

*Sidney Lanier, the poet, the Christian, the greatest flute-player of all time, said this: "To make a home out of a household, give the raw materials---to-wit, wife, children, a friend or two and a house---two other things are necessary. These are a good fire and music. And inasmuch as we can do without the fire half the year, I may say music is the only essential."*

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We lay this proposition down: You may look the country over and you cannot find a more durable, dependable or trustworthy piano at less than three hundred and seventy-five dollars than the one we are distributing through the big *Cunningham Piano Club*.

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You get the piano tuned *two times---free*.

You get a good *stool* and latest style *scarf---free*.

You get a reduction of fifteen cents a week *in cash* in event you pay faster than at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents a week.

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If you can---let us have it. *If it is good---we will adopt it.*

## JOIN THE CLUB NOW

The Club will be limited to one hundred Members---you know---a great number have already joined.

Therefore, if you are going on a vacation---if you are out of the city for a few weeks---if you don't want your piano until later, or even until Christmas---*join now*. Don't delay sending in or bringing in your application *at once*. Simply send us a check or fold up a five dollar bill and mail to us in a letter stating *that you want to become a Member of the Cunningham Piano Club*. We will then register your application---and deliver the piano when you return to the city, or any time up unto or during the holidays.

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## SANFORD'S BRICK ROADS

### Bonds Validated And Offered For Sale

### WORK WILL START IN FEW WEEKS

### Sanford District Will Be The Finest Paved Section In The Entire South

In last week's issue of The Herald the \$200,000 worth of road bonds are advertised for sale and bids asked for the same. This advertisement means but little to the average reader but to the people living in the Sanford district it means a most portentous proclamation. For many months the bonds have been delayed waiting for the circuit court to validate same in out bond trustees and county commissioners wished to have the bonds validated legally and in such shape as they would go before the market to be sold with the districts guarantee and the stamp of the circuit court to make them a good purchase.

This matter has now been settled and the bonds will be eagerly sought after by the many banking houses who have been awaiting the process of validation.

The sale of the bonds will mean the beginning of the great work of constructing some twenty-five miles of brick roads in the Sanford district—an act that places this section away in the lead in all the southland and demonstrates that Sanford as usual is leading the other sections of the south in improvements. The sale of the bonds means that this part of Orange county will have the best system of roads and will attract more visitors thereby, more purchasers of land, more enterprises and will forge to the front more rapidly than any other part of the county.

Our brick roads are assured.

### Music Club

The Music Club held their regular meeting at the studio of Mrs. Fannie S. Munson, president of the club Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. J. H. Roumillat, leader.

Two excellent and interesting papers were read, a sketch of the "Life and Compositions of Rubenstein" by Miss Carrie Lovell; Mrs. George L. Sifer read a paper on the "Life and Compositions of Tchaikovsky."

The leader did not succeed in finding any of Tchaikovsky's compositions among the musicians of the city, but a very delightful program was enjoyed.

"Bohemo Polka" by Rubenstein was well rendered by Miss Mary McKim. Accompanied by Miss Irene Brady on the piano, Miss Jessie Stumpson played Rubenstein's delightful "Melody in F" on the flute. Concluding the musical numbers Miss Irene Brady played "Rustlings of Spring" by Sinding.

Mrs. Munson led a discussion on the "Russian School of Music," in which which Mrs. Clara Dargen Maclean of South Carolina, a visitor in the city and herself a musician, joined and entertained the club with an interesting talk on the different schools of music and musical artists.

Following the discussion several important matters of business were transacted. Plans were discussed with Mrs. Geo. L. Hoy, the chorus leader, relating to the concert work which the club will begin after the holidays, in preparation for their annual spring concert; after which the club adjourned until Saturday afternoon, January 4th.

### Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. F. McKinnon preached at the Presbyterian church to good congregations last Sunday morning and evening sermons appropriate to the occasion. W sermons appropriate to the Christmas season. He will preach again next Sunday, the last Sunday of the year.

Rev. E. D. Browlee, the pastor-elect is expected to preach the first Sunday of January, and begin his work as pastor.

### Local Expansion

The Sanford Herald came out in a pretty new dress Tuesday that was really a credit to that office and we desire to congratulate our good friend Holly on the success of his Christmas edition, and especially for his good judgment in mentioning our name therein so often.—Orlando Sentinel.

## CONTRACTED FOR LETTUCE

### Receiving Sixty Five Cents Per Hamper Despite Low Market

There has been so much adverse criticism of the lettuce prices this season that The Herald has advocated the f. o. b. sale or if possible contract for the crop in advance. Harry Ward, the largest grower of lettuce here received his contract price during the low market and as proof of this statement he writes the following letter for publication:

Decatur, Ind., Dec. 19, 1912.  
Dear Mr. Holly,

Since I am leaving Sanford for a business trip north, which will keep me away from Sanford for several weeks, and since on the eve of my departure, inquiries and rumors have come to me pertaining to my relations with the M. O. Coggins Co., to the effect that my contract with said company has been broken by them, that I am in the employ of the company, and have several favors shown me in the nature of a grower's guarantee of advance on my lettuce crop, than is offered to other growers, etc. In justice to the company, and those who wish to do business with them, I wish to make the following statement for publication:

Since I cannot be in Sanford personally to explain or defend my relations with the company, I am not in the employ of the Coggins Co.; I did not receive one cent in the way of rebate, discount, salary or any other form of money value, from the company directly or indirectly. The only relationship existing between us is the contract I made with them in July, last, and whereby they advanced me 65c per hamper or crate, and gave me the market benefits on all lettuce grown on my thirty-seven acres of land. Last year I contracted my crop with this company. I was satisfied with results, and welcomed the opportunity of renewing the contract for the present season.

The lettuce situation thus far this season has been very discouraging to all growers of same, especially those who have not availed themselves of the opportunity of contracting their crop. The most discouraging feature is due to the fact that the northern growers have had an unusually late season, thereby creating very low prices on our Sanford product. In addition to this, the hot weather for the past three weeks has ruined a large percentage of the crop. What we want as growers is to encourage more f. o. b. buying and in order to do this we must devote more time in putting up a good marketable package that will be in demand in the northern cities. It is a sad and expensive mistake for anyone to try to work off all of the poor, inferior product that they grow. I find in my experience we cannot make a pack too good, therefore I have no trouble in contracting my crop.

Trusting you will find space in your paper for the publication of this letter, I beg to remain,  
Yours truly,  
HARRY WARD.

### Larger Sweet Potatoes

R. E. Wills, who resides on Sanford Heights, is employed by the Fernald Hardware Co., as a steady employment and raises large sweet potatoes as a side line has discounted all his former efforts by bringing to The Herald office one potato weighing sixteen pounds and three smaller ones weighing nine pounds. All of these potatoes came out of one hill and aggregated a total weight of 26 pounds. The potatoes were planted where the woodpile stood last year which in part accounts for their healthy growth, as no fertilizer was used.

Mr. Wills now holds the championship belt until a larger one is brought to this office.

### Harney County Eggs

The Herald office acknowledges with thanks the receipt of one dozen duck eggs and one dozen hen eggs, all of them fresh and fine from our old friend, R. M. Alexander of Geneva. Mr. Alexander has recently settled on a fine tract of homestead land in the beautiful Geneva section and was so pleased with the results in which The Herald handled the legal printing of same that he remembered us with the Christmas present and at the present price of eggs no better present could have been given.

