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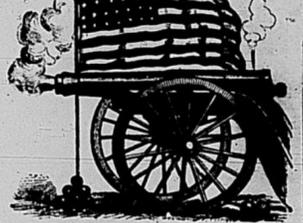
YANKTON, DAKOTA TERRITORY, SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1, 1876.

No. 213.

## TELEGRAPH.

4 o'clock, P. M.

### ONE GUN AT DAYBREAK.



A General Welcome to the Centennial Year.

The Colored Voters of Washington Strike the Key Note for 1876.

The Aggregate Mineral Product of the Mighty West.

A Fiendish Tragedy in Indiana.

A Butcher Boy is so Anxious to Experience the Sensation of Hanging that he Perishes in the Attempt.

Mississippi Sends up Another Chapter of Horrors.

Those Vacancies Created by the Fort Sully Investigation.

### Our Mineral Wealth.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—J. J. Valentine, general superintendent of Wells, Fargo & Co., publishes an annual statement of the production of the precious metals in the states and territories west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia and the west coast of Mexico during 1875, which shows an aggregate yield of \$80,889,037; being an excess of \$6,487,982 over 1874, which was the greatest previous annual yield in the history of the coast. Nevada, Colorado, Mexico, Oregon, British Columbia, Montana and Arizona show an increase, while California, Idaho, Utah and Washington Territory show decrease. The increase is actual, except for Mexico, Oregon and Arizona, where it is apparent rather than real. As compared with other years the regular products being accounted for, and reported hitherto omitted. The decrease in California in the main is occasioned by a stinted supply of water in placer and hydraulic mining. The present prospects indicate an aggregate yield of \$90,000,000 for 1876, of which Nevada will doubtless produce 50 million.

### A Dastardly Affair.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—A further investigation into the matter of the burning of Mrs. Gordon and 3 children at Enterprise, Ind., last Saturday, as detailed in these dispatches, leads to the belief that the woman and her children were murdered by some one unknown, and the bodies placed in the house and consumed for the purpose of concealing the crime. The object of the murder is supposed to gain possession of some money which Mrs. Gordon had in the house and barn, which was consumed as well as the house, and the two buildings are situated so far apart that it is believed that the burning of one would not have ignited the other.

### Welcome to the Centennial.

New York, Dec. 31.—Dispatches from all points promise a glorious welcome to 1876. In this city there will be a more than usual demonstration of joy. In Washington, the departments closed at noon that the employees might fit themselves for a proper reception of the centennial. Philadelphians are hastening homeward to participate in the festivities of to-night.

### The Mexican Troubles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Tucson says three companies of the U. S. cavalry made a forced march to San Rafael Sunday, finding all armed bodies had passed into Sonora. They returned and reported that Pesqueira's troops, while in Arizona, behaved badly, taking stock and grain without payment. The revolutionists scrupulously respected rights and property of all.

### Centennial Sharp-shooting Match.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The national rifle association of Great Britain has accepted the challenge of the New York association to take part in a match for small bores to be held in the United States during the Centennial celebration. Sir Henry Halford has been appointed captain of the English, and is now busily arranging preliminaries.

### More Marine Disasters.

MEMPHIS, December 31.—Capt. Haspham, agent of the underwriters, who returned from the wreck of the Minneola last night, reports that river pirates have stolen a large portion of her cargo. An attempt will be made to recover the machinery and cargo in her hull. The latest reports from the steamer Fort Gibson state that about three fourths of the cargo has been saved more or less damaged.

### Arrest of the Body Snatcher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Fairfield, Ia., received here this morning, announces that Dr. E. P. Wilder, who directed the exhumation of a corpse recently sent in a barrel to the express company's office, addressed to the Iowa Medical college, has been arrested and detained there. Officers were sent this morning to bring Wilder to Chicago.

### Winter in Utah.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 1.—There has been a heavy fall of snow during the past few days. There is 12 feet of snow on a level at Alta City. No mail from there during the past week. The Central Pacific train from the west was ten hours late in arriving at Ogden yesterday.

### Cable Reduction.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—On and after January first the Anglo-American telegraph's tariff for political and general news, other than commercial dispatches to the press, unabridged, and not in cypher, will be one shilling per word.

