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CITY NOTES.

Dr. J. L. Ferr and wife arrived Monday from Clarksville, Texas.

It is rumored that the wedding bells will be ringing all during the holidays.

Mr. John Washington of Kansas City, has been visiting parents and friends.

Mrs. F. M. Bradshers and Mrs. Margaret Akers will spend the holidays in St. Louis.

Mrs. Fannie Smith of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Williams.

Miss J. Ethel Fowler of the Fred Douglass school will spend the holidays with her parents Xenia, Ohio.

Prof. and Mrs. H. A. Clark will attend the State Teachers Association meeting in Kansas City, Christmas.

Miss Carrie Smith of the Fred Douglass school will spend the holidays with her parents in Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Forrest Lamme arrived Sunday from Oklahoma Territory to visit his daughters, Misses Mary and Birdie Lamme.

Master Otis Moore who is attending school at Roger Williams University will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. K. M. Moore.

Toilet sets, glove and handkerchief cases, fine perfumeries, make excellent Xmas gifts and can be found at Hopper's.

MARRIED.

At the A. M. E. Parsonage last Monday evening, Warren Wilson and Mrs. Callie Rout, both of Columbia, Rev. P. C. Crews officiating. Mr. Wilson is a well known resident of this city. Mrs. Rout came here recently from Kirksville. They will begin householding immediately at Mr. Wilson's home on Clay-st.

Rev. J. Arlington Grant, performed a double ceremony at the residence of Mrs. Jane Johnson recently the contracting parties were Mr. Lexy Oyden and Miss Ada Jackson.

Why Pay Rent?

When you can buy a house at your own price in Garth's addition. Three good lots for sale, nicely located, \$10 down, and the remainder on easy terms, apply to

GEO. M. ROFFETT.

A Letter From Santa Claus.

North Pole,

Dec. 10th 1901.

Editor of The Professional Word;

Dear sir:—

As the time is drawing for me to come and see all the little boys and girls I thought I would write and tell you that I am very busy packing up my toys and every thing nice for the good little folks.

I received many nice letters from little boys and girls saying what they wanted for Xmas. I will leave here on the 20th and will be there on the 24th. There is plenty of snow, and my reindeers are looking fine, we will bring enough to fill every stocking we find hanging up and we hope all will have a merry Xmas and a happy new year. "Santa Claus."

SANTA CLAUS' CORNER.

The following are some of the many letters written by children of the public schools and mailed to the Professional World mail box:

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Dear Santa Claus

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know what I want for Xmas. I want some candy and oranges, peanuts and bananas, and a money bank.

Morton Gray.

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Dear Santa will you please bring me a hat? I want a wagon, and bring Miss Eula a dress and, I want a flag

Eddie Williams.

Columbia, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus

I live on Clay-st. now we moved out there in Oct. I wish you would bring me a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes, a drum, a bicycle and a wagon. Do not forget me for if you do I will be very disappointed.

Yours Truly,

Robert Clarkson.

Age 9-Grade 3rd.

Columbia, Mo.

Dear Santa;

I thought I would write you a few words to you I am well and hope you are the same. I want a drum, some candy and nuts, oranges and bananas and an air rifle and an automobile.

Alex Strawn.

Columbia, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus.

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that I am well. I want some candy and nuts, a wagon a drum, and a bicycle. I forgot my good teacher Mr. A. B. Marsh, she is so kind and Mrs. A. B. More and papa, mamma, grandma and my brothers and sisters.

Good-by from,

Jas U Williams.

Columbia, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a piano, some candy and nuts. I am 7 years old. Room 1

Mamie Henderson.

Columbia, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know I want a story book, some candy bananas and some oranges.

Beverly Schweich.

Columbia, Mo.,

Dear Santa Claus;

Please bring me a doll, a doll hat, a speech book and bring my teacher a handkerchief, Miss Douglass.

Ella Williams, 11 years old.

Columbia, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus;

I thought I write you a few lines to tell you what I want. I want a Piano and a doll's bed, I want a sack of candy, I believe I will close.

Lucille Ward.

Columbia, Mo.,

Dear Santa Claus;

I want a doll, a stove, a lamp a pair of shoes, if you want to bring me what I want. I am six years old.