Mr. Alexander very truly and aptly labeled his package as coming from Geneva, Harney county, which is certainly to the point.

## AUTOMOBILE LICENSE

### Bill Passed At Last Session Is Declared Constitutional.

### TAX MONEY GOES TO ROAD FUND

### Every Owner Of An Automobile Will Now Have to Pledge Up The Necessary Dough

Despite the fact that several circuit judges gave adverse interpretations of the Automobile License Law and declared same unconstitutional, the Supreme Court declares same valid and the Road and Bridge Fund of the various counties will be made rich by many dollars in consequence. Following is the law in substance:

Section 1. The owner or operator of every automobile and other motor driven vehicle operating in this state more than fifteen days when used for hire, charter or when charge is made for use thereof in any manner of form whatsoever, shall pay annually to the tax collector of the several counties of this state a county license tax as follows:

For any automobile and other motor driven vehicle of less than ten horsepower five dollars.

From eleven to twenty-nine horsepower, ten dollars.

From thirty to forty horsepower inclusive, twenty dollars.

From forty-one to fifty horsepower inclusive, thirty dollars.

From fifty-one to sixty horsepower inclusive, fifty dollars.

From sixty-one to seventy horsepower inclusive, seventy dollars.

From seventy-one horsepower and over, one hundred dollars.

When any automobiles and other motor driven vehicles are used by the owner thereof, or without charge the annual license tax shall be as follows:

For any automobile and other motor driven vehicle of less than ten horsepower, three dollars.

From eleven to twenty-nine horsepower inclusive, five dollars.

From thirty to forty horsepower inclusive, ten dollars.

From forty-one to fifty horsepower inclusive, fifteen dollars.

From fifty-one to sixty horsepower inclusive, twenty dollars.

From sixty-one to seventy horsepower inclusive, thirty dollars.

And seventy-one horsepower and over, fifty dollars.

The payment of one such county license tax in the state of Florida shall exempt the owner or operator from the payment of any other such county license tax during the license year. Upon the payment of such county license tax the owner or operator shall be given an appropriately numbered metal tag with the name of the county and the year for which said county license tax is paid indicated thereon whether for hire or owner's use, which said tag shall be kept in plain view on such automobile or other motor driven vehicle. All persons desiring to procure said license as herein provided for shall make application to the county tax collector of the several counties upon blank to be furnished by the county tax collector showing the essential facts for the procurement of such license, which said metallic tags and blank forms shall be furnished the county tax collector of the several counties by the county commission of the several counties.

Sec. 2. All monies to be derived from the payment of such license tax shall be paid into the road and bridge funds of the several counties.

Sec. 3. Any person or persons, firm or association that shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than double the amount required for such license or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Approved June 5, 1911.

### Christmas Services at Catholic Church

Masses at 8, 9 and 10 a. m. Evening services at 7:30, Dec. 25th. Special Christmas music at all the services. The children's choir will sing at 8 and 10 o'clock masses. Masses and benediction will be at the usual hours on Sunday.

## THE COUNTRY EDITOR

### The Importance of His Position Cannot Be Overestimated

You cannot overestimate the importance of the country editor's job any more than you can overpraise the value of advertising in his paper, says the Kansas Industrialist, if he has a good paper and keeps it up to the moment, as all wise country editors certainly do. Some shortsighted merchants may say your space isn't worth the money you demand because your circulation is only 500. You'll have to educate that kind of merchant. One Arthur Brisbane's editorial as your text. Says Mr. Brisbane: "A country editor with 500 circulation or more for his daily or weekly can talk to 500 good, typical American families, all purchasers, all desirable customers. "Every publisher of a country newspaper should be, through his advertising columns, the trusted and valued agent and promoter of at least ten great industrial merchandising concerns."

### Florida Woman Wins

A Florida woman, Mrs. Belle Goodrich, of Avon Park, has won a signal distinction. The Nebraska State Journal, the leading paper of Lincoln, offered prizes for the best article in favor or votes for women and the best article against votes for women. Mrs. Goodrich won the affirmative side of the discussion and the Journal gives her high praise for her effort. At the outset, Mrs. Goodrich makes the following statement:

Yes, I want to vote because the ballot is a most efficient weapon against institutions and organizations that prey upon the lives of women and children, principally because women cannot vote. This disability deprives women in a measure, of their right to life as guaranteed by the Constitution to men.

I want to vote because I have not as much liberty as my son and my husband have as long as I am disfranchised. The ballot and participation in government has always been the highest badge of liberty a freeman could obtain. My liberty is not complete until I have all that a free man has.

I want to vote because my pursuit of happiness is curtailed by the lack of the ballot. Much of the happiness of life comes from the ability to do or to help do large things that are worth while, and that are a blessing to other family circles as well as my own. "No man liveth unto himself, and no family can live unto itself. The interests of all are so inseparably that no woman can do her full duty inside the four walls of her own home.

She sums up her argument by giving the following concise reasons for her desire for the ballot:

(a) Intelligence is a prime qualification for voting and it is conceded that the general average of intelligence is of good among women as among men.

(b) I have to obey the laws and therefore want to help make them.

(c) I pay taxes.

(d) I am as much interested, and concerned in the things voted on as men are.

(e) Disfranchisement is a badge of inferiority and contempt.

(f) I am more capable of casting an intelligent ballot than thousands of men are.

Finally—I want to vote because I WANT TO VOTE.

The last reason given is probably the most conclusive and doubt less had much to do with the award of the judges. A woman will because she will, and there's usually the end of it.—Tampa Tribune.

### Champion Sugar Cane

W. H. Boyd, who resides near Hittet in the fertile Wekiwa river bottom is the champion cane grower. He brought two stalks to The Herald office today that measured over 26 feet in length and they are now on exhibition to prove this statement. Mr. Boyd has six acres in cane and expects to realize over \$1200 from the same. Next season he will plant a larger acreage and put in a mill for making syrup as he cannot supply the demand for same. This splendid cane grew this remarkable length without the use of fertilizer and clearly demonstrates the fertility of the soil in the Ethel section.

### Miss Hoskins Jones

Miss Hoskins Jones is home from Glasgow, Kentucky, where she has been attending college and expects to return after the holidays.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE

### Interesting Session Came To Close Last Night

### REV. SUMMERS GOES TO JASPER

### Some Other Topics Of Interest And News Highlighted In The Session

The Florida annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, came to a close this morning with the reading of the appointments for another year. The session has been a most harmonious one throughout and one during which a great amount of business was transacted. Rev. C. H. Summers will not return to Sanford having been appointed to Jasper. Rev. H. T. Gaines who has been preaching at Kimmee has been appointed to Sanford. On Saturday the conference decided to hold the next session at Tallahassee, a Tallahassee representation most cordially extending the invitation to do so. The following interesting figures were gleaned from the report of the statistical secretary. Raised during year just closed, for all purposes, \$360,000. The Sunday schools raised \$26,000; Tampa leads all the districts, having raised during the year, \$74,000; Bartow comes second, with \$69,000. The statistician says that there are now 32,500 members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Florida, and that there has been a net increase of 1,000 members during the year. There are 29,500 Sunday school scholars.

