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Good Morning.

MILFORD, Del., Dec. 24.—Col. E. T. Cooper has retained Ex-Chancellor James L. Wolcott and Levi C. Bird as counsel to defend him in the suit for libel entered by J. Edward Addicks.

Colonel Cooper should have engaged a skilled neurologist instead of a lawyer.

WILLIAM M. SINGERLY has stated that the officials are at work trying to secure the indebtedness of the Chestnut Street National Bank, with a view of going into voluntary liquidation. What Mr. Singerly says is true. No man ever lost, and no man ever will lose anything through William M. Singerly, and there is absolutely no cause for anxiety on the part of those interested in the bank.

GOVERNOR BUSHNELL, of Ohio, has changed his mind, and has decided to have no ball in honor of his second inauguration, for the reasons "that the time for preparation is too short, and that the money which would be expended might better go to aid the poor"—an explanation which mixes principle and expediency. It is a pity that the latter consideration, if not the former, cannot constrain the party to give the Jeffersonian simplicity scheme a trial upon a larger scale and in a less spasmodic fashion.

AN ASSURANCE peculiarly timely to the Christmas season is the declaration of recent arrivals from the Yukon that there is no famine in Dawson City, nor is there likely to be any. Much suffering from cold there must be, both because many of the people in that place are sheltered only by canvas tents, and also because many who had not enough supplies for the winter are trying to make their way through the cold and the snow back to civilization. But the food in Dawson will last until the relief expeditions arrive, and this is good news.

SOME idea of the composition of the laboring class of the "key to the Pacific" may be obtained from the official figures sent in by United States Consul General Haywood. The sugar planters of Hawaii have had much trouble on account of descensions of Japanese and Chinese laborers. Of the 22,000 laborers on the plantations 6100 were contract Japanese, 5285 free Japanese, 4560 contract Chinese and 1911 free Chinese. Of such is the island whose people are to be taken into political equality with the intelligent American farmer and mechanic.

A STATISTIC made by the Charleston News has as much wisdom as any one of the five resolutions adopted by the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association. One hundred years ago South Carolina was a corn growing and wheat growing State. "What was done one hundred years ago can be done now," insists The News. "We have proved by a long and stumbling experience that cotton does not take the place of wheat as the staff of life, and that no community can thrive whose only manufacturing industry is that of ginning the fibre for market."

THE Connelville coke region is enjoying an unprecedented era of business activity, and according to the Connelville Courier the prospects for the first half of 1898 are unusually bright. Last week the shipments reached the highwater mark of the year, 9420 cars—an increase of 225 cars as compared with the same week in November, and an increase of 3250 cars as compared with the same week in January last. The only limit upon present activity is the inability to secure a sufficient number of cars. Of 11,000 cars of coke shipped last week over 5000 cars loads went to points west of Pittsburgh.

IS Wilmington a suburb of Philadelphia or Baltimore? It is one of the possibilities of this city to spring up as one of the leading western cities, or as one of the Philadelphia firms in this city. Marks Bros., John Wainwright, Charles, Greenville, F. Haines, Straybelle and C. G. Haines and a number of other firms of this city on the Delaware are represented in our city by wagon-bearing their names and delivering their goods. The Wilmington firms which are all of them have no objection, they can be counted very easily, yet here are three things which are not to be counted. They are: 1. Transportation and delivery expenses here. Why is it? The money comes from here or the goods would not be delivered here. 2. There is still more between these firms and such firms as Haines Bros., Straybelle and other firms which come here, like Wilmington people and pay Delaware taxes and these things are who bear the cost of the Wilmington firms from the necessities who pay taxes. With the latter firms it is a different and honorable competition, which is the very life blood of business. But with the firms who from their Philadelphia stores reach out and grasp the very veins of the business, it is a different thing. Not a cent of this money comes back. Neither in taxes or wages does it benefit us. The reason for this is this: The Pennsylvania Railroad carries the trade of Philadelphia at the expense of the business interests of Wilmington. Excursions, special rates, free package delivery, and all schemes to entice a Wilmington shipment from the pocket of a Wilmington business firm. And yet the Board of Trade has gone against the most profitable array of not only and expenses in their attempts to secure the slight accommodation of a stop-over privilege for the truck of our own lower counties, which of right belongs to us. Wilmington business men are in a great measure to blame for this state of affairs. They can't see their interests when it involves the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Pennsylvania grip has been in Wilmington's throat so long that she does not realize that the remedy is in her own hands if she will only use it. The Board of Trade is awake but it lacks spirit.

