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## THE STAR IN THE EAST.

O, a star, a new star,  
Blazed like a lamp of gold.  
For close pressed to Mary's breast  
The Savior Jesus lay at rest,  
As prophets had foretold.

(But little Judas, as he slept,  
Stirred in his mother's arms and wept.)

O, the worship, the worship  
And myrrh and incense sweet,  
Which shepherd kings from far away  
Had brought with golden gifts to lay  
At the Savior Jesus' feet.

(But little Judas, as he slept,  
Stirred in his mother's arms and wept.)

O, the shadow, the shadow,  
Of the cross upon the hill.  
But yet the Babe, who was to bear  
The whole world's weight of sin and care,  
On Mary's heart lay still.

(But Judas' mother, with a cry,  
Kissed him and wept, she knew not why.)  
—Virginia Bioren Harrison in Leslie's Monthly.

## THE EDITOR'S GREETING.

From across the sea, out through the foggy shores of the British coast, the Editor of the Deseret News sends Christmas greetings to the people of Utah. With words of good cheer he hails the return of the anniversary of the most important event in the world's history—the natal day of the mightiest Son of Man, Christmas carols have been sung here for weeks preceding the day of days, by bands of choristers around the door-ways of the houses in Merry England. The story of the Savior's birth, which has never grown old through twenty centuries, is told in verse and melody, and never fails to attract attention.

The celebration of Christmas as a general holiday has become an established custom in the New World as well as in the Old, and it keeps before the minds of the multitude the coming into the world, as the Babe of Bethlehem, the master mind of all the ages. Hail to the Prince of Peace, the Mighty One, the Lord of Hosts!

Peering through the six thousand miles of distance, the editor sees the City of the Saints behind the bulwarks of the everlasting mountains snow-capped and grand; the temple, the tabernacle, the assembly hall, the public buildings, the private mansions, the peaceful homes, the business marts, the smiling faces of the passing crowds, and away off to the west the shimmering glory of the saline sea. He feels the vigor of the bracing air; he hears the voices of the splendid choir, the glorious tones of the wondrous organ, and even the heart-beats of the loved ones at home, while the cloudless blue of the firmament is glorious over all, and the spirit of peace rests upon that spot of earth, favored among the nations.

At this glad Christmas time surely all hands should join in friendship and fraternity. No distinctions of creed or party or rank or station should block the free flow of happiness and good will. Feuds should be forgotten, faults be forgiven, discord be banished, and the song of the angels at the morn of the day we celebrate should echo in every heart.

Utah, the land we love, ought to be the very inner home of sweet liberty. The mountain atmosphere breathed by her sons and daughters quickens the blood in their veins with the thrill of freedom. They have been taught the necessity of righteous law as a restraint only against that which is wrong. "Righteousness exalteth a nation," and therefore an individual, Truth and light are the guiding stars for Utah's children, and intelligence, which is the glory of God, must ever lead them onward and upward.

Our young mountain state needs only the extirpation of the spirit of rancor and wrath, of libel and license, of venom and vituperation which has been permitted to work its way to a while without check, to raise the commonwealth to that high place in the Union of states which is her undoubted destiny. That will be accomplished in time, but it rests with her people to determine the period. There is no need for delay. When they once take action, and put the dragon to flight, an end will come to the era of useless strife and shameful obstruction. This is a fitting time for the resolution to be taken, that all the good and progressive elements of the state shall come together in forceful harmony, and put down, for good-and-all, the hostile and threatening influence which has raised its audacious head

for evil. A preparatory step in that direction has just been taken, and for this congratulations are due to the movers of the cause, which, for the future glory of our commonwealth, should at once be made complete.

The prospects in view are grand and encouraging. The state's resources will be marvelously developed; wealth flow in from abroad; treasures be uncovered, now hidden in the hills; all enterprise be promoted, art, science, philosophy, mechanics, agriculture; everything to please the eye and gladden the heart and add to rational enjoyment, will rapidly promote the joy, comfort and splendor of our mountain homes as the spirit of our divine Master, whose birthday we celebrate, shall permeate through every part of the body politic, and bring about that peace, harmony, good-will and brotherly love which should prevail in a community like that which is gathered in the vales of the great west.

The Editor extends to his friends and associates, and all readers of the paper that he has been connected with for so many years, and to all peoples on the face of this globe who are susceptible to a kindly feeling, a joyful and splendid Christmas and a happy New Year!

## A UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

If we would realize what the world owes to the regenerating influence of the teachings of Jesus, we must remember the general tendencies that were checked by the proclamation of the gospel of a universal brotherhood. At that time mankind was divided and each section separated from the others by what seemed to be insuperable barriers. To the Jews every human being not of the chosen race was unclean. To the proud Roman citizen every foreigner was a Barbarian. A "stranger" had no rights. A considerable part of mankind were slaves, even in "free" states, and between the slave and the master there could be no companionship. Woman was not the equal of man, but his servant. In countries where caste still is maintained, we find an illustration of some of the fearful evils against which Christianity offers the remedy. In India, for instance, men are divided from one another by separating walls, not less strong because existing only in imagination. Every trade has its place in the scale of degradation, and no one can rise above the level on which birth has placed him. The men who labor with their hands are low down in this scale. Above them are the tradesmen and shopkeepers, also with subdivisions into classes, above the tradesmen is the useless warrior class, and above the warriors is the Brahman or priestly class.