### At the regular meeting of the city council

held in St. Augustine last Thursday night a franchise was applied for to construct and operate a new electric line into and through certain streets of that city. It is proposed to construct the line from Jacksonville to St. Augustine, the company to erect its power station in the latter city. The ordinance providing for the franchise was placed on its introductory reading at the meeting and after the ordinance is passed by the council the matter of granting the franchise will come before the people at a special election.

### The Miami Metropolis says

market apparently being fully stocked and the prices on grapefruit consequently on the toboggan, local packing houses have nearly all shut down for the holiday season, and probably will not open again until the first of the year. It is stated by commission men that there is enough grape fruit now in the markets and on the road to supply trade until January 1, if not another box was packed in the whole state.

### Lynn Haven's first church

has just been completed and the people of that little town are to be congratulated on the fine edifice. The style of the building is Gothic, it is a handsome structure and large enough to do for the future as well as the present.

### Clay county is now building a hard surfaced road

from Green Cove Springs to Orange Park, which will connect with the Duval county brick road, which runs through Ortega.

### Madison county will vote on bonds

in the sum of \$50,000 for the building of a new court house to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

### Pleasant Dance

The younger set of Sanford's prominent society young set enjoyed a very pleasant dance in the hall Friday night. Among those dancing were Linda Connelly, Edie Purdon, Margaret Wight, Gladys Morris, Martha Miller, Kate Underwood, Frances Liddon, Anna McLaughlin, Douglas Abernathy, Forrest Gatchel, Harold Long, George McLaughlin, Paul Jones, Pope Wicker, Beth Woodruff, Karl Roumillat, Ralph Wight, Willie Sheppard, Paul Bigger, Henry Purdon.

### Royal Arch Masons

A regular meeting of Monroe Chapter will be held on Thursday evening at 7:30. Election of officers and work. All companions please attend.  
H. E. TOLAR  
Acting High Priest.

CURBSTONE GLEANINGS

A Budget of Opinion—Just Between You and Me

EVEN THE GATE POST NOT IN IT

A Chief Is Asleep Ye Taking Noddy and Faith, He's Present Em—So Says Sawtooth.

Here and there is a rouser who has perhaps overlooked and will be glad to be reminded that after January 1 when the parcel post goes into effect he can come home by mail instead of in the expensive taxicab. Uncle Sam is considerable little old arranger!

The Yuletide fills life with new observations, new plans and new points of view to one's utter confusion. For example: In spite of what we may have said in the past—most of which we cannot remember long enough to be consistent—our notion of the loftiest demonstration of One's Accepted Standing in the Community is when the jeweler leaves all the trays out on the base until one completes one's selection. Why do the jewelers invariably make a man feel like a shop-lifter or a window smasher?

The express companies are to fight the parcel post by competition. Rates are to be cut; the number of employees increased and the most modern equipment is to be installed. On every small package, such as would naturally be sent by parcel post, the cut is to be from 30 to 50 per cent or even more. If the express companies do this and continue to make a profit it will cause the small shipper to wonder how much money he has been losing all these years through lack of effective competition in the express business.

She wandered down the center aisle, whence all but she had fled. The lamp that lighted up her smile was not the kind she said. She halted at another booth. When slowly she held away, she scorned the goblets, for, in truth, they would not match her tray! At every corner on the route, from basement to the top, she found the things that wouldn't suit. But failed to find a mop. She lingered at the silk display, from 1 o'clock till 4, then smilingly she tripped away to seek another floor. From 4 till 5 she hung about the petticoats on sale. Then she recalled that, past a doubt, she ought to buy a veil. "But they are quite too dear," she said; "I'll wait till after Lent!" 'Twas then she bought a spool of thread, and had it charged and sent.

Ung, merry, joyous happy Christmas bells. Days of glad greetings, happy gatherings; good cheer and kind wishes. Enjoy the blessed occasion—enjoy it fully and rightfully, lay aside the sad and somber things for the day—forget them. It is true there may be many dear and precious memories that you would not and could not banish for the world, and it would not be right to, but for the time live in the sunshine, brighten the atmosphere and bring joy to those about you; for the day live for others, live for those that love you and are left for you to love. Earth's transitory things have their heavenly side as well as their earthly; look to the former and it never fails to remit some ray of light, while the latter may only impart appalling darkness. It has been truly said, and most truly, that life is much what we make it, and no will be your Christmas.

"O Lord, I come to Thee in prayer; once more, But pardon if I do not kneel before Thy gracious presence, for my knees are sore With so much walking. In my chair instead I'll sit at ease and humbly bow my head. I've labored in Thy vineyard, Thou dost know, I've sold my robe to buy the minimal shawl; I've called on fifteen strangers in our town, Their contributions to our church put down. I've baked a pot of beans for Saturday's spree; An old time supper it is going to be. I've dressed three dolls, too, for our annual fair, And made a cake which we must raffle there. Now, with Thy boundless wisdom so sublime, Thou knowest that these duties all take time; I have no time to fight my spirit's foes, I have no time to mend my husband's clothes. My children roam the streets from morn till night, I have no time to teach them what is right. But, Thou, who remember all, will count them righteous and wilt heed my prayer. Bless the bean supper and the musical show, And put it in the hearts of all to go. Induce the visitors to patronize The men who in our program advertise. Because I've chased these merchants till they hid where'er they say me coming—yes, they did! Increase the contributions to our fair, And bless

the people who assemble there. Bless Thou the grab-bag and the gypsy tent; The flower table and the cake that's real. May our bridge club be to Thy service blest, Our dancing party be gayer than the rest. And when Thou hast bestowed these blessings, then We pray that Thou wilt bless our souls. Amen."

Florida women are becoming active on the equal franchise question and for one am glad to see it. The women are entitled to vote and the world would be all the better for having equal suffrage. It would seem to be the duty of southern Democrats to assist in equal suffrage in the south in order to offset the equal suffrage movement in the northern Republican states and thus prevent a break in the united Democracy. The Florida Equal Franchise League at a recent meeting in Jacksonville have drafted an amendment to the constitution of Florida as follows:

Section 1. of Article 5, of constitution of state of Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved by the legislature of the state of Florida, That the following amendment to the state of Florida be, and the same is hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in 1914 for ratification or rejection:

"Every person at the age of 21 years and upwards that shall at the time of registration be a citizen of the United States and that shall have resided and have a habitation, domicile and abode in Florida for one year, and in county for six months, shall in such county be deemed a qualified elector at all elections under this constitution.

"Male and female persons shall in all respects be alike eligible to vote and hold office in the state of Florida. "Naturalized citizens of the United States at the time of and before registration, shall produce to the registration officers a certificate of naturalization or a duly certified copy thereof."

My old ground hog friend, "Thor of Palm Beach County" gets off the following on "What's the use?"

In a fit of retrospection, caused by an overplus of mince pie, fried oysters and a large helping of white meat with a copious supply of stuffing, the editor of the Tampa Times writes: "Great are modern-conveniences, but do they make life happier than do the old things?"

If I had to answer I'd say "They do not" and I'd have the compositor—no, I mean the operator—set it in caps. It may be that the editor of the Times is crawling into that fern and yellow leaf-hood from which there can be secured no more tidbits. I don't know just how he feels.

