

THE WASHINGTON TIMES. FRANK A. MUNSEY.

Christmas. Today the fever of competition subsides, politics is a mere ember beside the Yule-log, and man's humanity to man makes countless thousands glad.

highest results of monarchical progress as daily portrayed in the gayeties of the palace and the kaleidoscopic lives of those who occupy the seats of the mighty.

UNDER THE CAPITOL'S DOME.

Like nearly all other legislative matters at the Capitol, the measures peculiarly affecting the District of Columbia are at a standstill, or perhaps it would be a little more accurate to say that they have as yet taken no definite shape, and will not until after the reopening of Congress on January 6.

PERSONAL.

A Trust Blessing Undisguised. "Listen, my friend, and I will tell you a horrible story of the way in which consolidated interests, called by some people 'trusts,' have worked their will on the helpless people of Baltimore."

IN SOCIETY.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Cropper, 1742 M Street, was the scene of a Christmas Eve dance for the young set, including the debutantes of the season.

REJOINDER GAINED BERTH.

There is a new janitor of the House of Representatives who is enjoying his holiday season. It is presumed, better than did last year.

STENOGRAPHERS WANTED.

The Civil Service Commission yesterday issued a notice that a special examination will be held on the 8th and 9th of January 1902, for positions of stenographers and typewriters in the Philippines.

RATES ARE TOO HIGH.

Interstate Commerce Commission. The Interstate Commerce Commission, in an opinion by Chairman Knapp, has rendered its decision in the case of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association vs. The Norfolk and Western Railway Company.

A Reforming Influence.

It signs mean anything, by the time another Christmas Day rolls around the isthmian canal will be something of an entity. With American energy behind the project, after the question of a route has been settled and the preliminaries arranged, the waterway should make rapid progress.

On a Different Footing.

In these matters the District stands upon a somewhat different footing from the executive departments of the General Government. Much of the money annually expended is for municipal improvements of various kinds.

Dr. English's Hate Old Age.

Mr. Arthur English, by a reporter for The Times, was seen at the Raleigh hotel. He is the son of Dr. Thomas Dunn English, the noted litterateur, whose poem, "Ben Bolt," written when quite a young man, has won as permanent a niche in the temple raised to imperishable songs as "Annie Laurie" or "Home, Sweet Home."

Foreign Topics.

The King of Sweden is regarded as one of the most learned men in Europe. King Oscar can speak and write perfectly in seven different languages.

A Royal Scientist.

Prince Ferdinand of Belgium is almost the only one of the royalties of Europe who has no taste for sports. He most prefers books and studies, something of a naturalist and botanist.

Admission of Territories.

Another matter which will assume an interesting phase immediately after the holiday recess is that of the admission of Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma to statehood.

Handicapped Playing Cards.

Playing cards, painted by hand are made in a small factory, where one department is entirely devoted to producing these pretty trifles.

Arabs Opposed to Whistling.

Arabs call whistling 'the devil's music,' and consider it the most un-lucky sound that can proceed from human lips.

Current Press Comment.

He Himself Has Said It. Baltimore Herald—On December 28 Senator Chauncey M. Depew will proceed to verify certain statements in the Congressional Directory.

The American Invasion.

Boston Globe—All the nations seem to be sending agents to this country to study our business methods and especially to enquire into the working arrangements of trusts.

Our British Cousins' Grief.

Galveston News—If we read some expressions of the English papers in regard to the ratification of the Hay-Panama-Tote Treaty, we must come to the conclusion that the British feel about as badly over it as do our Senators Catherin and Bailey.

France's Heavy Load.

Baltimore Sun—With a national debt of \$2,000,000,000 and a population practically at a standstill, with a costly standing army and an expensive navy, France is staggering under a heavy load.

Colonel Ochiltree Much Better.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Colonel Ochiltree is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, but his physician will not allow him to leave his home at 1 West Thirtieth Street for a week.

Yuletide.

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