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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

A most curious and significant
thing about Christmas is the way in
which it has drawn to itself customs
and rites from various heathen
sources—the gifts and merry-making
of the Roman Saturnalia and brumalia;
the plentiful feasts and blazing
logs, the evergreens and the mistletoe
bough of the northern Yuletide. Some
dour Puritans object to this and
would strip it all away. It seems
most wonderful and fitting that the
natural impulses of human kindness
and generosity and hopefulness,
symbolized in those old rites and cus-
toms, should naturally come to the
birthday festival of Him who is "the
desire of all nations," even as the
Persian Magi came of old, bringing
gifts from afar.

The enormous multiplication,
expansion and elaboration of Christmas
presents has become a serious handi-
cap on the joy of the season. Old
Santa Claus is in danger of being
strangled by the weight of his pack.
Shopkeepers seem to rely upon the
enthusiasm of fond parents who dote
on their children and remember their
own joyous Christmases.

There are exceptions of course, but
if one visits all the shops in this town
looking for evidences of the Christ-
mas spirit, they will be amazed at the
result.

"Merry Christmas" is not a one-
day event. The weeks preceding
should be weeks of joyous antici-
pation and preparation, culminating in
the actual celebration of the birth of
our savior.

In the early days of our history
the Celts and Germans celebrated
the season as the beginning of re-
newed life and activity of the powers
of nature. At the winter solstice the
Germans held their great Yule-feast
in commemoration of the return of
the fiery sun-wheel. Many of the
customs of the old Germans and Ro-
mans were adopted by Christianity,
followed by the "manger songs," car-
ols, dramas, feasts and at a later
period the Christ-tree adorned with
lights and gifts, reciprocal presents
and became a universal social festi-
val for young and old, high and low.

The Christmas spirit among the
people largely depends on circum-
stances. If shops and stores adopt a
funereal aspect, merchants must ex-
pect a correspondingly depressing
sentiment and lack of interest. In-
difference begets indifference.

A few dollars expended in fancy
fixings for the window, a little in-
terior decorations in keeping with the
season, marks the live man, inspires
enthusiasm and contributes to the
Christmas spirit in the customers.

But more important than all else
is the effect on children. For many
of them this display is only Christ-
mas. For all others it is a joy and a
pleasure that permeates the home
and results in renewed interest, larger
purchases and a more prosperous
and happy season.

Loosen up. Shake off the tan-bark
and ashes and get into the Christmas
spirit.

THE DEBT OF FRANCE

The duties of the debt funding
commission are clearly defined by the
act of Congress creating the commission.
These duties are to effect definite
methods of payment of the amounts
due us, with interest.

The argument advanced by certain
interests that these debts be cancelled
as "America's contribution to the Al-
lied cause," and in the hope that our
foreign market might be increased,
are rather far-fetched, and would
never be accepted by the people.

This country has already given,
unintentionally, of its manhood and its
money to bring victory to the allies.
What further contribution could be
expected?

These European nations owe us to-
day approximately \$12,000,000,000.
The total profit of our export trade
will not amount to the interest on this
debt, and if the whole export trade
will not amount to the interest on this
debt, and if the whole export trade
were sacrificed this country might be
the better for it.

the vast and valuable German terri-
tory in Central Africa. France is
really better off today than before
the war.

This is evidenced in the fact that
according to official records, France
has loaned to various European coun-
tries since the World War, more than
five billions of francs, and is urging
Poland and other countries to ac-
cept gigantic loans. Whether these
loans be in cash or credit does not
matter—the plea of poverty does not
ring true.

What America really resents is the
contention made by France that any
repayment made to America is con-
tingent on Germany first paying the
penalty levied by France. That propo-
sition under the circumstances, is
little less than notice of repudiation.

The American people have great
sympathy for France in her difficul-
ties, but the principle of "the square
deal" is one that every American
school boy understands and appre-
ciates.

Salvation of Southern Negro Depends
on Friendship With White Race

Greensboro, Nov. 28.—That the sal-
vation of the southern black man de-
pends upon his cultivation of the
friendship of his white brother here,
as well as upon his making "some
outstanding contribution to our pro-
gress and democracy," was the gist
of an address delivered before the Agri-
cultural and Technical college (negro)
in Greensboro by Charles Satchell
Morris, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., famous
colorist journalist and orator.

Morris assured the big audience of
students and townfolk that now, as
never before, there was a strong dis-
position to deal fairly, honestly and
intelligently with the negro on the
part of the southern white man. "The
two races are interdependent," he
declared, "one cannot rise without
the other."

What with the unit rule and the two-thirds rule governing
in conventions, and the delegation of authority to electors vot-
ing by states who twice at least have chosen Presidents—Harrison
over Cleveland and Hayes over Tilden—in defiance of the
votes of the electorate, the people are so far removed from their
right to choose the head of their nation that their right of
franchise has become a meaningless waste of time.

Under our present political system it is impossible for a man
to split his ticket—he can't vote for the candidate for president
on one ticket and at the same time vote for the candidate for
vice-president on some other ticket. He must vote for electors
on one ticket or another in block formation.

Also under the present system it is impossible for any in-
dependent candidate for the presidency to have his name placed
on the ballot. In Texas it is useless for a Republican to go to
the polls on a presidential proposition. The Republican voice
is so small and still that it is entirely obliterated. In Vermont
it is equally futile for a Democrat to make a like attempt.

Were the people to vote their choice then men and women
of all parties would have equal representation as they have equal
taxation, and the will of the majority of the citizens of the
country would be expressed in action.

The electoral college of course was brought into being in a
day when it was thought unsafe to trust the people with what
was then regarded as a dangerous power. From this groundwork
shrewd party tricksters have built up the gradual elimination
of public participation in national affairs until today the citizen
has the choice only of voting for one or two men hand picked
by a half dozen political despots who, meeting in a parlor, decide
who shall and who shall not have the right to go before the
people for election.

