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SEEMS TO ME.

Seems to me the stars shine brighter Christmas night;

Seems to me the snow lies whiter Christmas night;

That the solemn trees stand straighter And the frosty moon sets later,

And the hush is stiller, greater, Christmas night.

Seems to me sad things are fewer Christmas night;

Seems to me glad things are truer Christmas night;

Seems to me the bells ring clearer From their steeples, louder, nearer—

Seems to me the whole world's dearer Christmas night!

—Nancy Byrd Turner in the Youth's Companion.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Great men rejoice in adversity just as brave soldiers triumph in war.—Seneca.

The Gate City takes this opportunity to wish its patrons and friends a Merry Christmas.

Keokuk merchants have had a splendid holiday business. The buying started early and continued late.

Wood block paving is growing in popularity in the United Kingdom for the reason that it shows longer life under heavy automobile traffic than any other smooth pavement produced at equal expense.

Sioux City maintains in good working order a fire department whistle, a screaming relic of volunteer days. Protests against using it are sufficiently convincing to induce the fire authorities to choke it off.

Oscar Ryan of Sioux City, engineer and janitor of the Iowa building, is back from Washington, where he demonstrated a device which adds to the clearness and softness of the voice transmitted over the telephone or through a phonograph. He was promised a patent.

German experimenters have found that the waste heat from factories and industrial establishments when conducted by means of pipes to the soil in which garden and other plants are being cultivated causes fruits and vegetables to advance about twice as fast and to attain a size from 40 to 100 per cent greater than when grown under identical conditions, but in unheated soil.

Some years ago an Omaha pilgrim, on his maiden trip to New York, blew into the then famous Eden Muses on Thirty-third street, bumped against a policeman inside the door and offered profuse apologies for his rudeness. The roar of native chaperons let in sufficient light to convince him that he was talking to a wax figure. The dumb cop was one of scores of realistic figures of great personages in that wonder shop, which has outlived its day. At a recent auction of the remains the figure of George Washington was knocked down for \$9.

At this late hour we want to again call attention to the fact that there will be many forgotten homes in Keokuk Christmas morning unless funds are provided with which to purchase gifts. If you have not favored the community Christmas organization with a donation, be sure and do so tonight. You will feel better for having turned something in to this movement which will go to make some one happy Christmas morning.

The newspaper fraternity loses one of the old school in the death of Editor Charles M. Junkin of the Fairfield Ledger. He literally died in the harness, having been stricken while at work in his office. He was of a line of newspaper men, among the very best in the state. His father was editor of the Ledger and Charles followed in the footsteps of his honorable father. Mr. Junkin served as a member of the state central committee, was a republican of the regular variety and an aggressive and respected citizen of Fairfield. He will be missed in the family circle, the community and in the party councils. He had a number of friends in Keokuk who will sincerely regret to learn of his death.

Two years ago American business men voluntarily went to Washington to give the president and congress the benefit of their knowledge and experience upon matters which were the subject of proposed legislation. President Wilson denounced them as an "insidious lobby" and drove them from the capital. In his message a few days ago to congress, the president indicated his intention to call business men into conference upon important government problems. Two years ago he waded to hang some of them "higher than Haman." After putting the American business man through an experience little better than hanging, Mr. Wilson realizes that after all, practical business knowledge is of great value and that even a college professor can learn from business men. But what a pity it is that Mr. Wilson took two years to find out his error! What a pity that American industry paid so dearly for Mr. Wilson's education!

40,000 HORSE POWER. The steam turbo-generator recently installed at the Waterside station of the New York Edison company has a capacity of 40,000 horse power. It is large enough to furnish power for two dreadnaughts, or for several ordinary cities.

A turbo-generator is a steam turbine engine and an electric generator mounted on the same shaft. In plainer words it is a mechanical device to change steam energy into electrical energy so it can be distributed over copper wires to where it is needed for power and light. In order to realize the tremendous power of this particular turbine you must imagine 40,000 large truck horses hard at work.

This tremendous piece of machinery is 57 feet long, 20 feet across and 14 feet high, and its vitals are protected by solid steel castings, giving it a total weight of 957,000 pounds. Station No. 2, of the Waterside group, houses the new unit which was installed in the space formerly occupied by two turbines of smaller capacity. This machine was built especially for the New York Edison company by the General Electric company at the Schenectady works.

To members of the electrical industry it is known as a 30,000-kw. Curtis type. The set consists of a ten-stage, high-pressure turbine and a two-stage, double-flow, low-pressure turbine on the same shaft. Steam that drives the high-pressure blades exhausts into the low-pressure turbine, where whatever is left of its energy is utilized. From this chamber it exhausts into the condenser and becomes impotent water once more.

