

# NORTHWEST STATES

## WASHINGTON, IDAHO, OREGON AND MONTANA ITEMS.

**A Few Interesting Items Gathered From Our Exchanges of the Surrounding Country—Numerous Accidents and Personal Events Take Place—Crop Outlook Is Good.**

### WASHINGTON STATE NEWS.

Tacoma flour mills have advanced the price of bran and shorts \$1 a ton. The next convention of the Washington State Federation of Labor will be held at Tacoma January 8.

Attributing the loss to the inability or unwillingness of the railroads to supply cars, C. E. Nosler, local manager for the Bialock Fruit company at Walla Walla, declared that that concern had suffered a loss of between \$18,000 and \$20,000 during the season past.

Francis B. Clarke has been appointed president of the Portland & Seattle railroad.

The citizens of Rosalia are gratified to find that the flow of water which had been struck in the Rosalia Water company's well stands the test. Water is being pumped at the rate of 100,000 gallons a day without reducing the flow.

Representative wheat dealers, shippers and exporters of the Pacific northwest went on record before the state railroad commission Saturday as unalterably opposed to the agitation and proposal to handle the wheat crop of the state in bulk instead of in sacks.

Prosecuting Attorney Rowlands of Tacoma announces his intention of ordering all Tacoma theaters to close Sundays, beginning December 22.

Edward Spencer of Spokane, the revoking of whose conditional pardon by Governor Mead was recently sustained by the supreme court, was incarcerated in the penitentiary Saturday.

Spokane is to have a real estate exchange.

The mixed train on the Colfax-Moscow branch of the O. R. & N. was wrecked recently at Richardson's curve.

A lockout of the organized building tradesmen and building laborers in Seattle is predicted.

The state of Washington has begun issuing "no fund" interest bearing warrants on its general fund.

The state supreme court has handed down a decision holding valid the \$100,000 bond issue by the city of Walla Walla for the building of a city hall and fire station.

Beginning Sunday, December 15, regular trains will be run by time card on the Portland & Seattle railway from Pasco to Cliffs.

William R. Day has been appointed to the position of postmaster for Astoria.

A new town hall is proposed for Toppenish.

The Whitman county superior court jury term was finished Saturday and the jury discharged.

Plans calling for an increase in the endowment of Whitman college of \$1,865,000 for the addition of the department of technology to the institution, and for the expenditure of \$665,000 in buildings were decided on at a meeting of the board of trustees and representative Walla Walla business men held recently.

In accordance with an order received from the pontiff at Rome, made at the request of the Right Rev. E. J. O'Dea, the name of the diocese Nisqually has been changed to the diocese Seattle.

Register Zenas Coleman of the United States land office at North Yakima has compiled his report for the quarter ended September 30, which shows a total business for the three months of \$22,828.45. The report shows 30 commuted homesteads taken up, comprising 4546 acres and valued at \$11,362.80, and 16 timber and stone claims, comprising 1811.74 acres, valued at \$4529.40. There were 46 entries on desert lands, comprising 6737.21 acres.

### IDAHO NEWS.

While Joseph Johnson was cleaning a flue in his residence at Preston recently a basin of kerosene he was using became ignited. He ran and threw it out just as his wife, with her baby in her arms, was entering. The baby was burned to death as the result of the fluid which was thrown over it.

From a semi-official source it is learned that work on the Clearwater river bridge will be resumed soon after the Christmas holidays.

Six cars in the center of a heavy freight train jumped the track and ran on the ties for half a mile, two miles south of Moscow, recently, before they finally toppled over, causing a wreck which delayed traffic several hours.

Professor Dutton of Spokane has been elected as principal of the Moscow high school, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Otto R. Bond.

Judge District of the United States court holds he had no jurisdiction to hear the motion for a new trial in the Kester-Kettenbach land fraud case, from Lewiston. This is for the reason that the term of court at which the defendants were convicted has adjourned, and the judge has no author-

ity to hear such a motion in a criminal case at chambers after the decision has been rendered. The defendants perfected their appeal to the district court of appeals, and filed their bonds. The defendants were convicted at Moscow last spring on a charge of timber land conspiracy. They filed a large number of affidavits in support of the motion for a new trial, alleging improper methods of influencing jurymen and other irregularities.

President MacLean of the state university has just returned from the east, where he was in attendance on the meeting of the National Association of State Universities.

The annual football banquet was held Saturday.

Idaho university has at present one student from Holland and one from Japan in attendance. There are 21 students from Washington, 6 from Oregon, 3 from Iowa, 2 from California and Ohio, and one each from several other states.

