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## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

### Great Preparations Being Made for Celebrating the Joyful Holiday Season.

For more than a week our villagers have been making preparations for celebrating Christmas. Committees have been appointed and subscriptions solicited, and our guests have responded liberally, assuring a fitting observance of this joyful holiday season.

The festivities will commence with the Christmas tree for our villagers in the Village Hall, tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Many willing workers have scoured the country around in search of material, returning with great loads of holly, mistletoe and other evergreen with which they have transformed the hall into a bower of beauty. The exercises will begin with a pleasing musical and literary entertainment, after which Old Kriss Kringle will have his inning and distribute the presents from the well-laden tree.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Emery will preach a Christmas sermon at the Christian union services in the Village Hall.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Gregory will conduct the Episcopal service at the same place at 3.15 o'clock. At this service Miss Eugenie Upham will sing the beautiful "Cantique be Noel," by Adam, which is sure to be appreciated by all lovers of good music.

On Monday morning at 11 o'clock the Christmas entertainment for the people living in the country in the vicinity of our village will be held in the Beulah Hill Baptist church, about three miles from town. Last season these people enjoyed their first Christmas tree, which was managed by Rev. Rufus B. Tobey and Mr. Frank T. Spinney, two Northern gentlemen who resided in our village last winter. The exercises were then held in the open air at the Pine Ridge school-house, and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, including a large number of our villagers. Some of the children who attended walked from their homes more than eight miles away, but all felt amply repaid for their long journey.

This year the Beulah Hill church is the place selected and the affair is under the direction of Mr. F. T. Spinney, who still remains with us. Many friends in the North have sent large parcels of presents to help make the celebration a success. A barrel and large box of gifts were received from Rev. Mr. Tobey and the Wallaston, Mass., Congregational Sunday school, a barrel from the Medford, Mass., Baptist Sunday school, and a large box from Mr. Franklin Hervey, of Medford, Mass., who has taken great interest in this good work. Many of our villagers have also made contributions of

## The Expectant Night.

[FOR THE OUTLOOK.]

A soft wind greets the dusky pines,  
And speaks in accents tender  
Of mystery it half divines  
Enwrapped in starry splendor.

THE WIND.

Ye heedful pines, I come from far,—  
Far lies my way before me.  
I journey East until yon star  
Hangs in mid-heaven o'er me.

I know not what the star may mean,—  
What strange event betideth,—  
What holy thing may there be seen,  
Where that pure light abideth.

Farewell ye pines! in joy and fear  
I go to meet that glory.  
Expectantly I haste to hear  
Some earthly-heavenly story.

THE PINES.

Good speed, O wind! may all thy way  
Grow bright beneath its beaming,  
Till yonder star to thee display  
The vision of our dreaming.

For oft in root and branch we've thrilled,  
Our giant arms upflinging,  
To hear the sky above us filled  
With angel-chorus singing:—

"Rejoice, rejoice, ye men of earth!  
Light comes to heal your blindness,  
Light of the World, of lowly birth,  
Your Prince of Loving Kindness."

Then speed, O wind, o'er waste and wild!  
This is the birth night fateful.  
To holy child and mother mild,  
Bear ye our incense grateful.

Oh, touch his hands, his tender hands!  
How swift they'll be for healing,  
How strong to break the captive's bands,  
How apt in love's revealing!

Kiss thou his feet, his eager feet!  
How gladly will they weary  
On mercy's quest through city street,  
And by-ways rough and dreary!

Oh, speed ye wind, ye gentle wind!  
The night is swiftly fleeting,  
And when the holy child ye find  
Give him this loving greeting.

time and money. The country people here, not to be outdone in generosity, have shipped to their Northern friends large quantities of holly, mistletoe and other Christmas evergreens, which will undoubtedly prove acceptable to the recipients in the frozen North.

Arrangements have been made for teams to leave the Holly Inn at 10 o'clock, sharp, Monday morning, to convey to the church all of our villagers who care to go, and it is expected that a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity if the weather is fair. The price of tickets has been placed at 25 cents for the round trip. The exercises will be held out of doors if the weather is fine, which will be a decided novelty to our guests. Tickets may be obtained at the Department Store and Holly Inn, and the money will be refunded if the weather is bad.

Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock the colored people will have their tree in the Village Hall, under the direction of our villagers, who have contributed liberally towards making the affair a grand success. Here, also, the distribution of presents will be preceded by a short entertainment and our Northern guests will undoubtedly enjoy this diversion as much as those for whose benefit it was prepared. A colored Santa Claus will be master of ceremonies, and THE OUTLOOK, with its customary enterprise, has secured an interview with this sable old gentleman, who assures us that among the good things provided will be a barrel of fun which will be distributed with a lavish hand to all who attend.

A full account of the different entertainments will appear in next week's OUTLOOK.

### A Remedy for Over-Exposed Negatives.

It is reported that M. Mercier of Paris, the well known chemist and photographic expert, after a long series of experiments with various substances, has discovered a remedy for over-exposure which is said to make possible the production of an excellent negative, even with an exposure one thousand times too long under ordinary operations. The result is obtained by soaking the plate in a two per cent solution of tartaric antimony and potash, which is commonly known as tartar emetic. The plate after being subjected to this soaking, may be exposed and developed, or the treatment with the tartar emetic may be after exposure and before development. The best results thus far was with a hydroquinone developer. If this treatment is found to be as claimed, it opens up a wide possibility of improvement in the work of an ordinary amateur, who on the theory above named may expose almost indefinitely, give his plates a preliminary soaking in this bath, and develop with the surety of a perfect negative.—*Philadelphia Record.*

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