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Christmas Times.

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The Christmas Spirit.

The vital force of Christian principles is somewhat curiously illustrated at the Christmas season when many thousands of people who do not profess Christianity nor ordinarily practice its teachings are moved as by common impulse to promote peace on earth, good will to men.

Nearly all the readers of THE HEADLIGHT, we may suppose, have family reunions on Christmas day and do not need to go away from their homes to taste the joys of Christmas, but they should give some thought to the friends and acquaintances who may be far away from home alone on Christmas day, and who would be glad to join in the festivities of the season.

Gift-giving at Christmas is ought to be nothing more than a manifestation of the Christmas spirit, which is unselfish, seeks only to make others happy. Every one who has been moved by this spirit has realized the truth of the saying that it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

A Life Saved.

Marvelous cures of throat and lung affections are made daily by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Miss Annie Swan, Petersburg, Va., writes: "My brother was attacked by a bad cough and cold, and it was thought he had consumption. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup was used and to our great surprise it made him well and hearty. There is no better cure in the world than this Syrup." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

Bill Declares That the Country Has Advanced Backward.

We were talking about the old south and the new south and some said there was no new south; that we were the same people and had the same principles, the same religion and the same politics that our fathers had, but like the rest of the civilized world, we have advanced in education and general intelligence and in the enjoyments of the comforts of life.

Well, I am no pessimist, but I am grieved to say that in many things we have advanced backward. We have more books and more newspapers and more schools, but that crime is on the increase is known and admitted by all who study the records of the courts. There are more idle young men than there need to be—yes, five times as many, according to population, and Ben Franklin said that idleness is the parent of vice.

Then we got to talking about the new woman—the female doctors and lawyers and editors and preachers and teachers and book-keepers and saleswomen, and how woman was forging ahead and taking the place and occupations of the men, and my friend, Dr. Williams, of California, surprised us by saying that there was a tribe of Indians in the northwest who were already far in advance of this line; that he had known of them ever since he moved to California, in 1849. In this tribe the women dominate the men in the family and the field and forest. They ride them absolutely, make them cook and wash and nurse, and actually hire them out and collect the pay.

So it seems that our new woman has a savage precedent. Have we got to come to this? Will I live to see the day when my wife will hire me out as a nurse or a cook and pocket the money? She knows that I can do both, and I never dodged it at home on an emergency, but I reckon she'll let me stay at home and work in the garden and cultivate my flowers the remainder of my terrestrial days.

There is no greater contrast between the old south and the new south than is shown in the advancement and the humiliation of woman. They are now on the two extremes. Before the war there were no female doctors or lecturers or editors—not one—and there were no book-keepers or typewriters or shop girls or clerks. The average woman officiated as a wife and mother, or a daughter cherished by her parents and her brothers. The wife was the lady of the house, to be it ever so humble, and she was content with her lot. It was even considered beneath her pride and dignity to teach school, and hence there was an annual importation of New England spinsters to teach the children. I and my sisters went to four of them in quick succession, for our widowers married them about as fast as they came, and they made good wives and good step-mothers, and were the most economical housekeepers in the world. They were raised that way and neither the dog nor the little niggers got any more than they could get.

A Timely Friend.

With perfect propriety may we call that excellent remedy, Salvation Oil, a timely friend. This liniment rapidly cures rheumatism, neuralgia and pains, when other remedies fail. Mr. J. M. Hall, Ashland, Va., writes: "I suffered with rheumatism in the ankle and the muscles connected therewith. Salvation Oil at once relieved the soreness, reduced the swelling, and cured the pain. No other liniment that I ever used did me so much good."

A Nation's Doings.

The News From Everywhere Gathered and Condensed.

Fire at St. Louis, Mo., Sunday morning, caused a loss of \$335,000. A brain wreck near Clinton, Ind., Friday, caused the death of three persons.

Congress adjourned Saturday in a holiday recess to re-convene January 5th, 1897.

In a snow-slide at Glendale, Mont., Wednesday, John Henssett and Frank Webber, miners, were killed.

At Carrollton, Ala., Friday, Bud Beard, colored, was hung for assaulting an eight-year-old white girl.