It is not old fogysm which provokes such an inquiry. It is not a kick against the awful hurly-burly which exists in nearly every line of business. But it is a question asked after a half-century of change from what was then good to what is now thought to be better.

In the days of long ago it seems to me the people were better men—batter women—more devout, more kind, less selfish, less grasping. Their lives were slower—the days less strenuous, the months replete with gladness, the years but marking points of progress made and excellence achieved.

But now 'tis hurry and worry—hurry to make a dollar and worry lest the other man will get it first; ramble and scramble—ramble away in an auto and scramble for a pair of mules to haul it back; rattle and rattle—rattle to secure a job and hustle to hold it; all of which hardens humanity, congeals conscience, stifles conscience, stifles sympathy, and gives good fellowship the go-by.

What will another half-century of film do thrown upon the screen? Will there, meanwhile, be a reactionary period to allow all mankind to regroup from the awful stream laid upon it? Or will the spirit of progress refuse to stay its speed for one moment in the decade yet to come?

True, unhappiness is not yet so great as to be a cog upon advancement; but the question put by the Times—"Does the program make us happier?"—is one most pertinent. Whether it does or does not will not change conditions. As for me any old thing will suit but I would like to live for at least a day once more in the "way-back," when a microbe couldn't be recognized on the street;

when a wart on an amphora would be locked up as suspicious characters; when "Central" was only business as usual; kneaded dough in mother's kitchen; when gasoline was used to extract grease spots from increased trousers and a "30-6" never honked. Maybe I'd only need one day of it, but 't'gosh, I think I'd like it for a week. I believe I'd be happier.

Tell what you want in Want Column.

OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS

Holiday Celebrated in America Before Time of Columbus.

The Christian Norseman Undoubtedly Observed the Occasion on the New England Coast—in Early Colonial Days.



THE settlement of the American continent is modern and its history clearly defined, probably there were Christmas celebrations in what is now the United States several centuries before the first voyage of Columbus. The articles of Iceland tell the story of the visit made to Greenland by Lief,

son of Eric the Red, of Norway, and describe the southward voyage of his little vessel past the snow-clad mountains of Labrador and the wooded shores of Newfoundland, until Vineland, an indefinite region on the New England coast, was reached.

Here Lief, who was a Christian, and the members of his little band of daring adventurers spent the winter of 1002 and no doubt on the bleak New England shore the beautiful, frosty, whose God-like spirit has softened and conquered the world, was celebrated. The Norwegian visitor to Vineland were continued by Thorwald and Thorstein, brothers of Lief, who had succeeded to the patriarchal office and possessions of his father; and on the death in quick succession of both Thorwald and Thorstein the wife of the latter, Gudrida, married a rich Norwegian named Thorin and accompanied him and a company of his followers to Vineland, where they lived three years. Gudrida was a pious soul. When her second husband died she visited Rome, narrated to Pope Benedict an account of her adventures in this far western world and with the papal blessing returned to Iceland, where she founded a convent, of which she became abbess.

There are no records bearing on the Christmas days spent by these hardy Norwegians in New England, but imagination can well picture the renewal in this strange land of the Christmas customs of Scandinavia. And thus it is entirely legitimate to assume that by them the first celebration of the day was observed in the new world.

History, and tradition as well, are silent after this on new world affairs until the coming of the Spaniards, followed by the Portuguese, French and English. By them the feast of the Nativity was celebrated and long after

Plymouth Rock was discovered, to be made the cornerstone of a new civilization, hardy fishermen from France changed the hymns of the Catholic church in the waters of Maine. An old French chart gives to certain islands near the Machias river, east of Penobscot, the names of Isles des Rois Mages and Havre Mage—Isles of the Magian kings, and Magian harbor—in memory of the three wise men, who followed the mysterious star, to lay their offerings of gold, of frankincense and of myrrh before the Babe of Bethlehem.

In stern and puritan New England Christmas was placed under ban. The Plymouth colony, indeed, did not pass prohibitive laws, but in 1623 Gov. Bradford placed all Christmas games under interdiction and those who afterward observed the day did so secretly. But the Massachusetts Bay colony, following the example of Cromwell's parliament, which prohibited all observance of the feast and decreed that "holly and ivy were badges of sedition," enacted a law, in 1659, obliging all men to labor on Christmas day and inflicting a fine upon those who observed the feast. It was not until 1681—more than 20 years after the passing of the Cromwell regime and the restoration of the Stuart dynasty to the throne—that this law abolishing personal freedom and liberty of worship, was repealed; and several years after this the spirit of New England was reflected in a letter written by Rev. Joshua Moody to Rev. Increase Mather, in which the observance of Christmas was thus referred to: "And the shutting up of shops on Christmas day and driving the master out of school at Xmas holidays are very grievous."

Christmas throughout the colonies the feast of Christmas was observed. Both New Amsterdam and New York maintained the old-world customs associated with the day and in the south the beautiful festival never lost its hold upon the hearts of the English settlers.

Today there is no north, no south, no east, no west, to Christmas celebration in the United States. The story of the Babe of Bethlehem is written on every heart and every tongue on Christmas morning repeats the song the angels sang over the Judean hills: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

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### PREPARING FOR HIS ANNUAL JOURNEY



hair, wet eyelids—and forgot all except the splendor of the might have been.

"They won't miss you," she managed to say finally, pushing back his face and holding it in her hands at a safe distance. "I'm so sorry—but you see I was thinking of you, and—wanting to see you so, and then suddenly I looked, and you were here, right here, with me."

"And too late," he added bitterly.

"Oh, no, you're not, Clive," she flashed back earnestly. "They haven't been married yet."

"They? Who?"

"Bob and Gretchen."

"Gretchen! Who the devil is Gretchen? I beg your pardon, Fay—you don't know what I've suffered— isn't Bob going to marry you?"

She looked at him for a moment in utter shocked silence, then laughed at her old ringing, gay laugh that he loved.

"I marry Bob—Bob? You silly, silly—"

"Go ahead. Call me what you like. Who's this person Gretchen anyway?"

"She's my cousin, Gretchen Lawrence. She came to spend her summer vacation with me, and Bob fell in love with her. That's all, Clive."

"Ah!" Clive sighed and drew her into his arms again. They would make it a double wedding just to pay him back for the misery of the last half hour. Yes, they would. And he'd go back and punch that old fellow's head down at the station for not telling him it was Gretchen Lawrence instead of Fay.

"Oh, Clive, let me go," she whispered. "They're all at dinner, and you know your mother—"

"I know all about it," said Clive, comfortably. He raised her chin gently and looked into the dear, true eyes he had trusted; Fay did not know all that lay behind that look, how, mentally, he knelt in all humility and asked for forgiveness. Yet all he said was:

"I forgot to wish you Merry Christmas, dear!"



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### ALL ABOUT THE MISTLETOE

Popular Christmas Plant is a Parasite and in Olden Times Was Considered Sacred.

