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ALL the soldiers in Hayti are generals, which makes honors easy.

Now you should return promptly that big stocking you borrowed.

CHRISTMAS cheer doesn't mean loading yourself to the nozzle and making everybody tired.

It gives the INTELLIGENCER pleasure to state, on the best authority, that Santa Claus voted for General Harrison.

Judging from the almost unprecedented holiday business in this city this morning to be a great big Christmas in Wheeling.

ANOTHER hopeful man is going to try to publish a great morning newspaper in Washington. Fortunately he is a millionaire. He won't miss it.

It is gravely asked, "Does marriage lessen a man's respect for his wife?" Not necessarily, but it may change the wife's view of things terrestrial.

GENERAL HARRISON is going to stop at the hotels in Washington and give everybody the best office in his gift. How a man spends after he is elected President.

Don't let the youngsters in the Santa Claus secret. That will come soon enough, and when it does come one of the dearest illusions of childhood will have vanished.

It was much better to salute Hayti for giving up the steamer Saxon Republic than to burn more powder blowing her into smithereens. Now we may go ahead and plunge in the Christmas festivities.

A MISTAKE in addition in the columns of the INTELLIGENCER gave McWhorter, Republican nominee for the Supreme Court of Appeals, fewer votes than the voters of the State gave him. The correct vote is as follows: English (Democrat), 78,999; Braunton (Democrat), 78,818; Mason (Republican), 78,306; McWhorter (Republican), 78,230.

The Fun of It. Besides its religious aspect, at once profoundly grave and superlatively joyous, the Christmas time has its side of merriment and pleasure-making without stint. The day is so inseparably a part of the world's greatest religious system, that to overlook its essentially religious character would be to destroy all there is of Christmas.

But Christmas is not a day of severe religious rites and observances, but rather a time for turning loose all the joy and charity, the merriment and the love of which the human heart is capable. It is a time for forgetting and remembering—for forgetting all the cares and annoyances and unpleasant things of life, and remembering all that is good and pure and sweet, all that contributes to human happiness. It is a good time to forget enemies and enemies, to remember friends and friendships, to be glad and to stand about us as much as we can of warm-blooded, good natured merriment.

The older folk will of course be merry with due regard to dignity and decorum, and the little people without regard to either will dash in up to their ears to have all the fun they can. All this is quite in harmony with the true spirit of the day, and the INTELLIGENCER wishes for its readers, young and old, a day brim-full of the fun of the Christmas tide.

Mr. Blaine and the Cabinet. There is a disgusting degree of dough-faced insincerity in the hostile comments on Mr. Blaine and his possible appointment to a position in President Harrison's Cabinet.

Most of the unfavorable comment comes from Democratic and Mugwump newspapers, and a good deal of the remainder finds its way through the columns of these journals. It must be admitted, also, that some active politicians do not desire that Mr. Blaine sit at President Harrison's council table.

It is remarkable that the great masses of the Republican party have not risen up and declared that the whole organization should be destroyed if General Harrison shall invite Mr. Blaine into close confidential relations with him. Remarkable, because if Mr. Blaine were at so great a discount in his party as the Democrats and Mugwumps try to make appear, the masses of the party would certainly know it and tell for the masses are not seeking office and do not stand in fear or dread or any great man's displeasure.

The composition of President Harrison's Cabinet is a matter for him to determine; but surely he will do no violence to the country, to the party or to the properties of the case if he invite Mr. Blaine to accept the most important portfolio in his Cabinet. It must not be forgotten that Mr. Blaine stood so well with the masses of his party four years ago that in the National Convention their representatives rode down the politicians and nominated Mr. Blaine for President; and that only a few months ago the majority of the delegates in the Republican National Convention desired to nominate Mr. Blaine and were with difficulty prevented by himself and his close friends. It is no secret that Mr. Blaine's friends brought about the nomination of General Harrison.

