

One Dollar a Year.

VOLUME XXV.

FROM WASHINGTON.

News of General Interest from the National Capital.

Receptions on New Year's Day at the White House and elsewhere.

CAPITAL NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The statement of the public debt issued yesterday shows the total debt to be \$1,010,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The internal revenue receipts for the five months ended November 30 were \$26,175,999.16.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—It is reported that the President has decided concerning Secretary Windom's recommendation that the Government accept the bonds of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Thomas A. Jones, employed in the tool-room at the gun foundry of the navy yard here, has been dismissed, because it was learned that he ferried John Wilkes Booth across the river after the assassination of Lincoln.

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HIS MIND GIVES WAY.

Don Pedro, Brazil's Deposed Ruler, said to have become insane under the accompaniment of his wife.

OSWEGO, Jan. 4.—There is every reason to fear that the mind of the Emperor of Brazil has given way under the great strain upon it resulting from the death of the Empress last week.

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WILL RESUME WORK.

A settlement of all the difficulties on the Erie and Ontario roads.

EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 6.—A committee representing the strikers on the various lines of the Mackey system held a long conference with Mr. Mackey Sunday night, which resulted in a settlement of all their difficulties.

THROUGH A BRIDGE.

Several lives lost by a Railroad Accident at Hallettsville, Tex.

HALLETTSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 4.—Thursday night at 7 o'clock a freight train on the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass road went through the bridge at this place.

THAT HEARD HIS WIFE.

Thomas Williams commits murder and then takes his own life.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 4.—Thomas Williams, a bricklayer, murdered his wife yesterday morning by cutting her throat.

Immigrants from All Nations.

New York, Jan. 5.—Castle Garden has received 318,228 immigrants during the year.

Episcopal Treasurer.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 4.—Dexter Turner, South Dakota agent of the Citizens' Life Association of Chicago, in whose operations in South Dakota are termed a gigantic swindle by State Auditor Taylor, was arrested at Mitchell, S. D., Thursday, and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Leavenworth and Car Reports.

New York, Jan. 5.—Reports of statistics of locomotive building for 1889 show a slight falling off from the product of 1888.

Many Victims of Diphtheria.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 4.—St. John's, N. P., in eighteen months has had 2,044 cases of diphtheria and 491 deaths by the same.

TRUMANBURG, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1889.

AN EMBROIDER.

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CROWDED TO THE WALL.

The Year's Record as to Railway Foreclosures and Receiverships—Some Big Figures.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The Railway Age publishes a review of the foreclosure sales and receiverships of 1889.

The year makes a less favorable showing than its predecessor, although its record is not so discouraging as would seem from the three years preceding 1888.

During 1887 twenty-five lines, with 3,950 miles, were sold on foreclosure.

These roads had a total funded debt of \$94,864,000 and a total capital stock of \$52,961,000, making a grand total of \$147,825,000.

For the four years ending 1888, with 1888, 448 roads with a total of 46,700 miles and a combined funded debt and capital stock of \$2,682,746,000, were sold at foreclosure.

The number of roads which passed into the hands of receivers in 1889 is the same as in 1888, with about the same mileage and capital.

Twenty-two companies, with 3,808 miles and a funded debt of \$84,702,000 and a capital stock of \$60,654,000, went to the wall.

The most important failures of 1889 were the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas, 1,170 miles of road and \$88,000,000 capital.

Other failures were the Chicago & North Western, 770 miles and \$94,758,000; Chicago & Mackinac, 223 miles and \$30,349,000; Chicago & Atlantic, 248 miles and \$19,017,000; Kentucky Central, 217 miles and \$13,374,000; and Kansas & Ohio, 129 miles and \$12,354,000 capital.

QUICKLY PUNISHED.

A Man Kills a Merrill (Police) Keener and Wounds Two Other Officers on New Year's Day.

MERRILL, Wis., Jan. 3.—George Handler, who murdered David Savis and wounded Officer Trux and Holz, was brought back to town Thursday and taken before Justice F. E. Matthews.

He waived examination and pleaded guilty. The judge sentenced him to one year in the State Prison at Waupun.

GRAND RAPIDS, Wis., Jan. 4.—Handler, the murderer from Merrill, was brought before Judge Webb at 7:30 Thursday evening, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to State's Prison for life.

He seemed cool and self-possessed, and when asked what he expected said he supposed he would get a life sentence if the judge saw fit.

GALE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Many Wrecks and Much Damage Done by the Great Gale.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A gale has been raging all over Great Britain. Much damage has been done throughout the country and many wrecks are reported.