Although in the majority of American and English homes mistletoe is displayed at Christmas time, it is remarkable how little is known of this curious plant. Mistletoe is a parasitic growth, appearing most frequently on apple trees, although it is also found on evergreens and on poplar, hawthorn, pear and oak trees, but very rarely on the last named. It is an evergreen bush, about four feet in length, thickly crowded with branches and leaves. Unlike all other plants, its leaves extend down as well as up. The plant flowers every year, but does not bear the little whitish berries until it is four years old. The mistletoe proper is a native of Europe, especially of England and Normandy. In olden times it was considered a sacred plant, because its berries grow in clusters of three— emblematic of the Trinity. The ancient Celts used to hang sprigs of mistletoe around their necks as a safeguard from witches. The maid that was not caught and kissed under the mistletoe at Christmas would not be married within the year, so the tradition goes. According to the old rules the ceremony was not properly performed unless a berry was pulled off after each kiss and presented to the maiden. When all the berries were gone the privilege ceased.

**Christmas Presents.**

"I thought it better to get you something useful," said Mr. Dobb to his wife. "I have bought you a couple of good brooms for your Christmas present."

"That was very thoughtful of you, my dear," replied Mrs. Dobb. "I share your ideas, and have bought a good, strong coal-scuttle for you to carry up coals from the cellar in."

**Very Ancient Form of Respect.**

The bow as a mark of respect is a custom used by nearly all nations, and one that had its origin in ancient times.

**Sad Case.**

Knicker—"Did the candidate get rattled?" Bocker—"Yes, he told the babies they lied and kissed the man who ran against him."

**Known Species of Insects.**

Considerably more than 200,000 separate species of insects are known and

## The CHRISTMAS BRIDE

By IZOLA FORRESTER

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JUST in time for the wedding, Clive. Wish you merry Christmas! Gee, but it's bully to see you home again. Three years since you walked on this old platform, waiting for the down train. How have they treated you down east?"

"Fine, thanks, Mr. Dunkley," Clive answered heartily. "Whose wedding am I in-time for? I want to load up with gifts."

"Guess you'll have to. It's in your own family. Bob finally got her."

Clive turned quickly as the old station agent went chuckling toward the express office trundling a truck of baggage. He followed him, his dark eyes keen and troubled.

"Got whom, Mr. Dunkley? I haven't heard any news from home for weeks. I've been abroad since June, and just got back in time to catch the express west for Christmas. So you see, it's all a surprise to me."

"Surprise to all the town. Never thought Bob had the nerve to ask a girl to marry him, let alone that spunky little Lawrence one."

The name struck Clive like a whip-lash. He called good-night and hurried over to where the old station hack waited.

The driver called a cheery Christmas greeting to him, and he answered it, but as they swung up the long rock hill toward the town, he leaned back and shut his eyes and wished he had never come back.

Not that he had any hold on her. There had never been a formal engagement. He had no right to ask a girl to marry him when he was only a young cub just out of college with his standing to win first. But she had known, ah, but she had known well where he stood, and how he loved her. He could see her now, small and slender at sixteen, still in short skirts, her dark curls flying in the wind, deep dimples at the cor-

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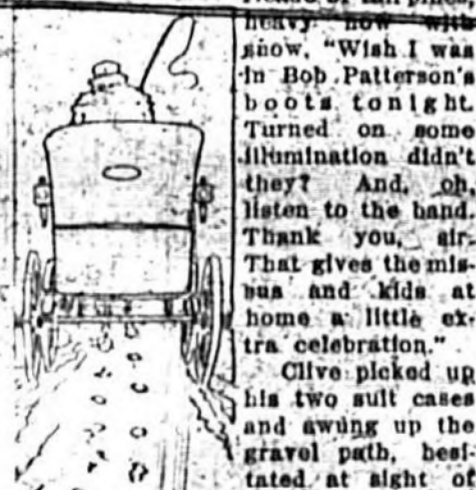
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Hark, the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild—"

She saw his figure reflected in the tall mirror and rose with a half-frightened cry.

"Don't, dear," he said, brokenly, hurrying to meet her. He forgot Bob and all he had heard, and saw only her. "I just got in—nobody knows I am here yet—why, dear—"

She was sobbing on his shoulder, her hands, wratched from his grasp, held his head against her cheek. Clive saw she was dressed in white soft satin that crushed under his clasp like bruised flowers. He felt he was robbing Bob, and yet there in the dear old room they both knew so well in the tender winter gloom, he

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The Sanford Herald reports the Sanford story from the Christmas edition of the Tribune, but forgot to give credit

You might wait until after Christmas to gaze upon the bright lights

The Sanford Herald speaks of the new county of Harney, which the name?

Never mind the name. There is nothing in a name. For your behoof, however, we will enlighten you about Harney

The name is a compliment to General Hatcher, one of the pioneers in Florida

Following the usual custom the Sanford Herald issued a Christmas edition on Tuesday and while it is not quite as voluminous as usual, owing to a great rush of job work in The Herald office

The Orlando Sentinel is throwing fits and handspins about Hon. Forrest Lake and his stand on county division

We pause to remark that Hon. Forrest Lake did not make his campaign on county division but on his record in the legislature

There does not seem to be a great deal of opposition to the bond issue for bond improvement, but some good citizens are opposed to it

Quite a number of good citizens opposed the issue and prophesied that the county would be ruined

The Orlando Sentinel has come out this week in a garb of crimson, green, yellow and blue, twenty-four pages under a glossy cover of Santa Claus pictures

Christmas is upon us. It is the festival of the home and the season when the hearts of the fathers are turned to the children

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should be wide open to his coming in, and nothing being admitted which would hurt him

The early crop of lettuce brought nothing. The open winter and warm weather that prevailed every year

Aside from the idea that the vegetable growers would realize a profit on the cold storage plant

As a small notice and rather inconspicuous, being tucked away in the corner among the other legal notices

It means that hereafter this section will be her own boss in the matter of good roads and no matter whether it be Orange county or Harney county or Seminole county

It means that the people here have journeyed to Orlando for the last time beseeching the commissioners to build up roads and bridges

It means that as usual Sanford has demonstrated to the world that this section was and always will be the most progressive part of Orange county

It means that the Sanford section will be at once spring into prominence in every part of the United States

It means that every part of the Sanford district will be contiguous to brick roads and first class laterals

It means that every inhabitant of this district will be in touch with civilization as they have been at no time since Orange county was formed

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Miss Alice Whither, who

# The Christmas Shopper

The Christmas shopper makes her list  
 And holds it tightly in her fist  
 And starts to get her shopping done  
 She thinks she is the only one  
 Beginning at this early date

And that  
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She sallies forth with pleasant smiles  
 But soon is  
 Jammed up in the aisles,  
 And when she tries to cleave the fray

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By shoppers borne  
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 Until her skirt and waist are torn;  
 She leaves a doll and jumping jack  
 and struggle

back;  
 And has  
 She gets home, weary, worn and blue—  
 And finds the cook gone shopping, too!

Wilbur D. Nesbit

## ENTERTAINING THE YULETIDE ANGELS

By PRUDENCE STANDISH.



HERE are these angels, invisible to mortal eyes, and how may we entertain them? They are in the spirit of Christmas, in that glad feeling in the hearts which know there is reason for joy and which tells us to do all we can for others.

When we transgress against the laws of joy and kindness, we are turning the Yuletide angels from our doors. When we open our hearts fully to the Christmas spirit, in every sense of the word, we are flinging wide the portals to the winged ones and spreading the banquet they love. To come down to plain, everyday, speaking, here are a few of the aims the most well-meaning persons commit against the holiness, love and comfort of the Christmastide.

