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It is not believed that the electoral vote of Georgia will be counted.

ONLY about twenty-five congressmen are left in Washington during the holidays.

QUITE a number of senatorial elections will be held within the next four weeks.

If the republicans do not elect a senator from Tennessee, it will be a dark horse, and most likely a scrub.

SOME Ohio Democrats are green enough to suppose that they can defeat John Sherman for senator. Not much.

THE amount lost to the government through fraudulent pension claims is estimated at from four to six millions per annum.

THE Nashville Banner wants a "Joe Brown" to represent Tennessee in the senate. That is well enough, but where is he?

JUSTICE SWAYNE, of the supreme bench, is 76 years old and will retire next month. It is generally known that Stanley Matthews will succeed him.

SOME of the ever faithful, slimon pure democracy in this city are alarmed lest a republican should yet announce himself and be elected mayor.

It is said that this is the merriest Christmas for Samuel J. Tilden that he has had for many a year. He is general and the democratic party in general and John Kelly in particular.

SENATOR BAILEY has arrived at Nashville. He is pipe-laying with a view of becoming his own successor. If the democrats are to succeed at all, we have no objection to Bailey. He is one of the best of our unreliable party.

THE city fathers of Atlanta are preparing to move against a "coal ring" about which there is loud complaint. The object of the movement is, either to fight the coal dealers or to bulldoze the tax payers into building the proposed Georgia Western road.

EX-ATTORNEY GENERAL AKERMAN, for a time a trustee general in Grant's cabinet, who died a few days ago, was in the confederate army as ordnance sergeant under Gen. Bob Tombs. After the close of the war he became an active and consistent republican.

SENATOR JONES, of Louisiana, had the cheek to oppose the confirmation of Judge Woods, because he was a "carpet bagger," while he himself is a "carpet bagger" from Illinois. He was re-minded of this fact, and must have felt some slight appreciation of mental liteness.

THE disposition to dab every democrat who criticizes the foolishness of his party a "flapper," does not prevail to so large an extent as it did. The dictators are learning that freedom of speech will be exercised, even by some of those who have voted the democratic ticket.

DR. PRICE, of the Holston Methodist, comes out in a long editorial in which he speaks approvingly of Rev. Dr. Haygood's thanksgiving sermon. A man of his good sense could not do otherwise, and right here we will observe, no one has ever accused Dr. Price of being an enemy to the south.

CHRISTMAS, merry Christmas, is at length here, and our heart is filled with charity for all. We therefore, out of the abundance of the heart, offer a big Christmas gift (a ginger-cake here) to the local Webster, who can sell us what modern democracy means. There, now is your chance. Don't all speak at once.

A NASHVILLE exchange says that Tennessee will soon be dotted over with four mile circles, in which will be erected houses sacred to education and temperance. No liquor establishment can now be licensed outside of an incorporated city, within four miles of a chartered institution of learning. It is a war of school houses against liquor shops.

MR. E. H. MATTHEWS, of McMinn county, is announced through the columns of the CHRONICLE as a candidate for clerk of the Tennessee house of representatives. Mr. Matthews is a gentleman of excellent business qualifications, thoroughly competent to discharge the duties of that position, and enjoys the esteem of all who know him. He would make an efficient clerk.

THE theory was advanced freely a few years ago, after the abolition of slavery, that the colored race would grow weaker and weaker and finally die out. The recent census does not support this theory. In a large number of states it shows that the ratio of increase among the colored population is much larger than the white. This is true of Alabama, South Carolina, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

TELEGRAPHIC.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 24.—The office of the Southside Sentinel, published at Burkeville, Va., was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, together with the type and fixtures. The fire originated in a stove pipe. The loss is heavy. No insurance.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 24.—At Chatham, Pittsylvania county, last night the telegraph office, passenger depot and express office were burned. A large quantity of express and freight was consumed, also \$400 in money. The origin of the fire is unknown.

TEXAS NEWS.

