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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, A. D. 1903. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Merry Christmas to you all. Santa Claus is rightfully the hero of the day.

Christmas comes but once a year—no make the best of it.

For this one day at least there should be no talk or thought of war.

It is Christmas that vindicates the time-honored custom of wearing stockings.

Senator Hanna has left New York! Well, of course, he could not expect to carry away Roosevelt's own state.

Luckily we have a few holidays on the calendar that do not require an official proclamation to warn us of their approach.

Way may be what General Sherman said it is, but it seems rather tame when compared with the modern railroad wreck.

The promoters of the Olney boom are just going ahead without waiting for the aid or consent of the man behind the name.

The biggest stationary steam engine on earth will be one of the moving exhibits at the Louisiana Purchase exhibition at St. Louis.

A band of musicians stopped the trading on the New York board yesterday—which was more than one John Alexander Dowle could do.

Minister Conger gives the pleasing assurance that China has begun to commence to get ready to do something or other about the treaty.

General Beyer plans to lay his communication upon Secretary Hay's front porch and then run home real fast before anyone gets to the door.

From his public interview it is to be inferred that Senator Millard has read the papers quite conscientiously, but indulged in no conclusions of his own.

Either Chicago or St. Louis will be quite willing to take the location of the democratic national convention as a postscript to the season's gift-giving.

Captain Dreyfus is climbing diligently though somewhat laboriously to his old place at the top of the column on the first page of the most conservative newspapers.

Can it be that that poisoned parasite story from Trevesch is only for the purpose of inducing such results as will adorn Sunny James with the smile that won't come off?

Recipe for a quick configuration: Have long strings of dry popcorn just where they will come in contact with the expiring gasps of the Christmas tree candle.

The State department has had the War department send a warship to Cebu, Cores, to protect American interests there. Evidently it is time for some of the beathen to be good.

The further the inquiry in the ship-building trust cases goes into all the details, the clearer it becomes that everyone connected with the scheme was enlisted in a patriotic effort to get rich by doing the other fellow.

Great preparations are being made in New York for the restoration of Tammany Hall to control the municipal government with the installation of the newly elected mayor and other city officers. Old Father Kalkreuth is not entirely sure whether it is to be an occasion for hilarity or for solemnity. We shall soon see what we shall see there after the exit of the reform administration.

CHRISTMAS. This is the most joyous holiday of the Christian year, appealing as none other to all that is best in our nature. It is a time of good will, charity and cheer. Under its benignant influence the barriers of selfishness give way and the spirit of affection and friendship asserts itself.

There is no more beautiful story than that of the first Christmas. It has been said that if it had no religious significance, if it were not the beginning of a new era in human history, if it were merely an idyl conceived either by a poet or contrived by the accruing imagination of the race, it were unsurpassed in its touch upon all the poetic, imaginative and romantic instincts.

Michigan is convulsed from center to circumference by the parole of a savings bank wrecker, who was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary and liberated by the governor after sixteen months of involuntary servitude.

Unlike Nebraska, Michigan has a board of pardons, and the strange part of the parole granted by the governor of Michigan is that he acted independently of the pardon board, which never took any action in the case.

THE SOUTH FOR THE CANAL. Strong expressions favorable to the Panama treaty are coming from the south, all showing that that section desires the construction of the isthmian canal as soon as it is possible to do so.

Another noteworthy southern utterance favorable to the treaty is that of the Atlanta Constitution, the leading democratic paper of Georgia and one of the most influential in the south.

In view of these expressions and others no less strong it seems entirely safe to say that Senator Gorman will not succeed in inducing the democrats of the senate to unite against the treaty, as he is understood to be scheming to do.

Our democratic friends in congress want it distinctly understood that they all want the isthmian canal to be constructed and ready for operation at the earliest possible moment, but they would rather go without any canal at all than to let a republican administration have the credit for its successful construction.

Joseph Chamberlain has gained another member of the House of Commons for his propaganda through an election to fill a vacancy caused by death.

Just About This Time. Saturday Evening Post. He is a wise man who knows what is in his own pockets.

Among Those Present. Chicago News. General Wood figures that when history comes to be written up to date he will be among those present, while some of the detractors may not get a footnote.

Progress Hurts Their Feelings. Chicago Inter Ocean. It is evident, judging from its attitude toward the Panama canal, that the Democratic party hopes to be able in the campaign of 1904 to point with pride to the fact that it is still striving to stem the tide of progress.

He is Built that Way. Boston Transcript. Of course the sultan apologizes. He has all the fine courtesy that characterized the participants in a western lynching, who, after hanging the wrong man, called on the widow and admitted that the laugh was "outo them."

Another Iowa Idea. Indianapolis News. In refusing to grant New Jersey's request for the extradition of a man wanted for wife desertion, because of the wording and punctuation of the New Jersey law, Governor Cummins of Iowa demonstrates that he has ideas on composition as well as on the tariff.

Fragrant Bad Faith. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Promising a fair treaty, Colombia induced this country to change its isthmian canal plans from Nicaragua to Panama.

His Voice Improved. Philadelphia Record. The first use to which the Kaiser put his recovered voice was to make a remark that must be more infuriating to Englishmen than his message of congratulation to the Boers upon the capture of Johannesburg.

LEAVES FROM THE TREES. Merry Christmas! It comes but once a year. Thank! All is not gold that glitters on the tree.

