GOOD SANTA CLAUS.

Thousands of People Made Happy at Christmastide.

THE MANSION AND HOVEL VISITED.

Babies at the White House and Little Ones in the Purlieus of Poverty Made Equally Happy—Christmas Cheer Supplied to the Needy by the Hand of Generosity—Charity at Chicago and Elsewhere—An Indiana Man's Gift.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Mr. W. E. Blackstone has presented to President Cleveland and Secretary Gresham the memorial adopted by the World's Columbian commission, asking that steps be taken to secure arbitration of international disputes. The memorial contains signatures from some forty different nations which participated in the exposition. The presentation was made on Christmas Eve. The president and Secretary Gresham informed Mr. Blackstone, that they were in warm sympathy with the objects of the memorial and those who signed. Among the signers are: Sir Richard Webster, of England; George R. R. Cockburn, of Canada; Enrique Dupuy de Lome, of Spain; Admiral Mauricity, of Brazil; Dr. Anton von Palitreches Palmforst, of Austria; T. Hekky Bey, of Turkey, N. Yamataka, of Japan; Professor Dr. Sheppan Wartsoldt, of Germany; Chun Quan Kee, of China.

Names of Other Eminent Signers.

There were also the commissioners from the different states and territories of the United States; the directors and officials of the exposition, many of the chairmen and speakers of the World's Congress auxiliary, including Bishop Merrill, Dr. Philip Schaff, Cardinal Gibbons, Mgr. Satolli, Joseph Cook, Mr. Moody, Rev. Alexander Mackay Smith, Wm. E. Dodge, Lady Somerset, Lady Aberdeen, and Josiah Quincy; also the editors of the principal daily papers of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, Ex-President Harrison, Secretary Morton, Comptroller Eckels, Chief Justice Fuller, Secretaries Herbert, and Daniel S. Lamont; Senator John Sherman and several of the most prominent business men of the country, including Joseph Seligman, Geo. M. Pullman, Cornelius Vanderbilt and others. This memorial and signatures, making a large volume, will be engraved fac simile for presentation to all the governments of the world.

Text of the Memorial.

The memorial is as follows: "To the governments of the world—The undersigned, citizens of many countries, gathered at the Columbian exposition in Chicago, in the United States of America, recognizing the advantages accruing to those nations which have pursued the policy of arbitrating international disputes, and desiring that the like benefits may in the future be enjoyed by all nations, and deeming this a fitting opportunity, do hereby join in this memorial to all the various governments, praying that all will unitedly agree, by mutual treaties, to submit for settlement by arbitration all such international questions and disputes as shall fail of satisfactory solution by ordinary peaceful negotiations."

ALL REVOLVES ABOUT BABY RUTH.

Capital City Interest Lies Chiefly in the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Baby Ruth was the center of attraction at the White House Christmas, not to ignore the little sister Esther, who divided the interest so far as the visitors were concerned, although too young to take in the significance of the day. Ruth's presents were a host. The list was headed by a doll house, an exact reproduction in miniature of the White House, and among the numerous other presents was a toy stove, in pattern like a restaurant range, all of wrought iron and steel, and accompanied by a complete set of cooking utensils. The toys were manufactured in duplicate, and the demand on the makers for toys like Baby Ruth's has been enormous.

All the cabinet festivities were of a quiet, home-like character. A number of the children of the president and Mrs. Cleveland's particular friends were invited to the White House to see the Christmas tree illuminated, and the children's mothers were included in the invitations. The tree was attended by four men who assisted Mrs. Cleveland in distributing the gifts. There was one for each child in the cabinet circle and the children nearly went wild over the beauties of the tree. The president went in for awhile to watch the fun and enjoy the children's pleasure in the happy event.

Vice-President and Mrs. Stevenson, instead of spending Christmas in Washington and taking their dinner at the Normandie, as it was generally supposed they would, made their plans for the occasion to conform to the wishes of friends. They took an early train to Baltimore, accompanied by their two daughters, together with Mrs. and Miss Scott, to spend the day and be present at the marriage of Miss Ewing, daughter of the minister to Belgium. The vice-president will give the bride's hand in marriage.

Of the other officials Secretary and Mrs. Gresham spent the day at home, with their sons. Secretary and Mrs. Carlisle did likewise. Secretary Lamont and family went to New York. Mr. and Mrs. Bissell had no guests, while Secretary Morton had his family around him. Secretary Herbert, for the first time for several years, had a family party. The secretary had additional cause for rejoicing in the fact that his two children had just recovered from the scarlet fever.

