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## The Tribune Force

WISHES ALL THE READERS OF THE WILLMAR TRIBUNE A MOST

# Merry Christmas

The Willmar Tribune editor has heard a good many expressions regarding the Parker article which was published in our last issue on "The Spirit of the University." Most of these were commendatory, one going so far as to say that its publication was the biggest possible service we could have done the state. The one message received taking the other view comes from an old friend, who is taking the law course at the University, and we are glad to publish it in full in this issue. Mr. Larson is naturally very loyal to the institution in which he has just enrolled and has made the mistake of thinking that all criticism is destructive. We believe it is only the deepest love for his alma mater which has led Mr. Parker to speak his mind as he had, his hope being that the institution might be purged of those tendencies which he so graphically pictures. The first step in any reform is to expose error. We hope in the near future to publish another article from the same pen along constructive lines, showing what should be done to make the University a people's institution in a better sense than it now fills.

pers of the state who were in favor of a special session saying that they favored it on account of the prospect of law supplements to print, "while those who voted against it are mostly a small bunch of republican insurgent or progressive papers which hold the interests of the state above their own selfishness and greed." Jac Brynildsen ought to know better than that. There is not many papers in the list but which would have been willing to waive their part of such an appropriation if the legislature would have gotten together and finished up some of those laws which were crowded out of last session. If the special interests had wanted a special session it would have been called without delay, and don't you think otherwise.

### THE TRUE GRACES.

As amber attracts a straw, so does beauty admiration, which only lasts while the warmth continues, but virtue, wisdom, goodness and real worth, like the loadstone, never lose their power. These are the true graces, which, as Homer feigns, are linked and tied hand in hand, because it is by their influence that human hearts are so firmly united to each other.—Burton.

The Canby News lists all the pa-

## Uncle Silas Changes Mind

His Theory about Christmas Presents did not work out in Practice.



Christmas is about here. If yer don't believe it go down town and watch the weary and perplexed folks as are trottin' the rounds in search of somethin' fer Uncle Tom, cousin Dick and aunt Haryette. Yes this is the time of year when the poor clerks are sprinclin' face powder on their feet to keep down friction.

I knew Christmas was comin' weeks ago. When ye observe bales of lut-fisk combattin' elements outside of the old grocery, you just mark it down as a straight tip that Christmas is not many months away in Minnesoter. And even if we didn't see the spruce trees stacked up agin' the store fronts, we'd know you've soon Christmas by the feelin' that's in the air. Landsakes! the neighbor boys hasn't throwed no stones or snow-balls at our old rooster fer three weeks!

There is somethin' peculiar about this Christmas feelin'. Makes us old fellers young again. Why I met old Aunt Samanth, as has been laid up with the gout most since the Fourth, down at the 5-and-10-cent counter yesterday scratchin' around like an old hen on the chaff side of a straw stack. Gout! Not the week afore Christmas.

What was I adoin' at the 5-and-10-cent store, do you ask? Ah, come along now! Can't a feller be kind o' lookin' around like jest fer curiosity?

But as fer as that goes, I hain't knockin' this Christmas present business like I did last year. It don't hurt some of us old skintlins to open up our purse strings a mite once a year and make ourselves and others happy.

I'll tell you how it was. Last year some of us old cronies down at the post office, got to a talkin' 'bout what a big heap of nonsense all this Christmas present buyin' was. How thousands of dollars is thrown away every year on a lot of tin-horns and tomfoolery. "Things are gettin' so bad," says I, one day to Malindy, "that someone has got to take the lead in curbin' this evil or we'll have a pannick." So when I proposed to Malindy that we'd out to the presents this year, she was patriotic 'nuff to agree to it 'low I noticed it bothered her right considerable.

You see, I was the one as proposed the agreement and I reckon I stuck to my end about as long as Malindy did. The days afore Christmas were mighty dull and heavy. But we managed to pull thru Christmas eve some how. Malindy kept herself busy choppin' raisins and one thing another, and I tried to keep up spirits by tunin' up the old violin; but some how I couldn't get no ginger into the music, and so I turned in fer the night.

But along about mid-night I suddenly some how remembered as how I had forgot to hang my socks by the fire to dry, as they may be were damp from my long walk up the creek a trappin' muskrats. So I riz up kind of soft like so as not to disturb Malindy's slumbers, and when I came out to the hearth with my socks, by the shades of Old Saint Nick, fellers, believe me, if there wasn't hangin' mute and appealin' like, Aunt Malindy's best pair of stockings! Malindy's stockings a hanging jest the way she used to hang 'em when she was a little child, I reckon. Well sir, some how or 't'her there came a lump bumpin' up agin my throat as big as a full-grown rootabagger.