The turbine operates at 1,500 revolutions a minute and the peripheral speed of the low-pressure buckets is more than nine miles a minute. Steam is supplied through sixteen valves at the front of the unit, at a pressure of about 185 pounds to the square inch. The condensing system necessary to handle this tremendous amount of steam is of the surface type and it is estimated that there are about 50,000 feet of cooling space in the compact apparatus. The condensing is accomplished with river water through the assistance of a 75,000-gallon pump. But although this great machine is generating enough force to drive several large steamships, its operation is almost

soundless. Aside from the soft hissing of the imprisoned steam, only a steady drone is heard.

BULGARIANS WILL RELEASE AMERICANS

Also Promise to Punish Officers Who Tore Down Jag at Red Cross Quarters.

[By William G. Shepherd, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

SALONIKA, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Walter T. Farwell of Chicago and Dr. C. B. Forbes of Boston, reported roughly handed by Bulgarian officers who raided American Red Cross headquarters at Monastir, will be permitted to leave the Serbian city.

The Bulgarian foreign office notified American Consul Kehl today that it will comply with his request, but will not permit the two Americans to cross into Greece at this time. They will be sent to Bulgarian army headquarters in Serbia.

The Bulgarian consul also assured Kehl an official investigation had been ordered on the conduct of Bulgarian officers who entered the Red Cross building. If the evidence convinces the Bulgarian government that the American flag was torn from the building, the Bulgarian officers commanding the raiding party will be punished, the American consul was assured.

Dr. Edward Stuart, chief of the Red Cross workers in Serbia, who first reported the Monastir incident to the American consul, entered the Bulgarian lines today, enroute to Sofia. He will lay the matter before the Bulgarian foreign office and urge the punishment of all officers and soldiers who participated. Stuart will also make an effort to communicate with Dr. Forbes himself and get his version.

This will be an overcast Christmas for the thousands of French and British troops in Salonika and at the front. The weather suddenly moderated and there are no traces of snow at Salonika. The troops are buying turkeys by the thousands. The army mail arrived last night, laden with thousands of plum puddings from London. The telegraph office is besieged by officers sending home Christmas greetings over the single cable wire.

It is improbable that any formal truce will be agreed upon over Christmas day, though the lull at the Greek border probably will continue.

The divergence in Slav and Anglo-French calendars brings Christmas for the opposing armies on different days.

"THE GIFT WITHOUT THE GIVER IS BARE"

How much better it will be to get this gift of a loving heart, than to make all our Christmas plans grow out of that! To remember not those who will remember us; those who do not know us; those whom we know, perhaps, only well enough to know that they are in need. Will there be unremembered homes in your locality on Christmas day? Empty stockings? Sad hearts of boys and girls, of men and women? Begin to plan now to make Christmas glad for some one who, without your thought, will fall of a Merry Christmas, says the Christian Herald. If your own community is prosperous, think of some needy, sad, lonely people in some distant city—perhaps the homeless boys and men on the bread line—and help make Christmas glad for them. Even if you have little to give, your gift will make a small gift great. Begin now to radiate from your own life, from your own home, the bounties of a loving heart.

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NON-NEGLIGENT CASES

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The board of arbitration found that the accident did occur in interstate traffic. It also found that the company was not negligent. But it holds that the Iowa law covers non-negligent cases, therefore the railroad company must pay the family of Mole the sum of \$4,38 a week for 300 weeks.

The Rock Island has filed notice that it may appeal from the decision of the board. The records of the board will be filed in the district court. The appeal is direct to the supreme court.

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Most of the injured and both the dead persons were in the rear sleeper, which was a through car to Ithaca. The engine of the train, which rammed the sleeper, was derailed and the sleeper thrown from its trucks, blocking both tracks of the road. The rest of the train ran on to Stroudsburg and Scranton with the dead and injured.

The trains in collision were the second and third sections of train No. 9, due here at 12:50 this morning. Three sections were running because of the unusual large holiday traffic. The second section on which the passengers were killed and injured, had passed into a block of the signal system and was held there because of a freight train that was stalled in the block ahead because of a draw-head being torn out of one of the cars.

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The secretary was also ordered to book a dairy expert from the Iowa State Dairy association.

