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SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 23, 1916.

TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

THE announcement made yesterday by the Monongah glass company, one of the leading industries of the city and the largest manufacturer of blown glass tumblers in the world, that they would distribute to their employees, life insurance policies aggregating the sum of half a million dollars as a Christmas gift, was greatly appreciated by the entire working force of the company. This action is another forward step taken by this company in the protection of its employees and demonstrates forcibly the cooperation of employer and employee and also the keen interest manifested by the officials of the plant in the welfare of the men and women employed at this factory.

The announcement following so closely upon the announcement made yesterday by the Owens Bottle Machine company, another mammoth industrial concern, that it would distribute the sum of \$20,000 among its employees as a Christmas gift, places Fairmont's leading industries in the rank with other progressive concerns all over the world, which in the face of unusual prosperity have seen fit to permit their employees to share also in this financial prosperity. The policy issued by the Monongah company protects the holder to the amount of one year's salary within a maximum of \$2,500. The gift came as a surprise to the employees, but nevertheless was greatly appreciated.

OUR SOLEMN SUPREME COURT.

SOME time along in January or February—or maybe January or February, 1918—the United States Supreme Court will hear a "reargument" of the Oregon minimum wage case. So many justices of the Supreme Court have died or run for the presidency, or something, that there are not enough of the original bunch left to decide the case! The case was first argued about two years ago. At that time Louis D. Brandeis was the counsel who argued the case from the standpoint of the workingwomen whom it affects.

Out in Oregon the people decided that women—and especially mothers—ought not to be exploited beyond a certain point. The minimum wage commission fixed a rate of \$8.64 as a living wage for women employed in a paper

box factory. The factory appealed to the courts. It said the rate was "confiscatory," and that it would be put out of business. The case went through all the Oregon courts. Then it came to the Supreme Court. That was more than two years ago. (In the meantime the box factory has paid the minimum wage to all its woman employees for two years and has doubled its factory and output—but that hasn't anything to do with the story.)

Now the Supreme Court wants to have the case reargued. In the meantime Louis D. Brandeis, the man who knows more about the case than anybody in the United States, has been appointed to the Supreme Court. So, when the case is reargued, Mr. Brandeis will go to the robing room of the Supreme Court, in company with the other eight justices, put on his black gown, march solemnly up onto the bench, take his seat, and sit still for about a minute. Then he will solemnly rise, walk down from the bench, ostentatiously proceed down the center aisle, out into the capital corridor, back to the robing room, and take off his silk gown. After which he may go to lunch or to play golf, or do anything he likes so long as he doesn't show his nose around the court while the case is being reargued.

It would be so very, entirely, preposterously improper for the man who knows most about the case in the United States to have anything to do about deciding it. He might be prejudiced in favor of those poor, callous-fingered Oregon women!

It's gonna be funny—watch for it.

A MIGHTY COLUMN CRASHES.

MAN'S aging is marked by his tragedies. We have grown older the past few days. Time was when we awaited the arrival of the New York papers solely to gloat over the column in which the Tribune's "F. P. A." pricked his and our contemporaries for their little errors.

Picture our chagrin on finding our idol kidding us. Chart our amazement on learning he was kidding us for this:

"Orphaned early, he went with his mother to live with an uncle named George. The best English usage, however, is still Lloyd George, without the hyphen."

"Speaking of the best English usage—" chortles F. P. A., and changes the subject.

We have considered this chortle deeply. We have read the Tribune column upside down, and inside out. We have searched F. P. A.'s jibe for a hidden acoustic. Regrettably, we have come to the belief that the champion column conductor's plight resembles that of the western editor who accused us of inventing the word "postliminary."

This advice, then, we offer gratis to critical editors, and colym conductors:

Never ignore the dictionary; and look before you leap.

It's never too late to do your Christmas swapping.

Is Villa elusive? Or are his pursuers elusive?

"No man can tell the truth for an hour," says Willie Collier. Nope; some woman always interrupts.

It's a wise Tom and Jerry that knows its egg.

We understand now why von Bethmann-Hollweg is so funny. He looks like Bernard Shaw.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Portions of egg dangling from the chin or decorating the waistcoat are no longer signs of carelessness in eating, but are indisputable proof that the wearer is the possessor of much poultry or great riches.—Parkersburg News.

