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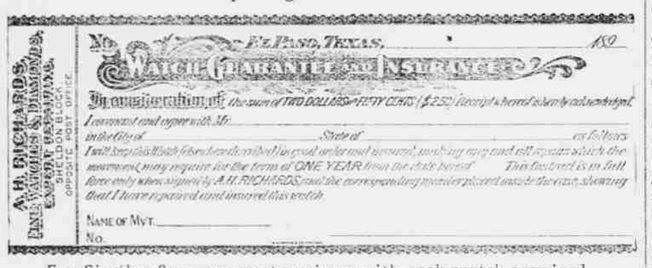

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Our goods are up to the standard of the best in the town. As a test try some of these for Xmas. Canned Plum Pudding, 1 to 2 pound cans. Plum Pudding Sauce, ready for use, 1 lb cans. Prepared Pie Crust, rich and flaky. French Crystalized Fruit. Huntley and Palmer's Italian Macaroons.
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Big Snow Melting Machines.

Iron, snow eating monsters have been designed by two Paterson, N. J., men for the removal of snow from the streets of cities, and several are at work now in New York City.

Each machine is about twenty-five feet long, says the N. Y. Journal. Under the seat is a tank holding two barrels of naphtha. Back of that is a small engine and a system of pumps so arranged as to send the gas to the rear half of the machine, where it passes through a series of pipes and comes out in a flame at the base of a massive hopper made of quarter-inch steel rods coming to an apex in the centre of the hopper, against which the snow banks when it is shovelled in, forming a roof-shaped stack with a hollow centre.

Into this a blast of air is shot from a huge fan driven by steam from the engine, and a powerful draft is thus generated. The temperature rises to 800 degrees Fahrenheit, and tons of snow melt away under the hot breath of the gas, running out in a perpetual stream at the rate of a cubic yard of melted snow a minute.

Twenty-five men find their hands full feeding one machine with snow. The inventors figure that seven hours of shovelling a day at the rate demanded by the machine will convince any man that he has done a hard day's work. The more material piled into the hopper the better the draft works, and the more rapid the consumption. A test case made on Worth street recently proved that the higher the mound of snow against the centre stack of rods the hotter the flames became.

While the machine is a formidable looking affair, it makes no noise beyond the pounding of the engine. A thin tongue of naphtha fire appears above the embankment of snow, and the mass sinks and sinks rapidly until it runs out at the bottom, in a steam of hot water.

It is estimated that one machine can, in twenty-two hours, clear an entire cross-town street of every fragment of snow and leave it perfectly clean and dry. Three or four machines passing up Broadway would make that thoroughfare a clean street in a day and a night. More of them are soon to be put in operation, and by the middle of winter a snowstorm will stand no more show of congesting New York's business centres than a glass of beer would satiate a Bowery ball.

So thorough is the excellence of Ayer's Hair Vigor that it can be used with benefit by any person, no matter what may be the condition of the hair, and, in every case, it occasions satisfaction and pleasure, in addition to the benefit which invariably comes from its use.

$40 New Bicycle, New $40.
Snell special $75 bicycle for $40, at McCutcheon, Payne & Co.

CHRISTMAS TIDE.

The Churches in Particular to Enjoy Christmas Eve Tomorrow Night.

As has for some years been customary, the local evangelical churches will celebrate Christmas with entertainments in their respective auditoriums. In some cases there will be trees, and some cases other devices will be substituted. But in all cases there will be a Santa Claus. That mythical but eminent personage could not be dispensed with "nohowsomever."

The following is the program to be observed at the Children's Christmas service at St. Clement's church, tomorrow at 5 p. m.

Carol, "Jesus the Savior is born."
Lord's prayer and versicles.
Carol, "Hark, what mean those Holy voices?"
Responsive reading.
Carol, "Wonderful Tidings."
Creed and prayers.
Carol, "Where brightly gleamed the star of Bethlehem."
Address and distribution of Christmas cards.
Carol, "Who comes today?"
Benediction.
Carol, "Star of Hope."

At Trinity church at 7:30 p. m., there will be a tree covered with the usual run of things dear to the youthful heart, and there is to be a Santa Claus. The church interior is being decorated, and there will be a special musical program for the children. A feature will be a manger at the base of the Christmas tree wherin may be left offerings that any one will give to aid the deserving poor.

The Mexican Methodists will hold their fiesta at 6:30 in the South Campbell street mission, so that their people will have a chance to visit the entertainments in the English speaking churches. The Mexicans always manage to have a good time on Christmas Eve.

The Presbyterian will have an interesting entertainment with a Santa Claus, with decorations, and lots of pretty things for the children. Then there will be excellent singing and remarks by the pastor.

The manual training school will celebrate with gifts and exercises by the Juvenile Society of Christian Endeavor. And on Friday evening the Sunday school will have special exercises.

