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## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Thanksgiving day has come and gone, and it is now in order to remind the public that it would be a great convenience to all interested, if the Christmas shopping were not delayed till the last moment. When this is generally done, the stores are overcrowded just before the great holiday, and the Christmas is spoiled. To the shoppers themselves the rush and crush the last days before the holiday renders shopping both unpleasant and unsatisfactory. How much wiser are they who commence early to lay their plans and execute them while they have ample time and can select their purchases with deliberation. The stores are well supplied at the beginning of the holiday sale, and those who come first have the first choice of everything, while those who seek the stores last of all, will have to be content with a hurried, jostled rummage amongst what the earlier customers have left. "Come early and avoid the rush," is a good motto for Christmas shopping.

## ONLY ONE ISSUE.

In the coming school election there is only one issue. The voters should not lose that out of sight, although all sorts of hobgoblins are being painted on the wall, to distract their attention from it. The question to decide is whether the people of this community can safely entrust their educational interests to party manipulators who shamelessly take their stand on an anti-American platform and demand a religious test for office holders? Can our American schools be given into the hands of unprincipled, un-American agitators who have proved themselves false to their friends, their party, their country, and their God? That is the question.

Another fact must also be considered. Large sums of money are available for educational purposes. Can they be safely entrusted to the individuals who are reaching out for them, because they want to spend a large portion of them for political purposes instead of for the benefit of the children? That is a question for the voters to decide. And they can hardly hesitate between the two sets of candidates in the field.

No one advocates Church control over the schools. No one demands the exclusion from the schools of teachers because they are not natives of Utah, or because they do not belong to the Church. Those are some of the spectres with which knaves hope to frighten fools into falling down and worshipping at the feet of plutocracy. But every American citizen demands that no discrimination be made against the sons or daughters of Utah in the matter of appointments. Every American citizen has the right to ask that religion be excluded from the consideration of qualifications for the position of teacher. American citizens insist upon fair play, and if they understand the issue, they will vote against the miserable conspiracy, the object of which is to make the position of teacher a reward for more or less shady political work done for an un-American party. Do not turn the schools over to a gang of grafters. That is the main and only point in the election next month.

## A FALSEHOOD EXPOSED.

The anti-Mormon sheet on Wednesday morning had a communication in which a series of alleged events at Pioche, Nev., in 1872, were made to do duty as showing how "high Churchmen" controlled things political even then and there. The article makes the Bishop of Panaca—a town some 12 miles from Pioche—take a bet of \$600 against \$20, the Bishop having the "short end," that John Kane, the Democratic candidate for sheriff, would be elected, the wager being in the interest of one Travis, the Republican candidate for the same office. In order to win the \$600 on a \$20 investment, all the Church officials had to do was to swing the vote of his people to Travis, which the article says he did, and won, defeating Kane, who was a very popular man. A very pretty story—on paper!

A gentleman who was in Pioche at the time and was well acquainted with all the parties named and who took a more or less active interest in the campaign of that year, advises us that the article referred to is a tissue of absurdities. For instance, it speaks of the "mayor of the city," "police justice of the city," &c., when the place was not then incorporated and had no mayor or police magistrate. In further refutation he points out that the Bishop was a most worthy man who kept aloof from gambling and every other form of vice; in addition to which he was himself a candidate for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket, on which Kane was running for sheriff. If the "Mormons" had all scratched Kane and voted the rest of that ticket, the circumstance would have been a plain case of party disloyalty and not a mere matter of surmise; but they didn't. The Republicans of Lincoln county had been gaining ground right along, and so many Democrats revolted at the nomination for President that they showed resentment either by not voting at all or going over bodily to the other side; hence the election of Travis—who, by the bye, was not the unpopular or inefficient man he is put up for by the

article in question—and most of the others on the winning ticket.

It would be impossible to give space to a refutation of all the misstatements of fact that appear in the anti-Mormon and pro-plutocratic organ, but we call attention to this as a fair sample of the reliability of its "news" items and deductions. Do the readers of that sheet realize that they are being fooled in every possible way? That they are patronizing a concern which, under the pretense of selling news items, only aims at influencing public opinion in the interest of ambitious politicians?

## JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.

The death of Joseph Chamberlain is said to be near at hand. For some time he has taken no part in public life in Great Britain, and the London papers have referred to him as one already politically dead. Four months ago he was confined to his house with gout, and since then he has suffered a paralytic stroke, and it is supposed that the end cannot be far distant.

