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Warm Things FOR Cold Days

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THE ELKS' TREE; JOY AND PATHOS ARE MINGLED

Yesterday's Touching and
Beautiful Scene at the
Auditorium.

1,000 CHILDREN
ARE MADE HAPPY

A Host of People Witness the
Generous Distribution of
the Gifts.

Although the Elks' Christmas tree
is a thing of the past, its memories
will long linger in the minds of those
who witnessed the event yesterday af-
ternoon at the Auditorium. As a
prominent citizen expressed himself
yesterday "it is hard to keep from
preaching a sermon on the effect of
the benevolence and generosity by the
Elks in their undertakings."

Nearly 1000 children representing
the poverty and affliction of hundreds
of homes were happily treated to a
countous and generous Christmas
feast. Nearly 800 people, represent-
ing the moderately well-to-do and the
wealthy sat in the balcony and
observed the orphans, the homeless
and the poverty-stricken children as
they so joyously received, each one,
a useful present, a toy and some con-
fectionaries.

At 2 o'clock there could be seen
wending their way to the Auditorium
hundreds of children. Some wore
straw hats and were almost barefoot-
ed. Little boys came in their shir-
sleeves and not a few young girls
were seen who only wore thin gingham

dresses without any cloak to shield
them from the bitter cold.

They left with words of
kindness and their lips for the kindness
shown them by the Elks.

At 3 o'clock Dr. C. S. Jordan an-
nounced from the platform that only
those holding present tickets should be
given presents. After this announce-
ment, the lively strains of a bright
two-step enlivened the entire audi-
ence and there was not a face among
the vast throng of the children and
their parents who sat in the main
body of the Auditorium, that did not
express delight and good cheer.

The music, furnished by the Bat-
tery Park orchestra and First Regi-
ment band, gave a finishing touch to
the occasion that could not have been
supplied by any other addition.

After a few selections had been
played, greatly to the delight of every
one present, all of whom seemed pent
up with feelings of joy, the curtain
was drawn back and there was seen
a sparkling, beautifully decorated
Christmas tree, heavily laden with
presents of every description. At the
base of the tree there was a great
number of little red carts. On either
side of the glistening and glitter-
ing pine were broad long tables on
which were heaped toys and clothing.

The toy table was a very interest-
ing spectacle. Gifts of little playthings
consisted of mechanical toys, ser-
viceable pocket knives, tin horses,
jumping jacks and every conceivable
device that is known to the manufac-
turer of play things.

Near the toy table was a collection
of dolls—so many dolls that it would
be a very tedious undertaking even
to count them. This collection of dolls
represented a vast amount of time
and patience that had been expended
by a hundred or more families
throughout the city who volunteered
to assist the Elks in their undertak-
ing.

On another side of the tree was a ta-
ble piled high with good warm caps
and mittens for the boys and girls.
Close by was a big barrel of candy
packages, the covering of each pack-
ing being a servicable handkerchief.

Several crates of oranges were near.
The tree was lighted brilliantly by
electric bulbs placed there by the
Piedmont Electric company.

The glittering, glimmering tinsel
with the bright electric lights, all
covering the tall white pine, the ear-
nest expectant faces of the 1000 poor
little ones as they gazed excitedly at
the scene before them, was indeed a
touching and interesting sight.

The first to receive their apportion-
ment of the good things was a dozen
or more of the smallest of the children
—some just barely old enough to walk
while others had to be carried. With
outstretched hands they received,
each one, an appropriate gift.

The older ones came next and from
the smallest to the old and feeble, all
marched in their turn to receive their
share.

W. F. Randolph acted as Santa
Claus, and he made things merry for
(Continued on third page.)

MRS. FREMONT DEAD

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Fre-
mont, widow of General Fremont, the
Pathfinder, died this evening at Los
Angeles, aged 78 years.

ELEVEN VILLAGES IN RUINS NEAR ANDIJAN

6000 Houses Destroyed as a Result
of an Earthquake.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Later ad-
vices from Ashkabad say that in the
country round Andijan, 11 villages are
in ruins as a result of the recent
earthquake, and that fully 6,000 houses
have been destroyed. The weather is
warmer and the work of rescue and
succor is proceeding with better re-
sults.

DISCOVERED A TRIBE OF BLACK JEWS

London, Dec. 28.—Sidney Klein, a
London Jew who emigrated years ago
to western Australia, sends a story to
a Jewish paper published here of the
discovery by him in a remote portion
of western Australia of a tribe of
black Jews. He says they hold ser-
vices on Saturday, circumcise their
children and abstain from pork. His
story doesn't obtain much credence in
Jewish circles.

A WORD OF THANKS.
I desire to thank my patrons for
their liberal patronage for the year
just ending, and wishing all a happy
and prosperous new year, and solicit
ing their continued favors.
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FIRES BURNING IN THE FLORIDA ORANGE GROVES

Vigorous Effort to Save the
Trees and Fruit from the
Killing Frost.

LOCOMOTIVES CARRY
COLD WAVE FLAGS

Intense Cold Weather Contin-
ues in All the Southern
States.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.—Tonight
thousands of fires are burning through-
out southern and eastern Florida in
the orange groves, in an endeavor to
protect the trees and fruit yet un-
picked from the threatened cold wave.
The weather bureau here issued warn-
ings tonight to look out for colder
temperatures tonight, and this was
carried by telegrams, cold wave flags
on locomotives and by warning blasts
from locomotives as they sped through
the farming section.

