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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

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—Yesterday's weather was more like winter than the few days preceding and it is possible there may yet be a white Christmas.

—The home of George Walker, of Yarnell, was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday. The loss was five hundred dollars with some insurance.

—Charles Johnston, of Blanchard, is building a commodious brick cased house at State College into which he and his family will move next spring.

—The members of Company L, N. G. P., of this place, are already contemplating a trip to Washington to attend President-elect Wilson's inauguration.

—Miss Gertrude Mulfinger, of Pleasant Gap, who recently underwent an operation in the Lock Haven hospital, is recovering nicely, and will be able to come home before many days.

—The WATCHMAN is pleased to learn that Dr. Roland Gregg Curtin, south Eighteenth street, Philadelphia, who is well and favorably known to many of its readers, has almost entirely recovered from his serious illness and is now able to be around and see a few of his many patients.

—Robert Florentin, originally of Pittsburgh but lately in charge of the cuisine department at the Indiana State Normal school, has been secured as steward for the Fairbrook Country club at Pennsylvania Furnace and is already in charge. Mr. Florentin has had lots of experience along this line and will doubtless prove efficient in his new position.

—Joseph Bitner, of Beech Creek, who fell down stairs about ten days ago, broke his collar bone, hurt his shoulder and sustained other injuries, was on Monday removed to the Lock Haven hospital as his condition was not improving satisfactorily. Mr. Bitner is a veteran of the Civil war and being about seventy years of age his condition is considered rather serious.

—The Odd Fellows Lodge of Pine Grove Mills held their annual banquet on Wednesday evening. Covers were laid for one hundred and fifty people and all taken. Rev. C. T. Aiken, of Selingsgrove, presided as toastmaster and various members of the order responded to toasts. It was quite late at night when the assemblage finally broke up and the members scattered to their homes.

—On Thursday of last week a young son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMullen, who live on Beaver street, was with some other boys who were teasing Dr. Weston's English setter dog. The animal made a leap at the McMullea boy and got hold enough to draw blood, but causing no bad injury. As a precautionary measure, however, the dog was killed on Friday by constable Horace Musser.

—On Saturday Mrs. Matilda Bechdel, of Blanchard, with four of her grandchildren drove to Lock Haven on a shopping tour and about noontime one of the latter, five year old Thomas Bechdel, wandered away and became lost. He was taken to the home of Calvin Armstrong and the police notified. A half hour later Mrs. Bechdel notified Mayor Kreamer that she had lost her grandson, and was at once told where the child was.

—In the United States district court last Saturday A. H. Pahn, of Philadelphia, was appointed receiver for the Pittsburgh and Susquehanna Railroad company on application of the Guaranty Trust company, of New York, which alleged that the company had defaulted in the payment of the 1911 and 1912 installments of an issue of \$2,000,000 five per cent. bonds. The principal offices of the railroad company are in Philipsburg, Centre county.

—On Tuesday evening of last week two men were speeding along the state road near Cedar Springs, Clinton county, in a new 1913 model automobile when the steering gear caught and the car crashed into the fence. Several rods of fencing were torn down and the car so badly damaged that it had to be hauled to Lock Haven for repairs. Neither of the men, who were said to be from Centre county, was hurt, aside from a general shaking up.

—License court last Saturday proved a rather uninteresting session. Not a remonstrance was filed against any applicant outside of Philipsburg, but a general remonstrance was filed against the granting of any licenses in Philipsburg and an individual remonstrance against each applicant, though the attorney in charge admitted there were no charges against any one. The remonstrance against W. H. Bowser, of the Hugg house, cited that he had previously been refused a license in one of the western counties of the State. A further hearing will be held in his case.

DAVIS.—Though not entirely unexpected the death of Mrs. Elmer E. Davis, at her home on east Linn street, at four o'clock on Wednesday morning, was an unusually sad affair. Her illness dates back eighteen months when she developed an affection of the heart. Other complications arose and during the past five months she was confined to the house and a good part of the time to her bed.

