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Father is the popular member of the family just before Christmas, anyway.

Would it be unfair to call the proposals of those lame ducks quack nostrums?

The Tacoma woman's club deserves credit for denouncing padding—of the census reports.

This is usually also the busy season for the marriage license clerk. Do your shopping early.

Now that twins have come to Mr. Dooley's own home, it seems one of his pet jokes is in growing.

Count de Lesseps has decided to get married, having insured himself by aversion to the uncertainties of life.

New York recently sent a carload of babies to Texas. It looks like taking a mean advantage of helpless infants.

"Where is the old spelling bee?" asks a contemporary. Oh, it is buzzing around down there in Missouri or Arkansas.

When they renew this war talk Uncle Sam just doubles up his arm and feels his muscle, and then leans back and smiles.

It is now feared that Governor-elect Foss of Massachusetts may not get cooled down to business before the end of his one-year term.

"The right to dwell in Moscow" is discussed by a correspondent to the New York Times. Mercy, does anyone over here insist on the right?

It is a close race between Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Carnegie for the Santa Claus prize. Possibly Mr. Carnegie's whiskers give him a slight lead.

Most men prefer to leave the shopping to their wives all the year around and see no good reason for making an exception just before Christmas.

"We professional wrestlers are supposed to stand together," says one of the heavyweight grapplers. That is what the public has been suspecting for some time.

It is interesting to learn that the coal dealers of Nebraska and other states have formed a new organization. Its purpose, doubtless, is to reduce prices to the consumer.

Rats may become cheaper if the Chinese continue to whack off their queues, but that will not relieve the cat market any, in the interest of that Pennsylvania man who advertises for 1,000 tabbies.

Miss Lillian Russell says she has stockings to fill for ten poor children. Dear Miss Russell, she has a heart as big as her stockings. An elephant's heart isn't larger than hers.—Houston Post.

The profts, gentlemen, the profts. We are from Missouri on this question.

That Iowa cattleman who is suing Governor Shallenberger because he got the worst of it in a cattle deal will receive little sympathy in Nebraska. He ought to have known enough to keep both eyes open when doing business with our farmer executive, who surely would not squeal if conditions were reversed.

Rates and Securities.

It is not surprising that President Lovett of the Harriman lines should publicly express a preference for federal supervision of railroad rates to state supervision. Naturally the railroads would rather have one system of control than forty-six, if they must have any. The same is true as to public control of railroad securities. It would be fatally confusing to leave such regulation to the various states.

One state might easily neutralize or entirely thwart the action of another, without accomplishing any good for the public. Such a conflict of authority would entail unnecessary hardships for the railroads and in the end affect other interests. It might discourage investors to the extent of precluding the possibility of selling a bond issue, where such sale was highly desirable from every standpoint.

But it must not be understood that President Lovett is committing himself to federal control of securities. He admits the reasonableness of federal supervision of rates, but distinctly rejects the desirability of applying the principle to stock and bond issues.

That, of course, is as natural from the railroads' standpoint as is their preference of federal authority to state authority, if there must be any. It is not difficult to see that railroads might favor government direction of rate-making without the time to have come for the government to supervise security issues. Rates, of course, are largely relative, depending, after all, in part on what the investment may be and on the securities represent investment, they must also be a factor in rate-making.

Publicity and Empire Building. The western states have only begun to realize the value of judicious advertising and publicity as a factor in their development. The idea is yet new, but if it had been applied as energetically in the first five years of the last decade as it was in the last five there might have been a different story to tell in the census figures.

Today this leaven of legitimate publicity is working all over the west. It takes various forms, but it is to be found in almost every state. The result is magical in some. The best part of it is that the big task has been performed, that of getting the attention of the people east riveted on the west and getting them started in the habit of coming west to invest and share in the growth of the country.

Of course this movement in itself is as old as the republic, but it has never been as notable as it is now and what it is likely to be for years to come. There is a spirit of healthful rivalry among many of these large western states sure to work good for all. For instance, when California shows a population gain in the last ten years of 60 per cent, Oregon of 62 per cent, Oklahoma 109.7, Idaho 101, Washington 120, it is going to make those states that did not show up so well eager to get in the front rank too.

It creates one vast wave of empire building that augurs well, not only for the west, but for the entire country, for where sparsely settled communities are built up, it means relief for the congested centers of urban population. It is only when one scans the immensity of these great western states that he can aptly appreciate the possibilities of their future.

as much as lack of knowledge) touches the vital subject of the cost of living. Therefore, it elicits general interest. When every acre of ground is made to yield up to the maximum, or nearer to it than it does now, land values will rise and food values fall, possibly, or at least they will come to a better level of proportion with other things.