Atlanta, Dec. 27.—Today is a record
breaker for cold weather this winter.
The mercury went to 14 degrees above
this morning. Savannah reported 24
Freezing weather prevailed as far
south as Tampa.

Birmingham, Dec. 27.—The ther-
mometer dropped to 13 degrees here
last night, the coldest weather of the
winter. At 10 o'clock it registered
20 degrees.

Memphis, Dec. 27.—A further drop
in the temperature was recorded this
morning when the mercury reached 14
degrees above zero. As the day ad-
vanced the temperature rose slightly.

HIGH POSITION FOR CAPT. D. J. GILMER

A Colored Army Officer Who
Has Had a Notable Career
of Brave Deeds

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, Dec. 27.—There is an
underrcurrent report coming from a
source regarded as reliable that Pres-
ident Roosevelt has promised Senator
Pritchard that he will appoint Cap-
tain David J. Gilmer (colored) of
Greensboro, N. C., to a high posi-
tion. The position is not definitely
stated, but is understood to be a life
position. Senator Pritchard is asking
for this appointment and the action
taken is based on the military record
of Captain Gilmer, as the same is
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PELEE AGAIN IN VIOLENT ERUPTION

St. Thomas, Dec. 27.—The steamship
New Ingoton has arrived here. She re-
ports that she passed St. Pierre, Mar-
tinique, at 10 o'clock Friday morning.
At that time Mount Pelee was in a
state of violent eruption, emitting
dense gray smoke and dust to a great
height.

DISCIPLINED FOR KEEPING HIS WIFE ON WARSHIP

Commander Roller, Failing to Heed
Warnings is Temporarily Re-
lieved of His Command.

Washington Dec. 27.—Naval Com-
mander Roller has become involved in
trouble with the naval authorities on
account of persisted violations of the

Choice Lots On Charlotte Street For Sale.

Opposite the Manor and Albemarle
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fore refused to sell these desirable
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regulations forbidding a woman to re-
side on a naval vessel. While Roller
was in command of the gunboat Mono-
cacy in Chinese waters Admiral Ev-
ans learned despite the warnings he
had given Roller, Mrs. Roller re-
mained on board the Monocacy sev-
eral weeks. Thereupon Evans detached
Roller and ordered him to return to
the United States. He has been
placed on waiting orders for a pro-
tracted period.

NEGRO AND WIFE LYNCHED BY MOB

The First Woman Lynched in
South Carolina Put to Death

Near Troy.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 27.—Oliver
Wideman and wife, colored, were
lynched by a mob at midnight last
night for the murder last evening of
W. K. Jay, a farmer. This is the
first woman ever lynched in South
Carolina. The lynching took place
near Troy, Abbeville county.

The couple occupied a house on
Jay's plantation, near Jay's residence.
Last evening Jay passed. Wideman's
domestic and heard the couple quar-
reling. Mrs. Jay heard her husband
tell the couple to stop quarreling or
leave, when she heard a shot. She
went to the window and saw Wide-
man and his wife running from the
house. They would not reply to her
when she asked what was the mat-
ter. She then called her husband. Re-
ceiving no reply, she went to look for
him. She found his body in a pool of
blood with most of his head shot off.

An alarm was spread. A posse was
formed to search for Wideman and his
wife. They caught them driving off
in a buggy. Both confessed that Jay
had been shot from their house, but
each accused the other of doing the
shooting. They were turned over to a
constable, who late at night started
with the prisoners to Abbeville court
house. About midnight the constable
was intercepted at a bridge by a mob.
The prisoners were taken from him
and hanged, their bodies being riddled
with bullets.

SENATOR PRITCHARD REGAINING STRENGTH

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Senator
Pritchard is now progressing satisfac-
torily toward recovery, after his recent
operation. He is still at the hospital
and will probably not leave there for
some days yet. He sat up for a short
time yesterday and today. Many in-
quiries are left daily from friends in
congress and from others as to his
condition.

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A FRIGHTFUL TRAIN WRECK IN ONTARIO

Twenty-four Dead and Many
Injured in a Crash on the
Grand Trunk Rail-
road

ZERO COLD AND SNOW
ADDED TO SUFFERING

Car Took Fire but Flames Were
Quickly Quenched—Cars
Were Crowded.

London, Ont., Dec. 27.—One of the
most frightful railway disasters in the
history of Canada occurred at 10:18
o'clock last night at Wanstead, a sta-
tion on the Sarnia branch of the
Grand Trunk, 40 miles from this city,
when train No. 5, known as the Pa-
cific Express, flying westward at the
rate of 50 miles an hour, and crowded
to its utmost capacity with passen-
gers returning to their homes from
holiday visits, crashed into an east-
bound freight.

The latest estimate of the casualties
is 24 killed and 37 injured.

The darkness of the hour and the
raging of a blizzard added to the hor-
rors of the wreck. Fortunately the fire
was averted. A fire broke out in
the wreckage of the day coach, but
it was smothered with snow and coats
which were thrown on it before it
gained any headway.

The Pacific Express runs on a fast
schedule. Last night it was delayed
two hours by the heavy travel, and
at Wanstead it was speeding to make
up time. The freight was working
slowly east under orders to take the
switch at Wanstead and allow the ex-
press to pass. In the blinding storm
neither engineer saw the other train
approaching, apparently, and the
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On Montford avenue can be bought
at a bargain on account of the own-
ers having decided to leave town. The
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for their size, in the city. Let us
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