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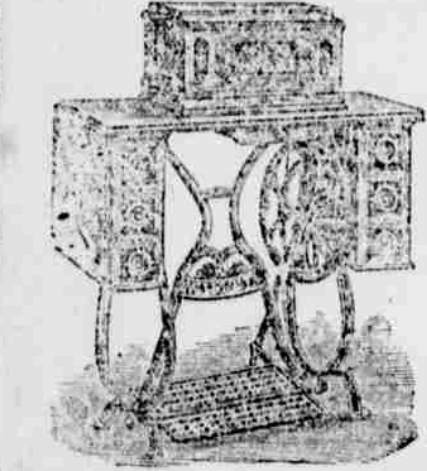
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CHRISTMAS CAROL.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care. But at Christmas it all goes away. The heart of the poor breaks into tears and fate. And its soul falls on angelic breaths forth on the air.

When the song of the angels is sung. It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight! On the snowflakes which cover the road. The feet of the Christ child fall gentle and white. And the voice of the Christ child tells out with delight. That mankind are the children of God.

On the sand and the lonely, the wretched and poor. The voice of the Christ child shall fall. And to every blind wanderer open the door. O! a hope that he dared not to dream of before. With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field. Where the feet of the holiest have trod. This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed. When the silver trumpets of Christmas have pealed. That mankind are the children of God. — Phillips Brooks in Youth's Companion.

BABY'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Little Margarita had her own views about making presents.

We were talking over Christmas gifts at luncheon, when Margarita said: "Want to buy Kim's presents too? Want to buy Kim's presents too?" At once Uncle Jim exclaimed: "So Margarita shall buy Christmas presents!"

Upon which Margarita rewarded him with a smile enchanting enough to have made a far poorer man than Uncle Jim do exactly what Uncle Jim did. He pulled a big roll of bank bills from his pocket and put them in the little one's tiny hand.

"That is all nonsense, Jim! Don't you do it!" said papa.

"She will bankrupt you in an hour," said Inez.

"I wouldn't, Jim," said mamma gently. "She knows no more about the worth of money than any other little two-year-old girl, if she is my baby and your niece."

"You were two and a half years old last month, weren't you, pet?" cried her uncle, catching her in his arms. "And you shall buy some Christmas presents if you want to. We don't care what they say. We will show them that Margarita has as much wisdom as some older people in selecting gifts. We know, don't we, pet?"

And of course Margarita said yes.

So it came about that as the others were engaged in accompanying Margarita that afternoon on her first round of Christmas shopping. I had my strict instructions from Uncle Jim not to urge any purchase upon the child, but to allow her to have her own choice in everything, provided prices did not exceed a certain sum.

When Margarita's nurse brought her down to the carriage she did look sweet and wise enough to almost win me over to Uncle Jim's opinion.

Thinking that books would please the little one as much as anything, we drove to a book store and made our way from counter to counter. At first nothing seemed to interest Margarita so much as the gay crowds of people. Finally, she looked up from a picture book, in reply to my question, "What do you want to buy for Maurice?" she said, "Want to buy tandy tittens!"

At the confectioner's there was a grand array of sugar animals, and Margarita seized upon a white elephant, and was perfectly satisfied.

"Will the little lady have anything else?" asked the saleswoman politely.

"Do you want to buy anything here for Inez or Uncle Jim or nurse?" Inez asked. But the yellow curls shook decidedly as she answered: "Nuffin now."

Our next stop was at a large fancy goods store, and I thought that here the little girl would certainly see something to strike her fancy. But the beautiful things were passed unheeded. At last she said: "Want to buy mamma a tandy titten?"

As Tony, the coachman, said that there was a confectioner's near by, we drove there instead of to the place where we bought the elephant.

A saleswoman informed me that I would find the animals at the lower end of the store, whereupon Margarita said: "Don't want to buy animals! Want to buy a tandy titten!"

Of course everybody within hearing laughed, and I hurried Margarita along toward the counter where kittens were kept.

The purchase made, other stores were visited, but all to no purpose. Five times we returned to one or the other of the two large candy stores for a "tandy wabbit" for nurse, a "tandy piggy" for Inez, a "tandy butterfly" for Nannie, a "tandy monkey" for papa, and, to cap all, which was, like the others, her own choice, a "tandy monkey" for Uncle Jim.

"Aren't you going to buy me anything?" I asked.

"No," said Margarita, rather wearily. "I loves 'em" as if love were enough, and I felt that it was.

Contrary to my expectations, the little one was silent in regard to her shopping, and even Uncle Jim asked no questions.

