

TRADE COUNCIL BONA FIDE CIRCULATION. The circulation of the Times for the week ending December 18, 1896, was as follows: Saturday, December 13, 38,900; Sunday, December 14, 24,050; Monday, December 15, 30,130; Tuesday, December 16, 38,180; Wednesday, December 17, 37,880; Thursday, December 18, 37,460; Friday, December 19, 37,480.

ICE PALACE Convention Hall, Cor. 5th and E. N. W. Real Ice Skating. EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING. Ice Palace Orchestra and Grand Orchestra at Every Session.

THE GREAT NORTHWEST Direct from the American Theatre, New York. 2. J. BOWLING. 2. SHERIDAN BLOCK. 2. CAT LOUIS SHERIDAN. 2. THE GREAT NORTHWEST.

Holiday Matinee Christmas Day. EUGENIE BLAIR. As acted by EDWIN FERBY in EAST LYNNE. NEW YEAR'S WEEK. THE FLYING JORDANS.

HOYT'S A CONTENTED WOMAN. Including the beautiful CAROLINE MISKEL HOYT. NEW YEAR'S - THE BOSTONIANS. THE LAFAYETTE. TONIGHT SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MATINEE.

NEIL BURGESS. In a Laughing Epilogue. Odd Miss Podd. NEW YEAR'S KELLAR. BIRD FAMILY THEATER-ALL THIS WEEK.

MAY SMITH ROBBINS. In the House of Commons. LITTLE TRIXIE. A whirlwind of fun and merriment. KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER.

COLUMBIA ACADEMY. The evening drama, Old Times at Washington. Dress Suits FOR HIRE. Garner & Co. Cor. 7th and E. N. W.

NEW KIND OF RELIGION. Rev. Dr. Talmage Said It Must Above All Be Practical. HONESTY IN EVERY DAY LIFE. Enslaved Business Men Who Have Consecrated Their Wealth and Work to God-Named Many Who Are Famous for Their Purity and Character.

Religion of the mouth and not of works was discussed by Rev. Dr. Talmage in his sermon yesterday upon the text "Faith Without Works is Dead." He said in part: "The Roman Catholic Church has been charged with putting too much stress upon good works and not enough upon faith. I charge Protestantism with putting too much stress upon good works as connected with salvation."

CONSECRATE ALL TO GOD. "Give our heart to God and then fill your life with good works. Consecrate to him your store, your shop, your banking house, your factory and your mill, and say to no one will hear it. God will hear it. That is enough. You hardly know of anyone else than Wellington as connected with the victory at Waterloo; but he did not do the hard fighting. The hard fighting was done by the other men, and the King's and the Emperor's regiments, and the Scotch Guards, and the Life Guards. Who cares, if only the day was won?"

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THE CHRIST LAW. "I tell you, my friends, the law of man will never rectify these things. It will be the all-pervading influence of the practical religion of Jesus Christ that will make the change for the better. We want this practical religion not only to take hold of what are called the lower classes, but to take hold of what are called the higher classes. The trouble is that people have an idea they can do all their religion on Sunday with hymn-books and prayer-books, and liturgy, and some of them sit in church rolling up their eyes as though they were ready for translation, when their Sabbath is bounded on all sides by an incontinent life, and while you are expecting to come out from under their arms the wings of an angel, there come out from their forehead the horns of a beast."

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ONLY MONGOOSE IN AMERICA. Mr. John Payne Brought the Queer Creature Here From Jamaica. Its Hatred of Other Animals and Its Blood-Sucking Propensity. Everybody has heard of the mongoose, that queer little animal whose mission in life seems to be the extermination of insects obnoxious to man, the little creature that Kipling has made the principal figure of one of his jungle stories, the martial enemy of every snake and rat that infests the earth.

EVANGELIST AND LAWYER. "Merchants who took their religion into every-day life. Arthur Tappan, devoted in his day because he established that system by which we come to find out the commercial standing of business men, starting that entire system, decided for it himself, as I have said, in moral character. I never heard his eulogy pronounced. I pronounce it now. And other merchants just as good. William E. Dodge in the iron business, Moses H. Grinnell in the shipping business, Peter Cooper in the glass business. Scores of men, just as good as they were."

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MINERS' STRIKE ENDED. Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 20.-The strike of the bituminous miners of this State, which began May 1, has come to an end. The men at the mines in three counties, representing 2,000 miners, have voted to accept the 5 cent reduction from 60 cents a ton. Some of the men in other fields had gone to work at 55 cents and many more had conceded 60 cents. It is understood the operators now paying 60 cents will ask their men to accept the reduction.

TRACITION COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE. Newark, N. J., Dec. 20.-The Union Traction Company, which has secured rights of way between this city and Hackensack, has sold out to the big Consolidated Traction Company, now operating all the main lines in Essex, Hudson and Union counties. The consideration was equal to \$250,000. The road will be operated in April next.

LIVE PIGEON SHOOTER MURDERED. Oskaloosa, Ia., Dec. 20.-George Goltschitz, the crack live pigeon shooter of Iowa, was murdered in a saloon brawl last night. No arrests have been made.

