

THE COMING YEAR

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Who will rest, or toil and spin?
We may not know, in our sunny sphere...

MISS HALIDANE'S FAMILY.

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the occasion of the squire's death, with almost the same sermon he preached when Mr. Beebe died; and I am sure I ought to have attended to that. But as I couldn't get, Jennie Blake out of my mind, I began to think, 'Perhaps the Lord is going to use me as a guide-board to Mary Halidane, since it won't make any difference how battered and worthless the board is, if only the guiding hand has been put upon it, so that night, though not in the habit of making Sunday visits, I slipped around to sit awhile with Miss Halidane, and as soon as I'd got my breath I said, plump, 'Did you know your cousin Jack's wife was a-dying?'

"She was still a minute, and then she said, 'I've never seen her since—No I don't know it. There was a child, Mrs. Beebe; what will become of it?'

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Halidane's family. You only saw six at meeting; one is a cripple, and a rather peevish, irritable boy, poor fellow, but it's pretty to see how all the others wait on him and amuse him. He was there the day before you came, to get Miss Halidane's rule for loaf cake, and I was sitting awhile (it was after tea, and somehow it made me think of Guiding Hand) to see how she would do. 'Your house wasn't left to you desolate long, was it?'

"She smiled, and stopped a minute to listen to the children outside; for it was early, and they were all in the orchard when the smaller party was bringing his fat little hands full of flowers to Jennie, whose rolling chair they had wheeled out under an apple tree, and their shouts and laughter came in through the open window.

"There isn't a house in the wide world that need be desolate, said she, 'while there are still hundreds of children's voices whose weeping might be turned into laughter to cheer and fill the vacant rooms and hearts.'

"She'll have hers full as long as she'll take more in, and the Lord—only he knows how many men and women may be saved from a lives of sin and suffering and given good stead in the world by that one home. Her uncle says she's a great loss to society; but I dunno but society could bear more such losses, and the world be none the worse."

AT THE OPERA.—But here comes one of my favorites. Isn't she fine-looking? No! Well, listen while I tell you her story and learn why I like her looks. Some years ago a man of more money than good reputation advertised that he would give \$5,000 to any respectable white woman who would walk unveiled from the Adams House entrance down Washington street with him, at an hour when all the fashionable ladies were promenading. For weeks after he remained untried, for his reputation was such that no respectable woman would be seen with him, and the advertisement had said "that none other need apply." Finally, this woman who had just passed us ago, walked to his terms and to join him at the appointed place and time. When the hour came Mr.—was with hand. Soon a carriage drove up with the lady. She had been noised abroad that the offer was to be taken up and that she had gathered to see him pay his \$5,000. He helped her alight, offered her his arm, walked a few steps with her, when she removed her veil at his request and revealed to him a face as black as night. "You have deceived me," she said; "this is not fair." "I am not a dork," she replied, and to prove it she pulled off her gloves and showed a pair of hands as white as yours are here. The man turned toward the carriage, paid her the \$5,000, and she drove off, leaving him to the laughter and hoots of the amused crowd of bystanders. It turned out afterward that the girl was very poor and that she had a man in the city, which she could not utilize for want of money, and this is the way she overcame that obstacle. She went to Europe and studied five years and has returned one of our most brilliant singers.

BALKY HORSES.—A Canada paper gives room to the following curious case of dealing with a balky horse: "I would prepare myself with a good strap—I want no whip; perhaps you'd get a good taste of that already, and still he is master. But some fine day when I was at peace with myself and all around, I would hitch him to the buggy, and he'd lean to the right, and give half the way over the edge. Then he begins to consider that he has gone far enough in that direction, and stops. I step down; he expects me to use the whip; he is mistaken. As a horse, I treat him on the silent system. I push him back a little out of the way. I show him the strap, putting it up to his nose. I go to the off side and buckle it to his fore leg, close up to his breast, throwing the other end over his shoulder. I then raise his near foot and fix it with the hoof all most touching the belly. This done, I say, 'Now old chap, you just stand still.' I don't smoke, so I take a paper from my pocket, and finding a few minutes' rest, I begin to read. This is something he did not bargain for, and the novelty of standing on three legs somewhat diverts his mind from the cause that stopped him. I think that is the chief point, and the most humane. When the strap is taken off I show it to him, caress him a little, and we move on without irritation. The strap will now become a part of the harness for a month or two, till at last the sight of it will act as a talisman.

GLUCOSE.—"Glucose" is from the Greek word *glukos*, signifying "sweet." It is a constituent of the juices of grapes, plums, cherries, figs and many of the other sweet fruits, and is often seen crystallized on dried figs, raisins, etc. It is also formed from starch, and cellulose or woody fiber. A common name for it is "grape" sugar. Most glucose works at the present time manufacture their product from corn, which is largely composed of starch. The modus operandi is simple. A mixture of starch and water of a temperature of about 150 degrees is made to flow gradually into a vat containing water acidulated with 1 per cent of sulphuric acid, and kept at the boiling point. In about half an hour the starch is converted into sugar. The liquid is drawn off, and the sulphuric acid is neutralized by the gradual addition of chalk, till there is no longer any effervescence. The sulphate of lime is deposited, and the clear liquid is then concentrated by evaporation, is set aside to crystallize. The molasses is drained off, and the sugar is dried at a gentle heat in a current of air. Glucose is less sweet than cane sugar and is not so soluble in water. It is used in the manufacture of beer and alcohol and also for adulterating cane sugar. All alcoholic drinks are obtained from fluids containing this variety of sugar as the essential constituent.

