

The Holiday Season.

The season of seasons is at hand, and the only time—with the exception of "Independence day" that the traditional American unbends his brow, and loosens his lantern jaws in order to smile, is now present.

Not having any other time to give vent to our desire for enjoyment it has been the time honored custom; especially here in the South to lump all our pleasures in the carnival or Christmas week, and the steady going man of business has always found insuperable objections raised to the sober realities of life by the usually obedient and patient working classes, for here surely was and is it believed that

Cuba and Red Tape. We have a reverence for great names, and allow none to excel us in paying proper respect to great personages, and rendering every time and every where, strict honor where honors due.

The present Secretary bears the name, and is said to have been raised in the school of the great New York statesman who so ably assisted our first Virginia President.

There was the Alabama business, and the myriad of millions called for by our suffering shipping interests, and what has been done? We reply, "Red Tape." Consigned to the tombs of the Capulets are all our hopes, and sailor cries for speedy redress, and ample settlement.

Yet we groaned not; nor lifted up our pen against the piscatorial Secretary who had staid into place under cover of a great name.

The Cuban resolution again offered to the pretender to the place of Hamilton, a rare opportunity to redeem lost reputation, What does he do? "Red tape." And the daughter of the Isles vainly appeals for assistance to the "hard hearted cur" who grows at the trembling girl from the steps of the State Department.

"Senor Roberts, the Spanish Minister, is a first-class diplomatist. He has contrived to enthrall eminent Senators, control the State Department, and engage a large portion of the press, making them the advocates of Spain. This has not been done solely by profuse distribution of Spanish gold. The Senor has been plausible and eloquent. He has described the Spain of today as re-juvenated, regenerated Spain,"

as having overthrown monarchy and priestcraft, provided for the equal rights of her people, and preparing to develop herself into a Republic. Personally he has declared himself to be an emancipationist and republican; he has declared that Spain knows that she has a feeble hold on Cuba—a grasp she must soon give up—and that she is not unwilling in the fullness of time; she herself to be the judge of the proper period, to grant independence to Cuba and welcome her into the family of nations.

This wily diplomatist, by his agent's working through the press, has done much to befog the public mind on the relations of the Alabama claims and the granting of belligerent rights to Cuba. We never denied the right of Great Britain or any power to grant belligerent rights to the South.

DEAR old "Dick Tinto" has once more established his quarters in Paris and thus writes to the Times of New York of the heira of our people to the Cosmopolitan Capitol: As for the Americans, they rush to Paris in such shoals, they settle here in such colonies, that the shop keepers very naturally set about appealing to their prejudices and consulting their tastes.

There is the deleterious Trica, the equally noxious X-yo, and the doubly-fatal Vita. In short, while the English have been gradually withdrawing from Paris, the Americans have been enamping, trenching, fortifying; and nothing can now dislodge them. They have made themselves at home; they are acknowledged as a force and a unit in the population; they are no longer confounded with the Ethiopian. Republicans at home, they are very decided imperialists here.

The following are specimens of the many brilliancies in Wendell Phillips' lecture on Daniel O'Connell:

I have listened to the impressive solemnity of Webster, been delighted with the grace of Everett, dazzled with the rhetoric of Choate; I know the iron strength of the logic of Calhoun; I have been beneath the magnetism of Henry Clay; it has been my fortune to sit at the feet of the great speakers of the English tongue on the other side of the water; but I think O'Connell, lavishly gifted by nature, blended into one harmonious whole the solemnity of Webster, the grace of Everett, the logic of Calhoun, and the magnetism of Clay.

There was something majestic in his presence before he spoke, and he added to it what Webster had not—what Clay might have lent—grace. Lithe as a boy; at seventy perfect in attitude, every gesture a picture, so natural, as if no effort, no art, nothing but nature spoke all over him. Then he had a voice that covered the whole gamut. He could endow the nation with the majesty of Burke. As I heard him once say, "I send my voice across the Atlantic, careering like the thunder-storm against the breeze, to tell the slaveholder of the Carolinas that God reigns and his thunderbolts are hot, and to remind the bondman that the morning of his redemption is already breaking."