THE League of American Wheelmen is an association whose proper function is the promotion of the interests of the great body of cyclists in this country. It exists to aid in the building of good roads, to provide for the comfort and pleasure of riders, not to make the wheeling interest the selfish covet of any manufacturer or any kind of speculators. Bicycle racing under proper conditions is a legitimate feature of wheeling, and races managed by clubs on the lines of other amateur sports develop interest in cycling, stimulate club activity and add to the sum of pleasure to be derived from the use of the wheel. Such races the League may well sanction and control, for they are as healthful as any other kind of amateur sport and tend to the development of athletic capabilities in one people than any other. But when this patronage of racing goes beyond the promotion of popular sport and becomes a tenfold of speculative interests it gets to be a distinct evil. It not only hurts the League in the opinion of the great body of its amateur members, but it also tends to bring wheeling into disrepute among believers in true sport, and is, moreover, demoralizing in its influence on the community. The League at present has under investigation charges of inequity or carelessness management at the recent six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden. We shall not attempt to anticipate the verdict on these charges. Neither shall we take up anew the demoralizing features of such insane and disgusting trials of strength, or the morbid character of the interest which they excite. There can be nothing healthful in such races, and no practical discipline can come from them. But what we wish to call attention to is the inappropriateness of the League sanctioning a race which is conducted purely as a speculation. The Madison Square Garden contest was not a public or a club enterprise. It was the business venture of four men, some of whom are not wheelmen at all. They desired to take advantage of the interest in cycling to make some money for themselves, and also of the morbid interest in manly and unhealthy feats to swell these profits beyond what an ordinary race would bring. Without the sanction of the League such a scheme could not have been successful, for no expert riders would have gone on the speculators' track. Yet the League let itself and its good name be used for the promotion of this private speculation. This was a great mistake, which should not be repeated. The officers of the League of American Wheelmen are the representatives of thousands of people who enjoy sport, but they want that sport to be healthful and sensible and uplifting, and they will not support an institution that gives countenance to it. Who for personal profit degrades every popular pastime.

LOCAL DOTS.

Miss Marie Pennick, who has been ill is improving.

Miss Emma Downs is improving after a long illness.

George G. Russell, of Delmar, is visiting in this city.

Miss Dollie Cameron is spending the holidays in Elkton.

Henry Blythe spent Christmas with friends in Philadelphia.

Dr. Jamar and daughters, of Elkton, have been visiting in this city.

Mrs. John H. Price, of New York, is the guest of Wilmington friends.

Miss A. Louise Elliott has issued cards for a tea, on Friday from 4 to 6.

Joseph Pusey, of Georges' College, is spending the holidays in this city.

James T. Harbert is spending the holidays with relatives in Washington.

Wesley Garner, of Princeton College, is spending the holidays in this city.

Miss Shirley Deputy, of Newark, is visiting Miss Anna Groves, this city.

Miss Rena Mitchell is entertaining Miss Flora Fennel, of Camden, N. J.

Howard E. Betelle, of Philadelphia, is visiting Howard Y. Truman, this city.

Merill Driscoll of this city has been the guest of E. W. Ryan, of Georgetown.

Miss Helen Pennyacker is home from Washington for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Charles Gooding of this city, has been visiting her parents at St. Georges.

James Taylor, Jr., and Joe Fould, of St. Georges, have been visiting in this city.

Miss Katie Pie has left this city for Newark, where she will spend the holidays.

Miss Cordie Evans, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. Harry Stratney, of this city.

Mrs. Jane Janvier, of this city, is the guest of her son Wm. G. Janvier, of Meadmont.

Mrs. Thomas M. Devonshire, who has been visiting here, has returned to Marcus Hook.

William W. Abbott and son, of Millford, are the guests of Mrs. J. T. V. Blockson.

Miss J. In Boggs, of this city is spending the holidays with her parents at Cheswood.

Miss Alice Alexander, of this city is visiting friends and relatives at Port Deposit, Md.

Mr. Carson Boyd, of Centerville, Md., is the guest of Mr. George S. Annum, of this city.