"Swearing off" on New Year's will be one of the usual anomalies of the "dry" sectors.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

Speaking of the nation's problems, what will the Wilson congress do with the three hundred million-dollar deficit?—Charleston Mail.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



THIS IS ABOUT AS FAR AS YOU'LL GET WITH YOUR FOOTBALL TACTICS! THIS PRACTICE OF BOLTING THROUGH A CROWD IS BAD STUFF!!



Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

WILSON'S PEACE PLEA

From the Wheeling Intelligencer.

Anything out of the casual will startle financial centers these days. The diplomatic world is in such a nervous state that an extra sneeze of any of the ambassadors will make all jump. President Wilson's note to the belligerents and the neutrals suggesting that peace would be a very good thing just now has been dramatically described as "a bolt out of the blue." The note reads of no special import, as it conveys nothing but what the belligerents already know, that the United States is tired of having its dog kicked 'round.

However if the action of President Wilson, concededly unexpected, will inspire in any way to bring the belligerents together in a more conciliatory spirit than they now hold to, there can be no doubt that such progress will have been made towards a cessation of hostilities and the dawn of a permanent peace. Let us hope so.

We are told that the President's main purpose in dispatching his plea for peace was to put the United States in a position to prevent it from being involved in war. That fear can readily be understood, but it is a situation that the President is more or less to blame for. If "strict accountability" had been given as deep a meaning as it was sonorous in sound perhaps there would have been less likelihood of the constant progression of those acts whose cumulative effects have become a constant provocation to the American spirit.

As the aspiring President of Humanity Mr. Wilson has performed an act consistent with his professions. As the President of the United States he has projected a proposition of doubtful wisdom at this delicate period of European developments.

BOOT THE BOOTLEGGERS

From the Charleston Mail.

Effective prohibition is a fine thing for public morals and for public economy and industry. But prohibition that fails to prohibit is an abomination. To the offense of public drunkenness is added the crime of buying and selling liquor.

The bootlegger is king in Charleston today. His subjects—or rather, his victims—are numbered by hundreds. There are certain places in this town where it is possible to buy liquor for the asking; while the itinerant vendors seem to be multiplying in numbers.

Where is the vaunted suppression of the liquor traffic in this city and county?

RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

"Fire started on account of frozen water plug." The morning Lip says the West Virginian is guilty of saying the above.

Shows that Journalism schools fail to teach some people how to read and learn. It must be taught them through tears and such like.

"Distribution work on in full sway."—The Times. This refers to it's Christmas fund; the one clean thing about the paper.

Wonder what the young child said concerning reports of sick people that were in the paper a week ago.

We notice however, that whenever some duck is stuck the morning sheet says so for 15 mornings in succession.

But here's some of this morning's news which the West Virginian published yesterday: Mascenic home in Wichita burns. Harker funeral notice yesterday. And in order to fill up the quote scripture.

Fairmont: High has at least a better team than Kingwood.

One month ago today we read the

story printed in The Times this morning concerning Jim Corbett being made champion.

Wish the morning news hereabouts would be new stuff.

We're tempted to say that we'd give \$13 for a corrected schedule for West Virginia university next year.

All of them seem to be different.

Speaking of the Christmas spirit—the ghost walks today.

And as soon as his ephemeral highness walks he will be gone—all having been used up in requests to lay articles aside until payday.

But how can it be when all the news sent here to The Times is from William Randolph Hearst, the man that even the fighting armies could not stand.

He had so much they kicked the International News out of England.

But The Times prints news with London date lines on it that was written in Park Row.

And the same news service was ousted from Canada.

While the Associated Press stretches around the world.

Harry Stansbury must have been born under a benefic planet.

Because he did not have to take his bride to Buckhannon to live.

The West Virginian printed a "Personal" a week ago that The Times copied this morning. It was four days old when The West Virginian used it.

The Monongahela river ice was said yesterday to be beautiful.

We'll take your word for it rather than walk down Madison street.

TOBACCO LAND IS NOW BATTLE FIELD

Cigarette Turkish and Egyptian Leaf Prices Break All Records.