The contract for the new administration building of the state university calls for the completion of the main portion of the building by December 30, 1908, at a cost of \$162,817.

The records of Shoshone county show that the name of John King appears as original locator in at least half of the most valuable pieces of ground in the Coeur d'Alenes, and, strange to say, he located very little ground that subsequent development has not proved to be valuable.

The manager for the Western Union Telegraph company in Wallace has been notified by the city authorities that, by keeping the telegraph office open on Sundays, he is violating the Idaho "Sunday rest law," and must close hereafter.

Vollmer came into its own this week when the first train reached there on its slow, constructive journey to Grangeville.

### MONTANA NOTES.

The Northwestern branch of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York will be removed to Spokane from Helena about January 1.

A man supposed to be Alfred Field, a stranger, was found dead in the brush near the railroad track, one mile east of Columbia Falls, last Friday night.

Robert Peterson, forest ranger, stationed at Trego in the Lewis and Clark forest reserve, was recently shot through the head by Major George E. BellDoll, the crack shot. Doll mistook Peterson for a deer and sent a bullet through the right eye.

The county attorney of Flathead county has refused to surrender the two alleged bandits, C. McDonald and Ed Smith, who were arrested in Spokane in October on the charge of holding up a Great Northern train near Rondo, on September 12 last, to the federal authorities.

Charles Donnelly, who has been associated with William Wallace in the practice of law at Helena for four years, on January 1 will assume the position of assistant general counsel of the Northern Pacific railway, with offices at St. Paul.

Judge William H. Hunt of the federal court at Helena has ordered the grand jury to make a thorough investigation of the charges of irregularities made against officials concerned in the administration of the Crow Indian reservation.

Attorney General Galen has filed a motion in the district court to dismiss the suit brought by the commonwealth against State Treasurer Rice to recover approximately \$40,000 alleged to have been collected and retained by him as interest on deposits of public funds. The petition sets forth that evidence to convict is unobtainable.

For many months the reports have gone the rounds that the Northern Pacific would move its Missoula shops away from the city. It is now believed that the company has changed its plans and will leave the present shops as they are.

Fire which broke out in the Combination block, on South Main street, Livingston, is supposed to have originated from an explosion in the basement, caused by an employe who attempted to draw alcohol from a barrel while he was smoking a pipe. The loss will range from \$120,000 to \$150,000, partially covered by insurance.

After hours of deliberation in renewed efforts to bring the Rocky Mountain Bell telephone strike to an end, Montana union men and representatives of the Butte Merchants' association, acting jointly recently, had no alternative but to report once more, no settlement.

### OREGON SQUIBS.

The payment of gold and silver in any amount to those who desire it was formally resumed by the Portland banks, Monday, on the close of the holiday period which existed in Oregon for several weeks.

The Portland & Seattle railway, which connects Spokane with Portland, has opened offices in Portland in the union depot. The line will be in operation from Portland to Pasco shortly after New Years.

The summary removal of United States Attorney Bristol has excited general attention among politicians all over the state.

Indictments will be returned against the officials of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust company.

J. Frank Watson, president of the Merchants' National bank of Portland, is discussing the reopening of the bank with the comptroller.

The fit survive—the unfit perish.

# NEWS OF THE WORLD

## SHORT DISPATCHES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE.

**A Review of Happenings in Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres During the Past Week—National, Historical, Political and Personal Events.**

In the family lot in Spring Grove cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio, the body of Mrs. Louisa Taft, widow of Judge Alphonso Taft, former United States attorney general, was placed recently. After January 1 beer will cost \$1 a barrel more in New York than it does now.

At Victoria, B. C., Alfred Francis, clerk of the St. Francis hotel, committed suicide recently by shooting himself with a revolver.

A man reported to be William W. Walker, the absconding treasurer of the New Britain (Conn.) Savings bank, has been arrested in the mountains in Mexico. He stole \$500,000.

Two highwaymen entered the Bank of Aldrich, at Aldrich, Mo., recently, and at the point of rifles forced Cashier James Vaughn and Vice President Z. E. Toalson to hand them \$3000 in cash from the safe.

The Olson-Mahoney Lumber company of San Francisco was the lowest bidder, at \$124,372, for furnishing the Isthmian canal commission with approximately 6,000,000 feet of lumber.

An effort will be made to get the delegation from Iowa for Cummins for president.

Lieuton Coleman, Episcopal bishop of Delaware, is dead.

At Fort Wayne, Ind., Otto Seidel, a wealthy member of the city council, fatally shot himself recently.