O. T. Earle, of Easton, Md., arrived on Saturday evening in this city to spend the holidays.

The Messrs. McLaughlin, of this city are entertaining Miss Bessie Kuntz, of New Castle.

Mrs. Gables, of Williamstown, N. J., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Richardson, this city.

Miss Elsie Joslyn, who has been visiting Miss Ora L. Worth, of Newark, has returned home.

Winard Deputy, who is attending school in this city is spending the holidays in Milton.

Miss Jennie Fessenden is entertaining the Messrs. Ely and Laura Emigson, of Cambridge.

Mr. John M. Hall, formerly of this city, now of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. George Walker and daughter Bessie, of this city, are the guests of Mrs. Alice Moore, of Cheswood.

Francis Hanson, aged 7 years, of No. 714 West Ninth street, died on Christmas morning of diphtheria.

Miss Bertha Wilson, society editor of the Evening Journal, is at her home in Georgetown, spending the holidays.

Aquiline Bennett (Mrs. J. H. Hart), who has been sick for several weeks, is recovering and expects to be about soon.

Ticket No. 1121 won the beautiful doll on extension in a candy swing at Barrett's confectionery store, retail and market streets.

Rev. F. B. Scott will lecture in the Epworth at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The subject is "The First Woman Preacher and Missionary."

Miss Maggie Murphy, Mrs. Anna Manning and Mrs. Laura Geringer, all of Brantford, N. J., are visiting Miss Sarah H. Beach, of this city.

Miss Marie W. Parker, assistant superintendent of the Y. W. C. A., in New York, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. W. Truett, this city.

Miss Annie deWolfe, who has been visiting her Uncle Dr. Andrew, in Lancaster, has returned and is spending the holidays with her grand parents at St. Georges.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yeager, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Beavers, accompanied by Miss Jean Beavers, left this city for New York, on Saturday night.

Timothy Herdity of the White Horse Hotel, Second and Tenth streets, cut a deep gash in his head, by falling on the icy pavement, on Saturday morning. Dr. Beckson took three sutures to close the wound.

John Luff, of the engineer's department of the ginmill Wilmington, who was the guest of Sergeant M. C. Godfrey and Lieutenant F. C. Hogue, of Co. C., N. G. D., wishes a Happy New Year to every man, woman and child in Wilmington.

Deperate Effort to Save Durrant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The sensation in the Durrant case expected for some time has been sprung, and the attorneys of the murderer are in the midst of their last attempt to save Durrant from being executed on January 7. Late last night the condemned man's father and his brother, and Horace Swaffler, a juror who helped to convict Durrant, was cited to appear for contempt of court. The affidavit asserts that sympathetic friends that he believed Durrant guilty, not on the evidence at the trial, but on information furnished from outside sources.

Big Flour Mill Burned.

Tolbo, Dec. 25.—The M. D. Harner Company's flouring mill at Foston, one of the largest winter wheat mills in the country, is in ruins. The stored in a building chest at 8 o'clock this morning and the facilities for lighting were being run. The mill was entirely destroyed. Loss \$150,000, covered by insurance.

Texas Prairie on Fire.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 26.—A prairie fire is raging in the great Pan Handle country, in Hall county, and the ranchmen's efforts to control it have been futile.

It is reported that 800 acres of grazing land have been burned over, and the loss of stock will amount to thousands of dollars.

Gave children Strychnine.

PARK RIVER, N. D., Dec. 26.—The wife of Jacob Peyer, living near this place, poisoned her four little children with strychnine and then took poison herself. Mrs. Peyer had quarreled with her husband and had several times threatened to kill her children and herself.

Death in Burning Oil.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 26.—The plant of the Standard Oil Company was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is \$25,000. Jerry O'Brien, a fireman, was saturated with burning oil, and died. A number of other persons were slightly burned.

\$10,000 Divided Among Miners.

CROPPLE CREEK, Col., Dec. 26.—The owners of all the large and prosperous mines in this camp made a handsome Christmas present to their employes by allowing full time for an idle day. The gift in the aggregate amounts to about \$10,000, divided among several thousand miners.

Denver's New Traffic Bureau.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 26.—January 1 next, Denver's new Traffic Bureau will begin operations. The first aim of the new bureau will be to prevail upon the railway companies to organize Denver as a manufacturing centre, by making such a determination between the freight rates on raw and manufactured materials that manufacturers will be induced to locate in Denver.

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