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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Special correspondence.—For more than a century it has been the proud boast of Americans that in all questions affecting the foreign relations of the United States domestic partisanship was dropped and all men became simply Americans, ready to fight, if need be, for American principles. Several things have happened within the last three years to cause foreigners to believe that boast to be without foundation, but the foreigners were deceived. The administration went contrary to public sentiment in certain phases of its foreign policy, and public opinion condemned instead of sustaining it. But to-day the boast holds good and 10,000,000 fighting men, regardless of their domestic political opinions, stand ready to back up President Cleveland's notice to Great Britain and the world that the Monroe doctrine cannot be violated without first whipping the United States.

To judge by the talk of Congressmen President Cleveland was just about the most unpopular man in the country one week ago. To-day, Republicans, Democrats and Populists are trying to see who can utter the strongest endorsement of the stand taken by him in his special message on the Monroe doctrine. For the time his numerous mistakes are put aside and he is regarded merely as the head of a great nation determined to show the world that it is prepared to enforce acceptance by the European nations, if force be necessary.

Congress is not, of course, unanimous—it never is—in support of the construction placed upon the Monroe doctrine by the administration, but it is practically so, and promptly authorized the appointment of a commission to investigate and determine the just boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana, in accordance with the special message, and there is no doubt that congress will authorize the defence of the boundary so determined, unless Great Britain in the meantime shall agree to arbitration, or reach some permanent and satisfactory settlement with Venezuela.

Notwithstanding the warlike talk in congress, European diplomats in Washington do not regard a war between Great Britain and the United States as a probable outcome of the present situation. Nor do they believe that Great Britain will either recognize or refuse to recognize the right of this country to maintain the Monroe doctrine as it was laid down and interpreted by its author. They think that Lord Salisbury has a plan for evading either, and that it was indicated when he wrote in communication to Secretary Olney: "This controversy has undoubtedly been made more difficult by the inconsiderate action of the Venezuelan government in breaking off relations with her majesty's government, and its settlement has been correspondingly delayed; but her

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majesty's government has not surrendered the hope that it will be adjusted by a reasonable arrangement at an early date." How such an evasion would be taken by congress is, of course, a matter of conjecture. Time will cool hot blood and modify opinions formed while enthusiastically patriotic, but if congress does not change its present prevailing opinion, it may put a very decisive veto upon any such settlement. There is no mistaking its sentiments now; it wants either a recognition of the Monroe doctrine by England or war, and a majority much prefer the latter.

A bill has been introduced in both house and senate that should convince Lord Salisbury that this country means business. It provides for the appropriation of \$100,000,000, which shall be immediately available, for strengthening the armament on the Atlantic coast and along the Canadian border, the money to be raised by an issue of bonds payable in thirty years.

The Populist senators have no cause to complain at the share of honors awarded to them in the reorganization of the senate committees. They got four standing committees—that to audit and control the contingent expenses of the state department, Jones of Nevada, chairman; that to examine several branches of the civil service, Peffer of Kansas, chairman; that on organization, conduct and expenditures of executive departments, Butler, chairman; and that on mines and mining, Stewart of Nevada, chairman—and two of the select committees—that on forest reservations and protection of game, Allen, chairman; and to establish university of the United States, Kyle, chairman. The Democrats only got five standing committees and seven select committees.

There was some talk of abandoning the Christmas recess, but it ended in talk, and congress takes its usual holiday and will reassemble on Friday, January 3. This is just as well. By a strong effort the hot heads were kept quiet during the last three days, or, at least, comparatively so; but if the recess had not been taken there would have been a lot of talk that could have done no good, and might have done much harm.

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CHRISTMAS EVE IN SWEDEN.

A Funny Verse With Each Gift—The Gingerbread Yule Buck.

Christmas presents in Sweden are always distributed on Christmas eve, the festival beginning with a 6 o'clock tea, with cakes, says Anna Cronhjelm Wallberg. The lighted Christmas tree is the next attraction. Some one plays a merry polka, and young and old form a ring, dancing around the tree. On a table, lighted with numerous candles, are apples, nuts, raisins, oranges, cakes, candies, etc., in abundance, and, lording the whole, stands a huge Yule buck of gingerbread and Adams and Eves arm in arm. These delicacies having received proper attention and the lights in the Christmas tree having been extinguished, all gather around the biggest table in the house, where the head of the family presides with a basketful of Christmas presents. This is the supreme moment for which young hearts have been longing for months, the well sealed presents having gradually been accumulated in mother's closet, where no curious eyes were allowed to penetrate.

It is customary to write some funny verse on every parcel, which is now read aloud. The opening of the presents is watched by all with the greatest interest, as paper after paper is torn off in feverish hurry to find out what the parcel may contain.

But the basket is not bottomless, and the excitement has an end. Santa Claus, who plays such an important part in America and England, is not known to the Swedish children. However, some one dresses up as the "Old Christmas man" for the amusement of the children.—Selected.

The Scotch Hogmanay.

If you want to make a Scotchman's blood tingle, pronounce, if you can, that outlandish word, "Hogmanay." If one attempt to chase this philological freak through dictionaries and lexicons, the last state of that man is worse than the first. That way madness lies. But Hogmanay to the Scotchman is Christmas and New Year's day rolled into one. It is the "richt guid villie waught" that turns to revelry the last days of the passing year. After Hogmanay, Sandy drops back into his grim, industrious life again.

Welcome an Yule-gane,
An ye hae feasted well,
Sae Jock, man, to his flail again
An Jennie tag her wheel.

—Montreal Star.

Origin of Christmas Gifts.

At the time of the Roman saturnalia friends, masters and slaves feasted together, and gifts were exchanged in a manner similar to the present time. In fact, from the earliest times the giving and receiving of gifts and the offerings to the poor have been the way in which people have expressed thanks and shown their joyfulness. It is the thought and not the expense of the Christmas gift that pleases the recipient.

In giving presents at this season they should be chosen with love in the heart and the thought of stability.—New York Mercury.

Hosann Sing.

Awake, good Christians! Long ago
The shepherds waked at night
And saw the heavens with glory glow
And angels in the light.
Hosanna! Sing hanna! Sing
Hosanna in the light!

New life they told all on earth,
New life and blessing bright,
Forewarning of the saviour's birth
In Bethlehem tonight.
Hosanna! Sing hanna! Sing
Hosanna in the light!

Now life to all, new life to all,
The things goodly.
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At Bethlehem tonight.
Hosanna! Sing hanna! Sing
Hosanna in the light!

—Old Carol.

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CHRISTMAS is over and a good many people have the headache.

THE INDEPENDENT is taking Christmas this week by appearing as usual.

A GOOD reason for celebrating Christmas with fire works is to show the people what the devil has in store for them.

A BETTER season is now in the ground than there has been since 1888. Farmers say that if we have no more rain next spring than we had last spring there will still be good crops made.

AFTER a very thorough search THE INDEPENDENT has found just one man who is willing to enter the war against Great Britain as a private. Many are willing to go if they can get a commission.

THE war cloud has drifted away. Cleveland has been given authority to appoint the commission to ascertain the boundary between Venezuela and the British possessions in South America, and any commission he will appoint will give England anything she wants, so there will be no occasion for war.

VOLUME 1, No. 2 of the Kaufman Leader has been received at this office. The Leader is an 8-column folio in newspaper talk, which means that it has four pages of eight columns each. It is a bright paper of the Populist faith and is published by Carroll & Son who, until a short time ago, ran the Review here. We can assure the newspaper fraternity and people of Kaufman that more honorable competitors and useful citizens than the Messrs. Carroll could hardly accede to their ranks.

OUR Populist friends are getting a move on themselves hustling after the favors of the dear people. Witness their call in another column. It is early and they may run themselves down before November, nevertheless it is well to keep an eye on them, so as not to be caught napping. They might get up a courtship with the Goldbugs and be spliced before we know it. Let's keep a close lookout and whenever they get to smiling sweet on one another, just toss a brickbat over amongst them.

It appears that after all their hooting the idea of retiring the greenbacks, the Republicans have set about, in a roundabout way, to accomplish that very thing. A bill has been introduced in con-

gress under the direction of the Republican caucus, which provides for the issuance of an unlimited amount of three per cent "coin" bonds. The bill also provides that "the secretary of the treasury shall use the proceeds thereof for the redemption of United States legal tender notes and for no other purposes." Now, this is not a gold bond by any means; it is only a pale, sickly coin bond. But the provision is made that the proceeds of the sale of these bonds shall be used for redeeming legal tender and for "no other purposes." When some of these legal tenders shall have been redeemed an ordinary person would suppose that they might be used again. Not so with Secretary Carlisle. His over sensitive brain would at once divine that to use these legal tenders again would be virtually using the proceeds of these bonds for "other purposes" than that of redeeming the legal tender. And though he could twist the Sherman law out of shape and never wince, yet he would die of remorse if he should happen to strain this bond law the least bit. And if the legal tenders are never used any more they will be very successfully retired. That the intention of the bill is to retire the greenbacks is further evidenced by the fact that it provides for the issuance of \$60,000,000 in "certificates of indebtedness," or any less amount that may be necessary to make up for any temporary deficiency in the revenues of the government. Put the two provisions of the bill together and it can not mean anything but the retirement of the greenbacks. The great wonder it is that they let loose of their gall long enough to write it "coin" bonds.

