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PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

I think that saving a little child
And bringing him to his own,
Is derned sight better business
Than loafing around the throne.
—John Hay.

Next to which, in our opinion, is saving for a little child the tender illusion of the jolly, loving Santa Claus. Grownups are prone to believe that to themselves only are known the pangs of lost illusion, broken faith and disappointed hopes, forgetting that what seems a minor disappointment to them is the bitterest tragedy for the innocent mind of childhood.

There is much "loafing around the throne" much psalm-singing and outward manifestation of religion, so called, as compared with the actual practice of real constructive Christianity. The observance of ritualistic rigmarole is easy, as compared with the practice of the teachings of the Nazarene and all of us hate nothing so much as effort, no matter how industrious and energetic we may think ourselves. At least this is one explanation, as we see it, of the failure of our people to respond as generously as they should to the plea for funds to fill empty stockings this Christmas.

The time is short and The Mercury urges its readers to make their contributions this week. Your name will not be published, if you desire, as having contributed. The writer has lived in this county long enough to know that the hearts of its people are kind and that they respond generously to all worthy causes when solicited. Personal solicitation is not possible now; we must depend ...

... er and glory of a desk and leathern chair on the hill at Frankfort, not to mention, of course, the per diem, is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

But to ask a legislator to put an end to the "swarming" at Frankfort is like urging the man up a tree to sit out on a limb and saw it off close to the trunk. No Samson will be found in the 1926 session willing to pull down the pillars of this temple of multitudinous laws. So we'll let that pass and indulge ourselves in the usual futile hope that more time will be spent in repealing useless, outworn, unenforced laws than in making new useless ones. For of the making of laws there seems to be no end and of enforcing most of them no interest.

So here's to the big pow-wow at Frankfort next month. May they do much that their predecessors have done and may they do little that their successors may be forced to undo. And, boys, do have pity on the poor, overworked court of appeals. So much of its time is taken up declaring your laws unconstitutional.

MESSIN' UP THE MOCKING BIRD

The Courier-Journal quotes a writer in the Saturday Evening Post, who refers to the "raucous notes of the mocking bird."

One who has listened to the rippling, varied wonder of the song that swells from the throat of this master singer, when in nesting time he perches on the very tip of a swaying bough and pours out his love to the brooding mate in her nest below, will feel impelled to write the editors of the Post or slay the writer on sight. However, it must be admitted, that the mocking bird does have a "raucous note," when, in mischievous mood, he imitates the blue jay, or with fine scorn of his cousin, the catbird's effort at song, exaggerates the harsh notes of this shy singer. And sometimes, it must be admitted, when the eggs in that carefully guarded nest have been hatched and the cares of parenthood are over, he plays and clowns and shouts with all the gusto of a school boy.

And yet the term "raucous note" grates on the sensibilities, when applied to that impresario of the swaying branches. One wonders if the writer is up on his ornithology or if he has not mistaken a catbird or a crow for the master musician of the feathered folk. One wonders, until he learns that it is of Florida the writer writes and of the Florida mocking bird, model 1925. Can it be that ...

Despair, wonder, envy, and rebellion smoulder in the eyes of these gazers. . . . It is a work of art, that window; a breeder of anarchism, a destroyer of contentment, a second feast of Tantalus. It boasts peaches, dewy and golden, when peaches have no right to be; plethoric, purple bunches of English hothouse grapes are there to taunt the ten-dollar-a-week clerk whose sick wife should be in the hospital; strawberries glow therein when shortcake is a last summer's memory, and forced cucumbers remind us that we are taking ours in the form of dill pickles. There is, perhaps, a choice head of cauliflower, so exquisite in its ivory and green perfection as to be fit for a bride's bouquet; there are apples so flawless that if the garden of Eden grew any so perfect it is small wonder that Eve fell for them. There are fresh mushrooms and jumbo cocoanuts, and green almonds; costly things in beds of cotton nestle next to strange and marvelous things in tissue wrappings. Oh that window is no place for the hungry, the dissatisfied, or the man out of a job. When the air is filled with snow, there is that in the sight of a smokeless ... which ... crime.

OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake, and rise to fight and win.

Wail not for precious chances passed away!
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burn the records of the day;
At sunrise every soul is born again!

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped!
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb!
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come!

The ...

LETTERS TO SANTA

(Other Letters for Santa Claus on Page Three)

COME, RIDE WITH ME TO TOYLAND

By Rowena Bastin Bennett
(In Youth's Companion.)

Come ride with me to Toyland,
For this is Christmas Eve,
And just beyond the Dream Road
(Where all is make-believe)
There lies a truly Toyland,
A real and wondrous Joyland,
A Little Girl-and-Boy-land,
Too lovely to conceive!

Where Christmas fairies plant a tree
That blossoms forth in stars
And comes to fruit in sugarplums;
There hats and balls and painted drums
And little trains of cars
All stand and wait for you and me
Beneath the shining wonder-tree.

So saddle up your hobby horse
And ride across the night,
The thundering of our coursers' hoofs
Will put the moon to flight;
And when the east is litten gray
We'll sight that wondrous Joyland,
And at the break of Christmas Day
We'll gallop into Toyland!

Myers, Ky., Dec. 4, 1925
Dear Old Santa:
I want you to bring me a telephone you can talk on, gun, truck, ... pitchers, French harp and anything you want to bring me. Don't forget my mother and grandfather. I live in the first house after you cross Cassiday Creek, next to Mr. John Buchanan's. I am a good boy. I will go to bed early. From Frank Joe Berry, Jr.

Barterville, Ky., Dec. 12, 1925
Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. Please bring me an air rifle, a ball, a ball bat, ball gloves, candy, apples and oranges. Sincerely yours,
Marshall Miller.

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 6, 1925
Dear Santa:
I am good and want you to bring me a Bible, bed room slippers, ... sewing machine, apples, candy, oranges, bananas and nuts. Your girl, Fannie Dallas.

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 6, 1925
Dear Santa:
I am a good little girl and I ...

30 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 24, 1895

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of Saltwell, on the 23rd a son.

City school closes Friday for two weeks vacation after giving delightful program.

Died—Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Norton, at their home in the county on the 20th.

Movement launched to build an additional to the city school for use as high school department.

R. S. Beck announces that he will retire from the firm of Chappell, Beck and Colliver the first of January.

James H. Waugh and Graeter Bros. buy the farm of W. H. Waugh, which was sold at public auction last week.

Mrs. O. S. Kash, Miss Jonie Cair, Miss Annie McLean, Miss Kate Wilson, Thomas Clark and A. W. Durham, all of Moorefield, leave for Atlanta to attend Exposition.

Following young men home from colleges to spend the holidays: Frank Taylor, Curtis Williamson, Ed Campbell, William Bair, Oliver McIntire, George Spencer, Harry James and Cray Martin.

John H. Stewart, manager of the Carlisle turkey pens of Brent Bros., closes business after buying and shipping more than 11,000 turkeys for which he paid over $8,000. Colored people paid about $1,000 for killing and picking the turkeys.

Married—Miss Sallie A. Sparks and Mr. John B. Summitt, both of the county, on the 19th.—Miss Letha E. Fryman and Mr. James D. Mayberer, both of the county, on the 24th.—Miss Minerva N. Ockerman and Mr George W. Willett, both of the county, to be married on the 26th.

42 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 27, 1883

Women of Methodist church hold public Christmas tree in court house on 24th.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. France, of this city, on the 25th, a daughter.

...

The Gift Admired! The Gift Desired!

Quality Jewelry

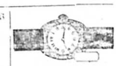
Not only on Christmas Morn, but every day of the year and years to follow there's cheer and service in the gifts selected and bought from this store. Here you are assured as to Quality, Beauty and Style all combined with Moderate Price.

