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Bad But Not Irreparable. A natural impulse, following upon such tremendous rains as we have had here of late, is to report the damage as prodigious. As a matter of careful inquiry, we are able to report casualties infinitely less in magnitude than might have been expected, a fact which is owing to the skill and sagacity of the railway companies, which have profited by the intelligence and fidelity of their local agents. The Southern Pacific bridge which spans the Los Angeles river on the turn of the hill, gave way yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. The debris from the falling structure careened with tremendous force against the bridge of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Company, and the combined debris was hurled on the Buena Vista street bridge, twisting the supports a little. The river, recruited by the booming Arroyo Seco, with the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe bridges knocked out, caromed on the Yuma bridge of the Southern Pacific railway, and two sections of that structure are gone. As to other casualties they can be summarized very quickly. The east approach to the Aliso street bridge has been washed out. The covered bridge is all right. The approaches to the Seventh street bridge are all gone. Five hundred feet of the levee, opposite the Santa Fe depot, have been washed away, and the rails are hanging over the bank. As we write the Kuhrt street bridge is all right and is passable. If any later or more menacing developments are reported they will figure in our local columns. Of course, there is nothing pleasant in the facts which we have here chronicled, but at the same time there is nothing outside of the eccentricities of a storm which has really been nothing more than a re-affirmation of the water marks which are imprinted on the face of the country, and which bridge and railway builders have wantonly disregarded, which calls for serious comment. The Southern Pacific Railway Company, which took the lesson to heart in 1884, the celebrated flood year, has suffered least from the late splenic fit of the weather-clerk. Just as soon as it does as good, solid and honest work over the Tejuca and other water courses, near town, as it did five years ago in the Soledad cañon, its expenditures from a damaged road-bed will be reduced to a minimum, and the convenience of the traveling public will be accordingly advanced.

Our worthy contemporary, the Tribune, when challenged finally to tell why Los Angeles is not now, without regard to the future, the great railway center of the Pacific Coast, takes refuge in whining out that it does not hurt Los Angeles to have it acknowledged that there is a future for Portland and San Diego. Who the devil ever said it did; or who, in connection with this journal, ever did anything that was not loyal and good-natured both to San Diego and Portland? But when it comes to a great, heaving zany of a newspaper, published in Los Angeles, announcing that it will still take us two years to be the leading railway center of the Pacific Coast—a point which we have compassed long ago and on which we are now doing the duplex elliptic business—it is high time for a Los Angeles paper to elevate its horn, to blow it like a bazo and to be heard. This city and this county are now at a point of railway development which will keep Portland, San Francisco and all other Pacific Coast points humping themselves to come within an horizon's vision of competition. The Herald, if she knows herself, and she thinks she does, does not propose to allow the most promising and eclectic region on the footstool to be whistled down the wind simply because certain feeble-minded people don't know that Palmyra, Babylon, Thebes and Damascus are being thrown, with an irresistible centrifugal force, into a city which will be known of valentunarians all over the world and of healthy people everywhere as La Ciudad de la Reina de Los Angeles. This composite and exquisite city has come to stay, and no devotion of the Tribune to Portland or to San Diego can interrupt this manifest destiny.

The rainfall for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m. yesterday was 2.72 inches. For the whole season it was 24.21 inches in the immediate neighborhood of Los Angeles, by the report of the United States Signal Service. In the mountains it was unquestionably greater. Of course, for some time to come, we shall be reported as suffering incalculable losses. As a matter of fact, some of our wealthy railway corporations will be behind, for a little while, in their liberal receipts of hard cash, while the people will be enormously ahead by this liberal dispensation of the most precious thing ever known in Southern California—water.

ing, early, two two-story buildings on the east side of the river, opposite the Santa Fe depot, were swept into the whirling maelstrom, not a vestige being left of them. Fortunately their inmates made a timely escape.

Some Things About Fighting and Courtesy.

