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SALOME AND ZEBEDEE COME TO KINGSTREE AND DO THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN OLD FASHIONED STYLE

"Zebedee! do you realize that Christmas is only ten days off and we haven't considered a thing for all these here children yet? We must go right off and do our shoppin' for time twixt now and Christmas eve is short and if we don't go in and get our store everythin' 'll be pick-ed over or sold out. You know we been hearin' all along that conditions are uncertain and that merchants are havin' trouble with the railroads about gettin' the things they buy offy order at the North and want for their customers.

"You better hitch up the sor'l mule tomorrow mornin' and let's go on to Kingstree and lay in our Christmas store. We better go to Kingstree I reckon, bein' as the merchants ther' have all been mighty nice and kind to us during the years when times was hard and money was scarce. They let us have things for the children last Christmas when we had no money and I think we should go to them now when we have plenty and want to give the children somethin' worth while."

"All right Salome, guess ye are right, and if old Uno don't fail to get us there we go tomorrow. The roads are bad, and it's a long drive. We must get an early start. You set right out now a-makin' a list of what you want. Take the County Record and read over the advertisements carefully and see what all the merchants have; get a line on their wares so we will know just where to go to get just what we want without having to waste time lookin' for it. You needn't bother about the price. Those fellers at Kingstree always put the prices down right."

OFF FOR KINGSTREE.

"Zebedee, are you ready, have you got the buggy and all out front with the old lap robes and necessary wraps? It's goin' to be late when we get back hom."

"Now Mary, you and Martha, and Rebecca, and Naomi, and Delilah and Priscilla look after the house till me and your pa get back hom'. Keep an eye on Adinoram and Belshazzar, and Azariah, and Judas, and Festus, and Nebuchadnezzar, and Gideon, and Daniel, and don't let the mischievous scamps tear the house down today just because me and their pa is not to hom'."

"Come on Salome; it 'll be time to start back hom' before we get there if you don't get a move on yourself."

"Zebedee, this little buggy won't begin to hold what we'll have to bring back hom'. Have Absalom hitch his mule to the wagon, take a bunch of fowls to town, and he can bring hom' our Christmas purchases."

"Hurry up, Absalom, and do as your ma wishes."

"Gid-ep, Uno!"

"Oh, Zebedee, here we are in Kingstree and it's only 8:30. Why, a lot of the town folk haven't had their breakfast yet. Let's stop right here and go in and see Dr Kelly. Jeremiah fell off the smoke house yesterday and hurt his ear and I want to let Dr Kelley know how he's getting along. And Zebedee, you go put Uno up, then meet me at The Cash Store. Odom & Dennis have a nice lot of groceries and fruits and we'll just buy a sack of rice and grits there. It will be convenient when we start hom'."

"Salome, I've got to stop here at Heller's stable. I told Abishai I'd get him a buggy for Christmas, and as he's worked hard and steady all the year round, I mean to get it. Well, that's a good one—an Oxford. It will last him."

"Oh, Zebedee! I must stop here at Jacobs'. See this nice aluminum ware he has here in the window. Ruth will be delighted to have some of it in the kitchen, and we might also buy our candy, nuts and

raisins here and have them off the list.

"We must stop in at the Kingstree Furniture Co and see their nice lot of furniture, rugs and carpets. And here are grafonolas. I am goin' to get one for poor, unhappy little Delilah. She'll be so pleased; and Damaris wants a new rug for her parlor, and I think I would like to have one of those lovely kitchen cabinets. You can bring it out next week when you come in with the farm wagon. Well, I didn't mean to get so much in there, Zebedee, but—"

"Let's go, Salome. There's the Kingstree Drug Co's store across street." "Zebedee, the prescription for Jeremiah's ointment says: 'take this to the Scott Drug Co's store, and there's where I mean to take it. There now. I hope this will bring that boy around all right and that hereafter he'll be more careful. Rebecca and Priscilla want some toilet articles and we'll get them here, bein' as Scott's Drug Store has such a nice line to select from. Zebedee can't you put these in your pocket?"

