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the west, the enlightened explain to their children at an early age that the Santa Claus the neighbor's children and the hired girl tell them about is a myth. They tell them that there was a Bishop of Hundegbehl, named Nicholas or Klaus Munschellengsicht, who was very charitable and gave trousseaus to widow's daughters. Then they tell them to look up all those words and names in the dictionary and encyclopedia. Thus the stuffing is knocked out of poor Santa Claus at a blow, and he collapses like an old striking bag. This is a pity. Every child is entitled to a belief in Santa Claus. Before they get old enough for calculations and jealousies, children can just as easily, and as profitably, believe in a benevolent natural agency that fills stockings for them once a year, as in the undoubted natural law that provides three meals a day and a bed to sleep in. It is a part of their mythology; children have no religion. And we suspect that, if everything was known, it would be found that Santa Claus is no bishop at all, but a scrap of the old Teutonic heathendom. Beliefs that were once good enough for our skinned forefathers, and that still satisfy our children's minds as nothing else can, should be good for anyone. "Long live Santa Claus" is our motto for the next fortnight.—Nebraska City Tribune.

CATHOLIC CONVENTION CLOSURES.

All Societies Finally Merged Into a Great Federation.
Cincinnati, Dec. 13.—The American Federation of Catholic Societies, after a session of three days, yesterday adjourned to meet in Chicago, July 15, 1902. The following officers were elected: President, T. B. Minahan, Columbus, O.; secretary, Anthony Matre, Cincinnati; treasurer, H. J. Fries, Erie.
The convention closed amid scenes of jollification over the completion of a general organization of the Catholic laity that has been in progress for the past year. While distinguished prelates have not only endorsed, but also co-operated in starting the Federation, there seems to be an unwritten law that the organization is not to be connected with the hierarchy or with politics. All the officers and members of the committees are laymen. The only exception is that of the spiritual adviser and all Catholic orders make this exception. It is said that the changes in the national officers was largely due to the opposition to all having political aspirations.

CUTTING RATES AT DENVER.

Roads Winding Up the Year With a Merry War on Carload Lots.
Denver, Dec. 13.—The News says: Despite the announcement of an iron-clad agreement between the transmissouri lines made several weeks ago, that freight rates were to be maintained at all hazards, the closing days of the present year bid fair to witness the most vigorous rate war that the west has experienced for a number of years.
Within the past few days agents of the various transmissouri carriers have been quietly cutting rates on carload lots and yesterday all subterfuge was thrown to the winds and an open slashing inaugurated by all lines. The war is limited to freight in carload lots and it is openly conceded that the end of the week will find agents bidding for freight on a 25-cent rate from Chicago. The regular rate on fifth class freight, which includes in its classification practically everything shipped in carload lots, is 87 cents.

MORE DIAMONDS RECOVERED.

Kansas Sister of True Johnson Gives Up \$8,000 Worth.
Kansas City, Dec. 13.—Diamonds and other jewelry valued at \$8,000 are in the possession of the chief of police of Kansas City, Kan., and that officer believes he has recovered a portion of the goods stolen from Alfred E. Lowenthal at Portland, Or., last month. The jewelry was found at the residence of Mrs. Millie Allen, a sister of True Johnson, who was arrested in Omaha Wednesday, charged with the robbery.

Friends of Peace Meet.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—The annual meeting of the American Friends of Peace conference began in this city yesterday. The conference is called mainly to protest against war and its accompaniments, and to foster plans tending to a realization of universal peace.

Found Frozen to Death.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 13.—The woman who was reported lost on the prairie four miles from here yesterday was found frozen to death a quarter of a mile from where she was left by the lineman, who tried to save her life Wednesday night. She was between 55 and 60 years of age.

Body Awaits Identification.

Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 13.—The body of the man killed by Deputy Sheriff Patterson south of this city lies in the morgue here, awaiting identification. A membership card of the labor union of Cripple Creek, Colo., was found in one of his pockets, but the card was not dated. It bore the name of Jerry Kelly.

Cattlemen in Trouble.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 13.—The arrest of eight prominent cattlemen has been made this week by order of the Oklahoma live stock sanitary committee on the charge that they attempted to drive diseased cattle across the territorial and federal quarantine lines. Other arrests will follow.

REVIVES RACE PROBLEM

Federation Yields to Demands of Southern Delegates.

PROTEST AGAINST CHILD LABOR.

