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SOCIETY MEETINGS.
 Regular meetings of Raton Division, No. 3, U. R. K. of P., first Wednesday evening of each month, in Armory, over Pace's store. Visiting Knights cordially invited.
 P. P. FANNING, Sr. Kl. Capt.
 W. A. HAWK, Sr. Kl. Recorder.
 Regular meeting of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, K. of P., every Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at their hall, over Post Office. All visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.
 W. A. HAWK, C. C.
 Geo. B. BRIDGEMAN, K. of R. and S.
 Regular meeting of Gate City Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., on the first and third Thursday of each month. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.
 RICHARD ENGLISH, W. M.
 C. H. CLARK, Secretary.
 Regular meetings of Raton Lodge No. 8, I. O. O. F., will be held on Saturday of each week. Visiting brothers are welcome.
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CHRISTMAS.
BAPTIST CHURCH.
 I. Saturday evening, 7:30 o'clock.
 1. Song, Golden Bells.
 2. Recitation, Star of Bethlehem, by Miss Edna Green.
 3. Recitation, Christmas Bells, by Master Leo Reed.
 4. Recitation, Christmas, by Miss Mary Morgan.
 5. Song, Joy in Heaven, by school.
 6. Recitation, Purest Pearl, by Miss Minnie Meloche.
 7. Recitation, Welch Classics, by Miss Bertha Smith.
 8. Recitation, Christmas Dinner, by Miss Anne Ruffner.
 9. Recitation, Christmas Jingle, by Master Ahrine Meloche.
 10. Song, Unfinished Prayer, by four girls.
 11. Recitation, Visit from St. Nicholas, by Miss Mary Jones.
 12. Recitation, May's Dream, by Miss Annie Hawk.
 13. Recitation, Little Rocket's Christmas, by Miss Alberta Fairbanks.
 14. Song, We are Reapers, by school.
 15. Distribution of presents from the arch.
 16. Quartet, King of Glory.
 Parents will please bring their presents to the church for distribution.
 II. Sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Subject: "The Training of Jesus."
 III. Bible Reading, at 7 o'clock P. M. Subject: The Gospel Railroad. Railroad men are specially invited to attend this reading, for it will be instructive and entertaining to them. Let us have a full house. Bring your Bibles.

PRESBYTERIAN.
 Preaching Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock.
 Sabbath School meets at 3 P. M., when the gifts to the children will be distributed.
 Commencing at 7:45 in the evening, the following programme will be rendered:
 1. Anthem, Glory to God in the highest; Choir.
 2. Prayer.
 3. Song, Christmas Bells; Choir.
 4. Recitation, Christmas Jingle; Annie Owen.
 5. Recitation, Pretty New Moon; Annie Letton.
 6. Song, Memories of Galilee; Choir.
 7. Recitation, The Birth of Christ; Willie Jolly.
 8. Recitation, Watching for Santa Claus; Etta Gregory.
 9. Song, Open the Door for the Children; School.
 10. Recitation, The Snowfall; Charlie McGaughey.
 11. Recitation, The Queen's Gift; Cora Ritch.
 12. Song, Merry Christmas; Jennie Hill, Jennie French, Lizzie and Robbie Hill.
 13. Recitation, Christmas Bells; Walter Wade.
 14. Recitation, Christmas; Jessie Jolly.
 15. Song, Jesus Bids Us Shine; School.
 16. Address; W. C. Wrigley, Esq.
 17. Song, Let the Saviour In; Choir.
 Doxology. Benediction.

METHODIST.
 The distribution of presents will take place this evening, and an excellent programme of recitations, songs, etc., has been prepared for the occasion.
 Preaching at the usual hours Sunday.

CHRISTMAS.
 The citizens of Raton and vicinity are cordially invited to call at the postoffice and inspect the new and elegant stock of holiday goods now on exhibition. Toys, Cards, Books, Stationery, Confectionery—in fact, the best assortment ever shown in Raton.

Housekeepers
 Patronize Western enterprise by using "Denver's Best" Laundry Soap—full weight and warranted pure. Try it and you will use no other.

The pupils of the public school are having a vacation of one week.
 Ex-Secretary Holcomb, of the American legation at Peking, says that out of the 400,000,000 inhabitants of the Chinese Empire, fully 300,000,000 spend less than \$1.50 a month for food.

An Important Discovery.
 A journal (L' Italee) published in Rome gives an account of a recent discovery which has especial interest. In the course of excavations beneath the Church of the Apostles St. John and St. Paul the workmen discovered two apartments of a Roman house of the fourth century, one of which, seven meters long by four wide, was believed to be the tablinum. The most curious feature was that in the tablinum, in addition to pagan paintings in the taste of the time, such as animals, hippocampi, festal scenes, and allegorical decorations, there were other paintings of a Christian character. One represented Moses taking off his sandals to ascend the mountain and receive the tablets of stone, a design similar to that found at Saint Calliste. The second is a woman in the attitude of prayer, clothed in a long robe, a veil on her head, a collar of pearls around her neck. This is the first time there have been found in a Roman house, in its "noble" part, paintings in the Christian sentiment—paintings which up to the present time have been met with only in the catacombs.

HOLIDAY GOODS.
 Fairbanks & Co. have received and are receiving new goods for the holidays. To display their stock properly they have enlarged their store room and added new show cases. Among the fine collection is a splendid assortment of the Fairchild gold pens, of all sizes and prices, just the thing for a useful Christmas gift. They have also some new diamond goods, while their stock of plain and fancy jewelry, watches, clocks, silver ware, etc., are unequalled in the Territory. The public is invited to call and examine goods before making purchases.

Merry Christmas.
 Remember the poor.
 Use Noah Owen's Diamond Coal.
 Santa Claus will make his annual rounds to night.
 The Presbyterians have a fine programme for to-morrow evening.
 The season for good resolutions, made but to be broken, is almost at hand.
 The mail from the south was carried east on Thursday and returned last night.
 Fifty-two books and the Weekly Independent one year for two dollars and fifty cents.

Monday will be generally observed as the Christmas holiday. No paper will be issued from this office.

Catarrh originates in scrofulous taint. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, and thus permanently cures catarrh.
 Old subscribers who renew and pay in advance receive the 52 books advertised in another column.
 Surveyor-General Julian's answer to S. W. Dorsey will appear in next Tuesday's edition of the Independent.

Attention is called to the offer, in another column, to new subscribers. Parties who have subscribed to the Weekly and who now renew their subscriptions and pay in advance are entitled to the same benefits. Here is a splendid opportunity to get a large amount of good reading matter for a low price.

Every Plow lay warranted, at the Modera Blacksmith Shop, or no pay.

Diamond Coal is the best.

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Pork,
Ham, Etc.,
 And everything usually found in a First-class Establishment.

RATON WEEKLY INDEPENDENT.

PETER PERKINS' DREAM.

BY EMILY AVANCE.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my children, ye have done it unto me.

"There is that ham, it is too old to sell, and this barrel of wormy dried apples, and a barrel of meal and one of flour, which are all a little mouldy, but still good enough to give to the poor, and that half barrel of sugar that the kerosene was spilled in, and those two sacks of rice that has weevils, and you might add all that stink bread. They will make a good showing, and I guess my name will head the list, for nobody else would give so much. These things you can set aside, Mark, and to-morrow I want them carried round to the society's rooms with my compliments. Aba! This will help many a poor family to enjoy a good Christmas dinner, and will help me with my customers. Everybody likes a generous man, but few of the brethren will make as good a display as I shall to-morrow. I guess I'll go home now, Mark, and, ah, here are \$2 for your Christmas. I can't afford more. You know business is slack. Well, good night."

