

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

# GRAY'S

Salome. With the coming of Salome at the North Theatre on Saturday Dec. 26 means not only the Dance of the Seven Veils or that John the Baptist known in the play as Jokanaan, the prophet, who scorned Salome and who has been kept in an old cistern for many months, and whose head for not looking with favor upon Salome. The critics are of one opinion that Salome as written by Oscar Wilde holds the first place in dramatic literature. There is a Salome in the play, the Holy City. It is a small part but in no way does it resemble the play of Mr. Wilde's. Beanie Stewart Bacon, who to be seen here, in the first American actress to assume this difficult role. Mr. James Crawford of The San Francisco Call says, "With such a great play as Salome and when such a charming actress as Beanie Stewart Bacon, explains why the Colonial Theatre are playing to standing room lately!" The World-Herald, Omaha, says, "The play is beautifully staged, surprising so. The Dance of Salome and her slave girls is lovely in its color effects, in fact the entire production in its wealth of color is like a rich old painting. Omaha may congratulate itself that it is given an opportunity to see and hear such a masterpiece of dramatic art." Prices 25, 50, 75, \$1.00.

### Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of unclaimed mail matter remaining in the post office at Columbus, Nebraska, for the period ending December 23, 1908:

Letters—Alice Hayford, Michael Halley, J W Fitchford, John Rosch.  
Cards—Miss Johanna Cannon, J D Calkins, Lee D Harlan, John Thur, Robert S Turner.

Parties calling for any of the above will please say advised.

CARL KRAMER, P. M.

### Baptist Church

Sunday school 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., Junior 3 p. m., B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m. preaching 7:45 p. m.; prayer meeting Thursday 7:45. Subject Sunday morning, "Turning Leaves." Subject Sunday evening, "The Wonderful Works of God." Rev. R. W. REINHART, Pastor.

### For Sale.

One yearling Polled Shorthorn bull and two Polled Shorthorn bull calves. Will be large enough for service next summer. ALBERT STENGER.

### Walker.

August Dahlberg and family visited at A. P. Johnson's Sunday.

Andrew Nelson shipped a car load of fat hogs to South Omaha Thursday.

Mrs. August Dahlberg, who has been quite sick for the past week or two, is now some better.

The roads are now very good again and farmers are making good use of them, to market their wheat and corn.

A new way has been discovered to take up collections in the Swedish M. E. church on the Looking Glass.

Oliver Swanson, who is a student at the state university, came home Saturday for a two weeks' vacation.

### Route No. 5.

Mrs. L. P. Hahn was visiting relatives at York.

Carrier No. 5 spent Saturday and Sunday at Albert Kummer's.

Kate and Claude Kineman, who are attending the state university at Lincoln came home last Friday for the holiday vacation.

### COAL.

We have all the leading grades of soft coal. Also Penna. hard coal and Semianthracite furnace coal.

NEWMAN & WELCH.

### Sea Air Generator.

The latest wonder is the installation at the London hippodrome of a series of tiny machines that silently generate sea air into the auditorium.

### Many Feathers Used.

Twenty million feathers are sent from Germany to England every year for millinery purposes.

### Railroads in United States.

There is a little more than 26½ miles of railroad in the United States for every 10,000 inhabitants.

### Leading Paper Making States.

In the matter of paper production, New York, Maine and Wisconsin rank first, second and third, respectively.

### A Valuable Forest.

After investigating recently, a British official reported the Kenia forest in East Africa to be 287 miles long by eight miles wide, and to contain standing timber worth \$115,000,000.

### DOUBLE BLESSING FOR NICKEL.

Mr. Glimby Satisfied with Return on Small Investment.

"I confess," said Mr. Glimby, "that I never can tell whether a beggar is what you call worthy or not. I am likely to give, because I don't like to take even a chance of missing somebody that is really hungry. It is not exactly a comic situation for one to be in, being hungry.

"So, when a rather stockily built man, with clothes originally not expensive, and with a pretty wholesome sort of countenance, ranged alongside of me the other afternoon, and started off with 'God bless you,' I was inclined to listen, and when he went on to say that he was hungry and would I give him something to get to eat, I gave him a nickel; which wouldn't get him much in a lobster palace, but would get him considerable food in some places that he and I knew further down town.

"And he didn't look at this coin the instant I gave it to him, to throw off the mask, when he had got the money. In fact, he didn't look at it at all, and that impressed me favorably; he simply closed his hand over it so that it wouldn't get away, and he smiled a little and said thank you, meaning it, as it seemed, and then as I moved on I heard him coming after me another 'God bless you!' which may have been just surplusage, or the artistic finish of a beggar with some pride in his profession or which may have meant what it said.

