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The best way to insure a happy Christmas is to do something to make others happy.

If conditions there grow much worse it will hurry Chicagoans to beat Gabriel to the cemetery.

So good in the weather man to hold off with the snow until time for Santa Claus to bring the sleds.

If \$10 would buy a man as much joy as 10 cents will buy for a boy the mints could suspend indefinitely.

Recent cablegrams leave one wondering whether Tokio or Paris is the seat of the Japanese government.

Of course, we ought to have the Isle of Pines—it would be so handy as a source of supply for Christmas trees.

It looks as if the Omaha postoffice plan will not be among the packages delivered by the letter carrier this Christmas.

Russia is willing to continue the exchange of diplomatic views. Yes, for just so long a time as it requires to become well entrenched.

That the secretary of state may continue his rapid recollection is devoutly hoped by all those who have had Hay fever themselves and know what it's like.

There is a good deal of room for improvements in the city hall building, but it is extremely doubtful whether an expenditure of \$700 or thereabouts for ornamenting the council chamber is among the long-felt wants.

The city's tail-end railway disasters are bringing the list of fatalities up with a sharp turn. Each annual summary of the lives lost through railroad mishaps emphasizes our need of safer transportation methods even at greater cost.

That the public lighting companies are always of a benevolent turn of mind is strikingly illustrated by the proposition of the gasoline lamp light concern to substitute Weisbach gasoline lamps at \$50 a year for lamps with flat-tail burners at \$15 a year.

Every republican member of the Oregon legislature, now in extra session, has recorded himself in favor of the nomination of President Roosevelt. They will all have a chance to help carry Oregon for their preferred candidate next fall.

On the theory that misery loves company the cattlemen who have been taken to task for illegally fencing grazing lands in Nebraska will feel better now that they know that the Interior department is getting after the violators of the land laws in other states as well.

There might be no serious objection to the proposed installation of Weisbach gasoline lamp burners at a reasonable advance, but when the city is asked to pay as much for gasoline lamps as it is now paying for gas lamps with Weisbach burners the proposition appears altogether legless.

When Colonel Bryan comes marching home from his tour of inspection of the effete monarchies and empires of Europe he will have ample material for several hundred lucrative lectures. Tickets of admission to bloated plutocrats, \$1—common people, 50 cents; children, half price—free list suspended.

As might have been expected, the supreme court will be asked to grant a rehearing on the validity of the new revenue law, and when the rehearing has been heard the attorneys for the complainant corporations will ask for a rehearing of the rehearing. Most of them are dead by the year end and want to make a show of entering their protests.

A GROWING QUESTION.

That the question of building up an American merchant marine for the foreign trade is one of growing interest is shown in the report of a special committee of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, which has been making an investigation for the purpose of ascertaining the best way to revive the country's merchant marine.

This evidence of intelligent public interest in the question the committee regards as most encouraging, but there is noted much diversity of opinion in regard to what policy should be adopted. Among practical shipping men on the seaboard the subsidy plan is largely favored, but this has few supporters elsewhere.

It is probable that this subject will not receive attention at the present session of congress, but it is quite likely to be taken up at the second session.

ACCIDENTS ON THE RAIL.

Almost every day there is recorded one or more railroad accidents resulting in loss of life, these disasters during the past twelve months having been notably numerous. In its annual report the Interstate Commerce commission calls attention to the large number of collisions on the railroads during the year ending June 30 last and the appalling loss of life and property that resulted.

A PLACE FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Why should Omaha not begin its municipal ownership by the establishment of a paving repair plant? The experience of New York has fully demonstrated that the city paving repairs can be carried on more systematically and for less money by the city than through contractors.

WATER AND THE CANAL.

An unexpected and most important development in the Panama situation is the position taken by European governments in support of the action of the United States, for this is the obvious meaning of the reported efforts of the diplomatic representatives of those governments at Washington to convince Colombia of the futility of attempting to retake Panama.

CASE OF GENERAL WOOD.

The conviction by Russian courts of more than a score of persons involved in the Kishineff massacres and their sentence to imprisonment for terms ranging from one and two years to seven years indicates that the representations of President Roosevelt to the Russian authorities were not without effect.

AN IMPARTIAL DECISION WHEN ALL THE FACTS ARE KNOWN.

When they know the facts, the American people will decide impartially upon the case of General Wood. The army has one standard, the senate another, the people a third. Army sentiment is naturally more opposed to irregular promotion than the public is.

considerably higher and surmounted with a barb wire it will be next to impossible for the proscribed Chinaman to climb over. No wonder then that he is eager to crawl under the tent now, before the new Canadian law goes into effect.

WILL THE PRODIGALS RETURN?

On the very day and almost at the very hour when William Jennings Bryan was making a most pathetic appeal to Czar Nicholas II to abandon imperialism and ordain free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 in all the mints of Russia, the Jacksonian club at Omaha issued a proclamation of amnesty to the prodigals who had deserted the silver shrine to worship the golden calf.

Can't Lose Him.

The man who was an end-end hog in the street car last summer now comes in at the front door in the closed car and leaves it open.

Overreaching Greed.

Even in South America, the sympathy expected by Colombia is missing. The greed that overreaches itself fails to excite admiration anywhere.

An Ideal Tail-End.

Chicago Tribune. If the democrats are at a loss as to their candidate for the vice presidency and will accept a disinterested suggestion, we should like to ask them if there is anything the matter with the Hon. Buck Hinrichsen.

Water and Wind Vanish.

Springfield Republican. The properties of a trust capitalized at \$700,000 were sold at auction yesterday for \$450,000 or \$250,000 less than the claim to be satisfied.

A Kick on Tommy Ret.

Chicago Chronicle. It makes any one who knows anything about Senator Thomas M. Patterson of Colorado indulge in a cynical smile to find him standing up in the senate and speaking for the democratic party, declaring that it is not a free trade party, but is for incidental protection.

Overworking a Good Idea.

New York Tribune. There is a classic tale of two strangers who, meeting for the first time at an inn, instantly proposed that they each swear to the other an eternal friendship.

GINGER OF RURAL LIFE.

Wahoo Wasp: "Hush, little baby, don't you cry"—mamma's gone somewhere to eat a sandwich and tell the lady what a lovely little sandwich it was and what a delightful time she had while eating it.

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