And wizened old Peter Perkins got into his old overcoat and went home through the streets where the snow lay slick and heavy until he reached his comfortable-looking three-story house. After he rang the bell he muttered to himself:

"I might just as well have only given Mark \$1 instead of \$2. If I'd been just as thankful, and I'd saved that much. And all those things there—why, I could have sold them at a discount, but then, after it all, I was using ground in church custom by what they call my stringiness, and now, well, I guess after all I'm glad I give them. The poor who get them can't complain. Oh, here she comes at last! And she will expect a present, too! It seems as if everybody was beset Christmas time! I'm sick of it. Hal!"

At this instant Mrs. Warner, who was servant and housekeeper both, opened the door, her rather long face wreathed in smiles and her form dressed in her black silk gown. Peter Perkins was astonished and surprised as she led the way to the dining-room, where the old man's dinner was laid, for on the table smoked a splendid turkey, while several other dainty and toothsome dishes stood about, among them a noble mince pie that gave out a mellow, luscious odor that mortal could not withstand, and yet he turned, saying fiercely:

"Mary Warner! Who gave you authority to do this? Why, here is dinner enough for twenty, and such extravagance! I told you this morning that I didn't believe in holiday nonsense, and I told you to cook half a mackerel and a potato, didn't I?"

"You did, sir, and I was going to do it; only this morning my sister in the county sent me a Christmas box, and these were in it, and as I couldn't eat them all myself I made bold to offer you half, sir, and no offense, I hope."

"Oh, well, that alters the case. Well, yes, I don't care if I do," and he allows himself to fall in the chair she pushed forward, and he fell to and in a short time had eaten a most excellent dinner, which he finished with a great golden doughnut and piece of cheese. He took these as in a dream, one in each hand, and made alternate bites of doughnut and cheese in a reflective and even retrospective manner as he thought:

"Why don't city folks learn to make crullers like this? For love nor money you couldn't buy anything like this in all this great city. They taste just as nother used to make them. Her tin cruller box was never empty and how good they were; the older they were the sweeter and better they were. I remember she used to make me a boy and a mouse every time she fried crullers, and always two P's for my letters. And Christmas and New Year's she put caraway seed candles all over mine. I wonder how she did it. That mince pie was good. I think I will take another piece. It hasn't cost anything and it makes me think of old times."

And so the miserly old man sat and ate until his usual bedtime came, when he lit his candle, for he never would have gas, and went to bed.

Scarcely had he got warm and comfortable when he saw standing by his bedside a stranger whose face was carefully turned away, and who wore a long, loose garment of some unknown fashion, and instinctively Peter Perkins put his hand under his pillow after his revolver, thinking of robbers, but the stranger said in a low voice, which yet had such an eerie cry in it that the watched man dared not disobey:

"Arise, dress yourself, and follow me." As in a dream the little miser followed, but they went so swiftly that he could not see where they were going until that the stranger said:

"Open your eyes and tell me what you see."

Peter Perkins stood and gazed with his wizened face pale and frightened.

He seemed to be in a vast place, so vast that it appeared to be visible limitless space. There was no beginning nor end to anywhere, and yet he was there in the midst of this infinity of distance, and before him upon nothing stood great tables upon which was piled a heterogeneous collection of everything imaginable, and while he was trying to understand this confusion, he noticed that there had appeared, rank on rank and file on file, limitless, countless numbers of cherubim and seraphim, and in the midst of this throng sat upon a crystal throne Christ, the benign, the loving, the pitiful, and his features seemed to exude sweetness and mercy from every lineament, and his smile was ineffably tender.

The cherubim and seraphim sang "Glory, glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will to men," and as Peter Perkins watched this beautiful countenance he saw his expression change. Sometimes it became that of a little child, sweet and infantine, again it was tender and pitiful, then it looked as if it must have done when he said "Come to me, all ye weary and heavy laden," then it was filled full of sorrow and merciful goodness, and then it grew stern and awful.

Then Peter Perkins noticed that there was a throng ever increasing and reaching far below them so that the end of them was far out of sight, and these people came singly to the foot of the Saviour and there laid a gift which was instantly taken by the angels and laid upon the scales, which did not measure by the weight of the gift itself, but the motive, which lay like a living heart inside it.

Then Peter Perkins saw that all who had not yet offered their gift had a burden to carry, large or small, and he suddenly became aware that the burden fastened upon his own back was enormous and very heavy. But he turned to the stranger and said: "When will it be my turn?"

"When all of these shall have passed," and he had to stand there with the great unknown weight upon his shoulders for long hours, or days, or years, he did not know which, while all these people came by.

He noticed a man who staggered by and laid a heavy weight of gold chalices and church candlesticks and other emblems at his feet, and Peter Perkins saw with surprise that they flew up in the balance as if of air. Another offered a church, which was as so much paper, and then a poor woman in rags staggered along with a cup of cold water as her only offering. This sent the scales down, down, as if it weighed a ton, and then a pale, thin man came and offered only a tear. This, too, weighed heavier than gold. Sometimes an old broken toy, or some old, worn garments, or even a crust of bread was laid at his feet, and these, too, were very heavy on these wonderful scales.

Peter Perkins noticed, too, that those whose gifts were light disappeared from view, and he watched until he saw them fall into space and fade away in the distance, while the angels sent pitying glances after them.

Suddenly the Saviour said: "No, Peter Perkins, what gift have you brought to the Lord on this his birthday?"

"Oh! I am willing to give you all I have, but this bundle upon my back was not intended for you, but for the poor. If you will let me go back I will return with something more worthy of you."

"But what have you in that bundle?"

"Only some flour, and meal, and sugar, and ham, and rice, which are not quite fresh and good, but I thought they would do for the poor."

"And have you never heard of my words, when I said: 'Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, my children, ye do it unto me.' Look, that cup of water was given by a sick and suffering woman to one who suffered worse. That holy tear was given from a pure heart that had nothing else to offer, but you, out of your abundance, offer only that which is unfit for food, and in offering that to the unfortunate poor you have offered it to me."

"I did not know! Oh, please let me go back and I will do differently."

"Alas! you have lived your life, and you must, like all that throng you have seen, take your deeds with you to plead for or against you. You can return no more than they. All men bring their passports of good or evil actions with them here, and once they have come a night can change. They must bear their fate. Some of them did not know, but you had a mother who had taught you aright, but you forgot her words of wisdom or put them aside. So, now, go your way."

And with these words Peter Perkins felt himself falling into perdition, weighted down by the mouldy flour and spoiled bread and sugar. Down, down, he went, faster than many others who were on the way, and he cried out in his

agony of fear, when suddenly with that cry he awoke and sat up in bed. This then had been a dream! But it had opened his eyes, and he began to see things as he never had done before. He remembered his mother's teachings, and he slept no more that night. But as soon as daylight dawned he dressed and went to the store where poor, faithful Mark, who had slaved ten years for him, was packing those wretched things into the wagon.

