The [illegible] Telegraph.

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[illegible], Jan. 4.—Representa[illegible] made several changes [illegible] for a change in the [illegible] the assembling of Congress. [illegible] it is practically a new [illegible] designed more perfectly [illegible] of the case.

[illegible] provides for the ful[illegible] to be proposed to the [illegible] the several States as an [illegible] the Constitution of the [illegible]

[illegible] December at noon [illegible] day of March [illegible] the termi[illegible] term of the mem[illegible] House [illegible] Representatives. [illegible] when the [illegible] of Repre[illegible] after the ratifica[illegible] shall not hold [illegible] after such election. [illegible] shall assemble at least [illegible] year, and such meeting [illegible] Tuesday next after the [illegible] in January, unless Con[illegible] by law appoint a different [illegible]

Legislation for Louisiana.

[illegible] The Times-Democrat.

[illegible], Jan. 4.—Among the [illegible] into the House today, [illegible] were the following:

By Mr. Newton, (Louisiana)—A [illegible] appropriating $100,000 for a public [illegible] at Monroe, La; a bill appro[illegible] $[illegible],000, to secure slack water [illegible] in the Ouachita; a bill [illegible] to the Little Rock and Alex[illegible] Railroad the right to build a [illegible] across Bayou D'Arbonne, La., [illegible] bills appropria[illegible] $[illegible],000 for the improvement of [illegible] river, $20,000 for Bayou Macon, and $[illegible],000 for Bayou D'Arbonne.

By Mr. Robertson (Louisiana)—A bill to constitute the City of Baton Rouge, La., a port of delivery.

By Mr. Blanchard (Louisiana)—A bill to constitute the City of Baton Rouge, La., a port of delivery.

By Mr. Blanchard—A bill for the erection of a public building at Alexandria; a bill for the erection of a road and approaches to the National Cemetery at Pineville, La.; a bill granting additional lands to the State of Louisiana for the use of schools, and a bill to subdivide the Western Judicial District of Louisiana.

Reform of the Morals of Senators Necessary.

Special to the Times-Democrat.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—As a rule the prayer of the Senate chaplain is daily delivered to an almost empty Chamber. It is a very rare thing for the presiding officer to call a quorum to order, and frequently not more than half a dozen Senators are present. Senators generally admit that it is a reproach to the body to thus ignore the only religious service in connection with the precedings and numerous quiet efforts have been made to effect reform.

In the last Congress Senator Hoar offered a resolution to require the presence of a quorum at prayer, but the second day after he failed to put in an appearance in time. When the prayer had been delivered Mr. Hoar entered the chamber wearing somewhat an air of embarrassment. His delinquency was observed and the resolution became a dead letter. This ignoring of the prayer has grown to be a habit of the Senate. There is a desire among some of the Senators to procure prompt attendance, and the subject has been canvassed to some extent. There are Senators who hold that it would be better to do away with the prayer altogether, than to treat this religious formula with such apparent disrespect. But, of course, no proposition to dispense with the chaplain would be seriously considered, and the question is how to prevail upon Senators to be on hand in time for prayer. The prevalent opinion is that it must be a moral reformation, as past attempts to make prompt attendance binding by resolution have failed.

Miss Louise Balfe Faints Three Times on the Stage.

Special to the Times-Democrat.

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 5.—During the production of the "Planter's Wife" at the Opera House in this city last night Miss Louise Balfe, who was quite ill, fainted three times. At the conclusion of the performance she went to her hotel and took to her bed and has not been able to leave it since. To day her company disbanded and left for New York. The actress is a great favorite here, and her many admirers seriously regret her illness. She played to a crowded house last.

Big Sale of Timber.

Special to the Times-Democrat.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 6.—Within the last six weeks over 100,000 acres of rich timber lands have changed hands in the State. The new owners are a rich syndicate of Michigan men, who intend at once putting up mills and getting out timber and finished [illegible]. They will put over 1000 men [illegible] work within the next two months [illegible] have over 10,000 at work in a year [illegible]

A CHRISTMAS STORY,

In Which "Jane" and "James" Figure in the Regular Way.

[Alta California.]

It was a Christmas eve.

Streets—brilliantly lit shop windows—toys—gay crowds—snow on the ground—everybody out—Christmas.

Jane all alone wandered all alone—crowd—sweet, and face—wistful eyes.

