THE DAY BEFORE,

Notwithstanding the bitter cold yesterd we believe every man, woman and child in this city, who were not sick, were on the streets and in the stores. We had a good idea of the quantity of Christmas things bought the day before, and were surprised to see that there was no let up yesterday. It was absolutely useless to try to hunt up any other news; it was nothing but Christmas and Christmas gifts. When the reporter asked anybody for an item, the reply was:-"One don't want any news to-morrow-pitch in and buy something for Christmas and tonight just write up a Christmas sermon. So the reporter fired his hat in the air and:-So the reporter fired his hat in the air and:

Christmas it is then. He went

up to the post office and met a friend, of Westfield, N. Y., who was admiring the handsome display of Christmas goods in the P. O. book store. He said to the reporter: "You have a wonderful city here." The reporter invited his friend to accompany him on a visit to the principle stores. They stepped into the big establishing

of Innes & Ross which was crowded with customers. The friend said: "I knew that your stores were very large, but I had no idea that they carried such immense stocks of goods." Have you many such stores as this? O! yes; come with me, and I will show you around.

They next visited the mammoth book store of Harding & Fisher which was packed full of people, and everybody so busy they had no time to talk. The eastern man was surprised. The next place visited was the New York store. This house was full of customers, and the store presented a dazzling appearance, but was rather too full of goods to get anything like a good view of the inside, there was a thick forest of goods Cash Hender on expressed regret that he was too busy to talk or show us around. Our friend said he never saw anything like it. Crossing over to the Citizen's bank, we went up the other side of Main street and entered the Finlay Ross big furniture store. "Why " said the castern man, "this is the largest furniture store I ever saw." The next place entered was Munson's, and it presented a dazzling appearance, so beautifully was it dressed. Mr. Munson left his business and showed us around. Our friend was astonished at the magnitude of the establishment and at the extent and elegance of the stock. Robison Brothers was the next place visited and here again was a crowd of people and an immense stock. We next entered Hoffmaster & Son's boot and shoe store which also astonished our friend. L. Richt & Son's store was next reached, which compared favora-bly with those already visited. The next place was Edward Vail & Co.'s big jewelry store. "Why," said our friend, "all your stores seem to be wholesale houses, judging from the immense stocks they carry." Well now, said the reported, took a look through. Why, said the New York man, they must have a \$100,000 stock

J. W. Johnson & Co.'s wholesale dry goods establishment was next visited. Our friend said it was astonishing, but now, from what he had already seen, he would not be surprised at anything. When I go home, said he, and tell them what I saw, they won't believe it. We next visited Larimer & Stinson's dry goods house, Seth Thomas' and Yost & Benson's jewelry stores, all of which were dressed in holiday attire and were full of people buying holiday goods. We visited the banks, and our friend said he would like to see a statement of the years business in all this great city. F. W. Coverdale's clothing house was next visited and some of their prices ascertained. The New York man said that goods of the same quality could not be bought as cheap in his town, though it was so much nearer the great marts of the east. E. P. Hovey's and the Philadelphia store were visited, and here the stocks were as large and fine, and the prices as low as in former places. We next took in William Cassel's jewelry store, which, together with Lawrence's drug. store, was a beautiful sight to see. Bitting Bros. clothing house attracted our friend's attention, and we entered. Here again he said he was amazed but now he was prepared for anything. The Golden Bule store, Hecht's jewelry store, Israel Bro.'s establish-ment, and the Chicago Bargain house were visited, and all were doing a fine trade. The went, and the Cineago visited, and all were doing a fine trade. The cracker factory was also visited, which still cracker factory was also visited, which still House," and Mr. Goldstein showed us around the immense establishment, and quoted prices that surprised even the re-

Our scribe promised to do the remainder of the city with his friend some other day, and now for Christmas.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Brokers' Stock exchange are spending the day in athletic sports. Silk hats were suffering, most of them being used as footballs. Fish horns furnished music.

Kansas Bred and Corn Fed.

That breathes of olden times, And our tuneful bearts respond in prayer To the singing of Christmas chimes. It drifts from the ages of long ago, From the hills of far Judea, And it sinks on the soul as it tumbles alo Like the wavelets on Galilee.

THE EAGLE'S FAT TURKEY. For the Eagle. CHRISTMAS TIDE.

It tells of a babe in the manger born 'Neath the stars of a winter sky, Of a glimmering cross and a glitter The hope of redemption nigh. t tells of the lowly shepherd band That watched their flocks on the hills afar.

and noted over the manger stand Of the glittering angels that castward came, And attuned their hearts to one grand "amen!" As the chorus rang in words of flame

"Glory to God, good will toward men!" Years have not distanced the beautiful lay That rings out yet with the Christma And the hearts of men will respond for aye, While its music sings through the valley of

-MRS. M. E. LEASE. SANTA CLAUS. FORTHERICH MEN OF How Bobby Brewn Searched and Found Him.