Sick and Tired of It.

A prominent churchman said to THE INDEPENDENT Christmas morning that the popular way of observing Christmas was sacrilegious, if not idolatrous, and that he had taken part in his last celebration of the occasion. In the first place, said he, it is only guess work that makes Christmas the anniversary of the birthday of Christ. No really learned man outside of the Catholic church will venture to express a positive opinion on the question. Then the observance of it in the churches, to say nothing of the advantage that is taken of it by the world to engage in revelry and drunkenness, is entirely void of that reverence that should characterize the celebration of an event so connected with heavenly things as the advent of our Saviour into the world. He stated that at the Christmas tree in his church there was a continuous uproar all the time, and the next morning he stepped into the church and a combination of stickiness and nastiness met his gaze. The floor almost from pulpit to the door was bespattered with tobacco spit, cast-off quids, candy, paper, dirt and mud. As if this were not enough, the seats had been liberally bedaubed with candy. His description was even more graphic than this, leaving the decided impression on the mind of the reporter that the parties who cleaned the church up did not grow in grace any while they were doing it. And what is true in this case is true to a greater or less extent in every church in the world where there was a Christmas tree.

Not Under Grover.

Said a Populist recently: I would not fight in any war while Grover Cleveland is commander in chief of the army and navy. There are many people in this country who have an inordinate love for titular dignities, and Grover is one of that gang. Nothing would afford his pomposity more gratification than to have the common herd doff their hats and address him as the "Duke of Buzard's Bay" or the "Earl of Gray Gables," and I verily believe that if a war occurs with England while he is president, affairs will be so mismanaged that the United States will revert back and become a British province.

CHRISTMAS.

The Annual Celebration of the Supposed Natal Event Eclat as Usual.

Christmas was very generally observed in Henrietta. A heavy rain had fallen during Sunday night, Monday and Monday night; and Tuesday morning broke with murky clouds obscuring the sun. But the clouds rolled away and the day from nine o'clock on was clear and bright and cool enough to drive away sluggishness.

There were Christmas trees in all the churches, and they were all well filled with presents. Dealers in holiday goods enjoyed a fine trade. Some very costly gifts were bestowed in addition to the usual quota of toys and sweetmeats for the little folks.

A majority of the business houses were closed during a part of the afternoon on Christmas day, and many fine dinners were eaten.

The ubiquitous small boy, and more less ubiquitous larger ones, were everywhere present with an unlimited supply of fire works, and they shot them wherever and whenever they wanted to, outside the fire limits as well as inside, notwithstanding the grave and sincere warning to the contrary by the powers that be. Big guns and little guns popped and banged at all hours of the night and day.

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You are urgently requested to meet in your respective precincts on the third Saturday in January, 1896, the 18th day of the month, and proceed to elect precinct chairmen for the year. This is in view to thorough organization over the county meet the coming campaign. This action has already been taken in a number of counties and the general belief exists that the campaign of 1896 will begin early, last year a few precincts failed to take this necessary action and had no delegates to the county convention, and it is earnestly hoped, in view of present conditions, that this will not occur again. Populists should be earnest, live up. Our late leader said: "I have tried to do my duty." Let us emulate his example.

J. H. BRIDGES,
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HENRIETTA'S SCHOOL.

No Kickers, No Grumblers--a Good School to Attend.

The public school of Henrietta has now been in progress four months and is doing some splendid work. Superintendent Holiday informs THE INDEPENDENT that everything about the school is working smoothly and that the pupils are interested in their studies and are advancing right along. A most singular circumstance is the entire absence of any "kickers" about the conduct of the school. We doubt if this can be truthfully said of any other school of its size in the state. It is something remarkable, and the more so because Henrietta was considered "split" on the school question. This state of affairs has been produced by thorough harmony in all departments of the school and among the teachers and a sincere effort upon their part to do faithful and efficient work and to deal exact justice in all cases. Superintendent Holiday is entitled to much credit for the happy results that have been obtained. His kind and gentlemanly, but firm, treatment has won for him the respect of teachers and pupils, and his hearty, business-like way of doing things seem to have been universally adopted.

Without any intention of belittling the grand work done by others, THE INDEPENDENT wants to say that Henrietta really has a first-class school. And if there is a boy or young man from the country who wants to take advantage of an opportunity to attend it, now is the time to start in. School will begin next Monday after a week's vacation on account of Christmas. Come along. An especial interest will be taken in you that you will hardly get elsewhere, and you will be better enabled to get over those points wherein you are deficient because of not being able to enter the school earlier in the term. Attend our school; we need you in it and want you to come. It's the best one you can find in this portion of the state if not in the entire state.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. E. S. Weldon is sick.

J. N. Burpo is out after being laid up with a bad cut on his foot.

Miss Lizzie McKeehan, who has been down seven weeks with slow fever, has recovered sufficiently to sit up a short time.

J. P. Wyatt has accepted a position with the Austin Nursery of Arkansas, and will travel in Clay, Montague, Wichita and Baylor counties.

John McCluer will make the race for city marshal and tax assessor and collector if the two are combined, and the council has under consideration the feasibility of combining them.

E. C. Simpson received a telegram yesterday stating that his brother, B. C., is very sick at Corsicana, and to come immediately. He will leave on the 1:58 Denver train this evening.

The Graphic goes to the home of Hon. Joe Watts at Blue Grove, Clay county, this week. Mr. Watts is one of nature's noblemen and possesses quite a quantity of good horse sense.—Granbury Graphic.

General Gomez of the Cuban revolutionary army, taunts General Campos for his failure to put down the revolution, and predicts the victory of the Cubans at an early date.

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PROGRAM

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1. Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. Friday, by Eld. John Hicks; alternate, E. M. Wood.

2. What are the Essential Points of Difference between Baptists and other Denominations? W. H. Nichols, Eld. Southerland, M. W. Steele.

3. To what Extent are We Responsible for the Loss of the Souls of our Associates who Die in Their Sins? S. H. Slaughter, J. L. Roach.

4. What are the Qualifications and Duties of Deacons? J. E. Newsome, T. C. Snyder, G. A. C. Roy.

5. Will Conviction for Sin be Always Followed by Repentance toward God? G. H. Biddie, John Hicks, E. M. Wood.

6. Will Repentance toward God Invariably Result in Faith toward Jesus Christ? J. N. Standifer, J. Q. Burnett, M. W. Steele.

7. Will Saving Faith in Every Case Produce a Life of Righteousness? Burl Stephens, T. P. Miller, T. Cash.

8. Can One be a Believer who is Depending on His Own Service to Aid Him in Getting to Heaven? J. Theford, S. J. Thomas, I. Rimmer.

9. Upon what Does the Doctrine of Assurance Rest? J. Theford, J. N. Standifer, Bro. Coffman.

Conveyance will be furnished from Henrietta on Thursday for all who come on the trains.

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HAVANA IN DANGER.

INSURGENTS ARE MAKING FOR THE CAPITAL OF CUBA.

Various Reports Are in Circulation and Great Excitement Prevails at Havana. Unless Some Specific Move Is Made Gomez Will Land Safely and Take the Town.

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—[Copyrighted 1895, by the Associated Press.]—Shortly after noon yesterday the startling news was received from Matanzas that General Maximo Gomez, at the head of the insurgent army, said to number about 12,000 men, all armed, fairly well supplied with artillery, had by a feint turned the flank of Captain General Martinez de Campos, in command of the Spanish forces at Colon, attempting to stop the advance of the enemy upon Havana, and were well to the westward of Colon, and threatening to pass Matanzas to the southward and strike directly at Havana.

The receipt of this startling news has caused the greatest excitement here, both in official and in unofficial circles. As previously detailed.

The news of Campos' defeat was denied and it was declared that Gomez' forces were routed instead of the Spanish army.

Rumor after rumor could be heard, but it seems almost sure that the insurgents gave the government troops the slip and is now marching in the direction of Havana.

There is no disputing the fact that Gomez' forces hold the situation, and that a quick and determined move must be made to keep the insurgents out of Havana.

All Trains Delayed.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Almost every incoming train is some hours behind time. Bridges demolished or damaged and washouts on every side are the stories told all day long. The most serious case was in the Missouri, Kansas and Texas train, whose morning train is due at 10 a. m., did not arrive until 4 p. m. The delay was due to the rampage of the river at Shelly City, which necessitated a detour on the Missouri Pacific via Holden.

Released on Bond.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 25.—J. D. White, who shot and killed Jacob Rothschild, a piano salesman, in this city several months ago, was released from custody on the filing of a \$10,000 bail bond. The application for bail was made on the ground that some doubt existed as to the grade of White's offense. Previous to his death Rothschild was in business at Dallas, Tex.

May Grant Full Pardon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Advices from Hawaii are to the effect that President Dole and his cabinet are so well pleased with the way in which Queen Lilioukalani has conducted herself since her release on parole that the granting of a full pardon to her is under consideration.

No Effect on Wool.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—The panicky incidents of the past week of the country has not had any effect on the wool market here. Texas wools, spring, medium, 12 months, 12 to 14 cents; scoured, 31 to 32; fine, 12 months, 11 to 13 cents; scoured, 31 to 32.

