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SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24, 1887.

Russia and Austria are getting ready for a fight.

Cleveland seems to have already organized a literary bureau.

Canadian farmers favor commercial union with the United States.

Jacksonville, Fla., speaks for the Grand Army encampment in 1889.

The more we find out about the western blizzard the less there is of it to find out.

Is it Mr. Randall or Mr. Cleveland who is the "What is It?" of the democratic party?

William George, of Zanesville, who murdered a farmer named Scott, is to be hanged.

Indiana republicans favor either Harrison or A. G. Porter as the republican candidate for the presidency.

Ives and Staylor—C. H. & D. men—are on the summit. Neither magistrate nor grand jury finds fault against them.

All should read Mr. Charles S. Kay's Christmas sketch, in another part of this paper. It is unique and admirable. Mr. Kay is an old REPUBLIC man.

The charges of Rev. Mr. Pope (M. E.) against Rev. Dr. Hildreth (M. E.), both of Cleveland, have been found to be baseless, and Dr. Hildreth is acquitted of all blame.

The January issue of Mr. Oscar Wilde's magazine—the Woman's World—Cassell & Company, 739 and 741 Broadway, New York—has made its appearance, and it is a very handsome specimen of editorial and artistic work.

The Atlantic Constitution (half "wet" and half "dry") is now praising "John G. Whitaker, the Quaker poet." It was the "wet" half that did it, when he was "half seas over," and consequently in a very moist condition.

Mr. Andy C. Carson, a Columbus journalist of good standing, and Mr. E. N. Gunshus, have purchased the London (O.) Times. They are both spoken of as good men, and we hope that they will make a good and profitable paper of the Times.

Hon. Richard C. Parsons, of Cleveland, is to succeed Hon. John G. Nicolay as marshal of the United States supreme court at Washington. LATER—He wasn't appointed. Major J. M. Wright, of Louisville, got it. Dick was congratulated too soon.

THE REPUBLIC has the honor of making Mr. F. H. Fisher, of Toledo, famous. The great public journals of the country, from Cape Cod to California and from Michigan to Mexico, are punning on his peculiar name. We would suggest to Mr. Fisher that we usually take sugar in ours.

John Wansmaker (Philadelphia) is the town in which John Wansmaker lives: he is at least as famous as his town) is the greatest and most successful merchant in America, and says he never used a hand-mill, poster or dodger in his life. He always advertises in the newspapers. Wise Jo in Wansmaker.

Some of our REPUBLIC advertisers—those who have an announcement of their business every day in every year, on which a REPUBLIC is printed—tell us they have had their business this holiday season that they had at the corresponding period last year. Other advertisers say they have had a largely increased business. The times are certainly getting better.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish our readers and all mankind a merry Christmas, and reserve the same right for ourselves and employes. In order that there may be no hindrance to a full enjoyment of the day's pleasures and privileges, on the part of those engaged in the publication of this paper, we will make no issue on Monday, that being the day legally observed.

Today's paper, we have endeavored to make an interesting holiday issue, and it will be found to contain much special matter in addition to the regular news and interesting correspondence usually found in our eight-page Saturday paper.

Again wishing you a merry Christmas, we are Very respectfully, THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLISHING CO.

CHRISTMAS

The world's festival of unselfishness is at hand. On the anniversary of the birth of the blessed babe of Bethlehem the people of the earth honor alike the glorious event and the redeemer of mankind with Christ-like efforts to make other people happy.

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Now let the fences follow the toll-gates for fences are very expensive, in both town and country. They cost \$75,000 a year in Clark county, outside of the city, and quite as much in town.

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Speaking of the tariff the Cincinnati Times-Star says: "The issue brings John Sherman to the front." It would be more correct to say that the issues found Mr. Sherman at the front.

True, magnificent and solid old John Sherman is always at the front and at the head—not from any official position he may occupy, but from the force of his own mental and moral qualities.

Hon. John Sherman will have something to say in the senate shortly on the subject of the president's message.—Steubenville Herald.

Blaine skimmed the cream of that croak a long while ago.—Columbus Dispatch.

The London Times thinks that, while the president's policy may not favor absolute free trade, it would, if carried out, make trade, to a great extent, free.

Mr. Greenwood, editor of the St. James Gazette, London, and the editor of the London Morning Post, are among the prominent and able journalists of Great Britain who are not slumbering, effectively, over the wisdom and righteousness of Mr. Cleveland's utterances on tariff "reform."

It is not true, that under free trade the great body of English farmers have been ruined? Has not their main produce fallen so low in value as to make agriculture unprofitable? Are not the wages of laborers at the starvation point today?

This is a line of argument which English free traders will find it difficult to meet. The day has gone by when free trade can be accepted as the best and the only rational economic system for all nations under all possible conditions.

The Daily Journal, which made its first appearance two months ago, at Brunswick, Ga., on the golf, is a lively, well-edited paper, and deserves an adequate support.



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