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GREETING.

Merry Christmas! Forget the troubles, worries and ills of life for the time, and enjoy yourselves and join in the pleasure of others. As with the children, Santa Claus is King, and they his innocent and joyous subjects, giving themselves wholly to joyous merriment with no thought of care, let all rejoice, be of good cheer, seeing only the bright side and the sunshine of life. Be happy yourself and make others happy during the Christmas holidays. You will have fifty-one weeks for worry, struggle, trouble and strife. For one week let there be really "peace on earth," with all its blessings and beneficence, at peace with all the world and yourself in the fullness of heartfelt joy. Merry Christmas, and may you live long to enjoy many more.

WRONG AS USUAL.

The Times, for some unaccountable reason, unless it be its well-known anti-Irish proclivities, persists in referring to prominent Irish-Americans in no respectful or even consistent way in connection with the Mayoralty next year. Several days ago it commended Edward T. Tierney, of the Board of Safety, for the Democratic nomination, and between the lines its purpose to ridicule and cast a slur on him was evident. On Wednesday the Times states that Tierney and his friends are holding secret meetings and planning to have him nominated for Mayor by the Republicans. The manifest ridiculousness of this, Tierney having always been an outspoken and active Democrat, is shown to be only a means of taking a whack at Col. John H. Whallen, who, it is stated by the Times, is placed in an embarrassing fix by the course of Tierney and his friends, because Whallen had pledged his support to Tierney and Booker Reed, as the Republican nominee, hoping that one or both would decline or fail to be nominated, and predicting that Col. Whallen will likely take a trip for his health if both persist in seeking the nomination for Mayor.

Reed is an announced candidate for the Republican nomination, while Tierney emphatically states he has authorized no one to use his name in connection with the Mayoralty. As to Col. Whallen, the Times certainly has not gotten the best of it in its attempts to misrepresent and besmirch him in the past, nor is it likely to do so in the future. That the Times fears Col. Whallen more than any other man in local politics is undoubtedly correct, and believing that he will probably oppose their schemes and candidates, it seeks to belittle and place him in a false position before the public.

Col. Whallen has shown no disposition to pay any attention to the railings and sneers of the Times. He is fully able to take care of himself should he decide to notice it, as he has demonstrated heretofore. Whom Col. Whallen favors or will favor for Mayor on the Democratic, Republican, or any other ticket, we will venture the opinion that the Times does not know, and if he has made up his mind in the matter, many besides Col. Whallen know anything about it.

It is much, however, if Tierney would be a candidate for Mayor, and would be bright prospects for

a union of the factions and Democratic success, but before the latter can be achieved there must be a cessation of tearing of hair and gnashing of teeth in the vicinity of Fourth and Green.

AMAZED AND ANGRY.

The English Government is amazed and the press angry at the anti-English action of the United States in prospect on the Hay-Pauncefote (treaty and Nicaraguan canal. The Government officials discreetly hope the Senate will not heed the "popular clamor and disturb the cordial relations of the two countries," but the press attributes the Senate's course to politics and threatens dire things—that such a thing may lead to war, which must be fought out on the seas, and hints the result by emphasizing that the strongest fleet will win and decide the contest. Uncle Sam is not likely to be frightened. The Americans want that canal, and they want it built, paid for and controlled entirely by Americans. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty will be amended to meet that condition or the canal will not be built by the United States or any other government. The Clayton-Bulwer treaty, having served its purpose and time, must be amended or abrogated; diplomatically and peaceably, if possible, but certainly. The plea that the treaty can not be amended or abrogated without the consent of both parties thereto is sound law, but treaties, like other things, must give way to changed conditions and times; besides a treaty implies friendly justice to both and a willingness for mutual concessions to the benefit of either party thereto. No government, except a weak one unable to protect its interests, will submit to restraint of its inherent rights and privileges simply because a treaty obstructs, and no really friendly government will insist that it shall by refusing to accept a modification or abrogation of such treaty; to do so is certainly not a friendly, but an unfriendly attitude, leaving no other alternative but war if opposition is carried that far. England, however, should be the last to plead the sanctity of treaty; her history of broken treaties with weaker nations is the same record of bad faith, disregard of justice and unfair advantage upheld by force. If dealing with a weaker power she would seize Nicaragua and hold it regardless of all treaties and international right.

