

ALMOST DESERTED.

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Congressmen Gone Home for the Christmas Holidays.

A Delegation of Blackfeet Visit the Great Father.

Stephen B. Elkins Sworn in as Secretary of War—Promotions in the Treasury Department to Be Made on Merit Only.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—There were few signs of life at the capital today. Most of the senators and representatives have left Washington for their homes, and there is no probability that any committee work will be done during the holidays.

BLACKFEET VISIT THE GREAT FATHER. The delegation of Blackfoot Indians who are visiting this city were given a reception and audience by the president this afternoon.

A TIN PLATE DECISION. Acting Secretary Spaulding has decided that tin plates made in this country from imported block tin are to be considered as domestic productions within the meaning of the tariff act, just as if no foreign material entered into their manufacture.

ELKINS SWORN IN. Secretary of War Elkins was sworn into office today. Chief Clerk Tweedale administered the oath of office.

He spent a few hours receiving the officials of the war department and left the city on the afternoon train for Elkins, West Virginia, where he will spend Christmas with his family.

LIBBES BROTHERS' TOBACCO.

In the matter of the importation of Sumatra tobacco by Libbes Brothers, San Francisco, the customs department sustains the firm's appeal against assessment on forty-one bales which it was claimed should have been assessed as fillers at 45 cents a pound, instead of wrappers at \$2 a pound, but sustains Collector Phelps in the duty fixed on 200 bales of wrappers.

PROMOTIONS ON MERIT.

Pursuant to directions embraced in a letter from the president to the head of each department, the secretary of the treasury has completed a plan which will take effect on the 1st of January, under which all promotions in the treasury department will hereafter be made on the basis of merit only, and as the result of competitive examinations, each examination for promotion to any grade to be confined to the clerks in the next lower grade in the same office or bureau. As part of the plan thus adopted, a daily record will be kept of the efficiency of each clerk by the chief of his division, and in all examinations this efficiency record will be the element of chief weight. The efficiency record will give the daily standing of each clerk for punctuality, attendance, conduct (including personal habits), accuracy, industry, aptitude and general ability. This new departure, with which the officials of the treasury department are in full accord, is regarded as removing all promotions from the domain of political influence and official favoritism, and places them exclusively on the basis of merit.

WINDOW'S ESTIMATES.

The attention of the treasury department was recently called by a correspondent of a newspaper to the statement to the effect that in his annual estimate of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1891, the late secretary Window overestimated the receipts of revenues \$52,000,000, and underestimated the disbursements \$67,000,000. The facts shown by the books of the department are given in the following letter from Assistant Secretary Nettleton to H. L. Kettle of Washington.

The published statement is entirely erroneous. In his annual report Secretary Window estimated the total receipts, including the postal service, at \$472,000,000; the actual receipts proved to be \$487,907,946. Remembering the tariff legislation, the McKinley bill made radical changes, the most of which took effect after the date of the report. In the same report Window estimated the total expenditure, including the disbursements for the postal service, to be \$420,000,000 for the same fiscal year. The actual expenditures prove to have been \$444,857,768, an increase of nearly \$25,000,000 over the estimate. This excess is almost wholly accounted for by the expenditures growing out of legislation enacted, and judicial decisions rendered after the date of the report, which, therefore, could not have been taken into contemplation in the estimate. The principal item of this kind is \$11,521,000 refund of direct taxes.

LAI D TO REST.

Last Tribute of Respect Paid to the Late Senator Plumb.

EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 24.—All that was mortal of the late Preston B. Plumb was placed beneath his native soil today. The city was in mourning; flags on the public buildings were placed at half-mast, business houses were draped in black, and nearly every private residence displayed emblems of mourning. The services of the day commenced with a private funeral service at the family residence of the simplest nature. It was attended only by members of the family, congressional delegations and a few intimate friends. The service consisted only of prayer and the singing of a hymn. The funeral car was then escorted to the church. On arrival at the church the casket was placed upon a catafalque and the lid removed. At 2 o'clock funeral services were held at the church, at the conclusion of which the procession reformed and proceeded to the cemetery, where the remains of the distinguished senator were placed in their last resting place.