A Few Suggestions In Better Values For Less Money.

$15.00
Several Styles in this remarkable value makes it easy to give her a WRIST WATCH for Christmas, 16 jewel guaranteed movement.

$12.00
An Elgin Watch in Gold filled case. Beautiful to look at dependable to carry. Give one to Dad, Brother or Friend.
Other Models up to $50.00.

DIAMOND RINGS $12.50 up
DIAMOND BAR PINS $14 up
PEARL BEADS $10 up
LADIES' STONE SET RINGS $3 up
MEN'S GOLD SEAL RINGS $2 up
IVORY TOILET SETS $7.50 up
FOUNTAIN PENS $1 up
CUFF LINKS $1 up
MEN'S EMBLEM RINGS $10 up
SALT and PEPPER SETS $1 up
26 PIECE SET SILVERWARE $12 up
BUD VASES $1 up
BREAD TRAY $2 75 up
SILVER BELT SETS $3 up



$10.00
Nowhere will you find a Watch like this one, so low priced. Movement is 16 jewel, case in 25 year white gold filled, fully guaranteed.

$10 00
A Real Watch for the Boys Christmas, 12 size, Silverine or Gold filled case, with a high class guaranteed movement.

PITMAN'S

Yuletide Specials

Here's a store, folks, just crowded to the doors with good things for Christmas giving--and the best part of it is, each and every item may be purchased at a price not exorbitant.

If you haven't, come here at once to do your shopping.

GIRLS' AND BOYS GIFTS IN A VARIED ASSORTMENT

Hurray, Boys! Let's get together on this problem of what you would like to have Santa Claus bring you this Christmas. He has left a lot of samples of his Toys here, and if you will just bring in mother or father, we are sure that we will be able to tell Santa Claus to bring you what you want most.

We have just received shipment of Bridge Floor Lamps, priced at $4 and $5.
No better reading lamp made.

SAM T. HOWE & CO.
(Incorporated)

A Subscription to THE MERCURY Makes and Ideal Christmas Gift.

PROGRAM

Tonight, Thursday, comes Bebe Daniels in "The Crowded Hour." This picture is sure crowded full of fun; one that you will appreciate and go out laughing. Don't miss it.

Friday—Eleanor Boardman in "So This is Marriage." A fine picture, come and see it.

Saturday—Edmund Lowe in "Parts Call." This is a dandy picture. Also a good comedy.

Monday—Betty Compson in "New Lives For Old." You sure must see this picture; it is one of the best Miss Compson has ever appeared in.

We are screening two Paramounts a week, Mondays and Thursdays, for awhile. You know what Paramount means—the best on the market.

LYRIC THEATRE

A large crowd attended an old-fashioned square-dance in the national guard armory Tuesday night.

About thirty members of the local national guard company attended a banquet in the armory last Thursday night.

The Carlisle city school will close Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays, re-opening on Monday, January 4.

Mrs. James L. Donnell sold last week her residence on Maple street to Amos W. Stamper for $4,000. The sale was made through real estate agent Roy Snapp.

There will be work in the Fellowcraft Degree at Dougherty Lodge tonight, beginning at 7 o'clock. The annual election of officers will be held on Monday, December 28.

The Christmas trees placed in the court house yard several days ago by the Chamber of Commerce have been wired and will be lighted each evening until after Christmas.

Judge Frank A. Bullock, 65 years old, Judge of the Fayette county court for twenty-eight years, died suddenly late Tuesday afternoon while seated in a chair talking to a client.

Next Tuesday, December 22, is the official beginning of winter, according to the almanacs, and will be the shortest day in the year. ...