Deceased was a daughter of Samuel H. and Isabelle Orris and was born and grew to womanhood in Milesburg. In 1900 she was united in marriage to Elmer E. Davis and all their married life was spent in Bellefonte with the exception of three years in Philipsburg. Since early girlhood she had been a member of the Methodist church and was always an enthusiast in all kinds of church work. In her own household she was kind and loving and as a neighbor and friend loyal and helpful. In addition to her husband she is survived by two young children, Mary Isabelle and Gerald H. She also leaves one brother and three sisters, as follows: George P., of Bellwood; Mrs. James Campbell, of Tyrone; Mrs. Frank Campbell, of Westport, and Miss Madge, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services will be held at her late home on east Linn street at ten o'clock tomorrow morning by Rev. Ezra H. Yocum, of the Methodist church, after which the remains will be taken to Curtin for interment.

POWERS.—Following an illness of many weeks with a complication of diseases, a good part of which time she was confined to her bed, Mrs. Susan Powers, widow of the late Bernard Powers, died at her home on east Lamb street about eight o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Her maiden name was Miss Susan McCafferty and she was born at Milroy, Mifflin county, on February 13th, 1840, hence was 72 years, 10 months and one day old. When she was a girl her parents moved to Bellefonte and it was here she was united in marriage to Bernard Powers, who died many years ago. Surviving her are the following daughters: Mrs. C. T. Massey, of Philadelphia; Mrs. W. R. Taylor, of New York city; Mrs. J. T. Rogers, of Jacksonville, Florida; Misses Annie and Eva, at home. She also leaves one brother, Thomas McCafferty, of this place, and a little grand-daughter, Anna Massey.

Deceased was a member of St. John's Catholic church all her life and was a devout christian woman. She was a kind mother and a good neighbor and friend. The funeral services will be held in the Catholic church at ten o'clock this (Friday) morning. Rev. Father McArdle will officiate and burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

KURTZ.—Luther D. Kurtz, well known throughout Centre county, died at his home in Mifflinburg, Union county, on Monday, aged about seventy years. He had been in good health until quite recently when a general breakdown in health caused his death. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served as a member of Company D, 148th regiment Penna. Vols. He was present at the fiftieth anniversary of the regiment held in Bellefonte last August, and was appointed one of a committee to arrange for the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg in July, 1913. His wife, who prior to her marriage was a Miss Ettinger, a sister of Mrs. John Kurtz and Major Harry Foster, survives with six children.

SCHOLL.—Mrs. Mary Scholl, widow of the late Reuben L. Scholl, late of Union township, died in the Danville asylum on Saturday of last week, after being an inmate of that institution for ten years. She was 74 years, 5 months and 2 days old and was born in the eastern part of the State. She is survived by one son, Howard, of Dix Run, and one daughter, Mrs. Orvis Peters, of Halfmoon. The remains were taken to Milesburg on Monday morning, where they were received by undertaker Frank Wetzel and conveyed to Unionville, where funeral services were held in the Methodist church by Rev. Ash. Burial was made in Hall's cemetery.

KINCH.—Miss Nettie Kinch, a daughter of Daniel (deceased) and Mrs. Adeline Kinch, and who had a number of relatives in Centre county, died at her home in Altoona on Tuesday morning after an illness of many years duration. She was born at Warriorsmark and was forty-six years of age. She is survived by her mother, two brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held yesterday morning, the remains being taken to Warriorsmark for interment.

KERN.—Thomas Kern, a retired farmer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Wolf, at Wolf's Store, on Tuesday of this week. Most of his life was spent in the vicinity of Logan's Mills. Surviving him are his wife and one daughter. Rev. J. D. Stover will have charge of the funeral services which will be held in the United Evangelical church at Greenburr, interment to be made in the cemetery at that place.

CRAYS.—William Crays, who spent most of his life in the neighborhood of Beech Creek, died at the home of his son, Frank, on Friday of last week, of general debility, aged eighty years. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon. Rev. M. C. Frick, of Mill Hall, officiated and burial was made in the Brown cemetery.

BUMGARDNER.—On Saturday, December 7th, Daniel H. Baumgardner died at his home in Greenville, Mercer county, aged seventy-nine years. He was born in Mifflin county but when a young man moved to Huston township, this county, where he worked until the breaking out of the Civil war when he enlisted at Martha Furnace as a member of Company H, 148th regiment, in a squad of men with Rev. W. H. Stevens, a Methodist preacher of Port Matilda, and who afterwards was made chaplain of the regiment when it was fully organized at Harrisburg.