"Silas," says I, "you're a crab; you're an inborn chump; you're an ungrateful, sophisticated skintlint; you're a peanut-headed demedicated fake; in another year, if you live that long, you'll be serogefed beyond all hope of redemption."

Now you folks will laugh, I 'low, when I tell ye; but it weren't 4 minutes till I had quietly slipped my duds on and stole out into the night. Old Kino came stalkin' out from his kennel a little surprised and anxious like, I reckon. "No, old chap," says I, and patted him across his ribs, "yer old master hasn't gone crazy. He's jest comin' to his senses

right now." It's over a mile down to Squire Daniel Whitaker's store, but I didn't notice the distance, no how. And the idea of oustin' old Dan out of bed at midnight didn't bother me neither fer I reckon Dan would wade barefoot across Greenland's icy mountains in January if he saw 10 cents profit.

"Dan," says I, as he was scratchin' around to get his old smoky lamp lit, "I'm a little late in doin' my holiday tradin', but I knowed you've been so busy tendin' to the 'early shoppers' you wouldn't mind havin' some of your customers come a little late."

"Now, Dan," says I, "I want about four yards of the best blue strip d calker you got in yer old store. I reckon, four yards will be nuff fer a dress the way they make 'em now-a-days. If it ain't, measure out a plenty," says I, "and then give me a full set of these 'ere china dishes with the forget-me-nots painted along the rim;" fer I judged them would tickle Malindy 'bout as much as anything on earth. "And then de me up about a peck of candies and nuts," says I; cause I 'lowed, that Malindy didn't have the teeth to chew 'em, it'd make her feel young agin jest to get them in her stockin'. "And then," says I, as I handed him a 10 dollar bill, "take out fer a good cigar fer yerself, Dan, and a merry Christmas to ye." And then I sneaked home, filled Malindy's stockings, hung up the sack of dishes 'long side and then stole noiseless like to bed.

Next morning was the finest morning you ever saw. The sun was shining and the frost on the willers glittered like a million diamonds. But out across the new fallen snow there were tracks goin' and comin'. Malindy never axed no questions about the tracks. But when I came to put my socks on I found a pair of the finest home-knit slippers you ever saw made to adorn the weary feet of an old geezer like me.

No, no. Ye can't stop the giving of Christmas presents. And if you could, you'd be sorry you did. It's not the gifts, but it's the spirit that makes Christmas worth while.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, I am

Ever yours gratefully,

UNCLE SILAS

"The Spirit of the U."

Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1911.

Mr. V. E. Lawson, Willmar, Minn.

My dear Mr. Lawson: I was very much disappointed to see you give space and also editorial sanction to that article of Parker's.

When it comes to creating class feeling, discontent and suspicion in the public mind that article is on a par with Deb's article in the Appeal to Reason calling for volunteers not afraid to die in the cause of labor.

There are many methods of gaining notoriety but when it comes to attacking the one institution under the American flag that is doing a greater service in raising the standard of citizenship, which is the foundation of all that is worth seeking in this world, the public school system, it becomes a serious matter. Some irresponsible roaming spirits attack anything and everybody, like a bull in a china-closet, for the mere selfish satisfaction of hearing their own noise and if possible leave some mark of attack. Is it any wonder that the ordinary man despairs of finding anything instructive in such a storm of abuse concocted in what must be a disorganized mental condition.

Here at the University the attack was treated with silent toleration as no one felt anything personal in it, but it does change the situation when it is given publicity and guarantee by men of public responsibility.

I don't know what civilized country of today would tolerate an institution such as it pictured.

You are personally acquainted with my history, from the log cabin and 20 days of school per year, thru the public schools, the academic and now the professional department of



WE take pride in inviting holiday shoppers to our store. Since last Christmas we have added a third more to our floor space, which gives more room—more room for our goods and more room for shoppers. We feel that we have a line of goods in which we may take a pardonable pride in selling, and our customers will take pride in wearing.

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Rich and Useful Christmas Gifts

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- Men's 2 Piece Suits. 1.00 to 5.50
- Leggings. .50 to 1.00
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- Fleece Lined Underwear. 50 to .75
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- Fancy Ties. .25 to 1.00
- Fur Caps. 2.75 to 9.00

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## Gilbert O. Sand & Co.

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the University. It is a matter of exact knowledge that over sixty per cent of our Minnesota University students have belonged to my class.