Don't look like a Christmas tree when the sun goes down. This is not a good time to examine the price marks. But it is.

Those who forget you should be forgiven. Perhaps they didn't have the price. In this gracious season college men should avoid giving too frequently the Greek fraternity sign.

The sweet spirit enveloping every gift loses much of its tender sentiment when you reach for an axe after opening the box. The ardent young man who presents his girl with a bogus spark must not be offended when called down as a gem crows.

From Christmas cigars comes that rare atmosphere called "holly smoke." If you don't like the brand pass it up to your dear friends.

It is poor policy and bad form to boost your generosity by raising the price mark. People will catch on, and plant banana peelings on the front steps.

If you have the honor of stripping the tree, don't let your left hand know what the right is doing in your pocket. Be sure you're right in it, then go ahead.

Don't kick out loud if your favorite company did not come up to expectations. Consider how insignificant the November salary looks when placed beside a Christmas present.

It is possible to absorb too much of a good thing. Go slow. Wait until the shades of night obscure your curves. While he who lingers on the sofa and muses the hand embroidered pillow.

The Christmas tree is an ornament for a day, an article of utility for tomorrow, and a joy for moons that follow. It supplies a stock of witticisms as eloquent and caressing as the parental slipper. One trial is enough.

Although the commercial and material atmosphere overshadows all else in the preparatory stages, there is a peculiar fitness in giving a thought or two to the true significance of the holiday. Such thoughts may diminish the temperature in "the sweet bye and bye."

Be good and you will be happy. even if you didn't get all you thought was coming. If you have cause to grumble, forget it. If your temper is ruffled, cut it out. Throw wide open the windows of the soul and let in the sunshine. It might enlarge your heart.

SHOCKING VERACITY. Telling the Truth to the Temper of Railroad Rate Makers. Pittsburg Dispatch.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE. Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

The mangled and hitherto insignificant copper coin bearing the almighty fiat of Uncle Sam has at last conquered the Pacific coast and secured a permanent place in the circulating medium of the tide-washed states.

The demand for cents from the Pacific coast has been so great during the last few months that the treasuries in New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis have been called on to supply it.

Representative Aiken, a new member from South Carolina, is establishing a record for himself in the line of statesmanship, and is also coming to be regarded as one of the best story tellers in the house.

One of the interesting features of his stories is that they are nearly all drawn from the incidents of real life which have come under his observation.

"Not infrequently, when under the influence of liquor, he would create a scene in court and disturb the proceedings until finally the court, in remonstrating with him, threatened him with debarment unless he reformed.

"At last he was brought before the court to be expelled from the bar. He stood there, resting and reeking with the odor of whiskey.

"Your honor (hic), your honor," he pleaded, "I'd like to say just one word before I leave (hic) the sacred precincts (hic) of this temple of justice (hic). I am drunk, your honor, sah (hic), but, your honor, sah, I (hic) I'll get over my wine (hic), your honor, sah, you are a damn fool (hic), your honor, sah, but you'll never (hic) get over that, sah."

Senator Carmack of Tennessee has an individual and at the same time almost rhythmical method of pronouncing the word "reciprocity," which now resounds with so much congressional eloquence.

It is almost as though it were recited by rote when Mr. Carmack rolls the syllables from his tongue. But it is not the first time that the discussions of colonial and kindred questions in congress have brought out strange pronunciations.

There will be not more than three justices of the supreme court to favor reversal of the decision of the circuit court in the merger case, remarked a Washington lawyer to the Boston Transcript correspondent.

"This assumes that the five justices who rendered the Transmissour decision will look the same way now, and that, of the two new men who have come to the court since that time, at least one, and possibly both, will take the same view.

"The whole tendency of the times," he continued, "has been to regard the great stratum of interstate and foreign commerce to such an extent that no power or authority except that of the general government is competent to deal with them.

In other words, the courts see the danger that some of these great corporations will pass beyond the power of the state which created them and thus beyond all control unless they are to be subjected to the legislative and judicial powers of the United States.

In a word, they realize the weird creation of the Frankenstein which passed beyond the control of its creator. This feeling seems to be in the air, and necessarily exercises a potent influence.

Charles G. Bennett, secretary of the United States senate, has sent to the body his annual report detailing the expenditures of last year.

In some cases the items are more characteristic of a woman's boudoir than of supplies for staid and dignified senators. The stationary rooms, where articles are put on sale at cost to senators, in the year sold manure sets, wrist bags at prices up to \$20 and similar articles appreciated by women.

General Young began his military career as a private in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Infantry in 1861. When he retired next January he will be succeeded by another former private soldier—General Chaffee.

General Chaffee enlisted as a private in the Sixth cavalry in 1861, and will not retire until 1908. So the first two chiefs of the general staff will be soldiers who have been from the ranks.

But six of the seventeen men who have been generals in chief of the United States army have been West Pointers. Those six ranged from Grant to Schofield. All six reached the command in consequence of the civil war.

"Old Figgers" Grosvenor of Ohio arose ponderously in the house one morning and held up a compelling hand.

"Mr. Speaker," he said, "I notice by the Record that I am quoted as having referred to the United States senate as 'they.' I think that should be corrected. Mr. President, as I always refer to the United States senate as 'it.'"

"Tag," said Speaker Cannon. "The designation 'it' and will be changed."

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Words of wisdom from a thoughtful man. Actual Result.

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