A party of fifty women left New York, Monday, to invade the Klondike gold fields in search of wealth.

Another negro has been lynched near Monticello, Miss., in connection with the murder of the Smith family last week.

In a quarrel over a game of cards, at Bismarck, N. D., Thursday night, Henry Wyman was fatally shot by his brother.

Falling into a bucket of boiling water, Saturday, Irvin Ditzler, aged four years, of Warwick, Pa., was fatally scalded.

The color line in the schools is being agitated at Alton, Ill., and the question will be decided by the Supreme Court.

In a dispute over a bale of cotton, at Bismarck, N. D., Saturday night, George Thompson, colored, on Wednesday.

Jedouly prompted Alfred Shelby, of Paducah, Ky., to shoot dead Thursday Jenkins, his rival in love, Thursday night.

All Over the State.

Greenville had three fires on Thursday. Total loss, \$10,000.

The post-offices at Ramseur and Cedar Falls, in Randolph county, were broken into Saturday night, and money and stamps taken.

A four-year-old daughter of Thomas Rose was burned to death in Yadkin county, on Monday, during the mother's temporary absence.

Hatton Perry, colored, will be hanged at Washington the 27th inst., for criminally assaulting Mrs. Annie Walker, of Beaufort county.

While on a protracted spree, J. Ritchie Smith, an insurance agent of Petersburg, Va., blew his brains out near Wilson, Saturday night.

According to the Greenville Reflector, J. R. Perkins, of Pitt county, whose mind is unbalanced, moved out all his furniture, Monday, and burned the house.

The latest estimate of the total cotton crop of the United States for 1897, is placed at 11,000,000 bales, of which North Carolina produced about 600,000 bales.

The Railway Commission has issued an order, effective at once, fixing the rates on such provisions as corn, flour, etc., in small quantities the same as in car load lots.

Asheville is preparing to organize a new national bank. J. W. Norwood, president of the Atlantic National Bank of Wilmington, is at the head of the movement.

A little son of Charles McAfee, in Buncombe county, fell on a pocket-knife while playing Saturday and stabbed himself in the breast. Death resulted from internal bleeding.

Thomas Hogwood, of Wilson county, was killed by some unknown person Monday morning, while going out to feed his stock. He was once a member of a white-cap organization.

A drunken row between Moses Wilson and Joe Tipton, partners in a government distillery, in Yancey county, Monday, resulted in Wilson shooting Tipton, killing him instantly.

In a fight with a woman, in the hotel building at Wilmington, Del., exploded Thursday, instantly killing John J. Cooper, aged 22.

In a jealous rage Charles Winston, colored, killed his wife at Washington, D. C., Tuesday night, and then attempted to kill himself.

More than a thousand insufficiently provisioned men are reported to have stampeded from Dawson City, in the Klondike region, to avoid starvation.

Six persons were burned to death in the Hotel Dakota, at Grand Forks, N. D., Sunday night, where 1000 guests escaped down a small fire-escape.

By a collision on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, near Fort Smith, Ark., Wednesday, Mrs. E. A. Hollenback was killed and several persons were injured.

Through mistake in the dark, Saturday night, John Clifford, of Monticello, Ga., shot and killed John Tooke, his friend, and a sheriff shot Clifford.

A distinct earthquake shock was felt in Richmond and vicinity, Saturday evening at 6:45 o'clock. No damage was done anywhere, so far as reported.

Stepping out of the way of one train, George A. Clark, aged 35, was struck by another at Shenandoah Junction, Pa., Monday night, and instantly killed.

A child of Augustus Wegge, near Port Jervis, N. Y., Monday, accidentally twisted a towel around its neck and was strangled before help could reach it.

For the murder of M. C. Hunt, a prosperous merchant, in the latter part of February, Bud Brooks and Grady Reynolds, both white, were hanged side by side at Jefferson, Ga., Friday.

While house cleaning at South Salem, N. Y., Tuesday, Mrs. Phoebe Wilson threw an old package containing white bellows into a stove, causing an explosion and fatally injuring her.

In consequence of the death of the President the customary New Year's reception at the White House will be omitted and all social functions there will be suspended until January 15th.



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