

THE SENTINEL.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

Most holidays which we celebrate can be traced to and accounted for by a single event which we desire to commemorate, or a person whose life and character we hold in high regard and wish to perpetuate. Christmas is an unmistakable composite.

Into its festivities enter observances which have come down from the Roman feast of Saturn, which was held in December, while the use of the mistletoe and the holly came from the Druids; the Yule-log was of Scandinavian origin, and the custom of giving presents goes back to the Roman New Year's Day. Santa Claus and the Christmas tree grew up in Russia and Holland, and hanging of stockings we first hear of in France. Gradually all these customs were adopted and blended as part of the Christian cult, and into them all entered the spirit of gladness and good will and the special recognition of childhood, which signalize our celebration of the manger birth, and the dawning of a new and better day for men. The spirit was never more genuine or so widely diffused as it is to-day. It has overstepped the limits of all creeds and races, and is gradually taking possession of mankind.

Never was there a country which throughout its borders had more reason to rejoice and make merry at the glad Christmas time than we have to-day. The land is bursting with fashions; verily, our cup runneth over, and we ought, sharing as all do in some degree the abundance of property which almost oppresses us, to let our hearts go out to the suffering and destitute, wherever they are.

Christmas comes on Wednesday of next week and will have come and gone before another issue of this paper greets its readers. It is the wish of THE SENTINEL that all of its patrons may merrily enjoy the day of "Peace on earth amongst men of good will."

CONFERENCE ON AMENDMENT.

That the Democratic party should submit to the voters of Maryland a suffrage amendment was the opinion expressed by twenty-four of the most prominent Democratic and independent lawyers of the State at a conference held at the Eutaw House, Baltimore, on Monday.

The conference was arranged by Attorney-General-elect Isaac Lobe Straus. Scarcely a day in the history of the party have so many prominent Democrats, representing every faction, gathered in one room and harmoniously and amicably discussed the future policies of the party. In the conference were a number of old "war horses" of Democracy, while there were also present a number of leading members of the Reform League, who have in past campaigns bitterly opposed the party's candidates and issues.

With a few exceptions every one invited by Mr. Straus was present. The absence of some, it was said, does not mean that they are opposed to the submission of an amendment, but, on the contrary, it is believed they will support a suitable one. The object of the conference was to get the views of the leading lawyers of the State on the draft of the proposed amendment and the planks and qualifications suggested were discussed. Naturally there was considerable difference of opinion, but as all seemed to favor the passage of an amendment it is not believed much trouble will be experienced in drafting one which will meet the approval of those present, as well as of the rank and file of the party.

The meeting was held behind closed doors, but it was said by the conferees after the meeting that the discussion mainly centered on whether the educational test or the property qualification should be incorporated in the amendment. Some of those present, it is said, believed that both planks should be in the measure, while there were others who advocated only one of them.

After hearing the views of nearly all present it was decided to authorize Mr. Straus to appoint a committee of seven, of which he shall be a member ex-officio and chairman, to make a further study of the question and to take up the proposition offered at the conference. Those present were asked to put any additional views in writings and to submit them to the committee for consideration.

Those present were: United States Senator Whyte, United States Senator Rayner, Governor-elect Crothers, Attorney-General Bryan, State Senator Gorman, State Senator Seth, State Treasurer Murray Vandiver, State's Attorney Owens of Baltimore, Col. Bachmann Schley, Messrs. Joshua W. Miles, Bernard Carter, John P. Poe, William L. Marbury, Roger W. Call, Randolph Barton, Leigh Bonnal, William Reynolds, Charles Morris Howard, W. Laird Henry, Marion DeKalb Smith, Walter J. Mitchell, Edward C. Peter and S. S. Field.

SAILING OF THE NAVAL FLEET.

In column formation, single file and 400 yards apart, 16 of the world's greatest battle-ships, the pride of the American Navy, sailed out through the Capes on Monday morning last, after being reviewed by President Roosevelt and a distinguished party of officials from Washington.