Killed by a Boy.

CENTRAL, Ky., Dec. 25.—Ed McIntyre, 15 years old, shot and killed Hugh Beadon, aged 22 years. The shooting is said to have resulted from a quarrel over a woman. McIntyre gave himself up, and claims the shooting was done in self-defense.

Sir Edward Harland Dead.

BELFAST, Dec. 25.—Sir Edward Harland, head of the famous shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff, is dead. He was a member of parliament for North Belfast, in the conservative interest. He was 64 years old and was twice mayor of Belfast.

Wreck on the Frisco.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 25.—A freight train on the Frisco was wrecked at Butler, 45 miles south of Tahlequah, by a boulder which washed from the mountainside and rolled upon the track. The engine and several cars were wrecked and the engineer, fireman and brakemen injured.

Several Miles Completed.

MONTROSE, Tex., Dec. 25.—Several miles of the canal of the Eastern Pecos Valley Irrigation company is already completed, and several large contracts for rock and excavation work will be let in the next few weeks.

Father and Son Shot.

GATESVILLE, Dec. 25.—A little boy named Myers brought news to town that an old man named Cogeland and his son were shot by Claude McGuire. Officers have gone to the scene. McGuire came in and surrendered.

Crashed Through a Trestle.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 25.—A shifting engine on the West Shore Terminal railroad crashed through a trestle in the northern suburbs of this city, killing Engineer George Baxter and Brakeman

Clarence Turner.

A Store Burglarized.
LONGVIEW, Tex., Dec. 25.—The store of G. W. LaGrone at Friendship, near here, was burglarized a few nights since and Raf Washington, a negro, has been arrested for the crime.

Prisoner Cuts His Own Throat.

WEATHERFORD, Tex., Dec. 25.—O. M. Woods, charged with killing Bob Brock, in this county, suicided in the county jail by cutting his throat with a knife.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A jury has decided that part of the Shiloh battlefield is worth \$30 an acre. William Myers, who was on trial at Neosho, Mo., for murder, was acquitted.

The production of the Leadville mines is \$5,000,000 more this year than last. Charles Brandon, a fugitive for 17 years, visited his old home at Chattanooga, Tenn., and was arrested.

Lumbermen of all the southern states will meet at Birmingham, Ala., on Jan. 6, to consider an advance in prices. Mrs. Hester Curtis, aged 63 years, was murdered at Lafayette, Ind., by robbers.

Captain Josh Cobb, an old river captain, died at Paducah, Ky.

Felix Smith's confectionery store at Tyler, Tex., was destroyed by fire.

The mattress factory of W. G. Northwell burned at Longview, Tex.

A temporary bridge connecting Hartford and East Hartford, Conn., was carried away by ice.

The building occupied by Heidelberg & Co. at Baltimore was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$40,000.

The famous writer, Sergious Stepaniak, died at London.

An unsuccessful attempt to lynch Booker Steenberger at Glasgow, Ky., was made. He was taken to Louisville.

The Arkansas river at Little Rock is only a few feet from the danger line.

Whittle, Hahn & Co., dyers and bleachers, failed at Providence, R. I. Assets, \$276,000; liabilities, \$315,000.

Mrs. Willie H. McGavock, secretary of the woman's board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church south, died at Nashville.

James Cook shot and killed Marshal Jones at Chester, Pa. Both are colored.

W. W. Thomas & Co., wholesale dealers in coffee, spices, etc., lost their entire stock at Cincinnati by fire. Loss \$80,000.

Thaxton's store, at Bluff Springs, Tex., was destroyed by fire.

V. Green of Wolfe City, Tex., carried off the watermelon prize offered by the Atlanta Constitution. The prize was \$100. Mr. Green raised 1193 watermelons at the cost of only \$50.90.

The dead body of a white infant was found with its skull cased in Clear Fork creek near Fort Worth, Tex.

Scarlet fever has broken out at Kaufman, Tex.

Julius Orlendorf, a German farmer, was held up and robbed of \$30 near Lockhart, Tex.

Fred Randon, colored, was mysteriously killed near Austin, Tex. Two negroes have been arrested for the crime.

Tom Barkman was waylaid and seriously wounded 18 miles from Texarkana, in Bowie county.

John Choale was killed at Eufaula, L. T., by an unknown man.

Virgil Nicholson, 7 years old, was injured by the explosion of a railroad torpedo at Tioga, Tex.

A. C. Schell was killed at Comstock, Tex., by his 15-year-old daughter. There is some mystery concerning the killing.

Miss Maggie Gillman was seriously burned at Toiga, Tex. She knocked the lamp over while playing the piano.

Application has been made at San Antonio, Tex., for a receiver for The Evening News.

D. K. Stickler, a merchant at Waxahachie, Tex., has failed.

Ten thousand tailors of New York have been locked out.

Lee & Wynn, drygoods dealers at Greenville, Tex., have assigned.

THE LAST SLAVE PARDONED.

Trone Wilson Set Free by Governor Atkinson of Georgia.

ATLANTA, Dec. 25.—Trone Wilson, an aged negro convict, who was pardoned from the Georgia penitentiary by Governor Atkinson yesterday, is probably the last slave to receive the benefits President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation. Wilson was in jail in Liberty county as an accessory to a murder when the negro race was set free by the president. He was afterward sent to the penitentiary, and now enjoys his first breath of free air he has ever known.

TURKS AND ARMENIANS FIGHT.

Fierce Battle at Zeitoun, in Which Many Men Are Slain.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Frankfort Zeitung publishes a dispatch from Constantinople saying there had been fierce fighting at Zeitoun between Turkish troops, who surrounded that city, and insurgent Armenians, who defended it. Both sides are said to have lost frightfully. The Turks 10,000 strong, had 24 pieces of artillery. The Armenians numbered 15,000, but had no artillery.

PACIFIC IN FINE FIX.

CAN MUSTER A FLEET OF THIRTY-FIVE VESSELS FOR WAR.

It Is Stated That Spreckels Has Enough Tugs to Keep the Enemy From Entering—Panama Holds a Rally Over Cleveland's Message—Chili Playing to Get Even With the United States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—San Francisco can provide 35 vessels for the defense of its harbor in the event of war with England, provided time is given in which to put them in condition for battle. The Pacific Mail Steamship company can alone put forth a very respectable fleet, and Spreckels can turn out enough tugs to cripple all the commercial ships which would attempt to pass the harbor inside of the Fairallene islands. There are four big companies operating steamers out of San Francisco, the majority of which fly the American flag.

The Pacific Mail company operates a line of steamers between San Francisco and Panama, another between Panama and Mexico and Central American ports, and another between this city and Chili. Every share of stock of this company is owned by the Pacific Mail company, and in case of war they would be transferred to the American flag without the loss of time. There is no reason why they should not let all be at the service of the navy departments in exchange for coin. The fleet, taken all through average a speed of 13 knots an hour.

A GREAT DEMONSTRATION.

Panama Holds a Rally Over Cleveland's Venezuelan Message.

PANAMA, Dec. 25.—A magnificent demonstration in honor of United States Consul General Vinquain, as a means of expressing appreciation of President Cleveland's message was given by the citizens of this city.

It was said that Mr. Mallett, the British consul, has sent a note to Governor Arano, intimating that the government will be held responsible for any insults or injuries sustained by British subjects during the existing excitement.

A SPIRIT OF REVENGE.

Chili Sides With Great Britain Through Mere Spite.

VALPARAISO, Dec. 25.—The Chilero, a conservative journal published in Santiago, and which is the most widely read paper issued there, discusses President Cleveland's message in a long editorial. It says that the Monroe doctrine does not mean America for Americans, but America for the yankees. A further discussion of the subject vigorously criticizes the United States for interfering in the war between Peru and Bolivia, and says that Chili was unjustly humiliated, and the settlement of the trouble growing out of the difficulty between Chilians and sailors of the United States cruiser Baltimore.

It compares these things with the treatment that the country has received from England, which, it says, has always been friendly.

RESENTED THE INSULT.

A Girl Driven From School by Her Companions.

BELVIDERE, N. J., Dec. 25.—Susan Britter, a pupil in the public school, took a British flag into the schoolhouse and waved it in the faces of the patriotic little ones. Susan's parents are English. When the other scholars went to lunch at noon they told their parents of what happened, and as a result each pupil on returning had an American flag, which they waved in the face of the little English girl. She grabbed one of the flags, tore it into ribbons and trampled on it with her feet. Then all the other children drove her from the building without doing her any injury.

FENIANS IN FOR A FIGHT.

Twenty Thousand Offer Their Services in Case of War With England.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—Captain J. W. Kennedy of this city, speaking for the "Northwestern Center of the Fenian Brotherhood," set a message to President Cleveland "entering the services of 20,000 men who have been under fire before," in case of war with Great Britain.

St. Paul has been a Fenian center for 25 years and a large number of the men now anxious to fight England abetted Louis Riel in his two rebellions in the Canadian northwest.

PLEASED WITH THE MESSAGE.