Social and Society

—Mrs. Claud Walker visited friends in Paris Tuesday.
—Mrs. Mary Johnson is slightly improved after a weeks illness.
—Mrs. C. H. Fisher was in Lexington, Saturday for the day.
—Mrs. B. O. Beck and Mrs. C. W. Kash were in Lexington, Monday.
—Mrs. H. R. Ewing returned Monday from a visit in Mt. Sterling and Paris.
—Mrs. Lillie Kennedy has gone to Lexington to spend the holidays with friends.
—Mrs. J. H. Medlin, of Little Rock, visited her sister, Mrs. R. L. Curtis, Monday.
—S. A. Dorsey has returned from a few days business trip to Springfield, Ohio.
—Mrs. J. M. Berry and Mrs. A. B. Lambert spent Sunday and Monday in Lexington.
—Mrs. George Young, of Lexington, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Scott Feeback.
—Mrs. Lewis Gudgell has been critically ill for the past week at her home near Miranda.
—Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Henry, of Paris, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Piper, Sunday.
—Miss Matilda Waugh, of Lexington, was the guest of her father, James Waugh, last week.
—Mr. and Mrs. George Hon, of Winchester, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Burton, Sunday.
—Mrs. J. H. Lawrence was called to Paris, Saturday by the illness of her nephew, Wilburn Jackson.
—Mr. Roy Smith was in Lexington Tuesday and had his adenoids removed at the Lexington clinic.
—The Fortnightly Rook club met with Sterling Blake on Tuesday night at his home in the East End.
—Mrs. Tom Alexander will leave Friday for Philadelphia, Pa., to visit her son, Frank Laughlin and family.
—Mrs. W. F. Clark was taken ill on Saturday at her home on the Jackstown road, but is much improved.
—Judge and Mrs. Harry Kennedy were in Lexington on Friday, where Mrs. Kennedy submitted to a minor operation.

... many of the guests were seated for refreshments. The table was artistically decorated, and sandwiches and coffee served. The social hour was the main feature of the entertainment, and thoroughly enjoyed. Their pastor and family have made many friends while in Carlisle, not only in their own church, but throughout the entire community.

W. C. T. U. to Meet Saturday

—The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock at the junior parlor of the Christian church. Mrs. Ollie Brayfield will lead the program.

Birthday Dinner

—Miss Jeanette Cox entertained the following young lady friends with a dinner at the home of her parents, on Sunday in celebration of her birthday: Misses Katharine Frey, Christine Clark, Betsy Brown and Frances Veach.

Woman's Club Meets Friday

—The Nicholas County Woman's Club will meet at the City Hall Friday afternoon, December 18, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. R. L. Boone will be in charge of the program, which will be as follows: "Mrs. Edward McDowell and Her Great Work for America," Mrs. Sterling Blake; Santa Claus' Ancestry," Mrs. E. A. Campbell; Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man," Mrs. B. F. Reynolds; Christmas reading, Mrs. Tillie Feeback. All members of the club and friends are urged to be present.

—Mrs. Ella D. Spencer and son, George Spencer, of Lexington, were week end guests of Miss Martha Dudley. They were accompanied home by Mrs. S. W. Keller for a short visit.

Methodist Church Social

—Over one hundred members of the Methodist church attended the social held in the annex on Thursday night. Many presents, in the form of donations and over $80.00 in money were presented Rev. and Mrs. B. O. Beck, the pastor and his wife, for which the pastor made a most delightful talk of gratefulness. The rooms were attractively decorated with christmas trees, bells and kinds of christmas attire, and a long table was set in the sunparlor, at which ...

You Go Home Happy When You Do Your Christmas Shopping Here

Raisins — Prices are Right — Figs
Dates — Quality is Right — Nuts
Citron — Service is Right — Currants
Candied Cherries — Lemon Peel
Candied Pineapple — Orange eel

Come here and load your arms full of Christmas delicacies. You will have food for the Holidays that the entire family will enjoy to the utmost.
All of finest quality.

METCALFE'S GROCERY

RADIO

Brings the best things going from far and near.
Tuesday night we listened to Irvin S. Cobb, and that address alone was worth five dolllars.
You could not get to the entertainment you get over Radio if you traveled constantly by rail.
Nothing More Appropriate For A Christmas Gift.
We Have Them At All Prices—
$20 to $220.00
Nothing Better Than The RCA Line.

