

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Vaden in East Sherman. The parlor was cleared for dancing and from ten o'clock till four in the morning the dance went steadily on. The moderate was provided with quiet places, where social converse and innocent games were in order, and after the din of time had indicated the proper hour the guests were invited to partake of an elegant luncheon provided by the excellent hostess, where all the luxuries of the market and ripe old wine contributed to make them merry.

At the residence of Capt. John F. Young on East Jones street a goodly number of young folks also assembled, and while your scribe can not speak from personal knowledge, we know the captain and his excellent wife made every one glad to be there.

AT GAINESVILLE.

Special to the Gazette.

GAINESVILLE, TEX., Dec. 24.—The Christmas-trees at the Baptist and Christian churches to-night were largely attended, and were greatly enjoyed by the young folks.

AT BOWIE.

Special to the Gazette.

BOWIE, TEX., Dec. 24.—To-day witnessed a very large crowd of people in Bowie from far and near, making their purchases for Christmas, and the dry-goods stores, drug-stores and notion-stores, were well patronized. The display of holiday notions and novelties is more than usually attractive, that of M. E. Riley and A. Y. Bettis being especially handsome.

The two Christmas-trees, one at the Methodist church for the Sunday-school, the other at the academy building for the public at large, came off to-night. To say the little folks were delighted is to use tame language. I will leave their happy state for those who have little ones of their own to imagine. When it is remembered that these little ones have for weeks been looking to the advent of Santa Claus it is not wonderful that they are actually wild when the old fellow arrives.

The Knights of Pythias ball and numerous social and dancing parties furnish an ample programme of festivities for the week.

AT EL PASO.

Special to the Gazette.

EL PASO, TEX., Dec. 24.—The locomotive firemen gave a big ball to-night.

The Baptists had a fish-pond, and the other churches Christmas trees.

AT KYLE.

Special to the Gazette.

KYLE, TEX., Dec. 24.—The commencement exercises for the fall term of the Kyle seminary closed with a most successful concert. The audience was large and well behaved, and the performance was almost without blemish.

The Christmas tree at the seminary to-night was the most magnificent ever seen in Kyle. Notwithstanding the weather the large hall was crowded to its utmost capacity.

A GIFT TO THE IRON-MEN.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 24.—P. L. Kimberly & Co. this afternoon distributed \$1000 among their employees. This action has done much to restore confidence here. The balance is expected to be paid in a few days. Mr. Kimberly, it is understood, has asked for an extension of eighteen months and it is said that thus far none of the creditors have refused the request.

WHAT LEO SAYS AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The pope in replying to the Christmas congratulations of the cardinals deplored the abnormal position of the papal see, vigorously censured the Protestants for their machinations and the general impunity allowed by the present state of the laws, and the unworthy insinuations of the Liberal press when the foundation of a cholera hospital by the Vatican was announced, and denounced the divorce law submitted the chamber of deputies.

CHRISTMAS IN THE ARCTIC REGIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The National Republican will print tomorrow an extract from the diary of Lieut Lockwood of the Greeley Arctic colony, describing the manner in which the starving party spent their last Christmas at their cabin in the Arctic regions. Lieut Lockwood kept his diary in shorthand, which has been transcribed by a member of the family, and he appears to have made a full record of everything important which happened in the daily life of the party. The extracts which the Republican will print relate how as Christmas drew near the officers and men joined in the talk of home and planned grand feasts for the time, when they should reach the civilized world, and how they made preparations for the feast on the approaching Christmas by setting apart small portions of their daily rations.

On December 21 Lieut. Lockwood writes: "By a great effort I was able to save one ounce of my bread and about two ounces of butter for Christmas. I shall make a vigorous effort to abstain from eating it before Christmas."

He adds that he put it in the charge of a comrade as an additional safeguard.

On December 22 he writes: "We look forward to tomorrow and Christmas I offered to give any one a roast turkey on reaching home for a single dog biscuit now, but found no takers."

He says on the next day: "I saved nearly all my hard bread for Christmas, though I need it sorely," and he says that to make his Christmas dinner grander he made a tremendous effort and went without his rum in order that he would have it for Christmas to add to the punch. On Christmas eve he added to his scanty savings for the next day's feast half of his bread and his piece of lard.