GALVESTON, TEX., Dec. 24.—The News has the following specials: "Brenham, Tex., Dec. 24.—The store of Davis & Breedlove, at Independence, burned yesterday. Insured for \$75,000.

SHERMAN, TEX., Dec. 24.—In a difficulty resulting from one calling the other a hog thief, John Henser was killed and H. Harkay badly wounded.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—11 A. M.—The stock market opened generally firm, with active speculation in early dealings. Prices advanced 1/4 to 1/2 per cent., the latter in Union Pacific. Chicago, Burlington and Quincy was also notably strong, and sold up to 2 1/2 per cent.; fluctuations in the general list were within.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—In a billiard match last night Vignaux made 857 points and Slosser 660, the total score now stands, Slosser 2,409, Vignaux 354. The match will close this evening.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The firm of Funck & Co., wool merchant, of Roubaix, France, has failed.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Earl of Carnarvon publishes an open letter to John Bright, in which he declares that the Earl of Lancaster, protesting against the latter's speech at Birmingham, on the 16th of November last, in which he condemned the land laws of Ireland and attributed the state of affairs in that country to the rejection of the compensation bill, was a disturber of the peace of the house of lords.

The Earl of Carnarvon declares that, holding sentiments so avowedly republican and hostile to the crown and the house of lords, Mr. Bright ought not to be able conscientiously to remain a member of the cabinet. Mr. Bright's mild censure of the lawlessness and crime in Ireland with his scathing rebuke of those guilty of owning land.

A correspondent of the Times at Dublin says the movement of troops has excited a very uneasy feeling. It is generally believed that the government possesses information warranting the apprehension of danger. The government has made very complete preparations for any emergency. Immense supplies of provisions, tents and other accompanying requisites have been stored in the central depots. It is stated that all these preparations point to the conclusion that the government believes that far greater danger than is seen lurks behind. A store ship has arrived from Woolwich with 20,000 rounds of buckshot and a large quantity of ball cartridges and trenching tools. Another vessel is shipping a similar cargo at Woolwich for new stations at Bruff, Mahill, Carrick on the Shannon and Bally Shannon, which will be occupied by troops. These positions are well chosen, being in the central districts from which troops could operate in various directions at all stations where cavalry are quartered without infantry. The supply of ammunition will be increased to fifty rounds per man.

MINOR DISPATCHES.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Dec. 24.—Allen C. Burns, cashier of the discount and deposit bank, of this city, died suddenly this morning, from heart disease.

No Paper Sunday.

This being Christmas and a legal holiday, in accordance with a custom always observed by us heretofore, the CHRONICLE compositorial force are allowed to enjoy it as their inclinations dictate. Consequently no paper will be issued from this office to-morrow morning.

ACCORDING to the average Knoxville moss-back, Joe Brown, of Georgia, is a "flapper," and a bad one. In 1868 he flapped out of the alleged democratic party, on account of its inability to recognize the inevitable. It got so mad at Brown that it burned him in effigy. In 1872 it professed a truly pathetic devotion to the idea which had burned in effigy four years before, and Brown resumed his old position in its ranks, presumably for the reason that the only concern needed a guardian. He is now in the United States senate, busily occupied in sitting down on burlesque and everything else characteristic of modern democracy, so-called. And for this patriotic business, for which the many qualities of a "flapper" peculiarly fit him, he stands high in public estimation, and in a national point of view, is a more conspicuous figure than any man from the south. We commend this little text to the g. b.

St John's Church.

Christmas services will be held at St John's church at 11 a. m. Rev. Dr. Humes officiating.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Cross, "Goose Eater," the distinguished novel list, died at 10 o'clock last night. Her death was quiet and almost painless.

GENERAL GARFIELD'S MAIL.

Some of the Curious Letters and Applications he Received.

Mentor Letter to the New York Tribune.

