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Christmas!

It is many years since bright-eyed anticipation called to us to hail "Merry Christmas" as the day of days. We cherish the same kindly feelings, but alas, the enthusiasm of youth has departed, and only do we find in the delight of the young that pleasure...

The gladdest time of all the bright Old Year is with us, and all Christendom rejoices to-day that a Deliverer has set free the bondsman and opened the gates of the future "to all believers".

It is something to be marveled at by the general reader, that although as before stated every one celebrates Christmas in New York, no two nationalities celebrate alike.

THE GERMAN. Celebrate it, by boisterous singing, musical parties, terpsichorean exercises, large doses of weiss beer and lager; and in fact general hilarities. The week intervening the jolly Teuton seldom cares for labor, and very little can be secured, until "der Neu Jahr" is ushered in.

Pure in life, and ever humble in manner, the Man who has been exalted above the mightiest of the earth, teaches us the sublimest lesson of Creation.

We will not moralize; our mission is not to infringe on the domain of the religious instructor, and save when religion touches nearly our social life—it is the highest wisdom of the journalist to avoid all reference to matters of faith.

The "Post" greets its many friends with many kind wishes to-day, and offers a rich addition to their Christmas feast. The wealth of literary talent so kindly furnished to its conductors to fill our Christmas columns, we know will be fully appreciated and fondly cherished.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER. Christmas at the Great Metropolis—How it is celebrated—A Graphic and Interesting Account—A Day of Glorious Festivities.

NEW YORK, December 23, 1899. "Christmas comes but once a year." The above quotation from Tassor, New Yorkers "realize" to the fullest extent, and when I say "realize," it is the name some New Yorkers have for getting tipsy. Christmas in New York entirely differs from the celebration of that day in any other city in the Union.

CHRISTMAS TREES. In the first place, the first thing that meets the stranger arriving in New York on Christmas Eve, as he will invariably arrive in the lower part of the city, is the extraordinary number of palm, and evergreen piled up in myriad mountains opposite every store, on most every street, for miles and miles around.

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Having purchased, he selects a spot on the sidewalk, or buried in the snow ankle deep in the street he yells out to the top of his voice right lustily: Christmas trees! Christmas trees!

WHAT THEY DO WITH THEM. The trees are chiefly used, as you may infer, for home decorations. And indeed barren is the home, sad the countenances, and sorrowful the eyes of the inmates of a New York home, without these sweet reminders of joy and happiness.

THE IRISH. This portion of the population the dominating foreigners in this city, by dominant right we presume, and chiefly Catholics observe this holiday from dusk on Christmas Eve, until the break of day Christmas morning by devout worship in their churches. Indeed

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES. Present a grand, grave and solemn scene on the night of Christmas Eve. Let us look in at St. Peter's Church, in Barclay street. The stars are just peeping from their azure beds, and tearing away the veil which obscures their vision of earth, as if they too must see the observance below.

THE NATIVES. The native New Yorker, be it to his honor said, celebrates this day with less pomp, glorification, and "hurrah," than any other element in the city.

THE CELEBRATION. In the morning, to the sound of "glad-some bells" he is seen in calm, thoughtful mood, walking to church, dressed "neat, but not gaudy." This is of the regular Sunday hour—10 o'clock. No matter whether he be Baptist, Congregationalist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, or what-not—every body goes to church. Here an appropriate sermon is selected and eloquently preached.

STAY FOR TURKEY. In the evening, parties, or receptions are given, and most every house is gladdened by Christmas games, or enveloped by the strains of instrumental music set to saltatorial exercises.

THE CELEBRATION. And this is but a slight and immature sketch of Christmas as it is spent in New York. In my next I will give a description of "How New Years Is Spent in New York," which associated with that original New York custom, New Year's calls, will no doubt be interesting. Bos.

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THE CELEBRATION. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established in the Department of the Interior, an office to be denominated the Census Office; the chief officer of which shall be called the Superintendent of the Census, whose duty it shall be to prepare the printed and direct the taking of the ninth census of the United States, in accordance with the laws relating thereto; and to perform such other duties as may be required by law.

THE CELEBRATION. Be it further enacted, That the Superintendent of the Census shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, within ten days after the passage of this act, and his term of service shall continue for the term of three years and no longer, and he shall receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars.

THE CELEBRATION. Be it further enacted, That within thirty days after the appointment of the Superintendent of the Census, the Secretary of the Interior shall appoint, in each congressional district, and in each of the Territories of the United States, and in Alaska, and in the District of Columbia, one district superintendent of the census, whose duty it shall be to cause all the inhabitants to be enumerated, and to obtain, or cause to be obtained, the other statistical information within his district, in the manner provided for in this act; and a reasonable allowance, not to exceed four dollars per day for each day actually employed, for clerk hire may be made to any district superintendent, the amount whereof shall be determined by the Secretary of the Interior, whenever, in his judgment, the necessities of the service shall require it. Provided, That the enumeration herein provided for shall be so taken in the several districts as to show the whole number of Indians not taxed in each.