### Shipment of Gold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—One hundred and fifty thousand dollars in double eagle were shipped to Europe today.

### Rope Walker Injured.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Chip Thomson, a rope walker, was probably fatally injured by a fall from a rope at King and Royal sts., Alexandria, yesterday.

### A Pill for National Banks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The secretary of the treasury declines to receive checks and drafts in payment of debts due the government. This will prevent the national banks from the payment of their semi-annual duties in anything else than lawful money.

### Gobbled their Goods.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—The creditors of H. J. Hall & Co., dry goods and notions dealers, have attached the goods found in their store. Claims against the firm are said to amount to nearly a hundred thousand dollars; property attached valued at \$4,800.

### Cuba.

MADRID, Dec. 31.—Ed Cronista asserts that Gen. Jovillar, the newly appointed Capt. General of Cuba, is to put an end to all abuses in that island, irrespective of person or position, he will hold all offenders to full responsibility.

### Third Term.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the colored republicans yesterday the general sentiment was that President Grant should be nominated for a third term.

### The Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The public debt statement will be issued Monday next, the first business day of the new year.

### Award.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—Edward Thornton, of the U. S. and Mexican commission, has awarded \$683,000 in Mexican gold to the O'Brien silver mining Co., of New York to be paid by Mexico.

## NEW YORK.

### THE MINISTER MURDER.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Monday Minister, who shot his wife and child and then shot himself yesterday, died last night at the reception hospital. His wife lies in a comatose condition and is not expected to live many hours.

### WENT ASHORE.

NEW YORK, December 31.—A steamer went ashore off Babylon, Long Island, last night in a dense fog. Her name could not be ascertained nor assistance sent her. She kept up a continued whistling. The weather was mild and no wind. The fog still prevails.

### HANGED HIMSELF.

Gustav Guisky, a butchers boy aged 18 hanged himself in his employers ice house yesterday. Guisky and his employer were talking about the negroes who were hanged about a fortnight ago and the former said that he would like to experience the sensation of being hanged. He placed a rope over a hook in the ice house and putting his head in the noose, his feet slipped from under him and he was choked to death when found by his employer ten minutes after the conversation.

### HEAVY ROBBERY.

Last night thieves effected an entrance into Benedict Bros. jewelry store, under the Grand Central hotel and on some pretext or other managed to disarm suspicion of the persons in charge and chloroformed them and robbed the safe of \$25,000 dollars worth of jewelry and diamonds.

### Blood in Mississippi.

MEMPHIS, December 31.—A Vicksburg Mississippi special to the Appeal, reports a difficulty between the blacks and whites yesterday at Clinton, about sundown. Chas. Caldwell, ex-State senator, appeared on the streets much intoxicated and declared himself afraid of no man. A pistol was accidentally fired into the rear of a store which Caldwell entered and he ran into the cellar. The citizens ran into the store and Caldwell commenced firing and at the second fire Dr. E. G. Banks fell seriously wounded in the knee. The citizens returned the fire, mortally wounding Caldwell, and fearing further trouble the mayor telegraphed to the mayor of Vicksburg for assistance and at 9 o'clock last night 100 men left by train. No further trouble is apprehended.

### Resignations and Appointments.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The second comptroller of the treasury, and deputy second comptroller and third auditor, have sent their resignations to the president. Their positions have been offered to other persons. Several changes have been made to-day in the United States treasury office. Jerome C. Burnett, of Indianapolis, who has been for some months clerk in the office was appointed chief of the division of national banks, vice H. A. Gauntan, resigned; and Chas. H. Davidge, also of Indianapolis, is appointed chief of division of issue, vice H. N. Root. It is understood D. W. Harrington, for a long time clerk in the cash division will be appointed chief clerk.

### Fire.

GALVESTON, December 31.—A fire at Waco, Texas, this a. m., burned Marshall & Earleys block with entire stock. Loss \$20,000, insured for \$11,000; other loss \$6,000; supposed incendiaries.

Boston, December 31.—The McIndoe lumber Co's mill at Meladoc Falls, Vermont, burned this morning. The mills were owned by Eastbrook & Bowman. Loss is heavy; insurance, \$141,000.

### Rewarding the Deserving.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The President states that all disabled soldiers removed from position in the house of representatives have been given other places.