Plans are being made for a special platform manager and for a good lecture for Friday evening, February 18. The township committee men to report on the work being done in the various townships of the county were selected as follows:

- A. E. Dick, Cedar; E. B. Wallingford, Harrison; Marvin Wirsig, Van Buren; Ben Holtkamp, Marion; Frank Panther, Franklin; H. G. Kirchner, Charleston; F. J. Brodsky, Des Moines; Henry Peters, Jackson; Frank Fullenkamp, Pleasant Ridge; E. J. Dow, Denmark; Edward Reichelt, Washington; Al Harmeyer, West Point; James Griswold, Jefferson; Curtis Younkman, Montrose; Victor Pierrott, Green Bay; H. A. Skyles, Madison.

The corn show and domestic science exhibit will be conducted as usual. The committee adjourned to meet early in January to arrange the program and to make the final plans for the meeting.

Dark Morning.

[United Press Leased Wire Service] CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A gloomy darkness enveloped Chicago up to a late hour this morning as a result of low lying clouds and light winds which failed to move a heavy smoke. Streets, restaurants and hotels took on a night life atmosphere and buildings and stores were forced to use their full lighting equipment.

Let every Family be the Happy Family Next CHRISTMAS

Let everyone—the baby included—enroll right away

It's the sure way to have the money when you need it

The Warsaw Gate City

Warsaw, Ill., Dec. 24, 1915.

Three farmers southeast of Warsaw, Henry Mount, George Schildman and Wm. Schildman, made their homes more comfortable by electricity generated on the farm by gasoline motor. Earl McMahan of Wythe, is having the same system installed in his recently completed home. Some day, perhaps not very far distant, farmers will be able to tap the water power transmission line at moderate cost.

Main street will be a street to be proud of when the old poles are removed, the white way installed and the street oiled from the levee to Seventh street. Now the W. G. C. wants to make a suggestion to increase the beauty of the street, namely, let every store or other building owner, the front of which is dingy and dirty, paint the same white, before the gnats are flying in the spring, the cost it is presumed, not being greater than for any other color. The scheme some think would be worth trying, and the results at night would certainly be dazzling and make our city more attractive to strangers, for we are going to have many in 1916 when the trolley comes up town. What do you say, brothers?

At noon Tuesday, a heavy team hitched to a baled hay rack, while standing at the corner of Main and Sixth streets, for no apparent cause ran south on Sixth for five blocks and then turned west at a galloping gait, fortunately that far doing no damage and hurting no one. It probably was on its way home in the bottoms.

Wm. Richardson has purchased twenty acres with good house and barn on it, within three quarters of a mile of Hamilton and will remove from near Basco shortly, where he has been farming. He expects to raise strawberries and vegetables for the market. He has fully recovered his health and feels better than he has for years.

Speaking of white fronts on Main street.

If anyone don't think it will pay to paint up white, let them visit Main street between Fifth and Sixth street and see the white and light yellow buildings there, and thus be convinced.

As Christmas draws nigh, shoppers and home-comers increase and our streets are thronged. Warsaw merchants have certainly had a most prosperous Christmas season. It has been several years since Warsaw has had an opera house, but she had a good one owned and managed by our good and progressive friend Fred Rattermann, now of Denver, Colo. A neat, up-to-date opera house should pay here shortly as we are bound to get growth before many months, people who will have money to spend. Warsaw has a fine site for an opera house, lot reaching from street to street on Main street. If we grow in population as we reasonably should, the next year or two, don't let us forget the opera house site. The W. G. C. would again remind its readers that any items of interest will be accepted at any time, especially these holiday times, any home comings or visitors. Address P. O. box 41, or leave at 505 Main street.

The men of Warsaw and vicinity are cordially invited to have a social and brotherly intercourse at the last public men's meeting of the departing year at the Evangelical hall. Rev. K. F. Krughoff will discuss the great events of 1915 and it is well worth to hear him. These meetings do not serve to promote the cause of any religious, political or local party, but they serve to promote christian citizenship, the moral, religious and social development of the community. As these meetings sometimes are crowded, it is advisable, in order not to be disappointed, to be there in time. The meeting will commence at 2:00 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 26.

Advertisement for Sims Cereal featuring an illustration of a child and the text 'Look for the rich brown particles of Barley Malt'. Includes details about the cereal's quality and where to buy it.

Advertisement for Keokuk National Bank Christmas Savings Club, promoting a 'Happy Family' savings plan with details on how to join and the benefits.

Advertisement for Keokuk Savings Bank, highlighting a 'New SAVINGS ACCOUNT' of \$15.00 or more, offering a large flag as a reward.

Advertisement for BUCK-REINER CO., Wholesale Grocers & Coffee Roasters, listing products like Wright's Buckwheat Flour and contact information for distributors.