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JESUS AS A CHILD. Rev. Mr. Kimball's Eloquent Sermon at All Souls' Church. Rev. John C. Kimball, of Hartford, Conn., preached at All Souls' Church last night on the text, "The Child Jesus," Luke, 1:27. "The current of human nature seems reversed at this season of the year," said he. "People who spend the rest of the year in getting all they can now seem bent on giving away all that is in their power to give."

QUEEN LIL COMING EAST. She Will Visit Her Husband's Relatives in Boston. San Francisco, Dec. 20.-Queen Lil, Hawaiian of Hawaii and her mate left for Boston last night on the sunset express via New Orleans. The royal visitor will arrive in the Massachusetts metropolis at 2:30 p. m. on Christmas Day.

"IT HAD TO BE DONE." Excuse of a Murderer for Cutting His Victim's Throat. Philadelphia, Dec. 20.-William Wallen, aged twenty-five years, and John King, aged twenty-one years, both garage attendants, quarreled about a woman in the kitchen of the house where Wallen boarded, 2524 Drexel street, last night. The quarrel was over a woman and King fell in a chair. Wallen then deliberately cut the throat of the sleeping man with a razor, killing him almost immediately. The murderer was arrested and when taken to the station-house, the police sergeant said to him: "Well, Wallen, you made a pretty clean job of that."

INCREASE IN BUSINESS. Furniture Factories Taking on Men and Working Longer Hours. Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 20.-A canvass of twenty-five furniture factories shows that the Presidential election has been a great revival of business. All lines of furniture-making in this city and that in fifteen of them there has been an increase of 1,215 men. Reliable reports from thirty-five other factories, making furniture and furniture supplies, show revival in special work and an increase of employees.

Schooner Probably Wrecked. Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 20.-The schooner Letitia, Capt. Ashland, which arrived from Guaymas yesterday, reports having passed through a considerable quantity of ice, probably broken up on Saturday last twenty miles southwest of Cape Flattery. Two brightly painted skiffs were observed floating among the lumber, but the sea was too rough to permit a close examination of them.

Minister Passed Worthless Checks. Richmond, Ind., Dec. 20.-Rev. J. H. Harwell, the Cambridge City Methodist minister, arrested on a charge of passing a number of worthless checks here, yesterday waived a preliminary examination and was bound over to court in \$1,000. He is believed to be insane. The total amount of the checks offered by him is over \$1,000.

Democrats Will Not Contest. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 20.-Chairman P. P. Johnston and Hon. William M. Golbel of the silver Democratic State central committee, and Chairman H. A. Sommers of the silver Democratic campaign committee, decided yesterday not to contest the election of the twelve McKinley electors because of their inability to raise funds to meet the expenses of such a cause.

CLEVELAND AND HIS DUCKS Landed at the White House Early Yesterday Morning. PRESIDENT LOOKS RIGGED

Two Hundred and Eighty-one Waterfowl Brought Down by the Party. Majority Were the Result of the Chief Executive's Prowess-Possibly the Last Gunning Trip. President Cleveland returned early yesterday morning from possibly his last ducking excursion during his second administration. He brought with him 281 ducks, the greater number of which he is said to have shot.

BACK AT THE WHITE HOUSE. The President walked with a firm and steady tread and smiled upon the station attendants as he entered his carriage. He was driven directly to the White House and reached there at 8:15 o'clock. Dr. O'Reilly went to his own home from the depot.

MEANWHILE the most interesting proceeding at the station attended was the unloading of the ducks and their transfer to the grocery wagon at the Executive Mansion kitchen. The wagon is of generous proportions, but the great number of birds, together with the boxes and gunning paraphernalia, crowded it until its black rubber curtains puffed out like the covering of an inflated balloon.

THE CRAN BIRD. The station man is also authorized for the statement that the duck was a native of Cuban waters and is seldom found outside of its native haunts, though it has been known to come as far north as Pimento Sound.

RECEIVER CUTS DOWN EXPENSES. Receiver Hauke, Ind., Dec. 20.-Receiver Hauke of the Indiana Railroad system has issued orders for a radical reduction in expenses, and the first result is the abolition of the position of general superintendent, now occupied by H. I. Miller, son of General Superintendent Miller of the Pennsylvania system west of Pittsburgh. Salaries of officials and clerks have been reduced from 15 to 33.1 per cent, and a number have been left.

PLACE FOR AMBASSADOR BAYARD'S SON. Wilmington, Del., Dec. 20.-Thomas E. Bayard, Jr., son of the ambassador, has accepted a position in the department of the corporation counsel of New York and will remove to that city early next year. Mr. Bayard will be connected with the department of street openings. He is a graduate of Yale, class of '90.

POLICEMAN SHOT BY FOOTPADS. Alton, Ill., Dec. 20.-Chief of Police J. Kuhn and Night Patrolman John Hulse were probably fatally shot here yesterday by three colored men, whom they tried to arrest. The footpads made their escape.

THE GREAT HUXLEY. What Huxley, the Great English Scientist, Considered the Best Start in Life. The great English scientist, Huxley, said the best start in life is a sound stomach. Weak stomachs fail to digest food properly, because they lack the proper quantity of digestive acids (hydrochloric and hydrobromic) and peptone products, the most sensible remedy in all cases of indigestion is to take after each meal, one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because they supply in a pleasant, harmless form all the elements that weak stomachs lack.

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