It is truly stated that the passing of Mr. Chamberlain from public life is of greater significance than that of any British statesman since the retirement of Mr. Gladstone. He has been a political force of the first order for many years, and it is a question whether he leaves any successor of equal power to continue his work. Mr. Chamberlain separated himself from the Liberal party led by Mr. Gladstone, and succeeded in defeating the Liberal leader's program as to Irish local government. That issue is again up, and it is believed that Gladstone's principles will prove triumphant in the end.

Mr. Chamberlain has been held responsible, in a great measure, for the Boer war, by which the autonomy of two African republics was wiped out. His exit dates really from that time, because it was the hostile criticism of his administration during that period, that first broke his health. Today he presents a pathetic spectacle, his brain all but numb and the sun of his life slowly sinking beyond the horizon. The public has varied its estimates of his services. At times he has been held in derision. And then again he has passed through the streets in triumphal procession, with the crowds paying homage to him. What the impartial verdict of history will be, must be left to the future.

## A PROPOSED ALLIANCE.

Embassador Von Sternberg, the representative of Germany in this country, is said to favor very strongly an alliance between America, England and Germany. He is reported to have expressed himself as follows: "If God and nature had ever marked three nations for perpetual peace and friendship and each other, those three were the United States, Great Britain and Germany."

The trouble with alliances with European powers is, that they are generally entered into for the purpose of territorial expansion, at the expense of weaker nations that have no strong allies. This country cannot be a party to such European plans. If the question were of an alliance for the maintenance of peace and the promotion of commerce and industry, it would be different, but as already remarked, European ambition generally goes in another direction.

Just now a report from Berlin via London is to the effect that Germany and Denmark have arranged for the closure of the Baltic to the fleets of any country at war with the German empire. This is supposed to mean that the government aims at the obtaining of a foothold in the Western Hemisphere. It is believed that the agreement between Germany and Denmark would eventually lead to the entrance of the latter country into the confederation of German states. This, it is pointed out, would give Germany control over the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, and the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John in the Danish West Indies. But German control of these islands, it is further pointed out, would be a menace to Porto Rico, Cuba, and especially to Panama. It is significant that the German Embassador in this country is suggesting a triple alliance between his country, the United States, and Great Britain, at the same time that Berlin reports talk about an agreement that would eventually have the far-reaching effects just referred to. Perhaps the suggestion of M. Sternberg is but a diplomatic cover for plans and schemes that are not exposed to public view.

The traditional policy of the United States not to enter into entangling alliances, will prove safe at all times. This country must be free to act as circumstances shall require, whenever any Old World power attempts to gain a foothold in the Western Hemisphere in contravention of the Monroe doctrine.

Never again will Caruso touch, taste or smell Graham bread.

There has been another fight with the Palaquians who have been "pacified" so often.

There would be no negro problem today did not the negroes insist upon their rights.

"Hannah Graham" still insists that it was not a case of Joseph and Potiphar's wife.

According to Secretary Wilson's report corn and not cotton is king. Long live the king!

In Topeka a six-story building is called a "skyscraper." Topeka must have a low opinion of the sky.

Only a non-partisan Board of Education is worthy of the support of the citizens of Salt Lake City.

The result of yesterday's game on Cummings field recalls the speech in the old fifth readers—Logan's Farewell.

Because Mayor Schmitz says that he asks no quarter nor will give any it must not be inferred that he is starting an anti-tipping movement.

If the President's suggestion of a large inheritance tax is taken up by Congress, a large inheritance tax commission to hold hearings and report,

following precedent, will be a sine qua non.

In New York Mayor Schmitz expressed himself as not thinking much of being indicted. In San Francisco he will think more about it and less of it.

It is a wise provision of nature, or somebody else, that the presidential Thanksgiving proclamation is always written before the message to Congress is.

There are two coal enquiries now on. One is to the dealers if they have any coal on hand, and the other is to the companies asking how they got their coal lands.

Professor Percival Lowell of Harvard, Boston, and the Flagstaff observatory, is satisfied that Mars is both habitable and inhabited, and that it is peopled by beings even more intellectual and advanced than ourselves. Come, come; surely not more intellectual and advanced than the Bostonese.

A Yale professor says that statistics prove that 750,000 persons will die in this country during the next year whose lives could be saved by proper medical effort. Of the people now living, he says, eight millions will die of tuberculosis. That particular Yale professor would receive a more respectful hearing if he would talk football.

