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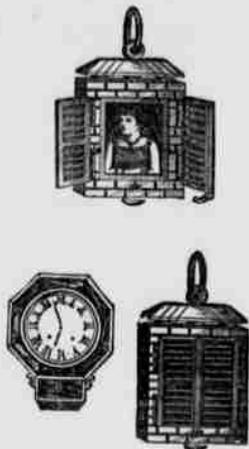
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'HERE'S YOUR LIGHT!'

What a Newsworthy of This City is Doing for Himself and His Friends.

There is a bright business life named Tommy Dean, one of the carriers of the Light and other papers, who could well serve as a model in many respects for all the boys of his age as well as for those much his senior. Tommy is an English boy about 11 years old. He came to this country with his father a couple of years ago and immediately began to earn his own living. He got his piping weak voice in trim, bought a few copies of the Light and was soon found running all over our business streets disposing of his papers. He was out in all kinds of weather. He never ran ragged nor shabby. His pennies were not spent as they reached him, but on the contrary he was cleanly and a decently attired, and careful of his money. A prominent attorney of the city had frequently observed young Dean, and on inquiry learned what a little boy, prudent, economical and self respecting beyond his years could accomplish. Young Dean has earned daily sums varying from 75 cents to \$1.50. This he has carried home and put aside and as fast as his little hand reached the value of a five pound note he has sent it to his former home in England in order to aid his nearest relatives in paying their passage to America. By this means an uncle and an aunt have been enabled lately to reach this haven of cheap land and remunerative labor. Two more relatives are now on the deep, owing this lift in life to the little newsworthy of

swif pace and cherry voice. He, in an old-fashioned manner, tells that when they arrive here he takes their note, and that they reimburse him by installments with interest. Several gentlemen have interested themselves in Tommy. Many had given him quarters, and some times half dollars for his paper, declining any change, knowing that Tommy will put them to good use, and that these tokens of encouragement are not without good results. This young lad is worthy of all praise, and it is not presuming too much on prediction to anticipate for him in the future the well rounded career of a prosperous business man. Stopped in Time. An old man wending his way along St. Mary's street yesterday with a bag of money in his hand, just before the banks closed, did not see a treacherous, silent-trading Mexican following in his footsteps; did not hear him approach closer and closer, and did not see the hand raised to snatch perchance his well earned pittance away. So intent are people in their own acts and thoughts that they perceive and know not things in movement around them. So did not this Mexican in his dastard act see a well known gentleman of this city with a steady eye and strong arm only awaiting the moment to strike the offender down. A thief or murderer, in fact any sort of a criminal, generally pivot around like a needle in all directions to make sure of security, the Mexican in doing so chattered his not friendly looking wattle, and concluding the game was up, disappeared in a rumble of deep muttered curses.

A TREE GIFT-LADEN.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

With Chorus of Gleesome Children and Songs by Our City's Best Vocalists. Gifts and Cheer, the Festival's Advent is Herald.

Last evening at the First Presbyterian church the celebration of Christmas cheer and joy was celebrated in a manner worthy of all praise. The auditorium was crowded at the opening of the services, which began shortly after 7 o'clock, after a brief prayer by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Neil. The Christmas tree was the cynosure of all observation. Its boughs, like a heavily laden pear tree, rustled and rustled with the strain of gladness presents. Its gifts were numerous and rich, as if some fairy had determined to excel with sweet and swift surprise all the previous presents of a few days ago.

Christmas Carols abounded in the rich splendor of rich young voices, reminding one of how "A Christmas Carol" could cheer the poor man's heart through half the year. The first song by the Sunday-school, entitled "The Wonderful Tree," brought a melody so clear and strong and joyous that it would have made Santa Claus wish from his remotest heart that his stay here had been prolonged to hear it. "Ring the Christmas Bells," with a solo by Miss Ada Hockett, brought back memories of Yule log and mistletoe, of snowless snow and peal from bell, which always haunts the heart of the oldest who had a home once in youth to turn to and look at.

Mr. A. E. Williams in a rich bass voice sang most feelingly a solo "Far Away." It searched the hearts of his hearers and brought them face to face again with those whom memory would not willingly let perish.

The school children up to their eye brows in the rapture of this event now burst forth in a sweet refrain of "Thoughts of Home," followed by a penitential solo by Miss Ina Lemman. Then came the Sunday school again in "Wonderful Words," a strain fraught with religious teaching and pleasing everybody by its rendition in voice and manner. If the "last shall be first" surely Miss Fannie Newton was expressly placed here to verify the old saying. She had only returned from Cincinnati last Sunday, where she had carried off as a vocalist in the Conservatory of Music there, such honors as to make our city deservingly proud. She was placed last night as a debutante with these fresh honors thick upon her and it is but sincere truth to say that they grew fresher and greener as she sang "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," that most difficult of pieces on which Miss Ina Nelson has based her reputation and which is her most gracious requital of the loudest encores. Miss Newton need fear no adverse criticism hereafter if her well trained voice and sweet notes can always utter such melody.