### Drowned.

OSWEGO, Dec. 31.—Wm. and Robt. Dickinson were drowned yesterday, while skating on the Oswego river.

### CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

PARTOR BRACKETS!  
COMB CASES!  
BOOK RACKS!  
CARD RECEIVERS!  
MUSIC RACKS!  
WALL POCKETS!  
MATCH SAFES!  
TOWEL RACKS!  
STEREOSCOPIC VIEW HOLDERS!

A full line of these beautiful Christmas novelties—all styles and prices. The patterns of these goods are entirely new and cannot fall to please.  
C. A. MARSHALL,  
Broadway.

## A New Year's Homily.

Well, reader of ours, here we have arrived at another of life's little emulations—for such we consider the first day of the year, standing out from other days as it were, consecrated to Memory and Hope. May both to thee be pleasant. It is a vain wish, we know; for however bright may be our hopes, memory, unless our lot has been an exception to the general lot of man, must be shrouded more or less in gloom. The light of past joys cannot dispel the shadows of past sorrows, or, as Byron has happily expressed it—

"Joy's recollection is no longer joy,  
While sorrow's memory is a sorrow still."

He is a fortunate man, who, in the passage of years, finds nothing to regret. If on this day our thoughts are not compelled to linger over the grave of some one near and dear to us, there are other graves over which we may mourn besides those containing the crumbling relics of mortality—graves of hours wasted—of talents neglected—duties unperformed—it may be friendships broken and affections crushed. And then again there are buried hopes strewn all along the past to darken the retrospect. Ever as the current of life sweeps on, wreck after wreck is cast up to mark the boundary of time's receding tide.

It is a blessed thing however, that as one hope expires, another one springs from its ashes to cheer us on. Were it not for this, man, of all beings would be the most miserable.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast"—winning us away with its siren voice from the contemplation of past troubles and present cares with promises of future good in store; and though we have been deceived again and again, yet we gladly repose our trusts in her, though the fruit she holds out to us turn to ashes on our lips. And it is well to be thus cheated—better a thousand times than to close our eyes to her song—our eyes to her light, and sit in darkness and gloom. Know, then, says Armstrong in his Art of Preserving Health

Know then, whatever cheerful and serene supports the mind, supports the body too. Hence, the most vital moment mortal is feel is hope; the balm and life-blood of the soul; it pleases and it lasts. Judgment heaven sent down the kind direction, through the paths of rugged life, to lead us patient on.

Let us then cherish our hopes; but let us not disregard the teachings of memory.

We have said this day is consecrated to these attributes. We stand on an eminence. On the one hand Hope smiling beckons to us and points to the future—on the other stands Memory, gravely pointing to the past—We follow the one; the other follows us. And it is well that she clings to us, for we are told that she is the mother of Wisdom, and we need her warning voice. Her admonitions shield us from temptation; her counsels lead us away from difficulties into which we are prone to plunge. If her voluble sister, Hope, present a sparkling cup to our lips, she dashes it aside and reveals to us the bitter with which it is dregged. If the former show to us a flowery path into which she would entice us, the latter points out the thorns which would beset every step, should we enter upon it. The one would have us rush blindly on, heedless of the past; the other experience-taught, whispers a word of caution, and bids us look behind before we shape our future course.

In tendering the compliments of the season to the reader, we earnestly trust that while Hope throws a cheering light along his path, Memory, like a faithful monitor, may be always at hand to guide him in safety—and that henceforth the one may shed as bright a light on the past as the other does on the future.

### NEW DEPARTURE!

On and after the 1st day of January 1876, my business will be conducted on the exclusively cash plan, being fully convinced that it is the only true plan by which justice can be done to buyer and seller. This conclusion has been arrived at after mature deliberation and long experience, and it is the intention to adhere strictly to the letter of this notice. Goods can and will be sold for a less margin for cash than on credit, and the public are invited to come and be convinced that this is a self evident fact. It is proper at the close of this year, 1875, to return our thanks to the many friends who have given us so liberally of their patronage, and hope the New Year will open bright with promises for every man, woman and child, (in fact would like to make you all a New Year's present if our purse was long enough.) In the future we may be found in Pennington's block, Third street, next door to postoffice, ready to mix medicine by hand power, as it is more economical than the horse plow.  
212 12 JOHN BREMNER.