Movement is Begun to Form Union for Common Laborers—Convention Ratifies Major Part of President Gompers' Recommendations.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 13.—Much life was infused in yesterday's proceedings of the convention of the American Federation of Labor. The negro proposition in the south, as far as it relates to unionism, was unexpectedly injected into the proceedings, and the long-standing conflict between the socialists and trade unionists promised to monopolize the attention of the delegates had the socialists replied to the trade unionists. The questions of organizing common laborers into a national union, and of throwing out of unions all organizations allied with city, state, national or international unions if they refuse to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor were also vigorously debated.

The socialistic matter came up during the morning discussion of a committee report endorsing some of the recommendations contained in President Gompers' annual report. D. A. Hayes of Philadelphia and Max Hayes of the Cleveland Central Labor union, the well known socialist, made speeches strongly urging the enforcement of laws prohibiting child labor. The latter during his remarks read a long list of decisions rendered by federal and state courts against organized labor. A motion to have the list printed in the minutes brought President Gompers, who was not in the chair at the time, to his feet, and delegates were treated to a three-minute passionate speech. He said it was unfair to incorporate the list in the minutes in that way and suggested that a list of the trade union victories should be printed along with it. He concluded by denouncing the "attempt to show that trade unionism is a failure," and characterized it as an outrage. A wave of applause swept over the convention as Mr. Gompers took his seat. The motion was defeated.

The negro question came up when the committee on laws reported a resolution compelling all local unions affiliated with the Federation to join the central bodies in their respective localities. Charles C. Eckard of the Anniston, Ala., trades council made the principal speech in opposition to the report. He said the proposition would compel white unions to take in negroes, and if adopted by the convention, 90 per cent of the unions south of the Mason's and Dixon's line would secede from the Federation. He declared the people of the north did not understand the negro problem. His remarks had some influence on the delegates, and the resolution, on recommendation of the committee on law, was defeated.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

J. C. Simpson of Knoxville Succeeds George H. Van Houten.
Des Moines, Dec. 13.—The board of directors of the Iowa state department of agriculture surprised everyone yesterday by selecting J. C. Simpson of Knoxville for secretary to succeed George H. Van Houten of Lenox. The board re-elected G. D. Ellyson as treasurer; Joseph Deemer, Red Oak, superintendent of grounds; W. W. Williams, Osceola, chief marshal, and Donald Hill, Rockwell City, chief of police. The board will meet again the last Tuesday of January to select an assistant secretary and to revise the premium list for the state fair. The date for the fair was fixed, beginning Aug. 22.

Altered Postal Money Order.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Egmont Stanley and Louis Guggenheimer were held to the federal grand jury yesterday by United States Commissioner Humphreys on the charge of altering a postal money order. The scheme which they are said to have planned would have brought, it is believed, big profits if it had not been checked early. It was while the young men were trying to get cash on the money order that they were arrested.

Machines Cause Labor Riot.

London, Dec. 13.—Riotous scenes occurred at Northampton yesterday when hundreds of shoe operators demonstrated against the use of the new shoe lasting machines. The operatives threw mud and stones at the house of one of the leading manufacturers. They afterwards held a meeting and decided to strike if the factories persisted in the use of labor saving apparatus.

National League Deadlock.

New York, Dec. 13.—An absolute deadlock exists over the selection of a president of the National League to succeed N. E. Young and the magnates of the National League only argued yesterday at the Fifth Avenue hotel. As announced by President Young at the conclusion of the day session, "no baseball history was made as the outcome of the war of words."

Pays Penalty for His Crime.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 13.—William Allen was hanged in the jail here yesterday. Death was caused by strangulation in 12 minutes. As he ascended the scaffold he threw back his head and exclaimed, "My God!" These were his only words. Fully 1,000 people were jammed in the jail yard to witness the execution.

Having Sold My Stock of Clothing To Give Possession Jan. 1, I take this opportunity of thanking the public for their very generous patronage of the past four weeks, which has made my FIRST (and last) Special Sale an unqualified success. From Now Until January 1, I will give you BETTER BARGAINS than before. There is certainly no better TIME than this to buy your supply of Clothing, and there is certainly no better PLACE to buy it than at the Wide Awake Clothing Store, E. B. KENYON, Proprietor.

At Norfolk Auditorium, GEO. H. SPEAR, MANAGER. MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER 1901 MYRTLE VINTON and her Excellent Company in the Great and Powerful Comedy Drama, "A TRUE KENTUCKIAN" Seats on sale at Leonard's Drug Store. Prices Reduced to 35c and 50c. ONE NIGHT, DECEMBER 19 Mahara's Minstrel Carnival.