Patrolman Charles Ford of Salt Lake was shot, probably fatally, recently, by holdups.

It is officially stated that the rumor to the effect that James Bryce, the British ambassador to the United States, is to leave the Washington embassy is absolutely untrue.

Herman Hense, who made silver dollars so well that only experts could distinguish his product from that of the mint, was sentenced in New York to six years at Sing Sing prison and to pay the government \$250 in real money.

C. M. Colby, a janitor in the Oxford flat building, Minneapolis, recently killed his wife.

William H. S. Wood, president of the Bowery Savings bank, New York, is dead.

Chihuahua, Mexico.—Acting Governor Sanchez has commuted the death sentence of Dr. C. H. Harle, William Mitchell and C. T. Richardson to 20 years imprisonment.

It is announced that between the 1st and the 15th of January one of the railroads in the southwest will lay off 11,000 men for an indefinite period.

James Smith, a brakeman in the employ of the Canadian Pacific railroad, was accidentally killed by falling between cars near Cranbrook.

Five directors of the defunct Milwaukee Avenue State bank were freed recently, when Judge Windes held that the statute under which they had been indicted is unconstitutional.

The engagement of Miss Cornelia Harriman, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harriman, to Robert Livingston Gerry, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge T. Gerry, is announced.

Bordeaux, France, is in utter darkness as the result of a strike of gas men and employes of the electric light company.

The reichstag has adjourned for the Christmas recess. It will reopen January 8.

Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, who has been summoned home, is preparing to get away from Washington by the last of the month.

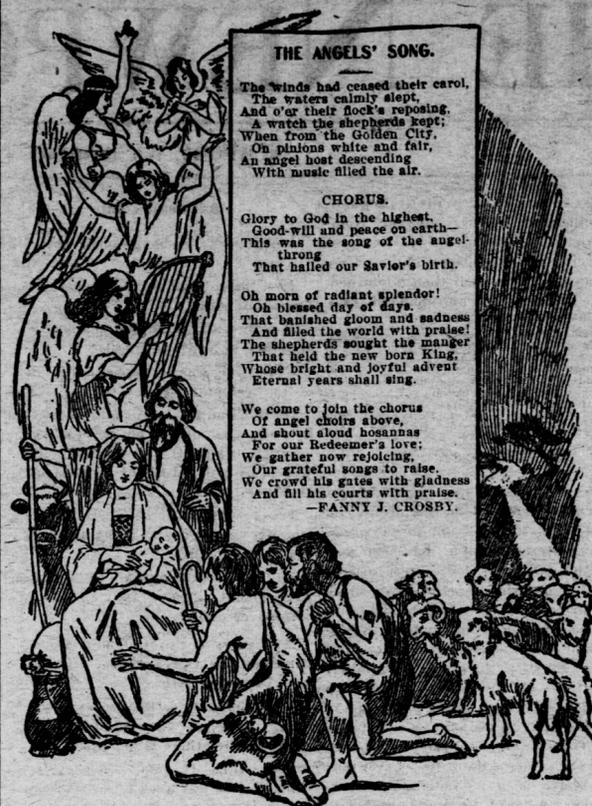
An extra appropriation of \$150,000 for the trial of Harry K. Thaw has been made by the New York board of estimates.

Rutt and Stol, the German team, won the six-day bicycle race in New York. This is the first time in the history of the sport that a German team has captured first honors of the struggle. The two leading teams had rode 2312 miles and five laps when the race was stopped and the teams withdrawn for the final mile sprint of the leaders. The final score: Rutt and Stol, 2312 miles 5 laps; Fogler and Moran, 2312 miles 5 laps; Georget and Dupre, 2312 miles 4 laps; Downey and Downey, 2312 miles 4 laps; Galvin and Wiley, 2312 miles 4 laps. The record is 2733 miles 4 laps, made by Miller and Waller in 1899. Last year's mark was 2292 miles 2 laps. Urban McDonald of this city, who was injured in the race on Friday, died tonight in the New York hospital, where he was taken.

The French press is interested in President Roosevelt's decision that he would not stand for a re-nomination.

### Kansas City Bank Reopens.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—The Union Avenue Bank of Commerce, which was obliged to close by the suspension of the National Bank of Commerce, has reopened for business. All the small banks carried down by the failure of the National Bank of Commerce have been rehabilitated.



### THE ANGELS' SONG.

The winds had ceased their carol,  
The waters calmly slept,  
And o'er their flock's reposing,  
A watch the shepherds kept;  
When from the Golden City,  
On plumed white and fair,  
An angel host descending,  
With music filled the air.

