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THOUGHTS AHEAD OF HOLIDAY.

The time is suggestive of certain thoughts. We are almost at the threshold of a holy season. The time-honored festival of Christmas tide should remind us of those duties, the performance of which make us better citizens and more useful individuals.

Charity is a comprehensive virtue—it includes all the rest. Even in its restricted sense it may be considered as thus comprehensive. For a man who truly and piously administers alms to the poverty-stricken or balm to the wounded spirit does a high Christian act. There is faith in the deed.

At this season it is well to consider the necessities of the poor whom we have always among us. A hundred modes of executing a charitable purpose are presented to us almost any day. Now as the winter comes the uses of charity largely increase.

Success is added in virtue of home right here among us. Throughout our land there are thousands who are without even the plainest food of clothing, and who look with awful apprehension to the future.

But it was not altogether a general sermon on charity that we would preach this morning, as it is our pleasure to call attention again to an institution of great public service and which deserves well of all our people.

We mean the St. John's Orphan Asylum, at Oxford. We are in receipt of a letter which gives a hopeful but brief account of its progress. The pupils are learning rapidly. The teachers are devoted to their work. The Asylum only needs the warm, hearty co-operation of the public to make it a complete success.

THE LAST SPOT OF WAR GONE. The scene at Bahia Honda last Tuesday when Captain de la Camera surrendered the *Argonaut* to Captain Whiting may be regarded as one of the most significant events of the day.

It is the general opinion in this country that Cuba must one day inevitably fall into our hands. We share this opinion. The continuity of the island to our coast, its richness and temperate climate, the weakness of Spain and the danger of Cubans falling under the domination of another power, and stronger than all these reasons, our mighty growth as a nation make it among the certainties that the "Ever Faithful Isle" will some day not very far off be an integral part of the American Union.

JOHN E. OWENS. The theatre-going public of the country are pained at the intelligence of the serious injury to this distinguished comedian. He was performing *Twelfth Night* in Newark.

WASHINGTON.

The Financial Debate in the Senate. Attitude of Senators on Specie Resumption and Paper Money. [Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.

The financial debate in the Senate this afternoon, though brief, was interesting and significant. Such expressions as were made use of by Mr. Howe in pronouncing the paper issues of the government "lies" are rather rare, as coming from Western men who have been regarded as almost unanimous in clamoring for further issues of the "lies." Senator Morton, who, as long back as four years, wanted to name an early day for specie resumption, has now turned completely around and intimates plainly that in his view there is no telling when we will be prepared for resumption.

Mr. Boutwell, whose utterances as an ex-head of the Treasury, are supposed to be of more than average importance, also indicates his opposition to any measure looking toward resumption. It is assumed as very probable that the policy inaugurated by Mr. Boutwell for the rapid extinction of the public debt has run its course, and it is now considered not all improbable that long before the second term of General Grant has expired the debt will be again swollen to the sum at which it stood on his induction into office. The new loans to meet the necessities of the government, which, it is expected, will be authorized, may finally have to be funded.

It is thought, after a careful comparison and interchange of views with leading Senators, that any further inflation of the currency is doubtful. The Senate as a body is conservative on this point. Senator Alcorn, who is the leading Southern Republican Senator, advocates more currency, and most of his party associates from that section concur with him. Judge Merrimon, of North Carolina, and others of the Southern Democratic Senators are also said to regard enlargement of the volume of the currency as a panacea for existing evils. Mr. Morton, as a leader of his own section and as the recognized party leader in the Senate, yields much influence. He may be set down as a moderate inflationist. On the other hand Mr. Howe, also a representative western man, is bitterly opposed to the issue of a single additional paper dollar. So also, it is believed, is Mr. Schurz. The Pacific coast Senators are, of course, for "hard money."

In the main the Senators of both parties from the Middle States are against any increase. The New England Senators may be said to be next to united against it, although Mr. Buckingham, for instance, favors the convertible gold coin. So far, although many Senators have indicated what they are opposed to, none, it is believed, has yet taken any definite position. Messrs. Buckingham, Ferry of Michigan, and Sumner, have brought forward any measures of their own purporting to cover all the necessities of the situation. The Finance Committee, after listening to the views of Senators, will probably report an original bill embracing, so far as practicable, the views expressed by the majority.

There are in the committee but two members who are looked upon as "inflationists," and hence that doctrine cannot find much favor with it. In regard to the reserves it is perhaps now inevitable that Mr. Richardson shall put out the entire amount, as he had intimated he would be compelled to do, for Congress can most certainly afford him no relief before the holidays. Up to the close of business to-day the amount drawn by him was close on to twenty millions.