GERMANY AROUSED.

A Berlin correspondent, previous to Kruger's arrival in Europe, predicted his snub by the Kaiser, giving as a reason the projected establishment of German colonies in South America, to which he anticipated the protest of the United States as a violation of the Monroe doctrine, and a desire to gain the favor and aid of England, which would have a grievance against the United States on the Nicaraguan canal; and that the united English and German fleets would restrain the United States from effective resistance to the Kaiser's pet scheme of a South American empire. There is a secret treaty between Germany and Great Britain, the terms of which are unknown. Whether or not the correspondent is correct in his surmise as to the purpose, he certainly properly and fully foretold the Kaiser's course toward Kruger. But the Kaiser's action has aroused the people of Germany, as indicated by the pointed

questions of the opposition in Parliament to the Government in reference to it, which the Government representatives seek to explain without giving details, only prompting more inquiry. It seems that the Kaiser's desire for a large appropriation to strengthen the navy, so essential to furthering his pet scheme of conquest, will have strong opposition and may be defeated.

PROGRAMME SWITCHED.

When the British captured Pretoria the English assumed the Boer "revolt" was suppressed. The Transvaal and Orange Free State was officially proclaimed as annexed British provinces; proclamations were issued to the inhabitants to formally recognize and acknowledge the powers that be, and a systematic order of arrests for treason began, followed by trials and summary penalties of death; imprisonment and banishment to the recalcitrant rebels was begun and is still in operation, though just now slightly interfered with by Boer victories; Gen. Roberts was relieved of command and ordered home to receive the reward of his successes by promotion and preparations were making to greet him with a universal national ovation and thanksgiving. But, alas! The clouds have lowered over English glories in South Africa; the Boers are not conquered after all; under De Wet they have defeated the English at every meeting, steadily advanced southward and now are in the British province of Cape Town, menacing the only British seaport, the source of all supplies and communication, with the probability that the Dutch population will revolt and join the Boer forces, in which event the British armies of 225,000 men would be cut off from all hope of relief or supplies, hemmed in and surrounded by a hostile, fearless and revengeful foe, to be slaughtered, starved to death or die of disease. And no word comes from Kitchener, a thousand miles in the interior, at Pretoria. De Wet has eluded or driven before him the nearest British forces. Of the whereabouts or movements of the Boer forces under Gens. Botha, De laarey and others or the fate of the thousands of British troops cut off from the base of supplies nothing is known.

All England is panic stricken and in suspense: as to what news each day will bring. And Gen. Roberts, all unconscious of the change, is nearing home aboard ship. But the programme for his reception has been changed; there will be no ovation, rejoicing and thanksgiving. It has all been indefinitely postponed. He will be only formally received by the Government officials. England is in no mood for rejoicing and thanksgiving.

The Mayoralty bee is buzzing in many bonnets and the politicians are considering the claims and availability of candidates. The party that puts up the best candidate is likely to win, as party lines will not carry an objectionable candidate to victory. Should both parties nominate mere party tools, as now seems probable, an independent candidate of the right character and popular may sweep the platter and bust both slates. It is this last possibility that is worrying the politicians of both parties more than their fear of each other. The Louisville people have a record for acting peculiar in Mayoralty elections to the discomfiture of politicians, regardless of the political party majority at other elections. They seem to vote for the man rather than party for that office.