From early Saturday morning to late in the evening express wagons were driving up to the White House with gifts for the executive's family. Some left one bundle, some several, and one or two full loads. It took the combined force of ushers to handle the presents, which came from all parts of the country and ranged from a tin whistle for Esther to a Bible for the president. The president and Baby Ruth seem to be the most popular members of the family, judging from the number of presents received for them.

FED THE HUNGRY AT CHICAGO.

And Also Clothed the Naked—Christmas Cheer Given Away.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—There were few hungry people comparatively in this city Christmas. Preparations had been going on for several days to provide a good dinner for all the worthy poor, and considering the ground that had to be covered they were a notable success. The children were not forgotten, and besides the carloads of eatables, toys innumerable had been provided for them. Nor were other creature comforts left out of the list, and many a little one whose toes were sticking through worn stockings and shoes and knees and elbows out of trousers and jackets, now goes out clad in warm clothing.

Battery D was full of waifs and poor children from the slums, when an orchestra furnished by the Chicago Musical Society struck up the inspiring melody, "Jesus loves even the waifs of the street." The occasion was the annual Christmas dinner and distribution of gifts to the poor by the Chicago Waifs' Mission Training school, and it was a happy success. The children in the Day nursery were provided for royally and in every charitable and corrective institution in the city the inmates were made glad.

There were numerous individual distributions of turkeys and other good things. In the Nineteenth ward Alderman Powers distributed nearly 2½ tons of Christmas cheer. At Deering, Deering & Co. gave every married employe a turkey. It took 1,165 turkeys to do the work, and in various parts of the city Christmas dinners were spread in halls by charitable citizens for the homeless poor.

Ira Tillotson's Christmas Gift.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Dec. 26.—The town of Chestertown, this county, is excited over the novel Christmas present received by one of the prominent business men of that town. Ira B. Tillotson, a bachelor, on going to his place of business, discovered a clothes basket in the doorway, pinned to which was a card bearing the inscription, "A Christmas Present." Inside the basket was a pair of red-headed twin babies about a month old. Tillotson concluded to take care of his presents and sent them into the country to his mothers.

Kansas City Poor Made Happy.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—Mayor Cowherd was the Santa Claus of the poor people of Kansas City. Some time ago he inaugurated a movement to raise a fund to make the worthy poor happy on Christmas, and has distributed 1,300 baskets loaded with the good things of the season. The little ones received hoods, cloaks and other useful articles, and each little girl was presented with a doll; and many a little face wore a broad smile as these were handed out.

Shriners at Detroit Do Good Work.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Moslem Temple A. A. O., Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, repeated their usual Christmas offerings by distributing 850 basketfuls of provisions, whereby they relieved some 2,400 or more unfortunate people.

They Each Got a Turkey Apiece.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Attorney General Olney gladdened the hearts of the messengers, firemen, elevator conductors and women of his department by giving them orders for turkeys for their Christmas dinners.

THREE DEATHS BY STARVATION.

A Man, Woman, and Child Die for Want of Food Near Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 2 .—Within twenty-four hours three deaths have occurred in this vicinity from starvation. Their names were: Anthony Dominick, an Austrian, aged 60 years; Mary Weisman, daughter of Henry Weisman, of Allegheny, aged 3 years; Mrs. Dicea Arthur, a widow, aged 50 years, died at Homestead. In the case of Dominick it was developed at the coroner's inquest that he, with about forty others—Hungarians, Italians, and Austrians—lived together, each man doing his own cooking.

Dominick had not worked for two months, and for days at a time he would have nothing to eat. On Thursday he procured some putrid fish and in his half-starved condition ate of it ravenously. The man took sick and died, without any of the others paying any attention to him. The little Weisman girl had been sick for a week, but the parents could not provide proper food and medical treatment, and it was only when the child died that the neighbors learned how distressed the family was.

The other children, older than the one who died, were found to be suffering from hunger. Mrs. Arthur's death was caused by sickness and starvation. She had no one to look after her but a 12-year-old son, who was himself ill from lack of food. Her sad condition was discovered only a few hours before her death by two ladies, who did all in their power for the poor woman, but it was too late.

RENOUNCED THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR

Three Assemblies Leave that Order for the Federation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A meeting of the clothing cutters' assemblies 2,853, of New York; 2,904, of Brooklyn, and 6,234, of Newark, Knights of Labor, was held in Clarendon hall, this city, to consider and decide the advisability of abandoning the Knights of Labor and joining the United Garment Workers of America, which organization is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Over 600 members were present and it was unanimously decided to renounce the Knights of Labor. An address setting forth the reasons for the action alleges dissatisfaction with General Master Workman Sovereign.