Fortunately there are signs of the awakening of our citizens
to the importance of insisting on their right of utterance. With
their ears always to the ground the political combine is even
now discussing the possible abolition of the two-thirds rule in
the Democratic convention. If we can get that reform and next
the killing of the unit rule we will have made at least a start
toward a real democratic rule.

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knickerbockers. Its citizens can get along very well without
political bosses to govern them or electoral colleges having the
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There are grapes on sale in Washington Market, New York, at \$1.50
per crate of 30 pounds. Landed in a Fifth Avenue window they sell for
\$1.00 per pound. The gentleman who grows the grapes gets what?
Echo and answers what?

The speaker is regarded as the
foremost apostle of inter-racial har-
mony and "good will" in the south.
His speech here tonight was applauded
by a record crowd.

EVERY FACE A MENU
He—"Yes, the doctors say our food
affects our looks."
She—"Well, more people eat nuts
than I thought."

CAUSE AND EFFECT
He rose with great alacrity—
To offer her his seat
'Twas a question whether she or he
Should stand upon his feet.

UNO
Nasal Catarrh is a Dirty, Filthy Disease
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fifty years Pe-ri-
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nasal conditions.

Editorial
JUSTICE PERMITS NO FENCE TO LIMIT ITS VISION
Elect President By Popular Vote

In the belief that any political system which makes possible
the election of a President in defiance of the expressed will of
the majority of the people is archaic and undemocratic, the
Sacramento Bee in a leading editorial calls for the abolition
of the electoral college and the direct election of the national
government executives.

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TYSON RE-UNION.
Thanksgiving Day marked another
of the unusual and interesting annual
re-unions of the Tyson descendants.
More than a hundred kinspeople as-
sembled at Tyson's church, three
miles from Farmville, and the small
frame building was crowded to over-
flowing, not only with Tysons, but
with that best spirit of love and
fellowship.

After a short song and prayer ser-
vice the assemblage was called to
order by the President, Mr. Elbert Ty-
son, who in a brief talk explained
the reason and need of this assemb-
ling once a year. Mr. John David
Cox, of Winterville, was the first
speaker on the program. Mr. Cox
traced the Tyson name back to 1708
and illustrated by means of a family
tree why he is a Cox. Mrs. Josie
McArthur followed this talk with a
paper on her branch of the family—
the Joyners, while Mr. Henry T. King,
of Greenville, gave in detail the line-
age of the Mays and Turnages. All
of these talks and illustrations pro-
ved most interesting and instruc-
tive.

The outstanding feature of the pro-
gram was an address on the "Family
and Home," delivered in a forcible
and eloquent manner by Judge J.
Lloyd Horton. Short informal talks
on their ancestry were also made by
Mrs. Packer, of Tarboro, and Mr.
Hawkins Tyson, of Fremont.

A most significant thing was that
in tracing the family back for gener-
ations it was found and noted that
Bible names were used almost enti-
rely, both as to the men and women,
proving that whatever else they may
have been their familiarity with God's
word is unquestionable.

An election of officers was held be-
fore adjournment and the following
officers were elected: T. C. Turnage,
of Farmville, President; C. L. Tyson,
Vice-President; J. D. Cox, of Winterville,
Sec-Treas. A committee was
appointed to look up other records
and verify present ones. It is hoped
to have a lucid and confirmed record
of the family tree by the next meet-
ing in 1924.

A regular old fashioned Thanks-
giving dinner was served on the
grounds after adjournment.

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generous patronage given them on
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ing it possible for them to clear \$485.
A sum that was very gratifying to
the promoters.

EPISCOPAL AUXILIARY
The Woman's Auxiliary of the
Episcopal church enjoyed a social
meeting at the home of Mrs. W. R.
Hooper Monday afternoon.

After a pleasant hour of sewing and
conversation, Mrs. Hooper was assisted
by Mrs. Walter Jones in serving
a delightful salad course.

UNION SERVICES
A farewell service which rivalled
any ever held here in attendance was
conducted at the school auditorium
Sunday evening in honor of Rev. C. T.
Thrift of the Methodist church who
left this week to take up his duties
at Moyock.

Rev. D. E. Hill of the Baptist
church conducted the musical program
which was followed by short talks
by the different ministers of the lo-
cal Ministerial Association, Rev. C.
A. Lawrence of the Presbyterian
church, Rev. O. E. Fox of the Chris-
tian church and Rev. D. E. Hill of the
Baptist church.

These remarks of tribute were fol-
lowed by a strong message of vindi-
cation taken from the text "I am free
of the book of all men" delivered in
a powerful, forcible manner by the
retiring minister who enumerated the
advances of the local church under
his pastorate and of the promising
religious future of Farmville which
he has foreseen and which he had
hoped to witness. He remarked the
ambition of his life was to return to
Farmville and that his removal was
a marvel to himself and to the town.

Mr. Thrift is a man of remarkable
eloquence, character, and strong per-
sonality and unshakable in his faith
and belief that he is being led by the
Holy Spirit.

"Built Me Up"
I USED Cardui for years
and it did me more good
than any medicine I ever
used," writes Mrs. M. C.
Ragsdale, of Hart Towson,
Okla. "I used to suffer with
womanly trouble that weak-
ened me until I was a mere
shadow, nervous, and could
not sleep. I did not feel like
I could live.
"It seemed that nothing
helped me all I heard of
Cardui and began to use it. It
strengthened me and, as 'twas
recommended to do, it regu-
lated and built me up till I
was like another woman."
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and feel that you need a tonic,
take Cardui, the woman's
tonic, the tonic about which
you have always heard, the
tonic that helps weak women
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