Some bunco swindlers at Cincinnati put a green frank through the usual process of meeting a forgotten acquaintance, who had drawn a prize in a lottery, and he was to be paid. He was induced to invest \$50 in the bunco game. But at the point where he was expected to retire a quiet loser he drew a revolver, and declared, with many rural oaths, that he would have his money back or take every life in the place. He got his money.

Colored Stars and Angels.

"G'd dat side, Miss Striker; come yer. Liddy, she's all de way git together, gadder, said a fawn-colored damsel with a beaver hat on the stage of Booth's Theatre; 'an' den as Mr. Morton sez we'll commence wud 'Roll, Jurdin, Roll!'

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the shoulders and legs of a man before you pass him. Out here on West Hill there is a goat that for three long years has outdone every other goat in the county, the broad chest of Burlington could stand against him. He sits the crooked posters before the paste was dry, and when the advance agent remonstrated, the goat just stood by and crowded the man clear through the bill stand. He once upset a boy in a wagon, jammed his head through the end of a wood shed and flattened Officer Hooper up against a brick house. And one day last week he wandered down into a saw mill and bit the fly wheel. Only once. When he came down his neck was bent. He couldn't make a dent in a sack of meal now. Young man, be content with reasonable victories. Some day, you too, may run against a fly wheel.—Burlington Hawk.

Yankees in Russia. The Russians are particularly charmed with the democratic manners of Americans. These appeals to a characteristic, natural trait of the Russian themselves. They despise from the bottom of their hearts all pretensions, arrogance, and walking on stilts. That is why the Russians stretch friendly hands to the people across the ocean, in spite of the abyss that lies between their government and that of the Union.

The dangerous adventures of whale ships from time immemorial have excited to the juvenile interest of the world the story of the capture and slaughter and capture of the "monarch of the deep" has, until within a few years, been attended with dangers and hardships which were only braved by a few stout-hearted men. It was the followers of the sea, but the inventive genius of man has of late years discovered a system for the capture of the whale which is attended with as little danger as an ordinary yachting cruise. The late Mr. J. W. Taylor, of New York, known as the Daisy Whaling, built for the purpose of killing whales in the waters contiguous to our harbor, has for some time been successfully engaged in the capture of these mammoth animals. The capture of several voyages has never failed to kill from one to three of these gigantic animals. Instead of the time honored and not always effective harpoon, a weapon known as the "spear-rocket" is used, which is fired from a gun, and explodes within the body of the whale, killing it almost instantly. The large innback whale recently on exhibition at the foot of Second street was killed by this method. The capture of several whales in large numbers at the present season of the year between the Heads and the Farallone Islands. The varieties indigenous to these waters are the finback, humpback, California gray and blueback. The latter is the largest of the whale species, and one 150 feet long was chased by the White-lark for several hours, on her last trip, but owing to the fact that it was looking for food and very erratic in its movements, she was not brought to bear on him. Under ordinary circumstances an old whaler can determine the course of a whale when it disappears under water, and can tell within a few feet where it will come up. The course of the whale is determined by the fact that it is looking for food its course under the water cannot be calculated with any degree of certainty.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Site of the Fair of 1883. The Executive Committee of the World's Fair of 1883 have at length agreed upon a site for the grounds. The tract selected lies in the extreme northern part of New York city, eleven miles from the City Hall, and has a mile frontage on Broadway or King's Bridge road, and a mile frontage on Harlem River. The tract is 370 acres, the free use of which the owners have offered to give to the Commission for the purposes of the Fair. The ground is already served with gas and Croton water, and is well adapted for building. The water along the Harlem front is from 18 to 30 feet deep at low tide. There is also an admirable water front along the Hudson river, which is separated from the Fair site by a ridge, and is a convenient site for a railway for passengers and freight. The least distance to the Hudson, where abundant docking privileges has been secured, is 1,400 feet, a distance from foreign parts can be landed in about five minutes. The city can deliver their passengers at the grounds by means of ferriboats. All the elevated roads can readily be called into requisition in carrying passengers, and the facilities for water transit and for the delivery of goods are abundant. The ground is ample, naturally drained, and well suited to the needs of the fair; and the location is one of the most beautiful in New York. It has many fine associations, the site being bounded on the east by Harlem River and on the south by Fort George, formerly Fort Clear View; on the southwest and west by Forts Washington, Nelson, and Tryon, and on the north by Inwood Hill.