VOLO, Thessaly, Dec. 23.—The occupation of Cavalla by the Bulgarians and the consequent turning of the richest tobacco land in the world into a field of battle has been the making of the growers of the tobaccos of inferior grade in Thessaly and the Peloponnese. American tobacco firms have hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of tobacco stored in Serres and Cavalla. But the whole coast of Eastern Macedonia is under the blockade of the French fleet and there is no way to get the tobacco out. As a result the previously despised product of old Greece has mounted in price beyond the wildest dreams of the Thessalians.

VOlo is the port of Thessaly and the tobacco buyers from Egypt, England, Holland and the United States have flocked here to purchase the year's crops. The market is so upset that old differences of a few cents no longer obtain. It is impossible to predict the prices to be paid—all depend on how short certain cigarette manufacturers are of the kind of tobacco they have always purchased in Greece for their blends. Argos leaf that used to sell at 4.5 cents a pound now commands a price of 42.14 cents. The tobacco from Karditsa used to bring only 7.14 cents per pound; now it sells as high as 70 cents. Policastro was formerly quoted at 25 cents; it now brings 60 cents. Almiras that a year ago was worth 28.6 cents now brings 53.6.

Even in Greece, where the consumers are not very particular about their tobacco, the prices of all cigarettes have raised, a packet of 28 cigarettes which previously sold at 14 cents now costing 15 cents, and others in proportion.

The operations in tobacco, particular-

The Christmas Candy Store Our Basement Store

Mixed Candy, Hard Candy, Fudges—All Flavors, 12 ounces for 10c.

- Chocolates—pound 17c.
- Assorted Chocolates—pound 22c.
- English Walnuts—pound 23c.
- Filberts—pound 23c.
- Brazille Nuts—pound 23c.
- Soft Shell Almonds—pound 25c.
- Oranges—dozen 30c, 40c, 50c.
- Malaga Grapes—pound 20c.
- Cocoanuts—each 8c and 10c.
- Grape Fruit—each 10c.
- Candied Glazed Cherries—15c.
- Candied Glazed Pineapple—box 15c.
- Cranberries—extra good, 12 1/2c.
- Split, Skinless, Preserved Figs, 10c.

Also Groceries at Lower Prices.

We thank our friends for their generous patronage and extend to all the compliments of the season.



ly by American firms, whose telegrams and letters to their agents in Greece are delayed by censors of one sort and another, are often more in the nature of gambling on account of these delays. An American firm recently called its agent at Volo, in reply to an inquiry about the purchase of a certain tobacco stock: "Buy it if it can be secured at 6 1/2 cents." The message arrived: "Buy it," quite simply. The agent bought at the then price, 12 cents, causing his firm a loss in the tens of thousands of dollars, due to the censoring of the message. Tobacco agents here state that incidents of this nature are frequent.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Claude E. Goodwin, Pastor.

Sunday school at nine-thirty. The teachers will complete their plans for the White Gifts for the King service to be held at five o'clock Sunday evening. You are asked to help make this a big school. More will be said about the "White Gifts" at this service. Public worship and sermon at 10:45. Subject of sermon, "Endowing the Christ." This will be in keeping with White Gifts for the King. Plan to be present at this service. White Gifts for the King service will be held at five o'clock. This will be the Christmas program of the Sunday school. This promises to be a most interesting service. A service of song at 7:30. At this time the choir will render a Christmas cantata entitled "The Christmas Story." You will enjoy this service—a very fitting close to the day's work.

TRINITY M. E. CHURCH.

Austin Wilson, Pastor.

10:30 a. m., Junior League, topic, "Our Example;" 11:00 a. m., divine worship, subject, "The King's Reception;" 3:00 p. m., Sunday school. A rehearsal of the Christmas program will be held after Sunday school, 7:00 p. m., Epworth League, topic, "The First Christmas Circle and Ours;" 8:00 p. m., Evening worship, subject, "The King's Counsel." Monday, 6:00 a. m., the annual Christmas services will be held at this hour. Monday, 8:00 p. m., the Christmas program will be rendered by the Sunday school. Wednesday, 8:00 p. m., Prayer and class meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services in the Y. M. C. A.

