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- Dallas, N. C., Monday, Dec. 4th.
- Lowell, N. C., Tuesday, Dec. 5th.
- McAdenville, N. C., Wednesday, Dec. 6th.
- Belmont, N. C., Thursday, Dec. 7th.
- Mt. Holly, N. C., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8th and 9th.

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Christmas Greetings

By William Marion Reedy

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all. Let yourself surrender to the season. Don't be afraid or ashamed to be a bit soft toward everybody. Obey that impulse to kindness. Throw off that inhibition on spontaneous friendliness. Note how it gets you more than you give. Reflect how splendid it would be to carry the feeling on beyond Christmas always. Don't let the horror and misery of the great war oppress you. In the conflict men are giving all they have and are for ideals. They are making and shaping a new world and a better one, building it with the supreme sacrifice of self. This world is what we make it. The love habit will beautify and sweeten it. Every little bit helps to make a mighty fire of love eventually to burn all hate away. Merry Christmas.

VENGEANCE ALL HE SOUGHT

When Crowd Learned Nature of Christmas Gift It Left Him to Commit His Crime.

It was Christmas eve, and a stout man with a large package beneath his arm hurried through the crowded thoroughfare, closely pursued by a small man of haggard aspect, with a thick stick in his hand.

On and on, relentlessly, the forlorn man dogged the other, and those who passed him heard an occasional word drop from his lips, indicative of despair or awful terror.

Finally, some of the crowd turned and followed the pair, determined not to miss the fun. The crowd grew larger, and finally a bold man went up to the person of haggard countenance.

"What's the matter?" The little man turned. "Matter?" he echoed. "See that man with a bundle? He is my next-door neighbor, and in that bundle he has a coat which he has bought for his small son to play upon."

But the crowd waited no longer. It surged ahead and left him to work out his own salvation, and when peace had been restored the remains of the battered man and a battered cornet lay upon the pavement.

JES' 'FORE CHRISTMAS

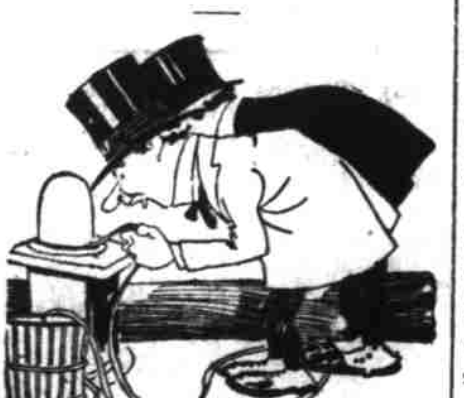
They're acting mighty funny up at our house nowadays, They're different than they used to be an' changed in many ways; Not long ago if I should want some toy upon a shelf, They used to make me get a chair and hunt for it myself! Las' night I wanted building blocks and went to get 'em, too, An' three of 'em got up an' said: "I'll get 'em down for you."

I used to have to hunt for things that somehow went astray, They let me open bureau drawers without a word to say; Ma would sew and sis would play, an' pa would read his book, An' never think of gettin' from their chairs to help me look, But las' night when I started in to find my 'lectric car They all exclaimed: "We'll hunt for it; you stay right where you are!"

Eve never known 'em be so kind in all my life before; They'll jump to wait on me an' find the things I'm huntin' for; Although they used to grumble an' to say I was a pest, I'm not a bother any more—but why, I haven't guessed. I only know that when I want some toy that's on a shelf, They're mighty quick to see that I don't hunt for it myself.

—Edgar A. Guest, in Chicago Daily News.

HIS SCHEME.



"I'm going to dabble a little in stocks to buy Christmas presents."
"But suppose you lose?"
"In that case I'll have a good excuse for not making any."

Wanted a Short Night.
"Pop!"
"Yes, my son."
"Is it a fact that the days are getting longer?"
"Yes, my boy."
"Well, pop, that ought to make the night before Christmas shorter then, shouldn't it?"

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JUDGES MAKE POOR STANDS AS CANDIDATE.

N. Y. World. Mr. Hughes was the first Justice of the United States Supreme court to be nominated for president, and is probably the last.

In view of the republican party's experience with Mr. Hughes, no national convention is likely to go again to the supreme court for a candidate, and in view of Mr. Hughes' experience no Justice of the supreme court; it likely again to be a receptive candidate.

In opposing Mr. Hughes' nomination Joseph Choate protested that—"It should be regarded as a fatal drawback to Justice Hughes' nomination that he has been a member of the supreme court, a court which must be kept inviolate from without or from within."

We doubt if this theory influenced many voters against Mr. Hughes, for it did not influence even Mr. Choate, who warmly supported the ticket and the candidate. The strongest reason against the nomination of Judges for high elective office is a severely practical one. They are weak candidates. The Hughes campaign is not unique.

In 1897 Alton B. Parker was elected chief judge of the New York court of appeals on the democratic ticket by a plurality of 60,889, although the year before McKinley's plurality was more than 268,000. Yet when Judge Parker was the democratic candidate for president in 1904, he lost New York by 175,000 and polled the fewest votes of any democratic candidate for president since 1884.

In 1909 Tammany nominated Judge Gaynor for mayor and Judge Gaynor was popularly regarded as an invincible candidate. Yet he made a miserable campaign and was saved from defeat only by a divided opposition. The combined Bannard-Hearst vote exceeded the Gaynor vote by 80,000.