The Louisville Typographical Union has one member in the Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, Col. John Lillis, totally blind. Though he has been there for several years and is provided with every necessity, the "boys" do not forget him, frequently sending him mementos. Last week a voluntary subscription was taken up and sent to Lillis with a wish for a merry Christmas.

The Duke of Manchester is en-

joying his wedding tour in this country on a special train at his papa-in-law's expense. He is accompanied by the bride, his St. Bernard dog and valets. The bride is ogled by the curious, the dog admired, the valets ridiculed, and the Duke snubbed by the blabsted h'Americans.

Should Representative Hopkins' Congressional apportionment bill become a law Kentucky will lose one seat. The bill will be stubbornly fought by the members of the States that are affected thereby. They are Maine, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Nebraska, South Carolina and Virginia.

That was certainly a crazy bill to amend the Louisville charter on tax levies which Representative Charlton put through the Legislature, but we protest that it is unjust to condemn Charlton as its author; all his friends know that such a bill is beyond his ken.

The Duke of Manchester has given the press an article on "Why I Married an American Girl." His Lawship might have saved space and made it more to the point by stating it thus: \$ \$ \$ \$ \$!

ONE WORD.

One word of heedless, idle chaff Will bid us merry be and laugh; A single word can make us glad, Another still, depressed and sad. A little word can bring heartache. Oft, oft, indeed, a heart can break.

One word oft times can make us see Right through the dire perplexity; Can quickly settle long dispute, The blackest calumny refute; One word may seal a nation's fate, Allotment change a whole estate.

A word, aye, one, can mischief brew, Cause pain and anguish to ensue; One word can sharply criticize, Severely, bitterly, chastise. One timely word may warning bring, Another plant a deathless sting.

One word may doubly give assurance, Unknowingly prolong endurance; One word may lighten, cheer and bless The darkest hour of dark distress; Urge on the drooping, fainting soul, At any cost, to win the goal.

A word may oft estrange friends fond, Of trembling slave undo the bond; One word may faith and honor kill, Dreams of a lifetime blight and chill; One whispered word may be a prayer, A sobbing cry of grief and care.

A word may gently backward swing The gates of memory and bring Dear days and years when skies were blue, And clouds afar, afar and few; A word may wondrous love confess, A thousand new-born hopes express.

KATHLEEN KAVANAGH.

MAN IS A WONDERFUL MACHINE. The framework of the house in which we live is made up of 206 bones.

To perform the usual movements in our daily life these 206 bones are acted upon by 522 voluntary muscles.

In a normal head of hair there are 250,000 hairs. The brain and spinal cord have 3,000,000 nerve cells.

In the average man there are 22,500,000,000 red blood cells and 53,000,000 white cells.

A German writer says there are, all told, 26,500,000,000 cells in the adult human body.

The heart dispenses blessings to the bones, nerves, muscles and organs through nearly 1,000 arteries. The arterioles and capillaries are innumerable.

Life is action. The nervous system makes action possible. The nerves are the avenues to the soul. There are more than six hundred nerves engaged in carrying messages to or from the brain and the spinal chord. Thousands of sympathetic nerves are kept busy at the same work.

The skin of an adult man spread out on a smooth surface would cover over 15 square feet. There are 2,500,000 sweat glands in the skin. These glands empty their secretions upon the skin through a spiral channel.

In the palm of the hand there are 2,500 pores to the square inch. If these pores were united end to end they would make a sewer nearly five miles long.

FEW CHRISTMAS FACTS.

Bread baked on Christmas Eve is supposed never to become mouldy. According to an old superstition, on the night before Christmas day no evil influences have power over man. Mince pies were popular under the name of mutton pies as early as 1596. They were also called Christmas pies. The tradition of keeping up Christmas with particular heartiness prevails most in Germany and England. This is doubtless due to the fact that the great feast of the old pagan Saxons coincided with Christmas. In several parts of Oxfordshire, England, it was the custom at Christmas for the maid servant to ask the man servant for ivy to decorate the house. If he refused he was debarred from the privilege of the mistletoe. To skim a sauce the expert cook will draw the sauce pan to the side of the fire to stop the boiling and add a teaspoonful of cold water, which promptly causes the grease to rise.