Everybody knows that year by year the shops make a strenuous effort to encourage the early buying of gifts. Christmas goods are put on sale quite six weeks before they are needed while many a mercantile advertisement openly pleads the case of the shop people. When we put off our buying until the eleventh hour, men, women and children—all of whom have a right to their own share of Christmas—must work overtime. Nothing is said of the awful heat of the crowded shops, of the exhausted air, of the toiling beings who sweat and stand in icy draughts, who faint and, perhaps, are sometimes discharged for inadequacy with the last hideous battle of buying. But those who are behind the scenes know it all and every heart open to human justice must surely see this side of late Christmas shopping—the bitter side.

How inadequate is the last moment present bought under such conditions—the usual conditions in cities—to express the rightful Christmas sentiment. The buying of Christmas goods at the last moment is like the purchase of a gift at the last moment. It is like the purchase of a gift at the last moment. It is like the purchase of a gift at the last moment.

such effort to all concerned, carried with it the unheard tears and sighs of the Yuletide angels, those shining spirits of gladness we turn from our doors. There is a way to escape this very great annoyance to ourselves and injustice to others. The shops are never crowded in the early morning, we do the shopping then with the very first hour. Or if you are a business person and cannot spare the time, write the friend whom you recall at this late hour a nice little note full of Christmas feeling or else win around the corner and buy her a bunch of bright berries from any of the temporary stands, which if not patronized would mean ruin to their owners. At any rate, however, you solve the problem, keep one thought in your heart:

Peace on earth and good will toward all the poor souls hired to sell Christmas presents.

The next sinners against the Yuletide angels are the family ogres who deny the home children their rightful share of Christmas joy, who fret about having the little Christmas tree with its trailing gifts, who shatter infantile idols by revealing the sacred mystery of Santa Claus, and so on and so on. Ah, me, ah, me, could I not tell weeping stories myself of the hardness of grown-up hearts at this time—stories of the dark and dreadful day when a silly aunt of seventeen mocked me for my belief in good Kris Kringle and when, a little later, the edict went forth that I was too old to "think much of Christmas" any more. Is anybody ever "too old" to think of Christmas? Is the heart ever too hardened not to suffer when the dearest of its saints is ruthlessly taken away?

As to this rubbishy talk of the Christmas tree being too much trouble, or too much expense, it only means that the grown-ups are thinking entirely of themselves. There are Christmas trees and Christmas trees, and the cheapest and lightest may bring just as much joy to small hearts as the most expensive ones. In fact, I have seen little Christmas trees burdened with tiny gifts, and gay with candles, that cost no more than a couple of dollars. They were set up with love, and trimmed with love, and revealed with love, and the children and the grown-ups were all as happy as happy could be because they had invited every one of the Yuletide angels to the fun.

So don't rob the children of their good Christmas. Let Santa Claus be a real Santa Claus. Let the facts of Christmas live themselves. And be your home ever so poor, save something from the housekeeping money to give the children their rightful Christmas joy in another way when the tree cannot be managed. An orange, a big, rosy apple, and a walking stick of striped peppermint candy

cost but little. Yet the bunch of cheap things will seem like Christmas, the real true—true Christmas, when it is dumped out of the little stocking. Concerning more important gifts than these, they also may be of the cheapest sort. All a little child expects is something new, so the trifle bought at a reasonable hour at the ten-cent store, the cheap, home-dressed doll, the nickel watch or fifteen-cent box of paints, are all equally prized. What the kiddies want is to feel their Yuletide angels near them, and a little extra bother, a little extra patience, will achieve this blessing. Remember, too, the child without the gates, for it needs a share of your joy. Sit up a little later for the next six nights and see what you can make out of pretty scraps of stuff on hand, the colored pictures in the old fashion books, etc. Let all the children who cross your way feel some of the gladness that is in your own heart. It is so easy. Don't grumble; do what you can with enthusiasm and give everything with love.

The worst sinners against Christmas peace are those who feel the season is a nuisance and a level beat to make others feel the same thing. They hate the excitement, the exchange of presents, the letters or cards they must send, the idea of having to give servants money, the dinners they must get up, those which they must attend. And in hating these, and all the dozen and one duties of the Christmastide, they hate everything—the joy that is in the air, the sweet church bells, the cherubim and seraphim of Bethlehem, and even him whose coming the prophet Micah foretold so long before.

Had Something in Him.  
 Rev. Hudson Robert Jones had preached what he thought was a great Christmas sermon. On the way home from church he came upon a youth sitting doubled up on the steps of a domicile. Wishing to admonish this young person for what he took to be laziness, he stepped up to him and said:

"Don't sit there like that, my boy; this is Christmas. Get up and stir yourself; you certainly must have something in you."

"I've got a big Christmas dinner in me," was the forced reply, "and I can't move."

Have Enjoyed Long Life.  
 Living in the Isle of Wight is a family of three brothers and two sisters who are all in receipt of the old-age pension, and whose combined ages total 387 years. The veteran of the family is Mrs. Ann Harris of Cowes, aged eighty-four; the "baby" of the family is Mr. Robert Best of Niton, who has seen only seventy-two summers.

Object to Woman Teacher.  
 Earl Stonham, a Suffolk village, is in an educational controversy, due to the village demanding a schoolmistress. The father has been appointed, but the school managers have informed her she is de trop. The woman has been temporarily permitted to teach, pending a conference with the educational committee. — London Globe.

One Chance for Him.  
 A bishop in the Church of England had in his family a domestic—a woman—a strict Roman Catholic, who was always talking about the impossibility of heretics getting to heaven. "Why," said the minister, "do you think, Mary, that I will not get to heaven?" "Well," said she, "if you do, it will be on account of your inconsiderable ignorance."

Shopping in the Ozark District.  
 "You keep sports' goods, yur, don't you?" inquired a frazzled looking citizen from out on Rumpus Ridge, addressing the proprietor of the hardware store at Polkville, Ark. "Eh, heh, that's what I lowed. Well, what I was a mind to git was a straight jacket for a crazy man." — Kansas City Star.

She Understood.  
 "I suppose, of course," says the fluffy creature to the captain, "that the bow of the ship is so called because it keeps bowing all the time, but why do you call one side the starboard and the other the port?" "The star-boards stay on one side and the porters on the other," is the willing explanation from the officer.

Mend That Cat.  
 Little Fred's mother, who had been giving him some training in regard to the all-powfulness of the divinity, found him one afternoon with a dead cat, over which he was saying: "God, I said mend that cat; I've said it three times now, and I won't speak to you again."

Keep to Standard.  
 Each high achievement is a sign and token of the whole nature's possibility. What a piece of the man was for that shining movement, it is the duty of the whole man to be always. — Phillips Brooks.

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You pay five dollars when you join the club. This is credited to the club price of the piano (\$287.50) leaving 282.50, to be paid at the rate of *only \$1.25 a week, or 17 cents a day.*

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4. If a Club Member dies during the life of his contract we will immediately send a receipt in full to his family for the instrument.

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## EIGHT MILLIONS FOR STATE

### Dutch Company Offers That For The Everglades

### PROPOSITION UP TO TRUSTEES

### White Elephant Has a Good Chance To Be Disposed Of At a Fair Figure

Jacksonville, Dec. 27.—A man spending a week in Tallahassee, Cromwell Gibbons, a prominent attorney of this city, has returned from the state capital, where he has been in conference with the board of trustees of the internal improvement fund relative to, perhaps, the greatest land deal, should it go through the greatest land deal, should it go through satisfactorily, that has ever been recorded in this state, involving 1,000,000 acres of all lands and the sum of \$8,000,000.