### "THE LITTLE BOY THAT DIED."

Pathetic Memories in a Small Segment of Coral.

The two men had not met for years. The man from out of town looked the other man over.

"Same old Jim," he said. "Awfully glad to see you again. Strange how such old friends will drift apart. So you're married?"

The other man nodded.

"Three years ago."

"Well, well. And I never heard of it until I met Jack Ransim last week. What's that?"

He was still studying the other man's appearance and his eye caught sight of a segment of coral that dangled from his friend's watch fob. He lifted it and looked at it more closely.

The surface of the coral was roughened by slight indentations.

"Some sort of token, eh?" he rattled on. "You always was a great chap for picking up worthless trifles. That's a queer charm." He looked up and caught sight of the other man's face.

"Why, I beg your pardon, Jim," he cried.

"That's all right," said the other man, a little unsteadily. "Only, you see, the boy—whose teeth made those marks—was nearly two—died—last summer."—Rose in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Some Uses of Hot Water.

Hot water is far more of a medicinal property than many believe or know. There is nothing that so promptly cuts short or rids of rheumatism as hot water when applied promptly and thoroughly. Headache almost always yields to the simultaneous application of hot water to the feet and back of the neck. A strip of flannel or napkin folded lengthwise and dipped in hot water, wrung out and then applied round the neck of a child that has the croup, will bring relief sometimes in ten minutes. Hot water taken freely half an hour before bedtime is helpful in the case of constipation, while it has a most soothing effect upon the stomach and bowels. A goblet of hot water taken just after rising, before breakfast, has cured many of indigestion, and is widely recommended by physicians to dyspeptics.

### Thought They Were Spooks.

When the southern lady left town and moved to the old manor house of her ancestors she was accompanied by her maid.

"And now, Lucinda," remarked the mistress, as she showed the maid through the gloomy old mansion, "here are the haunts of my great-grandparents."

The next day Lucinda packed her trunk and started for the station.

"But what in the world is the matter?" demanded her mistress, in surprise. "Haven't we treated you right?"

"Oh, yes," assured Lucinda, keeping an eye on the dark, wild hallways.

"Then why in the world are you leaving without notice?"

"Ah can't help it, missus; Ah can't help it. Ah couldn't think ob workin' any place where der was haunts."

### Expected Some Cussing.

A West Philadelphia husband had just comfortably seated himself for his after-dinner cigar the other evening, when his good wife arose and took the parrot from the room. This done, she picked up a couple of envelopes and approached the old man, all of which occasioned that gent considerable surprise.

"Mary," said he, "what in the world did you take that parrot out of the room for?"

"I was afraid that you might set him a bad example," answered wife.

"What do you mean?" demanded the wondering husband.

"I mean," answered wife, handing father the envelope, "that I have just received my dressmaking and millinery bills."

### The Thoughtful Girl.

"Can't you take a little care of that card of mine?" implored the impudicious girl to the office boy who was rapidly rolling it into a wad, "and bring it back to me so I can send it in somewhere else? Cards cost me a cent apiece."

### Stamp for the Religious.

Belgium has a Sunday postage stamp, issued for those who do not wish to have their mail delivered on Sunday. All mail bearing the Sunday stamp is held over by the carriers for delivery Monday.

### REVEALED BY GUESSING GAME.

His Lordship Found Out What the Servants Thought of Him.

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The valet answered that it was just a little joke, but his lordship would have none of it, and demanded details, angrily.

"Well," admitted the man with reluctance, "it was really a little game we were having, my lord."

"What kind of a game?"

"Well, my lord, a kind of guessing game."

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### HONEST NAME IN ANY TONGUE.

Various Renderings of the Good Old Appellation, "John Smith."

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### HIS PREFERENCE DULY STATED.

All Things Considered, It Was Up to the Committee.

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One fall the stitchers conspired to make Dan a birthday present, but, being unable to agree as to the nature of the gift, they called on Mr. Hill to advise them. Mr. Hill, after solemn thought, located Dan on the top floor, and thus addressed him:

"Mr. Lowe, the ladies of the stitching room, being desirous of making you a birthday gift as a small token of their esteem, have subscribed \$40 or more, and are unable to decide between an easy chair, a chain and seal and several other articles. They've appealed to me for advice, and I thought the wisest plan to ask you to express your preference and thus satisfy all."

"Mr. Hill," said Mr. Lowe, after due reflection, "I have a good chain and padlock, strong enough to hold a ten-gallon keg. A ten-gallon keg of good whiskey could be bought for \$40, and if I had a ten-gallon keg of good whiskey held chained down in my cellar any old chair would seem easy."

Mr. Hill retired for further deliberation.