As to Mr. Blaine's service in the recent campaign nothing need be said. He gave to the support of the National ticket all that was in him; but this he always does and his attitude in the re-

cent campaign, however helpful to the party, was not exceptional with Mr. Blaine. If General Harrison shall see fit to select Mr. Blaine the masses who favor Protection will endorse the selection, and this, in connection with General Harrison's own desire, is all that need be considered. If General Harrison shall prefer another course, Mr. Blaine's friends are not the kind of Republicans to go into revolt and break up the Republican party.

THE STORY OF SANTA CLAUS.

Facts of History Concerning a Saint Much Liked Tip with "Chistaknickel."

It is a little singular that we should make connection between the observance of the day of St. Nicholas and that of the Nativity, as we do in letting children labor under the pretty delusion that the gifts which come to them fully three weeks later are the gifts of Santa Claus—a contraction, of course, of St. Nicholas, who has his own day in the first week of December, when he is honored by towns and by nations and by peculiar classes of the population with an honor all his own. It is not yet fifteen years since the boys of one of the leading public schools in England, kept the eye of St. Nicholas with a procession which levied from all passers-by on a certain spot contributions of money in return for a gift of salt, which money was supposed to be applied to the uses of the captain of the band when in the university.

Another mode of procedure in honor of the saint, although different in form, yet having much the same motif, was to be seen until late in the sixteenth century, in the consecration of a boy bishop in the English cathedrals, who until Innocent's Day, some three weeks later, was allowed to spend mock the practices of the real bishop, at first in the serious contrast of childhood and innocence, but at last in a burlesque which caused the whole thing to be done away with. To-day St. Nicholas is the saint receiving most honor at the hands of all the Russians; and he is not only the patron saint of children, but of young women, of schoolboys and sailors. Legend assigns to him many miraculous and many benevolent deeds in behalf of these young women, and owing to them it early became the custom in conventual schools on the European continent to recognize and acknowledge the saint's birthday, in return for which homage he was supposed to deposit in the shoes or the stockings of the young people candies, fruits and gifts of more or less value—an observance which among ourselves has been transferred to another and a subsequent day and date.

The same good St. Nicholas is often pictured with three golden balls on account of his supposed gift of three purses containing gold, silver and copper money; and although the three balls have become also the sign of a pawnbroker, yet the pawnbrokers came from under the reign of Media, whose symbol it was, and who had taken it for their own in remembrance of the generosity of the saint, and the three balls have since, however, in the festival of St. Nicholas observed with such splendor and earnestness in a seaport of the South of Italy, where, in a subterranean building of Saracenic architecture, beneath the superb Church of St. Nicholas, the saint's bones are treasured—a church where, if the King of Italy himself attends, he is a person of less consequence than the prior of the church, who claims to range with the cardinals in the number of his attendants, all with staves and mitres, and all with staves and mitres, and all with staves and mitres.

A novel and interesting part of the ceremonies is seen when the sailors of the port, in memory possibly of some old rite in honor of Neptune, take the saint's image from the care of the canons, bear it through the streets and far out to sea, only returning with it at nightfall, when, with bonfires and rockets and torches, the whole population intoning chants and litanies, they carry it about from shrine to shrine, and at length restore it to its keepers under the late stars with solemn earnestness, and all the while but haltingly and religiously, excitement possible only to the high-spirited Southern temperament. On the whole, St. Nicholas has all his shares of honor, and we think he should scrupulously keep his hands off of the observances and honors and ceremonies that do not belong to him.

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A Wise Boy. "You going to hang up your stocking?" "No, I'm not." "Why not?" "Yes, you are?" "Yes, you expect a gun?" "No, no." "A drum?" "No, no." "A magic box?" "No, no." "What do you expect?" "Nothing. Last year I expected a \$25 tool box and got nothing but a Jack knife. This year I ain't going to expect nothing and maybe I'll get a Texas pony."

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