Explaining Himself.

The defendant had shot the dog—there was no dispute about that—and it was only a question as to how much, if any, damages the plaintiff was entitled to. The witness had been put on the stand to testify to the circumstances of the shooting.

"You say the dog was a vicious animal?" inquired the lawyer.

"Worst I ever saw," replied the witness.

"And you were standing by when the defendant shot him?"

"No-o, not exactly."

"But you certainly said that you saw the plaintiff release the dog and cry, 'Sic him!'"

"I saw him start to release the dog."

"Where were you then?"

"Standing beside the defendant."

"How long after that was it before the defendant shot?"

"About half a minute."

"Had you changed your position then?"

"Yes, sir."

"Where were you then?"

"Nearly a block away."

"And you didn't see him shoot?"

"No, sir. I was facing the other way."—Chicago Post.

Tonsorial Item.

An elderly gentleman, on whose head only a few lonesome hairs lingered, entered a drug store and said to the clerk:

"I want to buy a hairbrush."

"For your own use?"

"Yes."

"What's the matter with a toothbrush?"—Texas Siftings.

Rust Spots on Clothes.

Mysterious rust spots on clothes are caused by prussian blue, which is substituted for indigo in some kinds of laundry bluing. To test bluing, drop a piece of washing soda in a mixture diluted with cold water. If the compound turns to a reddish hue, prussian blue has been used.

RECEIVERS FOR THE SANTA FE.

The Great Railway System Needs About $6,000,000 to Go on With.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 25.—The expected in the railroad world has happened. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and St. Louis and San Francisco railroads and branches, comprising the Santa Fe system proper, have been placed in the hands of three receivers, the order being made by United States Circuit Judge H. C. Caldwell, in chambers in this city. The application was made by the Union Trust company of New York, trustees for the bondholders of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Mercantile Trust company of New York, trustees for the bondholders of the St. Louis and San Francisco. The receivers appointed are: J. W. Reinhardt, president of the Santa Fe system; J. J. McCook, general counsel of the Santa Fe system, and Joseph C. Wilson, clerk of the United States district court at Topeka, Kas.

The receivership met with no resistance on the part of the railroad companies and an agreement was quickly reached. The bills in both cases, that of the Santa Fe and "Frisco," showed that the lines were heavily involved with maturing obligations coming on soon, and that the interest due Jan. 1 could not be paid and would be foreclosed. In both cases the complainants' bills went elaborately into figures and were very full and voluminous. The bonded indebtedness aggregates $232,000,000, as follows: $150,000,000 first mortgage bonds; $77,000,000 class "A" second mortgage bonds; $5,000,000 class "B" second mortgage bonds. The interest due Jan. 1 will aggregate nearly $3,000,000, and the floating debt is about $5,000,000, making a total liability of about $240,000,000.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Arkansas Valley smelter at Leadville, Colo., will start up this week.

At the late jubilee in Carlsbad in honor of Labitzky, the Roman Catholic priest composed a festival hymn, the Protestant minister wrote the words, and the Jewish synagogue furnished the singers.

W. J. Foust, assistant postmaster of Thornton, Tex., was arrested for embezzling $750.

A. B. Angers, Dominion minister of agriculture, has begun a suit for libel against Ernest Pacaud, proprietor of L'Electeur. Damages are laid at $25,000.

Carl North, treasurer of Pierce county, Neb., was found guilty of embezzling $6,000.

Goodrich, under arrest at Chicago for the murder of Mrs. Cron, has been indicted for that murder by the grand jury.

William Dipple, of Detroit, Mich., was run over by a freight train at Newport, Pa. He died from his injuries.

Bids for city of Detroit 4 per cent. gold bonds ran as high as 5 per cent. premium, and the total premium on $850,000 offered was $40,695.

The porte has decided to reinforce the Turkish troops at Yusgat, Asiatic Turkey, where serious riots have recently occurred.

The baby of Mrs. Michael Dunsavage died in her arms while she was testifying in a Wilkesbarre, Pa., court.

Hundreds of Chinese are crossing the Rio Grande into the United States.

The Pennsylvania Farmer, a populist paper at Meadville, Pa., has been seized by the sheriff on executions for $19,000 in favor of the failed Farmers' Co-operative Bank.