"Give them here, Salome, and let's move on. I read in The Record about the big lot of Christmas novelties and useful gifts the Kingstree Drug Co has and I mean to go in and see what they've got. Well, well, it looks like Japan had sent over a special consignment of china and other pretty things for the Christmas season. We'll buy some of this china and cut glass and statuary for Belshazzar. It will be useful when he marries and starts housekeeping and feasting."

"We must stop at the Wee Nee Bank and get a savings certificate for this money Saul gave me to put away for safe keeping. I know Dove will keep a hawk eye on it and take care of it."

"Zebedee, be sure and put the certificate where you won't lose it; better pin it in your inside vest pocket. It represents all of little Saul's savin's, and I had a hard time coaxin' him not to spend it for a Ford."

"Zebedee, here is Silverman's big department store, and I've a long list of things the boys and girls gave me to get for them here. Just look at the nice things in the windows, and such big windows! why one of them is nearly as big as Hiram's store at the cross roads. But then Hiram don't make any big pretensions. Boaz, Gideon, Festus and John want shoes; Ruth wants a long coat, and Priscilla wants a coat suit. Oh, I do wish they were all here to do their own selectin'! Zeb, you better get yourself some new shirts and collars, and I've darned your old Sox till they no longer hold the thread, better git a half dozen pairs. We'll git ties for James and Samuel, too."

"So far so good! Let's move along, Salome. I want to stop at the Bank of Williamsburg to leave a little money on my Red Cross pledge and my Liberty Bond. Salome, you step into the Kingstree Dry Goods Company's store. I'll meet you there presently."

"Zebedee, here is a list of the things we want to get here for the boys; I have a separate one for the girls. Now, to save time, you git hold of Mr Swais and be sure to git everything that's set down on the paper for the boys, and I'll git Miss Retha Burgess and select what we've set down for the girls. Zebby, I reckon you better git one of those Styleplus suits for Sampson, that boy's so hard on his clothes, and they say these Stylepluses will wear better than others. Wonder why Absalom don't come on with the wagon; he must be playing along the road! We'll leave our packages here and call for them later, Zebedee."

"Salome, we'll have to stop at Baggett's Jewelry Store. I want to have my watch corrected, and look over his stock of Christmas presents and things. You want to have new eye glasses fitted, don't you, Salome?"

"Oh, Zebedee! why, we can git Rebecca's wedding presents here. I'll take that lovely cut glass pitcher. Yes, you may wrap those pieces of china, and that set of silverware. Now you may put up those pieces of bricabrac. Just give me a blank check on the Bank of Kingstree, and I'll pay you. What's the whole amount, including my glasses and fixin' Zebedee's watch? Thank you."

"Wait a minnit, Salome, while I run in here and see Welch. I want him to write a fire insurance policy on my barn and its contents. All my cotton and corn is stored there, and it's too valuable to hold without insurance. I'll just get a hurricane policy, too, and let him cover our live stock while I am at it."

"Zebby, here's another big store. My! Just look inside at the stacks of goods, and all marked in plain figures. Let's go in here and get plow shoes for Cain. Luther and Matthew need dress shoes and some underwear. We can get it here. 'The paper says every week to 'C Tucker.'"

"Salome, I must stop here and see Mr Miller about a lot of hides and furs me and the boys want to sell. He buys them, I see by his advertisement in the Record, and pays the highest cash price. You know, Nimrod and several of the other boys have had good luck trappin' this fall. I might sell him your red yearlin' to butcher if you want to get rid of her, Salome." "Zebedee, I don't like to part with her; besides, I had thought I'd give her to Rebecca, when she marries and settles down. You can find out what the yearlin' will fetch, and while you see about the hides, I'll step into Jenkinson's. He advertises a lot of things appropriate for the season, and sensible and serviceable as gifts. Zeb, I think I'll get a suit here for Zaccheus, and some overalls. That boy wears out his clothes clim'in' trees, and I want to get something that he can't wear out so easily."