Effie Taylor.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

A. M. E. CHURCH.

REV. P. C. CREWS, Pastor

Order Of Services

11:00 a. m.—Preaching

3:00 a. m.—Sunday School

7:30 p. m.—Preaching.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Everybody cordially invited to attend these services.

M. E. CHURCH.

REV. J. ARLINGTON GRANT, Pastor

Order Of Services.

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School

11:00 a. m.—Preaching

7:30 p. m.—Preaching

Wednesday evening from 7:15 to 8:30

Prayer meeting.

ALL ARE MADE WELCOME.

You are grandmother in America. Cheboygan, Mich., claims to have the youngest grandmother in America. She married at 12, and gave birth to a daughter a year later. The child, following her mother's example, married young and lately when 16 years old gave birth to a child, whose grandmother is now a little over 29 years old.

RUSSIAN SPIES HERE.

They Are Keeping Watch of Nihilists Who Seek Refuge in America.

The Russian secret police are probably the most skillful in the world; they need to be. In the days of Napoleon III. the police of France had that reputation. They haven't it now for the best of reasons. An emperor needs skillful spies in all the world—a republic doesn't. Russia has had its lessons in the death of the late czar and in many attempts made upon the present ruler. So the chief of political police keeps agents in every great city in the world. New York, where so many Russian nihilists have found refuge; San Francisco and Chicago are especially favored in this way. Escaped convicts from Siberia sometimes drift to the Pacific coast city, while Chicago is watched on general principles. New York, however, is getting to be more and more the chief object of the solicitous attentions of the czar's people. The spies who keep tabs on nihilists in America always claim to be nihilists themselves, excited for their political views, or escaped suspects. It is their plan to secure admittance to some of the many nihilist circles here and keep the police informed of what goes on. So long as the nihilists confine themselves to speech-making nothing it done about it. But, if one of them should start for St. Petersburg with such a mission as that which took Bresci from Paterson the home authorities would be warned and stand ready to receive him after certain well-known precedents. As for the spy, his is a dangerous life. If suspected he may become at almost any time the hero of a mysterious murder case.

SOME WHYS ANSWERED.

1. Ancient and Curious Origin of Familiar Customs.

It is not surprising what a number of little things we do without knowing the reason. Why, for instance, do widows wear caps? Perhaps they may say because they make them look pretty and interesting. But the real reason is that when the Romans were in England they shaved their heads as a sign of mourning. Of course a woman couldn't let herself be seen with a bald head, so she made herself a pretty cap. And now, though the necessity of wearing it has passed away, the cap remains. Why do we have bows on the left side of our hats? In olden times, when men were much in the open air and hats couldn't be bought for half a dollar, it was the habit to tie a cord around the crown and let the ends fall on the left side to be grasped on the arising of a squall. They fell on the left side as they might be grasped by the left hand, the right usually being more usefully engaged. Later on, the ends got to be tied in a bow, and later still, they became useless, yet the bow has remained, and will probably remain till the next deluge or something of that sort. What is the meaning of the crosses or Xs on a barrel of beer? They signify degrees of quality nowadays. But originally they were put on by those ancient monks as a sort of trademark. They were crosses in those days, and meant a sort of oath on the cross, sworn by the manufacturer that his barrel contained good liquor. Why are bells tolled for the dead? This has become so familiar a practice that a funeral without would appear un-Christian. Yet the reason is quite barbarous. Bells were tolled long ago, when people were being buried, in order to frighten away the evil spirits who lived in the air. Why do fair ladies break a bottle of wine on the ship they are christening? Merely another survival of barbaric custom. In the days of sacrifice to the gods it was customary to get some poor victim when a boat was being launched and to cut his throat over the prow, so that his blood baptised it. Why are dignitaries deafened by a salute when they visit a foreign port? It seems a curious sort of welcome, this firing off of guns, but it seems the custom arose in a very reasonable way. Originally, a town or a warship fired off their guns on the approach of important and friendly strangers to show that they had such faith in the visitors' peaceful intentions they didn't think it necessary to keep their guns loaded. Why do we sometimes throw a shoe after a bride? The reason is not very complimentary. From of old it has been the habit of mothers to chastise their children with a shoe. Hence the custom arose of the father of a bride making a present to the bridegroom of a shoe, as a sign that it was to be his right to keep her in order.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Sometimes It Is.