UNDER the old laws of Mississippi Rent must be paid if the tenants family have not a blanket left to cover themselves. No exemption law applies to a distress for rent. No fanciful writ of error or injunction—no stay law—applies to the inexorable demands of the land Lord. The mechanic, the grocer, the professional man the stock dealer, and the laborer are required to wait on the landlords convenience and take the chances. But if they owe him the demand is as inexorable as the King of Terrors.

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Republicans Candidates. The work of the Wards and the nominating convention has been finished, and we present to our readers the result in the persons of Messrs. Birney, Wilson, Howe and Thurber for Aldermen, and Silas N. Martin, Esq., for Mayor.

The merits of the gentlemen named need no special notice from us; they are all good men and true Republicans, and our party will be a unit in the coming election. Ward there any division in the party vote or liability of the same we would advocate especially the claims of the gentlemen named, but as none exists, we rest until the day before the election.

The filthy custom of pasting one wall paper over another till a thickness of an eighth of an inch or more is accumulated, is too common, and is attended with the worst consequences. This, as ascertained by the Lancet, was the cause of the puzzling offensive smell at Knightsbridge Barracks, London, that recently threatened the whole establishment with fever. The examination of the drains and taking up of the floors revealed nothing, while the examination was made of the wall papering, when it was found that one paper was pasted over another till a thickness was accumulated amounting in one case to fourteen layers.

OUR enthusiastic friend of the Wyoming Tribune thus discourses on the success of Woman Suffrage movement in the territory:

Wyoming, from her rocky eyrie, sends greeting to the aged Sister States and invites them to come up higher—even to that advanced position on the question of human rights which she seems disposed to occupy.

Forgetting heathenish prejudices, arising from race or sex, she invites them to stand with her upon "The skirmish line of civilization," the Genius of Liberty, is on picket duty in Wyoming. Already, the advancing skirmisher has been challenged, and required to give the countersign; he replies, "Human rights; equality before the law," to which the sentinel responds, "The countersign is correct—pass on!"

UNDER the head of "territorial," our enthusiastic ultima thule friend of the Cheyenne Tribune tells us that in "Evansville houses are being built and a thriving village established at this point. Coal of a quality nearly equal to anthracite is very abundant, and the adjacent valleys afford excellent grazing facilities. Large numbers of cattle are being fattened there. Population constantly increasing. Also at "Bear River" the best of petroleum flows freely and naturally from the ground in this vicinity. A. Huyett, Esq., has a number of oil wells, and is now engaged in boring at the foot of Wasatch mountains. Large quantities have actually been secured, and this section bids fair to equal the oil regions of Pennsylvania. That "Piedmont" is a live point and each day is characterized by great activity. Lumbering is the principal interest, and plenty of timber is found in the neighboring ravines. Five or six stores are succeeding well, and several sons of Vulcan pound iron in a shop near by for their own interest and pro bono publico."

GEORGIA seems yet to be in that happy social condition termed by the democratic saint "red-hot." If the business men, and mechanic classes do not quickly strangle the extremists seeking to control the State, business and manufactures will all be strangled by such madmen as Morgan who thus writes:

Neither Senate nor House intended to submit the question of eligibility of colored members to seats in the Legislature to the Supreme Court. The present Legislature never will reseat negroes, nor will it pass the fifteenth amendment. These are settled facts. For myself, I have been a submissionist as long as I intend to be, and have gone far as I intend to go to gratify the unallowable will and domineering spirit of a corrupt Congress.

REFERRING to the late defeat of the conservatives in Mississippi, the Vicksburg Times remarks:

There is no nobler quality than that which enables us to meet adversity and to seek the silver lining of dark clouds; but, were we possessed of the fortitude and patience of a Job, it would scarcely suffice to enable us to meet with equanimity the crushing defeat of the cause, in which our whole heart was wrapped, and for which we have labored zealously and patiently through many weary months, sustained at the recent election. The array of figures which each may have brought is enough to appal the stoutest heart, and when we contemplate the magnitude of the stake and the completeness of the disaster to the cause of liberal (i) Republican principles it "Blith like a serpent and stingsh like an adder."

So we think.

A schooner captain, noted for his parsimony, was one day waited upon by his cook, who informed him that the crew were in a state of dissatisfaction, bordering on mutiny, in consequence of their being compelled to subsist on such a scanty supply of provision. "What!" thundered the enraged skipper, "have the ungrateful scoundrels the audacity to assert that they do not get enough? Confound their insatiable gut-trot! Give them three herrings for dinner, Joe; give them three herrings, and let 'em bust blast 'em!"