"Mark," said he, "throw all that stuff away and take double the amount of the best, and take poultry and fruit and tea and coffee and bread and sugar and butter, yes, and anything else you fancy, and make them up into separate parcels and give one good, generous basketful to every poor family you know. Yes, Mark, and then, if your mother is able to bear it, take her in a carriage and come down to my house this evening to dinner, and we will discuss our new sign with Perkins and Hancock on it. Yes, God bless us! Oh, no, I'm not crazy! I've just come to my senses," and he hurried home and astonished Mrs. Warner by a handsome crisp note for \$50 and ordered a dinner which would have staggered her if she had not had so good a beginning from her sister's farm.

Ten years have passed since that time. Peter Perkins is a round, happy man. To see his jolly, benign face glow at you from over his counter makes you involuntarily look round for the other Cheery-brother, and now if he was called he would not go empty handed before his Lord and Saviour.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

MARRIED.

WILLIAMS-BRACKET—In Raton, December 21, 1887, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. Bracket, by Rev. J. McGaughey, Mr. T. Thomas Williams, Elkins, N. M., and Miss Annie E. Bracket, Vermejo, N. M.

Thomas Gillum is in from the Vermejo.

Prospects are good for an abundant ice crop this season.

Yesterday's train from the east arrived in Raton at one o'clock today.

A mass meeting of settlers is called for the 16th day of January, at Crow creek.

The thermometer registered ten degrees below zero this morning without any effort.

Twenty degrees below zero was what Mr. Sproule's thermometer marked at five o'clock this morning.

Mr. Sproule reports eight inches of clear ice on his ponds now with a good prospect of a couple of inches more to-night.

Frank Catlin, ex-deputy sheriff, was arraigned in the justice court this morning on a charge of assault. He pleaded guilty and was fined five dollars and costs.

Messrs. Thomas Boyd and James Cook are making arrangements to open a butcher shop on Cook avenue. Mr. Boyd will move his building from Second street to the vacant lot next to the blacksmith shop. Raton may certainly have reason to expect cheap beef during the coming year.

A Christmas concert will be given by the choir of the Presbyterian Church and the children of the Sunday School, at the rink on next Sunday evening, commencing at 7:30 p. m. There will also be a number of recitations by the children and a brief address by W. C. Wrigley, Esq. The public are cordially invited.

Commencing with the new year Messrs. Tom McAuliffe and Dan Young will engage in the butchering business in Raton. They have rented the old Williams stand on Cook avenue. Mr. Young has made arrangements for building on his town property and will move into town in the spring. Mr. McAuliffe has rented a residence and will take up his abode here at once. Both gentlemen are well and favorably known and the firm will command its share of the public patronage.

Raton's Well.

We are sorry to learn that the Raton artesian well seems to be abandoned. It is now 1,870 feet deep, and \$50 a day seems to be no inducement to the contractor to go further. Trinidad has watched the deep well operations at Raton with considerable interest and believes that success at Raton would insure success to a similar enterprise at Trinidad. In fact, Trinidad can well afford to give material aid to its neighbor in this undertaking.

In reply to the above, from the Advertiser, Raton is not asking outside aid. Its citizens have already raised about \$10,000 for this enterprise and are ready to raise more to pay a reasonable amount for the further sinking of the well. The contractor who sunk the well to its present depth can make more money elsewhere and he has gone.

The Raton well contractor jumped his contract 250 feet short of completion, and the subscribers are out of pocket over \$8,000. It was a scurvy trick.

In this item the Springer Stockman has been misinformed. The contractor claims to have more than filled his contract, which called for 1,500 feet. There is a disagreement between him and the directors regarding a verbal understanding that he was to sink 2,000 feet. There is certainly nothing of the kind in the written document, although the people understood this to be the depth he was to go. The subscribers are really not out of pocket the \$8,000. They have a well in which there is an abundance of water for all purposes but it will require pumping. Raton has a water supply even if the well is sunk no deeper.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Bad weather for Christmas shopping.

Mrs. S. C. Maulding was a passenger on the noon train.

Max Grossmayer and his outfit pulled out for Colorado today.

Secretary Lane and wife were passengers on the east-bound train today.

The pay-car arrived at noon and dealt out the stuff for the railroad boys to purchase their Christmas goods with.

Merchants are complaining of slow freight. Holiday goods are yet on the road that should have been delivered several days ago.

A high-toned Chinaman was convicted, in San Francisco, of importing Chinese women to this country for immoral purposes. He was sentenced to serve a term of ten years in the State prison and pay a fine of \$2,000.

The churches are making preparations for the proper observance of Christmas. Each denomination will have a tree or something similar. The decorations are well under way and the rehearsing of appropriate songs is occupying the attention of those who will take part. Notwithstanding the hard times and the large sum of money dropped in the artesian well, the holidays will be generally celebrated in Raton.

School Superintendent Madrid has determined to withhold the apportionment of the school funds for a few days. This is the proper course to pursue. There is no sense in leaving the school money in the county treasury for six months where it does nobody any service. When Mr. Burnham held the position of superintendent he delayed the apportionment and his course met the approval of the people. The law is defective and should be remedied, but until this is done the officials must exercise their best judgment.

SETTLERS' MASS MEETING.

For the purpose of organization, electing officers, and making provisions for raising the necessary funds to provide for the proper defence of the settlers in the courts, a mass meeting of settlers is called for Monday, January 16, 1888, at the Long H ranch, Crow creek. As matters of the greatest interest will come up for consideration, there should be a large attendance.

SETTLERS' COMMITTEE.

Colic.

Persons, and especially children, are subject to this agonizing complaint, which often comes on suddenly in the night and without any previous warning. Simmonds Liver Regulator should always be at hand. A single dose will generally allay the pain. It never fails in giving relief. It is harmless, and can be given to a child of the tenderest age. *

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night, and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a trial bottle at O. C. Hoffman's City Drug Store."

There is an outcry because sugar hands in Louisiana cane fields, many of them women, get only 65 cents a day and their board. But how is it with the poor sewing women of New York who work fifteen hours a day for 50 cents and board themselves? The cane-cutters are black and the sewing women white, and perhaps that makes the difference.

A remarkable specimen of graveyard taste has just been received in Menosha, destined for the cemetery there. It is a sixteen-ton stone in the form of a tree, with birds and squirrels in its branches, ferns at its base, also a large cross, a pot of stone flowers, an open book and a roll of music. We don't see why a churn, a rolling-pin and wash board were omitted.

Senator George has introduced a bill to annex the public land strip to the Territory of New Mexico. The reports which reach the press from the strip are few and meagre and thus the public has been left in the dark as to the actual condition of affairs. Settlers are filling it up very fast, and with the assistance of the federal authorities they will soon be able to rid it of the rustlers. The law-abiding elements are looking anxiously forward to some action by congress at its present term. If they should be disappointed there is a very strong probability that the early days of California will be revived by concerted action of the law-abiding elements.

On Saturday last, as a party of excursionists were on their way down the Rio Grande valley, and when they reached Upham, a party of the lady tourists were amusing themselves shooting from the car window; one lady borrowed a revolver from another lady and tried to shoot at a telegraph pole, but the pistol missed fire, and as she drew her hand inside the window, while snapping the hammer to see what was the matter, the charge exploded, the ball entering the person of another woman near the pit of the stomach and lodging near the spine. The wounded lady was alive when the train reached El Paso, but it was not believed that she could recover.—Citizen.