There is no escape from an "unclean" caste, or class. Children born in an "unclean" caste remain "unclean," children born in an inferior caste remain as their fathers were. Nothing that we can do in the slightest degree change their situation. They were born "unclean," their ancestors were "unclean," their descendants will be "unclean" till the end of the chapter. If a woman falls in love with a man in a caste below her, she is lost. She may as well seek death. In a town in India a widow lost caste in this way, and as loss of caste by one member of the family degrades the others also, her eldest son immediately swallowed poison and died, and his remaining brethren fled the country. A husband shares a wife's degradation; a wife goes down the steps with a husband. For more than one hundred years a Brahman family is said to have been outcasts because one member fell in love with the daughter of a shoemaker.

These are but some illustrations of the evil tendencies to the power of which mankind was subjected at the time when our Savior came and declared that infinite love which extends to all the children of the eternal Father, and places them on a plane of equality before God.

The lessons taught by the Redeemer have but slowly found their way into practical life, owing to the evil influences, but the time for a full realization of those teachings is drawing near. It has been hastened by the restoration of the Church of Christ in this age, through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph.

Philosophers are already speaking of a "federation of the world." That would be a grand realization of the Christian ideal. And why not? We have an Inter-parliamentary Union, and a Society of International Law. There is an International Institute of Agriculture. What would prevent the adoption of a uniform medium of exchange throughout the world, the establishment of a common standard of weights and measures, and the adoption of an "official" language for business and diplomatic purposes? These would be preliminary steps to the formation of a federation of the world, which would mean a tremendous step toward the final goal—a universal brotherhood.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Representative Ed. Armond, of Missouri, is of the opinion that the time has come for the calling of a Constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution. The Constitution itself provides for such conventions. Whenever two-thirds of the members of the House and Senate deem it necessary, Congress shall propose amendments, or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the States, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which shall be valid when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States, or by conventions in three-fourths of the States.

This is the provision made by the framers of the Constitution. It is plain that they intended to make the adoption of amendments so difficult as to protect the Constitution from all but the most necessary changes. That this is a wise provision cannot be doubted. It is claimed that nearly two-thirds of the States have already sent petitions to Congress for a Con-

stitutional convention to consider the proposition of electing United States Senators by popular vote, but the convention Mr. De Armond favors, would discuss a number of subjects, such as, extending the presidential term to six years and making the President ineligible for re-election; uniform marriage and divorce laws throughout the Union; election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people; female suffrage; providing for the immediate assembling of Congress after election; changing the date of inauguration day; authorizing the President to veto single items in appropriation bills, and restricting the veto power of the President, so that it will be less difficult for Congress to pass any measure over his veto.

On general principles we believe the Constitution of the United States should be subjected to as few changes as possible. It is not safe to experiment with it. Conditions of life have changed in some respects during a century, but the Constitution was framed to secure the liberty and happiness of the citizens. It has fulfilled that mission admirably, and the conditions upon which liberty and happiness are secured have suffered no material change. It is difficult, therefore, to see how amendments could really make that document a more perfect instrument than it is now, for the promotion of the purposes for which it was framed.

Moran's pull is as valuable as a Mohawk mine.

Rockefeller's income is said to be sixty million dollars a year.

The Christmas shopping is all over now but paying the bills.

The Stokers will be very careful not to create any more Roosevelts.

If Castro is on his last legs it is not to be wondered at that he is leg weary.

The condition of the streets might be worse, if there were more of them.

Down in Nevada they are finding out that all that glitters is not Goldfield.

How fortunate for France that it is at war with the Vatican and not with Germany.

Only the old boys know the joy of receiving as a Christmas gift a pair of red-topped, copper-toed boots.

The Shah has had another relapse. Some day he will have a collapse and then it will be all over.

"Great wealth is a great burden," says Mr. Rockefeller. But as yet his burden doesn't seem to be greater than he can bear.

Those who have been cornering the coal lands are fast being driven into a corner.

The Interstate Commerce commission has almost reached that stage where it can furnish a remedy for every ill.

January, 1907, will be doubly disagreeable. There will be the regular January thaw and the Thaw trial.

"Dam the Colorado," says the President to Mr. Harriman. "D—the Colorado," replies Mr. Harriman to the President.

The London Evening News has hopes of an "aerial Derby" at an early date. Pegasus should be a prime favorite in such a race.

What do the people in Popperton do to keep the wolf from the door? Up there the howl of the coyote is heard nightly.

The greatest of the British battleships is to be called the Superb. Now our naval men will want to build one that will be the most superb of all.

It begins to look as though every member of Congress would have to visit the Panama canal to satisfy himself that the work is being done, and done according to Hoyle.

