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THE GROWING CHRISTMAS FUND.

Since The Tribune announced the plans for entertaining the poor of this city on Christmas, more than one hundred readers have written letters, congratulating this newspaper for conceiving the idea and making suggestions for carrying out the entertainment.

Of course, everyone favors the Christmas tree, but there is a difference of opinion as to the dinner. Many people contend each needy family should be given a basket of food in addition to some remembrance at the tree. Others believe a great dinner should be prepared and the poor be invited to the feast.

Both suggestions are good, and if every person could get a present, a good dinner and then be given a basket of food to take home, The Tribune would feel that the task had been well done, but that seems a bit more than can safely be expected.

The various committees which will have charge of the festival will be appointed sometime this week and active work will then begin. The Tribune will abide by the suggestions of the ladies and gentlemen in charge of the undertaking, but every reader may send in suggestions.

The interest shown in this movement by men and women alike has surpassed all expectation, and it has increased each day since the first announcement was made. Enlisted in the campaign to make the unfortunate happy are virtually every prominent woman in Cape Girardeau, and there are no drones among the men.

And as a result there will not be a little boy or girl, a needy man or woman hungry or sad this Yuletide. It is going to be the merriest Christmas Cape Girardeau ever had. Would you be willing to help? If so, send in your name.

A COMPLAINT FROM THE DEAD.

The question, "What is a Municipal Christmas Tree?" is about as important as the moss covered stage conundrum: Why does a chicken cross the road?

One would imagine that even a cannibal understood the word "Municipal," and everyone knows that "sour grapes" inspired the question yesterday. But as we smoked the "poison" out, we don't object to twist its tail.

"Municipal" refers to anything pertaining to the city. We presume the half-brained few who imagine the word is copyrighted by the officials in every municipality, would also contend that a state bank was owned by the state. It is the old story of gagging at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

The Tribune used the word "Municipal" for its Christmas festival, because that word best described an undertaking that was to include all of the people of this municipality either as givers to charity or receivers of it.

The Tribune anticipated opposition to its plan to make the poorest poor happy on Christmas day, and by their conduct they brand themselves as the Rich Man did who refused Lazarus the crumbs that fell from his bountiful table.

But as to the advice offered by those who throw stones at an undertaking to make unfortunate little boys and girls happy this Christmas, we simply say that when The Tribune is in need of information on a live issue, it will not go to a morgue to find it.

THE MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE.

With Christmas but a few weeks away, it is only natural that our thoughts are of Santa Claus, decorated cedar trees and other festivities that belong to the Yuletide.

To the little folk it is likened unto Paradise, and to the grownups—at least a great multitude—it brings back fond recollections of childhood and of plenty.

Christmas is a day of rejoicing for a majority of the universe, but to the minority it is the saddest period of all the year. Poverty mocks the poor at Christmas time. While those who can commemorate the birth of our Christ in ways that are many and merry, the poor of every city, whether it is Cape Girardeau or New York, spend the holidays wondering if the kind Providence had forsaken them.

The Tribune believes that every city should remember those who cannot fittingly remember themselves on Christmas. The little boys and girls who belong to unfortunate parents are human—just as human as the rich—and they should not be forgotten.

This newspaper made arrangements some weeks ago with a number of prominent residents of this city to advocate a Municipal Christmas tree. Mayor Kage was among those consulted at the time, and was quick to extend his aid.

The Rev. J. J. Clepton, pastor of Christ Church, and a divine beloved by rich and poor alike, has accepted the chairmanship of a committee to be appointed by him, to take charge of the donations and to supervise the undertaking.

We believe the good people of Cape Girardeau will unanimously approve the Municipal Christmas tree. Every one with whom The Tribune has communicated has willingly agreed to contribute. Two huge trees have been offered, and a wagon and team for conveying either or both of them to this city has been promised.

Are you willing to help some little boy or girl enjoy this Christmas? If so, send your name to the Editor of The Tribune's Municipal Christmas Tree Fund.

THE ANVIL CHORUS BUSY AGAIN.

There are a few people in Cape Girardeau who are opposed to The Tribune's Christmas tree for the poor, but the men and women who stand highest in this city are unanimously in favor of sending the Yuletide spirit into the homes where bounty and joy seldom go.

When people deliberately organize to throttle a movement that has but the single purpose of shedding sunlight into homes where little children are in need and where the afflicted live in sadness and want, it is time to ask this question: What is the reason?

The opposition to The Tribune's Christmas tree, insignificant though it is, was conceived in jealousy and born with spite. The people who are behind it would rather that the poor be forgotten on Christmas than to see those who have planned the tree and feast carry it to an unusual success. And yet they claim to be charitable.