A Decrease in the Net Earnings.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 24.—The statement of the business of all the

lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad company east of Pittsburgh and Erie for the eleven months of 1884, as compared with the same period in 1883, shows a decrease in the net earnings of \$1,200,209. The statement of all the lines west of Pittsburgh and Erie for the eleven months of 1884 shows a decrease, as compared with the same period in 1883, of \$1,946,808.

CLIFTON.

A Visit to Rio Vista, the Home of Judge Lynch.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

CLIFTON, TEX., Dec. 22.—Learning that Judge Lynch, chief engineer of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad, was at home, we started out this morning to his place in the face of a brisk norther in the hope of finding something of interest for GAZETTE readers. We remember how faithful were the efforts of a former reporter to obtain some railroad news from the ubiquitous engineer, but supposing that he had come to pass the holidays at Rio Vista and find recreation in the delightful surroundings there, we flattered ourselves that we would find him in a communicative mood and by fortuitous circumstances, purely, would be able to get something of interest for the public, but to our disappointment when we reached our destination we learned that Judge Lynch had only passed one day at home and was again on the line of the Santa Fe somewhere. But would not regret the trip, for truly the magnificent view of the surrounding country which one gets from Rio Vista will pay well for the jaunt. Judge Lynch purchased the lands upon which he has built his comfortable country home from the builders of the Santa Fe railroad, and when we remember that he made the selection after an extensive travel through the state in the employment of different lines of railroad, we are forced to the conclusion that his location is a desirable one, and to confirm us in this opinion, it is only necessary to visit the place.

Rio Vista is located two and three-quarter miles north of Clifton on the highlands adjoining the beautiful Bosque valley, and commands a splendid view of the Bosque river and its tributaries, from which situation the name is derived. Standing upon the front porch and looking out upon the scene, the beautiful valley lands present the appearance of a pictured canvas rather than a reality. Here are homes of comfort and contentment, and fields as fertile as those over which the Nile annually pours its turbid waters. Looking to the west the valley of Meridian creek, a tributary of the Bosque, presents a scene at once of beauty and magnificence. To the south one sees the thriving village of Clifton, with its five hundred busy people. Through this fertile valley, as far as the eye can see the Santa Fe railroad stretches out its iron arms toward the Gulf of Mexico. The splendid and substantial iron bridge stands in full view, and one can distinctly see the trains pass over it on their gulfward journey. Just below the bridge, and in full view of it, the builders are now engaged upon the substantial structure which Bosque county is having built across the river here. This, with the one at Meridian, was located by Judge Lynch, and they are being built under his supervision, and he can but feel an honest and deserved pride when from his porch at Rio Vista he can look upon these useful and durable pass-ways, indicative at once of public enterprise and engineering skill.

Mrs. Lynch, to whom the judge leaves the entire control of his interests at Rio Vista, is a lady of fine sense and rare accomplishments. She delights in books, and has been a diligent student, especially of the writers of our own Southland. She is attentive to the education of her sons, and the youngest at our request declared Father Ryan's "Sword and Lee" with much force and life. Judge Lynch is truly cosmopolitan in character. Coming to this country from Cork, Ireland, since the war, his first professional work here was to assist the United States engineers to prepare a thorough survey of the fall of Gettysburg for the instruction of students in our national military school.

The gates are now closed in the temple of Janus, and the field of blood where Pickett led his hosts to death and undying fame has become a study for those who "in time of peace prepare for war."

Judge Lynch did his first work in this state in the improvement of our Texas rivers, since which time he has been connected with railroads, principally the International & Great Northern and the Santa Fe, of which he is the present chief engineer.

Scalded to Death by Steam.

LINCOLN, ILL., Dec. 24.—At six o'clock this morning eight men, Tobias Tebbow, Jas. Welsh, Wm. Riley, Martin Warden, Jas. McCorden, John Riley, Herbert Samuels and John Lindsay, were standing on top of a coal shaft. The escape pipe blew out of the boiler, permitting an immense amount of steam to escape, completely enveloping the unfortunate men. They all had their faces and hands terribly scalded. Tebbow will lose one hand, probably both. Wm. Riley will probably lose one hand and an eye. John Riley and Martin Warden will probably die. The suffering of the men is intense.