General Garfield is as kind and courteous to poor and humble strangers as he is to all his townsmen. Some of the letters which he receives from such people are very amusing, and not a few are pathetic in their appeals for favors. I could fill a volume with incidents illustrating his kindness of heart. Recently he received a letter from a woman stating that her husband was disabled and that her family was destitute. She also stated that her husband was entitled to a pension which he had never received, and besought General Garfield to obtain the pension for him. She did not give her husband's name, nor state on what account he could ask for a pension. The general wrote a kind reply, pointing out these important omissions, but, assuming that her husband had been a soldier, gave her minute instructions as to the manner in which an application for a pension should be made. Another woman, who evidently has confidence in the better half of mankind, wrote to Mrs. Garfield to this effect: "We are very poor. My husband is competent to fill the office of postmaster in this village, and if General Garfield will give him the office I will give you a switch made of my own hair." A Michigan lady applied for a postoffice, apparently confident that her application will be favorably considered, because, as she alleged, she attended a teachers' institute twenty years ago at which she heard General Garfield deliver "a lecture on grammar, which was just splendid." A lady who appears to believe in the rule, "first come, first served," came here from a distant state soon after the Chicago convention and applied for an office. She came again a few days ago. General Garfield listened with apparent patience to her story and then gravely said: "Madam, it is not in my power to do anything for you. I am out of office myself."

A Close Look at Jeff Davis.

Col. A. K. McClure in Philadelphia Times.

I confess to disappointment in the general appearance of the man who stands in history to-day as the soldier-statesman without a country. I expected to find the strongly-marked traces of a grievously-disappointed life and severe civility and studied reticence in discussing all things of the past; but those who believe Jefferson Davis to be misanthropic in temperament and embittered against the nation and the world greatly misjudged him. Nor is he the broken invalid that he is generally regarded. His yet abundant locks and full beard are deeply silvered, and his face and frame are spare, as they always have been, but his step is elastic and steady, and the hard lines of his brow which are so conspicuous in his pictures are at once effaced when he enters into conversation. Instead of impressing the visitor as a political recluse who has no interest in the land to whose citizenship he will live and die a stranger, he at once invites the freedom of the planter's home by chatting without reserve, save when his cotemporaries are likely to be criticised, when he adroitly and pleasantly turns the discussion into inoffensive channels.

AT THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Christmas eve was celebrated in a pleasant manner last night at the second Presbyterian church. The entire church was beautifully decorated with evergreens. Three large cedar trees were arranged in front of the pulpit, hung with oranges and tapers, and otherwise ornamented.

In front of these was a large bell, constructed of evergreens, on a framework of wire, and suspended from the middle by a large arch. The entertainment was commenced by the reading of appropriate passages of scripture, prayer, ringing of Christmas bells and singing by the choir. Fitting remarks were made by Mr. Washburn, superintendent of the Sunday school, and a most excellent talk to the children by the pastor, Mr. Sturgis. Presents were then distributed among the children, of which the house was nearly full, and a few special presents were given to some of the church members, as a large French harp to Mr. Atwell, a tin banjo to Mr. "Tommy" Heald and an immense tin horn to "Willie" Washburne. The latter gentleman gave a few loud blasts on his instrument, and offered to loan it to any one in the audience who wished to try it, but none seemed disposed to accept.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Owing to the continued services which have been in progress at this church for several days, up to Wednesday night, it was not determined to celebrate Christmas in the usual way until a day or so ago. About two hundred of the Sabbath school scholars and patrons of the school were present. The exercises were opened with singing, M. J. Howell leading. "De! Coffin" at the organ. After prayer, Santa Claus, personated by "Gan" Coffman, drove in, drawn by a billiy goat, creating much merriment among the children. Afterwards sweet-meats and fruits were distributed. The exercises closed with singing and the benediction by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Sparrow.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE JOLLY PATHFINDERS.

It was a merry and jolly audience, respectable both in numbers and make up, which greeted the Pathfinders in their first appearance at the opera house last night, and the person who regretted having gone is yet to be found. This organization is aptly named the "Jolly Pathfinders," and never before was there more solid and condensed fun crowded into two and a half hours before our feet-light.