The Myrtle avenue Methodist children give a dramatic entertainment at 7:30 in Chopin Music hall, where there will also be a Santa Claus and presents, so that a lively and interesting time is promised.

The Baptists will spend an unusually pleasant evening in their church at 7:30 with magic lantern views, a big Christmas tree and Santa Claus, with scriptural recitations by the children.

SCHOOL CLOSING.

Interesting Exercises today at the Central School-Santa Claus on Deck.

The Kindergarten children enjoyed their Christmas this morning at the Central school building. They had a Christmas tree over which Mr. Allen of the smelter presided as Santa Claus, and numerous presents were made by the children to their parents and friends and to one another. These presents were their own handiwork, such as the children are taught to make themselves in the school and the occasion passed off very pleasantly. There appeared to be about one hundred little ones present, and with the grown folks, the big room was well crowded. After the entertainment was over, the children had a great deal to talk about, and the scene was one of lively animation. The room was prettily trimmed with greens and varied handiwork of the children.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The high school pupils with their parents and friends filled the high school room this afternoon on the occasion of closing exercises for the holidays. The walls were attractively decorated with evergreens of various kind, mistletoe being the more prominent, and "Xmas" was on the walls also in silver and gilt lettering. The black boards too were ornamented with very neat work in crayon by the pupils. At 1:30 p. m, the following program was successfully carried out.

Chorus—All Among the Barley (84) Sterling.
Heavenly Guest, Alice Marvin.
Duet, R. Payne and G. Allen.
"Casey at the Bat," C. Augur.
Solo, Alee Shelton.
Jest 'fore Christmas, Edgar Kayser.
Chorus, Swab'an Air, (34) Folk Song.
Christmas song, Alma Jones.
Semi chorus, Poor Old Joe—High school Glee Club.
Christmas in the Olden Times, Ethel Shelton.
Solo, Gertrude Windsor.
Chorus, Gypsy chorus (39) Weber.
Bessie's Christmas, Maud Kiefer.
Quartet, Our High School, High School quartet.
Christmas Night in the quarters, Alleen Blacker.
Chorus, Bethlehem.

Juarez Notes.

The prisoners in the carcel are in luck. They are to have a New Year's dinner.

The Revista Internacional says the Mexican Central, is still chocked up with cars, not so much to the rapidity with which freight has been shipped in as to the tough condition of the motive power. In consequence of this glut in the yards, orders have been given to admit no more freight to Juarez until the yards are cleared to some extent. The Revista extends a cordial invitation to the Central people to get a move on themselves and buy better engines.

General Hernandez has returned to Chihuahua after inspecting the northern posts in his zone.

A. S. Borrajo the cure of Guadalupe is quite sick at the residence of Inocente Ochoa.

The younger Ochoa has gone to Cambridge, Mass., to continue his studies.

Mrs. Beatriz de Torrez and daughters are visiting in Juarez from Chihuahua with her sister Mrs. Josefa de Bermudez.

The Revista does not like it because the customs duties are such that trade is sent over to this side of the river, and workmen on the Corralitos road find it preferable to live north of the Bravo rather than in Juarez.

$70 for a $100
1896 Rambler bicycle, at McCutcheon, Payne & Co.

Ladies' Shoes, all grades, below cost at the Closing Out Store.

There are 100,418 Irish in New York.

THE INS AND OUTS.

Going and Coming of El Paso People and Others

Charles Fruin is visiting in town from Colorado.

Collector Davis has gone out to his ranch to finish up a cattle deal.

John Henderson left for Deadwood, S. D., today over the Santa Fe.

W. B. Trull has gone to Los Angeles to spend Christmas with his family.

Dr. Cowan, of the Independent Democrat, is in town from Las Cruces.

Mr. Copeland, of the Santa Fe, has gone to Chicago on a business trip.

Clark L. Wiggings left for Saratoga, N. Y. this noon over the Santa Fe.

Conductor McHugh came down this noon to spend the holidays with his family.

W. E. Baker, of Las Cruces, has gone to St. Louis to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

W. W. Dulap, a former resident of this city back in his eighties, is in the city en route from Mexico.

James Grunsfeld, the Albuquerque dry goods merchant, has returned home, leaving his wife here with her parents to spend the holidays.

W. T. Cliver, superintendent for the Santa Fe land offices of New Mexico, is visiting at Las Cruces, and may take in El Paso, before he returns to Albuquerque.

Mr. J. K. Friend is in the city for a few days from his mining properties near Guerrero in the state of Chihuahua. He has secured very flattering assays from his properties.

Mrs. J. B. Tyrus and daughter, Miss Ada, formerly of this city, but now of Sherman, Texas, are in the city, visiting Mrs. M. Patterson. They are traveling for the health of Miss Tyrus.