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to three minutes. If they would cut the rates proportionately no one would object. In fact, with due notice, most of us could say in three minutes what has been spread over five minutes. If time is money, a lot of it is wasted in telephone talk.

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Washington Life

Some Interesting Phases and Conditions Observed in the Nation's Capital.

American coin with iron in its blood appears to have a greater favorite in Washington than the wherewith reeking with oil. Such is the impression growing into conviction among the agents of John D. Rockefeller who are looking after the oil magnate's philanthropic plans at the national capital. These agents, according to the Washington Post, are watching carefully every move that is being made by the trustees of Andrew Carnegie's \$10,000,000 foundation for the propagation of peace throughout the civilized world.

The oil king is said to be annoyed because he failed where the steel king succeeded. Mr. Rockefeller's agents tried to have congress give its official approval to a Rockefeller foundation for the benefit of the entire race. The purposes of the foundation were rather vague, but it was said at the time that Mr. Rockefeller wanted to turn over the major portion of his vast fortune to be used for the good of humanity.

The oil king's attention, however, has been called to the manner in which Mr. Carnegie's gift has been received, and is curious to know what congress is going to do about it. He is said to take the position that there is not the slightest difference between his project and Mr. Carnegie's, excepting that his scheme was of a general nature, while the steel king's idea is specific.

Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh, wife of the secretary of the treasury, will give a very handsome Christmas present to her husband, a resident in this city, completely furnished in the good taste for which she is noted. The fine, large house stands on Sixteenth street, between Columbia road and Boundary Castle, the latter the home of former Senator John B. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson. Mrs. MacVeagh had the house built according to her own ideas of what a hospitable home should be, so it is admirably adapted for the entertainments which she delights to give.

Mr. and Mrs. MacVeagh have a residence in Chicago and a summer home at Dublin, N. H. By an agreeable fiction the Washington house is a "surprise" gift to the secretary. It would be more than hands, for his wife paid for it. Mrs. MacVeagh is wealthy in her own right. She was Emily Eames, daughter of Henry F. Eames of Chicago, founder and president of the Commercial National bank there. Mr. MacVeagh was a director of the bank until President Taft put him at the head of the treasury department; then he resigned from the bank's directorate.

Mrs. MacVeagh is not only interested in society, but in philanthropic enterprises and women's club work. She has traveled much and has been presented at several European courts. She has a fine collection of Chinese and Japanese curios which she bought discriminatingly while traveling in the east.

The men elected to the speakership of the house, as a rule, are not noted as experts in the intricacies of parliamentary law, and generally rely at their elbow when presiding at an especially important clerk to guide them aright when some annoying member on the floor raises a point which would almost puzzle Omniscience to settle. Speakers Reed, Henderson and Cannon have had at their expert Asher C. Hinds of Maine, who was elected a member of the house last month and therefore would not be available to Speaker-Clark, even if he were not a republican.

Speaker-to-be Clark, nervously wondering where he would find a successor to Hinds, now thinks he has found the parliamentary czar, by the help, by the way, of Asher Hinds. The latter has told Clark and other democratic members that the best-posted man of his acquaintance of the democratic persuasion is Charles R. Crisp of Georgia, son of the late Charles F. Crisp, who was speaker of the house during the democratic Fifty-second and Fifty-third congresses.

Young Crisp made a study of parliamentary law while his father was in the speaker's chair and it is probable that he will be requested to give up the municipal judgeship he now holds in Atlanta and come to Washington to stand at Speaker-Clark's elbow during the next and probably several succeeding congresses.

Representatives Campbell of Kansas and Mann of Illinois, whose dialogue on the subject of baths for congress was widely discussed, will receive from a Wall Street man, if he does not change his mind about parting with what he calls an "art treasure," a picture of two long bearded men, who are supposed to have this conversation.

"And you rented that house?" "Yes—why not?" "It hasn't got a bathroom in it." "I know, but I'm only going to stay a year."

The hardest worked man in Washington, outside of newspaper circles, of course, is Charles Dana Norton, secretary to the president. Folks used to commiserate "the faithful Loeb," but Loeb's troubles weren't in it with Norton's. In addition to performing the duties of the secretary to the president proper, he has dipped into politics and tried to lead the administration into the paths of progressivism. This has stirred the wrath of the old-time regulars in congress, and they lambast him at every opportunity. The eight-hour rule does not apply to Norton, and he puts in seventeen to eighteen hours daily of the hardest and most nerve-wracking kind of work.