We have before referred to Mr. Oliver Dyer's book, "Great Senators of the United States Forty Years Ago." Our regret is great that this little volume was not greatly expanded, and made rich with the ana which was so abundant in the days when Dyer was a stenographer of Congress, beginning in the year 1848. Still Mr. Dyer has acquitted himself of so many graceful things, and has done so many things well in the little minium of his book that we are inclined to be indulgent to him. One of the four great Senators treated by him was the celebrated Thomas Hart Benton, who will for all time to come share with Jefferson Davis the honor of suggesting the great transcontinental railway system. The Lafayette Park, in St. Louis, is ornamented with a statue of Benton, heroic and overmastering, in which, with a partially unrolled scroll in his marble hand, he says, "There is the Pacific Coast. There is India." The great Missourian, like the great Mississippian, Jefferson Davis, and to a far greater degree than the latter, figured in what might be called the formative epoch of our public life. Mr. Dyer correctly says that Benton was the most tremendous egotist that was ever developed in the national affairs of any country, and that when any other egotist put in an appearance, for the time being, unless he could disclose the lineaments of Jove himself, he would be, perforce, obliged to retire in confusion. And all the circumstances of contemporaneous narrative support Mr. Dyer's assertion. In a memorable debate in the United States Senate, a Senator, after Mr. Benton had sat down on Mr. Calhoun with great brutality, referred to the "quarrelling propensities of the great Senator from Missouri. We are told, in the graceful cadences of operetta, that when you want to mash a pretty girl "you must pull yourself together, and put on a pleasant smile." Instead of accepting and availing himself of the jocular measures of the modern ballet, Senator Benton rose in his seat riled. He said to his opponent, "Sir, I never quarrel. I sometimes fight, sir, but when I fight, sir, there is always a funeral, sir."

As to this last proposition we shall furnish later developments. We simply resume the story of Benton's monumental egotism, which makes any episode of Dr. Samuel Johnson, of happy memory, an unimportant interlude. Every one remembers the Jove-like energy with which Andrew Jackson struck the National Bank to the ground. Years after Nicholas Biddle had disappeared in the dim adumbrs of the past, and after the Bank of the United States had been liquidated, and the country had recovered its normal respirations, Thomas Hart Benton and a friend passed the equestrian statue of Jackson, which still maintains its proud position in Lafayette Park, immediately opposite the White House. Benton's friend said Gen. Jackson was a very great man. "Yes," said Benton, "Gen. Jackson was a great man. He was of great assistance to me in my fight with the United States Bank." Benton would have seemed, in this utterance, to have reached the acme of all possible egotistic utterances, but not so. He improved upon an almost Jove-like flight. When Calhoun died, a friend said to Thomas Hart Benton—the great Missourian and the great South Carolinian had for generations been enemies—"Now, Senator, that Calhoun is dead, we expect you to be lenient to him."

"Yes," said Benton, "when God Almighty lays his hand on a man, I take my hand off of him." Mr. Dyer could have made his too brief story of his personal experiences all too interesting if he had only extended them a little. In one of his moments of extreme egotism, Senator Benton said that his differences of opinion meant not only a quarrel but death. This was not true, in any sense. The most famous street fight that ever occurred in the United States was chronicled in the thoroughfares of Nashville between Gen. Jackson and his friends and Thomas Hart Benton and his friends. Mr. Parton gives the story in its minutiae, and the fight only lasted while you could say Jack Robinson, as it were. A terrible lot of ball and powder was wasted, with no result, until, finally, Gen. Jackson and Tom Benton's brother clinched and fell down a cellar opening, Benton's brother on top. The vindictive Missourian put his pistol on to the shoulder of Jackson, and blew a hole through it. He was about to put the pistol nearer the heart, when some friend of Jackson knocked the homicide senseless with a blow from the butt of his pistol, and that was all that came of this mighty encounter. Jackson ultimately died from that pistol wound.

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were desired, Jackson and his friends drove from the field. Presently the carriage began to fill with blood. "My God, General," said one of his friends, "you are wounded." "Yes," said Old Hickory, "I am, but I would not let that damned scoundrel know it." The era that Dyer essays to describe was a peculiar one, and to obtain any idea of its sensational and interesting features volumes ought to be written, not the least of which ought to embody Parton's life of Jackson and Randall's life of Jefferson.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

England and Portugal Will Arbitrate Differences. LISBON, December 25.—It is reported that the dispute between England and Portugal regarding African possessions, will be submitted to Duke Ernest, of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha for arbitration.