Nice stock of childrens' and misses' furs, very low prices.  
KETCHUM & ACKLEY.

Beautiful plaid Poplins worth 40 cents—price reduced to 25 cents per yard at Ketchum & Ackley's.

## WILL THE NEW YEAR COME TO-NIGHT, MAMMA!

BY CORA M. FAGER.

Will the New Year come to-night, mamma—  
The lighted candles  
My stocking hung by the chimney side full three  
long days ago  
I try to peep within the door by morning's early  
light  
The baby still—oh, say, mamma, will the New  
Year come to-night?

Will the New Year come to-night, mamma? the  
snow is on the hill  
And the ice must be two inches thick upon the  
meadow's rill  
I heard you tell, papa, last night, his son must  
have a sled  
I didn't mean to hear mamma and a pair of  
skates, you said.

I prayed for just these things, mamma, O, I shall  
be full of glee  
And the orphan boys in the village school will all  
be envying me  
But I'll give them toys, and lend them books and  
make their New Year glad.  
For God, you say, takes back his gifts when little  
folks are bad.

And won't you let me go, mamma, upon the New  
Year's day  
And carry something nice and warm to poor old  
Mrs. Gray?  
I'll leave the basket near the door, within the  
garden gate  
Will the New Year come to-night, mamma? It  
seems so long to wait.

The New Year comes to-night, mamma, I saw it  
in my sleep  
My stocking hung so full, I thought—mamma,  
how many you weep?  
But it only held a little shroud—a shroud and  
nothing more  
And an open coffin, made for me, was standing  
on the floor!

It seemed so very strange, indeed, to find such  
Oral the toys I wished so much—the story book  
and sled  
But while I wondered what it meant you came  
And said, "Thou'lt find the New Year first; God  
calleth thee, my boy!"

It is not all a dream, mamma, I know it must be  
true!  
But have I been so bad a boy God taketh me  
from you?  
I don't know what papa will do when I am laid  
to rest  
And I have no Willie's head to fold upon  
your breast.

The New Year comes to-night, mamma—your  
cold hand on my cheek,  
And raise my head a little more, it seems so  
hard to speak  
You needn't all my stocking now, I cannot go  
and weep  
Before the morrow's sun is up I'll be so sound  
asleep.

I shall not want the skates, mamma; I'll never  
need the sled  
But won't you give them both to Blake, who  
hurt me on the head?  
He used to hide my books away, and tear the  
pages  
But now he'll know that I forgive, as then I tried  
to do.

And, if you please, mamma, I'd like the story  
books and sled  
To go to Frank, the drunkard's boy, you wouldn't  
let me have 'em?  
And, dear mamma, you won't forget, upon the  
New Year's day  
The last full of something nice for poor old  
Widow Gray.

The New Year comes to-night, mamma—it seems  
so very soon!  
I think God didn't hear me ask for just another  
time  
I know I've been a thoughtless boy, and made  
you too much care,  
And it may be for your sake, mamma, He doesn't  
hear my prayer.

There's one thing more; my pretty pets, the  
robin and the dove  
Oh, keep 'em and dear papa, and teach them  
how to love  
The garden rake, the little hoe—you'll find them  
Under the garret floor, mamma, the place where  
I last played.

I thought to need them both so much, when  
summer comes again  
To make my garden by the brook that trickles  
down the hill  
I thought to gather flowers, too, beside the forest  
walk  
And sit beneath the apple-tree, where once we  
sat to talk.

It cannot be—but you will keep the summer  
flowers green, my chick,  
And plant a few—don't cry, mamma—a very few  
I mean  
Where I'm asleep; I'd sleep so sweet beneath  
the apple-tree  
Where you and robin, in the morn, may come  
and sing to me.

The New Year comes! Good night, mamma—  
I lay me down to sleep.  
I pray the Lord—tell poor papa—"my soul to  
keep!"  
If—how cold it seems! how dark!—kiss me, I  
can not see.  
The New Year comes to-night, mamma; the Old  
Year dies with me.

