

THE GREETINGS of the season the Record extends to all its readers. May the New Year be indeed a happy one to each and all. May the husbandman be blessed with beautiful harvests. May the afflicted be comforted. May the suffering find relief. May sorrow be changed to joy. And when this new year shall draw to a close may we all feel that it has made as more useful in our several vocations, and that we are all the better for having lived it!

AS INFLUENZA is spreading over the civilized world and becoming an international epidemic. It seems to have originated in Russia, and has spread through every country in Europe, and at last has reached the United States. At Boston many thousands of persons have been attacked with it, and it is now spreading over the whole country. It is said to resemble pneumonia, and it is thought to be caused by the very incense weather that has prevailed this winter.

THE SUSPENSION of the Asheville Citizen is greatly to be regretted, and we sincerely hope will be only temporary. It was a paper that reflected much credit on North Carolina journalism, and has done so much to the building up Asheville. Indeed we do not see how the enterprising citizens of that very prosperous town can afford to do without so valuable a paper. The cause alleged for its suspension is the non-payment of subscriptions, which has sounded the death knell of so many papers. This should serve as another warning—and it is an alarming frequent one—to the people of every community to give a liberal support to their local paper and to pay promptly their subscriptions!

THE DEATH of Henry W. Grady is a calamity to this country—to our entire country and not merely to the section in which he resided. His career was a most remarkable one. The close of the war found him a fatherless boy struggling for a livelihood and an education, and yet before he was forty years old he has died laureated by an entire nation. Without ever having held any office, he had attained a national reputation and influence equal to almost any man in America. If his useful life had been spared a few more years, who can estimate to what length that reputation and influence would have extended?

His recent speech at Boston was an extraordinary oration, and has received more favorable comments than any address that has been delivered in any part of the United States since the war. And though he is now dead, yet the words he then uttered still live, and their influence will continue through the years to come!

BELFORD'S MAGAZINE for January contains an article written by the late ex-President Davis, which will doubtless attract wide attention. It is entitled "Andersonville and other War Prisons," and is a complete refutation of the charges of cruelty to the Union soldiers in Confederate prisons. Indeed he proves from the official figures that the mortality among the Union prisoners was not as great as among the Confederate prisoners. According to the reports of the United States War Department, there were 270,000 Union soldiers in Confederate prisons and 220,000 Confederate soldiers in Federal prisons, and yet only 22,000 Union prisoners died, while there were 26,000 Confederates who died in Northern prisons. So that the Confederates with an excess of 50,000 prisoners, had 4,000 fewer deaths. It must also be borne in mind that the Federal government was better able to provide for its prisoners than was the Confederate government. And especially it must be remembered that it was solely the fault of the Federal authorities that the prisoners were not exchanged and allowed to return to their homes. Time and again did the Confederate authorities urge an exchange of prisoners, but Grant thought it an unwise policy, as it was easier to recruit the ranks of the Union army than of the Confederate army. Of course there was much suffering at Andersonville and other Southern prisons, but the Confederate government was not to be blamed for it. Every ex-Confederate soldier remembers full well that rations were very scarce in our army and that frequently we all suffered from hunger, and it was not to be expected that the Confederate government could or would feed Union prisoners any better than its own soldiers.

Our Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, 1889.

EX-SPEAKER Carlisle is just now the busiest man in Washington. A few days ago he thought that the republicans of the House committee on Rules—Messrs. Reed, McKinley and Cannon—would not dare report the Rule to the House giving the Speaker authority to declare a quorum present whenever the necessary number of members are in the Hall, whether they vote or not, which rumor said they had decided upon; but now he has learned something that makes him believe they will, and he is hard at work gathering material to make the fight of his life against such an iniquitous Rule. It is particularly unfortunate that Mr. Carlisle's democratic colleague—Ex-Speaker Randall—continues unwell to give Mr. Carlisle much assistance in the fight that he proposes to make. First before the committee on Rules, then before the House, and lastly before the courts. Mr. Carlisle thinks the passage of such a Rule by the republicans of the House would be as great a usurpation of power as Oliver Cromwell was guilty of when he closed the English Parliament by force, and that such a Rule would be a violation of sacred rights guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States. It is needless to say that Mr. Carlisle will be ably supported by every democrat in the House in fighting a Rule that would give Speaker Reed as much power over legislation as is possessed by the Czar of Russia. This is a free country, and minorities have rights that must be respected.

Representative Seney, of Ohio, left here Christmas day for home to take a part in the Senatorial fight. Judge Seney is a candidate, but he has not a word to say against any of the other candidates, all of whom are his personal friends. The Judge says he has no barrel to tap, but that he is in the fight to stay until it is ended. If the democratic members of the United States House of Representatives had to decide the matter there would be no doubt of Judge Seney's election. Public opinion here still believes that Mr. Rice will win, but it is by no means as unanimous as it was several weeks ago. Rightly or wrongly it is the election of Mr. Rice will give the republican newspapers an opportunity to cry "cheese," while they will not neglect, hence many democrats that personally favor Mr. Rice are hoping that a poor man may capture the prize.