H. G. Stoetter, D. D., Minister.

All are urged to make a special effort to attend the Christmas services tomorrow morning, afternoon and night. Bible school, 9:30 a. m., Mr. J. Walter Barnes, superintendent. Classes for all ages. Morning service, 10:45 o'clock. There will be special music by the choir, and a sermon by the pastor of the church on "The Birth and the Purpose of Jesus Christ in the World." At 2:30 p. m. there will be rendered by the Sabbath school a beautiful cantata, entitled "The Christmas Child." This is based upon a medieval Christmas story, by Hugh T. Kerr, D. D. This cantata will be followed by the usual Christmas gift to the scholars of the school. The Christian Endeavor Society will meet at 6:30 p. m., topic, "Helping the Coming of Christ's Kingdom." John 10:1-16. Evening service, 7:30. The entire evening will be devoted to a service of song, consisting of solos, duets, trios, quartettes, the detailed program is printed elsewhere. Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

M. P. TEMPLE.

J. C. Broomfield, D. D., Pastor.

In keeping with our annual custom, a good musical program will be rendered tomorrow. The following numbers will be given: Anthem, "Christmas, Christmas." Denmore; carol, "Good King Wenceslas." Old English; solo, "Jesus Song;" Hiltch, Miss Herndon; anthem, "Break Forth into Joy;" Corlidge Taylor; anthem, "Behold the Heavens Were Spread Broad." Parker; quartette, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." Camp; carols, "The First Nowell." Old English; "Silent Night." Haydn; anthem, "Calm on the Listening Ear." H. W. Parker. The above program will be divided between the morning and evening services. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The annual treat will be distributed, and an offering received for the orphan in our Children's Home at High Point, N. C. Morning worship at 10:45 with brief sermon on "The Message the Angels Brought at Christmas." Christian Endeavor at 6:30, led by Miss Pearl Morris. Evening worship at 7:30, with special music. Subject of sermon, "The Shepherd's Response." A cordial welcome awaits you.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

W. J. Eddy, Pastor.

We have the promise of a good day tomorrow. The Sunday school will

make their service in the place of the regular morning service. A fine program for the "White Gift for the King." Songs, recitations, gifts, selections by the choir and address by the pastor will make up the services beginning at 10:45. The Sunday school session will be at 9:30 as usual. The gifts will be of food, clothing, coal, money and self. 2:00, Sunday school Riverdale, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Curry will render assistance in this school. 2:00, Junior B. Y. P. U. 6:30, Senior B. Y. P. U., Mr. L. G. Roop, leader. The evening service will be principally of song by the choir. Fine choice selections will be rendered by the choir. The pastor will speak about what Christ had to say about giving of self. The public is cordially invited.

ADDITIONAL CHURCH NEWS ON PAGE 7.

FAIRVIEW.

Mrs. Frances Shroder and Mrs. Ada Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Austin were at Fairmont shopping Thursday.

Lester Tennant, of Wesleyan university, Buckhannon, has returned home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knode and son, William Knode, Jr., were at Fairmont shopping Friday.

Miss Florence Hogue, of Wesleyan university, Buckhannon, is at home spending the holidays.

Mrs. Wright and sister, Miss Margaret Chaffin, were at Fairmont shopping Friday afternoon.

Miss Alice Martin has gone to Parkersburg to spend the holidays.

Miss Ella Myers, Margaret McCray, Lonnie Haught, Minnie Powell were at Fairmont shopping Friday.

A. L. B. Dudley, of Fairmont, was a business visitor here Friday.

Mr. Bartlett, high school teacher, is spending the holidays at his home at Fairmont.

C. O. Whit, John Sutton, Fred Burns and Albert Ammons, Jr., were Fairmont visitors Friday.

Prof. Boyles of the Fairview High school, will spend the holidays at his home at Philip.

Miss Lonelle Rex is spending the holidays with her parents at Littleton.

Miss Goldie Sheets, of the Fairview High school, will spend the holidays at her home at Morgantown.

Miss Snyder, Fairview High school teacher, will spend the holidays at her home at Fairmont.

Miss Gustie Straight, of Fairmont, was shopping here Friday.