On Christmas eve I went to the drawer where I had put the gifts that Margarita had bought, but not a package was there. I felt almost certain that Margarita had not touched them, for she was not a meddlesome child. But if she had not been asleep I would have questioned her. As it was I searched everywhere, but could find no trace of them.

The next morning I asked Margarita about it.

She looked up innocently and said, with the sweetest smile in the world, "Oh, I eated 'em thum all!" — Toronto Empire.

Mrs. Snowden—I hear that Jimmy Jenkins, the coachman, has eloped with old Moneybag's daughter, Mr. Snowden—that will tickle the old man immensely. Mrs. Snowden—How so? Mr. Snowden—Why, the old skinduff will get out of giving her a Christmas present.—Kearney Enterprise.

A SHAKER CHRISTMAS.

HOW THE FESTIVAL IS KEPT BY THESE RELIGIOUS CELIBATES.

The Day is One of Great Significance to Them and is Observed with Great Solemnity—Their Songs, Marches and Shaking—The Christmas Dinner.

No one probably celebrates the glad Christmas holiday in a more peculiar way than do the Shakers, those strange yet industrious celibates who were brought over from England considerably over a century ago by the good old "Mother Ann Lee." There are several colonies of these queer people in the United States, and all enjoy the same pleasures, if there can be such a thing in their lives, and all believe in the same doctrine. Years ago these honest but misguided people discovered that the Scriptures directed all men and women to live apart. They believe that because the Messiah did not marry it is a sin for them to do so, and consequently there is but one love in their lives, and that a love of religion.

The Shakers have a manner and style peculiarly their own and worship God in every breath. Believing as they do in the Messiah, they think it a duty to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, and their service on Christmas day is most beautiful and impressive.

The remark "still as a Shaker meeting" has often been heard, and those who have attended a meeting of these devout people know that a word is never spoken until the "spirit moves," and so it goes from Sunday to Sunday until Christmas comes, which with them means a day of the greatest devotion. The day to them does not bring the joys, pleasures and dissipation of the world, there is no giving of gifts, no belief in St. Nicholas, no Christmas tree and no pleasures, in fact nothing but prayer. No preparations are made for the glad festival.

The morning before Christmas the celibates move toward the little church in couples. The men go by themselves and dress in the conventional black, with broad brimmed hats and gaze straight before them. They never smile, for to smile is a sin in their belief. The women follow the men, and wear Shaker bonnets of yellow straw and gray gowns, and look prim and quaint. A large white handkerchief covers the chest in primitive simplicity. Quietness reigns throughout the day, never a word being spoken. In fact the spirit does not move, and the people stand there for hours like statues. At sundown they go to the dormitories and retire.

Christmas morning they go to the church again and pass the holiday in prayer, song and religious glorification. They stand perfectly quiet and wait until the "spirit moves," when each one gives his or her experience, for on this day above all they delight in testifying to their great and complete happiness. A Shaker church is entirely different from the "world's people's" church. Instead of seats or pews, as are usually seen in churches, there is a big open space, and the men and women range themselves on opposite sides of the room. One of the elders makes a short address. Then all is quietness. After about half an hour a dozen or so of the younger people, either male or female, or perhaps both, enter the center of the space and begin a solemn march.

The Shakers sing beautifully and their tunes are remarkably pretty, sprightly and quick in character, and have a wonderfully fascinating air. The rich, deep bass voices harmonize perfectly with the clear, sweet and high tenors and sopranos. Almost irresistibly the feet and hands of all commence keeping time with rhythmic beats. Soon the entire body of Shakers are moving around the singers. As the music increases the men and women circling around become so imbued with the beating of the notes that their bodies swing and rock, their feet dance and shuffle, their hands and arms swing and beat the air, all in perfect keeping with the music. This grows more intense until they all drop from sheer fatigue. Quietness again reigns for nearly an hour, when the same performance is gone over, and then over again, until sundown, when all repair to the dormitories to enjoy the only meal in the year in each other's company, for on every other day the men and women eat by themselves.

The Christmas dinner of the Shakers is not like the Christmas dinner of the world's people. There are no wines, fruits nor delicacies. They have turkeys, ducks, chickens and plain bread and butter and vegetables of every kind, well cooked and in the greatest abundance. The women occupy one side of the table, the men the other. The elder sits at the head and invokes divine blessing, then each man and woman rises alternately and lifting their right hand say, "God be love." They then begin eating, and during the meal not a word is spoken, each one helping himself or herself to what they desire. They drink an enormous quantity of milk during the meal. At the conclusion of the Christmas dinner all rise and sing. The clear voices of the celibates make the banquet room ring with a soft and charming melody. The hands and feet of all keep time.