A Washington special to a local paper says Senator Dubois declares that the administration played politics in creating six new forest reserves in Idaho, and attributes his own defeat to the fact that the proclamation creating these reserves were held back until after election. But a short time ago he declared that the "hierarchy" defeated him. He is determined to have several strings to his bow, and will use that which seems best suited to his purpose at the time. A little honest introspection might reveal to him the true cause of his defeat.

## WHALING AS MODERN BUSINESS.

Robert Dunn, writing in the current Harper's Weekly of "The Hidden Treasures of the Arctic Whaling Fleet," has some interesting things to say of the whaling industry as it exists today. "Whaling," he says, "is almost dead, you hear. Yes, it is a small enterprise compared with the great industry of long ago. The old lure, oil, is scarcely thought of today, the vegetable oil having so completely supplanted the Leviathan in the arts. The bone's the thing. It has never been higher in price, some \$6.50 a pound today, and a 'right' whale will average more than 25,000 pounds a year. Two whales will yield a ship a dividend; five are the average catch, although this year the luck has been poor, and some vessels have no more than one or two. It costs about \$25,000 to outfit a ship for a summer in the Arctic. Often the catch is worth \$12,000, of which about \$25,000 goes to the skipper. There's money in whaling, often more than in mining and salmon-canning, the north admits; and so even greater lawlessness exists than in those pursuits."

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

"Mr. Dooley" writes on "The Christmas Spirit" in the American Magazine for December. Following is a brief extract: "Christmas comes but once a year, and it's not every other time like it. All th' rest iv th' year, fish days an' fast days, holy days an' unholy days, all th' wuruld is in a cline. A gran' raslin' match is goin' on in every corner iv th' cloyed wuruld. We're all in a tangle, fightin', quarrellin', robbin', plunderin', or murdrin' accordin' to our tastes. I trust no man. No, I won't go that far. I'll say I believe none iv thim are honest, an' I believe none iv thim are free. In that way I keep me friends an' save me money. Nobody trusts me. Down th' stairs, through th' kitchen, an' in th' parlor we go, all over th' house, shrinkin' high or low, no holds barred, no blow foul. It's what Hogan calls th' struggle fr' existence, an' it's always go on while there's a dollar in th' wuruld, a woman, or a ribbon to wear in our coats. We've forgotten ivrythin' else but poundin' th' man under us, or kneedin' th' man on top iv us, when suddenly we hear a voice, 'Gentlemen, gentlemen, no before th' childer. An' we get up an' brush th' dust off our clothes an' shake hands, pretendin' it was all fun. Th' kids ha' come in. That's what Christmas is for, Hinnsey. But fr' that was twenty-four hours, when there's a white flag up, an' th' worst enemy I have, or th' worst friend, and come within stone's throw iv me without fear, we'd die iv exhaustion."

## GRAFT.

New York Evening Sun.  
There is graft and graft. All grafting has elements of meanness, for all stealing, like all lying, is mean. At the same time, he who waxes fat at the expense of the widow, the orphan and the hungry might well be regarded as unfit for the society of ordinary burglars and horse thieves. From the far west comes the report that at least a million dollars sent there for the relief of the sufferers from the San Francisco earthquake and fire never reached those for whom it was intended and has stuck to the dirty palms of middlemen.

## EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

New York Tribune.  
French statistics show the expenses of the various European states for the education of their subjects. In Germany there is one school to every 700 inhabitants, and on an average 100 children attend each school. The expense amounts to 38.25 cents a head of population. In France there is a school to every 500 inhabitants, a school is attended by 66 children, and every Frenchman contributes 20.5 cents to the expenditure. In Italy, where there is a school to every 600 inhabitants, a school is visited by 36 children and a pupil costs 16.75 cents. In Spain there is also a school to every 600 inhabitants and 56 school children constitute the average attendance. Every child, however, requires an annual expenditure of 25 cents. In England conditions are similar, but the cost amounts to 37.25 cents for each child. Austria has a school to every 194 pupils and every 1,300 inhabitants, at a cost of 19.1 cents. In Russia there is a school to every 2,300 inhabitants, and the school expenditure of a Russian amounts to 5.5 cents.

## JUST FOR FUN.

The Silence of the Submerged.  
You may have noticed that while Mr. Stuart is getting in a word now and then for his reform program, the other fellows are as quiet as a tombstone lot.—Butler Eagle.

Real Cause for Worry.  
It may be assumed that Count Boni is not as much worried by his loss of reputation as by his loss of credit.—Washington Star.

Royal Travelers.  
There seems to be no "unwritten law" in Great Britain or Germany to

prevent King Edward or the Kaiser from stopping outside of the respective countries when the notion takes them.—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Keene—Have all the other women arrived?  
The Maid—Yes'm—you're the last one.