During the past week a company of Holland capitalists have become interested in the great possibilities of the Everglades lands and have considered the matter so seriously that they have continuously followed the proposition and have had a corps of Dutch and American civil engineers in the Everglades district of the state, engaged in making a comprehensive series of preliminary surveys relative to the million acres of lands owned by the state.

The capitalists interested have during the past week put their proposition up to the state through the trustees of the internal improvement fund, in a concrete form, the capitalists being assured that the plan to drain and reclaim the lands is entirely feasible and that a great agricultural region can be rapidly developed, the fertile and rich lands made to produce great and phenomenal crops for many years in succession without enriching the land soil.

In addition to the payment of the \$8,000,000 for the million acres, an expenditure of several additional million dollars will be necessary to reclaim the lands, which these foreign capitalists stand ready to invest, so firmly and thoroughly are they convinced of the ultimate success of their plans as based on the reports made by the engineers.

The proposition as submitted by the Hollanders is now being considered by the trustees and it is expected that a decision will be reached in the near future.

### Book Lovers' Club

Mrs. J. T. Brady was hostess of the Book Lovers' Club Thursday afternoon. The house was attractively decorated with green and red, combined with pretty silver things.

A real "Kid Party" was enjoyed by the guests, who at the request of the hostess came dressed as little girls. Mrs. Abernathy was voted the prize for the best and most natural girlish costume. A "Mother Goose" contest was also enjoyed. Mrs. Fannie S. Munson won the prize, a pretty pair of silver shoe buckles for the largest number of correct rhymes.

With the pleasant contest was concluded a dainty salad, water, olives and coffee were served.

Mrs. Brady's guests were Mrs. Henry McLaughlin, president of the Book Lovers' Club, Mrs. R. J. Holly, Mrs. F. L. Woodruff, Mrs. R. E. Tolar, Mrs. Fred Williams, Mrs. F. S. Munson, Mrs. J. C. McDaniel, Mrs. C. C. Woodruff, Mrs. J. L. Hurt, Mrs. F. J. Gonzalez, Mrs. R. L. Peck, Mrs. Anderson.

### Christmas Dinner Party

Messrs. M. L. Raines, J. H. Roberts, Braxton Perkins and W. J. Thigpen were hosts at a very delightful Christmas dinner at the Sanford House, Christmas evening, the guests of which were Misses Irene Brady, Fancha Lefler, Linda Lefler and Mabel Bowler.

The dining-room was very tastefully decorated with the usual Christmas colors, green and red. The lovely centerpiece on the table was a large bowl of red roses, in which were placed white roses and dainty asparagus ferns, in which nestled four pretty violet bouquets.

At the conclusion of the delicious seven course dinner, the carnations and roses were presented to the ladies, and the hosts pinned the bouquets on their coats. The pleasant occasion ended with a short impromptu dance.

### Christmas Entertainment

A large and interested attendance of parents, friends and visitors enjoyed the very pretty and well rendered Christmas entertainment of the children of the Sanford Catholic school by the Sisters of Mercy, which was given Monday evening in their splendid new school building on Oak avenue. The room and stage was beautifully decorated with bright Christmas bells and green vines.

The appropriate Christmas selections and program was splendidly given, each one sustaining their parts most creditably, demonstrating the great care and attention bestowed upon them by the kind sisters of the school, as well as the individual talents of the pupils.

The following program will give some idea of the interesting entertainment: Mother Stanislaus presided at the piano and had the program directly in charge.

"With Hearts Truly Grateful," by Chorus.

Solo, James Schaal.

Recitation, Owen Higgins.

Xmas Chant, Little Ones.

Recitation, Merton Aycocks.

Recitation, "Sleep, Holy Babe," Josie Psuelo.

Vocal Duet, "No Room for Him," Margaret Rotundo, Claudia Townsend.

Recitation, "The Heavens Bend," David Fountain.

Trio, "When to the Holy Manger," Josie Psuelo, Evelyn Wessner, Edna David Fountain.

Trio, "When to the Holy Manger," Josie Psuelo, Evelyn Wessner, Edna Stiles, Elizabeth Hoolahan, Ira B. Wathen.

"You Say There is No Santa Claus," Little Ones.

Recitation, Willie Mallem.

Recitation and Song, Charlie Rotundo.

Christmas Chimes, Claudia Townsend, Marg't Rotundo, Ellen Fountain.

Recitation, James Schaal, Little Ones.

Piano Duet, Willie Mallem and M. M. Stanislaus.

Recitation, "Night Before Christmas," Josie Psuelo.

Bethlehem, "Ellen Fountain.

Recitation, Frank Hritt.

Piano Solo, Margaret Rotundo.

Recitation, Owen Higgins.

"What Lovely Infant," Little Ones.

Recitation, "The Holy Night," Mary Ellen Fountain.

"Holy Night," Marg't Rotundo.

"Angels, We have Heard on High," Chorus.

"With Hearts Truly Grateful," Chorus.

### Christmas Tree and Program

The Christmas program and tree at the Presbyterian church Christmas evening, which was given by the Sunday school was enjoyed by a church full of people.

Each little performer on the program was well trained and rendered their parts splendidly. The recitations and songs were very much enjoyed by the large audience.

The program opened with the chorus by the Sunday school, "While Angels Sing."

Prayer by Rev. J. F. McKinnon.

"Grandmother"—Recitation and song by six little girls dressed as grandmothers.

Chorus, "Hill, Bells."

Recitation, "Christmas Dilemma," Gladys Ingo.

Chorus, "Praise the Newborn King."

Stocking Drill, "Christmas Stockings."

Recitation, Hylon Terwilliger.

Song by Infant Class, "Some one is Coming Tonight."

Recitation by Katie May McKenzie.

Chorus, "Glory to God on High."

Recitation by William DuBois.

Collective Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Distribution of gifts on the tree to the children of the Sunday school.

### Death of Isaac Hopper

Isaac A. Hopper, a Harlem contractor, formerly Superintendent of Housing, and former many leader of the Third District, died yesterday at his home, No. 165 West 122 street. He had been suffering for more than a year with heart trouble. He was sixty-one years old.—New York World.

Mr. Hopper was well known in Orange county, having for many years spent the winter near Orlando, where he had a private race track and held many racing events.

## MORE COUNTY DIVISION

### Big County of De Soto Will Be Subdivided Next

### INEQUALITIES IN TAXATION

### Same Old Story of Porepne Methods Will Cause Division Over The State

Sanford, Fla., Dec. 27.—Citizens of this place with delegations from Charlotte Harbor, Harbor View, Cleveland and Charlotte held a mass meeting recently, the principal object of the meeting and the topic of discussion being the matter of county division. A resolution was unanimously passed urging every individual present to use all honorable means to secure the division of De Soto county on the township line dividing townships thirty-eight and thirty-nine, and requesting people of the county, and of the state generally, to examine into the condition of county affairs. Gross inequalities in taxation and discrimination in assessments between the southern portion of the county and the middle section are alleged, and certain other charges made which, if substantiated, ought to make good grounds for the separation of the southern portion from the parent county.