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CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Keen blew the wind across the naked wild, Glimmered the snow fields white, Aweary with longing, doubt and pain, I watched the silent night.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS.

The celebration of Christmas as the birthday of Jesus is universal among Christians of every sect, and as such it is regarded throughout Christendom as the sweetest, holiest of all holidays.

Christmas is not alone among Christian holidays in being the follower of a somewhat similar holiday among the pagans. In Rome it was called the Saturnalia.

All these nations chose about the same date for this feast. This is supposed to have been caused by the feelings of delight experienced shortly after December 21, because the days then begin to lengthen.

The midwinter festival of the Saturnalia was observed for several days in the most unrestrained manner, everybody feasted and work was quite suspended.

In the later days of the Roman empire the feast of the Saturnalia deteriorated into a gross debauch—so gross, indeed, that few historians have cared to defile their pages with its details.

It was for the purpose of counteracting the evil influences of the Saturnalia, to the celebration of which the young of both sexes were very prone, that the early Christian teachers in Rome sought to adapt the rites of heathen rejoicing and render them subservient, instead of antagonistic, to the cause of religion.

In Britain there were other modifications. To the modified Saturnalia were added first some of the Druidical rites and superstitions, and, after the arrival of the Saxons, some of the ceremonies of the ancient Germans and Scandinavians.

In England the burning of the Yule-log takes place Christmas eve. In feudal times the bringing to of the prodigious

block and burning it on the wide hearth of the great chimney of the baronial hall was observed with the greatest rejoicings. The dragging of the Yule from the forest to the castle was an elaborate ceremony of itself, and as it passed, every wayfarer raised his hat, for well he knew that its flame would light up scenes of feasting and forgiveness of old wrongs, and that all would be welcome.

- Welcome be thou, heavenly King; Welcome, born on this morning; Welcome, for whom we shall sing; Welcome Yule.

Among the English the mistletoe bough is always hung over the center of the room on Christmas Eve, and any damsel who, either by chance or on purpose, places herself beneath it has to pay the penalty of being kissed by all the men who are present.

Of course none of the fair sex ever places herself under the mistletoe with malice aforethought.

Hit Them Under the Ear.

A railroad conductor who used to run up in the Marinette and Hurley regions of Wisconsin, and who is now cooling off in Chicago from the effects of some warm experiences which he had in that benighted section, entertained a party of friends Sunday in the following vein:

"I had been told when I first took charge of the train I would have a tough lot to deal with. The first car I entered on the occasion I am telling about was full of the hardest-looking customers I ever saw. There wasn't a sober man in the lot. I approached each man and said 'tickets' in a firm but polite way. They all gave me a big laugh, and when I had gone through the first car I hadn't a ticket or a cent to show for my work. I felt as though I was in great luck to be alive. I entered the next car and encountered an individual who was infinitely harder looking than the chaps I had left. I said 'tickets' to him and he shrugged his great shoulders.

"How much did you get out of that other car?" he asked. "I told him not a ticket, not a cent. 'What are you going to do about it?' 'I told him I didn't know. 'Kin you afford it?' he growled. 'I told him I couldn't. 'Then you'll get bounced—lose your job, won't you?' he asked. 'I said I guessed that was the size of it.

"Well, you won't," he said. 'Gimme your cap. I'll get your tickets.' 'I handed him my cap and insignia, and he went forward. The first man he came to he hit under the ear and bawled out: 'Gimme your ticket or your fare, or I'll bury you in the floor.' 'The man recovered and handed the thumper a bill.

"You don't get no change this 'ere trip," said the acting conductor, and he hadn't more than said that when he hit another man under the ear. 'Ticket or fare,' says the acting conductor, and that man unloaded.

"In less time than it takes me to tell it every man in the car was on his feet with money in his hand waiting to pay, and every one of them did pay.

"The acting conductor brought the roll to me and said: 'You want to hit these chaps under the ear when you want fare.'

"But I never had the courage to do it, and I soon afterward resigned. I never knew who my benefactor was. I asked his name and he answered: 'You got your money, didn't you? 'I said 'Yes.' 'Well,' he added, 'don't ask any foolish questions.'

"I saw him frequently after that, but never learned his name. He always paid his fare, and I never hit him under the ear for it, either.

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SETTLERS' MASS MEETING.

For the purpose of organization, electing officers, and making provisions for raising the necessary funds to provide for the proper defence of the settlers in the courts, a mass meeting of settlers is called for Monday, January 16, 1888, at on the Caliente, at the LLL ranch, As matters of the greatest interest will come up for consideration, there should be a large attendance.

SETTLERS' COMMITTEE.

Christmas the Happiest.

Among all our holidays Christmas is the happiest. Other days, like the Fourth of July and Decoration Day, have a patriotic association which is inspiring, and New Year's Day has an admonitory significance which is pathetic. But the tradition of Christmas is more universal and ideal than that of other holidays, because it is the feast of fraternity, of human sympathy and helpfulness.

Had a Familiar Sound.

Conscientious parent: "Johnny, I want to talk to you a minute. Last night you ran away from home and were out with the Gopher boys till 10 o'clock; you broke a window in the school house as you came home, and Mr. Thatcher heard you swear and saw you smoking a pipe. Where you got your disposition I don't know; I never did such things when I was a boy. Until I was twenty years old I never went out of the house alone after dark; I never touched tobacco, and never used profane language; I never—" Johnny, who is no fly roost: "Hold on pa, you can't impress me. I am something of a liar myself."

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Another Texas congressman has got in the papers. He spread the ice-cream on his bread. Bob Ingersoll denies that he has cancer of the throat. His religious views have the same old disease, however.

As an evidence of the progress made by the negroes in the South since the war, it is shown by late statistics that in three States—Georgia, South Carolina and Louisiana—they pay taxes on \$48,000,000 worth of property.

General Longstreet has been wretched for years, because his favorite sherry flew to his toes. He has now discovered a mineral spring in Georgia of such virtue that the use of its waters enables him to drink all kinds of wines without his toes finding it out.

Beringer, the jeweler, has the most complete line of American watches, jewelry, diamonds, solid and plated ware, clocks, etc., in Northern New Mexico, and announces that he is selling at eastern prices. In watches especially there has been a great reduction, and Beringer, always to the front, is selling them at the reduced prices, and in all the lines of goods that he sells you can bet on the quality being as represented.

Here is Herr Most's jail record: Austria sent him to prison for one year in 1869, and in 1870 repeated with five years. On his release he went to Prussia and got successively a year and a half and a year for anarchy, and six months for blasphemy. He then went to England and soon got a year and a half for anarchy. Then he came to this country, where he has done a year already and has just got another.

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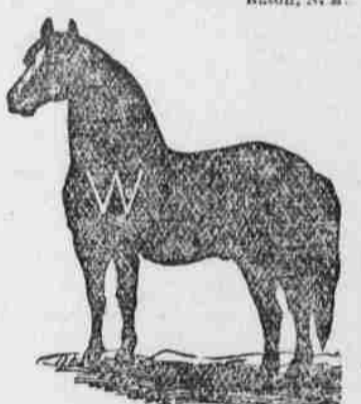
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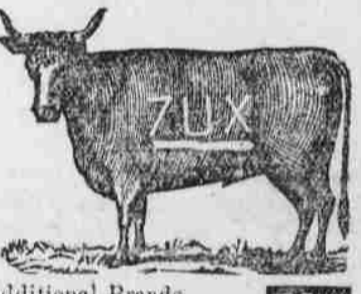


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WEEKLY INDEPENDENT

J. C. HOLMES, Editor.

[From Friday's Daily.]