A CLEVER THIEF.—A carriage in the train bound from Vienna to Pesth contained one evening lately five passengers—two Englishmen, two Magyars and a mid-looking man of 60, and a handsome young German, who seemed dreadfully sleepy. The Englishman observed that the hexagenarian essayed to chat with the young German, who, however, yawned and soon slept. The hexagenarian became garrulous, and lamented his son's carelessness in money matters. "See him now, going to sleep in a carriage full of strangers. That's the way with the young man, I never saw the old one but he was up the lapel of his coat, he laughingly drew out a pocket book. At Pesth the careful father said he must get out for a minute, but when the train moved on he did not return. When at Jersey man woke up they told him that his father had got out and taken his pocket-book. "My father!" he shrieked, and clutching his empty pocket, burst into a volley of English imprecations. "I haven't got my father," he howled out. "I never saw the old scoundrel before. Good God! that pocketbook contained 3,000 florins. He must have seen that when I took my ticket." Not unlikely, however, yawned and soon slept.

Scientific and Useful. The great glacier which gives rise to the Zaratshan River in Central Asia has been explored and recently described by Mr. Mikoloff, a Russian geologist. It is fifteen miles long and a mile wide.

Two plants believed to be new to science have been discovered in Central Australia by Mr. Vesey Brown. The one yields a small black pea, the other is a small native cucumber.

It is known as a fact in geology that before the depth of thirty feet the earth becomes regularly warmer as we descend. In an average the increase is at the rate of one degree of Fahrenheit for every fifty feet.

Drunkenness is spreading so much in Germany that a new measure for its punishment and prevention is being prepared for presentation to the Imperial Parliament.

Six reputable girls, ranging from 15 to 20 years of age, engaged in a desperate street fight at East Boston, and were all arrested. The report describes Miss Crowley, who was one of the vanquished, as appearing in court in a blue dress and a more proper costume, with braided hair and eyes.

New York and Wisconsin produce the greater part of the Limburger cheese manufactured in this country, which amounts to thousands of tons. The cost of the cheese is the price of the imported articles, and is more profitable than any other cheese, because more weight is obtained from a given quantity of milk, and better prices realized.

Some tar is kept hot in a kettle on the Common at New York, the residents taking turns at watching the fire. The tar is to be used on a man who is off on a wedding tour with his niece, if he proves bold enough to return.

A convict was taken before the mayor of Bordeaux to be married. He wore handcuffs and had for guards three policemen, but was permitted to doff for the nonce prison attire. His mother and sisters were present. The happy pair were permitted to be together alone for just five minutes.

Two physicians in a Toledo murder trial were asked whether the wounds, which they had already described, were the cause of death. They refused to answer, on the ground that such would be expert testimony, for which they would receive no compensation. Judge Rouse sustained them.

Dr. Tanner's Letters. Dr. Tanner is not at all certain that he will go to Europe at the beginning of the new year. His negotiations with the English Lecture Bureau are broken off, and his challenge to fast in London with five others has not been received with the enthusiasm that he expected. In his negotiations with the London Lecture Bureau, Dr. Tanner has been successful in securing the honor of his fast in this country. The doctor sent them a statement prepared by himself, with the view of correcting some of their mistaken notions. He writes that the English Lecture Bureau are broken off, and his challenge to fast in London with five others has not been received with the enthusiasm that he expected. In his negotiations with the London Lecture Bureau, Dr. Tanner has been successful in securing the honor of his fast in this country. The doctor sent them a statement prepared by himself, with the view of correcting some of their mistaken notions. 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Rev. Dr. Chapin, one of the most eloquent divines in the country, is dead.

The 15 mill tax levied by the city of New Orleans, has been decided by the supreme court collectible.

It is stated on reliable authority that the Hon. Jas. F. Wilson of Iowa, is to be the coming secretary of the treasury.

Congressman Newberry is mentioned in connection with a cabinet position. Why should not Michigan be represented?

They are having a serious time in Ireland growing out of the land troubles. Trade is paralyzed and the end is not yet.

An old devil named Joseph Snyder, was lynched in Bethlehem, Pa., last Monday, for the murder of Jacob Gogel and wife.

Ex-Gov. Scott, who shot and killed a young man named Drury, was formerly a carpet bag governor of South Carolina. He was a republican of course.

The opera house was well warmed last evening and will be again to-night, on which occasion the Alice Oates comic opera company will give another entertainment.

A number of prominent democrats in congress are opposed to counting the electoral vote of Georgia, as the electors did not meet on the day prescribed by the constitution.

General Ord urges the impression that he has been sacrificed to make room for General Sherman's nephew. The gray-haired veteran has a glorious record, but he should remember that this is a land of progress, when the old men are naturally expected to get out of the way of the younger. We do not live in England, where the country is run by octogenarians.

The New York Tribune this speaks of Gen. Grant's present outlook: "With a modest private income, a promise of a Christmas gift of a quarter of a million, a fair prospect of the life-salary of a general on the retired list and, the presidency of the Nicaragua canal company held out to him, Gen. Grant may feel that, if promises are as good as cash, he is in tolerably independent circumstances." Gen. Grant to-day has an income of seven thousand dollars a year, and it is a national scandal that he should permit his friends to pass the hat for contributions, and urging congress to billet him upon the country as a pensioner. He did his duty in the army, as thousands and privates did. He is in the prime of life, in good health and circumstances, and there is no reason why he should be pensioned, which will not equally apply to every officer and soldier who did their duty. Gen. Grant has already had honors and wealth heaped upon him, and his longer appearance in the role of illustrious pensioner will not add to his dignity or honor.