President Diaz has inaugurated several new lines of steamers to develop the coast trade of Mexico.

C. K. Carson, collector for the Oregon Improvement company at San Francisco, Cal., was arrested charged with the embezzlement of of $4,000, most of which was lost at the races.

A wealthy Chinese company has purchased 320,000 acres of land in Sinola, Mexico, on which it proposes to colonize 5,000 Chinamen.

Nearly $55,000 of the $95,000 stolen from the Bank of Minneapolis by Scheig and the Floyds has been recovered.

A switching engine on the Consolidated road crashed into the rear car of a passenger train at South Norwalk, Conn., wrecking the engine and the rear car of the train. No one was hurt.

The postoffice at Keithsburg, Ills., was robbed of $250.

Weatherly, a town of 3,000 inhabitants, in eastern Pennsylvania, has over 300 cases of grip.

Look Ya Toe, eldest son of the king of Siam, is about to enter as a student at the university of Oxford.

M. J. Wade, professor of the state university at Iowa City, has been appointed by Governor Boies a judge in place of S. H. Fairall, resigned.

John Handley, of Tecumseh, Mich., who was several times tried for arson, has been arrested for trying to hang his wife and children.

Every child in the New Brunswick (N. J.) public schools brings a potato twice a week to relieve the distress of the unemployed.

Charles F. Reichers, general secretary of the United Garment Workers, has been exonerated from criminal charges made against him at Boston.

Clark Francis, aged 16, of Beatrice, Neb., broke through the ice in Blue river and was drowned.

Edward Tewkesbury was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Tucson, Ari., for the killing of Thomas Graham, shot from behind Aug. 2, 1892. Grahrm's death was the end of the Graham-Tewkesbury vendetta which resulted in twenty-seven men losing their lives.

Bread Famine Possible at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The possibility of a bread famine stares the city in the face. Saturday night the bakers in two large bakeries were ordered out by the union. The bosses organization has taken up the matter and declare the men must return to work under new rules or give up their positions. In consequence the baker's union has ordered a strike in nine other bakeries.

The Local Markets.

GRAIN, ETC.

Wheat—60c.
Corn—New, 29@30c.
Oats—27@29c.
Hay—Timothy, $10; upland, $9@$10; slough, $6@$7; baled, $9@$.
Straw, $3@$4.

PRODUCE.

Butter—Fair to choice, 22c; creamery, 28c.
Eggs—Fresh, 21c.
Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 9c; turkeys, dressed, 13c; ducks, dressed, 8@10c; geese, 8@10c.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Apples—$4 00@4 50 per bb
Potatoes—60@70c.
Onions—75c per bu.
Turnips—50c per bu.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—Butchers pay for corn fed steers 4@4½c; cows and heifers, 3½@3¾c; calves 6@6c.
Hogs—4¼@4½c
Sheep—3½@4¼c

FUEL.

Coal—Soft, $3@3 15; hard, $3.25.
Wood—Cord, $4.25; sawed, $5.50.

UNABLE TO PAY.

The Santa Fe Road Has Liabilities of $240,000,000.

IT CAN'T EVEN MEET THE INTEREST.

Upon a Petition by the Trustees and Bondholders, Who Show the System to Be Heavily Involved. Receivers Are Appointed.

THE SANTA FE GIVES UP.

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Not Unexpected.

Although the press of the country has anticipated the result for some time past, not until the death of Chairman George C. Magoun last week was any immediate action contemplated. The first intimation of decisive action was received at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon when a special sleeper, the Catoosa, with baggage car attached, which left St. Louis at 2 o'clock in the morning, arrived over the Iron Mountain with prominent railway attorneys and officials on board, who hastened at once to the federal courthouse and were soon closeted with Judge Caldwell, who had arrived from St. Louis the night before.

Receivers Named.

They remained closeted behind closed doors with Judge Caldwell until 5:30 o'clock, when an order was agreed upon appointing three receivers for the Santa Fe system: J. W. Reinhardt, president of the Santa Fe system; J. J. McCook, general counsel of the Santa Fe system, and Joseph C. Wilson, clerk of the United States district court at Topeka, Kan., the latter being a compromise receiver, the railroads having recommended Reinhardt, McCook and George C. Nickerson, the latter being a director of the system, but who was objected to by the complainants.

No Protest.