Mrs. Keene—Well, you'd better announce me so that they can get through talking about me before I go in.—Cleveland Leader.

"That new bride is always eating fudge. She says her husband thinks it looks cute."  
"He's a wise Johnny. He knows she's got to eat her fudge as it is, with fudge she can't talk."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"For goodness sake!" exclaimed Mrs. Skrupps, "what are you always complaining for? You haven't anybody to blame for your trouble but yourself."

"Oh, I admit I proposed to you. You needn't be throwing that up to me," replied her husband, savagely.—Philadelphia Press.

"You don't have any of those rambling old farm houses in Kansas," said the New England man.

"No," responded the western visitor, "when our houses get ready to go anywhere 'they haven't' time."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mr. Kulcher—Your literary circle is making a study of Shakespeare now, I believe.

Miss Giddy—Yes, indeed.  
Mr. Kulcher—And what have you learned about the great bard so far?  
Miss Giddy—Well, we've discovered that he's just too cute for anything.—Catholic Standard and Times.

## Unconscious Irony.

A New England man says that one night last winter when the thermometer fell below zero, his wife expressed her concern for the new Swedish maid who had an unheated room.  
"Elza," said she to the girl, remembering the good old custom of her youth, "as it is bitterly cold tonight, you'd better take a flat-iron to bed with you."  
"Yes, m'm," said Elza, in mild and expressionless assent.  
In the morning the girl was asked how she passed the night. With a sigh, she replied:  
"Well, m'm, I gat the iron most varm before mornin'."—Harper's Weekly.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Ida M. Tarbell, "Mr. Dooley," William Allen White, Clara Morris, George Madison Martin, Mary Stevens Cutting, David Grayson, Stewart Edward White, Samuel Hopkins Adams, Edward Peile and others have made the American Magazine for December a really notable number. Miss Tarbell's new historical serial, an interesting description of the part the tariff played in the financing of the civil war, "Mr. Dooley" on "The Christmas Spirit" is another contribution of knowledge, from F. P. Dunne, William Allen White's right thinking is always set in the midst of whimsical and affectionate pictures of life that refresh the heart and please the mind. "Science, St. Skinfint and Santa Claus," a little Christmas talk by Mr. White, is full of ideas and gentle humor. Other articles in the number are "Mile-a-Minute Madness," an automobile article by Walter Pritchard Eaton, and "The Daily Banquet," by Clara Morris. An unsigned letter—"Out of the Heart"—presents a southern woman's view of the negro problem. The monthly editorials by the staff are run under the title "In the Interpreter's House." The fiction is good. The author of "Emmy Lou" begins a new series of stories about an army child. "Letitia, Nursery Corps, U. S. A." David Grayson proceeds with his serial "Adventures in Contentment." Mr. Adams and Mr. White continue "The Mystery." There are short stories by Emory Pottle, E. J. Rath, Edward Peile, Mary Stevens Cutting and Dorothy Canfield.—14 Fifth avenue, New York.

The Christmas McClure's contains some varied, picturesque, and striking material. An editorial article in which a life of Mary Baker G. Eddy and a history of Christian Science are announced, will begin in January. Another chapter of the Carl Schurz Reminiscences recalls his first journey to the new world. West a visit in London, and his first hearing of Jenny Lind and of Wagner. Lincoln Steffens relates the story of Judge Lindsey's splendid triumph in Denver, and C. F. Connelly tells how the Clark men failed in their attempt to handle the Supreme Court of Montana, and of the memorable scenes at the investigation of Clark's election in Washington. Myra Kelly heads the list of the McClure fiction this month with "Little Bo Peep," "Clancy of the Jack-Pot," by C. F. Holder, is a human document, relating the adventures of a skyscraper, "On the Ridge," is one of Mrs. Cutting's most clever and delightful studies of married life. W. B. MacHarg contributes a touching story of the Chicago slums. This is one of McClure's strong art numbers. The color frontispiece, from a painting by Ivanowski, is an extremely dramatic conception. E. L. Blumenschein has made some striking drawings for C. F. Holder's story, "Clancy of the Jack-Pot." Alice Barber Stephens illustrates "On the Ridge" with color pictures; Albert Sterner contributes two full-page drawings for Miss Wilkinson's "Salutation to Russia." F. Walter Taylor, John Sloan, and Maude and Genevieve Cowles contribute some of their best work.—44-50 East, Twenty-third St., New York.

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