This reminds us of Sinclair when on "League" business. Gobbling all the fees—"Old Sin turned to Joe Hill and others and said there take a herring and bust—bust ye!"

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That missionary must have been very like the editor of a paper who is greedily gobbled by hungry subscribers never expecting to pay for their "wittles."

Farmer's Club. Now is the time to form farmer's clubs; and there is not a town South of the Potomac but would be benefited by such an organization.

Let a few farmers gather at the house of one of their number, appoint one for Secretary and President, expend half a dollar in the purchase of a record book, name some topic for talk at a future meeting, and then adjourn for a week. When the evening comes be sure to go to the adjourned meetings, say the best thing of which you are capable, and at half past nine or ten o'clock go home and read your latest copy of the Post.

THE following is the "woman suffrage" clause adopted into the Wyoming constitution:

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of Wyoming Territory, Section 1. That every woman of the age of twenty-one years, residing in this territory, may, at every election to be held under the laws thereof, cast her vote. And her right to the elective franchise and to hold office shall be the same under the election laws of the Territory as those of electors.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect, and every woman who has fifteen million of our women are deprived of their rights."

We welcome the Plymouth Star published at Plymouth, Pa. Fred. M. Wagner is the editor, and is firm in the faith as delivered to our Republican fathers. After promising all sorts of good things; the wagghish Frederick adds this little bit of editorial wickedness:

We hope that our little sheet will give satisfaction to all, and that many a pleasant hour may be spent in perusing its columns. To the fair sex we hope that we may be as acceptable as the stolen kiss behind the door when Charlie is going home.

"Evidently he means me"—but Fred—we forgive thee—thou wert always a sad wag!

COL. B. S. EWELL writes a letter to the Washington Chronicle denying that he wrote a letter to General Lee on reconstruction. Col. Ewell concludes:

It is not the less true, though, that, since the close of the war, it has been my earnest wish to witness the restoration of the Union and the speedy approach of the coming era of good will and harmony among the citizens of the different sections of our common country believing both to be necessary for the future welfare of Virginia as well as that of her sister States.

AN exchange states that the maddest man in Indiana lives at Paltoka. He told his wife he was going down cellar to commit suicide, and did go down stairs and fire a broadside into the pork barrel. His wife kept right on knitting, and after a while the man came up stairs swearing that the woman hadn't got any feelings. We know another mad man and he won't commit suicide or even fire into a barrel—his name is—

A LETTER from Washington relieves our mind of the cloud of doubt surrounding the "friend of our youth," we facetiously term "E. T." He states "Old E. T. does not write from any desire (or anxiety at least) to have the retraction made, but because he is a little sensitive to the good opinion of his old friend Charles." That'll do—you're forgiven.

AN exchange states: A German statistical writer remarks that the invention of the sewing machine has enabled one woman to sew as much as a hundred could sew by hand a century ago; but, he continues, one woman demands as much clothing as a hundred did a century ago. Well; who would have the dear creature wear less?

The recent horror in Pennsylvania by which a block of houses sink into a coal mine, merely proves how necessary some law by which the General Government will have control of mines and all other great corporations. There can be little doubt but eventually the people will demand protection or sink into abject slavery to capital.

MR. Donald McKay, the great shipbuilder of Boston, estimates the customs duties upon the articles required to construct a wooden ship of one thousand tons, at \$8,665 33 in gold. Does any one in view of such a fact wonder why American commerce is dying out?

If some better order is not observed in our city elections we shall be forced to conclude with the poet:

"Where motley laws admitting no degree Belwixt the vilely slaved and madly free— And be it further ord'ed, that the plucky Where brutes are rulers, and the men are brutes."

THE Standard feels bad because the Post claims to be "national;" well we suppose the "village cock"—of course we mean the country paper up in Raleigh is also "national;" else why should so good a soldier as H. L. P. be bearing arms in its defence?

THERE are 130 students in the various Episcopal Theological Seminaries throughout the country.

The Liberal Christian asks if the principle of sleeping cars can't be successfully introduced into church architecture.