Mr. Bumgardner served all through the war and at its close returned to Huston township where he spent a few years then moved to Brookville. He lived there many years, finally moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he engaged in business and was one of the men who helped organize that territory into a State. A year ago he returned to Pennsylvania and took up his residence with his daughter, Mrs. G. S. Garvin, at Greenville, where he lived until his death. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and seven children, four to his first wife and three to the second. The latter live in Brookville, white two sons live in Pittsburg and one in Ohio.

SNYDER.—Mrs. Edna Viola Snyder, wife of D. C. Snyder, of Tyrone, died in the Mercy hospital, Altoona, on Saturday evening, of septicemia following an operation. She had been sick for a month or more but her illness was not considered serious until a few days before her death. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heberling, of Tyrone, and was born at Pennsylvania Furnace on February 14th, 1889. She was married to Mr. Snyder on April 14th, 1906, who survives with two children, Thomas and Claude. She also leaves her parents, one sister, Mrs. Harry Wolfe, and one brother, Robert, all of Tyrone, as well as quite a number of relatives in Centre county. She was a member of the Methodist church and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The funeral was held from her late home in Tyrone at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Grandview cemetery.

IRWIN.—Mrs. Susanna Harnish Irwin, widow of the late William E. Irwin, of Philipsburg, died on Wednesday night of last week after an illness of several years. She was a daughter of Robert and Dorothy Tussey and was born at Spruce Creek, Huntingdon county, being aged 70 years, 5 months and 19 days. She was married to William Irwin on June 15th, 1869, and most of her life since was spent in Philipsburg. Her husband died in 1902, but surviving her are three children, namely: Frank F., of Chicago; Mrs. C. B. Holly, of Holliston, and Mrs. J. C. Hoffer, of Philipsburg. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Miss Lillian M. Tussey and Mrs. George Moore, of Altoona; Mrs. W. D. Isett, of Philadelphia; Robert Tussey, of Alexandria, and Samuel C., of Hollidaysburg. The funeral was held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

MITCHELL.—Franklin W. Mitchell, a great-grandson of Rev. David Mitchell, one of the pioneers of Centre county, died at his home in Franklin on Sunday afternoon, after an illness of four years. He was a son of Thomas and Eliza Lamb Mitchell and was born in this county on May 7th, 1828, hence was in his eighty-fifth year. His early life was spent on the farm and in lumbering but in 1850 he moved to Warren county. In the spring of 1865 he moved to Franklin where he lived until his death. Mr. Mitchell was living in Warren county in 1859 and was one of those to view the first oil well struck by Col. Drake. He immediately secured leases on property in that section and became an oil operator, a business he followed with great success until his retirement a few years ago.

STOVER.—Mrs. Sarah Stover, wife of John Stover, of Peru, died last Saturday as the result of a second stroke of paralysis sustained two days previous. She was 68 years, 11 months and 12 days old and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noll, of Benner township. She was a member of the Reformed church and a woman who had the confidence and esteem of everybody in the community in which she lived. Surviving her are her husband and four sons, namely: George C., of Parvin; W. H., of Boalsburg; S. A., of Oak Hall, and J. M., at home. Rev. S. C. Stover, of Boalsburg, had charge of the funeral services which were held on Tuesday, burial being made at Shiloh.

MCDOWELL.—Mrs. Susan McDowell, wife of W. E. McDowell, of Walker township, died quite suddenly on Tuesday while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dolan, at Lamar. She was well known in her home community and her death is deeply lamented.

PETERS.—TREASTER.—Edward M. Peters, of Milesburg, and Miss Blanche D. Treaster, of Coburn, but who has lived in Bellefonte for several years, were quietly married at the United Evangelical parsonage on Wednesday morning by the pastor, Rev. A. F. Weaver. They left the same afternoon on a honeymoon trip to Youngstown, Ohio, and upon their return will take up their residence in Bellefonte.

FARMERS' WEEK.—The programs for the seventh annual Farmers' Week at State College were sent out this week and they promise some very interesting sessions. The week will begin on Thursday, December 26th, and close on Thursday, January 2nd. A list of fifty-three speakers has been booked for the week and they will not only talk, but give practical demonstrations on every subject of interest to the farmer. On Tuesday, December 31st, annual meetings will be held of the Pennsylvania Plant Breeders' association and the Pennsylvania Experiment association. A special reunion for all four-year, two-year and winter course students has been planned for Tuesday evening, December 31st, and it is the desire of the committee of arrangements that all who can do so will attend.