It would be easier to excuse these people if they came out in the open in active antagonism to feeding hungry little children, than it is to go forth in disguise to deprive them of gifts which a gracious public is anxious for them to have.

When The Tribune announced that the needy of this city would be remembered this Christmas, it stated that everyone could give. The result has been a pleasant surprise. We expected much support, but we have received a great deal more than we expected. There is not a woman or man in Cape Girardeau of any influence who is not supporting The Tribune's Municipal Christmas tree. And we make this announcement with the knowledge of the fact that a few chronic complainers have canvassed the city urging the people to oppose the movement.

After a glance at the list of men and women who have enlisted in The Tribune's Municipal Christmas Tree campaign, you can close your eyes and imagine who the opposition really is.

This petty clique, these mock samaritans, who prate for glory and for power, may continue their antagonistic campaign, but they can never convince those who keep the commandments and practice the golden rule that tongues of villainy can disprove the truth of that injunction which says "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

He or she who is able, yet refuses to give, may be excused. But to refuse and try and induce others to do likewise is an offense which damns those who are guilty of it.

City News in Brief

Frank Suffern of Decatur, Ill., was in the Cape yesterday on a business trip.

Will H. Hall of Detroit, is in the Cape on a business trip.

B. P. Waters of Red Oak, visited friends in this city yesterday.

While walking about his yard yesterday morning, Rudolph Huhn turned his ankle so badly that he is unable to walk.

J. R. Hermin of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

E. Boedeke, a liquor salesman of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Robert H. Coru, a liquor salesman of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

J. Kelly Wright of Columbia, Mo., is a business visitor in this city.

W. R. Harris, a traveling salesman of New York, transacted business in this city yesterday.

E. S. Davus of New Madrid, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Karl Walter, a tobacco salesman of St. Louis, was in the city yesterday calling on his trade.

C. H. Dodd and P. C. Robinson, Standard Oil representatives, of St. Louis, were business visitors in this city yesterday.

J. H. Bryant, a plow salesman of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

C. H. Eastwood, an implement salesman of Cairo, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

G. A. Sparling, a plumbing supply salesman of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

C. G. Mueller of Altenburg, visited friends in this city yesterday.

A. H. Hinchey departed this morning for St. Louis on a short business trip.

Miss Ruby McEwing returned from Chaffee yesterday, where she had been visiting her parents for a few days.

Charles Griesemeyer, a grocery salesman of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

E. A. Strauss, a liquor salesman of Cincinnati, was in the city yesterday looking after his trade.

Edward Scheniman of Neely's Landing, was in the city yesterday on legal business.

A. D. Beach and A. M. Gross of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Claude P. Marshall of Poplar Bluff, visited friends in this city yesterday.

F. W. Spears of Topeka, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

L. Miller of Arcadia, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Thomas F. Pettit of Thebes, was in the Cape yesterday on a shopping trip.

George W. Zell, H. Kahn, William Schofield, and E. Chancellor of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

W. A. Rife and J. Quinn of St. Louis, passed through the city yesterday enroute to Arbor, where they expect to spend several days hunting duck.

B. L. Harwood of Chicago, was in the city yesterday attending to some business matters.

P. E. Hileman, J. F. Elms and William F. Ferrill of Jonesboro, Ill., are in the city on legal business.

Miss C. Williams and W. E. McCarty, of Cairo, are business visitors in this city.

Norval Anderson and W. G. Anderson of Commerce, visited friends in this city yesterday.

John J. Wardell and E. L. Keyser of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

W. P. Henderson and J. Peter Helmbacher, dry goods salesmen of St. Louis, were business visitors in this city yesterday.

J. C. Samuels of Cairo, was in the city yesterday looking after business interests.

J. A. Sanders of Commerce, was in the Cape yesterday on a shopping trip.

Mrs. A. Tranel of St. Louis, who has been visiting for the past few days at the home of Charles Wipperman, returned this morning to St. Louis, accompanied by Mrs. Wipperman and daughter, Miss Freda Wipperman, who will visit for a few days in the city.

The little daughter of Ernest Wagner, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is reported to be much improved.

G. W. Groseclose, merchant and lumberman of Randels, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Rev. C. E. Warren and wife of Advance, were in the city yesterday visiting friends and doing some shopping.

J. E. Whitsett of Advance, was in the Cape yesterday on a shopping trip.

Adam Soeder of Illmo, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Thomas Reardon of Bowling Green, Mo., is visiting friends in the Cape.

E. L. Bond of Allenville, was in the city yesterday on a shopping trip.

Rolla Wright of Jacob, Ill., is visiting friends and relatives in this city.

Roscoe Weltecke of Sikeston, is visiting friends in this city.