J. C. Leary was in town to day.

No mail from the south yesterday.

Wind and snow last night, but mild weather to-day.

For \$2.50 in advance you get this paper one year and 52 books, one each week.

Congressman Stone is the gentleman who will lead the settlers to victory in their contest with the grant company.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the train from the east yesterday, the postal clerks did not have time to work the mail and most of it went south, to return some time in the future.

Between eight and nine o'clock this morning, James L. Barfield, bartender in the Springer House, at the county seat, was shot by a Mexican. The ball entered the right side and came out near the shoulder. He is not expected to live. This is the second attempt this Mexican has made on Mr. Barfield's life.

The fire at twelve o'clock last night was in a small frame house on north Second street. The building was occupied by two young men who saved all their property except a large mirror through which a trunk had been thrown, the glass having been mistaken for a door. The fire department responded promptly and got water on the flames in good time.

Al. Morgan, who was reported to have died in Albuquerque, and whose death was duly confirmed and the usual very tender obituaries published with sentimental morals attached, made his appearance in town yesterday morning, after a residence of several months in Arizona. He is looking hearty and well, and emphatically denies that he is dead. He feels very tender, however, toward those who have shed tears and moralized over his demise.

When a woman runs for office, don't be too sure that she is beaten when the vote shows that she has only a minority. At the recent election a young lady ran for the office of school commissioner, but was beaten by her male competitor. Her friends offered their consolatory commiserations, but she shed not a tear. She married her successful competitor the next day after he got the certificate of election.

The supreme court has decided that the title of the Colorado Coal and Iron company to 10,000 acres of public land in Las Animas county, Colorado, for which the government received \$12,000 and the company mortgaged for \$2,500,000, cannot be assailed. A federal judge had decided that the company's title was void because the grant was made to fictitious owners, but the supreme court ruled that the title had passed in legal form and was unassailable. This case, which is one of many, and merely a sample of a system, must raise one or two inquiries in the minds of thoughtful readers. Can mineral lands be sold like agricultural lands without due appraisal of the value of its deposits in the price fixed? Can a sale evidently so tainted with fraud, ab ovo, be justly held as a bar to reclamation? And, if so, is the government to allow the rascals in office, who consummated the fraud in collusion with speculators, to snap their fingers at the law, and go scot free with their share of the booty as secure as the title to the land itself. —Courier-Journal.

From Thursday's Daily

Both trains late.

There is a scarcity of coal oil in town.

The days will gradually get longer from now on until next June.

Judge Stansell is delivering Johnson's cyclopedia to subscribers.

An outfit of tie choppers started out this morning with supplies from town.

Old subscribers who renew and pay in advance will receive the book premiums.

The weather last night was cold enough to demoralize a large number of water pipes.

A very bad class of citizens infest Trinidad, and the Advertiser predicts hold ups and robberies.

While opening the large show case at the post office to-day, Willie Vandier had his hand badly pinched and his fingers nearly broken.

Mr. E. Parson has gone to Topeka on his annual holiday trip to visit his children and grandchildren. He will be absent about ten days.

The settlers' mass meeting will be held on the Caliente, at the LLL ranch, instead of at Crow creek. For once the people interested appear to be united and great good may be accomplished.

There is no chance for a laboring man in this country. That is why Abraham Burbank worked all his life as a simple stonemason in Pittsfield, Mass., and by investing his surplus earnings died worth \$1,000,000. It is discouraging.

Governor Ross arrived in Raton on last evening's special and remained until this afternoon. He is on his way to Washington in the interest of his land title bill. He expects to be successful in his mission and says if he gets the bill through in two months he will be satisfied.

Messrs. Boyd and Cook are evidently determined to keep their new meat market well supplied with wild game. Just for a starter they came in from a hunting trip yesterday with four rabbits and nineteen quail. Should their luck not change they expect to have a fine assortment by the opening of the new year.

Senator Stewart has introduced in the senate a bill to establish a land court composed of the chief justice and two associates for the purpose of examining and adjusting all land cases in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. Senator McPherson has also introduced a bill of much the same tenor, being to create a commission to investigate these claims and report to the general land office.

The children look forward to the Christmas tree festivities for weeks with feelings of expectant pleasure over the thoughts of what Santa Claus will bring to them. They attend the gatherings at the different churches and receive the presents from the tree. But many a one is disappointed. The child of wealthy parents receives more presents than he can carry away, while the child whose parents are not blessed with much of this world's goods must be content with an apple, an orange, a bag of popcorn or a little candy. This is a wrong feature of Sunday School Christmas celebrations, and parents should make their costly gifts to their children at home, for the happiness of one child should not be considered at the expense of a dozen other children. Let each pupil of the school receive some gift, but do not cause feelings of disappointment in the hearts of the children at a time when all should be happy.

Our Postal Service.

Demorest's Monthly.

For the first time in the history of the United States the postoffice department, during the past year, has been self-supporting. This is remarkable when it is considered that so many branches of the postal service are run at a great loss. This happy result was brought about by the untiring work of Postmaster General Vilas. He has conducted his department upon business principles. In his annual report he states that the deficiency in 1886 amounted to \$6,900,000. This was reduced over \$3,000,000 in 1887, and in a few months the whole deficiency will be made up. The free mail is very large, and over 100,000 government officials have the privilege of franking their letters when transacting public business. The revenues have increased greatly. The increase in the sale of postage stamps has been about ten per cent. The population during 1887 increased two and one-half per cent, and this has resulted in the increase in the number of letters carried. The increase in the number of letters mailed indicates a very remarkable growth and business prosperity. Since the reduction of letter postage the business of the postoffice has made rapid strides. The sales have amounted to nearly \$50,000,000. Owing to the number of improved appliances that have been invented for sending liquids through the mails, the large patent medicine firms are now shipping quantities of their goods through the postoffices. This has added greatly to the revenues. It was expected that the special delivery system would be carried on at a loss, but it has been self-supporting. Something like 1,500,000 letters were carried, and \$120,000 were received. The newspaper mail has been a heavy burden, as it is so bulky; it makes up about one-third of the matter carried, and affords but one-fourth of the income. It is hoped that the business will keep on increasing as it has done; and then, in a few years, the profits of this branch of the government will be so great that postage will be again reduced, and we shall be able to mail letters in the United States as cheaply as is done in Germany and England.

He Knew All About Lot's Wife.

Harper's Bazar.

A little five-year-old who had been to Sunday school for the first time, came home puffed up with importance over what he had learned. "Mamma," said he, "do you know about Lot's wife?"

"A little," she said, "but tell me what you know."

So the little fellow told his story very earnestly, becoming positively dramatic when he reached the climax and said, "And the angel of the Lord said unto Lot's wife, skate for your life and don't you look back, but she did look back and turned a somersault."

A Shining Light.

Memphis Avalanche.