The Pennsylvania Plant Breeders' association will hold its third annual show during the entire week. The show will include corn, small grains and potatoes, which will be judged by competent experts and suitable ribbons awarded for first, second and third prizes. These ribbons are of a beautiful design and will serve as a permanent award of merit. There will also be an opportunity for a display of photographs or other illustrative material which members may care to exhibit. Exhibits should reach the secretary by December 25th, but to give opportunity to those attending Farmers' Week to bring their exhibits with them entries will be accepted until twelve o'clock noon December 30th. The exhibit may be removed after 12 o'clock noon January 2nd.

INTERESTING TUBERCULOSIS EXHIBIT.—In these days when the mortality per cent. of the "white plague" is greater than that of any other disease in this country, and national and state governments are spending thousands of dollars to relieve and prevent it, it is interesting to know just what Pennsylvania is doing. That the State is doing a great work is evidenced from the tuberculosis exhibit shown this week in the grand jury room in the court house under the supervision of Dr. S. M. Huff, of this place, and Dr. William S. Miller, of the State Board of Health.

The exhibit crowds the room from the door to the windows and comprises relief maps, mortality maps, maps of the extensive sanatorium at Mont Alto, with numerous photographs of this institution and descriptive matter showing how cases are treated there and how persons with weak or slightly affected lungs should live at home in order to guard against the ravages of tuberculosis. One large map shows the free dispensaries established in all of the sixty-seven counties of the State, some counties having two, three and four, as well as the location of the three sanatoriums. The mortality map shows the per centage of deaths in every one hundred thousand inhabitants. Centre county's rate is 66.8, and while there are perhaps a half dozen or more counties with a less death rate the majority of them are greater, some running almost as high as 300. Dr. Miller lectured on the subject in the court house last evening.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.—Manager Garman has about completed arrangements for the appearance at the opera house of Cate's Saxophonc Symphonic band, featuring Frank B. Cate, the famous cornet virtuoso, with Fred O. Cate, soloist on the mammoth double E flat contra bass saxophone, on either Tuesday, December 24th, or Christmas day, matinee and evening performance. Matinee prices, adults 25 cents, children 10 cents. Evening prices, 25, 35, 50 and a few seats at 75 cents. This is a high-class musical attraction that will please everybody.

On Monday, December 30th, the attraction will be "The Pearl of Holland," (forty people,) a musical comedy with all the up-to-date music and fancy dances. This show was booked for Williamsport but owing to the date being taken they will stop in Bellefonte, and the people of our town will get the benefit. Prices 25, 50, 75 cents and \$1.00.

Contributions are coming in for the Salvation Army Christmas dinner for the poor of Bellefonte and community. Mite boxes have been placed in the different business places of Bellefonte for the purpose of catching the small change of those who wish to help in this worthy undertaking. The Army officers are confident that every one in Bellefonte who is comfortably situated wants to have a part in making this a bright season for others. Any person having meat, vegetables, canned goods, etc., to give will please send word to the Army quarters at No. 114 east High street, and some one will call for same.

It is only the well-to-do who are able to travel about from place to place sight-seeing and enjoying themselves, but the motion picture brings other lands right to your door and for the small price of a nickel rich and poor alike can enjoy them. The very best of those put out under the sanction of the General Film company can be seen at the Scenic night in the week. Big features are also shown one or two evenings a week. A full hour's entertainment.

Arthur Wagner, a son of John Wagner, who for some time past has been employed by Dr. Coburn Rogers, left on Monday for California, where he has secured a position with the Southern Pacific railroad company. His brother William is working for the same company.

PROF. VANNORMAN TO LEAVE STATE COLLEGE.—Two weeks ago the WATCHMAN published the fact that Prof. H. E. Van Norman, head of the dairy husbandry department at The Pennsylvania State College, had received a very good offer to go to the University of California. Since that time he has accepted the offer, which carries with it a \$2,000 increase in salary over what he is receiving at State College. Just when he will leave State to go to California is as yet uncertain and will depend entirely on the demands of the California institution and when he can successfully close his work here.