The Protestant church at Birr, Ireland, was struck by lightning and badly damaged.

The Cunard steamer Umbria is held at Queenstown for repairs. The gale was particularly severe on the Irish coast.

At Killarney, on the 1st, two women were killed by a falling tree. Floods are reported in Queensland. A part of the town of Normanston is submerged, the water in many places being twenty feet deep.

HOME RULE FOR CUBA.

Agitation Provoked by the Revolution in Brazil—Independence Wanted.

MADRID, Jan. 3.—The Brazilian revolution has produced a great development of the home rule agitation in Cuba and Porto Rico, and unusual activity has resulted among the colored people in favor of the independence of Cuba.

IN KILLED IN A FOG.

Wreck on the Rock Island Road in Which Two Lives Are Lost.

MALCOLM, Ia., Jan. 4.—Two east-bound freight cars on the Rock Island railroad near this place about 11 o'clock Saturday night.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4.—The American colony at a meeting decided to present a testimonial to Henry M. Stanley on his arrival.

DEATH OF JOHN ELLIOTT BOWEN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—John Elliott Bowen, author, traveler and one of the editors of the New York Independent, died Friday night in Brooklyn, aged 89 years.

COMMENDABLE.

UNDER THE SNOW.

An Appalling Disaster at Sierra City, Cal.

Seven Per cent Lost Their Lives by a Snow-slide. The Buried Under an Avalanche of Snow, Which Crushed Every Thing in Its Track.

A FEARFUL CATASTROPHE.

SIERRA CITY, Cal., Jan. 4.—An enormous quantity of snow suddenly slid down the mountain side here Friday, tearing every thing before it and causing the death of at least seven persons.

For a day or two past fears had been entertained that a huge mass of snow which had accumulated at what is known as Butt's flume might give way should a further fall take place.

The weather had, however, remained clear, and people were slowly becoming reassured. Just before noon Friday, however, the citizens suddenly heard a subdued rushing sound, as if of a strong wind among trees.

On looking up toward Butt's flume they saw the danger and every body took to flight. Those in the immediate track of the land-slide, however, had not sufficient time to make their escape, and of these seven were overwhelmed. The victims are as follows: Mrs. Rich, with her little son and daughter; Miss Ryan, of Downsville; Mrs. J. T. Mooney and daughter, and Miss Ethel Langton.

The force of the snow-slide was so great that big trees in its path were snapped like twigs. Four houses were crushed flat, and the Catholic church was also reduced to ruins.

Those whose names are given several were caught by the land-slide, and one Chinaman and a little girl are still buried. It is not known whether they are dead. Several others were injured. Two of the victims were alive when dug out of the snow, but died very soon.

It is feared that another tremendous bank of snow will be blown over the town. Should it do so still greater disaster is certain to ensue.

FROZEN OVER.

A Cold Wave Sweeps Over Montana, Washington and Portions of South Dakota.

MONTANA, Jan. 4.—Thursday night was the coldest so far this season in Montana, the thermometer going as low as some points as 35 degrees below zero.

There is but little snow reported in Eastern and Central Montana, but there is some delay to traffic in the western part of the State.

Considerable snow is already reported on some of the ranges, though confined to limited areas.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4.—The overland trains are all delayed in Eastern Washington by snow-storms. Northern Pacific trains are about eighteen hours late. The weather is the coldest known here for years.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Jan. 4.—The thermometer registered 59 degrees below zero here Friday morning, the coldest of the winter. Business is practically suspended owing to the intensity of the cold.

TWO MORE VICTIMS.

The Death List from the Tilden School Near Detroit Now Number Eight.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 4.—The list of those whose young lives have been lost as a result of the terrible Tilden School tragedy now reaches the number of eight.

DEATH OF A FUGITIVE.

MATVILIA, Ky., Jan. 4.—The widow of Colonel Edward McMurdo, formerly of Washington, this county, has brought suit against Portugal to recover \$2,500,000, claimed to be due her by the confiscation of a railroad owned by her husband, running from Delong to Africa, to the Transvaal gold mines.

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DEAD AMONG PASTORS.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The extensive beef and pork packing business of Charles H. North & Co. of this city, has been transferred to a corporation formed under the name of the North Packing and Provision Company, with a capital of \$1,200,000.

OUT THIS THROAT.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Some unknown person cut the throats of Sarah Kelly and Ann Kelly (sisters), aged respectively 81 and 79 years, who lived alone in a little frame house in this city. Robbery was the motive.