Nicaraguans Indorse Cleveland's Stand About Venezuela.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—President Cleveland's message to congress on the Venezuelan question is gratefully endorsed by President Zelaya and by all Nicaraguans. Citizens of the United States resident in Nicaragua are delighted with Mr. Cleveland's action and are preparing to return north in order to join the army of the United States should such a step be necessary.

SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

The Republics Invited to Meet and Discuss Monroeism.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that the Brazilian foreign office has been in correspondence with Minister Mendonca in relation to a South American conference in which all the Panamerican republics shall take part.

The subject for discussion will be the Monroe doctrine and general matters affecting it, raised by the new issue in the Venezuelan boundary dispute. It is understood that Brazil will take the initiative in the calling of the conference.

BELIEVES ENGLAND SANCTIONED IT

Ex-Secretary Thompson Says the Papers Are on File at Washington.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 23.—Ex-Secretary of the Navy R. W. Thompson says it is his impression, gained while he was preparing his argument on the Monroe doctrine in the Panama canal case before a senate committee in 1881, that there is in the state department at Washington a formal assent by England to the Monroe doctrine. At the time the doctrine was promulgated by President Monroe England was hostile to Spain, against whose efforts to extend her possessions in the Western Hemisphere the doctrine was directed. There was public approval of the message in England, but Colonel Thompson thinks there was also formal assent, which is much more important now. The colonel has sent a letter to Senator Voorhees apprising him of this impression.

ANOTHER SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Cleveland Appeals to Congress For Some Financial Relief.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president has sent another special message to congress. It is on the financial situation and urges congress to pass measures to relieve the situation. It is upon the same theory as advocated in his message at the opening of congress. Attention is called to the gold reserve dwindling and the need of some specific relief. President Cleveland stands firm in his declaration for a gold basis.

GONE TO WASHINGTON.

J. P. Morgan Visits the Capital Upon a Request of Cleveland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—J. P. Morgan, who with August Belmont, organized the government bond syndicate last February, went to Washington last night. Bankers who knew of his departure and are also aware of the informal communications that have been had during the last week between President Cleveland and prominent bankers in this city are of the opinion that Mr. Morgan went over to Washington because he was invited to do so by the president.

If this is so, it would seem to indicate that the president is not particularly hopeful of immediate action by congress authorizing an issue of bonds, and that he has determined, as he did last winter, to finance the treasury on the basis of legislation.

What Depew Says.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Hon. Chauncey M. Depew said last night: "A bond issue will be authorized within five days, and I have no authority for the statement. I get it from the air. Many good things come out of the air."

DISABILITIES REMOVED.

Confederate Soldiers May Now Join Uncle Sam's Fighting Force.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The senate yesterday presented a Christmas present to the south, as Mr. Hill of New York aptly characterized the bill repealing the proscriptive disabilities passed at the close of the war against the service of ex-Confederates in the United States army or navy. The passage of such a repeal, without a dissenting vote in the senate having a Republican plurality with northern senators taking the initiative, lent a gracefulness and significance to the action in marked contrast with former controversies in congress.

But with such champions on the Republican side of the chamber as Messrs. Chandler, Hawley and Platt and on the Democratic side as Messrs. Hill and Voorhees the repeal was readily accomplished.

In the two hours given to speeches on the measure there was the fullest expression of a desire to bury war animosities. The senate did little beyond debating and passing this bill.

Mr. Allen offered a resolution, which was referred, urging a Latin-American union, in which all the republics of the Western Hemisphere would make common cause against European encroachments.

The senate adjourned to Friday. The house held a short session. No business of importance was transacted. Adjourned until tomorrow.

PLAN OF THE REPUBLICANS.

How They Expect to Comply With Cleveland's Financial Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The house Republicans will introduce on the day after Christmas and pass within the week two bills in response to President Cleveland's message of appeal for help for the treasury. One of these two will be a tariff bill to increase the revenue, the other a financial plan to maintain the gold reserve and prevent alleged existing trouble with the greenbacks. Although strong efforts were made to preserve secrecy concerning the details of the plan, its features have been obtained by the Associated Press from unquestioned authority.

The tariff bill will be entitled "A bill to increase the revenues and to prevent deficits in the treasury," and will go into effect when signed by the president if he signs it, and will remain in effect until August 1, 1898, when by its provisions, its operation will cease. It is as follows:

A duty on wool of 60 per cent of the McKinley law rates.

A compensatory duty on woolen goods

of 60 per cent of the McKinley act rates.

A duty of 60 per cent of the rate of 1890 on lumber, which will be from 10 to 15 per cent ad valorem.

An increase of 25 per cent from the Wilson-Gorman act rates on cereal breadstuffs, dairy products and livestock, including poultry.

A horizontal increase of 15 per cent from the Wilson-Gorman rates on all such other schedules with the provision that in no case shall the duty exceed the McKinley rates except where the Wilson-Gorman rates exceed those of the McKinley law.

The second bill will provide for two issues of bonds.

The first will be an unlimited amount of 3 per cent 5-year coin bonds to protect the gold reserve, with the provision that the currency redeemed by the proceeds shall not be paid out for current deficits in the revenues unless the expenses of the government are in excess of the revenues, which it is expected they will not be if the first bill is in operation.

In addition the second bill will provide for 1-year 2 per cent treasury certificates of indebtedness not to exceed \$5,000,000 in amount and to be disposed of at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury to meet current deficits in the revenue. These are to be offered for sale at the subtreasuries and depositories of the government. It is possible, also that there may be added to this bill a plan to increase the currency by authorizing national banks to issue circulation to the par value of all the government bonds deposited by them with the government as securities for their notes.

Free silver Republicans will vote against the bond feature, but enough Democrats are expected to vote for it to carry the measure, and the tariff feature is expected to be carried by a strict party vote.

By the same division the house Republicans hold some hopes that their plans can carry in the senate, mustering all of the Republicans and two Populist votes for the tariff bill and a combination of Republicans and Democrats for the bond bill, although the supposed free silver majority of the senate makes the success of the second bill much more doubtful.

Debate in the house is not expected to consume but one day.

That Bond Issue Reported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—It is denied that the cabinet met agreed to another bond issue. The issue was only discussed in case congress failed to relieve the financial embarrassment by some act.

DR. HEARNE ACQUITTED.

The End of a Sensational Murder Trial in Missouri.

BOWLING GREEN, Mo., Dec. 24.—Dr. J. C. Hearne was acquitted Saturday of



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An our little maid
An our little man
Ez anxious to see 'im soon's they can.

In the dead o' night when all's asleep
An the cold frost snaps an the snow ez deep,
With a reindeer team an a silver sled,
He comes straight from fairyland, 'tis said.
So our little man
An our little maid
Ez anxious to see 'im—they ain't afraid!

But you better take keer, fer some folks say
'At ef yer naughty he'll fly away.
An quicker'n you kin whistle—phee—
Away he's gone up the chimney flue!
So our little man
An our little maid
Ez tryin to jest ez good's they can.

But ef yer good an 'bey yer pa
An don't never cry an vex yer ma
He'll fill yer stockin's with games an toys
An nuts an sweets an all sorts o' joys.
So our little man
An our little maid
Wants Santy to come jes' as quick's he can.
—New York Sun.

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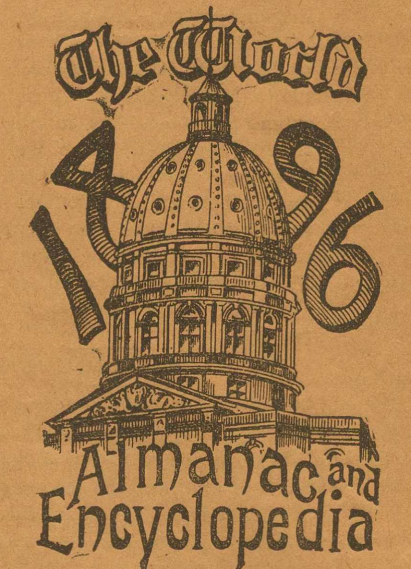
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T'mor' gwine be Chris'mus, chilluns,
But I dunno 'bout Sandy Claws.
I speak de ole man's broke dis Chris'mus;
Ain't no work fo' his ole claws.
He bank done bus; he los' his money;
He wo'kmen quit, dat what dey said.
S'pec he keep away dis Chris'mus—
Mout be dat de ole man's daid.

What's dat, Dinah? Whar yo' git it—
Dat big box yo' settin on?
Full o' nuts an toys an candy
Done brung heah by Massa John?
Massa's mighty good dis Chris'mus,
Meks my ole h'aht leap wid joy
Dat he 'membahs his black mammy
Wha' nussed him when he li' boy.

Huh! Marse John he sen' a possum?
Praise de Lawd fo' dat good meat!
T'mor' suah be Chris'mus, honey—
Dat de day we gwine 't eat.
Clear off 't bed, now, all you chilluns.
Donn' yo' heah me wha' I say?
Time t' heah dem sleighbells ringin,
Time dem reinegers jog dis way.

Gawn t' bed an quit dat talkin;
Dis yere ain' no time fur play.
Ef you chilluns donn' be quiet,
Yo' sca'h ole Sandy Claws away.
Pull dem khivers up aroun yo';
Shet yo' eyes up good an tight.
T'mor' gwine be Chris'mus, chilluns,
An Sandy Claws he cum tonight.
—Chicago Times.

