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WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY.—For the Middle States, a southwest wind, with local rains or snow, falling followed by rising barometer, except possibly higher temperature in the southern portion of the Middle States.

GREATER GLORIES

Have come with Christmas Week.

FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE ARMY OF MERRY-MAKERS ON THE EVE OF FESTIVE BATTLE, WHEREIN IS CONTAINED A MORAL MIXTURE WITH DIRECTIONS FOR USE AND KIND WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT FROM THE DISPATCH.

Last but Not Least.

We greet you all with joy and pride on this first morning of the week which ushers in the great festival, and for the coming and proper observance of which it has been our devoted task to prepare you.

Let all remember that it is not in presents, felicitations, and seasonal beverages and good things alone, that Christmas is joyous. There must be decorations of the homes and altars of the families—the flowers, the evergreens, and the innocent or rather pretended mysteries associated with some of them—the mistletoe, for instance.

Yes, all the old customs are charming. These surroundings and ornaments appropriate to the season add immensely to its beauty and happiness. Why, even at our time of life we never fail to hang up our stockings and wait for the little ones to see that would ruthlessly obliterate such traditions and customs, which carry with them a moral teaching more precious than gold, must be indeed materialistic and wicked.

And now, dear reader, having given you the directions for its use, with more of the means for celebrating Christmas.

WOOD'S, 419 Sixth street.—Well, gentlemen, we had just congratulated ourselves that we were about out of the woods and saw our way to the end of these notices.

THE CAVES OF LURAY.—At the New York Academy of Sciences, Monday evening, Mr. Isaac N. Merritt read a paper on the caves discovered in Luray, in Page county, Virginia. Mr. Merritt's paper was interesting and his descriptions vivid.

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boxes, elegant fancy-embroidered hostess, leather satchels, purses and pocket-books; together with cloaks, dolmans, ladies' furs, which they are closing out at less than cost, and all kinds of dry goods.

JOSEPH RYLAND & Co., 913 Main street.—This is an old house under a new firm name, and long known for its choice stock of classic and other books. They are now offering beautiful ladies' work-books, velvet frames, ladies' portfolios of every description, and card-cases; editions of poets, novelists, and historians; hymn-books, and children's toy- and picture-books ad infinitum.

WELL, gentlemen, it is to be hoped you are not going to be standing up there in that awkward fashion, with your feet on the floor, and your hands in your pockets, and your heads down, and your eyes on the ground, and your hearts in the clouds.

These young gentlemen are enterprising, energetic citizens, and when they say "Ho! for Christmas," they mean something. We have seen their store, and know that they have a stock which warrants such an exclamation.

GREEN'S, corner Broad and Second streets, in a sign of "Toys," which proclaims it from afar, and which "he who grows my read," is a place of great excitement for the children.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

FAMILY MARKETING—RETAIL PRICES.—The following were the prevailing prices for family marketing on Saturday:

Meats: Beef, 5 to 12c. per pound; mutton, 8 to 10c. per pound; lamb, 8 to 10c. per pound; veal, 8 to 10c. per pound; pork, 8 to 10c. per pound; sausage, 10c. per pound; smoked sausage, 10c. per pound; bacon, 10c. per pound; middling and shoulder, 8 to 10c. per pound; chipped beef, 25c. per pound; beef-tongue, 14c. per pound; liver, 8c. per pound; chickens, 10c. per pound; turkeys, 10c. per pound; tripe, 8c. per pound; fowls, Butter, &c. Live chickens, 16 to 20c. piece, or \$2.40 per dozen; dressed chickens, 8 to 10c. per pound; five turkeys, \$1 to \$1.20 a piece; dressed turkeys, 12 to 15c. per pound; live ducks, 25 to 30c. a piece; live geese, 50 to 60c. a piece; dressed geese, 8 to 10c. per pound; fowls are plentiful; squabs, 15c. per pair; squirrels, 5 to 6c. a piece; old hens, 15c. a piece; butter, 15 to 25c. per pound—choice, 25c.; hard, 10c. per pound; eggs, 25c. per dozen; milk, 8c. per quart; or 25c. per gallon; buttermilk, 4c. per quart, or 15c. per gallon.

Vegetables: Cabbage, 3 to 5c. per head; sweet potatoes, 25c. per peck; Irish potatoes, 20 to 25c. per peck; carrots, 10c. per dozen; cauliflower, 5c. per head; turnips, 10c. per dozen; rutabagas, 15c. per dozen; onions, 25c. per half peck; dried beans, 8c. per quart; white beans, 8c. per quart; dried blackeye peas, 5c. per quart; celery, 10 to 20c. per bunch; celery-roots, 10c. per bunch—they are plentiful; turnip, 15c. per peck; kale salad, 10c. per peck.