HARPER'S

Yuletide Cheer

Ain't It So?

When everyone does their Xmas Shopping early and there's no last minute rush, the end of the world will be upon us and all of us will be sprouting little wings and learning how to play on a golden harp!

Yet every year I try hard'nell to get you folks to get some of your Xmas Shopping done before the grand muss before Xmas day. It's sensible advice and you know it's sensible. It saves you money and you know that, too. It saves energy and time and is the proper thing to do—yet very few of you will shop early.

So the items below are offered as Xmas suggestions very timidly.

JIMMY AND GRANDPA
Both of them want their own private pen or pencil, same as their own private Tooth Brush. We've got about a million of them here, Shaeffers lifetime, Ingersoll's Ever Ready and others, all colors, sizes and mechanical habits, and they are useful 400 days of the year, too. Prices from 25c to $8.75.

IS HE PERSNIKETY!
You just slide right in here and tell us all about it and I'll bet $7.50 against a doughnut that you and we together can figger out a present that will happy him up plenty. We got ideas in this store—yes s'r!

FOR FINICKY PALATE
The real student of better things among confections, those whose palates are attuned delicately to the subtle nuances of flavor and texture should try our Miss Holladay Box Candies. They cost $2.50, which is sorta expensive, but if you want satisfaction for your ennuied palate you must expect to pay for it.

ATOMIZERS
Your wife, sister or HER will look on you with pleasant gleams if she notices the package and finds one. And after all, pleasant gleams are what we want from those we remember, don't we? What would Xmas be without such gleams. And we guarantee our atomizers to earn such for you. From $1.00 to $10.00.

TOYS--GEE!
A man came in the store and asked the price of a doll which was marked $1.00. Pete answered, "50c". The man said "I'll give you a quarter," Pete wrapped the doll up. So you see how we are selling toys. So were we you, we'd be jumping in and getting yours before they are all gone. Are you coming?

HERES A DINGER
One half pound Family boxes ... are and they are so good that the Baby, the Big and Little Brother, B & L sister, Pop and Mom all like it. One doesn't have to have a Family to buy this either. Costs only 50c and called "Woodland Goodies." So hop right in and get yours.

CARLISLE DRUG COMPANY
"HOPEFUL DRUGGISTS"

BIRTHS

FEEBACK—To Mr. and Mrs. Charley Feeback, at their home on the Carlisle road, near town, on December 9, a son, Raymond Edward.

MARRIAGES

JUDGE-STEVENS—Miss Irene Judge and Mr. James Stevens, both of Woodford county, secured a marriage license here Saturday and were united in marriage at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. B. O. Beck, pastor of the Methodist church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Judge. Mr. Stevens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens.

BLOUNT-EVANS—Relatives and friends in the county have received announcements of the marriage of Miss Mabel Blount and Mr. Lavere Evans, which occurred at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Mark Walls, in Campbellsburg, Ind., on November 28. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blount, of Moorefield. She is a graduate of the Midway Female Orphan School, and for the past two years has been in Henry county, Indiana. Mr. Evans is a prosperous young man of Campbellsburg, where they will make their home after March 1. Their many friends wish them much happiness during their married life.

DEATHS

LEMONS—Mr. Newton Lemons, 73 years old, died at the home of his son, Samuel Lemons, on the Upper Jackstown road shortly after noon Wednesday. Mr. Lemons, who made his home with his son, had been ill for several days. Funeral arrangements had not been completed when The Mercury's forms closed. He is survived by two sons, Samuel and Robert Lemons, and two daughters, Mrs. Annie Ritchie, all of the county, and Mrs. Frank Flack, of Middletown, Ohio.