Polite Vandeville and High Class Singing Show; Big Lady Chorus Featuring: Billy Young, Singing Comedian; The Only Bland, Male Patti; Miss Helen Ogden, Prima Donna, and a host of others. Band and Orchestra. More show in five minutes than most companies give in four hours. Sensational Street Parade AT 12:30 NOON. Prices, 35c, 50c and 75c.

The Norfolk Cash Store Is the Place Where you can buy CHEAP! For Thirty Days. He will close out his entire stock of Men's Clothing, Underwear and Shoes, At Cost! ALSO CAPS, GLOVES AND MITTENS. Come in and look at my stock of Goods and buy what you need. Also carry the best lines of Groceries, Flour, Maple Syrup, Teas and Coffees on the market. You can't miss the place—next door east of Postoffice. A. C. BOHNERT, Proprietor.

Real Estate, Loans, Insurance G.R. SEILER, Sale and Boarding Barn. Horses Bought and Sold on Commission. Braasch Avenue and Third St. 'PHONE 44

The coal magnates do not need a stronger argument to convince the people that they are "it." Andrew Carnegie will undoubtedly prove the most generous Santa Claus Uncle Sam has ever known.

What has the appearance of a pretty well developed trust is located in Boyd county where T. S. Armstrong owns four papers—the Butte Gazette, Lynch Journal, Gross Argo and Naper News.

Miss Stone may yet be the means of her own release. It is said that her captors are complaining because of her efforts to convert them to christianity. If she is successful they will release her and if not, they may give her freedom to avoid her teachings.

It is asserted by an exchange that coal oil which cannot be sold in Iowa on account of quality is disposed of in Nebraska without difficulty. In the interest of those who use oil the proper authorities should see to it that the oil sold in Nebraska is as good as that sold in any other state.

In the death of Tobias Castor the old line democrats of Nebraska lose one of their foremost leaders. Mr. Castor was prominent in state politics up to the time the Bryan element secured control and under the Cleveland administration distributed a large share of federal patronage of the state. He was national committeeman from 1892 to 1896 and for 25 years previous to that time had been one of the conspicuous democrats of the state.

The 12-years-old page of the Virginia senate has resigned with the statement that he "would not keep such company for \$60 a month." With no desire to cast imputations on any particular body, the question is suggested that perhaps none of the legislative bodies in any state is a desirable place for a boy of tender years with the ideas of right and wrong inculcated at his mother's knee. When the body is at ease is especially a time when conversation and actions of members may be of a character that they would not approve of in their own sons. The example of a law making body whether state or national, should be one of dignity and high morality and there if any place should be presented an ideal of honor and morality that would be beneficial to any boy or young man.

The American Forestry association in session at Washington is favorably considering a plan to set aside 500,000 acres of land in Nebraska for forestry purposes. The plan would undoubtedly receive the approval of Nebraska people generally. With that area successfully converted into forests and irrigation in practical use the future of the state, and especially the western portion, would be assured. Nebraska isn't supporting one-half the population that it should with its rich soil made productive through irrigation and forestry development. With a public forest of 500,000 acres in various parts of the state private forests would be increased and the state would in time become valuable for its timber and farming lands and whereas now the east half is the only valuable portion for farming purposes [the west portion would do its share toward the upbuilding of the state.

Thomas F. Walsh, president of the National Irrigation association, in a recent article presents the following picture of what irrigation on a small scale has accomplished: "One of the great advantages of the irrigation system in addition to the certainty of raising crops which it gives, is the great variety of fruits, vegetables, and other products which can be grown upon a small farm, comprising every necessary of life. The visitors to the irrigated valleys of the west during the summer months will find alfalfa growing so luxuriantly that it taxes the farmers to keep it out and stacked. On every farm they will see fields of the finest of small grain and vegetables, fat, glossy cattle in rich pastures of clover and timothy, orchards bearing the most luscious of peaches, pears, apples, plums and apricots, besides the smaller fruits, well-designed modern houses, their front yards beautiful with evergreens, the air perfumed with the fragrance of roses and other flowers, and sweeter and better than all, they will hear the merry laughter and see the sunny, bright-eyed faces of happy children reveling in the pure air and wholesome surroundings of their country home. Less than twenty years ago these valleys were a desert waste. The diversion by inexpensive ditches of the running waters has converted them into ideally perfect farm homes."

A Harmless Myth. Back east, and in advanced towns in