Mrs. Plumb and Amos, the elder son, were too ill to attend the services at the church. W. H. Plumb, the senator's father, and his three brothers, accompanied by the senator's other children attended the services at the church. At the cemetery the services were conducted by the G. A. B. At the conclusion of the services, three comrades stepped forward and each deposited a beautiful floral wreath upon the casket. As the body was lowered into the grave, three volleys were fired by the Emporia guards; the bugler sounded "taps" and the multitude dispersed.

A HUSBAND'S GRIEF.

His Wife Burned to Death While Saving Her Infant Son.

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 24.—William Condon and his young wife and 2-year-old child arose about 6 o'clock this morning, and lighting a lamp and placing it on a table, Condon went down to the train to meet a relative. Soon after he left, the child pulled the table over, the lamp falling on him and setting his clothes on fire. The mother seized her child, and succeeded in saving his life, but at the sacrifice of hers, for her clothing caught fire. She ran out of the house, rolled twenty feet, and was found lying near the woodshed, almost nude and horribly burned. She was carried to a neighbor's house in a blanket and expired soon after. The boy was burned about the back, but will recover. The house was totally consumed. It was owned by O. E. Nash. No insurance. Another family living in the house lost everything. The husband is paralyzed with grief.

A NOVEL SUIT.

Russell Sage to Be Canceled for Sacrificing Clerk Laidlaw. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Evening World says: Unless a compromise is effected, Russell Sage will probably be made the defendant in a most novel suit. The preliminary steps have been taken to bring an action against the millionaire for heavy damages for having used broker's clerk W. B. Laidlaw to shield himself from the dynamite which exploded his bomb in Sage's office. It is understood the amount of damages to be claimed has been placed at \$100,000. The suit will be based upon the allegation that the millionaire deliberately held the broker's clerk between himself and the menacing dynamite, with the result that Sage's life was saved at the expense of horrible injuries to Laidlaw.

BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER.

A Fraternal Feud Carried Beyond the Verge of the Grave.

CARSON, Nev., Dec. 24.—Lawrence Siddons, a watchmaker, died yesterday of Bright's disease and was buried today. Tim Dempsey telegraphed to his brother, William M. Siddons, in Sacramento, who had returned from the front. "I have no brother that I know of in your city," (Signed) William M. Siddons. When the civil war broke out Lawrence turned to the south, William to the north. This action brought about a feud, and they frequently passed each other on the street without speaking. William, in anger, stated that he had disowned Lawrence as his kin, and has ever since kept it up.

DONATION DAY.

Public School Children Observe a Time-Honored Custom at Grass Valley.

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Dec. 24.—Today was observed by the public school children as donation day. Each pupil brought something to school for distribution to the poor, through the ladies' auxiliary society. The little children carried paper bags of potatoes or small sticks of wood, and the large pupils bore heavier gifts. The people of the town caught the enthusiasm, and large quantities of provisions and other things needed were sent to the high school. The brass band volunteered music and helped to swell the number of gifts to the poor. This custom has been annually observed here for ten or twelve years.

WORSE FOR WEAR.

The Steamer Humboldt Caught in a Gale and Badly Battered.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The steamer Humboldt arrived from Eureka and Field's landing this morning with passengers and merchandise to Kalish & Co. The steamer looked considerably the worse for wear, and Captain Grant will not sail the ship again for several trips to come. The Humboldt got caught in the same storm that played havoc with the City of Puebla, and suffered in consequence. The captain has a broken leg, one seaman is badly cut up and the first mate, Peter Bone, is "sore all over."

RAILWAY TELEGRAPHERS.

Chief Ramsey Confering with Committees of Other Orders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Chief Ramsey of the Brotherhood of Railway Telegraph Operators of the United States, arrived here today. On Saturday next a conference will be held by Ramsey and grievance committees from the western divisions of the trainmen, operators, conductors, engineers and railway machinists' orders, and the Southern Pacific and other roads will be asked to withdraw their objections to railway employees becoming members of those orders.

HAPPY POMONA.

The Los Angeles Abstract Company Does a Graceful Act.

POMONA, Cal., Dec. 24.—As showing its sympathy with the land owners here whose titles were clouded, the Los Angeles Abstract Company offers gratuitously to furnish each with a certificate of title and an accurately prepared deed for the trustee to execute. Revised estimates of the damage to the orange and lemon crop in this valley, by the late storm, are that it will not exceed 20 per cent.

Teachers' Institute Adjourned.

