

# Mebane Leader

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THURSDAY, DEC. 9 1915

### USELESS GIVING

There is a marked return this year to the real and original spirit of Christmas. People have banded themselves together into societies for the prevention of useless giving. This does not mean that the splendid custom of exchanging gifts with loved ones and friends is to be discontinued or discouraged in the least. It simply means that people are putting more love, and less money into their Christmas packages; that they are cutting out the perfunctory giving to people from whom they may possibly receive a present and to whom they give a present simply to be on the safe side. There is none of the real spirit of Christmas in this. Every gift made at this time should carry the heart with it. A gift which is made to impress somebody with our ability to afford things, or that is sent out simply to offset some gift that may be received, is simply an abuse of the most gracious custom and the most blessed day. People are turning time back a few cen-

tures and remembering that Christmas is a day in honor of Him who went about doing good and that a real Christmas gift should carry with it the spirit of Him who gave Himself with every word and deed. This is the check that has long been needed to an abuse of a custom which keeps the world perennially young and makes us remember, just before it is too late, that it doesn't matter half so much how wealthy we are as how many friends we have and how well contented we are with our lot, however humble it may be.

### AND SO BRYAN BACKS DOWN.

And it so happens that the famous gass spouter declines to meet John Temple Graves in a discussion on the subject of preparedness. The presumption heretofore has been that Bryan would tackle anything short of a vesuvius in eruption. Bryan may have done some very funny things, but he is not the fool you might think he was. He has fooled a number of people, but Bryan thinks there is something a head for him and he is traveling towards it, despite the fact that German conspirators blow up American powder mills, and people look at Bryan and remember some of his riot talk.

Uncle Sam does not assume the responsible of Mr. Ford's party, nor does he with any official stamp attempt to lend dignity or character because of the mission it goes on. Mr. Ford is evidently a good man, a liberal spender and means well, but his judgement is faulty. We do not think there is any power that would stop the war now short of the most disastrous physical force that could be inflicted upon the weakest powers.

### RUNNING THE PAPER

Everybody thinks he can run a

newspaper better than the benighted souls who have been placed by Providence in that unenviable position. Maybe it's because the editor's faults are glaring ones—out in the open in black and white, or, possibly, it is just a queer quirk of human nature and the job's so easy anyway.

Running the paper is a sort of side line with lots of people.

The Democrats says his paper is a dirty rag if he is Republican in his sentiment, and the Republicans stop their subscription if he comes out for a Democrat. If the editor is for anything the the antis condemn him, and vice versa. If he takes a stand he is trying to dictate to the community. If he doesn't take a stand, he is a molly-coddle and a jellyfish. He is a crank, a reformer, a fanatic, a four-flusher, a crook, a disturber of the peace or just a plain idiot, according as he meets with the desires of his subscribers or goes against them. And there you are. The average man never thinks of the hours of toil—downright, soul-sweating toil it takes to get out a paper. He never thinks of the worries, the trials, the tribulations every editor must undergo. Some of them are so unappreciative of his efforts to boost their town and make money for them, that they won't even contribute the price of a subscription.

Just remember this: The editor, apart from the laudable desire to make a decent living has only the good of the community at heart. If he disagrees with you on any subject—political, moral, or educational, you and not he may be wrong.

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