



## Merry Christmas!

The Spirit of Christmas is making itself felt in this Christian land of ours.

Men, women and children are giving thought to plans for making others happy on Christmas Day.

Some will make costly gifts; some will give little remembrances, inexpensive, but rich in genuine Good Will; some will send written messages of loving thoughts; and many, very many will send the spoken word over the Telephone lines.

While homes resound with Christmas merriment and the very atmosphere is charged with Good Will to Men, the Telephone Operator will be at her lonely post, connecting the lines that will carry glad voices to distant friends. Her duty is to serve, and right gladly does she perform her tasks, even while others are making festive holiday.

And you who use the Telephone on Christmas Day will detect in the operator's cheery "Number please," the notes of the "Merry Christmas" which we wish for all our patrons.

The  
**Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company**



In the Probate Court of Bingham County, State of Idaho.

In the Matter of the estate of Selina Stout, deceased. No. 423.

Notice is hereby given, by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Selina Stout, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit such claims, with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice to the adminis-

trator at the office of Ralph W. Adair, attorney at law, in the court house, at Blackfoot, Bingham county, Idaho, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Selina Stout.

**W. H. CURTIS,**  
Administrator of the estate of Selina Stout.  
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### RETURNING OF OUR SOLDIERS.

The Idaho troops left Nogales, Arizona, last Monday, the 18th, according to present advices, and operating on the regular schedule, should reach Boise on the afternoon of December 22. This doubtless means that the returning boys will go through Pocatello tonight, Thursday, if the schedule is maintained. It is reasonable to assume, however, that there will be sufficient delay to bring the boys into Pocatello during the morning of the 22nd.

A letter to the tribune from D. F. Spencer, general passenger agent of the Short Line, states that the advices given out by the company and others a week ago are changed by reason of the fact that the Idaho boys will be sent home instead of being mustered out at Salt Lake, Idaho factors having become active in bringing pressure to bear at Washington.

It was thought that the boys would return in company with the Utah battery and all would be mustered out together at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake, but the dope sheet got mixed.

In view of the fact that the Idaho troops will be mustered out of service at the Boise barracks, the Short Line will put on excursion rates or a special, if necessary, to accommodate friends, relatives and others of sufficient number who may desire to go to Boise at the time the boys are relieved of duty, which will require several days after their arrival. Tickets will be available from the 19th to 25th, inclusive, with return limit of January 3rd, which should fill the bill, and holiday rates will prevail.

We tender you our good will and best wishes. Our purse isn't worth having.

The more we read of the war the less we believe of what we read. It has produced some stubborn fighters and some ungodly liars.

When the high cost of living becomes unbearable we can roll over and die.

### SUFFERERS FROM INDIGESTION RELIEVED

"Before taking Chamberlain's Tablets my husband suffered for several years from indigestion, causing him to have pains in the stomach and distress after eating. Chamberlain's Tablets relieved him of these spells right away," writes Mrs. Thomas Casey, Geneva, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere.

### THE SPIRIT OF THE DAWNING.

In the morning gray and ghostly,  
Ere the lordly king of day,  
Folds his robe and dons his helmet,  
Guards his armor burnished bright,  
Comes the spirit of the dawning,  
Softly creeping from the night,  
Creeping, creeping, never sleeping,  
Mystery struggling toward the light.

'Tis a soul untutored rising,  
Worlds may wax and planets pale;  
Seas remove and mountains quiver,  
But the soul once born can never  
Cease its onward march, or sever  
Links that bind it to its giver,  
And the living deathless spirit,  
Groping, struggles onward to the light.

Ah, the uplift and the heart throb,  
When the morning conquers night;  
And the creeping stealthy temper,  
Sees its armies put to flight.  
Nor can darkness dwell in sunlight,  
Gone are all the tents of sin,  
And the silent, sleeping memory,  
Wakes to battle ere the night.

And the cause is never hopeless,  
Oft the fight is only won;  
As the sunlight fades to darkness,  
And the day is nearly done.  
Then awake to joy and gladness,  
Oh ye hearts now sore distressed;  
For the sunlight scatters shadows,  
And the morning follows night.

### THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT.

Reports from Washington indicate that nation-wide prohibition will have an inning in congress in the near future, though possibly not at this session. The anti-saloon element is endeavoring to secure an amendment to the constitution of the United States forbidding the manufacture and sale of liquor of all kinds in this country.

If this measure ever comes to a vote in congress it is quite likely to carry, for the reason that there now are 23 states out of 48 that have voted to go dry, and it is said to be likely that the legislatures in Utah and Florida will pass prohibition acts this winter.

In the states that are wet and in which local option prevails there are very large sections of them that have voted out liquor.

In order to submit a constitutional amendment it is necessary to obtain a vote of two-thirds of both houses of congress, and under present conditions it looks as though this might be possible, but this would not end the matter, for were this done the legislatures of three-fourths of the states of the union must ratify the action of congress.

It is very questionable whether this majority of the states could be obtained in the immediate future, and in any event it would take some time for all of these legislatures to act.