Turning their bows southward after passing the Capes from Hampton Roads, the 16 battle-ships settled down at a steady 10 knot anchor-haul, which they will maintain, except for stops for coaling, until they have completed their 14,000-mile jaunt to Magdalena Bay, Southern California, where the officials order require that target practice shall be held next April.

The departure of the fleet was a most impressive sight, and 20,000 or more people were crowded at the few points of vantage at Fort Monroe and on Willoughby Spit at 10 o'clock, the scheduled time of departure. The day was an ideal one. President Roosevelt arrived at the Hambleton on the Mayflower about 7 A. M. The big battleships were all ready for him and had dressed ships, but the schedule was adhered to and it was just 8 o'clock when the Presidential yacht steamed in.

The signal for its coming was the crash of a gun on the flagship Connecticut. Then one after another the various battle-ships took up the firing until the whole great fleet lying just off the Old Point wharf was booming away. A few minutes after the fleet finished the guns at Fort Monroe banged out their salute, and then slowly, majestically, the handsome Presidential yacht steamed into the centre of action and passed down the line between the Pacific-bound warships. Anchoring midway the fleet, the Mayflower made ready for the admirals and captains, who went aboard promptly and were cordially greeted by the President, who said:

"This is a great fleet and a great day, and we should all be proud of the navy."

The belted sides of each armor-clad were weighted down with the press of heavy stores and ammunition, while decks resounded with the footfalls of a thousand men in quarters. On a mission as pacific

as the name of the waters it soon plowing, the fleet was sent away in every detail for any duty.

A dispatch from San Francisco under the command of Rear-Admiral Evans, for the Pacific was received with enthusiastic demonstrations at every point on the coast. Everywhere flags are flying and the people from San Diego to Seattle are awake to the importance of the movement of the vessels.

The officers and men will be warmly welcomed, and the various cities at which they are expected to stop are already preparing receptions and entertainments in their honor. News of the progress of the vessels will be anxiously awaited and read with intense interest throughout the Pacific States.

The comments of the foreign press upon the sailing of the fleet for the Pacific coast would indicate that Europe takes a serious view of that maneuver. The average American who gives his thought to political situations, France seems to regard it as settled that the sailing of the fleet is "an elementary measure of peace" until Japan shows her hand." Bogusau, of course, regards it as an indication which Japan cannot wholly overlook, while the astute German editors talk of smoothly about what a peace practice is sea voyaging it will be. Smooth as this there seems to be a movement on the surface of it caused by the ripple of a little submerged innuendo of menace. A Russian paper aburdly talks about its "inevitably" producing an outburst of warlike sentiment from the people of California.

"Denver, Colorado, July 7, 1908," in place and time for the next Democratic National Convention chosen Thursday afternoon of last week by the Democratic National Committee at the conclusion of its session at the Arlington Hotel, Washington. Two ballots were taken on the choice of the city and various dates were suggested for the meeting of the big Democratic gathering, but the final result was a unanimous decision for both Denver and the July date.

New Advertisements.

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THE undersigned has a lot of fine, thrifty Pigs for sale, carrying the Poland China and Berkshire blood.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

THE COMMISSIONERS for Montgomery County will meet at their Room, in Rockville, on TUESDAY, December 24th, 1907, at 9:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

By order: ROBERT G. HILTON, Clerk to County Comm'rs.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Society of Montgomery County, Maryland, for the transaction of such business as may come before it, and the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Town Hall, Rockville, Maryland, on Wednesday, January 8th, 1908, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JAMES T. BOGLEY, Secretary.

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APPLICATION FOR PARDON.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

Office of Secretary of State,

Annapolis, December 11th, 1907.

To all whom it may concern:

NOTICE is hereby given, that application has been made to His Excellency Edwin Warfield, Governor of Maryland, for the pardon of James Gray, who was convicted at the November term, 1907, of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, of larceny, and sentenced to be confined in the House of Correction for two years.

The Governor will take up the said case for final decision on or after Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1907, until which time protests against such pardon will be heard, and the papers filed open to inspection, at the discretion of the Governor.

By order of the Governor: OSWALD TILGHMAN, Secretary of State.

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