The troubles of the English ritualists are the natural outgrowth of church establishments. Years ago, before the non-conformists had attained their present growth and influence in England, the establishment used the machinery of the state to persecute those outside its pale. To-day a party inside the church employ the same means to annoy a more feeble party within the fold. In the present cases the use of certain ceremonies and vestments by the Revs. Dale and Enright have been declared by the court of Arches in violation of law, and for persistent employment of the same the offending clergymen have been clapped in prison until such time as they shall purge themselves of contempt. Meanwhile the ritualist churches are offering up fervent prayers for the constancy of their persecuted brethren, and a strong feeling of sympathy is being awakened for the martyr divines. The ultimate result of the whole unfortunate business is likely to be the building up of a party within the established church, which by union with the non-conformists, will insist on disestablishment.—Omaha Bee

The Barry County Democrat well says: The opinion seems to prevail among the members of congress that the time of the present session should be devoted entirely to business, and that all needless legislation should be accomplished previous to the 4th of March so as to render an extra session unnecessary. Nobly wants an extra session except a few lean and hungry republican patriots who are anxious for a chance to grasp at the few offices that the next house of representatives will have to deal out. The temper of the country undoubtedly is that congress confine itself strictly to the appropriation bills and legislation that is needful at this time and avoid political stump speeches. Doubtless, some of the statesmen have large quantities of campaign eloquence left on their hands that they would like to warm over, but the country had a surfeit of it when it was fresh, and wants no more. Doubtless, too, there is plenty of legislation that might be done, with profit to the country, but it is vain to expect that this congress could accomplish it if it tried. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the honorable gentlemen will address themselves diligently to current business and nothing more, and leave no occasion for calling an extra session.

Ed Hiscock is the best dodger skater. Alice Oates comic opera company again to-night.

The lively men would be satisfied with eleven inches of snow.

Of the cases to be tried at the next term of court, 9 are criminal.

The Y. W. M. S. held a meeting in the Baptist church last evening.

The marriage of a London banker, and Vicky Woodhull did not come off.

Rev. Dr. Hammond attended the temperance prayer meeting in the red ribbon rooms Tuesday afternoon.

If you didn't go last night, be sure and take in the entertainment to-night. It is immense. Five stoves warm the hall.

New Yorkers Beginning Life Anew in Missouri.

The New York Evening Post says: Substantial beginning is made for a new colony, which has been forming since 1850, in the West, by the contributions from its members in the purchase of six hundred and eighty acres of land in Southwest Missouri, in Taney County, on the White River. Two or three families are now moving upon the premises, having gone West a few weeks ago, with the advance scouts, deputies of the association, who selected the land. Five or six families are to go this week. These emigrants are all New Yorkers, of various occupations, carpenters, clock-makers, etc. The weekly contributions pay for sending out the families, and the emigrants take their turn in going, according to the order of their names in the date of entry as members of the association. The weekly contributions vary from twenty-five cents upward. Membership includes the wife, and children under sixteen years of age. The six hundred and eighty acres are on the main road for hauling cotton from the neighboring regions of Arkansas to Springfield, Missouri, which is forty miles distant. The colonists count upon the fact that the soil is fertile and the produce they will for the present be able to dispose of. Forsyth, the county seat, is five miles distant on the White River, and is the only village within fifty miles of the place. The White River is navigable a part of the way. It runs into the Mississippi a little below Memphis. The land purchased is a plateau, twelve hundred feet above the level of the sea, on the Ozark Mountains. It is a fertile spot, in a rugged if not sterile region. Three dwellings, houses, with a large orchard, barns and a fruit house, are the conveniences already existing at the time of purchase. The six hundred and eighty acres are owned by the whole association, and can not be sold except by a vote of three-fourths of the members. They are organized and have a savings-bank account under the name of the York County Manufacturing Association, which account is subject to the order only of three trustees collectively, who by the by-laws are prohibited from drawing funds unless notified in writing of an order from the association, to be certified by two of the council. Contemporaneous with the purchase of the domain and the settlement, the Co-operative Colony Association, of which the York is the first colony, starts a weekly paper, the *Industrial Co-operator*, consisting of two octavo leaves, to be issued on the first day of every month, and sold at five cents each sheet, describing the plans and progress of the movement. The crest of the association is a pyramid inclosing a bundle of ripe grain. The colony numbers about fifty members, who hold weekly meetings. The plan is to settle the great farm with a cluster of houses here and there. The soil of "York" requires no enriching. The surplus fund of the products is to be equally divided between the Yorkers and the capital fund. The direction is vested in officers who are elected by democratic vote.

A Father Who Melts.