The line of division as proposed will give the new county four rows of townships and leave six rows to the old county. A discussion as to the name followed, the people appearing to be about equally divided over the names of "Charlotte" and "Tropical," but later it developed that the former was favored by the majority. A large committee was appointed to secure full information and data concerning the new county and have the same ready for submission to another meeting to be called later.

The many visitors to the city this week were greatly surprised at the remarkable number of varieties in the vegetable and fruit line on display at the various grocery stores. Even watermelons were added to the list last week and strawberries have been on sale for several weeks.

Sanford celery is coming to market now and the head lettuce was never finer than at present. Together with egg plants, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, squash, green peppers, cauliflower, etc., the vegetable line here leaves nothing to be desired. Radishes, young onions and cabbage are here all the time together with carrots and turnips and the market gardeners have them almost the year round. In fact the growing of vegetables around Sanford has reached perfection and green stuff can be raised here every day in the year.

To the northern visitors who have left the country covered with ice and snow, these fresh vegetables look most tempting indeed and many of them are induced to cast their lot in Florida after investigating the crop conditions here.

If every grocery store in Sanford would make a large display of fresh vegetables each morning the city would derive a bunch of good advertising thereby.

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### Christmas Program

At the Congregational church Christmas evening a very interesting and pretty Christmas program was given by the younger children of the Sunday school.

The church was beautifully decorated with green vines, cedar and skillfully made poinsettias. Three large green stars were very effectively disposed over the platform and back of the church. An electric light in the center of the star in the back of the church was suggestively attractive.

In the left of the church a large Christmas tree was prettily decorated, and were the gifts for the little folks of the Sunday school. The church was filled with interested parents, friends and visitors.

A specially interesting feature and beautiful object lesson was the placing of a very tall lighted candle on a pretty white pyramid placed on a table in the center of the platform, by one of the children, at the request of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Langley, who explained that it was intended to typify the beautiful white light which came into this world of darkness and sin when Jesus was born.

Twelve lighted candles were placed beneath the single candle, by twelve little children, which was further explained, represented the twelve apostles, whom the Saviour left to reflect his light when he left the world.

Another class of little folks placed a great many lighted candles on the base of the pyramid to represent the light that the Christians are to give by their shining lives in the world darkened by sin.

In the organization of a cradle roll the Christians are to give by their shining lives in the world darkened by sin.

In the organization of a cradle roll for the Sunday school conducted by Mrs. Richard Terhune, a beautiful cradle was put on the platform and a real live baby, little Katherine Wilma Meisch was placed in it. The baby did its part on the program by behaving beautifully. Eleven names were entered on the cradle roll.

The children acquitted themselves most creditably and the following program will give a fine idea of the pleasant Christmas exercises. A large red stocking was filled by the children for the members of the Training School presided over by Rev. Paul Eisminger in West Tampa.

Program.

Song, "Softly thy Light," by the Choir.

Prayer, Pastor.

Address, by the Pastor.

Candle put on Pyramid, Remarks by the Pastor.

Song, "Jesus Bids Me Shine."

Talk on or description of "White Light," Superintendent.

Candles placed by Mrs. Moughton and Mrs. Terhune's Classes.

Explanation of the Twelve Candles, by the Superintendent.

Candles Placed by Little Children.

Explanation of Little Children's Candles, by Superintendent.

Song, "In the Sky," by Little Children.

Recitation, "Florida Babies," Sarah Wight.

Cradle Roll Exercise, Conducted by Mrs. Terhune.

Recitation, "Welcome," by Leslie Moughton.

Recitation, "Christmas Gift," by Richard Frank.

Song, "In a Manger," by Little Children.

Recitation, "Something for Every One," Sarah Wight.

Recitation, "The Empty Stocking," Florence Witte.

Presentation of Gifts for the "Red Stocking."

Distribution of Gifts from the Tree by Ed. Randall, Beecher, Kent, Harry Carlson and Mr. Harris.

Fine Holiday Business.

Sanford merchants are jubilant this year over the great amount of business this year as compared with former years and even now that Christmas is over the stores are doing a rushing business.

Sanford has become a trading center for three counties and our merchants are selling goods cheaper than any other city in Florida.

Change in Court Date.

Circuit Court will not convene in Orlando until January 27th, instead of January 20th. Please remember the change in the date.

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## MURDERER CONFESSES

### Assassin of Dr. Spencer May Be Brought to Justice

### GAINESVILLE MYSTERY CLEARED

### Other Topics of Interest in Florida Collected by Both Wire and Wireless

When for months of investigation by some of the leading officers of the country, an alleged accomplice of the murder of Dr. H. C. Spencer at a lonely spot on the Gainesville-Waldo road on Monday night, February 26, was apprehended through the efforts of Chief of Police Charles Pinkson, at Gainesville, and with the arrest comes the first real clue to a mystery which cost one of the most widely known men in this section his life. The party now under arrest and is who confined in jail without bond to await the next action of the circuit court is Thomas Smith, a negro, who implicates a white man, A. A. Hampton, whom Smith declared induced him to get Dr. Spencer to come to his home on account of his (Hampton's) wife's illness.

The old Acme Hotel at the northwest corner of Julia and Bay streets, in Jacksonville, is being demolished for the erection of a more modern building in its place. A new seven-story modern and fireproof hotel will be constructed on this site. With the removal of the old Acme Hotel, there has been removed one of the old landmarks of that city.

With the plant that the Mullins-Charles Company has in contemplation, Jacksonville will have one of the largest cigar factories in the state, together with a private settlement, consisting of factory buildings and twenty-two cottages for the accommodation of its help.

### A Giving Festival

At this season of the year the Spirit of Giving is abroad in the land. The real joy of Christmas is in giving. Then why should we shut the little ones out of the "most-blessed pass?"

Many Sunday schools have adopted the Giving Plan for their Christmas festival and would not return to the former Christmas entertainments, since no other kind of entertainment can compare with the "Giving Christmas."

The Baptist Sunday school of Sanford followed this plan last year and the results were so gratifying that it has been decided to give again the one hundred orphans in the Home at Arcadia. This "Giving Festival" will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, at 7 o'clock, when there will be interesting exercises by several of the Sunday school classes. Gifts of articles suitable for such a Home, as well as contributions of money will be gratefully received from those interested in this worthy cause. Come to the Baptist church Tuesday evening and participate in the "Joy of Giving."

### Christmas Exercises

The very pretty and entertaining Christmas exercises at the Methodist church Tuesday evening were very much enjoyed by the large audience, composed of the parents and friends of the children and many visitors. The program was given entirely by the younger children of the Sunday school, some of them mere tots, who all did well.

The following fine program was well rendered, beginning with a song by the school, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing."

Prayer, by Mrs. W. Walker.

Greetings, Virginia and Helen Jenkins.

Recitation, Mollie Abernathy.

Song, Marian Newton.

Recitation, Marjan Phillips.

Song by five little girls.

Recitation, Lucille Jenkins.

Song by school, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing."

Dialogue, "Babe of Bethlehem."

Song, Shirley Swope.

Recitation, Dwight Smith.

Song by school, "You may have the foybells."

Boxes of candy were given to the children of the Sunday school and many others, after which the Doxology was given of the Sunday school and many sung.