The following verses entitled "Fulton Street," are taken from "The Third Rail," published by the employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit. This is not done at the request of the mayor and supervisor of streets, but it is believed that from it they may draw some lessons applicable to the local situation:

Sinner, keep the narrow way—  
Do not right nor left astray—  
With your guilty, sinful feet,  
Wade the rubbish in the street!  
Piles of mud and paving brick,  
Lime and rock and cable rope—  
Scrap iron heaps and cable rope—  
Only hold your peace and hope!

Sweetly on these dainties lounge;  
Softly treat these dancing girls;  
Something better waits for you!  
Sweetly on the city car—  
Sounds across the city air—  
Sledges falling, blow on blow—  
Flying track spikes come and go!  
Grinding rocks and driving holes—  
Send a spasm through our souls!  
All the crossings blocked with trash!  
Lips that curse and teeth that gnash!  
Fairy forms on shopping bent—  
Poultice blocks around are sent!  
Smiling dames—dainty things—  
Lacking but the angel's wings—  
Pile of mud as high as they—  
Can they find the narrow way?

## WHAT CHRISTMAS IS.

Annie Payson Call, in Leslie's Monthly.

First let us remember what Christmas stands for, and then let us try to realize the qualities of the great personality which gave the day its meaning and significance—let us honor them truly in all our celebrations. If we do this we shall, at the same time, be truly honoring the qualities and respecting the needs of every friend to whom we give, and our gifts, whether great or small, will be full of the spirit of disinterested affection. Let us realize that, in order to give truly, we must give soberly and quietly, and let us take an hour or more by ourselves to think over our gifts before we begin to buy or to make them. If we do that, the helpful thoughts are sure to come, and new life will come with them.

## JOY AND GOOD WILL.

Pictorial Review.  
Even were we not, in the fast approach of the holiday season, filled with an ever-increasing impulse to joyfulness and the expression of good will to all, we should be less than human or modern did we fail to offer here some earnest wish for good to our fellow creatures whom we can reach through these pages. Joy is the spirit of the season, Goodwill is its twin sister. Joy is a creative force that makes to all manner of lovely things; Goodwill is a creative force that makes to all manner of lovely things; Joy is a creative force that makes to all manner of lovely things; Goodwill is a creative force that makes to all manner of lovely things.

other; each may exist apart from the other, but when they work together, and when they dwell together in one place, if it is no larger domain than the heart of a little child, then they accomplish greater things than governments of armies can without them.

## ROYAL CHRISTMAS CARDS.

New York Herald.

King Edward always personally selects the design for the royal Christmas card, and he has chosen this year a subject illustrating in a charming manner the Anglo-Japanese alliance. It depicts a ballroom scene, where British officers are leading through the mazes of an English dance graceful beauties of Japan. Each card is exquisitely hand painted, and the Oriental gowns of the women give a touch of brilliant color which blends harmoniously with the British uniforms. A simple Christmas greeting is the only lettering. Each card is signed by His Majesty. Hitherto the queen has always chosen a sacred theme, but this year she has selected an old Danish custom as the subject of her picture. It tells a dainty story of Denmark, where every winter when the snow has fallen the villagers as a solemn rite place a bundle of wheat on the roof of their cottages to feed the birds while food is scarce. The queen's cards are always large in size, and this year they are twenty-two inches long and twelve inches wide. Each has a suitable inscription chosen by Her Majesty and bears the royal autograph.

## THE EVOLUTION OF CHRISTMAS.

The Home Magazine.

It matters not that the Christmas tree sprung from a pagan ceremonial that antedated the birth of Christ; that the holly and mistletoe so freely used in the Christmas decorations are survivals of ancient Druidical worship, the Christmas carol born of the hymns of the Saviour, and that it is not known whether December twenty-fifth be the correct date of the birth of the Christ-child; or that people—in Russia and in other countries—celebrate in all earnestness and solemnity another day as Christmas day, so strongly grounded is the Christmas belief, and so widespread has become the desire for a fitting observance of the day, that the old forms and customs have lost their pagan significance like the holly and mistletoe, which, though once a part of a heathen rite, are now used almost wholly for decorative effect. Few are they who know that the mistletoe was an object of special veneration among the Druids, and that it was gathered with great ceremony; and the Yule-log, since a subject of poetry and a theme for song, was originally burned in honor of Thor, the mythical God of war. But this would not change our custom.

## JUST FOR FUN.

A New Excuse.

"Really," said Slippy, "you'll have to excuse me today. I'm not well and besides you'll have to see my wife about this bill."

"Oh, come," cried the collector, "you contracted this bill yourself and you should pay it yourself without trying to—"

"But I tell you I'm not myself today,"—Philadelphia Press.

## The Spirit is Willing.

Governess—You're a naughty little girl, Christabel, to kick your cousin like that!

Christabel—I didn't kick her.

Governess—Oh, hush dear! I saw you kick her several times.

Christabel—I didn't. I missed every time.—Punch.

Heavens!

"Is Mike Clancy here?" asked the visitor at the quarry, just after the premature explosion.

"No, sir," replied Costigan; "he's gone."

"For good?"

"Well, sir, he went in that direction."—Tit-Bits.

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