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HELP MAKE IT MERRY CHRISTMAS.

"Ring out, ye crystal spheres! Once bless our human ears, if you have power to touch our senses so. And let your silver chime Move in melodious time, and let the bass of heaven's deep organ blow; And with your ninefold harmony Make up full consort to the angelic symphony."

At this season of the year, the glad Christmas tide, when young hearts, full of gladness and hope, appeal so irresistibly to the older hearts, which may be filled with sadness and tender memories, and cause these sad-eyed ones to forget the past and rejoice in the present, there is much for the serious contemplation of youth and old age.

"More blessed to give, than to receive." And who will remember this and put it into active practice. "Merry Christmas," is the greeting. "Why, Merry Christmas," may be asked. The greeting has in it more than a simple thought or expression. It can simply be of the lips, or come from the heart.

Christmas time, a season for giving presents and receiving them. Is this all? Then the "Merry Christmas" has a false note. It is a time of perfunctory actions, in which the heart and love have no parts.

With the grown members of a family, between relations and friends, this Christmas time may prove wearisome and distasteful, because it is made a time for exchanging gifts, not a season when the exchange is of love, of heart-rendering to heart, and the thought of pleasure in self-sacrifice of some kind.

With the child, the medium of expression is the Christmas gift, and this remembrance fills the young heart until it finds expression as did Tiny Tim in, "God bless us, everybody!"

But to the man and woman, why is Christmas not merry? Has the greater giving than receiving been tried? Has the self-sacrifice been made, that another might receive the benefit?

If not, how shall past joys brighten today, or what remedy shall there be for the accumulated sorrows of years now passed?

Let each mature heart and mind answer for self, and let it be so that more joy is given to the world, and sorrow will be made lighter, if not forgotten, in the conservation of self to the happiness of others.

SECTIONAL ADMIRATION.

That the people of the North have high appreciation for distinguished Southerners, and that he same may be said of the South in regard to Northerners, is not merely a matter of guess, but of fact.

only goes to prove the fact that the people now know no sectional lines, and great with applause those men whom they may respect and honor, regardless of the past, and every old sectional feeling that previously had existence.

ANY PREMIUM ON TEMPERANCE?

At this season especially, when a Merry Christmas is synonymous with a good time, which may include the temperate use of food or drink, the question can be asked is there any premium on temperance, outside of the mere physical distress which over-eating or drinking is likely to produce?

The recent order of a leading railroad company, that all employes using cigarettes should give up the use of them or lose their jobs, is not a matter left to the wish of the employe hence can hardly be credited to individual excellence or the personal desire to reform in the habit of cigarette smoking.

But outside of this mandatory order in the matter of cigarette smoking, a close observance of the advancement of employes in railroad service it will be found that the temperate and industrious man will move ahead of the man who is given to occasional drinking.

And in other trades it will be found that the clear thinker produces the best work, and to be a clear thinker, temperate and regular habits are necessary.

In trade and commercial dealings, in matters of trust and responsibility, it may be said that there is a premium paid for temperance.

How about society? Does the temperate man or woman command greater respect than the intemperate?

Probably not, unless there be a difference in the financial standing, so that the temperate habits of the man are overlooked, because of his money.

If temperance commands a premium in the working world, why should it not be more sought, more demanded and more valuable in the social world?

PUBLIC OPINION AND SUCCESS.

Integrity in business affairs is a most potent factor in the commercial success of the individual, firm or corporation.

The fact that three New York corporations have underwritten, each of them, over one billion dollars' worth of life insurance, represents such a fabulous amount of business as to be almost incomprehensible, but more to be thought of is the public confidence which has been inspired, that will trust its money to corporations doing such an immense business.

The truth of it all is that these companies have exhibited such integrity in the conduct and management of their business affairs, that public opinion has become a unit in the matter of having implicit faith in the companies, and whether their underwriting amounts to one million or one billion dollars is not considered of importance in giving such corporations more business.

This same public opinion governs equally in communities of small size.

It is the professional man of integrity who inspires the confidence of his fellow citizens, and thereby their business.

