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A COMMUNITY TREE

Carlisle should have another community Christmas tree this year and it is not too early to make arrangements for it. A modest donation on the part of each citizen will bring happiness to many youngsters to whom Christmas has little meaning.

The Mercury has always believed that the empty stocking is perhaps the greatest tragedy of childhood, a tragedy which is preventable, if grownups will but give of their time and means to its prevention.

This newspaper will be glad to receive subscriptions toward a community tree and enlist the services of others in making it a success.

Won't some one start the donation?

KEEP THE CANNERY.

Receiving plants are opening throughout the Burley belt this week. This will mean, one hopes, a relief from a season that has proven a lean one for many lines of business.

The Mercury believes that the farmer must learn eventually to depend upon some other crop besides tobacco. Up until comparatively recent years it was believed that ...

... easily pay for itself.

Here is another good cash crop that may prove a boon to the farmers in tobacco-raising district, should the wide-spread cultivation of the bitter weed eventually make it an unprofitable crop.

NOVEMBER

Nobody, to our knowledge has so far sung the song of November since the time Bobby Burns used it as a setting to his noble poem, The Cotter's Saturday Night. And Burns only referred to it to show how desirable a thing it is to get out of its "Wind wi' angry sough" to sit before a good fire in a comfortable room. Its gloomy frown and sullen temperament is not inspiring to the poet; who will—and does—take a chance on October, on which he was badly thrown down this year. It is a fitting complement to the elections, which usher it in each year, and well reflects the view of candidates who ventured into it with hope, only to be snowed under in its bleak atmosphere.

So our good friend, Col. Fitzhugh, of the Wilmore Enterprise, and perhaps he is right. And yet as the month passes, we would pay tribute to the beauty of her maturity, though it be sere-brown, by requoting a paragraph recently published in The Mercury, which we found in the Youth's Companion. Surely, Colonel, here is a poet inspired by the month of chill and "surly blasts."

"For those who know and love her November has the serenity of a sound and happy old age that still has all its faculties unimpaired and still retains its zest in life. The buxom green of the summer and the flamboyant reds and yellows of the fall she has put away, and has clothed herself becomingly in soft browns and tender grays; and about her floats a mantle of misty blue. She is not yet beyond the little vanities of a knot of glowing black alder berries at her throat or a pearly-pink corsage bouquet of wild-cherry leaves. Nor is she forgotten of her friends. In the weedy corners of the fields the goldfinches ...

POEMS THAT WE LIKE.

THE TRAPPERS CHRISTMAS EVE

(Robert W. Service)

It's mighty lonesome-like and drear.
Above the Wild the moon rides high,
And shows up sharp and needle-clear
The emptiness of earth and sky;
No happy homes with love a-glow;
No Santa Claus to make believe;
Just snow and snow, and then more snow;
It's Christmas Eve, it's Christmas Eve.

And here am I where all things end,
And Undesirables are hurled;
A poor old man without a friend,
Forgot and dead to all the world;
Clean out of sight and out of mind ...
Well, maybe it is better so;
We all in life our tally find,
And mine, I guess, is pretty low.

Yet as I sit with pipe alight
Beside the cabin-fire, it's queer
This mind of mine must take to-night
The backward trail of fifty year.
The school-house and the Christmas tree;
The children with their cheeks a-glow;
Two bright blue eyes that smile on me ...
Just half a century ago.

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Figs, Layer New lb.	23c	Cake, Fruit Country Club, 2 lb. 75c; 3 lb.	1.29
Mince Meat, 9 oz. pkg.	10c	Raisins, 15 oz. pkg. each	12½c
Pumpkin, Large Can	10c	Peaches, Country Club Large Can	25c
Bacon, 1-2 lb pkg.	27c	Oleo, Wondernut lb.	22c
Milk, Country Club, Small 2 for 9c; Large	09c	Corn, Avondale No. 2 Can	14c

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