AN EMPTY TREASURY.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 4.—The surprising discovery has been made that the Indianapolis municipal treasury is exhausted and the accounts have been overdrawn about \$14,000 contrary to law.

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HE RAN THE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE.

Death of Horatio Allen, Inventor of the Paper Wheel.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Horatio Allen, who took a most prominent part in the development of steam as a motive power in the early part of this century, who invented the Allen paper wheel, and who ran the first locomotive ever propelled over a track in this country, died Wednesday morning at his residence near South Orange, N. J. He was 88 years old.

DR. WILLIAM'S INDIAN PILE OINTMENT.

TO KILL RUSSIA'S CZAR.

A Far-Reaching Nihilist Conspiracy Unearthed—The Conspirators Contemplated Not Only the Assassination of the Czar but the Murder of the Entire Ruling Family.

VIENNA, Jan. 3.—Details are at hand of the massacre of exiles in Siberia. It appears that shortly after their arrival at their destination in Siberia the exiles, who are Nihilists, attempted to kill the Czar and his family.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES. The Four Corners. A very light attendance at the literary meeting held at Wm. Clark's on the 4th.

Mr. Stinton's people had a family gathering New Year's eve. Mr. Charles Winks and wife went, last week, to attend the soldiers re-union at Ionia.

Mr. William Huntley, from Grand Rapids, was here on business last Friday. Royal Chapel, from Cooperville, is here visiting his brother.

Mr. Henry Jones leaves in the near future to visit his sister at Centralia, Missouri. His many friends in the vicinity gave him a very pleasant surprise Thursday evening.

Mr. J. Taylor has gone to Dewitt, Clinton Co., to visit his parents. Miss McFarlin closed her winter term of school last Tuesday morning.

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for many years. Mrs. Howard is very feeble. The heavens went for 24 hours after the advent of 1890. This year will also be remembered as the one when farmers could not plow.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lesiter have returned from a happy visit with friends at Ovid, also other places. The social held Jan. 3rd., with Mrs. A. H. Lawrence, our new president as well as hostess, was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Thomas McNaughton is very sick with malaria fever. Dr. A. M. Elsworth from Lowell is attending her. Charles Madison and family spent Christmas and New Year's visiting Mrs. M. Mather, at Sidney Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. Myres have been spending a week at Lake Odessa. Miss Bowditch has a fresh new stock of Millinery goods which she will be pleased to have you call and examine.

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MY NEIGHBOR'S TREE. LESSON TAUGHT BY CLOSE STUDY OF THE MYSTERIES OF NATURE. As It Looks and Seems to Be in Summer and Winter.

My room, which is in a high house, is on an even height with the crown of the tree opposite. For seven years this tree has been a true friend to me. How often it has refreshed my sight!

It is a wintered tree during the winter, and the thought arises, "How does it live?" It will leave, branches and fruit thrive again!" Spring—new or returning life will show.

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Where the Wild West Met. Until the acquisition of Alaska by the United States it was a wonder where certain wild fowl went when they migrated from the temperate climes on the approach of summer.

A lady residing on the west side has perhaps the most unique banner that has ever been seen in Kansas City. It is as beautiful as it is unique, and is prized by its owner for its beauty and oddity.

Thinking Aloud. A lady relates that one bitterly cold winter day she was hurrying toward the railway station after her shopping.

The Crown of Prussia. The royal crown of Prussia, which dates from the time of King Frederick II., has now been sent to the museum at Berlin.

ONE ENJOYS. Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels.

the left, in the smaller division of the shop, the wife of the butcher sits in an easy chair, with an account book on her knees, engaged in assisting the business of her husband by acting as bookkeeper.

Killing Birds by Electricity. Victor P. Folsom, a young electrician of Omaha, has a very ingenious way of killing rats. The pyrokin rod is caught in an ordinary oval trap, the bottom of which is connected with tin.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces.

ELBERT'S DAYLIGHT LIVER PILLS are a boon to sufferers from Sick-headaches, Sour Stomach, Torpid Liver and Indigestion.

ELBERT'S EXTRACT OF TAR & WILD CHERRY is a safe, reliable and pleasant remedy for Cough, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, and all throat troubles.

HAPPY HOME BLOOD PURIFIER is the Peoples Popular Medicine for purifying the blood; preventing or curing Eczema, Pimples, Head-aches, Dizziness, and all Fevers and Malarial Diseases.

SHERMAN, THE JEWELER, Loaded for Bear! Not much time to talk, but lots to sell goods.

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