

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas has come! Yes, once again the joyous Christmas tide is upon us, and today throughout all Christendom are happy hearts and smiling faces beaming with the joy and gladness with which this festive season is ever welcomed.

REGISTRATION OF DEEDS.

We are pleased to note that several of our leading State corporations are urging upon our Legislature the importance of registering all deeds to be recorded.

Capital is proverbially timid, and we cannot expect capitalists from abroad or immigrants to invest in our real estate as long as our present defective registration laws exist.

A Mountain Romance.

We have information, rather startling in its nature, of a strange and striking instance of retirement from active life and partial seclusion from the world of an officer of English rank now living in Western North Carolina.

Our Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20, '84.

The House last Wednesday unceremoniously hustled Mr. Cullom's Into State bill to one side and substituted Mr. Reagan's bill on the same subject, which had already been reported favorably from the committee.

The outlook for the conviction of General Swain is not so encouraging as it ought to be. I should think that an ordinary court martial would readily need no stronger proof of guilt than the miserable pretentiousness that has characterized the defense from the outset.

A Town Mobbed.

A despatch from Travers, Dakota Territory, dated 20th inst., says: A reign of terror prevailed here today, the entire town having been in the mercy of a mob of desperadoes, who pulled and sacked public and private dwellings, threatening instant death to any one who attempted to show resistance to their ruffianly acts of violence and plunder.

A Modest State.

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The Electric Touch.

We mentioned last week that President Arthur touched an electric button at Washington City that set in motion the machinery of the New Orleans Exposition. The New York World thus comments upon it:

"While we marvel at the progress of science which thus develops the mighty power of the electric fluid and annihilates time and space, may we not gather a useful lesson in any other direction from this interesting incident?"

The Government at Washington is the head of the nation. All eyes are directed towards it from every part of the Union for guidance and example. It holds command of the current which, for good or for evil, passes through every portion of our system and virtually sets in motion the machinery of State administration, commerce and finance, as well as of justice.

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It began to snow here before noon, and this afternoon by 4 o'clock, when members began to leave the House, the Pennsylvania avenue car tracks running down from Capitol Hill upon the south side of the Capitol had become very slippery.

Premonition of Death.

From the Astorian Express.

Mr. Lee West, a son of Major T. C. West, died in this city, at the residence of his father, on Tuesday last, aged thirty-two years.

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Bishop Cannon, his predecessor in Congress, will probably be in the future the head of the Mormon Church. He was born and brought up a Mormon. He is a fanatic who would go any length to sustain Mormonism.

The Treasury Examiners.

From the Boston Post and Observer.

To-day the joint legislative committee, composed of Messrs. Wainwright, Parrett, Robinson, Gunderman, Temple, completed the work of examining the books, warrants, etc., of the State treasury.

An Old Soldier's Experience.

"Calvert, Texas, May 3, 1882.

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