### LOOKED FAR WITH KEEN SIGHT.

Illustrations of Thoroughness of Franklin's Thrift and Ability.

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One day he chanced to observe a lady in the possession of an imported whisk broom. With his usual interest and careful consideration he examined it as a novelty. He discovered on the brush of the broom a seed, which he carefully removed. Presently he planted it, and the growth from this seed was the first crop of broom corn in this country.

Again, one day when Dr. Franklin was walking by Dock creek he saw stuck in the mud a wickerwork basket, which had sprouted. Carefully he fished out the basket, and carefully took it apart. He gave cuttings to his friend, Mr. Charles Norris, who planted the twigs in his garden, where they grew to great size. They turned out to be yellow willows, and, as Franklin had foreseen, proved of great commercial value.

### Rural Canniness.

Once a denizen of the up-state regions, where whiskers grow in plenty and umbrellas bulge at will, decided to visit New York. But he decided to visit the bewildering metropolis quite as a man of the world—not to be taken in by the wicked men who, as he understood, made a business of deceiving the gullest up-stater.

Hence he arrived at the Grand Central looking very, very wise, and proceeded, first of all, to visit the collection of wax figures at the Eden Musee.

He was engaged in looking critically at one of the most lifelike groups on exhibition there, when a policeman suddenly plucked him by the sleeve. The up-stater turned.

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ONCE A CRIME TO GIVE ALMS.

Ancient Code of European Law Provided Severe Punishment.

The secretary of the London Mendicant society reports that street begging is on the increase. He has statistics to prove his words, of course. But surely every man who has a penny to spare must have read or heard by this time that he really does a fellow-creature an ill-service when he gives it to him for the asking, says the Fall Mall Gazette.

It is interesting to recall that a code of European law in force for centuries did actually make almsgiving a crime, always punished severely—with death in certain cases. But this was 1,000 years ago, before the dawn of our happy civilization. It must be confessed, however, that there was an appearance of common sense about the famous Grajas code, which ruled Norway, Iceland and much of England, doubtless, in its time.

It began by laying down strict rules to make each family support its own indigent members, or to show sufficient cause for the failure. This is the essential principle of a sound system of poor relief, which we have suffered to lapse under the direction of progress. Having thus provided for the respectable class of paupers, as it may be put briefly, the legislator could deal firmly with roving mendicants and their abettors, and he did.

It is worth while to observe, however, that the family pauper had a guardian or trustee, appointed by the district council, who was responsible for his decent subsistence; if this man did not fulfill his duty or tried to escape it, he incurred the terrible penalty called exclusion—confinement in his house for three years; anyone who found him outside was free to kill him.

They stood no nonsense in those days. An able-bodied person who begged was outlawed—equivalent to a sentence of death. Anyone proved to have been wandering for 15 days without visible means of subsistence was held to be a beggar, "within the meaning of the act," and treated accordingly.

But the clause which most interested us was that which decreed that any man, whatever his station, who gave money, or money's worth, to a vagrant, at the district assembly, or on his way thither, should be punished with exclusion. The crime of almsgiving was well understood in those days. Perhaps I should add that the Grajas code was officially promulgated in 1116. But it had been in force, as the preamble declares, for centuries.

The Ideal Diet.

Too much food is as bad as too little and occasions a waste of energy and strength in the body as well as a waste of nutritive material, says a writer in "What to Eat." While in the case of some foods as purchased,

Animals at New York Zoo.

In the total number of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians (4,834), on exhibition, the New York Zoological park stands to-day at the head of all the zoological parks and gardens of the world. Berlin comes next, with a total of 3,148. The area of the New York Zoological park in land and water embraces 264 acres. Of walks and roads there are about eight miles, and of fences 10½ miles. The maintenance force of the park, constantly on duty, embraces 141 persons. The number of visitors in 1907 was 1,373,946—nearly one-third of the entire population of the metropolis of the American continent. Of this number it is estimated that a quarter of a million visitors were from outside of New York city.

Origin of the "Black Hand."

There was a historical foundation for the name "black hand," according to Everybody's. Back in Inquisition days in Spain there was La Mano Negra, a secret society which fought the government and the church. It passed, and the secret societies of southern Italy were its heirs. Twenty years or more ago a false report was raised in Spain that La Mano Negra had been revived. The story lingered in the brain of a Herald reporter, and one fine day he attempted to rejuvenate waning interest in a puzzling Italian murder case by speculating as to the coming to life of the "black hand" among Latin immigrants in America. The other newspapers seized on the idea eagerly and kept it going.

To Discover Fish Shoals.

Experiments are being made in Europe with a microphone for the discovery of the presence of shoals of fish. The instrument is sunk into the water and the constant tapping of the fish against it as they pass warns the fishermen.



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