A LATER STORY.

LINCOLN, ILL., Dec. 24.—Last night thirteen tramps slept on top of the boilers at the coal shaft here. About six o'clock this morning one of the number accidentally turned the blow-out valve, allowing the steam and water from six boilers to escape, burning and scalding eight men severely, two of whom it is thought cannot survive. All became panic-stricken and found difficulty in escaping from the building. They were all burned badly about the face and throat and head, and several were badly scalded on their bodies.

The Strike Ended.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Dec. 24.—The strike at the Luddy coal mines has ended. All of the three hundred miners have returned to work.

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The Senate and House Meet and Agree to an Adjournment Until the 5th of January.

The River and Harbor Committee Will Prepare an Appropriate Bill During the Recess.

THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—After the morning hours the senate went into executive session. When the doors reopened the chair announced his signature to the concurrent resolutions providing for a holding recess. The senate then adjourned until Jan. 5th.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. About fifty members were present when Speaker Carlisle called the house to order this morning.

Mr. Randall called up the adjournment resolution and moved a concurrence in the senate amendment, which provides that a recess shall begin to-day (Wednesday) and last until January 5.

It was agreed to.

The speaker announced the following committee assignments:

On elections, Mr. Smith of Iowa.

On military bills, Mr. Connolly of Pennsylvania.

On the public lands, Mr. Campbell of Ohio.

On the territories, Mr. Hill of Ohio.

On education and labor, Mr. O'Hara of North Carolina.

On the pension laws, Mr. Garrison.

On expenditure in the treasury department, Mr. Wallace.

On printing, Mr. Bratler.

On pensions, bounty and back pay, Mr. Wallace.

On alcoholic-liquor traffic, Mr. English of Indiana.

Adjourned till January 5.

THE CHINESE INDEMNITY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Senator Pendleton to-day favorably reported from the foreign affairs committee the bill introduced by him to repay China the remainder of the Chinese indemnity fund now in the possession of the state department. In their report on the bill the committee say the amount paid by China was largely in excess of all just demands against that government and every administration, since this fact was ascertained, has earnestly recommended the payment of that excess. The committee concur in this view and say: "We believe the wisest policy on the part of this government is to deal with transparent justice and even liberality in its intercourse with all nations, and especially those of another race and civilization."

WASHINGTON NOTES.

CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The following confirmations were made by the senate to-day: Th. Pinkerton of Kansas, receiver of public moneys at Warren, Kansas; Jas. Cloghorn, Jr., of Colorado, register of the land office at Del Norte, Col.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR COMMITTEE.

The members of the committee on rivers and harbors who will remain here during the recess have been authorized to continue their consideration of the appropriation bill for the rivers and harbors, so it may be reported to the house as soon after the reassembling of congress as possible. It is expected that the bill will be completed by January 12 and will appropriate an amount of about two million dollars. No consideration has yet been given to the proposed appropriation for the Missouri river.

THE WOMEN ADMITTED.

The board of trustees of the Columbian university of this city, at a special meeting, upon the unanimous recommendation of the faculty of its medical department, decided to admit women to the study of medicine in the institution with all the privileges of instruction accorded to the male students.

THE NAVY APPROPRIATION BILL. The amended naval appropriation bill was received by the house from the senate to-day but no action was taken in regard to it. The current appropriation for the navy expires the 31st instant.

The Exposition.

PENNSYLVANIA DAY.

HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 24.—Gov. Pattison to-day sent a notification to Director-General Burke of the New Orleans exposition designating March 10, 1885, as "Pennsylvania day." His reason for selecting this date is the fact that on March 10, 1863, the first provincial council, presided over by Wm. Penn, was held in Philadelphia, Pa.

THE SCHOOL TEACHERS HAVE ARRIVED.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 24.—The world's exposition records stated an

increase in the fresh arrivals to-day both in visitors and exhibits. The school teachers came to-day and towards evening a large number were on the grounds. In the way of exhibits, Mexico received fresh installments.

GEN. SHERMAN.

His Review of the Army at Governor's Island.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Military Institute at Governor's Island was at its best yesterday. There was a large gathering of gentlemen to listen to Gen. W. T. Sherman. Gen. Hancock presided.