It is the merchant who sells his goods as per advertisement, and advertises honestly and perseveringly that builds up a character that means commercial success.

It is the citizen who is honest with his fellow men, however limited his means, who has the good opinion of his community, and will find success for his efforts.

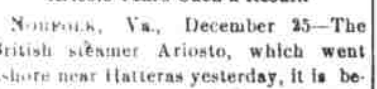
"The Mill Cannot Grind with Water That's Past."

This is what a fagged-out, tearful little woman said in telling her cares and weaknesses. Her friend encouraged by telling of a relative who had just such troubles and was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The little woman now has tears of joy, for she took Hood's, which put her blood in prime order, and she lives on the strength of the present instead of worrying about that of the past.

Neuritis—"I had dreadful neuritis, miserable for months. Neighbors told me to use Hood's Sarsaparilla; it cured me perfectly." Mrs. FANNY TURNER, Barre, Vt.

Erysipelas—"My little girl is now fat and healthy on account of Hood's Sarsaparilla curing her of erysipelas and eczema." Mrs. H. O. WATKINS, Fort Chester, N. Y.



Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-purifying and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

MAY BE TOTAL LOSS.

Captain Baines, Of Grounded Steamer Ariosto Fears Such a Result.

NEWPORT, Va., December 25.—The British steamer Ariosto, which went ashore near Hatteras yesterday, it is believed will suffer a total loss. Captain Baines, of the steamer, tonight telegraphed Charles M. Barnett, his representative here, expressing fear that efforts to save the vessel will prove unavailing.

The tug Rescue, which reached the Ariosto this morning, has been unable to do anything toward floating her because of the rough sea off the coast. A message received at the Weather Bureau here states that the Rescue has not yet been able to even approach the Ariosto near enough to put a line aboard her. The steamer lies broadside on, and appears to be making considerable water.

MOZLEY'S LEMON ELIXIR.

Cures indigestion, headache, malaria, kidney disease, fever, chills, loss of appetite, debility, nervous prostration and heart failure, by regulating the Liver, Stomach, Bowels and Kidneys.

Cured me of indigestion. I had suffered for ten years. I had tried almost every medicine, but all failed. Since taking Lemon Elixir I can eat anything I like. W. A. GIBBITH, Ryeville, S. C.

Cured me of indigestion and heart disease after years of suffering when all other remedies and doctors had failed. N. B. COLEMAN, Beulah, S. C.

I have been a great sufferer from dyspepsia for about fifteen years, my trouble being my liver, stomach and bowels, with terrible headaches. Lemon Elixir cured me. My appetite is good, and I am well. I had taken a barrel of other medicine, that did me no good. CHARLES GIBBARD, No. 1515 Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky.

Cured me of enlarged liver, nervous indigestion and heart disease. I was unable to walk up stairs or to do any kind of work. I was treated by many physicians, but got no better until I used Lemon Elixir. I am now healthy and vigorous. C. H. BALDWIN, No. 98 Alexander St., Atlanta, Ga.

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She Can Tell.

It's hard to tell which a woman enjoys most—trimming her own hat or picking her neighbors to pieces.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. Dr. J. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. Speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co."

The Paid For m. "You should make some allowance for your former wife's faults," said the friend.

"I do," replied the divorced man; "I pay her alimony."

My son had been in trouble for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles, of the 30 cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited. THOMAS C. BOWEN, Glencoe, O. For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

For Looks Like. Any shoemaker can tell you that women stand more pain than men.

Another Company Assigns.

Boston, December 25.—The John F. Lowell & Co. Company has assigned Charles H. Cole, while President of the Globe National Bank advanced the firm over a million dollars. This resulted in the firm's liabilities are stated to be over two million dollars.

BRITISH POWER

To be Displayed by Seizing Delagoa Bay.

American Ships Captured by British Cruisers.

Loaded With Supplies for the Boers. Admiral Schley Not to Go to Delagoa Bay, Ladysmith Holding Out British Advance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Rumors are current here today that this government has been notified that it is the intention of the British government to seize Delagoa Bay belonging to the Portuguese, and also the line of railroad from Lorenzo Marquez to Pretoria in the Transvaal.

