind would be shocked. And we frankly confess

that it is extremely difficult to refrain from speak-

ing freely and as the heart dictates upon this partic-

light in knocking down the blocks of playing chil-

dren, or in pulling off one wing of a fly in order

to get a laugh from it ineffectual efforts to fly, or

in tying a tin can to a dog's tail-as we were say-

ing, we can imagine how one who could find de-

light in doing those things would also find delight in

telling innocent and trusting little boys and girls

that there is no Santa Claus. Of course the teacher

in question was wrong, cruelly and wilfully wrong,

and in our humble judgment no fit person to be

entrusted with the molding of the minds and char-

of little children who will gradually be disillusioned

by life as they grow older. Wrong, because there is

a Santa Claus. Ever since the first father and mother

looked down into the face of their first born and felt

its tiny fingers caressing their faces, there has been

a Santa Claus. He came for many years under

various names and disguises. Some called him

father love, some called him mother love, some call-

ed him humanity, but there came a time when he

was recognized as Santa Claus, the living, breathing

embodiment of all that is tender and sweet and pure

in childhood. His home is in the hearts of all good

people everywhere, and from out that home he sends

his gifts and his loving messages, just as surely as

the sun shines, and the rains fall, and the seasons

Cruel, because it is cruel to disillusion the minds

acters of the little folk given into her care.

We can imagine how one who took cruel de-

There are numerous reasons why we are unable

the faith of little children in Santa Claus?"

Christmas. And I wish, Mr. Editor, you could have

publishing the whole letter:

From a letter addressed to the "People's Voice"

"My little 7-year-old boy, accompanied by a

Main Office-17th and Farnam

THE

No Santa Claus? You might just as well destroy at one fell blow man's hope of heaven as to destroy at one fell blow a child's belief in Santa Claus. As well kick the crutch from beneath the arm of the helpless cripple, or paralyze the faith of the aged who see by the eyes of faith the mansions beyond the skies, as to destroy wilfully a child's faith in Santa Claus, thereby implanting in that child's mind the seeds of doubt that may in the hereafter bring on a crop of regrets that must be harvested in tears and despair. Time will tell the child the truth, and to time may be entrusted the task.

This particular teacher needs to return to school, not as a teacher but as a pupil, and so returning seize the occasion to study to learn a few lessons of kindness and human sympathy and above all a few lessons in psychology.

No Santa Claus! Bless the dear children, for more than three score years this writer has been taking old Santa by the hand every Christmas, taking him as far as possible on knowledge and the rest of the way on faith, and when comes the time that for him there is no Santa Claus he will be quite ready and perfectly willing to bid farewell to the realms of earth, made brighter each recurring Christmas by the return of the good old saint.

SUPPORT FOR MR. BARNUM.

History is full of incidents wherein some bold adventurer has succeeded in masquerading, sometimes for years, and securing for himself attention he never would get if he depended on his proper identity. In fact, considerable history has been made by such impostors. One of them has just been brought to earth in New York, where the police authorities are holding him. His exact identity and place of birth are withheld, but it is known that for months he has gone about the United States, posing now as a Russian prince, now as a member of the British aristocracy, but always securing entree to the exclusive circles in whatever town he visited.

He has lectured, borrowed money, cashed checks, and otherwise secured the means on which he has supported his lofty pretensions in becoming style. and no genuine prince ever had a more enjoyable time than this adventurer. Now that he is in custody, he may face the fate of a common swindler. in event anyone who has been victimized by him should feel sufficiently interested to aid the prosecution.

He may gain immunity, because his victims were among those who are reluctant to appear in court, preferring to pocket a loss rather than to admit having been gulled. That is what makes it possible for so many mountebanks to thrive. Their activities are carried on among those who suffer in silence because of their pride. Our social code would be much firmer if these would just take as much interest in pursuing an offender as they do in concealing the fact that they have been taken in by a smoothtongued, well-dressed scamp.

Whether they like it or not, Americans put up with a great deal of humbuggery in one form or another, and none of it is more widely practiced than the social.

health bureau of the United States, show that ranks ahead of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, and a number of places where claims are made to being "health resorts."

Several reasons might be cited for this, first among which will be salubrity of climate and the excellent sanitary care that is given the city. All has not been done in this regard that may be, but such improvement has taken place in the last few years as has brought the standard for the city up to a high point. One thing on which the citizens can take pride is the water supply, which has almost entirely eliminated typhoid fever, a water borne scourge that once afflicted the community severely.

Nebraska as a state also ranks high among the commonwealths having a low death rate. This, too, rests on good foundation. Most of the people of Nebraska, whether rural or urban, spend a good part of their time in the open, and bright sunlight and fresh air, filled with ozone, are the best tonic known, Even in Nebraska none live forever, though, yet the days spent on earth are the most pleasant and profitable when they are lived under such conditions as are found here. Way, those things which will be the glory forever, amen. But say, partner, if I may address you by that endearing term, please of keeping the navy abreast of prog-

Wives of Plainview exservice men are reported to have pressed their husbands' pants in order to earn money for their auxiliary treasury. We husbands are familiar with that old pants pressing stunt to get money. It usually results in creases in the pants but not in the change inadvertently left in the pockets.