"Salome, here's Absalom out front with the mule and wagon. Git your bundles together and I'll put them in the wagon. We must hurry along." "Zebedee, we have several other places to go while we are down this way. I have a lot of things set

down to get from Patrick, across the railroad, and you want to go around to the Mercantile Company's, and to the Kingstree Hardware Company's store. Let's go on over to Patrick's first and we'll get the toys for the children there and the trimmin's for the community Christmas tree."

"Salome, I had about forgot that I promised Absalom a new saddle. I'll go on out here to the Williamsburg Live Stock Co's place and get it, and p'rhaps I might find a suitable driving horse there for Martha. Jeremiah wants a new set of harness for his pony, too. I'll run over there and get them. You wait here for me at Patrick's, Salome."

"Land o' the living! Yonder's Zebedee over at the Kingstree Motor Sales Co's place a-lookin' with all his eyes at automobiles. I'll just step over there and see what he's about."

"Salome, I'm goin' to buy one of these cars. Here's a Mitchell and here's a Columbia and here's a Chev-

rolet—which do you like best, Salome?"

"Zebedee, if you are going to buy a car get a good one—one the whole family can go to meetin' in on Sundays."

"Well, we'll take the Mitchell. Now, Salome, let's go to the People's Mercantile Co's. I want to see about some fertilizer, and you know that's where we always buy our coffee, sugar and cheese. And I want to see about my seed wheat, oats and rye. The Government is urging every farmer to plant wheat and I want to do my part and insure the family supply of flour bread, for some of the children don't like corn bread. Carroll Burgess always looks ahead and lays in a supply for the farmers. Salome, you look through the dry goods department, ther's a lot of nice things, and you get gloves and 'galluses' for the boys."

"While Absalom gets the things in the wagon we'll step into the Kingstree Hardware Co's store. I been

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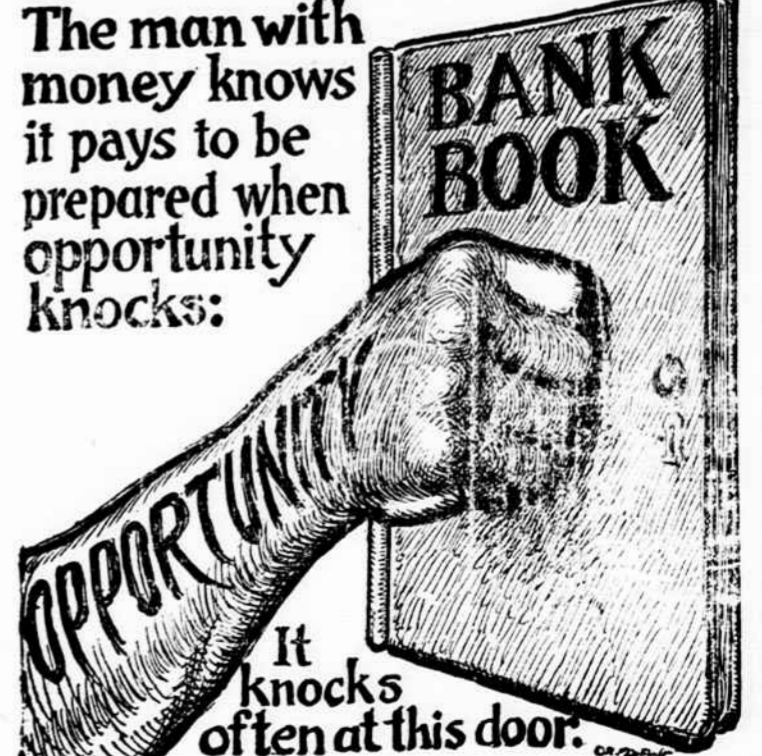
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