First Lecture Free.  
Dr. Dewey, known as the lightning lecturer, of New York, will commence a course of scientific lectures at Valentine & Krudwig's new block on Broadway in this place on Monday evening, January 3d, 1876.

### The Weather.

What a glorious old fellow the weather is, and how he is always on hand when you want an item and can't find one? Did the subject ever strike you in this light before? It would if you belonged to the pencil pushing fraternity. But we have no space for puffing the weather on general principles, simply as a convenient subject for an item; what we desire to do is to call particular attention to the weather which has prevailed in Dakota during the month of December-1875. Even the old settlers who have become accustomed to our delightful winters have expressed themselves in terms of the warmest approval of the conduct of the weather clerk during the closing month of '75. For fifteen days of the month the mean temperature was above the freezing point and nearly every day has been clear and pleasant. Open doors and windows in dwellings and stores has been the rule three fourths of the month during the day time, There has been but four stormy days, and they didn't amount to much—just sufficient to remind the people of this American Italy that such things may happen even here.

### First National Bank.

The annual election for directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1876, at seven o'clock p. m.  
CHAS. E. SANBORN, Cashier,  
Yankton, Dec. 28, 1875.

## The American Flag.

It was one hundred years ago this morning that our patriotic forefathers in colonial congress assembled, adopted an ensign of nationality—the star spangled banner—our present national emblem, with the exception that the blue field is now adorned with a galaxy of 37 stars, representing 37 states, instead of 13. John Rodman Drake, a heroic poet, tells how the flag was formed; in these glowing words:

When Freedom from her mountain height  
Unfurled her standard to the air  
Swooped the azure robe of night  
And set the stars of glory there  
She mingled with his gorgeous dyes,  
The milky baldric of the skies,  
And striped its pure celestial white  
With streakings of the morning light  
Then from his mansion in the sun  
She called her eagle bearer down  
And gave into his mighty hand,  
The symbol of her chosen land.

### Opening of the Public Schools.

The winter term of the city public schools opens next week. The east primary on Capital street, Stone's block, and the west primary on Linn street, corner of 4th, begin on Monday, Jan. 3d, at 9 a. m. Pupils in the primer, first and second readers and beginners in the third reader attend the primary schools, those residing east of Douglas avenue, the east school, and those residing west, the west school. The secondary and intermediate schools, in the brown school house, on Walnut street, begin at 2 p. m., on Monday, Jan. 3d. On Tuesday, Jan. 4th, at 9 a. m. (the grammar school, and Wednesday, Jan. 5th, at the same hour, the high school will be opened for the reception of pupils. The grammar and high schools are located in the academy building on Walnut street. Advanced third reader pupils attend the elementary school, fourth reader pupils the intermediate and grammar schools, and fifth reader pupils and above, the high school.

### New Year's Cards.

The Press and Dakotian office has received a supply of cuts for the centennial year, 1876, and is ready to fill all orders for New Year's calling cards. Parties desiring cards are requested to hand in orders immediately, as we are desirous of filling them before the day arrives.

### Christ Church.

There will be divine service in this church on Saturday, January 1st, 1876, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

8 1/2 pounds choice Turkish Prunes for \$1.00 at KETCHUM & ACKLEY'S.

Good yard-wide bleached muslin @ 10 cts per yard. KETCHUM & ACKLEY.

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Ruber's choice lot of meat at H. I. Brown's. Also a choice lot of honey just received.

### COUGH CORDIAL.

Stop Your Cough!

The wonderful results and immense sale of **Haley's Cough Cordial** the past season, ought to convince the most skeptical; still we are going to continue the same liberal offer that we have made heretofore, viz. Any person suffering with a cold, cough, or sore throat, who will call at Mills & Purdy's, or any other Drug Store, and purchase a bottle of **Haley's Cough Cordial**, use one-half of it, and if they then conclude that it is doing them no good, they can return the balance and receive back their money. Who would not test this medicine on such liberal terms? No medicine ever sold in this vicinity that produced such wonderful results. All we ask is that you will try it. daw-6m

## FLETCHER'S

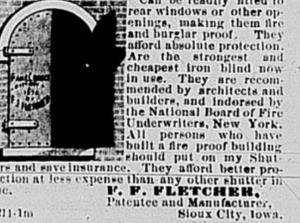
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