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PAINFULLY SLASHED. John Grebrecht gets the Worst of a Christmas Night Fight. A cutting affray occurred last Monday night shortly after 11 o'clock at John O'Connell's saloon and boarding house, No. 12 Scott street. O'Connell had ordered three or four fellows out of his place, and as they did not go promptly, he forced them out, being assisted by John Grebrecht. When they had reached the sidewalk, the fellows attacked Grebrecht and one of them, Mike Shurtle, drew a knife, and, making one slash at him, laid open the top of his head for eight inches. The wound was a horrible one and bled profusely. Shurtle was arrested and jailed for cutting with intent to kill. Dr. Miranda dressed Grebrecht's wound, it requiring twenty stitches to draw the gaping sides together. The wound is painful but not at all dangerous.

LOCAL BREVITIES. The free lunch feed recited yesterday. Mr. Will Phelps is home from Princeton. Arthur Clarke, of the Times staff, is on the sick list. Mr. Frank Anthony is home from school for the holidays. Five balls were in progress at one time in the city last night. Miss Marie Hennessy is home from Columbus for a few weeks. Mr. Wm. Walford, of Division 44, K. of P., is visiting in Dayton. Miss Jennie E. Fellows is quite ill, at her residence on Lagonda avenue. Mr. H. M. Brooks and wife passed Christmas with friends in Cleveland. Mr. Wm. North passed Christmas in Xenia with his son, Mr. J. B. North. Mr. William Biddle, Warden E. G. Coffin's private secretary, passed Sunday here.

SUDDEN DEATH. Melvin B. Layton, a Pioneer, Dies in the Midst of Christmas Happiness. Melvin B. Layton, a pioneer citizen of this county, died very suddenly at 3:30 Sunday morning at his home, two and one-half miles north of the city, on the Urbana pike. He was 81 years old, and had not been ill until a few days before, when he complained of a slight pleurisy. At the time he was in bed, he was attended by his wife and the wife of a neighbor, who was watching the child of a grandchild, who was unaccountably sick. All at once he fell backward and was dead when the family reached him.

THE LADIES' BUILDING SOCIETY OF THE First Congregational church, at their annual meeting passed a vote expressing their appreciation of the efficient services rendered by Messrs. T. J. Kirtland, Dr. G. W. Griggs, Misses Belle Tillyer, Izia Gale, Esther Simpson, and all others who so acceptably assisted them in the "Dairy Maid's Jubilee" recently given at the church. They also voted to publish their thanks; and also to extend to the press an acknowledgment of their courtesy in the notices given by them. By order of MRS. E. R. CHESKY, Pres. MRS. C. E. FOLGER, Secy.

Union Veterans' Club. All members of W. H. Stephens' command, No. 16, Department of Ohio, Union Veterans' Club, are requested to be present at the annual meeting, to be held on December 27, at 7 o'clock, sharp, as an election of officers for the ensuing six months and other important business is to be transacted. All charter members not yet mustered are invited to report for muster on that night. By order of S. T. WOLF, Capt. and Adjutant. Col. Commanding.

Patrons of the Church. All members of Canton Bethel No. 21, Patriotic Militant, in good standing are ordered to be present at the drill hall for the purpose of electing officers for the year 1888. The meeting will be held on Monday, December 27, at 7 o'clock. By order of W. H. ELLIOTT, Captain.

Every member of Springfield Lodge, No. 51, B. P. O. E., should surely attend regular communication this (Tuesday) evening, December 27. By order of R. L. QUERRICK, Secy.

Mrs. Louis Boos, the wife of the leader of Murray & Murphy's orchestra, is the finest lady pianist in America. On this point critics agree. She will appear at the Elk benefit tomorrow evening at the Grand and the ladies of Springfield who are proud of their sex and the accomplishments of their sex will not likely miss this opportunity of hearing her.

Mrs. Mary E. Smith and daughter, Miss Blanche, and son, Carl, left this (Tuesday) morning via the Bee Line for Los Angeles, California. Mr. Smith (Charles A.) and daughter, Miss Laura, have been in California several months. Mrs. Smith and family have the best wishes of a host of friends as they go to their new home.

Messrs. John A. Cisco, John F. Haverstick, W. S. Fawcett and Andy J. Archdeacon, all prominent Knights of Honor, of Xenia, were present at the K. of H. banquet and ball in Nelson's college last night.

Miss Helen Macbeth left Monday for Chicago to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. J. Glesner. Her other sister, Miss Margaret Macbeth, is also spending the holidays with her mother here.

The daughter of Mr. J. M. Sautzbach will be married to Mr. George H. Hill, of this city. Mr. Hill is a native of the east, will be best man, and the wedding will be a very pleasant one in rural circles.

Messrs. Branch O'Brien and Joseph Adelman of the "May Blossom" company presented a box of cigars to the stage hands of the Grand opera house yesterday.

Mrs. C. E. Jones and family left via the Bee Line last evening for New York.

Mr. G. D. Cartmell, of St. Joseph, Mo., is home for the holidays.

When you want good coal go to Wheldon & Merrill, Grand opera house.