MAX O'RELL COMING. LONDON, December 25.—Max O'Rell sailed for America on the steamship Celtic today.

COLLIERS STRIKE IN BELGIUM. BRUSSELS, December 25.—A general strike of colliers has been inaugurated in Belgium. The scarcity of coal is beginning to be severely felt.

EDISON MAKES A CHRISTMAS PRESENT. LONDON, December 25.—It is stated that Edison sent as a Christmas gift to the Arch-Duchess Elizabeth, daughter of the late Arch-Duke Rudolph, Crown Prince of Austria, a photographic doll.

HOW MOUSSA BEY GOT OFF. CONSTANTINOPLE, December 25.—Persons who have appealed against the acquittal of Moussa Bey allege that the judges in the recent trial favored the defense and omitted decision on count seventeen of the indictment.

NOTED PEOPLE DEAD. LONDON, December 25.—Herr Markdoff, the Vienna millionaire, is dead. DUBLIN, December 25.—Mr. Kavanagh, formerly representative for Carlow in the Commons, is dead.

MEXICAN ADVICES. CITY OF MEXICO, December 25.—General Diaz and Secretary of the Interior Rubio, have under consideration plans looking to the suppression of gambling of every description.

Advices from Guatemala and San Salvador today state that most harmonious relations exist between the two governments.

VALUABLE PROPERTIES BURNED. LONDON, December 25.—A block of buildings in Charter House Square, comprising eight warehouses and numerous shops, was burned today. Loss, \$750,000.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., December 25.—Fire yesterday destroyed the wharves of the New Zealand Steamship Company, together with a large quantity of stored produce.

A Fight With Outlaws. KANSAS CITY, December 25.—A dispatch from Ardmore, Indian Territory, says: Yesterday afternoon Deputy United States Marshal Tucks and another deputy attempted to arrest Lige Brodham and Joe Merritt for introducing intoxicating liquors into Indian Territory. The outlaws resisted arrest and a lively battle ensued, all the combatants using their revolvers. Brodham was severely wounded, and both officers were injured. Merritt was arrested.

A Wedding Tragedy. TUSCULOA, Ill., December 25.—Arthur Craig, of Indianapolis, came to Newman, near here, last night to wed Miss Hattie Sutton. Her father, John Sutton, opposed to the match, and confronted Craig with a revolver. On Craig refusing to leave, he pulled the trigger but the weapon missed fire. Craig then shot him dead. The coroner's jury exonerated him and he has returned to Indianapolis, fearing trouble from Sutton's friends. Much excitement has been created. Craig is a nephew of Representative Craig, of Illinois, and Sutton was a prominent Grand Army man.

Silcott, the Fugitive. OTTAWA, Ont., December 25.—A man answering in several particulars the description of Silcott, the Washington embezzler, has been traced to this city, but is believed to have left last night for the west. He was greatly changed in appearance. His hair was dyed a dark brown, and he had entirely discarded the clothing with which he came into Canada.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

That Is What It Was at the East.

SOME PHENOMENAL WEATHER.

The Natives Indulge in Outside Sports and Other Unusual Festivities.

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NEW YORK, December 25.—Christmas dinners might have been eaten in the parks or on the lawns today, so perfect was the weather. Everywhere windows were thrown open to admit the balmy air, and there was a general resort to the garments of springtime. The fashionable promenades were crowded, and there was a large attendance at the churches and theaters. In the Tombs and other city prisons, holiday dinners were served, while the newboys and other children of the streets were permitted to fill themselves at the missions.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. WASHINGTON, December 25.—This was the mildest Christmas day in this vicinity for many years. The air was warm and most of the day passed universally pleasant. The President spent the day at home and did not attend church. He had a few of Mrs. Harrison's relatives to dinner, and part of the day was spent with the children around the White House Christmas tree. The other members of the official society in the city, generally, remained at home.