At the conclusion of this feast of song the tree, that "wonderful tree," was stripped of its gifts, and even of its foliage, as groups of old and young received their presents and dispersed. To another Christmas celebration of this kind and such excellence may we be there to see.

FREDERICK WARDE LAST NIGHT.

The Best Performance as Yet—A Delightful Audience.

Last night at Turner Hall Julius Caesar was performed to an audience that was to complete sympathy with Mr. Frederick Warde as Marc Antony. His support was a most commendable improvement on their performance of the night previous, and have left an impression on our theatre-goers that must tend to make this troupe's stay at most popular and profitable one. It has been always well understood and acknowledged that Julius Caesar is the most difficult of all Shakespeare's masterpieces to properly mount and perform. It stands supreme on the stage as a piece in which there is no under-current of coarseness or unrefined love, and where every character necessitates an actor of merit. Every actor plays here a part in which to falter or perform indifferently is to mar the excellencies of the whole. It can be well said that there is no secondary character in the play, and hence it has been frequently chosen in great theatrical tournaments, notably at the Cincinnati exposition of last year as a proper field for dramatic stars of the highest magnitude played comparatively secondary roles, "nor felt their dignity decreased." And it speaks well for Mr. Warde's support that on last evening, barring some school-boy stiffness of elocution, it gave general satisfaction. Mr. Warde, in the soliloquy over Caesar's dead body exhibited his genius consummately. He swayed the populace and rabble just fresh from Brutus' clovenoe with the art of demagogues, and the rife appeal of patriot and friend of Caesar combined.

Mr. Warde's performance of last night has won him many new friends here most deservedly. We trust he will carry away from us as many appreciations of our city's love of the legitimate drama as it would fair express golden opinions of his artistic merit and of the genial, gentlemanly actor himself.

To-night Brutus, or the Fall of Tarquin, will be followed by Katherine and Petruchio. Those Who Followed. Among those who followed Jose Penalosa to his last resting place were Major Dwyer, Bryan Callaghan, Mr. Beldus (District Clerk),

TELEGRAPHIC.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GENERAL ROSENCRANS—INJURY TO GRANT.

Captain Kead's Letter Regarding the Improvement of Galveston Harbor, Etc.

READING, Pa., December 27.—A petition requesting Congress to prevent the importation of foreign laborers under contracts made abroad is receiving many signatures among working men here.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—The President left Washington last evening for New York with the purpose of attending to private business and also attending a reception given by the National Academy of Sciences. He will possibly return to Washington to-morrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27.—Frederick C. Burchard, who testified yesterday in the Hill-Sharon divorce case that he was on April 15, 1881, engaged to be married to Miss Hill, was, on complaint of that lady, arrested this afternoon for perjury. He was released on bond.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—Lieutenant General Sheridan has received a telegram from Major General Pope saying that he thought the white boy is Charles McComas who is with a band of Chickasaw Indians, daily expected to reach the San Carlos agency. Morrison expects to appoint Henry Talbot, Jr., of Illinois, clerk of the Ways and Means committee.

LONDON, December 27.—There has been a revival of the attempts to destroy life and property by explosives. Besides the explosion at Birkenhead on the night of the 23rd, a dynamite cartridge was exploded in Barrack street station, county Tyrone, Ireland, yesterday, destroying the roof of a house. A ton of explosives with fuse attached has been found on the track of the Great Western railway, near Axminster.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—John N. Irwin, Governor of Idaho Territory, has returned to the Treasurer of the United States a draft for \$500, sent him as his salary for the quarter ended on October 30. He declined to receive his salary for the quarter ending December 31. He states that he has been unable to attend to the duties of his office since July 1, and does not consider he can conscientiously accept the pay.

NEW YORK, December 27.—About forty professors of modern languages from the principal institutions of learning in the country, met to-day at Columbia college with a view to establishing an association to promote the study of modern languages in the American colleges. President Carter, of Williams, was chosen chairman. A committee was appointed to draw up a plan for permanent organization. The afternoon session was spent in the discussion of a resolution to the effect that it was the sense of the meeting that no college should grant a degree of B. A. to a student who could not read with facility the French language.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—The funeral of Mrs. General Rosencrans took place from St. Aloysius church. A requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Basam. Nearly all the members of Congress now in Washington were present with their families. The casket, covered with flowers, was borne by Senator John J. Miller, General Philip H. Sheridan, Hon. J. R. Glascock, General Horatio J. Wright, Hon. John S. Barber, Colonel G. C. Griffin, General Henry J. Hunt, and Judge Thomas W. Bradley. The remains were placed in a vault in Mount Olivet cemetery.