Christmas eve in old England was a time of vigils. All were on watch, as were the ancient shepherds, waiting for the appearance of the star. This custom, to some extent, yet prevails in places. One strange belief which obtains in England, and particularly in Devonshire, is that at midnight, at the moment Christmas day comes to earth, the cattle fall to their knees, as the legend says was done by the oxen that were around the sacred manger in Bethlehem at the time of the nativity. Yet it is a sin to look on the cattle while in this position or to seek to find them so.

A custom which yet prevails in some of the remote portions of the British islands is to carry corn cake and hot cider into the orchards and there offer them up to the largest apple tree as a gift to the king of the orchards.—Exchange.

LIST OF PATENTS.

Granted to Texas inventors last week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of American and Foreign patents, Washington, D. C. J. C. Birkhead, Waco, fire grate. T. Henderson, Tyler, gas generator. E. J. Parker, Dallas, propeller wheel. T. E. Ward, Marshall, signal. F. S. Leary, Cleburne, screen operating mechanism for window screens.

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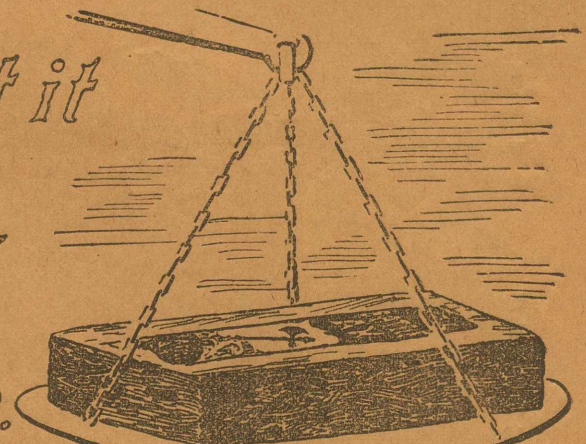
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Extract from state superintendent's instructions to county superintendents, Sept. 21, 1885:

"That a properly conducted county institute is invaluable to the schools and teachers of a county is no longer open to question. But in order to accomplish the greatest good the institute should be organized upon a working plan and should not be given up to the reading of essays and the making of speeches.

Instructors should be appointed and to each of them should be assigned a definite work. A programme should be prepared embracing a course of study for a year, and teachers should come to the institute to recite and to be instructed upon the subjects embraced in the course of study. The instructors should take charge of the institute as they would take charge of classes in school and teach the subject assigned to them."

In line with the above, I present an outline of study in general history, which will cover the points to be taken up in the next institute. Later an outline of study for the year will be given if teachers take interest enough to make it worth while.

Ancient history from the earliest period to the fall of the Western Roman Empire, A. D., 476.

Subjects embraced: 1. Oriental Nations. 1. Egyptian, Hamite. 2. Assyrians and Babylonians. 3. Hebrews; 4. Phoenicians; Semite. 5. Hindoos; 6. Persians; Aryan.

"The school is the truest index to the character of any community and the best guarantee of its future prosperity."

"With all the improved methods, fine school houses and abundant apparatus, the fact remains that the school is what the teacher makes it."

In few counties have I found the people generally so ready to criticize the teachers as in Clay county. In casting around for a reason the first one that strikes me as being the most likely is that they (the people) have just cause for criticism in the teachers themselves. But let's see. Do the people pay enough to command first-class work? I know of two or three teachers in the county who are being paid from \$750 to \$1000 for the year's work. They have very little adverse criticism to contend with. Why? They are doing good work and are paid fairly well for it.

I heard a patron abusing his teacher a few days past and comparing him to another whom he took as a model teacher. Said he:

Suffered Eighteen Years.

Pains Departed and Sleep Came.

Mrs. Julia A. Brown, of Covington, Tenn., whose husband has charge of the electric light plant at that place, has been a great sufferer. Her ailments and speedy cure are best described by herself, as follows:

"For 18 years I suffered from nervousness and indigestion. I tried every remedy recommended by family and friends, but I could get no relief at all. Two years ago, while being treated by three local physicians, Drs. Barret, Malvey and Sherod, they



Mrs. JULIA A. BROWN informed me that I had become dropsical, and that there was little hope for me. I then decided to try

Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. I was then unable to get to sleep until well on toward daylight, and during all this time I had a deep, heavy pain in my left side. I was most miserable, indeed, but after taking one-half bottle of the Nervine I could sleep all night just as well as I ever did. The Nervine is the only remedy that gave me any relief whatever. I am now well and strong, and I thank God every day of my life for Dr. Miles' Nervine."

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He said further: "Over in the next district they have the best luck; they always succeed in getting a good teacher over there; don't know how it is unless they are luckier than we are or have a set of trustees that have some sense."

Poor man. He will probably never know why his community has such "poor luck in getting teachers."

Very few people get more than they pay for. The trouble with the world now is we are all trying to get something for nothing.

"Ah," says some big professor, "teachers should study, read, attend the institutes, take educational papers, buy books and improve and then they wouldn't be compelled to teach for \$200 per year."

"Professor, that sounds well, but who are going to teach the \$200 schools, pray? Professor, if they were to all become as good teachers as you are or a little better, we would all have to teach for \$200 per year, wouldn't we?"

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Moved.

To the Stine building next door to D. C. Patton & Co., M. J. Denning with millinery goods. A nice line of new sailors just received from 25c up to \$2. Velvet and velveteen for dress trimming.

Removal.

M. L. Haddock has removed his stock of farm machinery, wagons, buggies, etc., to the Squires building on South Bridge street.

Go to A. Searly for the International stock and poultry food.

Pure apple cider at D. Gilvin & Co's.

See D. T. Davis for Uvalde county honey.

Fresh mackerel at D. Gilvin & Co's.

Cotton Market.

Good middling 7.25
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PERSONAL NOTES.

A. E. Peters of Belcher, spent Christmas in the city.

G. A. Streeley of Buffalo Springs, was in the city Tuesday.

J. S. Vance of Dallas, formerly of this city, was here on Christmas day.

L. R. Upham and W. T. Williams of Ryan, were in town Monday.

Claud Bear of Denison, is spending the holidays with the folks at home.

Miss Nettie Harter is spending the week with Mrs. Will Pyeatt of Ardmore.

Prof. W. O. Pruitt of Bellevue, spent Christmas in the city with W. F. Tabb.

Frank Bittick of Ringgold, is spending the holidays with old chums in the city.

Mrs. Cyrus Coleman and little son, Clay, are visiting Mrs. W. R. Hawkins at Bowie.

Miss Hallie Patton, who is teaching school near Benvenue, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howell are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jno. R. Suite at Honey Grove.

Deputy County Clerk W. A. Wagner is spending the holidays with his parents at Newport.

L. H. Davis of Salado, Bell county, was in the city this week looking after his real estate interests.

S. H. Teel is home from the Indian Territory for a visit to his family.

Fabius Gamble of Bowie, visited his uncle, F. J. and L. C. Barrett of this city, from Saturday until Tuesday.

Miss Myrta Ikard, who is attending school at Sherman, spent the holidays at home.

Miss Willie Ikard, who is attending school at Waco, is spending the holidays at home.

How I K. W. was in the city Sunday and Monday. He reports his school in fine condition.

J. A. Templeton is in Eastland county. Mrs. Templeton and the children are visiting in Sulphur Springs.

Miss Sallie Compton of Denton, is spending the holidays in the city with her sisters, Mesdames Clary and Wisda.

I. J. Davis and wife of Massey, Hill county, came up Tuesday to spend the holidays with their brother, D. T. Davis, and his family.

County Surveyor Watkins accompanied by his brother from Anderson county, went to Quanah Wednesday to visit another brother.

Prof. Lewis Johnson is spending the holidays at his former home at Jacksboro. He expects to bring back with him two bears, five deer, seven coons and eleven turkeys.

Prof. W. M. Wilson of Star, Ridge, was in the city yesterday. Prof. Wilson states that he has a fine school, but that an effort was made to cripple it by transfers, which were allowed by the county judge after the contract for teaching the school had been made, which is in violation of law according to the way he sees it. The matter was referred to State Superintendent Carlisle who decided that transfers made after a contract had been made with a teacher were void.

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MARRIED.

WESNER-STREALEY.

On last Sunday J. C. Wesner and Miss Cora Streeley were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Streeley of Buffalo Springs. Rev. G. H. Biddie was the officiating clergyman. The attendants were John Dye and Miss Annie Brock, Tree-man Shaw and Miss Cora Wesner. On Monday the mother of the groom gave the bridal party a reception and dinner at which a large number of guests were present. The bride is a daughter of one of the most energetic farmers in the county and is a most estimable young lady. The groom is a farmer and a most exemplary young man.

RUSSELL-RICE.

On Christmas eve C. W. Russell of Wichita Falls, and Miss Hattie O. Rice were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rice of this city. Justice Jos. F. Johns pronounced the wedding ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

Mr. Russell was until recently in the employ of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Co. at Wichita Falls, but has improved a place in the Big Wichita valley, where he will take his bride and engage in stock farming. The bride is one of Henrietta's most charming and accomplished young ladies, worthy of the love, honor and respect of any man.

ANSLEY-SEARS.