Gen. Sherman, in the course of his address upon the military necessities in the United States, said:

"I feel disposed to claim all the advantages of retirement and am certain we may safely leave the future in the hands of the bright youth we see daily growing up around us. Every age produces its own workers and the experience of mankind is that the agents of the former ages are rarely adopted to modern uses. I am convinced by actual experience that habit is a more valuable quality than what is called courage. Take one hundred of the bravest men unaccustomed to the confusion of battle, march them up to a breastwork and they will break and drop to the ground sooner than would 100 average men of the regular army that have been accustomed to obey the command to fall forward, etc. On this simple rule of habit rests the existence of the regular army to-day in its becoming the settled policy of our government to maintain the smallest kind of a regular army, more as a school for actual service. This army in the case of an invasion must be supplemented by militia, inasmuch as militia is the physical force on which the chief magistracy of the nation depends for the execution of his high office. Therefore it becomes our duty as soldiers and citizens to aid as far as we may to mold that militia into the form in which it may be made valuable when called into service."

There has been a bill introduced in congress by Gen. Slocum, the passage of which would be a long stride in the direction of the change. The whole bill substantially repeals the old antiquated system of the militia devised by our revolutionary fathers and substitutes a new one far better adapted to modern experience. While enrolling all men subject to military duty it leaves the great mass at home and segregates the smaller number to fulfill the purposes of our constitution to be prepared, armed, equipped and accounted, and proposes for this purpose an annual sum of \$600,000.

Again, instead of 700 men for each number and delegate of congress, I would suggest a more convenient and better understood battalion of four companies of a maximum of one hundred and a minimum of fifty, ten for each company. This will give 1200 companies to 100 regiments of twelve companies each, aggregating a maximum of 1,200,000 and a minimum of 600,000, a force amply sufficient for all our exigencies.

A Dam Gives Way.

SHREVEPORT, LA., Dec. 24.—The dam across the mouth of Sale & Murphy's canal broke. The dam was only completed about a month ago under the government engineers. The canal was cut during the existence of the famous Red river raft and the closing of the same was deemed necessary to improve navigation up the Red river.

Hotel Proprietors' Fall.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 24.—R. W. Carter & Co., proprietors of the Commonwealth hotel and the Ocean house at Swampscott, have failed. Their unsecured liabilities are \$35,000. Their principal assets are the furniture of the hotel. The firm offer twenty cents cash on the dollar or twenty-five cents in notes running three, six and nine months. The failure is attributed to the burning of the Ocean house.

Gallagher Out on Bail.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 24.—The hearing of the application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of William J. Gallagher, indicted for forgery committed in Philadelphia, and also wanted here for supposed complicity in the Eighteenth ward election frauds, has been postponed till next Tuesday, Gallagher being released on bail in the sum of \$25,000. A motion to quash the indictments against the other parties indicted for the Eighteenth ward crime was heard by Judge Blount in the federal court to-day and was taken under advisement.

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TELEGRAPHIC TIPS.

The steamer Faraday has repaired the Bennett-Mackay cable and sailed for London last night from St. John's.

The Washington Mills corporation of Lawrence, Mass., shows an indebtedness of \$244,415 against \$9,000 last year. It has been agreed that the property of the company, worth over \$1,500,000, will have to be sold and a new corporation formed as soon as a plan can be arranged.

A Difficulty in the Territory. FORT SMITH, ARK., December 24.—A difficulty occurred last Monday at Oklahoma in the Choctaw nation in which Cooper Serratt, a half-breed Choctaw, was mortally wounded by Simon Turk, a merchant of Oklahoma. Serratt brought on the difficulty and attacked Turk with a crutch, when Turk seized an axe and struck him on the forehead, from the effects of which Serratt died last night. Turk immediately came to Fort Smith and surrendered to the United States authorities. He was admitted to bail.

Arrested for Stealing Her Brother's Gold. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Amelia Voss, the sister of Herman E. Voss of No. 342 East Sixteenth street, was arrested to-day charged with appropriating nearly \$100,000 in cash and bonds belonging to her brother and which she took from a box in the Trust company's office. Her brother had intended to buy two houses, one for himself and the other for another sister than Amelia. This so incensed the latter that she seized the cash and bonds, preventing the purchase.

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