Eplithome of American History. When Mr. Sumner introduced the commemorative of civil strife he introduced into the nation the most interesting and important of the times of our history. The artist started off famously, used up all about Columbus, the early history of the colonies, the revolution, the settlement of the west, the Mexican war, but the space was large, and cking out the history as they could, there wasn't enough to go round. At last the point was reached where the civil war began, and there was a great stretch of wall before the other end of the fresco could be "lined." They had used up all the history they could use, and they couldn't make any more—so a family quarrel would not permit a family quarrel to be perpetuated—so they stands the workman's scaffold, way up against the ceiling of the rotunda where the painting is still going on. The artist and the architect concluded it would look better to let the scaffold stay, so that the people would see the (and at times for the awkward predicament in which the paucity of national history has left them, than to take it down and puzzle folks by the means of a half-finished frieze upon which work had been stopped.—Washington Cor. Boston Transcript.

Every man, woman and child who is looking for a reliable and perfect work. No looking, no sticking, perfect work. Goodness.

DOGS AND SLEDGES. HOW THE ESKIMO DRIVER MANAGES HIS TEAM OF DOGS. The Long Sleets of the Kinnepatoo—Patterns in Use by the Traders of Kamchatka and Alaska—Northern Siberia. The McClintock Model. Eskimo dogs have each a harness with loops that pass around the neck and under each leg, uniting on the back and fastened to a long crank, or sledge about a third of an inch wide. The traces are of various lengths, so that when hitched to the sled, the dogs can spread out like a fan. They are guided by the voice of the driver, whose commands are enforced with a whip, the handle of which is about eighteen inches in length, and the head is a long, straight, pointed stick, which is constantly pitching about, and, under such circumstances, very hard to draw and extremely difficult to handle. The long sleds of the Kinnepatoo are made of walrus smoothly and rapidly over rough ice, and are easily managed. They are made with solid plank runners, sometimes spliced to great length, and are shod with moss and lard.

IN SIBERIA AND ALASKA. The Russian traders and settlers in Kamchatka and Alaska have several patterns of sleds. The one most commonly used are drawn by a treslework of strong wood lashed with rawhide thongs. It is very light, runs smoothly and is not easily broken. At the front end, in Kamchatka, I also prepared a small sled of basketwork, which was made somewhat in the shape of a large saddle, with very high poles. It is designed to carry one person only, who sits astride of it and rests his feet on the runners. This can be used only for light work and on short rapid journeys. It has no place for the sled to carry any load.

The sled most approved by modern explorers of Arctic North America is known as the "McClintock" sled, and was designed and used by Admiral Sir Leopold McClintock, of the Royal navy, on all his Arctic journeys. It is made with runners made of wood, riveted and cross-pieces of the same material mortised and riveted, and the runners, shod with hoop iron, are bent up front and rear so that the sled can be drawn equally well from either end in front. My experience with sleds of this pattern has been that though, perhaps, excellent where men are used in the harness, they are not good dog sleds. They are also liable to break where the lateral strain is great on the parts that are mortised together, therefore their use is not advisable on long journeys.

Besides the various sleds already described, I have seen many other, including a bear and seal skin temporarily used for sleds, and after the snow melted, the sleds were replaced with heavy wooden sleds. The sleds were replaced with heavy wooden sleds. The sleds were replaced with heavy wooden sleds.

Writing Up an Interview. A widely known congressman was called upon by a reporter whose paper he wanted to know what, in the congressman's opinion, would and should be the effect of an incident that had just occurred at Washington and had greatly excited the congressional constituency.

"Sorry, but I am too busy to give you a moment today," said Mr. —, as he opened, slightly, the door of his private office; "but look here, you are a good man and you know me pretty well. Suppose you go to the office and write up a spicy interview and show me the proof. It will be all right."

The reporter did so, the congressman changed not more than half a dozen lines in the proof, and the "interview" when published was quite far and wide as the valuable opinion of a man especially qualified to speak upon the subject. Not only did Mr. — pay a high compliment to the reporter for his implied familiarity with such a form that it would be interesting to his readers.—W. E. Brigham in The Writer.

Passive Beauty of Fossil Women. One sees many very beautiful women among the Cro-Magnons and Neanderthals. It is quite surprising the number of lovely faces that are to be seen in a gathering of Cro-Magnon peasants.

The beauty of these countries inclines to the passive, that is, the style of loveliness in which figure drams, gazelle like eyes and an expression of languor that tells of gentleness personified. In some of the fossils, one finds this type of beauty prevalent, and in these Balkan states, so recently dominated by the Turks, the women still possess a timid, hesitating character that causes them to go about with half veiled faces. The legend of Osmanli dominion imparts to the Cro-Magnon maiden the additional charm of dark hair descending perhaps well nigh to the ground, and a pair of large, languishing black eyes lighting up features that are half concealed behind a veil of tulle.—Thomas Stevens in Courier-Journal.