In 1913 Tammany again went to the bench for a candidate for mayor and Judge McCall was beaten by 121,000 votes, thousands of whom he had alienated by his own speeches.

In 1914 Samuel Seabury was elected associate judge of the court of appeals by a plurality of 56,054. He carried the borough of Manhattan by more than 70,000, Kings by 25,000, the Bronx by 25,000, Queens by 16,000, and Richmond by 3,700. Although Gov. Whitman, in a republican landslide election, carried the State by 145,000, he ran only 40,000 ahead of Judge Seabury, who actually polled more votes than Senator Wadsworth. Yet, as the democratic candidate for governor this man carried the city of New York by a paltry 21,000 and was disastrously beaten in the State.

Mr. Hughes was a mighty candidate before he became a judge. When he ran for governor in 1906 he had a plurality of 57,897, and was the only republican on the State ticket to be elected. As a candidate for president he ran behind his ticket in prac-

tically every State in the Union, and as a campaigner he lost votes by every speech he made. He was the strongest on the day he was nominated and weakest on election day.

Why Judges should make poor candidates for executive office we do not pretend to know, but it is nevertheless a fact, and it is a fact to which political parties are bound to give more consideration in the future. Thus the fear that the bench had been dragged into politics through the precedents set by the nomination of Justice Hughes for president and Judge Seabury for governor is stifled by the election returns.

On the whole it is perhaps better for the country that the judge should remain a judge, and that the training and experience of the bench should unfit him for party leadership.

TO TAKE 300,000 BELGIANS.

Germans Already Have Put 30,000 at Work in Germany.

Thirty thousand Belgians already have been deported to Germany, according to information received in London through official channels. Reports from the same sources say that the Germans plan to take some three hundred thousand, judging from the order issued in a number of cities for all men more than 17 years old to report for inspection.

A circumstantial report from the Mons district says that the entire male population was summoned to report at German headquarters at 8 o'clock the morning of October 26. The priests, professors, teachers, local officials, members of the food committee and the physically defective were dismissed, but it is added, 1,200 men, composing 20 per cent of the eligible men, both employed and unemployed, were selected and immediately placed on cattle trucks and started for Germany. Being ignorant of the purpose of the summons, the men had assembled without clothing for traveling and without food, and relatives who hurried to the station with food and clothing were refused access to the men, the reports add.

MINT MAKES NEW RECORD FOR NUMBER PIECES COINED.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—With an output of 9,850,000 dimes, 8,266,200 nickels and 28,975,450 pennies in November, the local mint established a new record for a single month in the number of pieces coined. The total value of the output was \$1,688,064.50. In addition to this coinage two million ten-cent silver pieces were coined for the republic of Ecuador. For the eleven months of 1916 the coinage has aggregated 191,565,926 pieces, all dimes, nickels and pennies. The mint is working double shifts and officials say there is no indication of a let-up in the demand for small coins.

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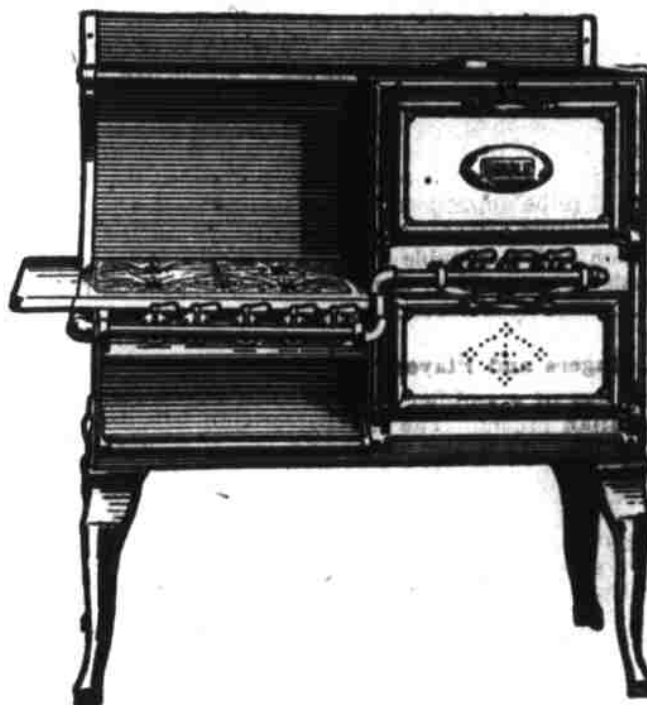
into two parts. One to contain the cash for your needs, the other the amount you can spare. Bring the second pile here and open a savings account. If you keep it by you it is apt to be frittered away needlessly. In this bank it will go to work for you. It will not grow less. It will grow more.

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CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

BUY FATHER A SAW-BUCK AND MOTHER A FLAT IRON AND SISTER SUE A MOP



This is a different advertisement because we are not going to suggest a gas heater, or a kitchen range or gas iron or a gas fixture as a Christmas present. What you want to do is to give a box of cigars or a pipe or a fishing rod, and mother a diamond ring or a tailor-made dress, and Sister Sue some of the delights of a girl's heart.

We sell gas ranges every day in the year and there is no reason why you should give "ma" a gas range as a Christmas present any more than you should give "pa" an ax and a cord of full length wood.

A gas range is a delight to every member of the family every day of the year. It makes work lighter, the house cleaner, and saves money.

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