### CHORUS.

Glory to God in the highest,  
Good-will and peace on earth—  
This was the song of the angel-  
throng  
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Oh morn of radiant splendor!  
Oh blessed day of days,  
That banished gloom and sadness  
And filled the world with praise!  
The shepherds sought the manger  
That held the new born King,  
Whose bright and joyful advent  
Eternal years shall sing.

We come to join the chorus  
Of angel choirs above,  
And shout aloud hosannas  
For our Redeemer's love;  
We gather now rejoicing,  
Our grateful songs to raise,  
We crowd his gates with gladness  
And fill his courts with praise.  
—FANNY J. CROSBY.

# JOHN RAYNOR'S CHRISTMAS REVOLT. ELIZABETH AYRES

WHEN John Raynor began to see the holiday advertisements in the papers and to feel the Christmas flurry in the air, he announced to his family with an air of finality, tinged with defiance, "you needn't expect anything in the way of Christmas presents from me this year."

"Why, John!" his wife exclaimed, "we are not going to do very much. Just a few gifts in the family to mark the day, and then the children think so much of it."

"The children!" John returned with fine scorn, "they're grown now and it's time for them to get over such nonsense. I positively refuse to have anything to do with Christmas."

John Raynor persisted in making himself miserable and in bringing to bear all the arguments he could think of against the prevailing manner of observing Christmas. Figuratively speaking, he pounded the table and grew purple in the face in his endeavors to hammer in his remonstrances against holiday customs.

In spite of himself he could not help enjoying the sights and sounds, heralding the approach of the holiday season. The gala dress of the shop windows appealed to his color-loving eye, and when the Christmas greens began to soften the grim, winter streets with their verdure, they took him back to the days when as a boy he roamed the woods in search of ground pine for holiday decorations and the cedar or evergreen tree on which his mother would hang their Christmas presents.

He felt a little of the old thrill of delightful expectation when these things came back to his mind, but his reverse mood was the stronger and he persisted in keeping to his decision.

He was firm until the night before Christmas. Then his wife and children broke bondage and discussed openly the coming holiday. In an unguarded moment his son inquired if a set of books they had purchased had been delivered. Without being told, his father knew those books were designed for him. They were something he had secretly longed for, but had denied himself, because the needs, real or imaginary, of his family were his paramount consideration. And now they were to be his in spite of his declaration there was nothing he wanted.

He began to wish that he had something with which to give his family a happy surprise. "They will give me things, and they will give things to one another and there will be nothing from me," he thought.

Sitting alone with his paper, he heard surreptitious rustlings as of packages being handled, and the low murmur of voices from his wife and daughter, interrupted with little bursts of gay laughter that showed something joyous was going on. He had nothing for anyone, and tomorrow when they gave him tokens of their thought and attention, he should feel like an exile from home. A sudden resolve took him in possession.

"Alice," he called to his wife, "I'm going out for a while. Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Nothing, thank you," she returned, "unless you want to bring home some candy for to-morrow. Oh, I forgot," she said in the next breath, "you won't want to trouble about it. Never mind, we'll manage some way."

It is astonishing how quickly one's mind can be changed. John Raynor's underwent a lightning transformation. He boarded a car and rode to the shopping district with his mind filled with nothing but Christmas presents. He felt like a boy turned loose with money to spend and none to restrict his fancy. He pushed and jostled and wrestled with the crowd, exhilarated by the contact with people bent on holiday shopping. His past mood slipped away like a cast-off garment. He had caught the Christmas spirit and his revision of feeling amounted almost to latitudinarianism.

He carried his merry mood home with him and the moment he entered the door his family felt the difference.

He could not keep his secret until morning, though he told it only to his wife. "Here are some little things for you and the children, Alice," he said when they were alone, dropping the packages carelessly on the table. She looked up with eyes alight, and with an expression which told him he had done well, but she, being a woman of wisdom, made no comment to remind him of past events.

When John Raynor fell asleep that Christmas eve, through his mind was jingling and jingling the merry old refrain: "Christmas comes but once a year. Let us all be of good cheer."  
—Toledo Blade.

**Christmas Cards.**  
The Christmas card as we know it has an origin easily traceable, and it is doubtless at least sixty years since the first was designed. The artist who claimed to be its originator and who was, at any rate, the first to see its possibilities was W. C. T. Dobson, R. A., who, when quite a young man, in 1844, was prompted at Christmas to make a little sketch symbolic of the season's joys and festivities and to send it to a friend. It seemed to give great pleasure, and the next year Mr. Dobson determined to follow up the idea on a larger scale, and by having his card photographed was enabled to send copies to twenty-five or thirty friends. The delight with which they were received was so great that Mr. Dobson was quick to perceive that he had found out a new pleasure for Christmas.—New York Mail and Express.