JOHN FORNEY is pressing the claims of his son "Phil," to the place of Appraiser in Philadelphia. The public have almost had a fill of Forney. Why don't "Phil" work out his salvation outside of public office? He certainly never will in office.

As ever, the Boston people are in advance, and already it is proposed to make the public schools, practical schools where boys and girls may learn useful occupations beside intellectual development.

HAWTHORNE is said to be the author of "Fair Harvard."

We would acknowledge the receipt of the very valuable report of the Commissioners of Agriculture for 1898. The exceeding beauty of the plates accompanying this volume makes it of more than ordinary interest.

The Commissioner of Agriculture recommends that the census of 1870 be improved by giving the actual acreage of tillage, of permanent pasture, fallows or commons, and wood lands.

A poor old girl has been shut up in the asylum for the insane New York, because she would say Ah—men—instead of A—men! Look out brother!

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OFFICIAL.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, WILMINGTON, DECEMBER 20, 1899.

The following named persons are hereby designated as Registrars and Inspectors of Elections in the City of Wilmington:

FOR THE FIRST WARD: ALLEN EVANS, JOHN H. BROWN, JOHN DYER.

FOR THE SECOND WARD: JAMES LOWREY, ROGER MOORE, STACY VANAMRINGE.

FOR THE THIRD WARD: WASHINGTON HOWE, JOHN G. BULOKEN, CHAS. H. ROBINSON.

FOR THE FOURTH WARD: H. B. EILERS, JAS. McD. FRENCH, WM. McLAURIN.

The following ordinance concerning Registrars and Inspectors of Elections was then passed: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING REGISTRARS AND INSPECTORS OF ELECTIONS.

Be it Ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington, as follows: Sec. 1. All Registrars and Inspectors of Elections to be appointed as provided in the Amended Charter of the City of Wilmington, as amended by act of General Assembly, Dec. 18, 1898, shall open their books for registration, and register all the legally qualified voters in the several Wards of the City, that have not been previously registered, during such hours of the days set apart by law for registration, as the Board of Aldermen may by order determine.

Sec. 2. The City shall allow compensation to the Registrars and Inspectors of Elections, the sum of three (\$3) dollars each per day for each and every day such registrar shall serve.

Sec. 3. A majority of the Board of Registrars or Inspectors in each Ward shall be competent to register voters, and shall also be competent to sign the returns of election made to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Sec. 4. All the votes given in for officers designated to be voted for shall be sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Ward meeting, by causing the names of the persons voted for and the number of votes given for each to be written in words at length in the returns made to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and all the ballots or votes cast shall then and there be properly sealed up in an envelope and returned with the returns.

Sec. 5. The books shall be kept open for registration until the legally qualified voters of the city, during such hours of the days designated by law as the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall determine, and the Registrars shall daily, during said days, make a certified copy of the registration list, and return the same to the City Clerk within two hours after the time designated for closing the books on that day, provided however, that on the day of election the books of registration shall be returned to the City Clerk, together with all check lists, together with such warrants or notices as they shall receive from said Board of Aldermen.

Sec. 6. All Registrars and Inspectors shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their duty before any Justice of the Peace or other officer duly qualified to administer oaths.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Mayor and Aldermen to meet in session on the Tuesday following the first Monday of the month of each year, at their room in the City Hall, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the returns from the several Wards, and they shall remain in session for one hour, and longer if necessary; and the inspectors of elections shall then and there make their returns to said Mayor and Aldermen.

Sec. 8. Any person appointed as Registrar or Inspector of Elections, under provisions of the act of the General Assembly, entitled "an act to amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington," and ratified December 18, who having qualified as Registrar or Inspector, and shall refuse or neglect to discharge the duties imposed by this ordinance, shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered as penalties are now recoverable.

Sec. 9. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with or repugnant to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed by Board of Aldermen December 20, 1899.

BENJAMIN DUFFEE, City Clerk.

The following ordinance was then passed: Ordered, That the Registrars in the several Wards appointed this 20th day of December, 1899, shall keep open their books for registration of voters during such hours as are hereinafter named.

In all the Wards during the five days preceding the Sunday next preceding the first Monday of January, from 10 o'clock A. M. until 9 o'clock P. M., and from 7 o'clock P. M. until 9 o'clock P. M., on the Saturday next preceding the election; on the day of the election, during the hours the polls are kept open.