A wedding that was somewhat a surprise, and not a surprise either, only in so far as the gossips had not been able to name the exact date of the happy event, took place in the residence portion of the county jail on last Sunday evening. The contracting parties were John C. Ansley and Miss Leah Sears, niece of Sheriff S. M. Sears. Rev. W. H. Nichols was the officiating minister. Both bride and groom are well known in the city, the former being esteemed quite a beauty and is of the first families of the city. The groom was formerly of the firm Dunn & Ansley, but is now with W. S. Knight, and is a young business man of much ability and great promise.

Additional licence to marry has been issued to Edwin E. McDonald and Miss Eula L. Ireland.

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To the Public.

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DEATH.

SIMPSON.

Hessie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Simpson died at Corsicana on Sunday, December 14. She was sick just 24 hours—with scarlet fever. The family reside in this county, but were in Corsicana on a visit. Little Hessie some two years ago accidentally stuck a knife in her eye.

Russia is to have military agents in China, Japan and Corea.

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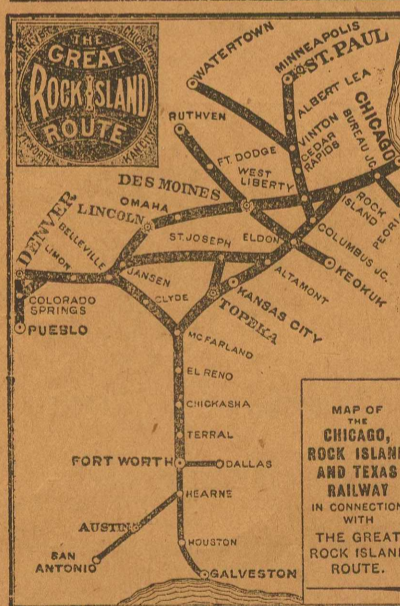
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Testimony from the Mayor of Sequim, Tex.
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Read the ad headed "Free course by mail with the Capital City Commercial College." It is a fine offer. Apply for it.

BILLY'S CHRISTMAS.

Zeph Davis didn't agree with the world at all.

He found very few things which met his unqualified approval, and the more persons he found agreed upon a certain point the more certain was he to discover the utter weakness of their position. He was very shrewd and looked at the world from the heights occupied by a superior and complacent being. It amused him to see all the women agreeing on certain lines of house ornamentation. It provoked him to find all the men united on theories of improvement, dress and behavior. He particularly resented the universal surrender of the race to the spirit of Christmas.

"It's all hoky poky," said Zeph. As Christmas approached his wife wondered if he would not break his usual habit and make some conventional preparation. She remembered a very pleasant gayety in these seasons when a girl, but had been unable to repeat them since becoming the wife of Zeph. And her little boy, now 6 years old, added to her uneasiness. He had caught something of the season's inspiration from the children who drifted past his cabin home and from the activities at the great house of the squire when he went up there one day to do an errand for his mother.

He was full of questions which his mother could not entirely answer and which he could not suspend when his father was at home. But down through his infant consciousness at last filtered the conviction that he and his household were outside the pale embraced in the reign of Santa Claus. He had no doubt the day held a great and joyful significance to the squire's children, nor that Santa Claus came down a chimney and gave presents to all the good little boys and girls in the world. Only, of course, his house was not included. The gentle sway of the Christ child could not naturally embrace the little cabin at the edge of the woods. Yet he had an unformed, pathetic little regret that it was so.

Zeph was in town Christmas eve and staid a little later than usual, though that did not trouble his wife much. He was not in the habit of coming home till he got ready, not leaving till moved by the same consideration. Only he was sure to come some time, and always sober. He was quite superior to the nearly universal habit of getting a dual personality by imbibing stimulants. It was altogether an unmixed folly to him.

"You're not really, I gather," said his wife as she came in and prepared for supper. He did not remove an overcoat. He wore none. He looked upon that custom as quite as unnecessary as popular notions usually were.

"Ya-as," snarled Zeph, grinning in derision of what he had seen. "Stores all lighted up, and candy and things in the windows."

"What things in the windows, pap?" inquired the boy, his blue eyes large and bright.

"Oh, toys, and them things!"

"What things?" again, but hesitatingly.

Zeph glanced warningly at the boy and then slowly replied:

"Skates and red mittens and some wooden soldiers and drums and pictur' books."

The boy had never seen the stores, for he had never been in town, but he had in his mind a very vivid picture of the place and its glories. And he looked very straight at his father as that picture took form before him.

"Many people in town?" questioned the wife. She had seen those splendors on Christmas eve, and she had counted on seeing them again this season.

"Ya-as; the stores was crowded and the streets was full of teams. Couldn't git more'n 60 cents for that conskin and had to take that in trade. Wouldn't pay no more'n 50 cents if I took it in cash. So I traded for some truck and come home. They tried to sell me a lot of plunder, but I don't go none on them things."

"What plunder, pap?" asked the boy. The resources for trimming his fancy stores were really very slender. He needed more material. Just a hint would do. It seemed so real to him.

"Oh, a tin horse and wagon and a candy bird and a woolly little sheep that says 'bah!'"

"Big sheep, pap, or just a lamb?"

"Naw. About so high." And Zeph measured a span from the top of the table.

morning to Zeph. He got up lazily and dressed in a flood of sunshine, shivering a little and complaining that his wife had no better fire. He looked out on the deep snow and knew the hunting would be excellent.

Just after breakfast a sleighload of people passed, their bells jingling with tempting melody and jingling still till the horses stopped in front of the squire's farmhouse, when they gave way to shoutings of cheer and answering shouts of welcome.

"Must be Miller's folks, from Burr Oaks," said Zeph's wife, as she closed the door and wondered if her other dress was not better than this one.

The boy stood there at the window, with his chin on the sill, and tried to regain his dream estate, from which the daylight had ejected him. Presently he saw the squire's children coming down the road with a basket, and he went out and stood on the steps in the sunshine. The squire's children were taking a turkey to old Mrs. Stevens, down by the lake. They stopped at the gate, and he went down to look at their presents. They each had a pair of skates and were going to try them on the lake if the ice was good. But no ice could add to the present pleasure of ownership. They had new shoes and a silk handkerchief, with a letter in the corner of it, and a number of candy horses, and one of the girls had a gold finger ring. They had hung their stockings on a line behind the stove, and everything was filled in the morning.

Little Billy added another view to his Christmas lore. It was a time for making people happy. He remembered a party of children that came down here in a light wagon when hazelnuts were ripe and stopped for a drink of water from the spring, and he found himself wondering what the day had brought to those children.

Of course it never occurred to him to take a personal view of the matter. He never imagined himself included in that wondrous embrace, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

His nose was red, and his hands were thrust deep in his pockets when he returned to the house. But he sat on the chest there by the fireplace and wondered silently.

Zeph was greasing his boots and regretting that he didn't have oil instead of tallow. He rather resented the fact that the house was tidier than usual, that a plate of apples was upon the table, and that his wife was rolling pie crust and cutting cookies—her hair done up as she used to wear it when he went a-wooing. He expressed his disapproval of all this hoky poky and asked her what she was going to have for dinner.

The said nothing for a time. She wished he had not asked her. There was so little, but she had planned to make it appear as fair as possible.

Across her silence came the bark of Dash over there in the woods, and the hunter instinct in Zeph was roused. Since no one had asked him to go hunting he felt no disinclination to look for game. So he glanced out of the window, caught sight of the hound sitting there in the timber, looking up for one moment and then turning his eyes to the house, barking occasionally the short, emphatic statement that he had found a squirrel.

Billy was in great glee. His mother had baked a colander full of cookies and had then molded with her fingers, a little crudely perhaps, a number of animals from the dough. Billy didn't recognize all of them, but when she told him he saw the points of resemblance. And when his father came back he was quite happy playing with them.

Zeph cut a hazel stick as he came back through the woods, and after the squirrels he had shot had been dressed he held them on the stick and broiled them before the fire. They were delicious, and there was a dish of mashed potatoes—quite an unusual thing—and some baked apples and the wonderful cookies. Billy couldn't imagine a better dinner than that. Zeph ate with great relish, but by no means forgetting to regard the whole thing as "hoky poky." And after dinner he went down to the sawmill and told stories with the rest of the men, coming home rather before they had exhausted their jug of applejack. He had taken one drink himself, and it may be that made the difference. Anyway he was moved to unusual behavior.

The fire was low, and he stirred up the burning ends of logs till the cabin was filled with a flood of light, and as he turned he saw there on the pillow at the side of his sleeping son's head a pitiful little menagerie of bent, brown dough and knew that each animal had been perfect in the large blue eyes that had fought so hard to keep unclosed the heavy gates of dreams.

Zeph saw the happy face and knew that somewhere his boy was wandering among delights more rare than any his hand had given. And the spirit of contention, of rivalry, of a race, awaked within him.

"Huh!" he said, and wondered why the smoke should burn his eyes to weeping. Then he turned to the door and stole out in the moon gemmed night.