PERFECTION.

"Perfection," the opening piece is a pleasing and entertaining little comedy, and "Scraps" is an inimitable extravaganza, introducing countless features and incidents of fun and drolery, which kept the house in one continuous strain of mirth and merriment, which boiled over at frequent intervals. M. J. N. Rentrow, who is also business manager, was the best card in the deck. As an exponent of Ethiopian character, in his personation of the ebony-hued waiter to the merry party of picnickers, waiting for the "Pathfinder," he is unsurpassed. Miss Fannie Wallace, in her charming vocalisms and lightning changes of costume; Miss Marie Jasper, as the mysterious character actress, and Watty Wallace, the versatile specialist, were immense. It is truly a meritorious combination of merry-makers, and should draw a packed house to-night.

A CHRISTMAS EVE MATINEE.

A Christmas eve matinee will be given this evening, with "Scraps" as the bill, the admittance to which will be 50 and 25 cent. To-night in their farewell appearance they will open with "Christine of Warsaw, or the Soldier's Return," and introduce numerous new features into the entertainment.

KATIE PUTNAM MONDAY NIGHT.

Knoxville playgoers have been enjoying during the last three appearances at the opera house solid chunks of fun without alloy, which was highly appreciated. Now our wide-awake young manager, Mr. Fritz Staub, brings us something elegant, refined and really first class, in the person of that charming, beautiful and accomplished artist; so well known in the amusement world, Miss Katie Putnam. She has a company under her own management, and selected with special care, and appears Monday night in "Lena, the Madcap," a piece specially adapted to her talent. Our people all know this distinguished actress by reputation, and her name is a favorite to those who have never seen her. We expect to see her welcomed by the best house given to any appearance yet this season. The sale of seats begins to-day at Williams' box office.

Take notice to some of the press comments.

Katie Putnam opened at the Grand opera house last night in her favorite role of "Lena, the Madcap." She is the same sprightly, charming and accomplished artist that she was several years ago. The entertainment was first-class in every respect. As Lena she is simply superb, and delineates the character with all the enthusiasm that belongs to her nature. In portions of the piece, she is superior to a Loet. She has the advantage of a sweet and excellent voice, and her songs are rendered with the most perfect ease, and to the infinite delight of all. The barjo seems to be her favorite instrument, and how she masters it has only to be seen and heard, to be appreciated. She has a fine support, and Lena the Madcap was never more artistically produced than it was on this occasion.

Evansville Courier.

Miss Katie Putnam appeared at the opera house last night. The play was "Lena, the Madcap," a dramatization of Miss Putnam's, in which she has evinced rare literary ability, combining happily the qualifications of literateur and artist—which are, by the way, rarely allied. The plot of the piece and its working out are ingenious in a marked degree, and, although Miss Putnam shows resplendently as the stellar attraction, there are many good roles to be played. Bob Ferguson, as Stimp, did some excellent work, his specialties in the last act being especially taking. A number in the audience were anxiously awaiting his appearance as the mad butcher, but that erratic and sanguinary individual failed to put in an appearance. Miss Putnam is the same victorious, rollicking little elf familiar to theater-goers years ago. This little lady is not only one of the most conscientious and hard working actresses before the public to-day, but one of the most artistic and able. She is as brilliant as a diamond, and not only acts in the most winning way, but sings like a bird. She sings her own songs, too, the "Good-bye" song in the first act and its sweet song and dance being hers, both in words and music.

AT THE HOTELS.

List of Arrivals in the City.

The following is a list of arrivals at the city hotels for December 24th:

ATKIN HOUSE.

Isham Newman, Mossy Creek. Wm. Redmond, Charleston. G. H. Grove, Rutledge. A. Smith, Buffalo. B. B. Lenoir and wife and three children, Lenoir's. R. R. Thatcher, Concord. G. H. Waring, Morristown. B. Shirle, New Castle, Ind. Robt. Gray, Cleveland. J. C. Nance, New Market. F. B. Cowan, Ark. J. M. Hendrick, Dandridge. W. W. Cowan, Ark. J. M. Grove, Athens.