THE CELEBRATION. Be it further enacted, That each district superintendent, immediately after receiving his appointment and taking and subscribing the oaths hereinbefore prescribed, shall proceed to divide his district into as many subdivisions, to be known as enumeration districts, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and to complete the enumeration within one month after the date fixed for taking the census; and he shall employ one enumerator in each enumeration district thus formed, and shall, without delay, transmit to the Superintendent of the Census the name and post office address of each enumerator, together with a description of the subdivision assigned to each, and as near as practicable the number of square miles contained therein. The formation of enumeration districts, and the employment of enumerators, shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent of the Census.

THE CELEBRATION. Be it further enacted, That the Superintendent of the Census shall prepare for submission to Congress, at the beginning of the next December session held after the date of the census, a preliminary report, embracing statistics of the population of the United States, by States, Territories and counties or parishes, sufficiently full for the equalization of representation of the several States in Congress. He shall, as soon thereafter, as practicable, and within three years from the date of his appointment, prepare a carefully digested report, embracing full tabular statements of all the statistical information furnished by the census, with comparative tables, showing the changes from former censuses, and such other tables as may be necessary to exhibit the results of the enumeration.

THE CELEBRATION. Be it further enacted, That the Superintendent of the Census shall require and obtain from every railroad corporation, or the lessee or receiver thereof, in the United States the following facts, so far as they respectively possess the same, to exhibit the condition of such company on the first of June, eighteen hundred and seventy, and at the date of the last annual report made since June first, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, to wit: The name of the corporation or company with corporate name of lines leased; the number of miles of its roads projected and the terminal points of the same the number of miles completed; the number of miles leased; miles of double track exclusive of sidings; capital stock allowed by the charter; amount paid up; number of mail stations; highest grade, including curvature in each division operated; total cost of road and equipment, and cost of purchase of other lines of road and telegraph; the total amount of debt, exhibiting separately the funded and unfunded debt, and in what currency payable; the number of acres of land derived from public grants, remaining unsold; the amount of rolling stock, exhibiting separately, serviceable locomotives; passenger cars, express cars; mail, baggage, and express cars; box cars; stock cars; freight and coal cars. Also, total number of trains exhibiting, separately, the number of conductors, station masters, ticket agents, brakemen, engineers, firemen, flagmen, and gatemen, mechanics and laborers. Also, the total receipts of the corporation, exhibiting, separately, the receipts from passengers; from freights; from expresses; from mails; from miscellaneous sources. Also, the total expenditure of the corporation, including, separately, the kind and cost of fuel; the amount of national, State, and municipal taxation; interest on bonds and other debts dividends paid within the year in stock; repairs of track and bridges; repair of rolling stock; other repairs; damages to freights payments for personal injuries; telegraph expenses and repairs; new structures and other permanent improvements, &c. &c.

THE CELEBRATION. Be it further enacted, That the Superintendent of the Census shall require each district superintendent or enumerator to obtain from every publisher, proprietor, or editor of a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical, published within the district a copy of the number bearing the date of the first day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy, or of the date nearest thereto, and also a statement of the number of copies published. And he shall require the copies thus obtained to be forwarded to the Census Office at Washington for classification and preservation. And he shall require each district superintendent to procure from the State and municipal and other corporate authorities within his district, excepting towns and cities with a less population than three thousand, such information as he may be able to procure, relating to the amount of debt of each State, county, or other municipal corporation, and for what purpose such debt was incurred, the amount and rate of taxation, and the rate of valuation for taxation of real and personal estate, respectively, as compared with the cash value, and the various purposes for which the tax was levied; the number of criminal prosecutions in each State and municipal government, the number of arrests, convictions, and acquittals; and for the purpose of carrying into effect all the provisions of this section the Superintendent is required to prepare and issue all necessary instructions and such schedules as are not provided for by law.

TO THE PEOPLE. I PROPOSE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE masses, to sell for the next thirty days, to my friends and customers, all kinds of DRY GOODS, THIRTY PER CENT. CHEAPER than the same quality of goods can be bought at any other store in the city. I shall forever fight on the true line of LOW PRICES, SUPERIOR GOODS, FULL MEASURE, POLITE ATTENTION, AND CASH PAYMENTS.

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OFFICIAL. IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN. WILMINGTON, December 20, 1899. The following named persons are hereby designated as Registrars and Inspectors of Elections in the coming Municipal Election, and will comply with the requirements of the following Ordinance: FOR THE FIRST WARD: ALLEN EVANS, JOHN H. BROWN, JOHN DYER.

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE DONATION OF CITY BONDS TO THE CAPE FEAR AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION. Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington, as follows: Section 1st. That the Mayor be and he is authorized to subscribe and pay to the Cape Fear Agricultural Association, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars in bonds of the City; to be paid from the bonds of the City payable in five years from July 1st, 1890, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable in gold.

WARRANT FOR CITY ELECTION. TO THE Marshal, or either of his Deputies: GREETING: In the name of the city of Wilmington, you are hereby required, forthwith, to notify the citizens of Ward No. 1, qualified to vote at the law direct, to assemble at the Engine House, Fourth street.

GRAND BALL, AT THE CITY HALL. ON MONDAY EVENING, January 30, 1870. COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS: J. B. HUBBARD, J. B. BAGLES, N. NIXON, YORK WIGGINS, S. STEWART.