Fish and Game: Perch, 20 to 25c. per bunch; pan-fish, 20 to 25c. per bunch; large chubs, 12c. per pound; oysters, 60c. or \$1.50 per gallon; partridges, 12c. a piece, or \$1.50 per dozen. The display of fish was not so good as last Saturday.

PERSONAL—BRIEF ITEMS.—Mr. T. Wiley Davis, of Marshall Ward, who has been confined to his bed for some time past, is now much better, and will probably be out in a few days.

WILLIAM DAVIS, who was before the Police Court a few days ago and convicted, was not, we are requested to say, W. H. Davis, the fish-dealer in the First Market.

CANDY, explosive, and sharp-pointed instruments of all kinds are unobtainable unless enclosed in the manner prescribed by the Post-Office Department.

THE COMMITTEE ON CEMETERIES are endeavoring to prevent the depredations on certain graves in the City Cemetery. A warning will be kept to prevent any further robberies.

MODICE TRIBE, No. 51, I. O. R. M., will have their Christmas ball on Friday night next at Mechanicsville.

GOVERNMENT VESSEL.—The schooner yacht C. S. Crosby, of the United States coast survey, arrived here Saturday morning, to remain during the winter.

HOMeward BOUND.

Christmas recess for the General Assembly.

THE WORK OF SATURDAY—HALL OF THE HOUSE TO BE REARRANGED AND THE REPORTERS TO BE BETTER PROVIDED FOR.—SENATOR PAUL'S PLAN FOR APPOINTING CAPITOL CLERKS—RICHMOND BILLS PENDING—PERSONAL &c.

The two houses of the General Assembly on Saturday finished some little routine business, and adjourned to meet on the 6th day of January. As they now receive a stated salary, their time is more their own than formerly.

It is regarded as fortunate that they can see their people before concluding the election of county judges. It is probable that some judges who otherwise would have been decapitated will by this means be saved.

The Governor will spend the holidays at his home, in Winchester.

The newly-elected officers who are able to qualify by the 1st of January will on that day enter upon the discharge of their duties. The new clerks, as a body, will not be installed until the re-arranging of the two houses, as the caucus committee on apportionment of patronage has to report to the caucus before the heads of departments are authorized to act in this matter.

NEW LAWS.—In the House of Delegates Saturday, on motion of Mr. Frazier, it was Resolved, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, during the ensuing recess of the General Assembly, cap the desks of members of the House of Delegates to be so arranged in the hall of the House as to front the clerk's desk in semi-circular rows, and as far as practicable bring the same in front of the said clerk's desk, so as to bring the said desks as far as possible from the walls of the hall.

The following bills have been approved by the Governor:

Fixing the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the sixteenth judicial circuit.

Mr. Paul presented the following resolution: Whereas the public service requires that the employees in the various departments of the government should be honest, capable, and efficient persons, to be selected by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Second Auditor, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Commonwealth, shall nominate to the Senate suitable persons for employment in their respective offices, whose appointment thereto shall take effect after confirmation by the Senate.

his pleasure to withdraw the motion to lay on the table if the Senator desired it. He only inquired whether it would be in order to table Mr. President, said he, I most cordially withdrew it.

The resolution was then referred to the Committee on General Laws.

Senator Riddleberger, author of the "bed-room attachment" for caucus halls, was in Washington Saturday seeking a patent.

Being still of the opinion that "delays are dangerous," Senator Paul left the city Saturday night.

Sergeant-Arms Taylor has gone home to Fluvanna to explain how a deaf and dumb reporter can hear a debate. Joke him about it, and write it out for the newspapers.

Order from "these headquarters": "The order of young men heretofore assigned to duty as escort for the Dispatch reporters are hereby furnished until 7th January, when they will report in the rotunda of the Capitol for further service." By order Benjamin Wallace.

Notice: The key-holes, arch-ways, telephones, galleries, flues, and all other "attachments" at the Capitol for caucus-recess, are closed for the Christmas holidays.

For other "LOCAL" SEE FOURTH PAGE.

