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Merry Christmas

GOMPERS' BODY AT WASHINGTON

The Body of Samuel Gompers Will Lie in State at Washington—Was Buried Wednesday.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15—The train bearing the body of Samuel Gompers to Washington where it will lie in state until burial Wednesday at New York, paused here from early morning until noon today after a journey marked by outpourings of those who wished to pay their respects at all stations from San Antonio, Texas where the president of the American Federation of Labor died Saturday.

The schedule from St. Louis called for the funeral train to reach Cincinnati at 8:55 p. m. tonight. A rival at Washington was scheduled for 2:45 p. m. tomorrow. Last night the train kept the schedule fairly well although it lost some time when it stopped at various stations for thousands of persons to file past the great flag covered bronze casket. The floral tributes which covered the coffin when the train left San Antonio were added by the wagon as the train rolled north.

MAKING CHRISTMAS REAL CELEBRATION

MR. AND MRS. BROWN agreed not to have any Christmas celebration. They would just be sensible, and have a restful holiday without any of the worry of trying to outdo each other and their friends in the exchange of gifts.

Their friends had consented not to give them any presents, and as they had no children, it would be easy to carry out their intention of having just an ordinary holiday.

Christmas morning arrived and Mr. Brown looked at Mrs. Brown through blinking eyes.

"Merry Christmas," he said; "Merry Christmas," echoed his wife.

They were both startled. That was not the way to begin an ordinary holiday. They had begun it just as they had begun every other Christmas.

"But then," Mrs. Brown explained, "it wouldn't be right not to say it, would it, dear?"

Mr. Brown quite agreed with her, and they went down to breakfast.

At Mr. Brown's place were some packages.

"What are these?" he asked, with pretended harshness.

"Oh, dearie," said his wife, "you won't be angry, will you? I just couldn't help giving you something. It wouldn't be Christmas without some surprises. And as we weren't giving any presents, I thought it was a good opportunity to get you some things you have needed a long time.

Mr. Brown tore open the packages, which to his great delight contained a velvet lounging robe, some Russian leather slippers and a box of his favorite cigars.

"You dear!" he cried, and kissed his wife ardently.

Then he drew from his pocket a small box which he handed her. Her eyes sparkled.

"For me?" she exclaimed.

"For you," he said, and added, as she lifted from the box a beautiful necklace of pearls, "I thought since we weren't giving any presents this year, it was a good opportunity to buy you these pearls you have wanted so long."

"Oh, dear," said his wife, and she smiled joyously.

Just then the doorbell rang. A messenger with flowers and candy was at the door. "I thought it wouldn't be Christmas without these," said Mr. Brown.

"And you were right," agreed his wife. "You can't have Christmas without candy and flowers, and presents and surprises, which show how much we love you."—H. Lucius

Here He Is



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

We Come to the Citizens of North Carolina for Funds to Finance Our Work for 1925.

Our record for year now closing, at this date, December 15th, is 201 homeless children placed in approved homes.

We appeal for sufficient donations to save 250 children in 1925.

We have a net waiting list at this date, December 15th, of 160 homeless children who have been offered the Society from the various counties of North Carolina. Hence we have ample opportunities to save unfortunate boys and girls during the next twelve months.

We receive no financial aid from the state, and perform service for every county in North Carolina when called upon.

We have no obligated source of revenue such as a church or fraternal order. Therefore we appeal to Every Corporation in North Carolina. Every Church in North Carolina. Every Sunday School in North Carolina.

Every Public School in North Carolina. Every Fraternal Order in North Carolina.

Every Child-loving Citizen in North Carolina.

Our total donations for Thanksgiving were 101 checks—amount to \$939.55.

You see by this statement we must receive a larger response during the Christmas period or the work must slow down.

At Thanksgiving most every liberal giver was under obligations to some church orphanage. But at Christmas think of this Society and be generous.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Greensboro, N. C.

A. M. SCALES, President,
F. C. BOYLES, Treasurer,
JOHN J. PHOENIX, State Supt.
Make checks payable to F. C. Boyles, Treasurer, Greensboro, N. C.

Subscriber Wishes to Come to Franklin

Dear Editor—I have for some time read your paper with much interest, and I believe that Franklin has a bright future. Its future of course depends a great deal upon the class of people who come there as permanent residents.

What inducements if any have you to offer people both men and women workers, who have no special trade or profession, but who would like to settle there provided they could make a living?

Do you want people of this class? Will some reliable person who is well informed in regards to this matter be willing to correspond with one who is much interested?

If so, the writers address may be obtained by applying at the Press office.

Almond News

The Almond school is moving along nicely this year.

The Andrews basket ball team played Almond last Friday. Andrews girls shot eight field goals and one free goal.

Andrews boys shot four field goals and seven free goals.

Almond girls lost the game by one. Almonds boys gained by twenty.

The road in Swain County is in good condition at this writing.

Our school will close Friday for Christmas. We hate to see our teachers leave for home. We wish they could stay with us.

Mr. R. W. Burnett passed through this section last week on his way to Macon County.