

A Little Christmas Talk

The Christmas Gift perplexities will soon be with us once again. Everybody will be confronted with the problem: "WHAT TO GIVE AND WHERE TO BUY"

In recent years it is a noticeable fact that people are buying more useful and sensible Christmas remembrances—gifts that will last a lifetime, and by giving comfort and service daily for years to come will be a constant reminder of the thoughtful one who made the selection.

A Little Talk About Early Shopping

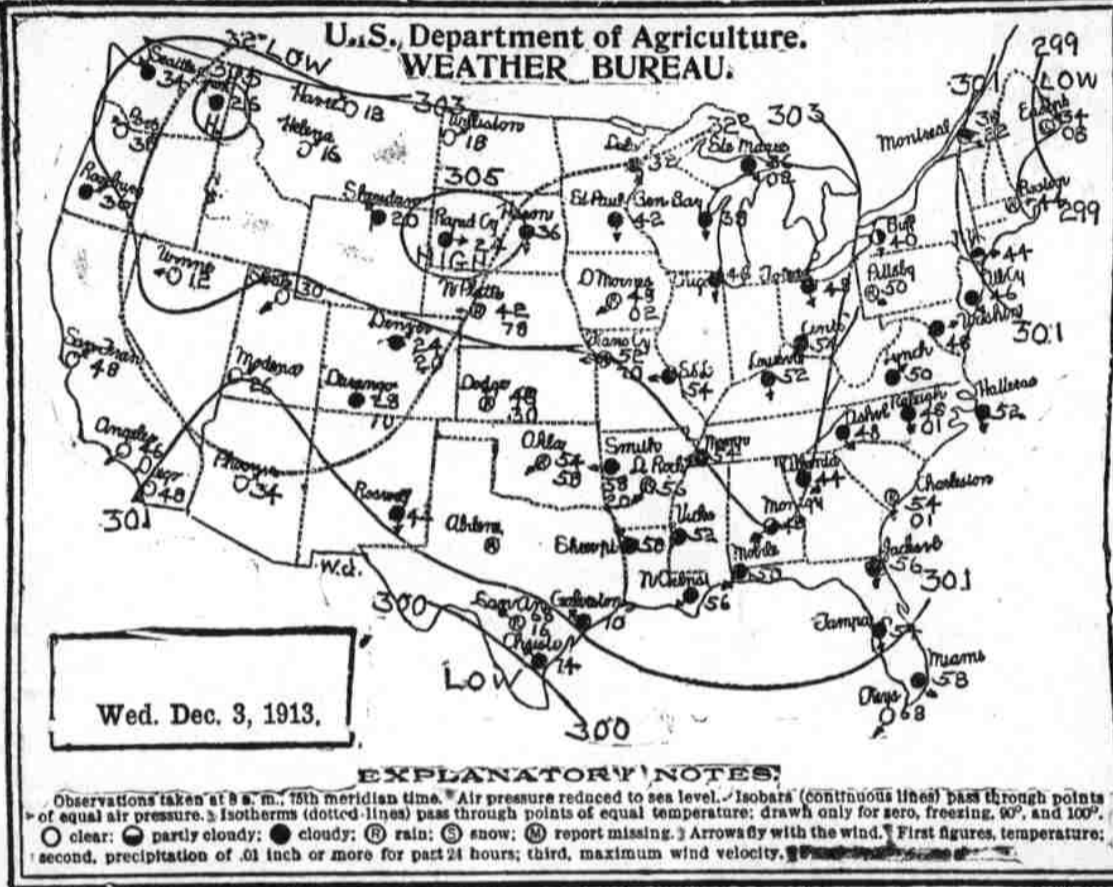
Before the eleventh hour Christmas rush and crush begins, why not take time to visit this store and inspect its mammoth stock of useful things and pretty things for the home and office in the line of furniture and home furnishings. The lines are so extensive and varied that you can find a thousand and one things here suitable for a present to your family or friends, and at prices that will make buying a pleasure.

Buy Now for Delivery at Christmas Time

You can find here something for every member of the family, and we will allow you to make selection now and by making a small deposit we will hold your purchase and deliver same at any time you say. Or if you wish, you can arrange to pay for your purchase on easy divided payments that will not make great inroad on your Christmas shopping money.