W. A. STEVENS, 505 BROAD ST. EST. Sells: Elegant Heavy Silk Umbrella, 26-inch, for \$2.10; Handsome Twisted Silk Umbrella, 25-inch, for \$2.00; Leather-Covered Photograph-Albums for 50c. 75c. \$1.12 to \$3.75; Embossed-Covered Photograph-Albums for 50c. 75c. \$1.12 to \$3.75; Silk-Net Frames for 15c. 20c. 25c. 30c. \$1.12 to \$1.75; 25c. the frame, at \$1.12 to best ever shown for the money; Motto Frames at 25c. 50c. 75c. \$1; Screw-Eyes and Picture-Ford, all sizes, very cheap; The Walnut Frames at 50c. are equal to a any town at 75c.; Drozes, Nickel, and Cut-Glass Inkstands at 50c. 75c. \$1; Elegant Glass Paper-Weights plain, engraved, and colored; Photograph-Frames, black, blue, and gilt engrav'd, at 10c. 15c. 20c.;

W. A. STEVENS SELLS: Walnut Writing-Desks at 99c. \$1.50, \$1.00, and Rosewood Curly Maple Japanese Desks at \$2 and \$2.25; Jeweled-Glove-Boxes, with gold lacquer, with pearl inlaying; Handkerchief Boxes, Jewelry Boxes, Trays, Shelves, Brackets, Wall-Pockets, Trays, Card-Boxes, Inkstands, Tidy-Cases, all at the very lowest rates.

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W. A. STEVENS SELLS: Glass Lamps, trimmed, for 25c.; French Bronze, Extra-Gilt, Verd and Bronze, Electric Lamps, both plain and with large figures, trimmed with 7-inch Argand Shade, with Illuminator or with New Engraved-Globes, at \$1; Fine Stone Top Lamps at \$2.25, \$3, \$3.75, \$5.

W. A. STEVENS SELLS: Elegant China Cups, with motto and without motto, in gilt and colors, at 25, 50, 75, 99c.; Handsome Chamber Sets, in all colors, cheap—common, fine, and with double gold bands; also a few fine Copeland Sets; A full assortment of Brilwood Porcelain Tableware; also, full lines from two American pottery; Washbasins and Pitchers at 55, 75, 90c. \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.35; Ladies' Fine Satelets at 67, 75, 90c. \$1.12, \$1.25, \$2.75;

W. A. STEVENS SELLS: Gentlemen's Travelling Bags and Valises at 90c. \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.10, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.12, \$3.75, \$4, \$4.25, \$4.50—either hard or soft, in black, brown, and red. The finest line in the city; Fancy Work-Baskets, Nursery-Baskets, Flower-Baskets, Handkerchief-Baskets, Glove-Baskets, Work-Stands, Nursery-Stands, of all kinds and at all prices; also, Luncheon-Baskets, Laundry-Baskets, Chamber-Baskets, very cheap.

W. A. STEVENS SELLS: Vases at 50c. a pair, Vases at 99c. a pair, at \$1.25 a pair, at \$2 a pair, at \$2.50 a pair, in alabaster, porcelain, black, brown, blue, and gray; Bazaar sets in two different decorations; Sets: Majolica Flower-Pots, Copadores, Card-Stands; Comforts reduced from 90c. to 50c.; Salt-Flats, Biscuits, reduced from 90c. to 50c.; Flower-Baskets, reduced from 99c. to 50c.; Pitchers, Teapots, and Bread-Trays; English-Jet three-piece Tea-Sets reduced from \$4 to \$2.25;

Majolica Tea-Tables reduced from \$5 to \$3.50; Salt-Creepers in Majolica, Terra-Cotta, Nickel, Tin, in blue, brown, vermilion, brown, and green, at 50c. 99c. \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$2 per pair; Solid WALNUT BLANKING-DRESSING TAPESTRY CARPET TONS, at \$1; TOY PIANOS (after case) THAT CLOSE UP LIKE A REAL "NOBBY" PIANO, at \$1; Accordions at 99c., \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$4.50; Pianos at 99c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60, \$75, \$100, \$125, \$150, \$200, \$250, \$300, \$400, \$500, \$600, \$750, \$1000, \$1250, \$1500, \$2000, \$2500, \$3000, \$4000, \$5000, \$6000, \$7500, \$10000, \$12500, \$15000, \$20000, \$25000, \$30000, \$40000, \$50000, \$60000, \$75000, \$100000, \$125000, \$150000, \$200000, \$250000, \$300000, \$400000, \$500000, \$600000, \$750000, \$1000000, \$1250000, \$1500000, \$2000000, \$2500000, \$3000000, \$4000000, \$5000000, \$6000000, \$7500000, \$10000000, \$12500000, 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