Blaine is to-day the most striking figure of the political field in the United States. While he may be morally oblique, intellectually he is a shining light. There is something about the man and about his manner of expressing himself which makes him a power, no matter what the cause he champions or how dark the background of his public record may be.

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A Bucketful of Tarantulas.

San Francisco Examiner.

"Talking about centipedes, tarantulas and all the poisonous bugs and reptiles that infest the southern deserts," said Henry Carmello of Pomona at the Grand yesterday, "I never did see so many things of this sort as I did late one evening just east of Pomona, in Los Angeles county, last August. It beats anything I ever read about. Myself and three or four others were coming from Silverton creek, where we had been fishing. We were passing over the sandy plain, where small vineyards here and there dotted the surface. Suddenly, as we drove along, one of the boys uttered an exclamation of surprise and let his gun go at something. Then he leaped out, and crack went his gun again, as though straight into the ground. Again he shot, and to our exclamation of surprise—for we could not divine what he was shooting at—said:

"Why, there! Don't you see? Tarantulas!"

"And, sure enough, there they were, thick and fast upon the ground, crawling hither and thither, as though an army of them were loose and devastating the country. Now, this sounds to you like a fish story, but it is true. That section was just swarming with these poisonous reptiles. Every one of us began firing. We shot and shot, and must have killed scores of them. Then, by deftly using some sticks we had, we got about sixty of them into a bucket. Fight! You just ought to have seen them. At first they wouldn't fight. We put two or three together and tried to egg them on. No go. They seemed slow about beginning to use the poison on each other. Then we put in some more and began stirring them up with a stick. You ought to have seen them launch into each other. The more we put in the more they fought, until when we had put in the three score I have told you about, and had the bucket half full, we had just a writhing mass of poison. Sting and fight! My land, how they did do it, though. They kept it up for quite a long time, until we got tired of watching them. The little ones died the soonest, and sunk to the bottom amidst a mass of blood, while the old and big ones stayed on top.

"At length two old bull tarantulas held the field. All else had sunk down. These were two veritable Napoleons. Fight! You ought to have seen the blood fly now. Such awful and vindictive thrusts, and such merciless beligerents I shall never see again if I live a thousand years. The battle lasted about five minutes more, and then they both went down together. Which was the stronger, more enduring or gamier it would be hard to say. When they got through we just had a bucketful of dead spiders. That was all."

Then Criticism Ceased.

Nebraska State Journal.

"It is disgusting to see the way some women dress. There's a lady across the way who might look fairly well if she had any taste in dressing, but her clothing hangs on her like a horse-blanket on a post."

"Yes, I've told her so myself."
"Do you know her?"
"Slightly."
"Who is she?"
"My wife."

The report that the Maxwell Grant company intend to institute proceedings against the settlers in earnest at the next term of court is having a tendency to unite the settlers and they are in a fair way to organize and secure competent legal counsel. The next fight that is made will not be quite so one-sided as the previous suits have been.

Communism and Anarchism.

Demorest's Monthly.

The execution of the Chicago anarchists shows plainly that the American people are determined to put a stop to all kinds of conspiracies which menace the government. Communist and Anarchistic societies exist in all of our big cities and are composed of foreigners, very few of whom have become naturalized. Anarchism is more than a sporadic outbreak of passion, a sudden bitter protest of discontented men against the established order of things. If something is not done, some laws enacted, America will be confronted with the same problems that have distressed France, Germany and England, and will be asked to solve them in a much quicker manner than these countries ever have done. Anarchists and communists would turn society upside down and create disorder. As things are now constituted, a man has an opportunity to rise in the world, and by his own exertions secure for himself a place among men. The anarchists are a set of people who have no respect for law or order, and no respect for religion or the church. At their meetings their utterances are wild and incendiary, and they are generally held in the rear of some saloon. A short time ago the writer attended one of these meetings. It was presided over by Herr Most and Justus Schwab. It was in a dingy saloon in the basement of a tenement house. There were a dozen wild-eyed men in the room, seated around tables drinking beer. Their hair was unkempt, and their clothes had a slovenly appearance. They had all the looks of a pack of brigands. Whenever a stranger entered the place they eyed him with suspicion, and when a newspaper reporter entered, whom they recognized, a number of them were on their feet like a flash of lightning and rushed towards him intending to assault him because they were incensed at something he had written. If it had not been for Schwab, the reporter would have fared badly. These people would not hesitate to commit murder, when they are aroused. As the meeting progressed, the speeches delivered were something terrible to hear. Such utterances as "Down with the government," "Murder the rulers," "Let anarchy rule," were used, and as the beer-drinking continued, the scene ended in wild delirium. When such scenes as these are enacted in an American city, it is about time that these people were watched closely by the officers of the law; and when their leaders utter such incendiary sentiments they should be punished the same as any criminal.

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New Mexico Politicians.

Las Vegas News. The answers to the Optic's circular letter referring to the delegateship have been quite numerous. The question asked, 'Who, in your opinion, would be the most available man for delegate on the Democratic or Republican ticket?'

Some of the gentlemen named have had every opportunity in the past that mortal man could ask for to have engraved his name high on the rolls among leading statesmen, both in congress and in the legislative affairs of the Territory, but where is there a sign that any of them have done so?

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Important Meeting.

For the purpose of devising or perfecting a method for a more complete, perfect and general organization of all the people of each precinct on the Maxwell grant for their united defence in the courts, and after a thorough organization is completed, looking toward a new election of officers, I hereby call for a meeting of the Executive Board of the Anti-Grant Association, to be held in the court house at Springer, on Saturday, December 24, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Verdict Unanimous. W. D. Sul, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: 'I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing.'

Interesting Surgery.

A friend was telling me of his own and his wife's experience in having moles and wens removed by electricity. His wife had on her right shoulder a blemish in the form of a large mole, quite half an inch in diameter, which practically made it impossible for her to wear ball or evening dresses, which would reveal her otherwise shapely shoulders.

'I had on my nose at birth, so I was told, a wen, which grew with my years until I became a man, and for many years it greatly disfigured my countenance. It was about the size of a pea and was on my left nostril. It changed color from time to time, and would grow to be a frightful sanguinary red whenever I indulged myself with wines or liquors of any sort. I came to regard it at such times as a gin blossom, and an irreverent reporter in describing me once suggested that this object had evidently been one of long and patient and costly culture. I went, on my wife's urgent entreaty, to her surgeon and asked him if it could be removed. He looked at and suggested that it might be if I would not look upon the wen when it was red, but I told him I was born so. He examined further, and at once proceeded to operate upon it. He bathed my nose, first of all, in cocaine. It grew cold at first and then became perfectly numb as though asleep from lack of circulation of the blood. It felt as if paralyzed. He then applied an electric needle to the wen, sticking it through and through as near the roots as possible. There was no pain, though half an hour was consumed in the operation. Whenever he increased the current of electricity I saw billions of stars, and sparks seemed to flash from my eyes, and the eyeballs seemed to crack with each spark that apparently flew from them. When the operation was completed the wen was black, no longer red, and more unsightly than ever. He put flesh-colored court-plaster over it and kept it there for about a week. Then, in washing it off, the mass of blackened flesh fell away. A new skin formed, and now you can barely see a small scar where the unsightly object once was.'

