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### CHRISTMAS WAITS.

It was the eve of Christmas, long before the break of morn. When, with chorusing of angels, and the star that went before, The trembling shepherds woke to learn that unto them was born, In Bethlehem of Judaea, a king forevermore.

I looked from out the window, and the sky was thick with stars, And, like a winding-sheet, the snow upon the fields lay driven; The horned moon let down her light in faint and silver bars, That seemed a shining ladder to scale the heights of Heaven.

Wide the silence stretched around me. Not the chirp of any bird. Echoed in the leafless branches, and the dead vines at the pane Knocked and knocked like ghostly fingers, and the only sound I heard Was the wand'ring night-wind as it wailed above the silent plain.

Then I turned me from the window, and I sought my lonely hearth: "Lo!" I said the year is growing old amid the snow and frost. Yet no one comes to sling to me of comfort or of mirth, And my only faithful comrades are the joys that I have lost.

Long I sat and pondered deeply—eyes as void of tears as smiles. Fastened on the carven mantle, counting all life's pleasures dress; While our Lord and the Apostles, on the ancient painted tiles. Marched in endless, long procession from the manger to the Cross.

So I mused and watched the firelight, playing on the dark old floor, And the shadows danced and beckoned, fleeing as the flame burnt clear, When there came a sound of voices singing at the close-barred door, So sweetly, oh! so sweetly, I could not choose but hear.

I stole into the lattice, and, lo! on looking down, I saw a troop of phantoms pale in garments white and fair: Every hand did bear a palm-branch, every head a golden crown— They left no footprint on the snow, they cast no shadow there, And one was Sorrow and one was Joy, and one was Van Despair.

And there were Mirth, and Vain Regret, and Hope with starry eyes, With spires of light about her brow, and Faith with floating hair; And glory shone around them all, the light of Paradise. Sweet love was borne upon a bier amid the ghostly throng, A frozen smile was on her lip, on her bright head the snow;

And by her side her silent harp . . . With laughter and with song, She bade the New Year welcome glad—in tears it now must go. O, my dead Love! I never thought to see thy face again! The bloom of springtime and of youth long perished in its prime; Dry leaves are rustling by the stream, and in the empty lane The flowers that we used to pluck were withered by the rime.

So sweetly, oh, so sweetly—the tears mine eyes o'erflowed, As their voices rose together, thrilling high and higher yet; And they gathered closer, closer to the door of my abode, And the sweetest tones among them were of Hope and Vain Regret "We are the children of the Past, This night we come to thee, When other hearts are full of joy, and thou art left desolate; Alone, yet never lonely, from henceforth shalt thou be For thou shalt bear a talisman against the hardest fate.

We'll press our arms around thy neck, our cheeks against thine own: We'll come to the at morning tide, and when the freighted gleams; And nevermore, though Love may sing of days that long have flown, Her face shall be as peaceful, mild as one who smiles in dreams.

"Not alone this brief existence. Not the wounds, the stripes, the woe: Not the struggles, bitter losses, and the weary strife with sin; For th golden gates shall open wide, the skies shall melt and glow, And Love, amid an angel band, shall meet and lead thee in." They were silent. Of a sudden all the bells on every side Clashed and clanged a thousand greetings to the day when Christ was born; And the day-star paled and trembled, and, beyond the snow-plain wide, A golden light did grow and grow, the herald of the dawn.

Lo! I looked—my waits had vanished, but a glory lingered near, And there came a faint, sweet cadence, by the wind borne back again; Then my heart, with glad remembrance that they loved me, held me dear, Shaped the strain into the legend: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men!"

### A Serious Railroad Accident.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 23.—This morning a freight train consisting of 15 cars ran off a trestle on the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad, at Seney, near Rock Mart. Conductor Ayres had a leg broken and one train man is missing. Further details of the accident cannot be obtained yet, owing to the lack of telegraphic facilities, but it is thought to have been a very serious one, attended perhaps by other and more fatal casualties.

### Court House Burned.

MONROE, LA., Dec 23.—The Court House at this place was burned last night and all the records destroyed.

### IN CONGRESS.

**The Senate Grapples With the Civil Service Bill, While the House Finds Itself Without a Quorum and Adjourns till Wednesday.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—SENATE.—The President laid before the Senate communication from the Secretary of the Navy transmitting the report of the negotiations for the purchase of certain land adjacent to the Norfolk Navy Yard. Referred to the committee of naval affairs.

At the close of the morning hour the civil service bill came up as unfinished business. Pendleton, in charge of the bill, yielded the floor temporarily for the transaction of some miscellaneous business, after which the Senate resumed consideration of the civil service bill, the question being on Pugh's amendment providing that the present force in the department, except soldiers, etc., shall be subjected to competitive examination like persons outside, and to facilitate such examinations shall be divided into three classes. Rejected 23 to 19.

Van Wyck's amendment pending since yesterday was agreed to, striking out words, "as far as practicable," so as to require that the appointment of offices among the States and Territories, should be made absolutely on a basis of population.