It is true that the race is not always to the swift, but it will be observed that the American generally wins.

WISE KING CANUTE.

How He Taught His Courtiers a Lesson in Humility.

The old story of Canute rebuking his courtiers is well known to most of us. King Canute, desirous of teaching his flattering courtiers a lesson, caused his throne to be set up on the seashore as the tide was coming in and nearing its height. Surrounded by all the great dignitaries of the kingdom, he summoned the flatterers to his presence and asked them if they believed the sea would recognize his authority. "Believe it," cried Earl Eadryd, "there is no doubt of it. Your majesty has but to command, you will be obeyed." The obsequious courtiers joined in a chorus of "So say we, all of us." "Very good," said the king, "now do you, each in turn, stand on the steps of yonder throne and bid the sea retire." His command was obeyed and courtier after courtier, after complying, retired baffled amid the jeering laughter of the populace. In this manner the time was fully occupied until the hour of flood was passed and the tide was just about the ebb when the king ascended the throne. He bade the waves retire and was soon left in triumph upon dry ground, amid the loud applause of his loyal subjects. "You see, gentlemen," he said, turning to his courtiers, "there is all the difference in the world between a regular three-ply all-wool king, like myself, and a lot of insignificant subjects like you. Let this experience teach you humility."

CHARGE FOR FRESH AIR.

Experiences of a Family Who Were

Traveling in Germany. Many have been the doleful stories of travelers returned from Europe who lament the extortionate charges imposed upon long-suffering Americans in the lands across the Atlantic. And now comes a distinguished Chicagoan who declares that in Germany recently he was charged for fresh air. With his wife and family he was journeying in a railway train. The air in the stuffy little compartment becoming stale the wife of the Chicagoan asked him to communicate with the guard. In each compartment in European trains is a handle connected with a bell rope leading to the guard's cab. Near the handle is posted a notice warning passengers that the guard is not to be summoned except in desperate cases, such as murder, etc., under penalty. The Chicagoan could not read German, but he knew that his wife wanted fresh air, so he gave the grip a lucky pull. The train, which was an express, slackened speed and finally came to a full stop. The guard and the engine driver rushed back excitedly, expecting to discover something very dire indeed. By virtue of signs the Chicagoan explained what he wanted. Thereat he was greeted with a storm of abuse, and he was very near being threatened with personal violence. However, the guard and the engine driver returned to their posts and the train proceeded. When the Chicagoan and his party arrived at their destination he was met at the railway station by a jabbering mob of officials, who promptly hauled him before an auxiliary magistrate, who managed to inform him that his little gayer with the bell cord would cost him just 30 marks which he must pay or go to prison. The Chicagoan took the former alternative.

THE KHEDIVES MISTAKE.

How Her Majesty of Rudeness Does Not Impress the World.

The young Khedive of Egypt, who recently visited Queen Victoria, charmed every one who met him by his tact and courtesy. Says the Whitehall Review: His father, who also once visited the court of St. James, was a marked contrast to his son, being intentionally rude and brusque in order to assert his own importance. He made it a point to be late in coming to every entertainment given in his honor, and showed scant courtesy to hosts and guests on his arrival. He was bidden to a state banquet at Windsor Castle, given by the queen in his honor. The hour appointed was nine o'clock, as usual. The queen waited until the quarter past had struck, and then led the way to the dining room. Presently the Khedive arrived and entered with an aggrieved and astonished fact. The queen quietly motioned him to the vacant seat on her right, saying: "In England we never delay dinner for any one. Your highness was highly complimented when I kept my guests waiting fifteen minutes for you." Then turning to her guests she said: "I have to apologize to you all for it." The Khedive never forgot the lesson. It is not only kings who make the mistake of being rude in order to assert their importance; it is a frequent error among uneducated people, and among selfish people who are educated. The ignorant dinner-guest arrives late and makes no apology. The self-important salesgirl is indifferent and sometimes insulting in her manner toward her customers. The self-assertive conductor rudely shoves his passengers. There are men and women in every class who jostle each other and are curt and arrogant, although perhaps at heart they may be kindly disposed. They are making the mistake of the Khedive. By the force of their rudeness they try to impress the world with a sense of their power and authority. They forget, if they ever knew, that real power and real authority do not need a label to distinguish them.—Youths' Companion.

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