After the song the elder raises his eyes heavenward and chants a prayer in which all join, after which they march from the room in couples, the men together and the women by themselves, and go to their dormitories. The remainder of the night, while the world outside is enjoying itself in every conceivable dissipation, is given up to song and prayer, and all night long the voices of the Shaker sisters and brothers are heard through the halls.

The Shakers are kind hearted and generous. They are very hospitable, and it is one of their principles to entertain and honor all who come into their little world. For days before Christmas they find great pleasure in sending good things to the poor in the neighborhood, and no matter how poor a man may be, he is sure of a good Christmas dinner if he lives in the neighborhood of a colony of Shakers.—Buffalo Express.

SENATOR PLUMB DEAD.

HIS DEATH THE RESULT OF A STROKE OF APPOPLEXY.

He Was Stricken Sunday Morning and Died at Noon—Overwork the Direct Cause—His Physician Had Warned Him to Take a Rest—His Career.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.— Preston B. Plumb, the senior Senator from Kansas and one of the most conspicuous figures in public life at the capital, died very suddenly about noon yesterday, as a result of a stroke of apoplexy in the morning.

Senator Plumb's death was the direct result of overwork in the face of the earnest advice and caution of his family physician, Surgeon Philip S. Wales, of the navy. His doctor urged him to abandon all work and take a long vacation from the arduous duties of his position in the Senate.

Several times he arranged to leave Washington for a few days, but on each occasion some important work presented itself and he abandoned his plans. It is said that he had just decided to make a voyage to the Bermudas and would have sailed within a few days.

Preston B. Plumb was born in Delaware county, Ohio, October 12, 1837. After receiving a common school education he learned the printer's art and removed to Kansas in 1856. He was a member of the Leavenworth Constitutional Convention in 1859; was admitted to the bar in 1861; served in the lower house of the Legislature in 1862, and was chairman of the judiciary committee and subsequently reporter of the Supreme Court.

In August, 1862, he entered the army as second lieutenant in the Eleventh Kansas Infantry, and served successively as captain, major and lieutenant colonel of the regiment, and was finally commissioned as colonel. He was Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives in 1867 and a member in 1868. He was elected to the United States Senate to succeed James M. Harvey and took his seat March 4, 1877, and was re-elected in 1883 and 1888.

SENATOR PLUMB'S SUCCESSOR.

A Long List of Candidates, but Ingalls' Doesn't Seem to Be Among Them.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22.—The list of probable successors to the late Senator Plumb is increasing rapidly.

The candidates most prominently mentioned are: Chief Justice Albert H. Horton, ex-Congressman E. N. Morrill, ex-Congressman S. R. Peters, George R. Peck, General Solicitor of the State Fe; ex-Gov. Thomas A. Osborn; Benjamin Simpson, and George T. Anthony.

Justice Horton, who has been more prominently mentioned than any other politician, stated that under no circumstances would he accept the position if it was tendered him.

A personal enmity between Gov. Humphrey and ex-Senator Ingalls, it is believed, places Mr. Ingalls out of the race. There is now some talk of Gov. Humphrey resigning, and making Lieut-Gov. Felt Governor, who could appoint Humphrey Senator.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

A Powerful Tug and Transport Ships Secured at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—It is believed here that the reports emanating from Washington of preparations for war with Chili are true. Admiral Brown on Saturday secured an option on the new tug Fearless, just completed at the Union Iron works. She is swifter and more powerful than any Chilian torpedo cruiser, having a speed of sixteen knots per hour for fifty days. If purchased by the Government, she will be supplied with two 6-inch guns, and a secondary battery of four 6-pounders and four torpedo tubes.

Admiral Brown also secured options on four of Spreckels' big steamers—the Zealandia, Australia, Mariposa and Alameda—to be used for transport service.

The coast defense vessel Monterey can be made ready in three days after her armor plate is received. Admiral Brown received orders Sunday, and the cruiser San Francisco arrived from Mare Island yesterday, and will probably sail on Wednesday for Valparaiso.

DIRECTORS WENT OUT OF TOWN.

A Pennsylvania Bank Failure Where the Depositors Got no Satisfaction.

TYRONE, Pa., Dec. 22.—The doors of the Tyrone Bank, a private concern, were closed yesterday. The following notice gives all the information obtainable as to the cause of the failure, as the stockholders are either out of town or refuse to talk. "A drain on the resources compels this bank to close for the present."

The liabilities are estimated at \$75,000, with assets supposed to amount to \$50,000. No other banks will be affected by the failure.

When the regular opening hour had arrived and the doors remained closed the citizens started in search of the cashier and the stockholders, Claude Jones, C. Gayer, P. Flynn, and A. B. Hoover, but they could not be seen. It is thought that the bank will be able to pay eighty cents on the dollar.

