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CHRISTMAS!

The festival of the Christian world with its sacred memories and its hours of rest comes to us another time.

The birth of a Saviour brought joy in the world. Let His anniversary likewise bring joy to all hearts, old as well as young.

THE CASE OF THE VIRGINIUS.

The opinion of the Attorney General of the United States puts an entirely different phase on the Virginus question. From this it appears that the vessel was not property under American protection.

The direct consequence of this opinion will be the forfeiture of the Virginus, under the provisions of the act of 1792, referred to by the Attorney General.

This is quite an humble place for the Virginus to occupy after the dignity of her late position.

The Attorney General proceeds in his opinion to treat any claim that Spain may set up to the Virginus as wholly untenable.

To-day the salute in preparation for our wounded honor was to be fired. As that honor is ascertained not to have been so seriously injured.

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WHAT CONGRESS HAS DONE.

Up to the close of the session on Friday last eight hundred and forty-five bills had been introduced in the House of Representatives.

The only bills of importance were the naval appropriation bill; the bill removing the legal and political disabilities of Thos. S. Bocoec, E. J. Harris and Daniel Trigg, of Virginia.

The question of salary seems to be the average Congressman of more importance than the interests of his constituents and of the country at large.

It was reported in Washington that Davis, the Radical candidate for Governor in the late Texas election, and the present incumbent, who was defeated by some 40,000 majority, will treat the election as invalid.

The President says he does not mean to withdraw the nomination of Attorney General Williams for Chief Justice.

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will surely succeed." He is the coming political leader in the war upon monopolies—and that because he possesses the qualities I have named.

STAR BEAMS.

— Anthony Trollope argues that fiction is the real sermon of the age.

— The dancing season is in full feather. The Spanish waltz is to supersede the German.

— Great preparations are being made for the inauguration of Governor Allen in Ohio on the 12th of January.

— The Terre Haute Gazette says there is a man in that city who has been divorced twice and married three times, and is now for another divorce.

— "Owing to the absence of the editor, this week's issue will be found unusually spicy," says the office devil of the Creston Times, who was left in charge for a few days.

— Mark Twain is nothing if not honest. On being surprised by a toast at a dinner party in London, recently, he pulled out a large roll of manuscript, and proceeded to reply.

— It will be gratifying to the many friends of Mr. Rinehart, the Maryland sculptor, says the Baltimore Sun, to learn that he has within the past few weeks completed at his studio in Rome the plaster cast of another statue, which has been conceived and executed within the few months since his departure from Baltimore.

— The insurance companies and fire commissioners throughout the country recommend the ASTRAL as the best safes when lamps are used.

— Mrs. Williams. Slanders Refuted—An Adventurous but Creditable Career. [Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.

Observing the call you make in the Courier-Journal for correspondents to enlighten the reading public in regard to the sinister insinuations about Judge Williams obtaining a divorce for the lady who is now his wife, and as I have the particulars, and they contain nothing to the discredit of either party, I do not hesitate to write what I have no doubt to be the truth.

Mrs. Williams remained single for some years, when she again trusted her happiness into a husband's keeping, and made a second mistake.

Judge Williams was also married, and the two knew nothing of each other's whereabouts for many years. Mrs. Williams' husband was a drunkard, and they became very poor.

Then she took matters in her own hands, left her husband, and opened a school in Oregon. She taught and earned money. One day a letter came from California that her husband was dying in a hospital.

Very dark hair, with very blue eyes that have long, dark lashes. Her complexion is fair and clear, features good, though not regular. Her form is full as it should be, after the heyday of youth is passed.

THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS BY THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1873, SHOWS THAT FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES THERE WERE RECEIVED FROM ALL PORTS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, \$129,773,261.79; Pennsylvania, \$8,113,890.35; Massachusetts, \$21,053,399.38; California, \$3,167,207.87.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

— Peter Stoft was killed by falling through a hatchway in Savannah on Friday.

— On last Thursday night the dwelling of Mr. Albert S. Bacon, in Mitchell county, Ga., was entirely consumed by fire.

— Mrs. J. E. Minis, of Lee county, plants more cotton than any woman in Georgia. This year she cultivated 1,000 acres in cotton and 800 in corn.

— Rev. Wm. Fleming, D. D., has been changed from the Presiding Eldership of Sumter to that of Columbia District, and will make his home in the city of Columbia. He is succeeded by Rev. M. Christberg who will reside in Sumter.

— Beecher's Dilemma. In Plymouth Church, Sunday morning, Mr. Beecher refused to give a notice in the following characteristic and Beecher-like manner. He said: "I am requested to give a notice which puts me in a little difficulty, I don't want to do it and I do want to."

— The painful rumor of Sergeant Bates' death is denied.

— It is reported that Laura D. Fair has married a lawyer in San Francisco.

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