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Butte county institute closed its session yesterday after a three days' session. Resolutions were adopted inviting the state teachers' association to hold its next session here, favoring the continuance of the publication of text books by the state, with such revisions as are deemed necessary by the best instructors in the state, and instructing teachers to use their efforts to enforce the law regarding compulsory education.

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 24.—The teachers' institute has adjourned. There was a large attendance. State Superintendent Anderson was here; also Superintendent Fisher, of Oakland. All the teachers in the county attended but two.

Oblivious of His Fate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Edward M. Field manifested no feeling in the decision rendered by the lunacy commission in his case. He is seemingly oblivious to his surroundings and to his fate, as heretofore. He refuses food. He refused himself to all callers today, and denied himself that which seemed to have been his only comfort—the newspapers.

Chief Mayes' Successor.

TABLEQUAH, I.T., Dec. 24.—C. J. Harris has been elected principal chief of the Cherokee nation to succeed J. B. Mayes, who died last week. Harris served in the senate as a delegate to Washington and was recently elected treasurer of the nation. Stephen Teehee was elected second chief.

If you want anything read our classified ads.

FLOUNDERING IN FOG.

Cheerless Christmas Weather in England.

The Country Enveloped in a Dense Mist.

London Completely Obscured From the Light of Day.

Business at a Standstill—People Afraid to Venture Out—Travel by River and Rail Rendered Exceedingly Hazardous.

Associated Press Dispatches.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The fog that settled down over the city on Tuesday last still hangs over it and everywhere it is as black as night. Business is interrupted and the money loss is serious, as people will not venture out, even to make Christmas purchases. It is impossible to see further than a few inches in any direction. River traffic is greatly hindered. The fog is not only prevalent in London, but it extends over a wide section of country. It is without exception the worst visitation of the kind that has come to England for years. Fears are entertained that if such thick weather prevails off the coast, it will be the cause of many disasters to shipping, particularly to vessels bound up and down the channel. The weather is so bad that but few people venture into the streets, unless they are absolutely compelled to. The saddest feature of the situation is the great loss of life caused by people losing their way and falling into rivers, canals and ponds. Already seven bodies of unfortunates who have fallen into the river and were drowned have been recovered. Four other men and girls are reported missing, and there is scarcely any doubt that they perished as the others did.

A dispatch from Leeds states that three men, while walking beside a canal, lost their way in the fog and fell into the water and were drowned. Several persons were killed on the railway.

It is impossible for trains to run on their regular time. Many trains from suburban points did not reach London until two hours after their regular time. The business of the city generally is suffering because of the phenomenal density of the fog, and in some cases it is entirely suspended.

Advices from points in the eastern part of England show that the fog is prevalent along the whole length of the eastern coast. On the river Tyne the shipping industry is almost at a standstill, it being deemed too dangerous to send vessels away from the wharves. Rains on the trunk lines in the north of England have greatly delayed trains. The atmosphere is so thick that the usual signals can hardly be seen, and engineers are compelled to use the greatest care to avoid collisions. The Scotch express came in today five hours late.

Walking about the docks is extremely dangerous, even to those thoroughly acquainted with all the nooks and crannies. Three dock constables have lost their lives during the fog. These men lost their sense of locality, became bewildered, walked into the river and were drowned.

Steamers engaged in the channel service are making trips, but are greatly retarded. A number of skating accidents are reported. The fog causes the ice to become rotten very rapidly, and the result has been that many skaters have broken through and drowned.

The fog is a boon to the gas company; everybody who uses gas has been compelled to burn it all day, and an enormous quantity has been, and is still being consumed. The gas supply at the general postoffice failed today, and for some time London's mail service was in a state of great confusion. Hasty requisitions were made for lamps and candles. Two passenger trains came into collision at Barnby Junction today and were badly damaged. One of the engine drivers, a guard and one passenger were killed, and fourteen other persons injured.

THE RUSSIAN FAMINE.