On motion of Morgan the first section of the bill was amended so as to provide for three commissioners instead of five and that they shall hold no other official places under the U. S. At 10:30 p. m. the Senate was still in session on the civil service bill.

HOUSE.—In the absence of the Speaker the House was called to order by Page, of California. After the approval of the journal, White, of Kentucky, made the point of order that the journal could not be approved in the absence of a quorum, but the Speaker pro tem held that the point was made too late.

Feele, of Indiana, moved that the House adjourn, pending which the Speaker pro tem admitted five requests for leave of absence, but they were objected to. Amid much noise and confusion the House refused to adjourn—yeas 56, nays 58. The roll call was several times interrupted by White, of Kentucky, with points of order, which created much merriment until the Speaker pro tem at last flatly refused to recognize the gentleman. Leaves of absence were granted and the House, at 12:50, adjourned until Wednesday next.

### A Difficulty with Mexico Adjusted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Matthias Romeo, the Mexican Minister, has received a cablegram from his Government, dated yesterday at the City of Mexico, informing him that General Pacheco, Secretary of Public Works, has signed a contract with Mr Tyng, Secretary and Representative of the Leonard, Tehantepec Railroad Company, and of the bondholders of the same road, which settled in a satisfactory manner for both parties this difficulty.

### Weather.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Middle Atlantic fair weather southwest to north-west winds, slight rise in barometer, stationary or slight falling temperature. South Atlantic, partly cloudy weather and local rains, north to west winds, slight falling temperature and higher barometer.

### Killed in Escaping from a Burning Building.

TERRELL, TEXAS, Dec. 23.—Three dwellings were burned in this place at an early hour this morning. While endeavoring to escape from a widow, Mrs. Payne fell to the ground and was killed.

### Postmasters Nominated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Among the nominations sent to the Senate to-day were Charles T. Scott, Postmaster at Parkersburg, W Va; J Allen Myers, Bryan, Texas.

### End of a Drunken Spree.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., Dec. 23.—At Lake City, last evening, Union Fuller, a prominent citizen while drunk shot and killed Parker Adams, late candidate for the Legislature.

### Two Men Drowned.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 23.—Ed. Hawley and W J Sessions were drowned to-day through their boat capsizing while they were crossing Cape Fear river at this place.

### Death of Cardinal Donnet.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Cardinal Donnet, Archbishop of Bordeaux, died yesterday.

### The Night After Christmas.

'Twas the night after Christmas; the boys were awake. At a stuffing with turkey, and pudding, and cake, and doughnuts, and oysters, and plums, and mince pies. There were moanings and groanings and piteous cries: "O my stomach!" "O Moses!" "Oh help!" "I shall die!" "How I wish that I hadn't had half as much pie!" "O mother!" "Come, hurry!" "O what shall I do?" "Bring something to cure me!" "Boo-hoo!" and "Boo-hoo!"

And mother, alarmed by the racket and noise, ran in to see what she could do for the boys. Perry Davis's Pain Killer she brought for relief, and soon made an end of their noise and their grief. And then there was quiet and joy in the house, and each of the lads was quiet and still as a mouse.

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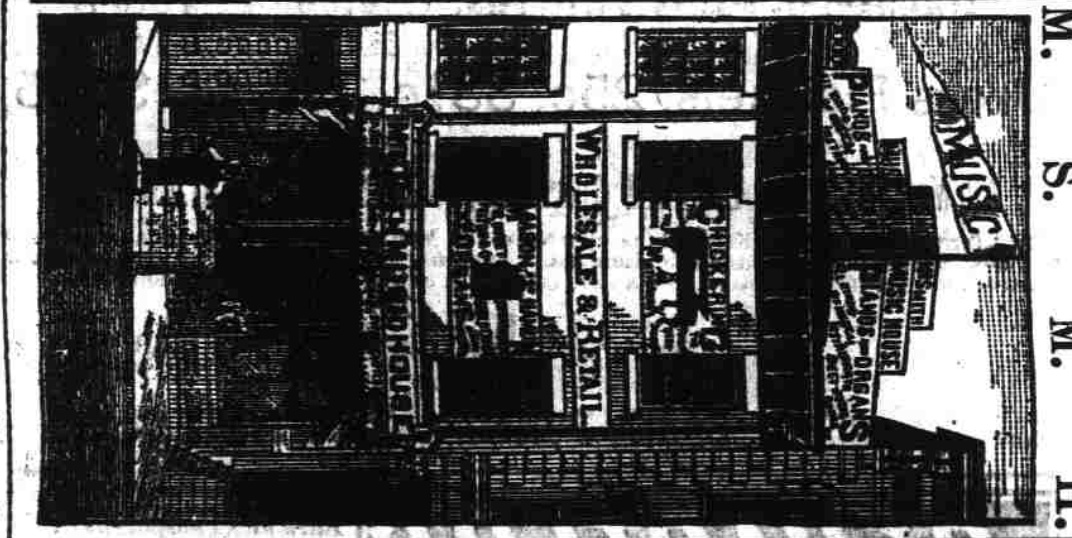
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