Two other evening a citizen of Detroit beckoned to his 12-year-old son to follow him to the woodshed, and when they had arrived there he began: "Now, young man, you have been fighting again! How many times have I told you that it is disgraceful to fight?" "Oh, father, this is not about fighting or anything of the kind," replied the boy.

"I can't help it. As a Christian man it is my duty to bring up my children to fear the Lord. Take off your coat!"

"But, father, the boy I was fighting with called me names."

"Can't he help it? Calling names don't hurt any one. Off with that coat!"

"He said I was the son of a wire-puller."

"And he said you were an office-hunter!"

"What! what is that?"

"And he said you were an office-hunter!"

"What! what loiterer dared make that assertion?"

"It made me awful mad, but I didn't say any thing. Then he called you a hireling!"

"Called me a hireling! Why, I'd like to get my hands on him!" puffed the old man.

"Yes, and he said you was a political lickspittle!"

"Lead 'o' gracious! but wouldn't I like to have the training of that boy for about five minutes!" wheezed the old man as he hopped around.

"I put up with that," continued the boy, "and then he said you were a hireling for office and said by a large majority, I couldn't stand that, father, and so I sailed over the fence and licked him bald-headed in less'n two minutes!"

"Thrush me if you must, father, but I couldn't stand it to hear you abused by one of the malignant opposition!"

"My son," said the father, as he felt for half a dollar with one hand and wiped his eyes with the other, "you may go out and buy you two pounds of candy. The Bible says it is wrong to fight, but the Bible must make allowance for political campaigns and the vile slanders of the other party. I only brought you out here to talk to you, and now you can get your coat and run along."—Detroit Free Press.

A Roman Villa Unearthed.

FRESH discoveries are daily being made by the exploring party at Morton Farm, on Lady Oglanor's estate near Saginaw, Mich. The most important addition to the remains of the Roman villa already laid bare has been a large chamber, nearly four feet long, east and west, divided by strong pillars of solid masonry. The western portion of this chamber is nearly square, and is wide, and the eastern end more than fifteen feet wide. It contains in parts the remains of a dado about eighteen inches high, ornamented with frescoes in scroll and arabesque designs, and in brown. A fillet of plaster runs round the base of the whole chamber, the walls of which are between three feet and four feet in height, the superstructure being of wood and plaster, much of which has been found in the ruins, and the colors well preserved and for the most part remarkably fresh. The floor of this chamber is paved throughout in the tessellated work, the most elaborate and costly kind of mosaic, with red, white and black tiles. The subjects contained in panels are, among others, Perseus and Andromeda and the Four Seasons. The central ornament in another portion consists of the head of Minerva, with snake-like locks; and around this are panels filled with pastoral groups, and a spirited composition of Tritons and sea monsters. The exploring party of distinguished antiquarians have now unearthed six chambers, making, with what had already been discovered, eleven. In a short time the extent of a spacious Roman villa, which was without doubt the habitation of some great personage, will have been opened to the light of day.—New York World.

THE SMALLEST DEFENDANT WHO EVER APPEARED IN A COURT ROOM IN THE UNITED STATES, WAS SEEN THE OTHER DAY IN NEW YORK CITY. IT WAS COMMODORE NUTT, WHO IS UNDER INDICTMENT FOR KEEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE IN SIXTH AVENUE. HE BOUGHT THE SALOON RECENTLY OUT OF HIS SAVINGS UNDER P. T. BARNUM'S MANAGEMENT. HE PLEADED NOT GUILTY, AND WAS RELEASED UNDER \$500 BAIL PENDING TRIAL.

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The German literary society, Olympia, will meet next Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Clara Bohr.

They are having snow all around us. In Baltimore last Monday the "beautiful snow" was 12 inches deep, and away down in old Virginia trails were blocked.

MARKETS.

Home. December 29, 1880.

Table of market prices for various commodities including Apples, Beans, Butter, Cheese, Coffee, Eggs, Flour, Hides, Lard, Onions, Potatoes, Sugar, Wheat, and Wool.

Cause and Effect.

The main cause of nervousness is indigestion, and that is caused by weakness of the stomach. No one can have sound nerves and good health without using Hop Bitters to strengthen the stomach, purify the blood, and keep the liver and kidneys active to carry off all the poisonous and unhealthy matter of the system. See other columns.—Advance.

W. R. Tappan, Contractor and Builder, Toledo, Ohio, says:—An Excelsior Kidney Pad relieved me of pain in the side of fifteen years' standing. Please send me another Pad.—See Ad.

Dr. Baxter's Mandrake Bitters act upon the Stomach, Liver and Bowels, remove all secretions, purify the Blood, and fortify the system against disease.

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Miss West was brought to this country to play the part of "Olive" in the latest London success and now in rehearsal at two New York Theaters, but legal interferences by different claimants to the opera have prevented her from appearing in any of them. She is a great favorite of the public, and her appearance in this city is a rare event. Her performance in "The American Opera" in William Seymour's event, American opera.

Long Branch.

