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Printers in Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin are respectfully informed that we have on hand at the Pioneer office a large assortment of LIGHTBODY'S SUPERIOR PRINTING INKS...

The Minnesota Agricultural Society.

This Society will hold its annual meeting in Saint Paul, at the Capitol, the first Wednesday of January next...

Those of our subscribers who have not received the DAILY PIONEER, for the last two or three days, must excuse us...

We received on Saturday evening, another mail from the south, but as there was no special news, we occupy most of our space this morning in giving publicity to the proceedings at the New England Supper.

Christmas.

In lieu of a sermon from our own pen on Christmas, we are glad to offer the magnificent lyric which follows, from the pen of one most favorably known to the readers of the PIONEER.

A CHRISTMAS LYRIC.

BY JANE GAY.

The night stars glitter like a diadem Above the Judean hills, when a band Of way-worn pilgrims passed at Bethlehem...

The houses were full, and sad and heavily To a low lamentable strain they turned, For far beneath the skies of Galilee...

Hark! hark! what sounds break on the silent air— The mellow tones of myriad harps are ringing Through the clear night-vault!

Upon the hills that gird the city round, Amid the quiet folds that seldom stray, Shepherds were seated on the dewy ground...

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The night stars faded when the next morn stained The eastern hills with its rosy light, But the bright Star of Prophecy remained...

Sons of the Highest—Being so Divine! From thy straw pillow wake not to weep; For the cattle on a thousand hills are thine!

Years sped along! The Babe of Bethlehem grew To manly stature, in the humble home Of his kind foster-parents...

But the forked tongue of malice could impart No pang! From his lips, too, strange things would fall...

Jesus began his mission, and the land Was filled with strange astonishment and awe; Though on no fiery tables did his hand...

The youth of Nain were sadly bearing one, In youth like them, a burden, to his tomb; From a widowed mother's only son...

Death crossed the Ruler's threshold; one sweet bud Had lain like a bright dew drop on his heart; The bud was budding into wondrous bloom...

He stood beside a grave in Bethany, "Greeting in spirit" for its shadows fell One he loved, and whose warm sympathy Had often been potential to dispel...

Such are the wondrous deeds that cluster round Thy name, Redeemer of our fallen race, Until the mortal earth is unbound...

The lights gleam brightly through each green-wreathed pine; The Christmas garlands tell of jubilee; And crowds are thronging to the sacred fane...

Celebration of the Landing of the Landing of the Pilgrims, by the New England Society, at the Winslow House, Friday Evening, Dec. 22, 1854.

The New England Society Supper at the Winslow House, on the evening of the 23d inst. was the most brilliant affair of the kind we have ever attended in the West.

Judge SHERBURNE opened the proceedings by the following remarks: "We have met, Sons of New England, on this the 22d day of December to commemorate the landing of our Pilgrim Fathers..."

Mr. T. M. NEWSON rose to reply: I am not unmindful of the honor done me, but the late hour at which I was notified of my having been selected, and the extreme nervous state of my system...

Sir, these Pilgrims who left their childhood's home, endeared to them by associations, the memory of which death alone could efface, have given their impress to the world.

Rev. Mr. SECOMBE, here followed in an eloquent and appropriate prayer. The edibles were now attacked with vigor, and when justice had been done to the excellent supper prepared by Clement & Parker...

1st. The Pilgrims who land from the May-flower upon Pilgrim Rock.—May their names and the institutions which they founded, be as lasting as the rock upon which they landed.

2d. Our Pilgrim Mothers.—The Pilgrim Fathers gave us New-England homes; and the Pilgrim Mothers gave us New-England homes; and the Pilgrim Mothers gave us New-England homes...

Mr. E. C. PALMER, from Burlington, Vt., responded. He said,—Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen!—It would have suited me better to have borne a silent part in the festivities of to-day, leaving to others worthier than myself, the task of giving adequate expression to the common joy...

6th. NEW-YORK.—The political and commercial metropolis of the Union—New-England, the home of its literature and science; their interests are common—may their amity be perpetual.

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I hasten to express my gratification and pride, at being permitted, on such an occasion, and before so goodly a company, to speak a word in behalf of the Pine-Tree State.

My pride, sir, in my native State, springs not from the fertility of its soil, the mildness of its climate, its mineral wealth, nor yet its unbounded agricultural resources.

Mr. M. E. AMES responded. In being called upon to respond to this toast, I have not the vanity to suppose that I am named from any supposed eloquence on my part—for sir, I possess none.

We need not go beyond the States next adjoining us, to see the enervating effects of a too bountiful bestowment of nature's gifts.

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The Meeting at Ostend—Bitterness of the Opposition—Minister to England—Retirement of Mr. Buchanan, and probable appointment of Gen. Cass—The Sandwich Islands—Business of the Session, &c. &c.

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pression is that this will be a business session. Speeches may and I think will be made on the Pacific railroad, the re-organization and augmentation of the army and navy, but no final action will be had.

THE INVALUED PENSION BILL was received from the House. Mr. Badger, of N. C., introduced a bill increasing the compensation of Judges of the Supreme Court and members of Congress 50 per cent.

HOUSE.—On motion of Mr. Boyce, of S. C. the Committee on Judiciary were instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the usury laws with liberty to report by bill, or otherwise.

MR. LATHAM, of California, from Committee on Public Lands, made a report in favor of extending the California Land Commission.

SENATE.—Mr. Stewart, of Michigan, reported back the bill for deepening the St. Clair Flats and the St. Mary's river.

MR. SHIELDS, of Illinois, gave notice of a bill establishing a marine hospital at Galena.

MR. JONES, of Tennessee, introduced a bill granting to Railroad Companies three years, in which to pay duties on iron. Referred to Com. on Finance.

HOUSE.—Mr. Murray, of N. Y., from Com. on Printing, reported a resolution for printing 25,000 copies of the recently arranged abstract of the census.

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THE BATTLE OF N. ORLEANS. Gen. M. T. Butler, in his report, says that the success of the expedition was due to the cooperation of the navy and the army.

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