HATTIE HOUSE.

Wm. Fenlon, New York. Thos. B. Getty, St. Louis. A. Campbell, Virginia. J. E. Knight, Boston. J. W. Willis and lady, Jas. H. Robinson, Greenville, C. A. Frame, A. J. Tyler, Jas. J. Ellis, Mossy Creek. Johnnie Caldwell, Strawberry Plains. W. R. Turner, Soverville.

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ARKANSAS EXCURSIONISTS.

Seven Hundred En Route to their Former Home.

Chattanooga Times, 23rd.

The annual holiday excursion of the Fort Smith and Little Rock railway, from Arkansas, arrived in the city yesterday. The entire excursion numbered about 700; 500 arrived in the city early yesterday morning, 250 by the Memphis and Charleston railroad at 2:30 a. m., and 250 by the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad at 5 p. m. The remainder of the party arrived in the city yesterday evening via the M. & O. and N. & R. R.'s. The former train was four hours late, in consequence of the heavy load.

The party is from all parts of Arkansas 175 from Fort Smith, 150 from Nashville, and from all other points on the line of the Fort Smith and Little Rock railway. The rate offered by the road was 1 1/2 cents per mile, and the large number took advantage of it to enable them to visit friends and relatives in this vicinity. The tickets are good for thirty days. When they return, it is believed they will induce many hundreds of their acquaintances from this vicinity to go back with them.

In the party was Wm. McGhee, agent of the Cherokee Nation in the Indian territory, who is en route to the Cherokee settlement in North Carolina. The purpose of his visit to the tribe is to make arrangements for the departure of 1,200 to 1,400 of the Indians for their settlement in the west. This will include nearly all the Cherokees east of the Mississippi. James, the notorious Indian divine, was also with the party. He is one of the most noted Cherokees in the United States. Chippee, another influential Cherokee, was with the party, and will visit friends in Georgia and induce them to return with him.

Class Ball and Pigeon Shooting.

There will be a shooting match on the old base ball grounds, near the street car stables, to-morrow, Christmas day, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m. The glass ball match will be for a fine wreath of zephyr flowers. In the pigeon match several cash prizes are offered, the entry fee to be made known on the ground. Ten or twelve good shots will participate. Each man will be allowed the second barrel at a bird, but if killed on second shot it will be scored against him. The distance is 21 yards rise, 80 yards boundary.

The Freshman Hop.

Given by the University of Tennessee cadets at the Lamar house last night, proved to be quite a success and a season of much enjoyment to the large attendance representing the youth and beauty of our city. It was an occasion which will not soon fade from the memory of the cadets and their numerous friends.

A Lady's Wish.

"Oh, how I do wish my skin was as clear and as soft as yours," said a lady to her friend. "You can easily make it so," answered the friend. "How?" inquired the first lady. "By using Hop Bitters, that makes pure rich blood and blooming health. It did it for me, as you observe." Read it. —Carlo Bulletin.

Weather Report.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 24, 1880.
Time... 7 a. m. | 10 3/4 | 2 p. m. | 2 3/4
Barom'tr. | 30.28 | 30.32 | 30.22 | 30.22
Therm't. | 34. | 37. | 42. | 42.
Wet B'lb | 83.5 | 85. | 80. | 80.
Maximum thermometer, 43°; minimum, 33°; rainfall, 0.02.

INDICATIONS: For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley: Generally cloudy weather, occasional rain or snow, northeast or southeast winds, becoming variable, stationary or slowly falling barometer, and a slight rise, followed by falling barometer.

JAY D. DUNNING, Clerk, Wabash Shops, Toledo, Ohio, says: I am now wearing an "Only Lung Pad," and it has afforded me almost instant relief from Asthma.—See Adv.

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