Senator Winston has a grand opportunity to show what he is made of when he comes to award the exclusive right of taking seals in Alaska waters for twenty years from May 1, 1890. The advertisement inviting proposals is now out and the proposals will be opened January 23, 1890. For the last twenty years this right has been held by the Alaska Fur company, and every member of that organization has become a millionaire, in ways that the least said is soonest mended. This same company will expect to renew their contract, and from the time given by Secretary Winston from the date of the advertisement to the opening of the proposals—less than one month—it looks as though Mr. Winston were not averse to his doing so.

Mr. Harrison is said to favor the nomination of Mr. Blaine in 1892. If Mr. Harrison wants to side track Mr. Blaine effectively he has only to make this fact officially known. For some reason or other, the people of this country have never taken kindly to administration candidates of any kind, and there is no reason in the world why an exception should be made for Mr. Blaine. It is only an anti-Harrison candidate that Mr. Blaine could get the nomination.

"When the gods would destroy they first make mad." The reply from the House Education committee, in spite of protests from members of their own party, have determined that the House Education committee shall report a Federal election bill to the House. It will never become a law—many republicans will oppose it. How the democrats feel about it may be understood from the following remarks made by Senator Pugh: "It will be impossible to pass such a bill. As for myself, I will remain in my seat night and day for weeks to prevent the Senate from passing such a bill, and all of the other democratic Senators will do the same. This is the most vicious of all the republican attempts to violate the constitutional rights of the states, and it has resisted to the last by the democrats."

A Whistling Tree.

The musical or whistling tree is found in the West Indian Islands, in Nubia and the Soudan. It has a peculiar shaped leaf, and pods with a split or open edge. The wind passing through these gives out the sound which gives the tree its peculiar name. In Barbadoes there is a valley filled with these trees, and when the trade wind blows across the island, a constant moaning, deep-toned whistle is heard from it, which, in the still hours of the night, has a very weird and unpleasant effect. A species of acacia, which grows very abundantly in the Soudan, is also called the "whistling tree" by the natives. Ashhoops are frequently, by the agency of the larvae of insects, distorted in shape and swollen into a globular bladder, from one to two inches in diameter. After the insect has emerged from a circular hole in the side of this swelling, the opening, played upon by the wind, becomes a musical instrument, equal in sound to a reed-toned flute.

A Sad Suicide.

From the Raleigh News and Observer, Dec. 31.

A startling report was on the streets early yesterday morning of a sad case of suicide. The story was to the effect that Miss Lulu Womble, daughter of Mr. Louis D. Womble, of this city, had committed suicide by shooting herself with a pistol.

On investigation the rumor was found to be true. It was learned that Miss Womble's mind had for some time been slightly affected. Recently charges for the worse had been noted. On yesterday morning about 9 o'clock the report of a pistol was heard by the family at her home at number 558 East Hargett street, and when they reached her in her room they found that she had shot herself through the temple with a revolver. Death was almost instant.

Miss Womble's mental impairment had been noted for about two months past. She was about 22 years of age and had always resided in the house of her father until her death. Her demeanor was of a religious character and she spent much of her time in reading and praying. She had little to say and seemed averse to mingling in society. Recently she seemed to have relapsed into a state of melancholia.

The first unusual circumstance that was noted, however, was her absence from Sunday school on Sunday morning, where she regularly taught class. She did not go out to Sunday school, stating that she was unwell. On yesterday morning as usual however she arose and assisted in preparing breakfast and seemed more cheerful than ever. Soon after breakfast she retired to her room and in a short while her sister in passing through the house heard a pistol shot. A search being instituted Miss Womble was found lying upon the floor directly in front of the mirror in her own room up stairs.

To all appearances she had taken the revolver, which belonged to her father and which happened to have been left in her bureau drawer, and standing before the mirror placed it against her right temple and fired. She had fallen directly in front of the mirror and the revolver lay near. She lived only a few moments. The revolver was a single barreled one.

Fight at Church.

SHREVEPORT, Illinois, Dec. 25.—A free fight took place at a Christmas celebration in Eagle Creek precinct last night, at which chairs, clubs, knives and pistols were used. Those brought church property and one of the most respectable and prominent farmers in the county, was dangerously stabbed. Stout Colbert was hit in the chin with a bullet, and several other persons received minor injuries. The fight arose from a mistake in distributing presents. As is usual at such entertainments, the parents in the neighborhood had taken gifts to the church, where they were properly labeled and hung up on a tree. Some of the tags were insecurely fastened and dropped off, but were replaced as accurately as possible. Last night a large crowd assembled to witness the distribution. When about a dozen of the presents had been handed to the children a farmer named Johnson grabbed a sled from a child's hand and declared it was one he had brought there for his little boy. The sexton attempted to explain his mistake, but former Johnson pushed him roughly aside and started for the door, carrying the sled in his hands. Two young men who had been drinking, tried to snatch the sled from Johnson, and in the struggle one of them was himself felled with a chair. The fight then became general, and for some time looked as though a number of the combatants would be killed.