Prof. VanNorman is a graduate of Purdue University, at Lafayette, Ind., and after a year or so spent at that institution came to State College seven years ago and took charge of the dairy department. His work there has been so eminently successful that he is recognized as an authority all over the United States, and the good he has done for the dairy interest throughout Pennsylvania cannot be computed in dollars and cents. It is a most regrettable fact that he is allowed to leave State College and the State, but it is only States like California and a few others through the west which contribute almost an unlimited amount of money to their Universities, that can command and hold the services of such men as Dr. Hunt and Prof. VanNorman.

The latter will go to California as vice director of the University, but his work will be mostly in the dairy department which is located at Davis, near Sacramento, making the latter city his home. While his friends at State and elsewhere will regret his departure they all wish him success in his new station.

William, John and LeRoy Bayletts, three Bellefonte boys who spent the past two years in the reform school at Glen Mills, were discharged last week and are now with their mother on Logan street. They show the result of their training very perceptibly.

Samuel Farrell, of Boggs township lost his cat and blamed Harry Fetzer for blowing up the feline with dynamite. Fetzer considered the circulation of the story a defamation of his character and had Farrell arrested. Squire Henry Brown heard the case and decided that Farrell could go free by paying the costs, which amounted to \$13.11, which he did.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. W. K. Corl is sick, in the clutches of la-grippe.

To all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Ed Decker, of Bellefonte, was home for the cantata and festival.

There are a number of yellow card-boards in town for chicken pox.

Walter Woods joined his family here last week and remained for the Yule-tide.

Mildred, daughter of James Peters, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Mrs. Luther Miller is ill at her home at Baileyville, suffering a general breakdown.

January 11th the Ferguson township High school will hold a festival in the I. O. O. F. hall.

The condition of our esteemed friend, George W. McWilliams, is not very encouraging.

Miss Maude Miller has been visiting her brother Blaine, at Hollidaysburg, the past week.

Miss Myra Miller, of Altoona, came down to attend to her mother's needs during her illness.

Rev. J. C. McCracken, of Johnstown, spent last week with his father, who is much improved.

The M. E. ladies' circle is the richer by \$54.00, as the result of the Saturday evening festival.

Squire James B. Laporte spent last week looking over some of the old land marks in and about Tyrone.

Dr. Harry Archey, of Plymouth, was called home on account of the serious illness of his aged mother.

Mrs. Sadie Heberling and daughter, Estella Mary, attended the funeral of Mrs. D. C. Snyder, in Tyrone, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Gates Pifer came up from Lock Haven and is visiting relatives in this section before cold weather sets in.

John Durrn, of Boalsburg, is the champion hog grower, having killed one weighing 530 pounds and one weighing 491 pounds.

Mrs. O. P. Bloom and Mrs. J. H. Williams enjoyed an early Sunday morning drive and spent the day at the Ray Williams home.

Miss Sallie Keller closed her home for the winter and went to Wilmington, Del., to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Sophie Keller Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Goheen, of Baileyville; Wm. Meyers and John Stamm and Rishel brothers, of Boalsburg, were in town Friday evening.

Ed Jamison and Guy Foreman of Gregg township, were here last Friday and bought a fine bunch of fresh cows for their dairies down there.

A new little boy Bird came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bird one day last week, and a little daughter to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dreiblebis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Henderson accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. N. C. Neidigh, are arranging for a trip to the Hoosier State, to enjoy the Christmas among friends there.

Rev. Pittinger will preach a Christmas sermon in Meek's M. E. church on Tuesday evening, December 24th. Following the services the Sunday school children will be given their customary Christmas treat. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Erb, of Maryland, who was called here on account of the death of Mrs. Erb's mother, Mrs. Swabb, last week, have been visiting their many friends down Pennsylvania. Mr. Erb is one of the B. & O. trusted employees.

Alvin S. Meyers, of Jacksonville, Florida, visited his Centre county friends last week, most of his time with his father, D. W. Meyers. Alvin is an employee of the Pennsylvania lumber inspector and flitted to Dixie land to be near his job, on which he is making good.

WILLIAM WITMER'S WILL.—The will of the late William Witmer was admitted for probate last Saturday. In it he bequeathed the farm in Harris township to Nancy E. Felding; a farm in College township to Margaret H. Thomas; another farm in College township to Annie Kline; the old homestead farm in Benner township to the children of Jennie Corman, and what is known as the "Hastings" farm in Benner township to James Witmer. As soon as each one of the grand children become of age they are to be paid \$200, and those who are under age to receive the interest on the above sum to help pay for their education. The executors are authorized to sell all the balance of his property within a reasonable time and invest the same to the best advantage possible, the sum of \$500 to be paid to each one of his heirs annually. The estate is to be settled up within five years and to be divided share and share alike among his five children or their descendants. Oliver C. Witmer, James Witmer and W. G. Runkle, are the appointed executors.