This is to be done, according to the report, because England has become satisfied that not only food supplies but recruits and munitions of war have been and are being transported through Portuguese territory to the South African Republic. It is asserted that England has determined to stop this and has decided upon using drastic measures to accomplish it.

It is also said that the original intention of the Navy Department was to send Admiral Schley with the cruiser Chicago to Delagoa Bay but that the plan has been changed at the request of the English government because such a move might cause embarrassment to the English plan of action.

The officials of the State Department in Washington refuse to discuss the report.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Another ship believed to be an American vessel loaded with stores for the Boers has been captured by a British cruiser off the coast of Africa and taken to Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony. This makes four American vessels that have been captured by British cruisers patrolling the African coast.

A Cape Town dispatch says that the correspondents have returned there from Moider river. This is taken to mean that another advance movement is about to take place by General Methuen who has been largely reinforced.

The Cape Government has received reassuring accounts from all the county magistrates regarding the attitude toward England of the Colonial Dutch in Cape Colony.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The arrival of the transport Tantalus Castle at the Cape, which is expected Wednesday, will put at the disposal of General Buller the most valuable reinforcement to arrive on any one vessel since the beginning of operations.

She has on board three companies of siege artillery, one having an armament of four of the now well-known 4.7-inch guns and the other five inch howitzers. All these weapons fire lyddite shells.

The notorious deficiency of the British forces in ordnance of range and power equal to that of the Boers is thus in some degree to be modified.

At the Cape, while the outlook is held to be gloomy, it is not generally regarded as giving ground for serious alarm. The checks sustained are said to be temporary only.

LONDON, December 25.—The action of the United States Government concerning flour that was seized causes considerable discussion regarding the contraband question as affecting Delagoa Bay and Portugal.

The Morning Post argues that the British government would be mad to treat food as contraband, as such action would play into the hands of all possible future enemies of Great Britain. It admits, however, that steps should be taken and money expended to search vessels and to prevent munitions of war entering the Transvaal by way of Portuguese territory.

The Standard says: "As the campaign develops it may become necessary to seize the Delagoa Railway at Komati Poort."

The London Times makes the following announcement: "We are informed that the Government has decided that it is not desirable to make further demands upon the European garrison in India unless unforeseen difficulties arise."

The first batch of Boer prisoners has arrived in England. LONDON, December 25.—An undated hellegraph message from Ladysmith, by way of Pietermaritzburg, represents the garrison there as in no way daunted by General Buller's reverse at Colenso and confident of being able to hold out indefinitely.

RALEIGH.

Christmas at The Penitentiary. Short Courses in Agriculture. Warehouse Collapsed.

RALEIGH, Dec. 26.—At the penitentiary Christmas day there was a special song service, in which a number of Raleigh people took part. There are only 200 convicts in prison. Of these about 80 are women, a few of them white. One is from Baltimore.

Work is actively in progress at the granite quarries at Graystone, on the Raleigh and Gaston Railway, near Henderson, and 180 men are employed. The special line is the furnishing of Belgian blocks for Norfolk and Portsmouth.

The State Agricultural and Mechanical College here will have a new and special feature next year in the shape of short courses in agriculture and horticulture, at which cattle feeding, grafting, hothed and greenhouse propagation, poultry raising, staple crops, judging cattle, etc., will be taught.

The reorganization of the planks of the gas and electric-light companies at Wilmington is to be effected next month all the arrangements having been made. Wilmington's artesian well has now a depth of 1,804 feet. The last 196 feet is in very hard stone. Some experts fear the well will be a failure.

There came very near being a whole sale escape of prisoners from Stateville jail two nights ago. A white female prisoner gave the male prisoners part of her corset, out of which they made a saw and cut through the bars. They intended to get in the corridor and overpower the jailer, but at the last moment were betrayed.