Christmas. The New Year's thought and the Christmas thought are very near together. When that thrice blessed day is named, let him be accused who is not of good cheer. So hear the optimist again: Although in this Year of Grace, when to serve God and believe in Christ, according to this D. D., is to be an unbeliever and a scoffer; according to that D. D., when to follow out the plain injunction of the Master, in the master of the Brotherhood, is to be subject to discipline by those who think they are the only exponents of His teachings; in this Year of Grace, when the sermon on the Mount is explained away, and the Christian is laughed to scorn who carries his authority beyond the precincts of his sanctity—in this Year of Grace the true Christmas toward which the world is agonizing through doubt, delusion, and all that is weak and hampering, persevering and noble in humanity—the second, true, full-Christmas Day dawn more distinctly, more gloriously than ever before, since the morning when the Child was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

THE MORDEN-REARSHBY DUEL. During the trial of the seconds in the Mordren-Rearshby duel in Richmond, last summer, Mr. W. Cullen, one of the attending surgeons, being placed on the stand, declined to testify, claiming that he might criminate himself. Judge Guion decided that he must testify, and the witness took an appeal. The case came up before the Supreme Court of Appeals Wednesday on a writ of *habeas corpus*, and the decision of the court below was reversed. Dr. Cullen was the principal witness upon whom the prosecution relied to establish the guilt of the parties accused. Judge Boulden in his decision condemned dueling as an anti-Christian and barbarous act, and as having its foundation in a mistaken sense of honor.

The English courts have just decided that railway tickets marked "good for this day only," can be used by the purchaser on any other date.

STAR BEAMS.

Chicago is ashamed of the want of tact shown by its county authorities who have actually let a new court house be built for \$50,000 less than the estimated cost.

A learned doctor in Iowa has given his opinion that tight lacing is a public benefit, inasmuch as its tendency is to kill off all the foolish girls and leave the wise ones to grow into women.

"The Israelites Crossing the Red Sea" is one of the photographs exhibited by a professor in Maine, who claims in his advertisement that they were "photographed direct from nature."

That was good advice which an old man gave to his sons: "Boys don't you ever speculate or wait for something to turn up. You might as well go sit down on a stone in the middle of a meadow with a pair of your legs and wait for a cow to back up to you to be milked."

Mrs. John A. Fisher, of Springfield, Ill., her mother, her grandmother, her great-grandmother, and her great-great-grandmother all deserve credit for their singular punctuality in being born respectively on the 13th of December, 1852, 1832, 1812, 1792 and 1772.

The Missouri Legislature, with a majority of Democrats and Independents, shows a praiseworthy example to Congress. The session of 1873 cost only about \$51,000, against an expenditure of nearly double that amount for Republican Legislatures in previous years.

A portion of the people of Colfax township, Daviess county, Mo., have met and resolved that they will not pay their taxes; that they will not bid on each other's property if offered for sale by the tax collector, and that if any outsiders come to the sales we will give them a warm reception.

The publisher of the *National Live Stock Journal* in Chicago has been sued for libelling a cow. That journal published an article discrediting the pedigree of the cow Fanny Forrester, and charging the owners of the animal with discreditable transactions, for all of which \$20,000 damages are claimed.

Old Ned is dead. He was connected with the Louisville fire department for twenty-five years, and his strength and faithfulness were remarkable. He slept and ate in his engine house, never leaving it by day or night except for fire duty, and on such occasions he drew the hose cart alone and unaided. His mental caliber was very small, and he could neither read, write, nor even speak; yet he stood high in the estimation of the Company, who fed and cared for him in return for his untiring services. At a fire on a recent inclement night he caught cold, and the next day he died of lockjaw, surrounded by his sorrowing comrades. Old Ned was a horse.

Threatened Famine. A portion of England's great eastern dependence is menaced with another famine. In six districts of Bengal the rice and pulse crops, on which the existence of the natives depends, are failures for want of rain, and no amount of moisture can now save them. This affects a territory over 20,000 square miles in extent, with a population of ten or twelve million, whose food supply is thus cut off. What is lacking must be procured from other parts or the people will perish. The facilities for providing food as fast as it is required are, however, said to be deplorably deficient. At a reasonable computation this number of persons consume 3,000 tons of rice per day, but the greatest quantity that the railways can bring into the province and distribute every twenty-four hours is estimated at 500 tons, or only one-sixth part of what is actually needed. The whole annual rice yield of South Carolina before the war would last this human hive about three weeks. Another circumstance that tells against the unfortunate Bengalees is their improvidence. Formerly they used to hoard rice and pulse as other people hoard currency, the former being prepared in such a way that it would keep for years. But during a succession of prosperous harvests they lost their caution, and bought gold and silver ornaments with their surplus staple, which they yield them no sustenance in their present extremity.

Methodist Episcopal Statistics. The general minutes of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1873, now in press, show that there are 1,484,027 members and probationers of that denomination in the United States; that there are 74 annual conferences, 14 bishops, 22,848 ministers and local preachers, 13,499 church buildings, valued at \$66,332,580, \$477,000 persons aged "valued" at \$5,542,554, 18,031 Sunday-schools, having 197,180 officers and teachers, with 1,318,009 scholars in attendance. The conference collections, exclusive of salaries, amount to \$1,085,339. The number of deaths among members was unprecedentedly large, 18,900. During the year 490 churches and 192 parsonages were built, an average of over nine churches, and four parsonages per week.

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