Gloomy Reports Suppressed—Starving Peasants to Build the Siberian Railway.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A letter has been received from Moscow declaring that when the governors of the famine-stricken provinces submitted most gloomy reports to the central famine committee, it refused to allow the reports to be sent to the czar, and insisted that they be modified. Acting under instructions, when the governors were given an audience by the czar, they told him matters in their respective provinces were satisfactory and that the situation was improving.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—It is reported that some time ago the government intended to employ thousands of the inhabitants of the famine-stricken provinces in the work of constructing the transiberian railway, which is to connect Vladivostok, the Russian port on the Pacific, with European Russia. At present an enormous number of convicts are employed. Despite the guardians they escape, and the work will fall upon the unoffending inhabitants of the country. So frequent have become the complaints against these men, that it seems the government will be compelled to abandon the use of convicts.

DAVITT SNOWED UNDER.

The Parnellites Carried the Election in Waterford.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Contrary to general expectation the election in Waterford city yesterday, to fill the vacancy in the commons caused by the death of Powers, passed off without any serious disturbance of the peace. The Parnellites carried the day. This is the first bye-election carried by that section of the Irish party since the split occurred. The returns show that John E. Redmond (Parnellite) received 1725 votes, and Michael Davitt (McCarthyite) 1229. The announcement of the official figures which increased Redmond's majority to 540 was received with the wildest enthusiasm. Four hundred extra police are on duty in Waterford city, and it is thought this force will be able to restrain the victorious Parnellites within safe bounds. Both Redmond and Davitt left Waterford this afternoon for Dublin. Notwithstanding all the excitement that marked the Parnellite triumph, there

have been no disorders of any consequence on the streets, and the police had no occasion to exert themselves to any extent.

FIGHTING FOR RELIGION.

An Attempt to Close Monasteries in Mexico Results in Trouble.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 24.—The district judge recently issued orders to the police and troops for closing four monasteries in Puebla, on the ground that the maintenance of these institutions by the government is contrary to law. Upon the carrying out of the judge's orders today the people revolted and a fight between the people on one side and the police and soldiers on the other followed, during which one person was killed and four others wounded. Accounts of the affair are conflicting. The clergy, on the one hand, assert that they were torn from the altars, leaving the sacrament exposed, dragged through the streets by a troop of soldiers and subjected to many humiliations. The populace rose en masse and offered considerable resistance to the troops, crying: "Viva la religion!" "Death to the Masons!" Twenty-six priests were arrested. Puebla is in a state of intense excitement. Governor Marquez of the province is absent, and Acting Governor Arrijo, who is really responsible for the order, has sent an envoy to the city of Puebla.

CANADIAN BOODLERS.

Astonishing Revelations Concerning the Merceries' Stealings.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Astonishing revelations are being made as to the operations of the Merceries during their control of the provincial government of Quebec. The new treasurer of the province, on taking possession of the office, at once instituted an investigation, and announces a startling state of affairs. The late government's last financial statement showed a deficit for the year of \$600,000. There has been found an item in the books called "special expenditures," which swells the total deficit or excess of expenditures over receipts, to \$2,258,000. The department is now engaged in tracing where this extra \$1,600,000 has gone to.

A Sugar Beet Factory Assured.

SANTA ANA, Dec. 24.—At a beet sugar meeting at Garden Grove last night 1000 acres, with a partial promise of 500 more, were promised by Dr. Phenegeer of Anaheim. Seven hundred have already been promised at Garden Grove. The factory is an assured thing.

Did Not Abet Bardley.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The grand jury today ignored the bill of indictment charging Robert Glendinning and George Hulsh, bankers and brokers, with aiding and abetting ex-City Treasurer Bardley in embezzlement.

Dr. Hall's Assailant Acquitted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—John George Roth, the would-be murderer of Rev. Dr. Hall, of this city, was acquitted today on the ground of insanity.

Cable Car Accident.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—Cable cars this morning collided with a wagon, fatally injuring two persons and seriously injuring six others.

A Distillery Destroyed.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—The Nebraska distillery was destroyed by fire this afternoon. Loss, \$100,000; fully insured.

First Lord of the Treasury.

The promotion of Mr. Balfour, formerly chief secretary for Ireland, to be first lord of the British treasury may be taken as conclusive proof that the Conservatives do not intend to recede from their position in Irish affairs, for the appointment cannot be construed in any other light than as an approval of the ex-secretary's course. The Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, M. P., P. C., F. R. S. (he is all that and more), is forty-three years old, a graduate of Trinity college, Cambridge, and a writer of ability. His work, entitled "A Defense of Philosophic Doubt," ranks very high among British thinkers of the new school, and he is even more esteemed at the universities than among politicians.