'Does your surgeon make a specialty of this work?' I asked. 'No, and I wonder he does not. There are thousands of women and men in this city who would pay almost any price to have blemishes of this sort removed. I have stopped several strangers on the streets and told them of my experience and gave them the doctor's

address. Only one ever recognized me after, and he was without his wen, and was most profuse in his thanks. If he did not have higher aims and purposes and would make a specialty of this business, my doctor would be rich in no time, but he would have to advertise, and that isn't professional, you know. He prefers, however, to straighten crooked limbs and invent surgical instruments.'

What am I to Do?

The symptoms of biliousness are unhappily, but too well known. They differ in different individuals to some extent. A bilious man is seldom a breakfast eater. Too frequently, alas, he has an excellent appetite for liquids but none for solids of a morning. His tongue will hardly bear inspection at any time; if it is not white and furred, it is rough, at all events.

The digestive system is wholly out of order and diarrhoea or constipation may be a symptom or the two may alternate. There are often hemorrhoids or even loss of blood. There may be giddiness and often headache and acidity or flatulence and tenderness in the pit of the stomach. To correct all this if not effect a cure try Green's August Flower. It costs but a trifle and thousands attest its efficacy.

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WEEKLY INDEPENDENT

J. C. HOLMES, Editor.

The elaborate bill drawn by Governor Ross and his commission of land grant owners, provides "That whenever any claimant shall file a petition in said court, reciting, as hereinafter stated, and shall establish by proof satisfactory to the court, the fact of the continuous occupancy and possession by such claimant, by himself or his ancestors or grantors, for forty years next preceding the passage of this act, of the piece or parcel of land, not exceeding eighty acres in extent, so occupied, possessed and claimed by such claimant, and not included within the limits of any grant for the establishment of a city, town or village, no further evidence of title or ownership shall be necessary or required from such claimant to or in such piece or parcel of land." The passage of this bill removes every hope the settler on the Maxwell grant now has. There are a number of claims on this grant which have been occupied from fifteen to twenty years by the present claimants or other parties prior to them. It is believed these claims are valid and the possessor cannot be disturbed. But if the tool of the land grants succeeds in his mission they are robbed of their rights. If the above section of the bill omits anything that might apply to the Maxwell grant the omission is supplied by the following: "No claim shall be allowed to any land the right of which has hitherto been lawfully acted upon and finally decided by congress or under its authority." This man Ross is tolerably well known in Washington and he alone will have but little influence. As he is backed by a commission of land grant owners, however, who have money at their disposal to secure just such legislation, we advise every citizen of this county who has friends in congress to write them immediately and post them as to the character and purpose of Ross and his land title bill.

The Wane of Intellect.

The mind, on which man so prides himself, develops and expands until the age of about forty, and then declines. Decay is the inexorable law of Nature. Sad is the fading away of a brilliant mind at the approach of dissolution, but sadder than death is it when the brain perishes before the body. "How often, alas, we see," says Holmes, "the mighty satirist tamed into oblivious imbecility; the great scholar wandering without sense of time or place among his alcoves, taking his books one by one from the shelves and fondly patting them; a child once more among his toys, but a child whose to-morrows come hungry, and not full-handed—come as birds of prey in the place of the sweet singers of morning. We must all become as little children if we live long enough, but how blank an existence the wrinkled infant must carry into the kingdom of Heaven if the Power that gave him memory does not complete the miracle by restoring it!"

How Shall We Sleep?

Whether one position in sleep is better than another may be an important question, but it does not seem to have been authoritatively settled that any particular position is the best to adopt. Sleeping on the right side is more common than on the left, and sleeping on the back is comparatively rare. Evidence has been found to show that sleeping on the left side favors bronchitis, and sleeping on the right side appears to increase a tendency to constipation. It has been strongly urged that health and longevity are best secured by lowering the head and raising the feet in sleep, though some nervous affections require a partially erect posture.

Miss. Frances Willard pronounces the whiskey tax "a covenant with hell and a compact with damnation." Now Mr. Blaine can see what sort of a hairpin he is.

Interesting Figures.

The proposed pension scheme is analyzed by Gen. Burdette, a post-commander of the G. A. R., as follows:

It is money and sentiment with us, and it is money and sentiment, and more particularly money, with the people. We might as well view this question clearly. We have to settle with 60,000,000 of people, settle with their heads and hearts, and settle more particularly with their pocket books. Now let us face it and see what we are proposing. The good things that are good are not always practicable things, and there is such a thing as wasting energy needlessly. There are 1,300,000 surviving soldiers, that is the general and best estimate I have been able to get—1,300,000. There were 3,000,000 in the conflict; more than half are in their graves, on the battlefield or at their homes. There are 400,000 widows. You have a total of 1,700,000 people to settle with at \$8 a month; that is \$13,500,000 a month; that is \$163,600,000 a year, and adding \$75,000,000 a year of other pensions now, we have to call upon the people for \$238,600,000.

The Dyspeptic's Ideal.

A medical man mentions that, like his father and paternal grandfather, he has always had the power of voluntarily ejecting food or fluid from the stomach at any time. When troubled with acidity or nausea, the stomach is emptied at will without the slightest difficulty, and may be washed out with several glasses of water. At college this faculty was used for gain, large doses of narcotic poisons being swallowed for wagers, and afterward immediately expelled. An investigation is suggested to determine the cause of this gift, or what voluntary muscles account for it.

The Finest Thread.

The nettle is among the substances which science has put to use during the past few years. This weed is even being cultivated in Germany, its fibre having proven valuable for a variety of textile fabrics. In Dresden a thread is produced from it so fine that a length of sixty miles weighs only two and a half pounds.

There are many newspapers in the Territory endorsing Ross' land grant bill, which in their zeal to see the titles settled, do not stop to contemplate the trap the wily executive has set for them. The Republican, too, desires to see the titles settled, but the gentlemen who go to Washington cannot afford to present the matter in the form of the bill which Ross has so skillfully drafted—Republican.

The old idea that sufferers from heart disease should avoid physical exertion has been dispelled by Prof. Oertel, who has successfully employed regulated exercise in the treatment of some forms. In a large proportion of cases the nutrition of the cardiac muscle, as of the muscular system generally, is thus improved.

Prof. W. Ramsay suggests that color-blindness is probably a defect of the brain instead of the eye. It is analogous to the dullness which prevents a person from distinguishing an octave's difference between two musical notes, though both notes are heard, there being no deafness.

A crank waited on Secretary Lamar recently and demanded a million acres of western land on which, as he said, "to establish the millennium and provide for the unborn lamb." If he will come out here he will find the born lamb pasturing already on the land he wants.

A Navajo Murder.

Albuquerque Citizen.

Some three weeks ago William Gray, known as "Gunny-sack Bill," clerk for S. E. Day, an Indian trader doing business with the Navajos and living between Fort Defiance and Manuelito, was in Gallup and while there purchased a pair of burros and some Indian beads. On his return he camped about two miles out of Gallup, since which time he has not been seen alive. His burros are still grazing in the vicinity of his camp, but he and his effects cannot be found. Yesterday a Navajo Indian told in Gallup that the Navajos had killed him, because they caught him stealing horses. As he was known to have camped so near town, and is considered honest by all who know him, the story is not believed, but it is believed that he was murdered and robbed. A search will be made for his body.

Mark Twain and the Prince of Wales.