Five years before James Goodygoody Christmas eve—betrothed to Jane—sailed away—India—ship lost—never heard of—foundered on coast of Africa.

Jane held on to hope and her sewing machine—never would marry—pined aways etc.

William Badybady—rich, corrupt, dissipated—mortgage on Jane's mother house—also on woodshed—foreclosure.

Away, villain! Rather poverty, crusts, etc.

Turn out of doors—homeless.

Down by the dark river—Pier No. 8—about to make the fatal plunge—in fact Jane did plunge. But just then the ship, with Capt. Jas. W. Goodygoody, which had not been lost at all, came sailing up to the dock, loaded to the waters edge with china, silk dresses and tea. Capt. Goodygoody saw Jane struggling in the water. He fished her out with a boat hook and hauled her out on board his own sound craft.

"My Jane!"

"My James!"

The cook dried her at the galley stove, and, although soaked with water, she looked as fresh as a daisy.

In fact Jane was a daisy, and don't you forget it.

They were married on Christmas.

LONG AFORE HE KNOWED.

Jes' a little bit o'feller—I remember still—
Ust to almost cry for Christmas, like a youngster will.
Fourth o' July's nothin' to it!—New Year aint a smell—
Easter Sunday—circus day—jes' all dead in the shell!
Lordy, though! at night you know, to set around and hear
The old folks work the story off about the sledge and deer.
And "Santy" shootin' 'round the roof, all wrapped in fur and fuz—
Long afore
I knowed who
"Santa Claus" wuz.

Ust to wait, and sit up later a week or two ahead:
Couldn't hardly keep awake, nor wouldn't go to bed;
Kittle stewin' on the fire, and mother settin' near
Darnin socks, and rockin' in the skreeky rockin' cheer;
Pap gap' and wonder where it wuz the money went,
And quar'l with his frosted heels, and spill his liniment;
And we a-dreamin' sleigh bells when the clock ud whir and buzz—
Long afore
I knowed who
"Santa Claus" wuz.

Size the fireplace, and figger how old "Santy" could
Manage to come down the chimley, like they said he would,
Wish that I could hide and see him—wondered what he'd say
Ef he ketched a feller layin' for him that away?
But I bet on him, and liked him, same as ef he had
Turned to pat me on the back and say,
"Look a here, my lad:
Here's my pack—jes' he'p yourse'f like all good boys does!"
Long afore
I knowed who
"Santa Claus" wuz.

Wisht that yarn wuz true about him as it 'peared to be—
Truth made out o' lies like that-un's good enough for me.
Wisht I still wuz so confidin' I could jes' go wild.
Over hangin' up my stockin's like the little child.
Climbin' in my lap to-night, and beggin' me to tell
'Bout them reindeers, and "Old Santa" that she loves so well;
I'm half sorry for this little girl sweetheart of his—
Long afore
She knows who
"Santa Claus" is!

—*James Whitcomb Riley in the Judge.*

Beating the Press.

[Ouachita (Ark.) Herald.]

During the last few months we have received an almost incredible number of propositions from advertisers, all of them without exception, designed to beat this paper out of some kind of advertising. Now this proves conclusively to us, that the country press are in the habit of allowing themselves to be beat in this way. These propositions run all the way from a request to mention editorially the receipt of a calender up to offers to sell goods for two prices, and take half in advertising and balance in money. Now we want to say for the Herald, that whatever amount of free advertising we feel disposed to give will be given to our friends at home, and dead beats had as well save themselves the trouble and expense of sending us offers.

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Gay danced the glad waves round our bark as it singed
Down the long golden track which the sunlight had made.
And the ripples went dancing away to the sands,
As they kissed their cool lips to her little white hands.

II

Oh were we not glad in that dear vanished day,
As the broad river flowed on its murmuring way!
Not till life ends its theme shall her memory depart,
Or the sweet name of Florence be lost to my heart,

III

O, land of the south! to the blue of thy skies,
Why dost thou take back the deep light of her eyes?
Why lingers she so to thy bosom close-pressed,
In that mystic sleep which they tell us is rest?

IV.

O' has she not said she would come to us when
The summer time smiled o'er Wyoming again?
The waves have grown weary with calling her back,
And my bark drifts alone in the sunlight's gold track.

—*John S. McGroarty.*

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