

About People and Social Incidents.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Dec. 21.—The President at this afternoon received the delegates to the Central American peace conference...

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

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IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

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UNIVERSITY WEDDING BELLS RING.

White-Howells Nuptials the First in St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia. St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University was the scene yesterday morning at the wedding of the marriage of Miss Abby White, daughter of Horace White...

EARLY SHAKESPEARE EDITIONS SOLD.

London, Dec. 21.—Lord Howe's collection of early editions of Shakespeare's works, including some copies of the first folios, were sold at auction in this city this afternoon.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

Captain Amundsen's book on the Northwest passage, which will soon be placed on the market by his Munich publisher, contains this account of the Christmas celebration in the frozen North: "Netschikoff is a jolly place at Christmas time...

Dejected Traveller—I say, Pat, did you ever make an idiot of yourself about a woman? Pat—An idiot, is it? Sure I've made myself an idiot about a woman.

Have you inquired whether your prospective bride is a genuine? "No," answered Mr. Currier. "He has very gravely inquired from the interior of the Washington Star."

Harold—What's your favorite wild game? Helen—Oh! football, by all means.—Illustrated Bits.

Among some old anecdotes in manuscript in the collection of the Jersey Historical Society this one was unearthed: Two Irishmen travelling through the country, rather fatigued, the one said to the other, "By me soul, Pat, if we could catch a horse we would not ride a foot."

JAPAN UP TO DATE.

From The Baltimore Sun. If any one doubts that Japan is thoroughly up to date, let him consider the city of Tokyo, which has a municipal sewerage plant.

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A CIVIC DISGRACE.

The epidemic of typhoid fever which ravaged the New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane at Trenton some months ago, and which was due to absolutely scandalous and inexcusable mismanagement, has now an equally tragic sequel...

These facts are so simple and so elemental that it is amazing to see them so generally ignored. It is not only amazing, however, but it is discreditable in the highest degree that they should be ignored.

THE CLIMATE OF PANAMA.

Injudicious women continue to be expressed concerning the climate of Panama and its effects upon American residents. Yellow fever, it is observed, has been abolished, and mosquito fever—once incorrectly called "malaria"—is rapidly declining and bids fair soon to be as unknown there as it is at Suez...

The explanation is simple and should be obvious. It is found in the difference between variety and monotony. In this country, even in the South, there are four pretty distinct seasons in each year, with marked differences of temperature and other conditions of weather.

The American visitor on the isthmus is at first agreeably surprised at the weather, which he finds much more pleasant than he expected and more tolerable than that which he left behind him in the dog days...

HOPE FOR HUMANITY.

That gradual reduction in the size of the earth which has followed invention, discovery and development seems to be not an entirely unmitigated blessing, as there is a tendency to transfer from one land to another the undesirable as well as the desirable things which each country produces.

Those who are habituated to that climate like it, and it agrees with them; and to them our changing seasons are trying and demoralizing. But they in time get used to varying seasons. So Americans may in time get accustomed to the monotony of the tropics, and then it will agree with them.

THE PORTLAND-DRUCE BUSINESS IS REALLY GETTING A LITTLE TIDIOUS.

This Portland-Druce business is really getting a little tedious, while the possibility of its future exploitation in "best sellers" and "problem plays" is nothing short of appalling.

TO "LOSE ONE'S GRIP" IS COMMONLY LOOKED UPON AS A MISFORTUNE.

To "lose one's grip" is commonly looked upon as a misfortune, but at this time there are some thousands of aching, sneezing and otherwise suffering New Yorkers who would esteem it the height of good fortune to lose their "grip."

PHILIPPINE LEGISLATION.

The Philippine National Assembly begins week. We are not sure but that it is setting an example which other and more pretentious and more powerful parliaments might profitably imitate.

The second measure was equally noteworthy. The Assembly adopted, also without a dissenting vote or speech, instructions to the Commissioners about to visit Washington to work for better commercial relations between the islands and the United States.

There need be no hesitation in saying that these thoughtful and judicious proposals of the Philippine ought to be received at Washington with the most sympathetic and favorable consideration.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for to-day.

Fair. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 42 degrees; lowest, 23.

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The announcement which was made in our special Washington correspondence yesterday concerning the disposition of the fleet at the end of the present practice cruise to the Pacific Coast will be regarded with much interest and with rather more gratification and reassurance than surprise.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

CONGRESS.—Both houses, after holding brief sessions, adjourned for the holiday recess, which is to end on January 6.

FOREIGN.—The Tribune's correspondent in Paris says that French capitalists have been withdrawing large sums from Berlin, part of the money having been invested in leading American railroad securities.

DOMESTIC.—Secretary Taft spent a busy day at the War Department, receiving many callers, while refusing to discuss political matters.

CITY.—The Public Service Commission reported that the surface of the city of Manhattan was in a bad condition.

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