J. L. Smathers and Sons

Mammoth Furniture Store, 15-17 North Main St.



THE WEATHER

City	TEMPERATURE	
	Lowest	Highest
Asheville	45	58
Atlanta	44	50
Birmingham	46	60
Charleston	54	58
Charlotte	48	54
Jacksonville	54	58
Knoxville	42	62
Montgomery	48	64
Raleigh	48	54
Savannah	54	58
Tampa	52	60
Washington	46	54
Wilmington	50	58

Normal for this date: Temperature 46; precipitation .12 inch.
Forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday for:

Asheville and vicinity: Generally cloudy tonight and Thursday.
For North Carolina: Generally cloudy tonight and Thursday; light to moderate north winds.
General Conditions Past 24 Hours.
Rain has occurred in the north Atlantic states and the St. Lawrence valley in connection with a disturbance that is over eastern New England. The Texas storm has again caused heavy rains in that state and showers in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Rains have also occurred in Colorado, the northern plains states and the lake region. The pressure continues high over the interior of the country. Temperatures are below freezing in the plateau district and the Rocky mountain region. The following heavy precipitation (in inches) has been reported during the last 24 hours: Dallas, 3.42; Palestine, 2.64. Generally cloudy weather is indicated for this vicinity tonight and Thursday.
T. R. TAYLOR, Observer.

FEDERALS MOVE STATE CAPITAL

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sent more troops to attempt to intercept them.
The generals, led by General Salvador Mercado, whose desertion of Chihuahua and whose statements that he had no money to pay his troops are regarded as a virtual breakdown of the dictatorship of Provisional President Huerta so far as the north of Mexico is concerned, are headed for Ojinaga, on the border. It is thought they will cross the Rio Grande river to Presidio.
Will Be Arrested.
At Presidio they are expected to be arrested by the United States military authorities, taken to Marfa and thence to San Antonio. Their arrest on crossing the river would follow as a matter of course under a ruling of Secretary of War Garrison.
With the generals are many subordinate officers, about 2000 federal regular soldiers and more than 1000 persons of the wealthier class of Chihuahua who took to flight rather than face an attack by the rebels.
General Pascual Orozco and General Jose Yves Salazar, believed to be with General Mercado, are under indictment returned in the federal court in El Paso, Tex., for violation of the neutrality law. General Salazar is out on bond but General Orozco never was arrested. General Villa had little hope that his soldiers would be able to overtake the federals, who had left Chihuahua several days before the fact of their flight became known.
That General Mercado, after handing the portfolio of state to Frederico Moya, civil governor ad interim, should on behalf of himself and subordinates offer to surrender and then fly to the border, was regarded by General Villa as an unusual proceeding.

PLANS TO FORCE GOLD STORAGE EGGS ON SALE

Complaints Will Be Made That They Are Not Adequately Taxed.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 3.—A plan conceived by Mayor Mark M. Fagan, who is also a member of the county tax board, by which it is expected that a few million eggs now in cold storage warehouses in this city will be put on the market will be put in operation today.
Complaints are to be made to the tax board that the warehouses are not adequately taxed. Then it is expected the board will order a hearing and direct the warehouse officials to produce their books to show the stock that is on hand and has been carried and if the law has been violated by storing eggs for a longer period than ten months.
Such action, it is predicted, will show that the warehouses have been taxed far too low and that a lively transference of eggs from Jersey City cold storage plants will result.
To Investigate Markets.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 3.—Under direction of United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes, special agents of the department of justice have started an investigation into the commodity market here. Egg prices and storage are being brought to the front. It is said the high cost of necessities in Pittsburgh actuated the federal investigation.