PITTSBURG, December 25.—F. C. Brackenridge, a nephew of Captain Nutt, and one of the three men who witnessed the murder of Nutt by Dukes, has lately been receiving anonymous letters threatening his life. An abstract from one of the letters is as follows: "Curse you, I'll have your heart's blood! Your days are numbered. Dukes is dead, his avengers live. There are no paupers in the Dukes family. He never let me or Leg. Tell Lizzie Nutt to sell her piano and let the papers move out of the brick house. Good bye till we see you in court." GOSSIP.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—N. W. Fitzgerald, the suspended pension attorney, appeared before the court to-day in the suit of Cuhn & Sons against him to recover on notes, but on account of sickness of counsel the case went over. Immediately after C. W. Grant, attorney for Fitzgerald, went into the Clerk's office and by instructions of his client directed a dismissal of the following suits recently filed by him: Charles T. Murray, for \$600,000 damages against Charles T. Murray and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, for \$100,000 damages against H. V. Boynton and the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette for \$100,000 damages against H. H. Fulton, Indianapolis, for \$200,000 damages. Hardly had these cases been so entered when A. A. Lippincott's noted suit against Fitzgerald, to recover \$2400 on an Indiana judgment, was obtained by Newcomb, Glass & Co., of Indianapolis, of which firm Fulton is a member.

NEW YORK, December 27.—General Grant, leaving home to-day, slipped upon the ice and fell, receiving a severe shock and seriously injuring his thigh. Frederick Grant, his son, says he has seen the surgeons who attended his father, but they were unable to determine whether the injury was dangerous. They said, however, that the limb would be paralyzed for the time being. Another account says it seems that General Grant, while alighting from his coupe at his residence on Monday evening, slipped and fell on his left side, receiving serious injury to his leg about four inches below the hip joint. The surgeons say his bones are broken, and the supposition is that a bruise of the sciatic nerve was sustained. The General, immediately after the accident, was assisted to where he has remained ever since, lying in one position on his back. While the injured leg is most painful, the General's health is otherwise good, and he is even cheerful. The surgeons anticipate nothing serious, but predict that it will be several weeks before he will be able to leave the house.

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GALVESTON, December 27.—Mayor Fulin to-day received Captain Kead's response to letters from the City Council and prominent citizens, asking an expression on the subject of obtaining deep water at the port of Galveston. Kead says: "No plan has yet been applied to the bar nor any been proposed which, in my judgment, will secure any important and permanent improvement. I should certainly make a very different location of the works, and deem it absolutely essential that they be built upon high tide. The tides of the gulf must supply the excavating force, though the development will be greatly hastened by dredging. A depth of 20 feet can be relied upon within two years after work is begun, and about two or three feet for each year after until a depth of 30 feet is obtained. The deepening would continue slowly under tidal action for several years thereafter, and should certainly be commenced in 1884, and a permanent regimen would be established, letties four and a half miles in length are necessary. I am unwilling to undertake the task unless entirely unhampered in planning the work. I do not see it and would not answer to irrelevant questions, and, as the French proverb says: "Go about seeking forenoon at a o'clock."

Who the Free Traders Are. From a speech by Prince Bismarck.

Free traders are doctrinaires and closet men; doctors, clergymen, lawyers, but few of whom know anything of the details of public affairs, are generally on that side, and they are led by those who know nothing on the question but what they have learned from the books of men who have plausibly formulated impracticable notions. I have had much annoyance from blockheads who ask impossible answers to irrelevant questions, and, as the French proverb says: "Go about seeking forenoon at a o'clock."

What Ought to be Done in Hard Times. From the Springfield (Ohio) Times.

In "hard times" people of small means ought to economize and make their incomes, from earnings or other sources, go as far as possible; and ought to provide also, against emergencies that are likely to arise. One way of making the dollars and dimes most efficient is to pay cash for all supplies and by so doing secure the lowest prices. "Getting on things" is a most expensive and thriftless habit. The man who buys "on tick" pays high prices, in the very nature of the case, while he who pays cash, on the spot, is regarded as a valuable customer, to whom it is wise and profitable to give the lowest rates.

But there is a class of people who do not need to economize in "hard times," and these are those who have well assured incomes, untroubled by commercial pressure or distress, or who have an abundance of money in the aggregate and can spend freely, without impeding their future prospects. These persons can do much to relieve local distress in "hard times" by making improvements on their houses or grounds, or buying commodities of which they can make good use.