Most of the Georgians in Washington gathered at the Metropolitan hotel in the afternoon and passed resolutions eulogistic of the late Henry Grady. The Grand Army in the city gladdened the hearts of the families of about 240 poor members of the order, by generous distribution of provisions and other articles. The following letter was received from President Harrison:

"J. R. Brown, Esq., Chairman, etc.: 'MY DEAR SIR—Will you allow me to have a small part in the provision of Christmas gifts you are distributing to our less fortunate comrades? Very sincerely yours, 'BENJAMIN HARRISON.'"

A DELIGHTFUL DAY AT JOHNSTOWN. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., December 25.—This has been a delightful day; the thermometer has been about sixty since noon. The sun has been shining brightly all day, and the air is balmy as May. Christmas services were held in all the churches, and the Sunday school children received gifts from their teachers as in former years. It is surprising how little reference is made today to the flood. It has scarcely been mentioned.

SULTRY WEATHER AT ST. LOUIS. ST. LOUIS, December 25.—Christmas was more generally observed than for years past, owing perhaps to the delightful weather. The day was warm throughout and sunny at noon time. The police courts have had very few holiday cases docketed.

SPRING-LIKE AT KANSAS CITY. KANSAS CITY, December 25.—It was difficult to realize that today was Christmas. The weather was spring-like, and for the usual Christmas games there were substituted summer sports. At one of the parks a ball game was played, and several tennis courts and cricket grounds were in use.

AN UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS AT CHICAGO. CHICAGO, December 25.—Christmas has been a most unusual one, the weather being bright and warm, and the thermometer indicating sixty degrees above zero. Outdoor sports were very generally observed. Lake Michigan is as free from ice as in midsummer.

CHRISTMAS RIOTERS. AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF BRAWLS AND BUNDS. SAVANNAH, Ga., December 25.—A riot occurred today at Jesup, fifty-seven miles south of Savannah. Two white men were killed, two others seriously wounded, and several negroes are reported killed. The Georgia Hussars sent two detachments of men to Jesup tonight, and more trouble is apprehended.

SEVERAL SHOOTING SCRAPES. TALLEQUAH, I. T., December 25.—Christmas was celebrated here with several serious shootings. The most serious one occurred at the Williams hotel. David Williams was shot and killed. No arrests were made. During another fight in the afternoon Moses Crittenden was shot and seriously injured. A number of other fights occurred.

KILLED AT A CHRISTMAS PARTY. LEBANON, Mo., December 24.—James Carter, 17 years of age, was killed at a Christmas party last night at Bank Branch, by a man named Jennings. A party was given at the house of John Burns, and James Carter and a number of other boys attended. Jennings, in an ensuing quarrel Carter was killed.

TWO HORRIBLE MURDERS. MEMPHIS, Tenn., December 25.—The observance of Christmas Day was accompanied by two horrible murders. This morning the dead body of a negro named Hawkins was found with a bullet wound in the head. There is no clue to the murderer. Tonight Emmet Pingstone, a street car driver, was stabbed and instantly killed by an unknown negro in a dispute over fare. The negro escaped.

STABBED HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW. OMAHA, Neb., December 25.—George Jones stabbed his brother-in-law, James Tracy, inflicting eleven fatal wounds, and was staying at her brother's house. Tracy called, and in the quarrel which followed attempted to strike Jones with a chair, when Jones stabbed him with a butcher-knife. Jones is under arrest.

A FATAL CHRISTMAS DRUNK. INDIANAPOLIS, December 25.—A special to the Sentinel from Stinesville, Indiana, says: George Easton, son of a hotel keeper, and John Douglas, a barber, indulged in a Christmas drunk, and were ordered out of George Buskirk's saloon. Buskirk locked the door and ordered them not to re-enter. They tried to kick in the door, when Buskirk fired at them, both barrels of a shotgun, fatally wounding both.

FIGHT AT A CHRISTMAS TREE. CHICAGO, December 25.—A dispatch from Shawneetown, Illinois, says a free fight took place at a Christmas tree celebration in Eagle Creek precinct, in which Thomas Burroughs, a prominent farmer, was dangerously stabbed, and several other persons received quite serious injuries. The fight arose from a mistake in distributing the presents, which had been labeled and taken to the church and hung on the tree. Some of the tags

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