Cool Weather Wear.

Silk gloves are made for cool weather, lined with fleece. They are flexible and cozy and warm. Mitts will be mostly small and in shape long rather than round. Many are of velvet or the dress goods bordered with fur. Some of them are of velvet or cloth richly embroidered in the middle, often with a monogram or device. Fur will also border nearly all the walking boots.

The reporter is, of all men, the most hard worked; his life is all excitement, and he has to work all unreasonable hours; he, of course, suffers with colds and cough, but he is always well enough to secure at once a bottle of Dr. Williams' Cough Syrup.

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AMONG THE LOWLY.

Christmas Tide at the Charitable Institutions.

A Rare Spread at the Soldiers' Home Today.

The Musical Services This Morning at the Different Churches.

Special Dinners at the Orphan Asylums, Newsboys' Home and the Hospital—The Services of Song.

All of the public institutions of a charitable character have made special preparations for Christmas dinners today. At the Soldiers' home, where there are now 800 inmates, the following general orders for the observance of the day have been issued by Governor Treichel:

- 1. Friday, the 25th inst., being Christmas day, will be observed at this branch as a general holiday, and all labor, except such as is absolutely necessary for the comfort of the members, will be suspended during the day.
2. Religious services will be held in the home chapel at the usual hours for service.
3. At 12 o'clock m. the Christmas dinner will be served in the mess hall and at the hospital.
4. Music by the home band before and after dinner.
The Christmas dinner at the home will be one that will warm the hearts of the veterans, judging from the preparations which have been made for it. Colonel Treichel has been a busy man in the preparation for the event, and when the "mess call" sounds today the "boys" will sit down to the following toothsome spread:

- Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Giblet Sauce, Cranberry Jelly, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Bread and Butter, Pickles, Crackers and Cheese. Fruit.
A grand concert will be one of the enjoyable features of the day at the home. The appended programme has been arranged for the occasion:
Home band, Prof. Fred Elver, band master.
Grand march, "The Governor," G. D. Sherman.
Overture, "The Rivals," Patti.
Waltz, "When we meet again," E. H. Bailey.
Selections, "Ernani," Verdi.
Gloria "Mozart's Twelfth Mass."
Everyone's choice, Rollinson.

THE NEWSBOYS' HOME.

Down at the Newsboys' home on First street, there were notes of preparation in the air for Christmas. There are a score of sturdy little inmates in the home at present, and as they gathered in the reading rooms last night their faces beamed with pleasurable anticipations of the morrow.

"Shall we hang up our stockings to-night, Ann Hibbitt?" asked a little fellow as he looked up the stairs to the dormitory on the third floor.

"Yes, my boy," said the matron, "Santa Claus surely won't forget you."

A turkey dinner will be given the boys with all of the usual trimmings. In the morning, through the liberality of Mr. E. Germain, the boys will indulge in a Christmas treat, consisting of oranges, raisins, apples, peanuts and candies. On Saturday evening an entertainment will be given in the reading room. It will consist of music and recitations by Mr. Dill, Miss Gertie Finney, Pearl Gleason and others, and the boys are looking forward to it with manifest delight. Quite a number of donations have been made to the Newsboys' home by charitable citizens, which will come in handy for the Christmas celebration.

THE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

At the Catholic orphan asylum, on Boyle Heights, the day will be commemorated with special observance. Through the liberality of Mrs. L. A. Grant, the 250 inmates will receive a candy treat. Quite a large number of presents have been sent to the children by friends, and by those who take an interest in this deserving institution, and Sister Josephine expects to give the children a substantial Christmas dinner of turkey and the usual accessories.

At the Los Angeles Orphans' Home asylum, on Alpine street, the inmates, 120 in number, will be given a Christmas treat consisting of candies, nuts and fruit, through the kindness of those public-spirited citizens who have an interest in the asylum. A special Christmas dinner will also be provided. At the county home and the county hospital special dinners will be given to the inmates, and all that kind hearts and tender hands can do will be done to alleviate the pangs of the suffering and distressed, and make the day one of pleasant memories to all.

AT THE COUNTY JAIL.