ANOTHER BANK CLOSED.

P. S. POOLE & SON, of Irwin, Pa., Compelled to Suspend Payment.

IRWIN, Pa., Dec. 17.—Much excitement was caused here yesterday by the failure of the Irwin Bank to open its doors. It was announced later that P. S. Poole & Son had assigned. The bank evidently could not survive the shock caused by the former suspension, and during the run last week from \$75,000 to \$100,000 was drawn out.

Poole has made a statement to the effect that every dollar on deposit will be paid.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

DUTIES TO BE RESTORED ON SUGAR, TEAS, COFFEE AND MOLASSES.

The President Will Issue a Proclamation—Duties to be Closed on Countries That Have not Concluded Treaties. Other Washington News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Harrison has decided to exercise the power vested in him in section 3 of the reciprocity clause of the McKinley Tariff bill and issue a proclamation restoring the duties on sugar, coffee, teas and molasses from the countries that have not negotiated reciprocity treaties with our Government. The proclamation will take effect on January 1, 1892, and will be issued in a few days, certainly not later than Christmas Day. It has been prepared by the Secretary of State and has been signed by the President.

The only countries that have concluded reciprocity treaties with the United States, and will, consequently, not be included in the proclamation, are Brazil, Cuba, Porto Rico, San Domingo and the British West Indies. The treaty with the British West Indies was concluded yesterday. The German reciprocity treaty has not been ratified yet and cannot be until it comes before the German Reichstag, which will not be until February 7.

Reciprocity treaties are now pending at the State Department with Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Salvador, Columbia, Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador. But until these treaties are ratified into an accomplished fact the president will not take official cognizance of them. Sugar, coffee, hides, &c., from those countries after January 1 cannot come into the United States without the payment of duties thereon. As soon as the treaty is ratified, however, the embargo will be removed.

THE NEW CIRCUIT JUDGES.

The President Sends the Names of Six to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president sent to the Senate yesterday the names of six of the nine new Circuit Judges as follows: W. L. Putnam of Maine, First Judicial Circuit; Nathaniel Shipman of Connecticut, Second Judicial Circuit; George M. Dallas of Pennsylvania, Third Judicial Circuit; Nathan Goff of West Virginia, Fourth Judicial Circuit; William A. Woods of Ohio, Sixth Judicial Circuit; William H. Taft of Indiana, Seventh Judicial Circuit, and Warren Truitt of Oregon to be United States District Judge of the District of Alaska.

THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Crisp, McMillin, Catchings, Reed and Burrows Form It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Speaker Crisp submitted to the House of Representatives yesterday the Committee on Rules. It is made up as follows: The Speaker, (Chairman), Messrs. McMillin (Tenn.), Catchings (Miss), Reed (Me.) and Burrows (Mich.).

THE HOUSE MEETS.

It Transacted Little Business, and Adjourned Till Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The principal thing done in the House yesterday was the adoption of a rule reported by a Committee on Rules, authorizing the Speaker to appoint the committees. The Committee on Ways and Means is increased from thirteen to fifteen members, and the Committee on Indian Depredation Claims abolished.

A joint resolution providing for adjournment of Congress from December 23 to January 5 was adopted. Mr. Enloe presented a resolution to have the Pension Bureau investigated, which went to the Committee on Rules. Mr. Chipman announced the death of M. R. Ford of Michigan, and the House adjourned until Wednesday next.

Speaker Crisp states he will be able to announce the House Committees on Wednesday.

IRISHMEN ASKED TO USE FORCE.

Highly Inflammatory Circular Issued to the Clan-na-Gael.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—A secret circular has been issued by what is called the Alexander Sullivan wing of the Clan-na-Gael to the different camps in the United States, calling upon Irishmen, inasmuch as Parliamentary agitation has been unsuccessful, to return to physical force.

The circular gives the large amount of money that has been consumed in peaceful agitation, and asks what has been accomplished. It speaks about the movements of the men of '48 and '98, and declares that they have frightened England into granting Ireland more concessions than all the other movements have accomplished since.

It advises that in order to begin the work, fifteen per cent. of the funds of each camp should be sent to a special committee at once.

An officer of the Clan-na-Gael was seen this afternoon in reference to the circular. On being asked if the Fenian movement was dead he said: "Our organization is the strongest Irish organization in existence to-day. We have 20,000 men ready to strike a blow for Ireland as soon as an opportunity presents itself.

Several members of the Irish Federation declared that they knew nothing about the circular and that the men at the head of the movement were the greatest enemies that Ireland has.

Five men were badly and perhaps fatally scalded by the bursting of the safety valve at Felt's paper mills in Jefferson county, N. Y., Saturday.