Five Millions of Money. The most comically comic of all comedies. Two and a half hours of laughter, interspersed with light, charming music. Admission—50c and 30c. Children 10c. No extra charge for reserved seats now on sale at Waltham's Jewelry Store.

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Opening and Closing of the Mails.

Table with columns for Mail, Day, and Time. Lists various mail routes and their schedules.

RAILROADS.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

TIME TABLE, DECEMBER 12, 1886.

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Trains run on Sunday June 27, 1889. Taking effect Sunday June 27, 1889.

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Post office hours Saturday: 10 to 11 A. M., and 6:30 to 7:30 P. M.

Mr. Rouscup, of the Daily News, is again showing the pencil.

Mrs. W. E. Walker is said to be the best lady skater in the city.

Miss Oates' comic opera company, drew a good audience last night.

What has become of the fat man's club organization a year ago?

Ex-Alderman Harry R. Hill is taking it easy in Toledo this week.

Register Doty spent Christmas with his wife's people in Homer.

The Forest Hill cemetery company held officers next Tuesday.

Yesterday morning was the coldest winter known in 10 years.

The bazaar and festival given by the Baptist church netted \$350.

Prof. A. J. Volland, of Platteville, Wis., is visiting his parents.

Zelus Sweet took two loads of visitors to the county house yesterday.

Ypsilanti's popular recorder, Mr. Frank Joslin, was in the city Monday.

Many of the business places were closed, and kept closed Christmas day.

Representative Gorman, of Dexter, will leave for Lansing next Monday.

W. E. Walker and wife spent Christmas day with friends in Detroit.

Look out for the eclipse of the sun at 7:45 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The board of supervisors will meet next Wednesday to finish their work.

Manager Green expects to have the telephone line working by Saturday.

Dr. Franklin is spending his vacation with Dr. Flowers, in Columbus, Ohio.

The turnkey's fees at the jail for the past three months have been very light.

Tuesday morning at sunrise the thermometer registered 7 degrees below zero.

Prosecuting attorney Emerick spent Christmas with his parents in Ypsilanti.

County treasurer Fairchild remitted Monday \$28,000 of state tax to Lansing.

The recent cold snap has probably set the peach crop, at least in this locality.

Connections will be made with the W. U. T. office and the central telephone office.

A collection of \$50 was taken up at the temperance meeting Sunday afternoon.

Lorenzo Davis, superintendent of the poor, will enter upon his duties January 1.

There are a number of fancy skaters in this city, but Wm. Brinknell carries the banner.

Marion Goodale and wife, of East Saginaw, are spending the holidays with their friends.

Justice Winegar disposed of five criminal and two civil cases before 11 o'clock Monday.

John H. Croysey, of Dixon, Ill., spent Christmas with his brother, Geo. W. Croysey.

The Chinaman presented each member of the police force with a pound of tea Monday.

Hon. E. D. Kinde will domicile at the Lansing house during the session of the legislature.

The Christmas festival at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening netted about \$100.

The annual meeting of the Michigan press association will be held at Lansing January 11.

U. T. Foster and family, of Detroit, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this city.

During the absence of H. R. Hill, Wm. Watts had charge of the business of the opera house.

A Christmas and oyster supper was given at the Congregational church Tuesday evening.

A telephone is to be placed in the county clerk's office for the accommodation of the attorneys.

Strawberry lake is considered by a most delightful place.

Every new subscriber to THE DEMOCRAT will receive a treatise on the horse and his diseases.

Prof. Alex. Winchell is to lecture in Brighton on the 7th inst., on "The Life-time of a World."

Rev. Geo. Dikinger, of Wayne, was announced to speak at the German M. E. church last evening.

The hook and ladder boys have made great preparations for their annual ball to-morrow evening.

Temperance meetings were continued at the German M. E. church Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

A committee from the board of supervisors will settle with county treasurer Fairchild to-morrow.

Jeff Davis says that china cup and saucer was very acceptable, but a china doll has no use for.

The Hangsterfs just spread themselves and got up a magnificent supper for the New England society.

During the stay of Messrs. Hughes and Ward in this city, they were the guests of Mrs. Mary A. Foster.

A series of revival meetings are being held at the Baptist church in Manchester, by the revivalist Graves.

During his term of office as coroner, E. J. Johnson only held two inquests, on a very paying office.

C. H. Weeks has taken up his residence in Jackson. He moved his furniture and household goods Monday.

The ladies of the Lutheran church have presented the homeopathic hospital with a fine German bible.

As will be seen in to-day's paper the price of admission to the opera to-night is only 50, 25, and 10 cents.

Officers elect of Washtenaw lodge, No. 688, Knights of Honor, of Saline, will be installed next Friday evening.

Yesterday was too cold for Tony Schiappacasse, the peanut vender, to open up, and the corner was deserted.

M. J. O'Reilly expected to leave last night for Plattsburgh, Nebraska, with a view of permanently locating there.

Noble R. Waterman, one of Bay City's living young business men, is spending the holidays with friends in this city.

Swatell, Kyer & Peterson of the city mills, have put in a new and improved flour packer, at an expense of \$300.