**Christmas and Motherhood.**  
On that Christmas night God honored motherhood. The angels on their wings might have brought an infant Saviour to Bethlehem without Mary's being there at all. But, no; motherhood for all time was to be consecrated, and one of the tenderest relations was to be the maternal relation, and one of the sweetest words, "mother." In all ages God has honored good motherhood. In a great audience, most of whom were Christians, I asked that all those who had been blessed with Christian mothers arise, and almost the entire assembly stood up. "Don't you see how important it is that all motherhood be consecrated?"—Talmage.

**The Spirit of Giving.**  
Don't give only where you expect a return or wonder whether you will be supposed to buy something for A. B. or C. The spirit of Christmas lies in the loving and the giving—never in the receiving.

**The Origin of Christmas Greens.**  
At the Saturnalia, the heathen prototype of Christmas, it was the Roman custom to decorate the house with evergreens. This was done to give the woodland spirits a refuge from the cold.

### CHRISTMAS LONG AGO.

Come sing a hale heigh-o  
For the Christmas long ago,  
When the old log cabin homed us  
From the night of blinding snow,  
And the rarest joy held reign,  
And the chimney roared amain,  
With the freight like a beacon  
Through the frosty window pane.

Ah! the revel and the din  
From without and from within,  
The blend of distant sleigh bells  
With the plinking violin;  
Then the muffled shrieks and cries—  
Through the glowing cheeks and eyes—  
The driving storms of greetings,  
Gusts of kisses and surprise.

Sing in again the mirth  
Of the circle 'round the hearth,  
With the rustic Sibbad telling us  
The strangest tales on earth!  
And the minstrel bard we knew,  
With his "Love-li-er so true,"  
Likewise his "Young House-lyarpenter,"  
And "Love-d Henry," too!

And forgetting ne'er a thing,  
Lift a gladder voice and sing  
Of the dancers in the kitchen—  
Clean from start to "pigeon wing!"  
Sing the glory and the glee  
And the joy and jubilee—  
The twirling form—the quickened  
breath—  
The sigh of ecstasy.

But eyes that smile alone  
Back into our happy one—  
The leaping pulse—the laughing blood—  
The trembling undertone!  
Ho! paid us off once more,  
With our feet upon the floor,  
But our heads and hearts in heaven,  
As they were in days of yore.  
—James Whitcomb Riley, in the Interior.

**At the Spanish Court.**  
Christmas in Spain begins with the midnight mass, when the king and queen mother, accompanied by the grandees of the court, magnificently attired, go in state procession to the chapel royal of the palace in Madrid. On Christmas morning the king and court again attend mass in state, after which the day is spent in merrymaking. In the afternoon the adoration of the manger takes place, when a representation of the scene in Bethlehem is unveiled in the great hall of the palace. There is also a Christmas tree, from which Alfonso distributes gifts. Throughout the ensuing twelve days the court is all benevolence and gayety, and every great institution in Madrid shares in the royal almsgiving. The festival closes Jan. 6.

**Her Christmas Costume.**  
Adam—How would you like some nice, new fig leaves for a gown for Christmas! Eve—Fig leaves for Christmas. That's just like a man! Don't you know that Christmas is a holly-day?

**Christmas Every Day.**  
Christianity should make every day in the year a sort of Christmas day. This time of love and gladness and good will was never meant to be confined to one brief festival. This burying of old grudges and reconciling of estranged friends, this comforting of the sad and gladdening the hearts of the poor, and sharing our plenty with those in need, are some of Christianity's every-day duties. Do not lower the standard when the twenty-fifth of December is over. Do not go back to the old selfish, narrow, unsatisfactory way of living. Let this Christmas be a prophecy of what the New Year is to be, a time of gladness and good will.

**His Christmas Schedule.**  
"You know what dey gwine give you for Christmas?"  
"No; I ain't studied 'bout it yet!"  
"Beaver-hat."  
"My, my!"  
"Long tall coat."  
"Tell de truth!"  
"Standin' collar."  
"Lawd bless us!"  
"B'iled shirt, kid gloves, en a gold-head walkin' stick!"  
"De Lawd save us!" exclaimed the prospective heir to all the above gifts "Has I got ter go ter prechun' de gospil in my ole age?"—Atlanta Constitution.

### GETTING READY FOR SANTA.