W. Wilson of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

C. P. Kirk of Powe, Mo., visited friends in this city yesterday.

Judge E. D. Hays of Jackson, was in the city yesterday on legal business.

William Ellis of Benton, was in the city yesterday on court matters.

Mrs. Petery and daughter of Caruthersville, are visiting friends in this city.

Van H. Burns of Senath, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Marvin Clubb of Arab, Mo., was in the Cape yesterday doing some shopping.

J. Frutiger, a drug salesman of St. Louis, was in the city yesterday looking after his trade.

Gus Sanders of Illmo, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Jack Wormack of Mounds, Ill., formerly of Chaffee, is visiting friends in this city.

George Allen of East Cape, was in the city yesterday purchasing some farm supplies.

Francis Reed of Sikeston, is visiting friends in this city.

Ed Woodard and Joe Barger of Salem, Ill., are business visitors in this city.

E. M. Johnson of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

John Callens of Evansville, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Jacob Hitt and Lorna Hitt of Allenville, were in the city yesterday doing some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones of Poplar Bluff, were in the city yesterday on a shopping trip.

S. S. Sandson of Kansas City, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

L. W. Daniels of Ellington, Mo., transacted business in this city yesterday.

E. Hewell of Wardell, was in the city yesterday purchasing some winter supplies.

George W. Lewis of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Ralph Hasten of Evansville, Ind., is in the city looking after some business interests.

J. W. Taylor of Crystal Springs, Miss., is a business visitor in the Cape.

J. E. Neal, F. A. Hull, and E. C. Menclerly of St. Louis, are business visitors in this city.

C. S. Flanagan of Hugo, Okla., is in the city on a business trip.

John Lenris and Whit Dodge, of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Frank Shackles of Chaffee, was in the city yesterday on a shopping trip.

J. W. Ellis and L. B. Jones of Sikeston, were business visitors in this city yesterday.

Fred Kies, editor of the Jackson Items, and one of the most prominent citizens of the county, was a visitor in this city yesterday afternoon, and while here paid the Tribune a pleasant call.

Alvin Boss, who has been visiting in St. Louis for the past few days, passed through the Cape yesterday on his return to his home in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Steward, an old couple, who have been staying in the Cape for sometime, were yesterday removed to the county poor farm where they will be cared for. The husband is afflicted with epilepsy, and a short time before he was placed in the conveyance, he was seized with a severe attack and fell on the walk near the corner of Main and Themis streets.

H. W. Boyd of Jonesboro, Ill., was in the city yesterday having some dental work done by Dr. Grissom.

Miss Mary Harlan of Swiney, Mo., and Mrs. Ethel Worcester of 213 1/2, former street, in this city, each underwent operations for appendicitis at St. Francis Hospital yesterday. The operations were successful in both cases, and the patients are getting along nicely.

Attorney Lafayette Caruthers, who recently returned from an inspection of his farms in the lower part of the county, states that a wave of reform has struck Hickory Ridge, and that on last Sunday afternoon 21 converts were immersed in the icy waters of Little River.

Dr. John D. Porterfield was called to McClure, Ill., yesterday afternoon on a business trip.

J. H. Ruck of Caruthersville, who has been attending the Normal, departed this morning for St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Comer of Caldwell, Kans., are visiting friends in this city.

F. J. Eastin, representing the Graham Paper Co. of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Marguerite Ritger departed yesterday for St. Louis, where she will visit for a few weeks with her sons Martin and Henry.

W. J. Ward of Mobile, Ala., transacted business in this city yesterday.

Charles White of Sikeston, visited friends in this city yesterday.

E. B. Crites and Miss Myrtle Crites of Zalma, were in the city yesterday on a shopping trip.

R. E. Spence of Piggott, Ark., visited friends in this city yesterday.

A. C. Jones of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

M. D. Pavin of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

F. T. Pinch, B. Weber, G. L. Schluter, and T. A. Egan of St. Louis, were business visitors in this city yesterday.

J. F. Kelly of Bayonne, N. J., is a business visitor in this city.

J. F. Carmack, a soap salesman of St. Louis, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

I. Choct, a candy salesman of Memphis, was in the city yesterday looking after the needs of his customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dow and J. W. Wanderling of Chicago, theatrical people, were visitors in this city yesterday.

E. M. Cox of Mansfield, Ohio, was in the city yesterday looking after business interests.

Mrs. H. B. Anderson of Ullen, Ill., is visiting relatives in this city.

H. M. Martin, a plow salesman of Evansville, Ind., is a business visitor in this city.

A. B. Sinks departed yesterday afternoon on a business trip to points in the southern section of the state.

H. S. Berry, a Frisco civil engineer of Chaffee, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

J. H. Harrington, a clothing salesman of St. Louis, was in the Cape yesterday on a business trip.

S. G. H. Taylor, a packing house representative of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Ernest Vogel of Corionville, visited friends in this city yesterday.