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breathlessly. "so 't you can't'stake the place.
My! won't Nelly be glad 't you found us. I
won't tell Tom that I hinted, 'cause he'd say
it wasn't perlite of me to do it. But you see,
sir, I couldn't let this Christmas go by 'thout
finding you, 'cause Nelly—Nelly's a little
thing, sir, only five last summer—an' Nelly
is talkin' all the time 'bout a Christmas dolly
an' it makes poor ma cry to have her tell
what she'll do with her dolly. You won't
forget the doll for Nelly, sir!"

"No," said Mr. Fernald, writing something
in a little book. "Step into the store with
me, my boy. It will be more comfortable
for you. I see your clothes are thin."

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about his wardrobe to beed Tom's question. He felt chargrined that he had so nearly be-There's a magical sound on the wintry air

trayed his precious secret.

Mrs. Brown, with a weary sigh, put the last potato in the oven, and wondered where the dinner, for those hungry little mouths, was to come from. Her faith in God's care was sorely tried at times. Poor woman, her ourdens were heavy to bear. Suddenly there came a knock at the does

"It's him," cried Bobby, springing forward to open it. "Here's a basket for the Widow Brown which Santa Claus sent from the grocery, with his compliments," said the man thrust ing a large basket in at the door, and disap-

pearing before a question could be asked.

Before the contents were half taken out, another rap came at the door, and another basket wos thrust in. "From the bakery, with Santa Claus' com

liments," said the man briskly, slamming Such a basket full of good things as that one was! The children stood about it in wide-eyed wonder, until little Paul broke the spell, by snatching a handful of brown gin-

proved to be good atout shoes for the children all around, was thrust in, and before the door could be closed, more bundles fol-

about the room in the wildest delight. Tom

nald, in an unsteady voice, for the child's trusting faith in Santa Claus, who had never brightened a Christmas for him, touched the rich man's heart as it had not been touched for many a month.

"I tell you where I live, an' how many there is, an' everything," cried Bobby,

See Transport Figure 1

Figure 1 for the first and the control of "Yes sir, they wear out faster than ma can mend 'em. Little Paul's only four, sir, an' I guess he'd like some candy best of anything, an' maybe, if 'tisn't too much, an orange, too. You'll remember little Paul, sir?"

"Yes, yes, I've got him down. Now who else?"

"There's Tom, sir. Tom is such a good brother, an' has to be out in the cold all day.

"Comptaints Filed.

Topeka, Dec. 24.—Six complaints were filled with the state board of railroad companies in the St. Louis & San Francisco road. They claim that all coal not owned by the railroad company that is shipped to that point costs them 21 cents per 100 pounds from Oswego, a distance of 124 miles, while the established rate of all other roads is only 91 cents. Of course

WASHINGTON.

THE SENATE AND HOUSE ADJOURNED UNTIL JANUARY 5th.

W. H. Pilkinton Kansas, Confirmed Receiver of Public Money at Wakeeney.

Senator Pendleton Reports Favorably on the Chinese Indemnity Bill.

Naval Appropriation Bill From the Senate, but Takes

courage. Take hundreds of the bravest men, unaccustomed to the confusion of battle, and jmarch them up to a breast work, and they will break and drop to the ground accustomed than would a hundred average men of the regular army that have become accustomed to obey the command of fall in, forward, and so forth. On this simple ruis of habit rests the existence of the regular army today in this grand republic. All parties agree it is becoming the aettled policy of our government to maintain the smallest kind of a regular army, more as a

government to maintain the smallest kind of a regular army, more as a school for instruction than for actual service. This army in case of invasion must be supplemented by militia, inamuch as the militia is the physical force on which the chief magistrate of the nation must mainly depend for the execution of his high office. It therefore becomes our duty as soldiers and citizens to aid as far as we may, to mould that militia into a form in which it may be made valuable when called into active service. There has been a bill introduced in congress by Gen. H. Slocum, the passage of which would be a long stride in the direction of the change. The whole bill substantially repeals the old antiquated system of militia devised by our revolutionary fathers and substitute the new one, far better adapted to our modern experience and while

youths we see growing up around us Every age produces its own workers, and the experience of mankind is that the agents

GENERAL NEWS.

DECISION RENDERED THE SHARON DI-VORCE CASE.

Sherman's Address.

New York, Dec. 24.—The military institution at Governor's island was at its best vesterday. A large gathering of heavers of heavy clad gentlemen met to listen to Gen. Wm. T. Sherman. Gen. Hancock presided. The sudience was one which was necessary to call to order. Gen. Sherman, in the course of his address upon the military necessities of the United States, said: "Whenever I approach any matter necessitating labor and study, I shrink from feeling disposed to claim all the advantages of retirement, and certainly that we may safely leave the future in the hands of the bright youths we see growing up around us. ron a Divorce from the Senator and Five Million Dollars.

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