Wm. E. Beaman, who was in the employ of S. C. Andrews for sometime as salesman, has located in Alta, Iowa.

The members of the Congregational society in Webster give a social this evening at the residence of John Backus.

The Bliss family held their annual reunion Monday evening, at the residence of Gilbert Bliss on South Main street.

Monday evening Mrs. N. H. Pierce was one of the speakers at the temperance meeting held in the opera house.

The Western Union telegraph Co. will put in, in a few days, new and improved instruments in their office on Huron St.

On account of the increasing freight business on the T. & A. R. R. Superintendent Ashley has put on an extra train.

The Lancashire man is soon to give an entertainment in the opera house, consisting of readings, recitations and vocal music.

The Sentinel thinks Cook, who was convicted of manslaughter in the Washenaw circuit court, should serve his full term.

Many and varied are the changes that have taken place even in Ann Arbor during the year which is fast drawing to a close.

The pomological society will meet next Saturday, January 1st, at 2 o'clock, in the court house. All are cordially invited to attend.

It will cost just \$19.20 for the round trip from Ann Arbor to Washington on the occasion of the inauguration of President Garfield.

Some students on a "lark" Christmas night, scared a number of persons on Liberty street nearly out of their wits by firing revolvers.

Hon. O. M. Martin perambulates the streets with a gold headed cane. It was a Christmas present from his son Benjamin, of Bay City.

The opera house meeting was addressed Friday evening by Col. Larned, of Detroit, who made an eloquent plea in behalf of temperance.

A wood vendor coming to the city yesterday morning nearly froze to death near Brown's farm in Pittsfield. He was taken in and cared for.

"The present condition of public opinion on the temperance question," was Judge Cheever's subject before the Ypsilanti reform club Sunday.

Chief Johnson is authority for the statement that during the past year 11 saloon keepers have been arrested by the police for defying the law.

Capt. Manly has not decided on an office yet. He is talking strongly of building a fire-proof vault for his valuable records, near the court-house.

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Adrian Press: The Ann Arbor Courier favors E. P. Allen as a dark "hoss" for U. S. senator. Well, Allen is "Mare" of Ypsilanti, a "racker" in politics and is a pretty available black nag. Let him gallop to the front.

It is all very well to take up collections and beg money for missionary work, but it would be a good idea for the charityably inclined to remember that right here in this city the hearts of many poor people could be made glad.

The Adrian Press says Dr. Frothingham's lecture on the eye was listened to by a large audience. The doctor is a fine looking gentleman, a comprehensive speaker and thoroughly posted on the subject which he treated.

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Mr. Packard, of New York city, the owner of the Cook hotel property, is in the city on business. The dance will soon commence, for the Jewell's don't propose to give an inch. They have an array of counsel and will fight it out if it takes all winter.

Geo. Renwick, of New Hudson, was given a very pleasant surprise one evening last week. His old friends of Northfield and Whitmore Lake to the number of 84 met at his residence, and dancing was kept up all night. The Whitmore Lake band furnished the music.

The following are the officers elected by the New England society for the ensuing year: President, Prof. C. K. Adams; vice-president, Theo. Taylor; recording secretary, A. W. Hamilton; corresponding secretary, Prof. Chas. Greene; treasurer, A. L. Noble; executive committee, Profs. Olin and Dunster and Judge Page.

Frederic Sipple, who left this city some weeks ago for the northern part of the state, has finally located in Nirvana, and settled down to business. He has purchased a Mr. Pratt's interest in the firm of Wall & Pratt. May success attend him is the best wish of THE DEMOCRAT.

We wonder if some of the science of the university might not be rendered practical in the construction of furnaces that would more perfectly consume the dense volumes of black smoke daily belching forth from the campus chimneys. Thus abating a great nuisance, as well as saving a large per cent. of fuel now wasted.

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Saline. Parly, son of E. Jones, is very sick with erysipelas.

Miss Kittie Hoyt, of Blissfield, spent vacation at home.

Miss Minnie Sheldon, of Jackson, is visiting Miss Nellie Holmes.

Frank Humphrey and wife, of Detroit, are spending the holidays in town.

Miss Jessie Lawrence, of Oberlin college, is spending vacation at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bush fell down stairs on the 24th and received severe injuries.

Rev. E. Payson Hammond, M. A., and wife, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Davenport.

Mr. Ward, of Indiana, and Chas. Jones of Ann Arbor, spoke in Union hall Sunday evening.

Christmas festivals were held at the Presbyterian, Baptist and Lutheran churches, Christmas eve. County Clerk Clark of Ann Arbor, was Santa Claus at the Presbyterian church.

Rev. E. Payson Hammond, and Dr. E. H. Griswold, began a series of religious meetings last Sabbath morning to be held all this week, at 9 A. M., 3 P. M., and 7 o'clock in the evening. The meetings are very interesting and draw immensely.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following are the transfers of real estate for the week ending Wednesday, Dec. 29:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

D. Holmes et al to Wm. M. Osband, property in Ypsilanti, \$600.

E. W. Morgan to Frederick Gauss, property in Ann Arbor, \$175.

Mary L. Baxter to Harriet M. Sage, undivided 1-4 interest in the Danforth property on Ann street, Ann Arbor, \$1,000.