Down the road he went with a sweeping step, full of vigor and with rising haste, till the miles lay behind him and he fronted the lights of the town. It was early evening, in spite of the hours of darkness, and Christmas joy was full. He turned neither to the right nor the left, paid no attention to the gaudy doors of the saloons, where loud young men were boasting, or betting, or trying to quarrel. He kept right on till he reach-

ed the stump of the linker, down by the bridge, and there he stamped the snow from his heavy boots.

The tinker had not expected a customer, and he had been looking at the toys left over from the sales of the season. He had done very well, but he wished now he had not bought so many. The hand on his latch lifted his hopes a little, and his eager face was a strange contrast with the puzzled countenance of Zeph, now for the first time in his life yielding to the weakness of scanning Christmas presents.

"How much for this?" inquired the countryman, touching a camel with his great forefinger. And the tinker was so willing to sell that he quoted a figure far below his ruling prices.

"Ya-as, and this," continued Zeph. It was a candy castle, with powdered gilt and frosted silver on the sides.

There was quite a store of painted woods and ruffled tins and molded candy there at the end of the counter by the time Zeph reached the limit of his purse. He felt the same stirrings he had known while husking corn, when some booster tried to beat him in the race. He bought without reflection, with no thought but that of giving Billy a better Christmas than other children had.

And then he tramped back home. There was no hurry in his walking now. He simply strode the miles, unconscious of his splendid muscles, assured of reaching home in time and giving little care to what the thing might mean.

One house was lighted brilliantly, and through uncurtained windows he saw a Christmas tree. The presents had been stripped away, but tapers burned there, and strings of wool and tiny flags.

"Santa Claus brought them there things on his way out," said Zeph to himself. "He'll git to Billy on his trip back home." And then he tried to sneer at the whole affair.

At the first barb of light Zeph fought against his drowsiness and turned to wait till Billy's eyes should open. It seemed a slow, long time. But after awhile the large, blue eyes unveiled, the sense of present things came back to him, and then they rested on those glories at his pillow. He did not move, but studied them a moment with a look so strange that Zeph saw things his wisdom had not dreamed. Then Billy's eyes were closed again, and soon the larger breathing told that he was deep in dreamland paths, with richer treasures on each hand than there had been before.

He roused at length and saw the toys again.

"I dreamt of them," he said and wondered why his mother smiled. It was long before he dared to touch them, and all through the day his childish play would be suspended, and he would look at them as if afraid that they would vanish into dreams again—the dreams where he was sure his happy eyes had found them.

"But it's all hoky poky," said Zeph to his wife, as he shouldered his ax and went down to the mill for the day.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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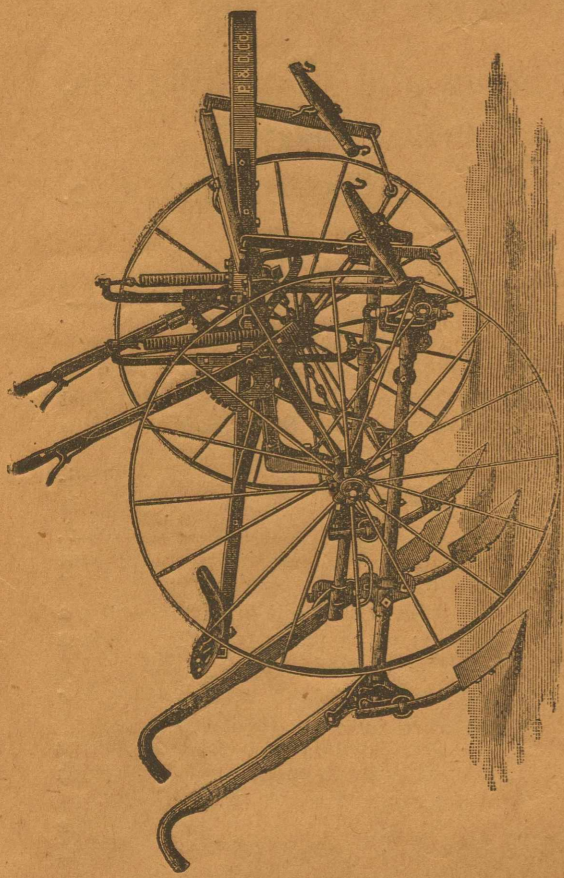
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"Yes; the farmer's servant is heavy," answered the other horse.

"And the way to the churchyard is long and steep," said the first.

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MORE MINERS KILLED

ANOTHER FIREDAMP OCCURS IN A TENNESSEE MINE.

The Work of Rescue Is Being Pushed as Rapidly as Possible—Only a Few of the Bodies Have Been Reached—Distressing Scenes Witnessed at the Opening of the Mine.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 23.—News was received here that 24 miners lost their lives Friday in the Nelson, entry No. 10, near Dayton, Tenn., by an explosion of firedamp. The explosion was succeeded by a terrific crash which indicated that the roof of the passage through which they had entered had fallen in. No avenue of escape was left, and there is no possibility that any of the men will be found alive.

The mine is the property of the Dayton Coal and Iron company, three miles from the town of Dayton, and is reached by a spur track. The men, both white and colored, including several boys, entered the mine to go to work at 7 o'clock, but nothing of the awful catastrophe was known until 11 o'clock when the drivers in entry 10 found their way blocked by a solid wall of coal and slate. The Nelson has been worked for 12 years or more, and the entry where the unfortunate miners are entombed ran back more than two miles from the mouth of the mine.

Rescuing parties went to work trying to reach them.

At 4 o'clock a way had been broken through the debris in the passage of entry 10, and the blackened corpses of several of the dead miners were carried out on the outside where the work of identification began.

The number of victims first reported at 25, has reached 29.

Reports say that the gas was first ignited in No. 9 by Tom Hawkins, gas inspector, on his usual morning round of the mines. The flames were rapidly communicated to entry No. 10 by means of side passages. All the men at work in entry No. 9 escaped except Hawkins.

At the drift mouth hundreds of women and children soon gathered and the picture of their grief and despair is heartrending. Mothers, wringing their hands, weeping daughters and little children, sweethearts and gray-haired parents, all in the greatest distress.

THIRTY-ONE BODIES RECOVERED.

Twelve More Still Remain in the Mine at Cummeck.

RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—Thirty-one of the 43 miners killed in the mine at Cummeck have been recovered, and the work of rescue is being pushed as fast as possible. Most of the bodies had to be dug from beneath tons of dirt and rock. Reports say that the amount of dynamite in the mine conflict. Some of the miners say there were five cases, or 250 pounds in the mine, while the superintendent thinks there was only 50 pounds of the explosive there. The theory of the cause of the accident generally held is that the first explosion was of coal gas, that then the dynamite exploded, and after this came the stifling "damp" which suffocated all who remained alive.

Sad Scenes at Dayton.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 24.—The saddest scenes ever witnessed in this state were enacted at the little mining city of Dayton Sunday, when 16 mangled corpses, victims of Friday's mine disaster, were laid to rest in the little cemetery adjoining the city. Brief religious ceremonies were held at each of the stricken homes of the unfortunate men. The work of rescuing the six men whose bodies are still buried beneath the cave-in of slate and earth was stopped by the accumulation of gas in the entry where they were working.

Will Reach the Gulf.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.—The directors of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railway voted unanimously to increase the capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. This insures the completion of the road to the Gulf of Mexico without delay. The money represented by the increase in capital stock has already been raised.

Caught on the Short Side.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—William G. Hopper & Co., bankers and brokers, 28 South Third street have failed. The firm declines to give any statement, but the liabilities will probably be heavy as they did a big business. It is believed they were caught on the short side of the market following last week's slump.

Five Workmen Injured.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 25.—Five laborers were injured, one fatally, at the Malleable Iron works. The men were at work on a track between buildings and a car loaded with pigiron was pushed toward them, crushing them against the walls, until stopped by an application of the brakes.

John L. Will Reside at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—John L. Sullivan is to become a permanent citizen of Chi-

cago. A Milwaukee brewing company has offered to put him in charge of a big cafe and Sullivan has accepted.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

VICTOR, Colo., Dec. 25.—The Lawrence reduction works, owned by a company of which J. B. Lamar is president, burned. Loss, \$125,000.

Given Fifteen Years.

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Dec. 25.—H. E. Blodsoe, the man who killed Charley Goodson last May, was given 15 years in the penitentiary.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed, Five Fatally, and Two Severely Injured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A frightful dynamite explosion occurred yesterday evening on section 14 of the drainage canal about one mile from the small town of Romeville. Two men were instantly killed and five fatally, and two severely injured.

The mangled remains of the men killed were removed to the town of Lookport. The injured victims were taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Joliet, on the first train after the accident. The men were preparing a blast with dynamite cartridges when the accident occurred.

Blown Up by Powder.

PERRY, O. T., Dec. 25.—A deputy marshal who arrived from the Osage country brings news of a serious accident to the four Dunn brothers Saturday evening. They were in a wagon in pursuit of lawbreakers when a large can of powder ignited and all four men were blown high in the air. One of them was hurt so badly by the explosion that he soon died and the others are said to be fatally injured. They were at one time outlaws.

A Banker Suicides.

CORSICANA, Tex., Dec. 25.—Judge W. R. Bright committed suicide here yesterday by shooting himself. Despondency was the cause. He was president of the Corsicana City National bank.