Most old-time Democrats are opposed to the adoption of constitutional amendments seeking to regulate things of this kind, such as prohibition and woman suffrage, for the reason that it is an invasion of the rights of the several states to decide these matters for themselves.

The south today, with the exception of Texas, Louisiana, Kentucky and Florida, is entirely dry, but whether the congressmen and the people of those states would vote to force prohibition upon commonwealths which are now wet and do not desire to change their condition is something of a question, a sit seems to be contrary to one of the leading tenets of Democratic faith, which holds that the states themselves have a right to home rule and to decide all questions of this character.

In considering this matter, however, it is necessary to take into account the general disposition of human nature, which makes one person desire that others shall submit to the same regulations which he has to obey.

In principle it hardly seems right that one state shall be able to make its neighbor do something which it does not want to do, but this is what the ratification of this constitutional amendment would result in bringing about.—Butte Miner.

### HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE COURSE.

The second number will be the Ex-Congressman Adam Bede, who won fame in the lower house of the U. S. congress as a humorist and a debater. Later on he traveled over the country in chautauqua work, debating with the Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, Mr. Sidel. This number alone should be worth the price of a season ticket.

The following month the Fairchild Ladies quartet will appear. They give a program of vocal, instrumental solos, violin, cello, numbers, readings, whistling quartet work as well as ensemble numbers of all sorts. They are one of the strong numbers of the Redpath company.

The final number will be given by the famous Sauranoffs, from the Conservatory of Music of St. Petersburg, Russia. They give musical numbers in costumes and recite the folk lore of the Russian people.

This makes up a program par excellent. The tickets are now on sale. The price is the same as former years, and the arrangements are the same as to use of tickets. One number each month during the winter season. Telephone for tickets.

### WILL AMERICA REDEEM MEXICO?

Now that the election is over and Mr. Wilson has been entrusted with the reins of government for another four years, there is one piece of work that will forcibly demand his attention, and that is the pacification of Mexico.

We are all aware that the Mexican problem presents great difficulties, view it from whatever angle we may. But they are difficulties that may be overcome, and as time goes on it becomes more and more apparent that it is up to the United States to overcome them.

The truth of the whole matter is that Mexico is suffering from the same misrule from which we freed Cuba—the decadent Spanish rule.

Mexico is a republic only in name. Not the first principle of popular rule has ever prevailed in that country. The forces that have always controlled her destiny have been those bequeathed by Spain. With misrule and oppression on the one hand, and sullen hatred and resentment on the other, it is small wonder that she has been in a perpetual state of unrest and turbulence.

President Diaz was the only ruler in her history who ever maintained a semblance of order, and he did so solely by the use of the mailed hand. Since his day poor Mexico has seen naught but anarchy. Anarchy prevails there today—anarchy and wholesale brigandage.

Argue as we may against the idea of intervention, the fact is daily becoming more apparent that it is the only solution. That enlightened America should sit idly by and make no effort to remedy the intolerable state of affairs prevailing there, is inconceivable. Mexico is a blot on the western civilization, and only western civilization can erase that blot.

Of course every American wishes that the redemption of Mexico may be accomplished by peaceable means if possible. But the progress being made in that direction appears to the average mind as negligible. The matter seems no nearer a solution today than it did 50 years ago.

From the days of President Buchanan until today, every president has had the same difficulties to contend with there. Each has had his vexing "Mexican question," and it is remarkable how similar have been the circumstances that each has had to face.

Not only the present generation, but the unborn generations of the future of that unhappy land, demand of us that we confer upon them some of the blessings that forefathers bequeathed upon us.

Twenty years ago Cuba was in as pitiable condition as Mexico is today. We have remade Cuba and rehabilitated her, and today she is enjoying that peace and prosperity which her natural advantages merit.

We can do the same for unhappy Mexico. We should do the same for her. But, will we do it?

### COUGH MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

The Lord knows us as we are. But fortunately there is but one Lord.

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The difficulty between the railroads and their men is not yet settled, but the calm and reasonable attitude of the two parties towards each other strengthens the hope that the trouble may be settled in the near future and without any break in the relations. Most likely, as with most such matters, a settlement may come through a compromise. That is the way difficulties are now generally settled in the English-speaking world.

This town is going to improve not by its citizens being content with past achievements or present conditions; not even by a mere wishing for improvement, for wishing and wounding by themselves never accomplish anything. Good as the town, there is need for progress along various lines, and the way to bring this about is by an earnest, wise and concerted action. It is a real patriotic duty.

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**How Santa Claus Solved His Problem**

Santa Claus sat dozing  
By his fire the other night,  
A wondering what to do  
In his extraordinary plight.  
A pile of letters at his side  
The cause of his dismay,  
For each one asked for something  
"Up-to-date in every way."

Old Santa fell asleep,  
But he awakened with a start;  
He knew NOW what to scatter  
And he quickly did his part.  
His pack was filled on Christmas Eve  
With—what do you suppose?  
Why, toasters, percolators,  
And a cleaner of one's clothes.

There were curlers for the hair,  
And a wooly warming pad,  
And many other useful  
Things ELECTRIC, Santa had;  
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So make your gifts ELECTRICAL  
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