Samuel J. Guerin to C. M. Freer, property in Chelsea, \$1,200.

Wm. B. Osburn to Jno. F. Haussler 150 acres sections 19 and 20 Sharon, \$11,000.

Lambert Cook to Bernhard Bertke, 91 acres sec 29 Sharon, \$54.00.

Andrew Miller to Henry H. Camp, 29 acres sec 12, Ann Arbor town, \$1,700.

Geo. Osborn to John Carter, 10 acres sec 35 Saline, \$400.

Mary Ann Martin to Patrick Martin, property in Ann Arbor, \$200.

Lucretia Shurt to Frank J. Moore, lots 6 and 7 in 1 Salem village, \$150.

Elle J. DePue to Joseph M. Lazelle, property in Manchester, \$300.

Mary E. DePue to James P. Wood, et al, property in Chelsea, \$135.

Wm. Burke to Edward W. Codrington, land in sec. 3, Pittsfield, \$7,325.

QUIT-CLAIM DEEDS.

Hiram W. Hammond (by heirs) to Helen H. Corbett, 20 acres sec 9 Augusta, \$1.

Helen H. Corbett to Hattie H. Hammond, et al, 60 acres sec 19 Augusta, \$1.

Martha Cobbell to John Cobbell, land in Pittsfield, \$500.

Henry DePue to John Cobbell land in Pittsfield, \$2.

Sarah J. Wenner to J. P. and H. L. Wood, property in Chelsea, \$2,500.

Devineus Alport to Walter C. Brass, land in sec 31 Webster, \$325.

Krpan B. Guinon to M. C. Guinon, land in sec. 34 Webster, \$100.

Literary Notes.

The London correspondent of the New York Times writes as follows to that paper, under date of December 24: "As an example of English good feeling toward American work, Scribner's Magazine for November reached a sale of over 15,000 copies, a circulation larger than Cornhill, Macmillan, Belgravia, Fraser, Blackwood, or the Contemporary." * * The portrait of Gladstone in Scribner has given great satisfaction to the premier's family and friends."

The January issue of St. Nicholas, "the New Year's number," was published on Tuesday, December 28th, giving the young people time to forget a little the glories of "the wonderful Christmas number." Among the contents are several capital things which were crowded out of December. "Bright Eyes," the young Indian girl, makes her first contribution to literature in a charming story of Indian child-life. There is an account of "The Children's Fan Brigade," another of the novel entertainments for children's festivals which have been suggested in the pages of St. Nicholas; "Every Boy His Own Ice-Boat," describing a splendid new sport for all skaters; the first of Mrs. Clara Esplan's "Stories of Art and Artists," which are to be one of the special features of St. Nicholas during the coming year; one of Frank R. Stockton's funniest fairy stories, a poem by H. H. Boyesen, pictures grave and gay, continuations of the serials, etc. The issue rivals the Christmas number in good things.

The January Number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly is crowded with delightful reading matter, replete with interest, entertainment, and instruction. The opening article, by Nugent Robinson, entitled "Shakespeare's London," is elaborate in its details, and has thirteen fine illustrations. Among the many articles of excellent merit we may instance, "Peacock Shooting in India"; "Some Memorials of Columbus" (with seventeen illustrations); "A Gospel about Curling"; "Woman's Hair, as Glory and as Property," etc. In the department of fiction we find the continuation of "The Amber Witch," a story of intense interest; "The Story of a Pilgrim's Progress," by Helen W. Pierson, and several other stories by popular writers. There are sketches of great merit by W. J. Florence, etc., and poems by Austin Dobson, Pauline, Kriof, etc. The miscellany is unusually copious, embracing a large variety of subjects, and presenting an almost exhaustless fund of amusement and information. The number contains 128 quarto pages of standard literature, and over 100 fine engravings. A single copy is only 25 cents, and \$3 will secure copies for a year, \$1.50 for six months, and \$1 for four months, sent post free. Address, Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 55, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

Scribner's Monthly is about to do a thing perhaps without precedent in our magazines, namely, reprint a serial story which has already run through six numbers of another American magazine.

The serial of Mrs. Burnett, "A Fair Barbarian," which is announced for the "Midwinter Number," is said to be altogether the brightest and most amusing popular author has ever written.

It will occupy two or three numbers only of Scribner's, the first installment covering about twenty three pages. It has been printed already in six numbers of another magazine, with a large circulation, but with an entirely different circle of readers.

There is at least one recent Parisian precedent for such a course as Scribner has adopted. A novel by a popular French writer, written the last year or two, appeared in a prominent daily paper

as a serial. After this it came out in book form, and when it had reached a sale of some forty or fifty thousand, one fine morning this very novel was announced far and wide as the leading serial of a daily newspaper, La Petit Journal, which, as every one knows who has read its gigantic sign on the sides of the seven story Paris houses, boasts the unequalled circulation of 650,000 copies daily.