Money to Pay Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A requisition on the treasury for \$10,275,000 for the payment of pensions for the next quarter has been issued by the secretary of the interior.

The Great Strike Off.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Through the efforts of John W. Wacker the great trolley strike here ended Monday night. Concessions were made on both sides. The company will allow the men to belong to any organization and will hear any grievance they may have, but will only treat with its employees in the matter. The new men will be retained, who number about 1000 of the 5000 employed, and the old men will have preference in all vacancies.

Left for the Penitentiary.

WACO, Tex., Dec. 25.—Sam Sewell and Frank Henry, the convicted McGregor bank robbers, were taken to the Leavenworth (Kan.) prison today in charge of United States Deputy Marshal W. L. Burkes.

Gulf Shore to Be Sold.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 25.—Judge Green has announced that an order would be made for the sale of the Gulf Shore railway in April.

Points on Carving.

The carving knife should have a handle easy to grasp, a long, thin, sharp, pointed blade and be of a size adapted to the article to be carved and to the person carving. A lady or child will prefer a small knife. Be as particular to have the knife sharp as to have it bright and clean, and always sharpen it before announcing dinner. The fork should be strong, with long tines, and have a guard. Don't grasp it as though it were a dagger, but let its hilt rest in the palm of the hand, with the forefinger extended down its handle. Do not seem to make hard work of carving. Avoid scowling or contortion of the mouth if a difficult spot be touched. Don't let your countenance betray the toughness of the fowl or your own lack of skill. Work slowly and skillfully.—Selected.

Magic in the Name of Christmas.


Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused, in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened, by the recurrence of Christmas. There seems a magic in the very name of Christmas. Petty jealousies are forgotten, social feelings are awakened in bosoms to which they have long been strangers. Kindly hearts that have yearned toward each other, but have been withheld by false notions of pride and self dignity, are again reunited, and all is kindness and benevolence. Would that Christmas lasted the whole year through!—Charles Dickens.

Christmas, 1895.

Christmas once more! The season of joy and peace on earth, when all is full of overflow of happiness and mirth. When every heart with gladness is fain to chirp and sing; When ere and crabb'd fancies fly And kindness is king. —Selected.

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SANTA CLAUS IS REAL

THOUGH MANY PEOPLE SPEAK OF HIM AS A MYTH.

In England St. Nicholas Was Recognized as the Guardian of Youth—Legend of the Wicked Butcher—In Germany He Puts Good Things in Lucky Bags.

In spite of the fact that Dec. 6 was St. Nicholas' day thousands of people talk of Santa Claus as myth. St. Nicholas was a very real personage. He was archbishop of Myra in 342, and the name under which he enjoys an annual popularity in this country is the German form that came with the German custom of the Christmas tree and all the rest of it.

St. Nicholas is a great saint with all the Teutonic and Scandinavian peoples. It was his prerogative, says the New York Recorder, to manifest his piety when at his mother's breast, for even then he is said to have fasted Wednesdays and Fridays. As a matter of course he soon became famous in working miracles, and here again he appeared to seek favor with the young people.

An innkeeper having killed two young gentlemen and put them in the pickle tub, intending to sell them as pickled pork, the saint, who, in a vision, had seen the deed done, declared he would put a stop to the business, and thereupon he transformed himself from Lycia to Athens and stood before the astonished innkeeper and said, "What hast thou done?"

The man, who confessed and implored forgiveness, having patted the man on the back and said, "Don't do it any more," the jolly man turned to the pickle tub, where the imitation sides, legs and hands of pork began to stir, and in quick succession there came forth not two boys merely, but three, as may be proved by reference to the Salisbury missal of 1534, wherein there is a picture of the event, and one of its peculiarities is that, as the three boys rise complete out of the pickle, the barbarous butcher is still busy in cutting one of them up.

St. Nicholas established yet another claim to be regarded as the friend of youth, for he was partial to boxing and employed his skill in the "manly art" upon the heads of bishops.

The guardianship of the young by Santa Claus was of old recognized in England by the custom of choir boys in cathedrals choosing a boy bishop on the day of St. Nicholas, Dec. 6. This was a very important event, as may be seen by Hone's "Every Day Book," I, 1559, where there is an effigy of a boy bishop from Salisbury cathedral. The custom was in full observance from early times until 1542, when it was abolished by a proclamation of Henry VIII.

According to the old north German custom, the happy time for the children is the vigil of St. Nicholas, the night of Dec. 5. Then it is that he glides about, putting good things into lucky bags and spying out the merits and demerits of boys and girls and sometimes unsparingly praising or rebuking them.

The north German fashion requires the saint to pay a visit to the house where the young are assembled in festivity on the night of his vigil. He speaks in kindly words to the juvenile throng, reproving some, encouraging others. On retiring to rest, each member of the party places an empty shoe on the table, and the door of the room is at once locked, and behold! when morning dawns and the doors are opened in the presence of all, the shoes are found to be filled with gifts for their owners and the table is covered with trinkets and sweetmeats.

We have simply incorporated St. Nicholas' day with Christmas day and made the night of Dec. 24 the time of the saint's visitation. But he is not a myth now any more than he ever was. He is a very real as well as a very good saint indeed, and for the children's sake, may his shadow never grow less!

The Bird of Dawning.

A popular superstition is that on the eve of Christmas the bird of dawning singeth all night long, to frighten off any evil thing.

It was from this belief that Shakespeare wrote: Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated, The bird of dawning singeth all night long, And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad, The nights are wholesome. Then no planets strike, No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm, So hallowed and so gracious is the time.

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St. Nicholas in France.

St. Nicholas holds a prominent position in France as the dispenser of gifts, though in many places it is the Christ child who distributes them. The Christ child frequently appears to children as Santa Claus does with us. He is usually assisted by a company of angels. In France he is represented by a maiden in white, with a silver bell in one hand and a basket of sweetmeats in the other.—Selected.

How the Greek Celebrates Christmas.

It is more than likely that many of our Christmas customs were born in Greece, more particularly the decorations, lights and games. Here ghosts and hobgoblins are rampant between Christmas day and Epiphany, and children are often frightened into unwilling obedience by the tales. As the pious Greek fasts for a month before Christmas the feast of that day is very welcome to him, though it consists principally of macaroni and strong cheese.

On the island of Chios there is in use a strange sort of Christmas tree, which is sometimes simply a pole adorned with fruits and flowers, carried by a tenant farmer to his landlord as a present that typifies the good will and wishes for an abundant harvest.—Exchange.

Kissing Under the Mistletoe.

The mystic mistletoe bough then as now granted a kissing charter to the swains, and the maids were willing sufferers. The sacred mistletoe was regarded with religious veneration by the Druids, and its berries of pearl as symbols of purity and associated with the rites of marriage. From this the transition was but slight to the kiss beneath the cabalistic bough. This traditional sacredness, the genesis of which is unknown, has endured through the ages, and today for man and maid to meet beneath the mistletoe gives the right to a sacred kiss.—New York Herald.

Croutes a la Noel.

Line some patty pans with fine short paste, fill them with mince meat, cover with a cardboard box lid and bake. Then, instead of a pastry lid, cover them with equal parts of fresh butter and sugar beaten to a light white cream and flavored with a squeeze of lemon juice or rosewater or any good cordial.

Be Not Dismayed.

God bless you, merry gentleman! May nothing you dismay— Not even your finances when you find 'tis Christmas day. —Washington Post.

HURNVILLE.

The rain and snow storm of last week was a little unexpected to some in this neighborhood.

John Orton returned from Denison last week.

Dr. R. A. Thornton of Missouri, is here visiting his mother and brother, Charley.

Wm. Hurn has given his house a new coat of paint, which improves its looks very much.

Sam Thornton came home Friday to spend Christmas.

Mr. Everett of Iowa Park, came in Sunday to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. W. E. Willis.

S. D. Powell is painting the country white. He has several jobs of house painting to do.

Small Boy is expected home soon to pay pap and mother a visit. He is too small to stay away long.

Mr. Stratton is threshing all of the sorghum and millet in this vicinity.

A. F. Krinke and family left the first part of the week for Ellis county.

Miss Hattie Hurn came home Saturday to spend Christmas. She is teaching at Blue Grove.

Rev. Benson filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday. His subject for the morning sermon was "Origin of the Devil."

S. M. Sears is building an addition to the house on his farm north of Hurnville.

Mr. Jackson of Iowa, called to see E. L. Holloway last week. He is from Mr. Holloway's old home and reports everything cold up there and times hard. He is trying to trade a stock of goods for land in Texas.

S. P. Brown from Waco, was up last week. He brought some teams for P. E. Justice to run the farm with, and expects to move here in March.

August Hillerman lost a horse last week by getting his leg broken.

Rain, rain. Either too dry or too wet.

S. M. Sears will have, when completed, one of the finest ranches in Clay county, and he intends to keep the best bloods of stock he can get.

C. W. Gracey's family came in last week. Mr. Gracey will be here this week if nothing happens.

Miss Helen Hurn, who is attending the public school at Henrietta, is spending the holidays at home.

I will close and if this escapes the waste basket, you may hear from me again. Wishing the readers of THE INDEPENDENT a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am THAT OTHER FELLOW.

Dec. 24.

Painless dentist—Dr. Butterworth.

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