The receivership met with no resistance on the part of the railroad companies, and an agreement was quickly reached. The bills in both cases—that of the Santa Fe and 'Frisco—showed that the lines were heavily involved, with maturing obligations coming on soon, and that the interest due January 1 could not be paid and would be foreclosed. In both cases the complainants' bill went elaborately into figures and were very full and voluminous.

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Branch Lines to Be Cut Off.

J. W. Reinhardt and J. J. McCook, two of the receivers, are well known in railroad circles throughout the country. The other receiver, Joseph C. Wilson, has been twice mayor of Topeka. A supplementary bill will likely be filed at Topeka January 5, which will be tantamount to foreclosure of the bonded indebtedness, in which event the branch lines, which have been sapping the life blood of the main lines, will be lopped off.

Orders of the Receiver.

The order in each of the two cases is the same and directs that the receivers be "authorized and directed to take immediate possession of all the railroads and properties (including 8,346 miles of operated lines) and to run, manage and operate them, and to execute the authority and franchises of the roads and conduct systematically their business."

Double Faced.

Lawyer—Now, madam, you say that on the night of the robbery the moon was so bright that you could see the robbers in your room. Was your husband awake?

Witness—I don't know, sir.

Lawyer—Was his face turned toward you or away from you?

Witness—I can't say, sir.

Lawyer—Now, your honor and gentlemen of the jury, do you hear that? This woman positively identifies these men as the robbers who were in her room, and yet she cannot tell us how her husband was lying at the time. And turning to the witness he continued, Why can't you tell us, pray?

Witness—I could not see.

Lawyer—Ah! you could not see? Yet you positively identify these prisoners. How is this?

Witness—Well, you see, sir, my husband is so very bald that in anything but a bright light I cannot tell whether he is looking at or away from me.—New York Herald.

Jupiter's Red Spot.

The "red spot" on the disk of Jupiter, which has been visibe on the southern hemisphere of the planet since 1878, has perhaps attracted more attention than any modern astronomical oddity, unless we give the palm to the so called "canals of Mars." The first hints of the tinted markings on the giant's face were, we believe, given by Professor E. S. Holden as early as 1875, but Professor E. E. Barnard appears to be the champion "spot finder" and observer. He has found that Jupiter's great red spot rotates in 9 hours 55 minutes and 35 seconds. Near the equator of the planet, however, there is a white spot which is equally as interesting to the astronomers as the red one, of which so much has been said and written. This pale blemish is a puzzler. It is shaped like a comet's tail and makes its regular rotation in 9 hours 55 minutes and 20 seconds. What causes the 15 second's difference in the period of rotation between the two spots is an enigma to all observers.—St. Louis Republic.

LABOR GOING INTO POLITICS.

Unions at Kansas City Hold a Significant Meeting.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—At a meeting held here preliminary arrangements were made for the organization of an independent political party, which will be composed of the members of the various union labor organizations of Kansas City. It is claimed by some of the united labor leaders that there are between 7,500 and 8,000 men enrolled as members of the unions of the city.

It is their intention to organize these men into an independent party that will have for its platform demands that state legislation should be more in the interest of the working classes than at present, and that the city council shall enact ordinances intended to benefit them.

Money In Them.

"And you really consider it good luck to find a horseshoe, then?"

"Certainly. They are worth 2 cents apiece at any junk dealer's, and every little helps, these hard times."—Buffalo Courier.

A Barrier Between Them.

Briggs—The other morning after breakfast I met my landlady on the street.

Griggs—Did she bow?

Briggs—No, sir. I was coming out of a restaurant.—New York Herald.

Catarrh in Colorado.

I used Ely's Cream Balm for dry catarrh. It proved a cure.—B. F. M. Weeks, Denver.

Ely's Cream Balm is especially adapted as a remedy for catarrh which is aggravated by alkaline dust and dry winds.—W. A. Hover, druggist, Denver.

I can recommend Ely's Cream Balm to all sufferers from dry catarrh from persona experience.—Michael Herr, pharmacist, Denver.

Ely's Cream Balm has cured many cases of catarrh. It is in constant demand.—George W. Hoyt, pharmacist, Cheyenne, Wyo.

D. M. Rose

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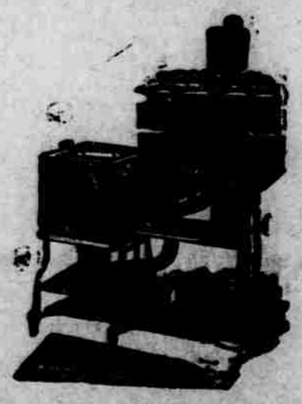

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