California Excursion, via Bee Line, Dec. 27th. Last low-rate excursion via the popular route to California, Tuesday, December 27, via the Bee Line. Free reclining chair cars to St. Louis and Kansas City. Free tourist sleepers from Kansas City to the terminus. Warm pajamas and Pullman sleepers for all who desire these luxuries. Tourist tickets are good returning for six months, or even longer. If desired, the party may be taken to the coast and turning. Parties having in view a trip to any point in the west, are most cordially invited to join with this party.

This is the last call at the present low rates. On and after January 1st the round trip to California points will be advanced \$20.00. For full particulars call on G. H. KNIGHT, Agt.

Holiday Excursions. The Pennsylvania Line west of Pittsburgh will sell excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip from all stations December 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, 1887, and on January 1st and 2d, 1888. All tickets good returning until January 3d, 1888. No excursion tickets will be sold on adults for less than 25 cents, nor for children for less than 15 cents. No excursion tickets will be sold on December 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, 1887. For further information call on or address nearest ticket agent. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway Co., 300 e. 6th.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE. THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 29, '87. Appearance for One Night Only of the Distinguished Actress, M'LE RHEA, Supported by a Competent Company of Players, including MR. EDWARD BELL. In a Grand Production of M'le Rhea's Successful Play in 3 Acts, entitled: FAIRY FINGERS! SCALE OF PRICES: \$1, 75c, 50c and 25c. Seats on sale at Harris's Cigar Store.

Useful Holiday Presents. Ludlow's Pharmacy, 55 East Main St., headquarters for everything exquisite in Perfumery, Soaps, Toilet Articles, Face Powders, Brushes, Manicure Tools, etc., at popular prices. Lohmeyer's Cigars a specialty.

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Japanese Wall Banners, Perfection Carpet Sweepers, Japanese Throws, Bamboo Curtains, Smyrna Druggots, INGRAIN ART SQUARES. Oriental and Smyrna Rugs, Fur Rugs, Henshake, Balsam Fir Sifta Pillows, Plush Soft Pillows, Table and Bed Covers, Silk, Madras and Felt Throws, Plush Covered Brass Extension Tables; any of these articles make useful and ornamental Christmas presents.

Dr. Frank C. Runyan, DENTIST. 400 Broadway Building, over Dr. Murphy & Co.'s Store. FOUNTAIN BRANDS FINE CUT AND PLUG incomparably the Best. CHAPMAN COAL COMPANY. For the best Hard Coal, Jackson Coal, Hocking Coal and Crushed Coke in the Market. TELEPHONE 100 & 175, NO. 21 KELLY'S SQUARE, TELEPHONE 100 1-2.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

WANTED. A kitchen girl, must be a good cook and ironer. Reference required. Apply to Mrs. J. H. Adams, North Side. WANTED—Ladies' clothing. Address in own handwriting, 25 South Limestone Street, Springfield, Mo. WANTED—Two regular boarders at No. 9 North Spring street, with neatly furnished rooms. Also a few boarders. For particulars apply to C. F. Fankhauser at above address. WANTED—Situation. If there is anyone who wants to start a good garden or grow some on one's own time to get a good crop, please apply to the advertiser for particulars. Address: Thomas Hollis, Dayton, Ohio. WANTED—Pupils for piano and organ by an experienced teacher. Apply to address: Room No. 2, Arcade. Miss Lettie Zetser. WANTED—By a young lady of experience, who writes a good plain hand, to do writing and copying. Address: E. H. Reynolds, 27th St. WANTED—An experienced book keeper to collect accounts and retail houses for a responsible firm. Will give references. Address: 111 North Third Street, St. Louis, Mo. WANTED—Ladies to work on our fancy goods for the holiday and winter trade. Full particulars free. Address: Miss Manufacturing Co., 31 and 40 South Market Street, Boston, Mass. WANTED—A man of temperate and moral habits, seeking employment, to repair and renovate houses in his own city. References given. Address: 310 West Market Street, Springfield, Mo. WANTED—All kinds of clothing, including suits, coats, and dresses, for sale. Address: 310 West Market Street, Springfield, Mo.

FOR RENT. A nicely furnished front room, lower floor, suitable for two or three gentlemen or a man and wife, at 41 North Main Street. WANTED—Two furnished rooms, suitable for light housekeeping, location convenient and pleasant. Address: W. H. This, 101 East Main Street.

FOR RENT—Two large front rooms, one or two rooms adjoining. If wanted, James Smith, 101 East Main Street.

FOR RENT—On the corner of Fifth and Cedar streets, a good house at eight cents and barn rent very low. John H. Bennett, 101 East Main Street.

FOR RENT—Large brick house of 14 rooms, with a good kitchen, and a large yard. Address: 101 East Main Street.

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FOR SALE. Ticket for Cleveland, with meals and High Street, Kansas City, Mo. FOR SALE—Sitt coal-burner. Has been used but two months and is good as new. Will sell cheap. Address: Box 20, City.

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FOR SALE—Farm—Forty acres of good land, good barn, house of six rooms, and other buildings. A very desirable place. Situated six miles south of Springfield. Inquire on the premises of C. R. Fenton 27th St.

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