Saturday afternoon at Gastonia the storage warehouse of Craig & Wilson collapsed and the building and contents are an utter wreck. An overloaded elevator is thought to have caused the accident. The elevator man, a negro, was killed. The building was new and not entirely completed. Part of a wall fell on a passing railway train, demolishing a freight car and narrowly missing the engineer.

The building in the campus at Chapel Hill is being steadily pushed. The Carr building, a handsome gift from General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, is nearing completion, and work on the alumni building has been resumed. These will be beautiful and useful additions to the university plant.

Miss Isabella Winston, the accomplished daughter of President Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, has been carried north for medical treatment. While here on a visit she was some days ago taken with a violent case of nervousness, which resulted in a case of acute mania.

GOOD TIMES IN CUBA.

General Good Feeling. Roads Repaired. School System Improved. HAVANA December 25.—All the stores in Havana closed at 10 o'clock this morning and the rest of the day was devoted to congeniality. Only two newspapers appeared with the usual editions. Bands played on the Prado. Americans generally visited friends, mostly those having families here giving dinners and inviting others to be their guests.

Improvements will soon begin on the highways, which are greatly in need of repairs. This will give employment to a large number of men. The school system will also be reorganized. Alex Frey, superintendent of Cuban schools, will be reinforced with two or three other commissions.

The judiciary will form the subject of early attention, especially the jails and the system of keeping prisoners for months without trial. An order will be issued ordering that a complete list of prisoners held for trial will be furnished monthly.

DEATH IN THE MINE.

Two More Bodies Recovered at Braznell. Funeral of the Dead. Special to Journal.

PIETRSBURG, Dec. 26.—Two more bodies were taken from the mine at Braznell today. The funeral of eighteen of the victims of the explosion was held today and was attended by every man, woman and child not at work in the mines.

The fact that last Saturday was pay at the mine and that there were no empty wagons to load accounts for many not going into the mine that morning. Had the accident occurred any other day there would have been more than 100 in the mine, and the result would have been even more appalling than it is.

Some of the families of the dead miners are in suffering condition, and provisions are being sent out by the Brownsville merchants, as well as from Unfontown. The men who have been working since Saturday to recover the bodies are almost exhausted, yet they refuse to give up and keep at the grim work doggedly, though more dead than alive.

What Costs. Here paper and envelope stationery. It takes a stamp to carry them.

A Youth Artist. Hobbs—He calls himself an artist. Hobbs—What does he draw? Hobbs—Teeth. He's a dentist.

Distressing Stomach Disease Permanently cured by the masterly power of South American Nerve Tonic. It is a cure for the whole world of stomach weakness and indigestion. The cure begins with the first dose. The relief it brings is marvelous and surprising. It makes no failure; never disappoints. No matter how long you have suffered, your cure is certain under the use of the great health giving force, Tonic and always safe. Sold by G. D. Bradham, Druggist, New Bern, N. C.

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WINE OF CARDUI. A SURE MEDICINE. I have been suffering from female weakness for four years, and have taken many medicines, but Wine of Cardui and Bock-Draught have done more for me than anything else. MRS. CAROLINE EVANS. It is a mistake to take any and every kind of medicine when you are sick. There is danger in it. Most of the so-called cures for "female weakness" do nothing more than deplete the patient temporarily, and when the effect wears away the patient is weaker and sicker than before. It is never wise to take chances. You have only one life, and that is dear and precious. If you have any pain, ache, disorder or weakness in the feminine organs, nothing will help you like Wine of Cardui. It helps do away with morning sickness during the early stages of pregnancy, and modifies the pains of childbirth; recovery is rapid and future health is assured. The Wine is purely vegetable, being made of herbs whose medicinal properties act directly upon the organs of womanhood. It is a long-tried remedy, and has many years of success behind it. It is sure. Why take a chance medicine when you can get a sure medicine? Druggists sell Large Bottles for \$1.00.

BOY'S SUITS! Just Received a new and pretty line of Boys' Suits, ages 3 to 7. Ladies especially invited to call and inspect these Bargains. A. J. SMITH 99 MIDDLE STREET, NEW BERN, N. C.

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