

LOCAL BREVITIES.

H. E. Kemp received a carload of iron yesterday. J. Browning yesterday shipped a carload of hay to Colton, California.

W. F. McNulty & Co. received a carload of potatoes from California yesterday. Tonight will be Christmas Eve and the fireplace will receive its accustomed fringe of childish stockings.

J. F. Fisher brought a 3-year-old Durham heifer to town yesterday from his ranch that weighed 1430 pounds.

The Christian Sunday School will have an entertainment and Christmas Tree at the Christian Church this evening.

A Christmas entertainment will be given this evening at the M. E. Church, South, to which everybody is invited.

Judge Kibbey will reconvene court next Friday. He left yesterday for a short trip to Florence, expecting to return Thursday.

In the police court yesterday two Mexicans were held for drunkenness. John Shields was sentenced to fifteen days for drunk and disorderly.

Holmes, Gregory & Lindsey yesterday shipped a carload of lumber to Casa Grande. Part of the car goes to Florence, to be used on the new Methodist church being erected at that place.

A large party of friends and relatives of Mrs. George Marlar have gone to Camp Creek to spend the holidays with her. F. J. Duffy, Winthrop Sears and Perry Sears leave today to join the party.

Marshall Blankenship yesterday auctioned part of the Neilson jewelry stock purchased at Sheriff's sale by Kincaid & Kalisher at the old Kalisher store. A large number of clocks were sold and brought on an average their cost prices.

T. J. Trask is erecting a warehouse on the lot across the alley in the rear of his Washington-street store and will consolidate the business of both stores in the future to Washington street. H. E. Kemp will occupy the old Smith mill building.

The drama, "District Skale," will be given at the Opera House on the evening of January 2. The cast is made up of local talent, ranging between the ages of 10 and 70. It will be given under the auspices of the ladies of the Baptist Church and promises much entertainment.

Lieutenant Mendeloff, U. S. A., who arrived in Phoenix several days ago, started this morning with his wife and a number of assistants for the Gila River country to make a geological survey. The party took a wagon loaded with provisions and equipments for the trip, drawn by four horses. It will take probably two months to complete the work.

Arizona Lodge No. 2, F. and A. M., met in regular session last night and elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term: D. A. Reed, worshipful master; G. W. Mauk, senior warden; D. H. Burtis, junior warden; E. Ganz, treasurer; C. H. Knapp, secretary. Public installation and a lodge banquet will take place Monday evening December 29.

Frank T. McCoy is doing some very artistic fancy interior decorating in John Loosley's saloon. The foundation is a late style wall paper with raised designs. This is laid in panels and around each panel are blocks figured and finished in bronze and gold. The whole is painted in tints and almost every color is presented, forming a most harmonious and tasteful effect. Mr. Loosley will have, when it is completed, the handsomest saloon in the Territory.

G. Vargas, owner of the San Francisco mine, came in Tuesday night. Mr. Vargas has sunk a shaft about eighty feet on his mine and has about \$10,000 worth of ore in sight. He also has some good placer ground on the surface of his ledge. He brought down two gold nuggets, taken from the sand, that weighed respectively \$15.50 and \$18.50. He is at present working but two men, but with them and an old asrastra cleaned up \$450 last month.

Misses Irene and Josephine Buck entertained a small party of their friends, at their home on Van Buren Street, last evening. Music and dancing occupied the early part of the evening. Lunch was then served, after which the company engaged in various games until the time came to return to their homes. Among those present were Misses Serena Goodrich, Jennie Bryan, Libbie Gilbert and Mr. Wickersham and F. J. Duffy. All agreed that the evening was very pleasantly spent.

George M. Thurlow left on this morning's train for his home in Yuma.

Messrs A. J. Peters and Judge Hawkins were up from Tempe yesterday.

Judge William Lovell returned by this morning's train to his home in Tucson.

William Zent has gone to the mountains with a Government surveying party.

Ben Goodrich left yesterday morning for Tombstone, returning to San Diego from there.

Ex-United States Attorney O. T. Rouse returned by this morning's train to Tucson.

Joseph L. Geroux, of Jerome, A. T., and J. W. Gift, of Peoria, Ill., registered yesterday at the Commercial.

United States Attorney Jeffords and family returned to their home in Tucson by yesterday morning's train.

Miss Grace Griffith came down on yesterday's train from Tempe and will spend Christmas with her friend, Mrs. Daggs.

A. J. Howell, manager of J. S. Taylor's cattle ranch at Tonto, is in the city awaiting the arrival of Mr. Taylor from California.

A. Daggs came down yesterday from his ranch near Mesa. Mr. Daggs arrived from Flagstaff a few days ago with a large band of sheep which he has put on winter pasture.

Anson Clarke, father of Mrs. A. Redewill, and Miss Ora Bailey, a cousin of the same lady, are in Phoenix from Vallejo, Cal., to pay Mr. and Mrs. Redewill a visit of several months. Miss Bailey is said to be no tyro with the pen and several neat articles, illustrative of the beauties of residence in Arizona may be expected to appear in the Vallejo papers during the winter.

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Auction—Auction. I will sell at auction at the old I X L store, opposite City Hall, on Tuesday, December 23, at 11 a. m., a lot of first class clocks, suitable for Xmas presents, to the highest bidder.

J. W. BLANKENSHIP, 32-35 Auctioneer.

Everybody should always bear in mind that the place to get the best clothing for the least money is at Charles Ruf's merchant tailoring establishment, Tucson, A. T. Call and be convinced, if fine rooms at the Vendome. 31-38

See Redewill's ad of pianos. Best table board at the Windsor. 27th

Window Glass at Talbot & Hubbard's. A few regular boarders wanted at the Windsor. 27th.

Oh, Mamma! Eschman's holiday goods are nice. 16-17

Five cents a pound paid for clean rags at this office.

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Any one desiring to purchase novelties would do well to call at Borque's store on Monroe street, near the corner of Montezuma. He has a fine collection of feather cards, canes, Christmas cards of unique designs, and curios of Mexican art, all manufactured in Mexico. 24-1f

Don't READ THIS.—Baker's shaving parlor, formerly opposite Ellis & Brown's, has been removed to north side of City Hall plaza, two doors west of Thalheimer's music hall. Having secured a first-class barber from Los Angeles, all work guaranteed satisfactory. 23-1f THOS. S. BAKER.

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