JACKSON—Wilburn Jackson, 20 years old, died at the Massie Memorial Hospital in Paris Tuesday morning as the result of burns suffered Saturday night when gasoline with which he was filling an automobile ignited, the flames enveloping him. He was an employe of a Paris garage. Jackson is survived by his widowed mother and two small brothers, of whom he was the soul support. He was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott, of Carlisle. Funeral arrangements had not been announced when The Mercury's forms closed.

HANEY—Mr. Charles Haney, 74 years old, died suddenly on the farm of Clarence Prather, near Headquarters, last Friday morning. Mr. Haney and Mr. Prather were hoisting a load of wood to the house. When Mr. Prather alighted from the wagon to open a gate, Mr. Haney fell from the wagon and was dead when picked up, death being caused by apoplexy. The body was removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Howard, in Millersburg, from which place funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Price T. Smith, pastor of the Millersburg Methodist church, followed by burial in the Carlisle cemetery. Mr. Haney is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Carrie Howard, of Millersburg, and Mrs. Philip Shea, of Maysville.

RELIGIOUS

Rev Albert Mattox will preach at Jackstown on Sunday afternoon, December 19, at 2:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The men's class of the Carlisle Christian church Sunday school will have charge of the services Sunday night, December 20. Services begin at 7 p. m. Everyone invited.

PREACHING AT COURT HOUSE

Dr. E. L. Crystal will preach in the court house Sunday morning, at 10:30 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Communion at the morning service. Sunday school classes at 10 o'clock.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Joseph Connell, pastor.

Christmas program on Wednesday December 23, at 7 p. m. Pageant by adults: "Seeking for Jesus." Pageant by children: "At Christmas Time." The public is cordially invited.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Special Christmas sermon Sunday morning at 10:45 and special song and recitation service at 7:45 p. m.

The Christian Endeavor will have ... for sale. If you wish some call the home of James Harper or the home of the pastor and leave orders and date desired.

Christmas exercises Wednesday December 23, at 7 p. m. Everyone is invited to all of these services.

MORE CONTRIBUTIONS

Since the list of donors to The Mercury's fund for the Community Christmas Tree was published on the first page of this issue, the following contributions have been received:

An Ohio subscriber	$1.00
Robert Harper	$1.00
Mrs. Minnie Roberts, Florida	$1.00
Harry E. Day, Louisville	$1.00
Mrs. Mary Johnson	$1.00
Miss Nancy K. Price	$1.00

As the spirit of Christmas touches the hearts of our subscribers, we feel sure that the response will continue to be generous. We are hoping the fund will be sufficient to furnish substantial gifts for needy children, as well as candies and fruit.

1882 SAM K. VEACH 1925

You Want To Please Him Sure You Do

And you can rest assured that a Gift from our many good things will have a strong appeal for him.

MAKE SELECTIONS FROM OUR STOCK OF

Suits	Overcoats
Shirts	Collars
Hats	Shoes
Neckties	Mufflers
Umbarllas	Canes
Suit Cases	Bags
Bath Robes	Sweaters

And your Christmas Shopping worries will be over.

1882 SAM K. VEACH 1925

Holiday Greetings to You and Yours

There's a time for doing business
And a time to send a bill
But the holidays are happy times
To wish you just Good Will.

DORSEY BROS. & FISHER
Phones 46
CARLISLE, KY.

GIFT HEADQUARTERS

Our Christmas stock is complete and we invite your inspection, before buying elsewhere.
We will help you make your selection for the family, from the baby to the oldest member.
Infant sets, Toilet sets, Candy, Cigars, Box Paper, Fountain Pens, Kodaks, Perfumes, Toilet Waters, Books, Games and many other pleasing gifts of rare selection.

HOPKINS DRUG CO.

SAVE MONEY

By Buying Your Tires From Us

Until Jan. 1st, we will sell you Tires at a price that will save you 15 per cent, and Tubes 20 per cent.

This means a big saving, and should be taken advantage of by every one needing Tires in the near future.

It is rumored that there will be a big advance in price in near future.

Remember GOODYEAR TIRES are the equal of any. Buy now.

Harper's Garage