In the December Harper Mark Twain tells how he met the Prince of Wales. The encounter of these two remarkable men was as follows: "It was not in any familiar way, but in a quiet informal way, being casual, and was, of course, a surprise to us both. It was in Oxford street, just where you come out of Oxford into Regent Circus, and just as he turned up one side of the circle at the head of a procession I went down the other side on the top of an omnibus. He will remember me on account of a gray coat with flap-pockets that I wore, as I was the only person on the omnibus that had on that kind of a coat. I remember him, of course, as easy as I would a comet. He looked quite proud and satisfied; but that is not to be wondered at—he has a good situation. And once I called on your Majesty, but you were out."

Why Americans Die Young.

Boston Courier.

"You have a great country," said an Englishman to an American; "I admit it. A grand country, vast in its territory and of boundless resources, but your climate cannot compare with that of England for salubrity."

"It can't?"

"Certainly not."

"Why, now, our climate is one of the principal things we pride ourselves upon. We have all kinds to suit—frigid, temperate, torrid and each possessed of a salubrity equalled nowhere else in creation."

"But it is averred that Americans die early."

"Die early?"

"Yes, sir, and especially your business men."

"And don't you know the reason?"

"It is found to be in the nature of your climate, I presume."

"In the nature of our climate! No sir. The reason Americans die early is because they ain't hogs, because they know when they've got enough. Public-spirited, patriotic and unselfish, they die early, sir, to make room for the rising generation."

Mr. Lockyer, an English astronomer, announces that he has discovered the origin of the universe. If he can keep it to himself until he gets a patent on it, Mr. Lockyer will do well out of the discovery, but it invades the copyright of our old friend Moses.

It is reported that some three days ago, in going down the Calhoun mountain, not far from San Bernardino, Cal., a freight train broke loose and ran into a train of empty coaches. The engineer, fireman and first brakeman were killed, and the train was burned, causing a loss of somewhere about \$100,000.

Congressmen's Mileage.

This is a big country. Our members of Congress have to travel further than the most distant officer of the Roman Empire had to go to render an account of his stewardship. The Congressmen's mileage accounts are a geographical study. In the case of Mr. M. A. Smith, the new delegate from Arizona, the sum of \$1,600 will be paid to reimburse him for his expenses from Tombstone and back again. Mr. Herman of Oregon who comes next on the list, will be paid \$1,340. The two San Francisco members, Messrs. Morrow and Felton, who will travel 6,346 miles each, will receive \$1,269. Mr. Crain of Texas, who lives 2,000 miles from Washington, will be allowed \$800. The smallest mileage credit will be to Mr. Lee of Alexandria, Va., who will succeed Mr. Barbour of that place. Alexandria is eight miles distant from Washington according to the sergeant-at-arms' computation. Mr. Lee will therefore receive the sum of \$3.20. Under the law each representative is entitled to mileage to and from Washington at the rate of twenty cents a mile.

Scheme for Human Improvement.

Buffalo Courier.

Belle, a twelve-year-old public school girl, said yesterday to Charley, her chum: "Just think—do you recollect what Miss Smith taught us this morning about that nasty, dirty, old alcohol—how it ruins the heart, liver, brain, stomach and makes drunkards? Now just imagine, Charley, how I was paralyzed at dinner to-day, when papa opened a big bottle, and he and mamma and Uncle Grover, who had just arrived before dinner, drank that awful stuff and laughed and talked and enjoyed dinner as if it were Thanksgiving! Now, I always loved my papa and mamma and Uncle Grover, but as I told you, I am disgusted and do not know what to make of it but this: Nowadays children cannot be careful enough in the selection of their parents."

Dr. S. B. Lukens, an old dentist of over forty years' experience, formerly of Cadiz, Ohio, now of Oregon, Mo., is here visiting his son-in-law, W. D. Pemberton, dentist, and looking for the first time at the far west. He will assist in plate-work while here for two or three weeks, and any one desiring that kind of work will find it to their advantage to call now.

At the dedication of the church of St. John the Evangelist in New York, Mgr. Preston took occasion to declare that the Catholic Church was prepared to use all its influence in politics, whenever under the name of politics was concealed a scheme of robbery, anarchy and murder calculated to destroy the very foundations of society and encourage revolution. "Such politics affected morality, and it was the duty of God's Church to rebuke and warn."

At Titusville, Fla. C. R. Cook walked up to a man on the street and asked him if his name was J. R. Hoyt. On receiving an affirmative reply, Cook told him that Mrs. Hoyt kept him awake the night before by playing on a piano at her house until an unreasonable hour, and he finished by telling Hoyt that he would kill him if the occurrence was repeated. Hoyt replied that the piano was the property of his wife's sister, and that he could not control it. Cook said he would not have any more piano playing, and shot Hoyt dead. He barely escaped lynching. A charge of venue was obtained, and he was tried and convicted, with a recommendation to mercy.

Redstead's, cheap, at Sinner's.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Coldest day of the season.

Raton's band promises to revive.

Train from the east snow-bound in Kansas.

The railroad yard is filled with freight cars.

A fine drawing is to be raffled at the postoffice.

Tramps are not bothering the Gate City much of late.

C. W. Burnham has closed out his stock of groceries and is now selling his dry goods, etc., at very low prices.

Frank McKee, cashier at the A. T. & S. F. Co's office in Albuquerque, drew \$15,000 in the last drawing of the Louisiana lottery.

No people ever got rich by high taxes. And there is a tradition that the man who shifted money from one pocket to the other and back again, while he seemed to be handling a good deal of money, was no richer when he quit than when he began.

Mr. Blaine's only plea for free tobacco is that it is one of the necessities of life. That is the reason some other folks want less tax on sugar, salt and woolens. They are necessities. Mr. Blaine thinks, however, that if a man has plenty of tobacco he needs no bread.

The Optic is sending out circular letters inquiring the views of the coming man for delegate. The New Mexican is sending out inquiries concerning the admission of this Territory as a State. Other papers are sending out letters to delinquent subscribers on the subject of paying up. The latter seems to be the most unsatisfactory.

A singular freak of nature originally discovered in western Australia is likely to remain unexplained. It consists of nine fine pearls adhering together in the form of a Latin cross—seven in the shaft and one on each side of the second pearl. A suggestion is that a fragment of sea-weed in the shell of the oyster formed the frame on which the cross was built.

There is one thing about Mr. Joseph and for which he deserves credit. He has and does look after the interests of his minor constituents at Washington. If a mail route or post office needs looking after he does it, also all other small matters to which his attention is called. In these matters he has proved a valuable representative, and is entitled to the credit of being faithful and active. So far as ability in other directions is concerned, he could make a stand-off in a show-down with nearly all of the politicians in the Territory, that have yet aired their colossal intellects before the people or in political work. The news will give him credit for what he is worth, whether it supports him in a reelection or not.—Las Vegas News.

It seems to be reasonably certain that a strong effort will be made at this session of congress to secure the admission of New Mexico to the union. This same question has been talked about for several years but without result. The situation is now changed, and if any Territory is admitted to the union this winter, New Mexico will be on the list. No Territory can be admitted on a party vote of either political party and a compromise must be effected before any Territory will be admitted. New Mexico is the only Territory which can be counted surely for the Democrats, of those which seek admission. Consequently it follows that New Mexico will be admitted if any Territory is admitted at this session of congress.—Samuel.

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