At the county jail Sheriff Gibson will make the hearts of the ninety inmates glad with an elaborate Christmas dinner. He is the donor of the dinner and has been in consultation with Warden Pallett for some time about the subject. The dinner will consist of roast sucking pigs, roast turkeys, chickens and ducks, with cranberry and apple sauce, sweet potatoes, vegetables and mince pies, and the inmates of the jail will have occasion to remember Christmas, 1891.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES.

At St. John's Episcopal church elaborate preparations have been made for the proper observance of the day. The church has been tastefully decorated with evergreens, holly and flowers. There will be two services tomorrow, the first being a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a. m., and will service consisting of morning prayer, sermon by the rector and holy communion at 11. The choir has been augmented for the occasion. A surprised choir is in contemplation, and will probably be ready for Easter.

At St. Paul's Episcopal church the Sanctus, from Gounod's solemn mass, will be sung by William Foran, with a selection from Jerusalem for the offertory, assisted by the boys' choir.

THE CATHEDRAL.

The musical services at the cathedral this morning will be of a solemn and impressive character. At 5 o'clock this morning solemn pontifical mass will be celebrated by the bishop. Weber's mass in G will be rendered entire. The leading singers are: Mrs. G. Garo-Dely, Mrs. B. Gardner, Josef Rubo and M. Laub, assisted by a full chorus at the offertory, Adeste Fideles. After this mass low masses will follow every half hour to 9 o'clock. At 10 a. m. high mass, Gounod's Messe Solenne in seven parts. Special trio, Mrs. B. Stanbury, soprano; J. F. Nuelle, tenor; Prof. J.

R. Stoll, bass. Special quartette, Mme. Garo-Dely, Mrs. B. Gardner, Mr. Sedofsky, Mr. Josef Rubo and a grand chorus; also harps, a violin and a contra bass. A. G. Gardner, organist. Vespers at 7:30 p. m.

The English Lutheran Sunday school Christmas service (not an entertainment) will take place at 7 o'clock on Friday evening. The service will include songs, scripture readings and the presentation of gifts. The occasion will be of more than usual interest.

Simpson M. E. Sabbath school will hold their Christmas entertainment tomorrow evening. Santa Claus will be there and his wife. A musical and literary programme will precede the distribution of gifts.

ST. VINCENT'S CHURCH.

The Christmas services at the St. Vincent's church will be of a very interesting character this year, as great care has been taken in the preparation of the ceremonial and musical portions of the service. The Very Rev. Father A. J. Meyer, C. M., rector of the parish, will be the celebrant, assisted by a deacon and sub-deacon, master of ceremonies, censer bearers and acolytes. The altars will be beautifully decorated and illuminated by numerous flowers and candles, and the impressive ceremonies conducted with all the pomp and dignity befitting this great feast.

The painstaking management of the choir has devoted much care to the musical features of the celebration, and the following programme, consisting of the best portions of their finished repertory, has been selected:

- Kyrie, from Haydn's Imperial Mass; Gloria, from Mozart's Twelfth Mass; Credo, from Haydn's Fifth Mass; Sanctus, from Haydn's Imperial Mass; O Salutaris, duo with violin and cello obbligato, Signor Romandy; Agnus Dei, alto solo and chorus; Rossini; Unfold ye Pearls, Gounod. For the offertory, the Adeste Fideles with solos, by Bertha Roth, Mrs. J. Alton, C. J. Ellis and F. A. Walton, has been selected; Postlude, Pilgrim chorus, from Wagner's Tannhauser, by the orchestra. Mrs. Dr. M. M. Cannon will sing the Veni Creator by Giorza; C. S. Walton the Et Incarnatus Est, and Miss Katherine Kimball and Mrs. J. J. Schaller, Romandy's O Salutaris, which was composed expressly for this church and occasion.

The following well-known ladies and gentlemen constitute the choir: Soprano, Miss Katherine Kimball; Miss Bertha Roth, Miss M. Rohr and Mrs. Dr. M. M. Cannon; alto, Mrs. J. Alton, Mrs. J. J. Schaller and Miss Helen Roth; tenors, Messrs. C. J. Ellis and C. S. Walton; baritone, Messrs. F. A. Walton and J. J. Schaller; basso, Prof. Weisendanger; organist, Prof. T. W. Wilde. Signor Romandy's orchestra will assist throughout the entire service, which begins at 10:30 a. m. Friday.

THE RESULT OF MERIT.

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