SAYS U. S. CAN CHECK PAINOS

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of credits so vital to the prosperity of our great and growing country."
Of the new tariff act Secretary McAdoo says it has not been in force a sufficient length of time to make possible an accurate estimate of its ultimate revenue-producing powers. He asks congress to impose a nominal tax of one per cent proof gallon on all alcohol withdrawn for denaturation—and legislation requiring every dealer in leaf tobacco to make an inventory of stock January 1 of each year and make a report of his transactions quarterly or monthly, and that every dealer be required to give bond.
The present oleomargarine law is declared to be unsatisfactory and the government is said to lose more taxes from illicit practices in oleomargarine than through moonshine stills. The difference in the tax on colored and uncolored "oleo" is held responsible for the loss and congress is asked to impose a flat nominal tax without any difference for color with provision for individual stamped or original packages of certain sizes adequately marked and safeguarded. The law governing the sale of adulterated butter is declared to have brought about unfortunate conditions through the difficulty of its just enforcement.
The question is to be taken up by the international conference on Safety at Sea now in session in London.
Speaking of scientific research by the Public Health service the report says:
"On account of the announcements of discoveries of alleged cures for tuberculosis and their bearing on public health, important investigations of them have been undertaken. Studies of the Freundmann treatment were sufficiently advanced by May 18, 1913, to justify a report that the observations made up to that time did not warrant the confidence in the remedy which had been inspired by widespread publicity. This investigation is being continued, as are also studies of other preparations claimed as cures."
Secretary McAdoo estimates that the estimates for the fiscal year exclusive of postoffice receipts will be \$728,000,000, only \$8,000,000 less than the estimates for the fiscal year 1914.
To make that total he expects the customs to bring in \$249,000,000; ordinary internal revenue, \$315,000,000; and the income tax \$165,000,000, of which \$40,000,000 is to come from corporations, the remainder from individuals. From sales of public lands he expects to convey into the treasury \$3,000,000, and from miscellaneous sources \$50,000,000.
He expresses the belief that the ordinary receipts for 1915 will exceed the disbursements sufficiently to pay out about \$25,000,000 from the treasury's general fund for the Panama canal.

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sent by the box—of twenty packages—a hundred sticks—a hundred hours of joy—is a gift they'll keep on enjoying long after other gifts are put aside. Nearly all dealers will gladly sell it at above price!

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We are inserting the above caution solely to protect our customers, who are continually writing us that they have been deceived by imitations which they purchased thinking they were WRIGLEY'S

NOTICE!

Tax Payers

In accordance with an amendment to the City Charter by the last Legislature, all unpaid taxes on December 1st are delinquent.

As City Tax Collector it falls to my lot to see that this law is enforced.

I am under heavy bond for the faithful performance of my duty, and my duty is to collect the taxes according to law.

It will therefore be necessary for you to settle your taxes in full within the next few days.

Respectfully,
C. H. BARTLETT
City Tax Collector.

TWENTY-FIVE PERISH IN FIRE

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property had observed the building and fire regulations.
Another probe by the building inspection department of the city was started under orders from Mayor Fitzgerald.

CASE OF ZELAYA IS CONSIDERED CLOSED

Washington, Dec. 3.—The case of former President Zelaya of Nicaragua whose extradition for murder in that country was asked, was considered closed at the state department yesterday and his release in New York was expected by night fall with the agreement that he would return to Barcelona, Spain.
Zelaya will not be released however, until the formal ratification of that arrangement is received from Nicaragua and the former president will be under observation until he sails for Spain December 11.

ANOTHER AIRMAN IS KILLED BY FALL

East Church, Kent, England, Dec. 3.—Captain Gilbert V. Wildman-Lushington, commander of the British naval flying corps, was killed yesterday at the naval flying grounds here.
The captain made a long flight on Saturday with Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty. Today he was flying with a brother officer, Captain Henry Fawcett, of the royal marines when the machine suddenly collapsed. Fawcett was piloting the biplane, but suffered only slight injuries.
Captain Wildman-Lushington belonged to the royal marine artillery but had been attached for sometime to the naval flying school here.

WHISKEY AN ISSUE IN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTIONS

Boston, Dec. 2.—Fourteen of the cities in Massachusetts held municipal elections today. Besides contests in various city offices, hot campaigns have been waged in several of the cities between the advocates and opposers of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquor for the coming year.

OXFORD WILL PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL RELAY RACE

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Oxford University will send a team from England to compete at the annual relay race under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania here next April. Letter has been received accepting an invitation to participate.
There are three men on the Oxford team capable of running a mile in less than 4:20.

Majestic Theatre

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