

A SYMPOSIUM OF SIN.

A Buffalo Man Drives His Wife Into a Closet and Shoots Her Through the Door.

An Ohio Negro Mortally Wounds His Employer to Rob Him of a Paltry Sum of Silver.

Missouri Forger Named Check Denominates Himself a Scoundrel and skips to Canada.

Tramps and Negroes Have a Lively Row in Ohio—Other Crimes Briefly Mentioned.

Mortally Wounded Through a Door.

A Thief's Deadly Thrust.

Wanted to Lynch Him.

Swallowed Poison.

Tramps vs. Negroes.

Shot His Father.

Shot a Photographer.

Killed With a Pick-Axe.

Done in Self-Defense.

Indications of Murder.

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CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS.

Peace Prospects so Universally Good that the United Kingdom Enjoyed the Holiday Season.

Gladstone Said to Have Played His Cards so Well that He Now Has a Sure Majority.

Bismarck's Colonization Policy Successful—His Method of Dealing With Tramps.

The French Ministry to Resign—Threats Against the Life of King Milan Frequent.

Janus' Gates Almost Closed.

Special to the Globe.

CAUGHT A FREE RIDE.

A Large Crowd of Congressmen and Journalists Leave Washington on a Trip to New Orleans.

Consul General Mueller, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Will Not Suffer From German Wrath.

O'Neill, a Candidate for Chairmanship of the Labor Committee, States His Record.

Senator Van Wyck Continues to Ride His Hobby of Indian Territorial Government.

Off for New Orleans.

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GERMANY'S GROWTH.

Eminent Success of Bismarck's Policy—Colonizing Tramps.

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INCINERATED INFANTS.

Three Children Burned to Death and Others Scorched in a New York City Residence Fire.

Over a Hundred Persons Injured in a Christmas-Tree Fire at the County Hospital, Chicago.

One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Bushels of Barley Destroyed in Milwaukee.

A Shaft to Be Sunk Over the Bodies of the Miners Lying Dead in Nanticoke.

Three Children Burned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Fire started in an early hour this morning in a two-story frame dwelling on One-hundred-and-sixty-sixth street, near Kingsbridge road, which was owned by the late Daniel Suckler, and occupied by Patrick R. Driscoll and his family. The occupants were in bed when the fire started. They were awakened by the smoke pouring into the rooms. The smoke was so thick that the occupants could not see their way out. The fire spread rapidly, and in a few minutes the entire building was in flames. The firemen reached the scene of the building in flames. Soon after the fire structure was consumed. Mr. Driscoll, his wife, Mary, and a son named Patrick, were severely burned while escaping. Three children, however, were burned to death, aged respectively 17, 14 and 7 years. Their charred remains were found soon after the fire was subdued.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A huge Christmas tree bearing all kinds of gifts for the patients and attendants at the county hospital, and lavishly illuminated with wax candles, caught fire to-day while a hundred or more people were gathered around it. The tree and its contents were consumed, and the clothing of some twenty persons caught fire. The flames were soon extinguished and no one seriously injured. The accident is somewhat more serious than what occurred in the past, several persons having been injured in the fire. Over 300 persons were in the chapel when the accident occurred. The small room was densely packed and "Santa Claus" was forcing his way through the crowd to distribute the gifts. Suddenly a wreath of colored paper caught fire from a candle and almost instantly the entire tree and its contents were a pyramid of flame. The garments of those next to the tree caught fire and every one rushed to the door in a panic. Before the room was cleared of the crowd, with a fire extinguisher, subdued the flames and drenched the clothing which had caught fire. Some forty persons were injured, but none fatally.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—The track at the exposition grounds was in good condition to-day and the weather was delightful. First Race—For all ages, half mile; Blue Bird won by a length. Leila B second, Gold Star third, Laura Brown fourth. Time 0:51. Second Race—Penalty and allowance. Blue Bird won by a head, Kioh B second, Biddy Bowling third, beating Fleur de Lys and Malcolm. Time 1:07. Third Race—For beaten horses, seven-eighths of a mile; Amanda Brown won by a nose, King Arthur second, Baton Rouge third, Peace and Goodart and Hot Box also ran. Time 1:34. Fourth Race—Selling allowance, three-quarters of a mile; Diamond won by a length over Malcolm. Time 1:07. Malcolm, beating Vicinity Park, Desire, Miss Goodrich and Jim Shelby. Time 1:20. The racing will be continued on Tuesday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—At midnight O'Leary had made 805 miles 8 laps and Weston 803 miles.

At the Jackson street roller skating rink on Tuesday evening next the Stillwater Polo club will come over and attempt to down the old St. Paul club. The latter team has downed everything that has yet come over from the Stillwater club. The polo club has a good reputation, the match will undoubtedly be of unusual interest.

The customary sparring match at the Olympic theater on Friday evenings was not given last evening for the reason of its being Christmas. Next Friday, however, there will be a sparring match between two warriors possessing considerable skill. Who they are has not yet been announced.

ROBERT SCRIBE HARRIS DEAD. A Brief Story of the Life of the Prominent Iowan. Special to the Globe. DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 25.—Robert Scribe Harris, familiarly known among river men as Scribby Harris, died this afternoon at 4 o'clock at his residence in this city. Failing health and the weight of years, retired him from active business pursuits years ago, the last office he held being that of a director in the First National bank. The deceased was a native of Delaware county, New York. He came west when a boy, locating in Cincinnati, where he lived until 17 years of age, pushed farther West, located in Galena, and, in 1839, struck what was known as the Harris lead mine, which developed a fortune for himself and his brother, Smith Harris. He then turned his attention to steamboating. He built and commanded the steamer A. Davis in 1833, the first packet to make regular trips to St. Paul. The last boat he ran was the St. Paul. Upon leaving the river he located in Dubuque in 1853, after his return from a trip to Europe. He was a man of marked intelligence and executive ability.

RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS. The Illinois Central Will Extend Its System. Special to the Globe. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—It is stated that the board of directors of the Illinois Central railroad have decided upon expending their improvement fund and spare capital on their Southern system, where many extensions and territorial acquisitions will be made during the coming season. The reasons given for this determination are twofold, over-competition in the North and West and an opposite state of affairs in the South. It is well known that its lines in Northern Iowa are the least profitable of its system, having in fact shown a steady decrease of earnings for some time, and there is but little prospect of any improvement. The country is gridironed with roads, and new ones are projected. 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