And be it further ordered, That the plan of registration of voters shall be as follows: For Wards One and Two, at the City Hall, For Wards Three and Four, at the Howard Engine House on Fourth-street.

Passed by Board of Aldermen December 20, 1899.

JOS. H. NEFF, Mayor.

BENJAMIN DUFFEE, City Clerk.

It was ordered as follows: Ordered, That the Mayor issue at once proper warrants for an election to be held on the first Monday in January, 1900, for a Mayor to serve one year; four Aldermen, one for each Ward, to serve two years, and an Assistant Assessor for each Ward to serve one year—all to be voted for on one ballot.

Ordered, further, That the Mayor copy in full in said warrants the ordinance in relation to a donation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the Cape Fear Agricultural Association, and direct those citizens in favor of said donation to state upon their ballots "For the Donation to the Cape Fear Agricultural Association," and those opposed to the donation to state upon their ballots "Against the Donation to the Cape Fear Agricultural Association."

Ordered further, That the polls be kept open from sunrise to sunset. The minutes of the Board of Aldermen of December 20, 1899.

BENJ. DUFFEE, City Clerk.

WARRANT FOR CITY ELECTION, CITY OF WILMINGTON.

To the Marshal, or either of his Deputies—GREETING: In the name of the city of Wilmington, you

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any hereby required, forthwith, to notify the citizens of Ward No. 1, qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Engine House, Fourth street;

In the name of the city of Wilmington, you are hereby required, forthwith, to notify the citizens of Ward No. 2, qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Engine House, Third street;

In the name of the city of Wilmington, you are hereby required, forthwith, to notify the citizens of Ward No. 3, qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Engine House, Second street;

In the name of the city of Wilmington, you are hereby required, forthwith, to notify the citizens of Ward No. 4, qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Engine House, Fourth street;

On the 3rd day of January, 1870, at sunrise in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for a Mayor; to serve one year; four Aldermen, one for each Ward, to serve two years; and an Assistant Assessor for each Ward, to serve one year, all to be voted for on one ballot. The polls to remain open until sunset and no longer. And to also cast their votes on the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE WILMINGTON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington, as follows: Section 1st. That the Mayor be authorized and instructed, and is hereby directed to subscribe and pay to the Cape Fear Agricultural Association, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars in bonds of the City; to be paid from the funds of the City payable in ten years from July 1st 1899, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable in gold.

Sec. 2nd. That at the next city election the question, "Shall the City of Wilmington donate to the Cape Fear Agricultural Association Five Thousand Dollars in bonds, payable in ten years, with interest at six per cent. per annum, payable in gold," shall be submitted to the voters of the city for their decision.

Sec. 3rd. That if the vote shall be decided in the affirmative, the Two Thousand Dollars in bonds donated in the first section of this ordinance shall be deducted from the Five Thousand Dollars in bonds, mentioned in the second section, and the Mayor shall require from the officers of the said Association an obligation to return at the end of one year from their delivery, to the City of Wilmington, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars in bonds, against the donation of the five thousand dollars in bonds as aforesaid.

And you will notify the citizens to state on their ballots as follows: If voting for the donation as specified in the ordinance above recited, the ballot shall state "For the donation to the Cape Fear Agricultural Association." If opposing the donation, the ballot shall state "Against the donation to the Cape Fear Agricultural Association."

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Warrant, with your doings thereon.

Witness, Jos. H. Neff, Mayor of said City of Wilmington, this twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

By order of the Mayor and Aldermen, BENJ. DUFFEE, City Clerk.

MARSHAL'S OFFICE, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21, 1899.

To the citizens of Wilmington—Greeting: In accordance with the above warrants, you are notified to comply with the requirements as specified.

W. P. CANADAY, Marshal City of Wilmington.

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TRAINS WILL BE RUN FROM THE Depot of the W. & W. Railroad every hour from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M., commencing on the 25th instant, and continuing until the 1st day of January, Sunday excepted.

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ON TUESDAY NIGHT A MEMORANDUM BOOK, containing money and valuable papers. The owner of the Book will pay liberal reward to any person who will return the same to his office corner Water and Princess streets, F. G. MOORE, Assistant Assessor.

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