

It is not material to our purpose as citizens of the world to know whether the 25th of December was the day of the Christ King's nativity, or some day in the later spring when shepherds would more naturally watch their flocks in the starry nights on Judean plains.

With the theology of Christmas, as a layman of the press, we have no concern. To-day clergymen will celebrate it from one confine of Christendom to the other.

Christmas should come to us in this year of grace, 1872, as a new standpoint—a place of outlook over the past failures and the future aspirations.

Let every citizen ask himself these questions. Let the answer of his consciousness make him a better citizen, a better man and a stronger and more zealous member of the great Brotherhood of Man.

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Newport has a league to suppress male flirts. Can anything be invented to bind the female flirts? We are impressed with the idea that it is best not to suppress the sisterhood altogether.

Baez is coming to visit Grant. We are quaking already; grant us power to ba-zy when his tropical excellency getteth here.

How Ought We to Write? is a theme to engage the average, and even the super-averaged journalist; a theme for deep thinking, for should he not devote deep thought to his crack articles, and isn't a radical subject like this which lies or ought to lie at the bottom of his business the deepest theme to engage his pen?

Gambetta is a man of unquestionable ability—that is, he is quick, eager, brilliant and earnest. Solid statesmanship does not enter into the composition of the young tribune at all, if we may judge him by his recent course in the Assembly.

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The leading productions of agriculture in Georgia, as returned by the census of 1870, are as follows: Number of acres of improved land, 6,831,856; unimproved land, 16,816,085.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

Camphor is a good crop in the Everglades of Florida. Two young girls of Worth county, Ga., made seven bales of cotton this season.

The Alabama river is now lower than it has been in thirty years at this season of the year. The Georgia State Agricultural Society will meet in Augusta on the 11th of February, 1873.

J. M. Dirhammer, a prominent lawyer of New Orleans, committed suicide December 14th by taking strychnine.

The Rev. Father Burke has been invited by the Irish citizens of Savannah to deliver an address before them as soon as convenient.

The Albany News man has been presented with six stalks of sugar cane with twenty-four sugar joints each, and averaging nine feet long.

The Atlanta duelist was called in the Superior Court on Wednesday, but none were ready for trial. A. S. Abrams was called, but not appearing a bench warrant was ordered for his arrest.

Large numbers of people in Florida are so much dissatisfied with the election of Governor Hart that they are making arrangements to emigrate to some more favored locality where Harts are not the commanding trump.

The Merchants' and Planters' Bank of Washington, Wilkes county, Ga., has been organized by the election of W. W. Simpson President, and Directors W. W. Simpson, R. Toombs, L. M. Hill, W. A. Pope and S. W. Wynn.

These Georgia crop items preach eloquently against "going West". Messrs. W. J. and J. C. Hulme, of Elbert county, with three hands and one horse, made this year twenty-one bales of cotton and thirty barrels of corn.

J. N., the wandering philosopher, was fined in Waukegan, Ala., the other day, for drunkenness. Having for once failed to lift the veil and remove the pressure, he passed from the court-room grandly muttering: "O, Justice, thou art fled to brutish beasts!"

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STAR BEAMS.

Carl Sehurz is only 43. A rare flower—The pink of politeness. A fearful conubial epidemic is raging in Cleveland, Ohio.

Christmas is the topic of the day. And sure it is the day. Sainte-Beuve's charming work, "Memoirs of Mme. Desbordes Valmore," is translated by Harriet W. Preston.

In Boston they have christened Stanley's little Ujijian, Marcus Philadelphus John Harry George Washington Kalulu.

Old Ben Wade's daughter, who is said to be one of the handsomest girls in the State of Ohio, is engaged to be married to a journeyman carpenter in Ashtabula.

An Ohio man sleeps with a pistol under his pillow. He awoke the other night from a dream of burglars and found the pistol in his hand and a bullet in his leg.

Stanley stole the idea which led to the title of his book, "How I found Livingstone," from a letter recently published in the Cincinnati Gazette, entitled, "How I make soft soap."

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OVER THE GLAD WATERS.

Germany has less murders than any other country. In the city of London there are 117 Catholic churches and chapels and 214 priests.

The Austrian Government is displeased with American journals, and proposes a tax of five cents on every morning paper that enters Austria.

The unholly alliance of the Legitimists and Bonapartists in the Chamber has given rise to a rumor that the Comte de Chambord and Napoleon III. have come to an arrangement with regard to the succession of the throne.

A movement, which may or may not equal past exhibitions of bigotry at Oxford, England, has been set on foot in regard to the probable appointment of Dean Stanley as the select preacher of the University.

The House Committees of Claims and Ways and Means both have jurisdiction over the question of refunding the cotton tax.

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