Last week's Snow Shoe Times contained an obituary notice of O. H. Osman, who was reported to have died in Columbus, Ohio, in the fore part of the week. On Sunday a letter was received in Bellefonte from Mr. Osman, himself, who wrote that he was still in the land of the living. The report of his death, it is alleged, was given out by his wife, who is living in Snow Shoe. Mr. Osman, who was born and raised at Lemont, is very much incensed over the affair and threatens prosecution if he can learn definitely who started the story.

COMING BACK TO CHRISTMAS.

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him. The man smiled, ever so little. But the boy, for all his joy, was ill at ease, with the need to put it in words. So he stood for a moment, showing his foot and then flashed his alluring smile and turned away his head.

"Thank you," he said, "like ever and ever" thing.

"Don't mind that, little one," the man said.

Then, in the need for some real expression, the child suddenly shouted:

"I'll get a knife and will c-c-cut the c-cake!" he cried, and ran away to the kitchen.

The man sat looking about the room. The coal-stove, the braided rug, the table with its neat cover, the worn box that held some small intimacy of home, the clock-shelf with the kindly clock and about it little folded papers of household memoranda, the few books, the sewing folded on a chair, . . . and this was only one house! All down the little street there were houses like this. All down the world there were houses like this. The simplicity, the loving care, the duty done, and now the atmosphere of preparation for the pleasure and good of others, a preparation distorted enough in method, but sound and sweet at the heart. . . . Sense of it all swept the man in a glow of warmth that was more than thought and almost as much as feeling. In such little homes was enough of something to set things right—if only it could get out and flood the world!

"You do it!" the child cried, and burst into the room, and yielded, a little wistfully, the honor of the cutting.

The man went clumsily at the office "Merry Christmas" fell richly in pieces as if there were enough for everybody. They ate together, the child chattering happily.

Quite without warning and at a moment when his mouth was filled with cake the little boy looked up.

"Are you Grant Willet?" he asked. The man's face changed, aged.

"Who is Grant Willet, little one?" he said.

"He's the man that's let loose on folks without any place to belong to," the child repeated, gibbly.

"The man smiled, and bitterly. "There's lots like that," he answered, "without any place to belong. I'm one of them—isn't that enough?"

The child sighed.

"I thought maybe yu u was him. I thought maybe you'd come with arrows and things," he explained, patiently.

"Not yet," said the man.

Then the child went back to his cake and his chatter. But the man, listening hungrily, never forgot his careful watch upon the clock and a little after the express whistled for the drawbridge he rose and took his coat.

"See here, little one," he said, "you'll want to hide your mother's present before she gets here, won't you? And you won't want anybody to know where it is? Well, now, it's just about time for her to be here, so I'm going—see? You won't mind staying here that little bit alone, will you—such a big man?"

"No," said the child, readily, "not with my presents. Will—you will come tomorrow?"

"Not tomorrow," the man said. "Shake, little one."

The child put out his hand, hesitated, lifted his face and waited. For a moment the man stared down at him, then almost as one remembering at last what to do, he stooped and kissed him, and got to the door.

"Come tomorrow!" the child begged from the threshold.

"Not tomorrow," the man repeated. He stopped in the lamplight falling on the snow and looked back at the child.

"Merry Christmas!" the man said.

And now the child shouted with all his might, so that the words were to be heard all up and down the little street:

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!"

"I got it said to me," thought the man.

Across the street, where there were enough shadows, he waited awhile, until he saw a woman come hurrying up the street to that door. He saw it open and the light stream, and before the window the child ran as if to throw himself in her arms. Then the child led the woman to the deep chair. The man could see them standing together, her arms about him. He turned away before she should pull down the shade and shut him out.

He faced again the empty little street and the look of Down-Town.

"God!" he thought. "If only the houses would let it out! If only they'd let out the Christmas that they box up inside themselves. . . . let it out, and let it live, the whole time. . . . and then let it loose on folks."—By Zona Gale.