Three Children Burned. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 26.—Three children of Mrs. Lena Schep were burned to death in the cottage at No. 2021 Pierce street this morning. One was a boy of seven, another a girl of four and the third a baby boy six months old. The woman's husband deserted her eight months ago, and she has since been earning her living by taking in washing. This morning she started the kitchen fire and locked the door and went out to get some clothes. During her absence the house caught fire and the children were burned to death in the presence of 100 people, who were powerless to save them.

Big Cotton Blaze. YAZOO CITY, Miss., Dec. 29.—The Citizens' Warehouse, 6,000 bales of cotton and seven freight cars, with contents, were burned yesterday. The Yazoo Oil Works, near by, were saved by a change in the wind. The loss on the cotton is estimated at \$300,000, on buildings, \$16,000, on cars and freight, \$10,500. There was a large insurance on the cotton. The origin of the fire is unknown. The flames were first seen in the west wing of the platform. A high wind caused the fire to spread so rapidly that efforts to save the property were futile.

Death of a Girl at Lawyer. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Alex. Hamilton, one of the ablest lawyers of the city, and grandson of the great statesman whose name he bears, died today at the Haymarket, near Irvington, of heart disease, at the age of 72 years. Mr. Hamilton ranked as a lawyer with Charles O'Connor, Daniel Lord and other leaders of the bar in his prime.

Two Boys Drowned. WAUWATOSHA, Wisconsin, Dec. 29.—Warren Burns, the only son of William Burns, and Johnnie Finlayson, son of John Finlayson, both aged seven years, were drowned in the bay opposite the pump house here yesterday while coasting from the shore on to the lee. The bodies were recovered.

Barred by Molten Metal. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 20.—By an explosion of molten metal at the Machine Company's foundry yesterday nine men were horribly burned, some of them fatally. The molten was prepared for a 1,500 pound piece. The explosion was due to formation of gas as the metal was being poured in.

Missionaries Murdered. PANAMA, Dec. 30.—Intelligence has been received here from Obala, a French settlement on Tagah Bay, on the east coast of Africa, that two French missionaries who were traveling from Zeleto to Harrar, under escort of eight Greeks, were attacked by natives, and all the party were murdered.

Eight Negroes Lynched.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 28.—A mob of several hundred masked men raided the jail at Barnwell C. H., at two o'clock this morning, overpowered the jailer and took out eight negro prisoners charged with murder. These were Ripley Johnson, Mitchell Adams, charged with murdering a man named Hefferson, and six others charged with the murder of Young Martin. The prisoners were taken out of town, and shot to death. The jailer was tied and forced to accompany.

A great many negroes are collected at the scene of the lynching, and more trouble is anticipated.

LATER.—CHARLESTON, Dec. 28.—The News and Courier is in receipt of a statement signed by five of the most prominent and influential citizens of Barnwell in explanation of the barbarity of 8 negroes at that place last night. The statement is made by request of the sheriff, and recounts a series of crimes perpetrated by the negroes living in that vicinity, by which several law-abiding white men met their deaths. The murderers had been arrested and indicted but never brought to trial. The murderers were brutal and the people had become desperate. Finally a large body of whites organized a meeting, and last night's barbarity was the result of their deliberations.

A Blizzard in Kansas. CURRY, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Wyota, Kansas, says an appeal for aid comes from the people of Sherman county, in the Western part of this State. The cold snap which prevailed in this section Saturday, seems to have developed into a blizzard and any where from a foot to three feet of snow covers the ground. The appeal has created no surprise, as it was expected with the first severe weather. It was known that settlers on these treeless prairies were unquipped for them. Their houses for the most part are mere shacks, and the crops in many cases have been failures. Many of these settlers live five miles from a railroad, and should snow continue to fall, it would be almost impossible to reach them with any heavy freight. A meeting of the Board of Trade will be held to take steps to furnish necessary aid and the County Commissioners will lend all help in their power.

A Druggist's Terrible Mistake. WASHINGTON, N. Y., Dec. 27.—At Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, John D. Van Valkenburg has died at his home from the effects of a dose of deadly poison taken by mistake. Mr. Van Valkenburg was suffering severely from headache yesterday afternoon and went to Fred Laska's drug store and asked for five grains of antipyrin. Mr. Laska handed him a bottle of morphine, and by a terrible mistake gave him five grains of strychnine, a deadly poison, instead of antipyrin. At 8 o'clock in the evening Mr. Van Valkenburg took his medicine and in two hours and a half he was a corpse.

Condensed Schedule. In effect December 23, 1889.

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Killed by a Falling Tree.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 27.—A terrible accident occurred on Frazier river yesterday. Six young men out sleigh riding, were diving along the road when a tree fell, causing the sleigh and killing four of the occupants and the horses. The other two men escaped with severe bruises.

"Years have not seen and time shall not see," the people sit down quietly to suffer pain, when enterprise can afford such a panacea as Salvation Oil.

The old saying "opposition is the life of business" has not been sustained in one instance at least. Since the introduction of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup all other cough remedies have been dead stock.

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