ARIZONA SOCIALS.

Young Men of the West End Organize Another Club.

The Arizona Club, recently organized for social purposes, will give its first social and reception to its members and their friends next Monday night at their club rooms, 1517 Portland avenue. This week a new pool table was added for the amusement of the members. These young men, quite a number of whom are excellent musicians, have formed an orchestra for the club's use, and will hereafter contribute much to the enjoyment of these social affairs.

Though not quite two months old the membership has increased rapidly and now has a firm foothold among the young people of the northern and western sections of the city. The present officers are as follows: President—J. Bud Richie. Vice President—Will Weber. Secretary-Treasurer—James Moore.

THEATRICALS.

The management of the Temple are sparing no expense in their efforts to afford the amusement loving public full value for their money. Not only is the stock company producing high class plays in a creditable manner, but it is



OSCAR EAGLE.

His photograph will be given to ladies at the Temple Theater Monday.

now announced that for Christmas week such well-known vaudeville stars as Louise Willis Hepner and George Austin Moore will entertain the audiences at this theater between the acts. This means that the Temple will be packed to the doors every day next week, for vaudeville stars like Miss Hepner and Moore are not to be had at "any old price." Miss Hepner is just back from a triumphal tour through Australia. She is booked to appear in all the big cities of this country, as she did last year, but by special arrangement with the Vaudeville Syndicate the management of the Temple was able to secure her services for Christmas week. George Austin Moore, who will also do a vaudeville turn, is probably the funniest man ever seen on the stage in this country. In addition to these attractions the stock company will present that superb comedy-drama, "Devil's Mine." It will be well for patrons of the Temple to remember that the curtain will rise promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at night at 8 o'clock. Daily matinees will be given throughout Christmas week.

The "Imperial Burlesquers" is the selection for Christmas week at the Buckingham Theater. This show made a big hit in Louisville last season. In fact the great success of the company caused Manager Williams to add many expensive novelties to the already gigantic company. The young manager is a believer in having every thing up-to-date, consequently he has had a complete new set of music written for the two burlettas. A new set of costumes, new scenery and new electric effects have also been added. The two burlesques, "On the Beach" and "McNally's Reception," are the titles of the burlettas and they introduce about the swiftest set of people ever seen at this theater. The burlesques are really funny, a word that can seldom be applied to the heart-breaking attempts at this style of shows that usually precede and follow the regular specialty acts on the programme. These skits are funny because there is some semblance in the general madness and just enough thread of a plot to give it interest. The curtain-raiser is termed "On the Beach." It is a hilarious affair, with an abundance of song, dance, witticism and general jollification. The first part will be followed by an olio of vaudeville "turns." The finish is a burlesque named "McNally's Reception." It is up-to-date all the way through and introduces the tire company.

It is conceded that Hugh Morton never wrote brighter lines nor did Gustave Kerker ever evolve more beautiful music than are to be found in "The Telephone Girl," the familiar come-ly which is to open a week's engagement at the Avenue Theater Sunday afternoon. For this season an entirely new cast has been engaged, but in no wise a less expensive one. To make a New York Casino attraction go, clever people must interpret it. Although it is to be presented at popular prices, the entertainment, it is said, is just as costly as was before.

GINGERBREAD A BAROMETER.

In the rural regions of Maine the people waste no money in buying barometers. They put a piece of gingerbread out at the door and know when the gingerbread is moist and pliable that rain may be expected and when it becomes crisp that a dry spell is coming. As for thermometers, they say: "What's the good of them—any fool knows it's hot or cold."

For tired feet put a handful of common salt into a gallon of hot water. Place the feet in the water while it is as hot as it can be borne. Then rub the feet dry with a rough towel.

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