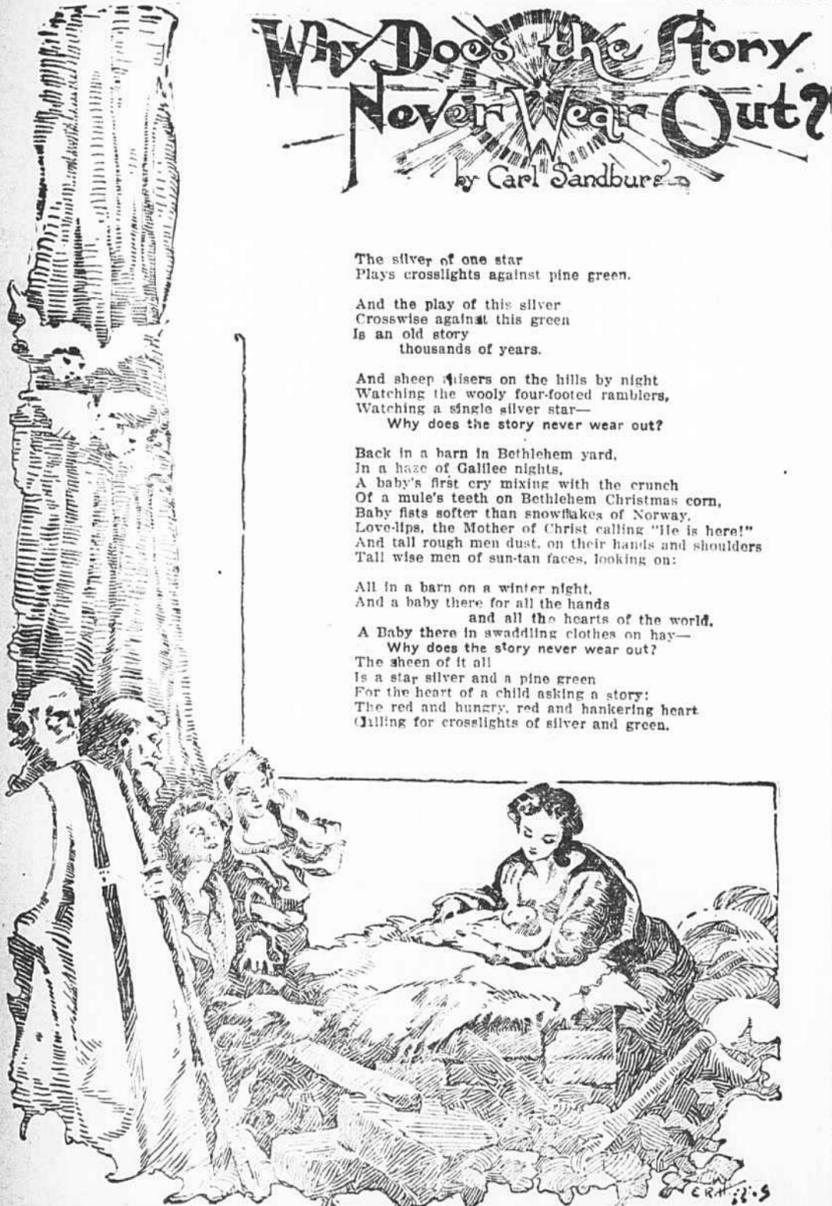
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Laxative
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Diamond Brand Pills
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

A Merry Christmas Wish From Crane

We want to extend to every one the heartiest Christmas greeting. We trust that you have taken advantage of our Christmas Service and our Xmas offerings and that in whatever way we have served you, that you are highly pleased. May your holidays be fraught with good cheer and happiness and perfect contentment and may the New Year hold for you a promise of many good things, and the fulfillment of your desires. Again, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CRANE'S Drug Store



Why Does the Story Never Wear Out?

The silver of one star
Plays crosslights against pine green.

And the play of this silver
Crosswise against this green
Is an old story
Thousands of years.

And sheep misers on the hills by night
Watching the woolly four-footed ramblers,
Watching a single silver star—
Why does the story never wear out?

Back in a barn in Bethlehem yard,
In a haze of Galilee nights,
A baby's first cry mixing with the crunch
Of a mule's teeth on Bethlehem Christmas corn,
Baby flats softer than snowflakes of Norway,
Love-lips, the Mother of Christ calling "He is here!"
And tall rough men dust, on their hands and shoulders
Tall wise men of sun-tan faces, looking on:

All in a barn on a winter night,
And a baby there for all the hands
and all the hearts of the world,
A baby there in swaddling clothes on hay—
Why does the story never wear out?
The sheen of it all
Is a star silver and a pine green
For the heart of a child asking a story:
The red and hungry, red and hankering heart
Jingling for crosslights of silver and green.