Senator Dewey, arriving at the White House a little late, had to wait. He wandered around the executive offices, talked to a few associates, shook hands with all comers, and finally passed into the president's private office.

When he came out there was a rush of newspaper men toward him. "What was the news?" was the inquiry from all. "What can you tell me?" "I can't tell you," "Say this for me," replied the senator, "my highest respects to him and that, incidentally, I walked into 'Lame Duck alley'."

Being a defeated candidate, I felt at home there, and being of a serene state of mind and fully reconciled to my political fate, I beg to announce that I liked the position in which I found my humble self.

With this the New Yorker smiled broadly and stepped into his carriage.

Closing in on Rivals. St. Paul Dispatch. As an absorber the Western Union is going some. It will have to make speed, however, to absorb every means of communication before science and invention have turned out something that will relegate wire connections to the junk heap as has been.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A few tons of clean hard coal slipped into the bin "just afore Christmas."

The annual round of the festive season serves to prove that the maker of the calendar, in fixing the shortest day on December 21, was four days off his beat.

The measure of New York's Christmas joy is about to overflow and molten the pavement. A local court fined a theater ticket speculator and pronounced the business a nuisance.

The genius who megaphoned such wondrous stories of the battles from Mole St. Nicholas twelve years ago has art pupils at the fountains of rumored news of the ruction in Mexico. Even the Chefco artist is a has-been.

Officers and employees of twenty-two banking institutions of St. Louis, to the number of 30, have formed an association for the purpose of acquiring the saving habit. Members turn their surplus earnings into a common pot, to be invested for profit, and may hold one or more shares, paying \$5 a month on each. Shareholders must keep up the lick until December 31, 1911, when principal and profits will be divided. The plan is not copyrighted and thriftless bankers are welcome to the idea.

"The last time I saw Hinkins he was going down hill very fast." "Is he falling so?" "Not that I know of. An angry bull was after him."—Baltimore American.

"What do you intend to do now, if I may ask?" "Oh, nothing to speak of," said the returned explorer. "Nothing to speak of?" Then you're not going to lecture?"—Chicago Tribune.

"Why do you look so worried, Tom?" "I went around today to ask your father for your hand in marriage." "Did—did he refuse?" "No. He wanted me to put it in writing."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"I would like," said a Christmas book agent to a busy editor, "to call your attention to a little work that I have here." "Yes?" replied the editor. "Well, let me call your attention to a whole lot of work that I have here."—Ladies' Home Journal.

"Can I sell you this book?" inquired the eloquent agent. "No," replied Mr. Sirius Barker. "But you seemed interested." "I was. And I haven't the faintest idea that the author can write as interestingly as you can talk."—Washington Star.

"My life story is not so romantic as some, but it's a true one." "Let it come." "Thirty years ago I started without a dollar, and now I have \$62 in bank."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I assure you, my dear Mr. Credit, I want picked men for this enterprise of mine, for those who invest in it can't possibly lose a cent." "Picked? Hump! I guess you mean plucked, don't you?"—Baltimore American.

"What party does that member of the legislature belong to?" "I don't know," replied the lobbyist. "I'm one of several parties who are bidding for him."—Washington Herald.

WANTED—SANTA'S ADDRESS. J. J. Manogue in New York American. If I could just see Santa Claus an' tell him how things is, I'll bet he'd hurry 'down here an' bring that sleigh o' his. An' give us kids a toy or two, for we're so awful poor. He couldn't help be sorry for the fix we're in, I'm sure.

I know he's awful busy now a-packin' up his toys. That he is goin' to give away to little girls an' boys. But I just b'lieve that when he heard how father's awful sick An' can't get out for most a month he'd help us awful quick.

I've wrote all this to Santa Claus, but he ain't answered yet. An' letters that I wrote to him sometimes he doesn't get. An' maybe he don't think it's right to make a lot of fuss. 'Bout being poor—but he don't know no folks as poor as us.

He mostly 'sociates with kids that has enough to eat. An' asks 'em wot's clothes to keep 'em warm when they go on the street. An' I don't 'speak in all his life he ever come to call. On folks that lives in just one room an' ain't got nothin' 'tall.

An' so I'd like to see him once an' tell him where we stay, An' ask him wot's he come down here. An' see us Christmas day. But though we need him awful bad, it can't be done, I guess. Because I can't find any one to tell me his address.

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