F. J. Kulage, a representative of a St. Louis barber supply company was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

F. Ferder, a tobacco salesman of St. Louis, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

C. D. Kage has leased a store room in the Klosterman building, near the corner of Independence and Spanish streets, and will open a meat market sometime in the early part of this week. Mr. Kage has until recently been engaged in the market business in Illmo, but has disposed of his property in that city and returned to his old home where he will live in the future.

Henry Puls and Sam Vandivort were business visitors from Jackson yesterday.

Lon Forman, who is employed in the Frisco office at Chaffee, came to the Cape yesterday afternoon and will spend Sunday with his family.

Otto J. Wulfers yesterday closed the deal for the purchase of the J. M. Fullerton farm which is located in the edge of the city on the Jackson road. The farm contains 52 acres, and is one of the most desirable homes in the suburbs of Cape Girardeau.

Lawrence Morrison is seriously ill at his home on South Spanish street.

Aaron Powers of Commerce, was in the Cape yesterday on a shopping trip.

Avery E. Bollinger and family, and Ora Bollinger, of Scopus, were in the city yesterday purchasing some winter supplies.

Fred Johnson of Lutesville, is visiting friends in the Cape.

Harry Francis of Chaffee, was in the city yesterday on a shopping trip.

O. H. Tanner of St. Augustine, Fla., is in the city looking for a suitable farm location.

B. F. Conrad of Morley, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Troutman, wife of Dr. T. J. Troutman of Hayti, came to the city yesterday to visit Dr. Grissom.

J. W. Martin of East St. Louis, is in the city on a business trip.

H. H. Hohenscheld of St. Louis, is a business visitor in this city.

E. J. Fairbanks of Holland, Mich., is in the city on a business trip.

E. G. White of Chicago, is a business visitor in the Cape.

E. T. Bergman of St. Louis, is visiting friends in this city.

M. Haas of Sikeston, is a business visitor in this city.

Miss Maud Borgard departed yesterday for Piggott, Ark., where she has been engaged to teach in the public schools.

Miss Annie Walker of Illmo, arrived in the city yesterday and will visit with friends over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith returned yesterday from a visit in the southern part of the state.

A. J. Vogel of New Wells, was a Cape visitor yesterday.

James A. Finch of Fornfelt, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

W. A. Griffith of Delta, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

M. E. Jenkins, representing a dental supply company of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

J. A. Smith, Chief Special Agent for the Frisco, arrived in this city from St. Louis yesterday afternoon.

George Gordon of St. Louis, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

H. P. Eagle, a surgical supply salesman of St. Louis, is a business visitor in this city.

D. R. Bellomy, an insurance man of Mexico, Mo., is in the city attending to some business matters.

R. Hirschfeld, a traveling salesman of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

C. J. Siebers, a typewriter salesman of St. Louis, is a business visitor in this city.

C. W. Obermeyer and D. J. Keating of St. Louis, were business visitors in this city yesterday.

G. W. Holland of St. Louis, was in the city yesterday looking after business interests.

J. W. Patterson of St. Louis, visited friends in this city yesterday.

O. Welch of Blythe, Ind., is a business visitor in this city.

Smith Myers, a packing house representative of East St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Yates of Jackson, Tenn., visited friends in this city yesterday.

A. R. Held, a coffee salesman of Murphysboro, Ill., was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

J. H. Smith of Memphis, is a business visitor in this city.

Attorney W. C. Russell of Charleston, was in the city yesterday attending to some court matters.

Geo. Mingo of Dexter, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

C. A. Vandivort of Jackson, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

James C. Carlin of New York, transacted business in this city yesterday.

G. W. Abell of Paducah, manager of a soft drink manufactory which is to be put in operation in this city on Dec. 15th, is in the city looking after the installation of machinery.

Joseph and Charles Joseph, dry goods salesmen of St. Louis, are in the Cape on a business trip.

Julian Friant motored to Commerce yesterday afternoon with a prospective land buyer.

William Nutall of Chicago, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

J. A. Doyle, a Frisco section foreman at Delta, passed through the Cape yesterday enroute to St. Louis, where he has been called on a short business trip.

J. C. Henderson of Ball City, was in the Cape yesterday on a business trip.

R. A. Sinclair, a powder salesman of St. Louis, is a business visitor in the city.

C. J. Maper of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

F. C. Abbott, a lumberman of St. Louis, is in the city looking after business interests.

W. R. Dorlac, a packing house representative of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

W. B. Rhoades, a furniture salesman of St. Louis, is in the city on a business trip.