It is not a class of permanent residents here, but every five years an entire new population is seen. I have been absent nearly seven years and returned. Since I entered the 18th of September, not one familiar face in the student body have I seen and half of the old instructors' faces are missing.

Where do all the recruits come from? What spirit do they bring with them? Besides the technical instruction given in their chosen line of development, what influences are exercised over them? All these things are too plain to even need personal investigation and yet one would assume to build thereon an institution that would be the shame of the dark ages.

It would be better to be a builder than a sower of discontent and class hatred, altho the latter will not find good culture.

Yours Sincerely,

E. J. LARSEN.

1519 Brook Ave. S. E.

### Presbyterian Church.

Services next Sunday as usual. Services morning and evening on Christmas Day, with special music. The Childrens Christmas Tree festival occurs Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Sperry of Lisbon, N. D., were in the city last Monday enroute for New London to attend the funeral of Louis Larson, a brother of Mrs. Sperry.

### SVEA SIFTINGS

Svea, Dec. 18—The Young People's Society held a special meeting last Friday evening, Dec. 15. After the meeting the choir practiced their Christmas songs.

Misses Clara Anderson and Thilda Johnson visited at Ryden's last Wednesday evening.

Miss Mable Ostrom entertained the R. E. A. C. last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Oscar H. Johnson called at the Anson home on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Irene Lindblad has been doing some dressmaking at And. Ostrom's this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Franzen en-

tertained a few relatives at dinner last Sunday.

There will be service Christmas morning at the Svea church. Children's festival will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 26. Admission 15c for adults.

The Young People's Society will give a "Lut-fisk" supper, Jan. 3. Particulars will be given later.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Klopp and son Clarence, Miss Edith Rudgren and Mr. Christ Berg visited at the Gibson home in Roseland Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ellen Lindberg is doing dressmaking at M. R. Swenson's.

Mr. Aug. Norman and family have moved into their new residence.

Miss Hildur Ryden and Messrs. Carl and Rubeen Ryden spent Sunday at Ole Kasmuson's.

Miss Phoebe Bengtson is assisting Mrs. Aug. Norman with her housework.

Tribune Wants Will Help You.

Expecting Too Much. "Don't you ever have any accidents on this road?" said the worried traveler.

"Course we do," replied the rural conductor. "But you don't expect we're goin' to run a train off the track jes' to amuse every foreigner that comes down here an' buys a ticket, do you?"—Washington Star.

Trollope's Cigar Bin. Trollope was a great smoker and made no attempt to conceal the store of cigars in his library. One wall of the room was devoted to a row of separate cupboards or bins, each with a separate glass door and filled with cigars stacked across each other like timber, so as to allow free circulation of air. On wet days the doors were kept closed and on fine days were left open. A pointed stud was stuck into the wood above the door of the bin in use. As soon as the bin was emptied the stud was moved to above the next door and the empty receptacle refilled from the big chests of cigars which Trollope obtained direct from Havana.

A Lesson in Music. A household much given to music comprised three daughters, who played the piano well and showily. At the regular Sunday afternoon gathering a musician of retiring manner was present, and after the daughters had galloped for awhile he was asked to play. He chose one or two compositions designed to show the feeling of the pianist rather than the resources of technique. When he had finished one of the young women said: "You play very well. Who was your teacher?"

With a modesty that was almost painful he answered: "My last teacher was the Abbe Liszt."—Chicago Post.

A Question of Titles. "I'm goin' to use do show tickets dat guy slipped me," said Meandering Mike.

"I wouldn't go near a show wid dat name."

"Wat's de matter wit' Ten Nights in a Barroom?"

"Is dat it? An' I come near missin' it! I t'ought it was 'Ten Nights in a Bathroom!'—Washington Star.

## GREAT XMAS SALE

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Pickle Dishes	2.75 and up	Ladies' Scarf Pins	.49 and up
Water Glass, 1/2 dozen	2.75 and up	Ladies' Cuff Links	.80 and up
Bon Bon Dishes	1.75 and up	Ladies' Neck Chains	.95 and up
Bowls	3.98 and up	Ladies' Lockets	.95 and up
Celery Dishes	3.49 and up	Ladies' Hat Pins	.45 and up
Perfume Bottles	1.25 and up	Ladies' Combs	.75 and up
		Ladies' LaValliers	.95 and up
		Ladies' Fobs	2.45 and up
		Gents' Rings	2.50 and up
		Gents' Cuff Links	.45 and up
		Ladies' Lockets	.45 and up
		Gents' Scarf Pins	.45 and up
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