Mr. McAdoo announces his candidacy but is discreetly silent as to platform. Does Mr. McAdoo imagine that he can tunnel his way into the presidency?

The White House may have structural defects, but the accoustics of the Capitol building seem to remain unimpaired.

Noting the economic and political gyrations of some who aspire to national leadership we are forced to admit that this is indeed a freak country.



To Devotion's subtle height. And a little boy to bother When his daddy reads at night.

Little laughs that are inspiring-Fairly bubbling o'er with joy: Little gestures, never tiring, Of a carefree little boy.

Little things I name them gladly With my own inherent pride, And I know I'd miss them sadly

Was the privilege denied. Little things they are, and dearer

Than expression may portray-Little things that lead us nearer To the bigger things each day,

bringing on this part of the city. uld be undertaken Now that he has given public vent to his jealousy and spleen against a not coming under the terms of the Now that he has given public vent few earnest workers, in the daily treaty there are immediate needs

paper under a nom de plume, perhaps paper under a nom de plume, perhaps he will gather sufficient courage to come out to the next meeting of the club and fight the matter of the speeder evil out in the open. Hereit is doubtful whether any major opera-We are just a humble member of tions could be carried out against any the club who owns an automobile and formidable enemy. To correct this does not get drunk and we sure would lack of balance, so far as the deficbe glad to see him there with all war lency in cruisers contributes to it, the

Not only that the members of Secretary Denby does not propose the club want nothing more than, to engage this country in a race for that they want more members, even supremacy in submarines, but he does to enlarge the circle of participants point out that a single foreign power in its meetings until every last one of is building 41 submarines, of which

those "more substantial citizens" are 23 are to be of more than 1,000 tons, on the list and marked present at and that if the United States were to very session. Come right along. neighbor: pay 50,000 tons would have to be con-

your 50 cents for "upkeep" and get your 50 cents for "upkeep" and get structed. His recommendation for your blue card. Then give us the benefit of all your collective wisdom. Show us little ciphers how to promote. foster and promulgate in your great quacy. those things which will way. re-

leave your burning fires of spite at home when you come. Box up your five-year program which the secre-fil tempered maledictions and put them in cold storage for the winter. In his report, should be adopted. Other We know that the great majority recommendations deal with the develof people want to associate in such opment of naval bases. business with generous big hearted

Siberia for Extortioners. From the Brooklyn Eagle.

men and women, not old grouches and evil thinking spitfires. Just redress your lingo a little when you express yourself, and take your animadver-If Bartley Campbell were alive he might find it worth while to rewrite his "Siberia." An exfle system for sions out of the bootlegger class. A MEMBER OF THE CLUB. profiteering extortioners, for gamblers, for those who demoralize society is a Marriage and Divorce.

Papillion, Neb.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I was glad to see in the "People's Voice." two repudiations the seal and guarantee of high thought and high patriotism. Just an a cynical witness in an American court could confound a browbeating are certainly correct, as the great majority of young dancers will attest. Question, "Were you ever in prison najority of young dancers will attest. question, "Were you ever in prison Rev. Baltzly's reported lecture as and where?" until the court insisted a whole was very good, but very un-wise in places. We should have assumed reluctance, "In Anderson stricter divorce laws, but certainly not as strict as Rev. Baltzly preaches. ville," the Russian anywhere on earth could accomplish the same end by the There are occasionally other good and talismanic talismanic "In Siberia." "Twas a credit, not a disgrace, in the eyes of sufficient reasons for divorce than



ment)-Next Sunday being egg day on behalf of our local hospital, will the congregation lay their eggs in the front as they come into the church? -Boston Transcript. One trouble with Germany is that it has six parties to contend with, while the United States only has two.

-Indianapolis News.

The native of Punksutawney gets a lot of fun out of such funny western names as Walla Walla.-Lafayette Journal and Courier.

Aviator who flew at the rate of 243 miles an hour is envied by some of our automobilists, but they have hopes .- Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

A Portland (Ore.) pedestrian was struck by two automobiles simultan-cousty. E-mehody must have been off-side .- New Castle News.

'Noel, Noel, Noel!" While the merry time's glad greetings Flit from lip to lip of souls in re-united meetings.

comes the fragrant fir tree.

Mystic packet decked: Never, never were the Branches better decked! Feasts and thanks and generous dividing with the stranger-All because of Christ-Child's love wand swaved from magic manger secretary asks for eight 10,000-ton

Alta Wrenwick Brown. Not So Good. She-Did you see the Indian squaws, John?

He-Yes, and now I know why they call their husbands "brave."-Amercan Legion Weekly.

Self-Solution.

The best way to cure some folks of heir surplus concelt is to give them little authority and let nature take its course .- Fayette Advertiser

The present situation in the naval A Handy Place to Eat **Hotel Conant** The Center of Convenience

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