Dr. and Mrs. Loezer left this morning for the Mesilla park, where Mr. Loezer will take special work in the labratory belonging to the Agricultural College, which affords special facilities for work.

Hon. Levi A. Hughes, who made the best and most efficient internal revenue collector New Mexico and Arizona ever had, came in from the territorial capital at noon today on the flyer.—Albuquerque Citizen. Mr. Hughes is a brother-in-law of John C. Voss, the San Antonio street merchant.

George W. Wood, superintendent of the Vanderbilt Mining company at Nogal, operating the American mine, and owner of several other valuable mining properties in the White mountains, arrived Tuesday en route to New York City. He expects to be gone three weeks. During his absence George L. Ulrick is in charge, says the San Marcial Bee.

Opera House.

Friday and Saturday matinee, Christmas and Saturday night. Among the many new features offered by Chas. H. Yale's "Forever Devil's Auction" for this season is a new absurdity entitled, "The Bashful Maidens," a screaming episode of song and pantomine produced under the soubriquet of "Weary Willie," which, according to reports received, has met with, since its initial production, greater success than Mr. Yale's famous theatric travesty which he very aptly dubbed "On the Rialto." Another of this season's "hits" is the timely burlesque on "The Bicycle Craze," regarding which a writer has stated and truthfully that, "There are bikes and there are bikes, but its dollars to doughnuts no one ever saw a more varied assortment as glided around the stage in the bike parade in the 'Forever Devil's Auction.'" Prices as usual.

Dr. Belgraff.

It was a realistic entertainment by an "aggregation of stars," without stagy make-up, as everything was real, it might be said, painfully so. In the play was an unfoldment of the sorrowful in life, wherein an honorable student departs from his chosen paths of research, and brings disaster upon others, as well as distruction to himself. It was the kind that called for close attention, and close attention it received from the ringing up of the curtain to the drop of the same.

It would be folly to particularize, as every step was accurately fitted and its rendition seemed perfect, which held the large audience in studious expectation, hence it is is very doubtful if a play was ever presented to the El Paso public that so near approached the real as did "Dr. Belgraff" last night.

Doubtful.

Judge Heacock received a dispatch this morning that Robert Cusack, who had the gaming privilege at the new Chicago saloon during the fair, had been shot to death across the river from El Paso, at or near Juarez, Mexico.—Albuquerque Citizen Dec. 22d.

U. S. Consul Buford was telephoned today relative to the above, and he said he did not believe any such murder had occurred; that if any American had been killed or in any ways injured over there, he, the consul would have heard of it.

"The way to deal with the high hat, is to take it off" was well exemplified by the ladies of El Paso at the opera house last night. There were very few nodding plumes, and other obstructions to a full view of the stage.

Alex. Shannon had a rail drop on his feet yesterday while building a track laying machine for the Corralitos road, and he is now walking on his hind legs. Alex. will be all right in a few days.

Sweetser, Pembroke & Co. of New York, files suit in the district court against J. Freudenthal & Co. of this city, for $2216.68 for goods sold defendants on account.

Sheriff's deed: August J. Hille to El Paso Building & Loan association for $1320, lot 20, block 45, Hart's survey and certain shares of association stock.

Sr. Borrajo, the Guadalupe padre who has been ill at the residence of Innocente Ochoa, died this morning, and will be buried by Emerson & Berrien.

Miss Kate Smith is assisting at the postoffice during the rush with the holiday mail.

Valises below cost at the Closing Out Store.

EL PASO STEAM LAUNDRY, Telephone 47.

A MIGHTY INSTRUMENT.

The Second Greatest Organ in the World Being Erected.

The finishing work is being done on the great organ at St. Ignatius' church, San Francisco. This is the second largest organ in America, its one superior being the instrument in the Garden City cathedral on Long Island, which has fifteen stops more than the immense producer of music at the church of St. Ignatius.

For three months the erection of the new organ has been going on under the supervision of W. D. Wood, of the Farrand & Votey company of Detroit, which has the contract of putting in the musical mammoth. The instrument will be put into use on Christmas day for the first time.

Surmounting the central columns are two large figures of angels holding speaking trumpets. Urns containing blazing torches form the copping of the outer columns. The choir rail in front of the beautiful array of decorated outer speaking pipes is a highly ornamented brass affair.

Immediately behind the console, and in the center of the case is a recess capable of containing eight or ten solo singers facing the organist, the console standing about ten feet in front of the organ. On the sides of the console, there is room for a large chorus, under the organist's immediate control.

The organ has four manuals of sixty one keys each and a pedal board of thirty keys. It contains eighty five speaking stops, seventeen couplers, fourteen adjustable combination pistons, fourteen combination pedals, three swell pedals and 5,350 speaking pipes. The case is thirty three feet wide, thirty seven and one half feet high and has a depth, not including the console, of eighteen feet. The organ is of the electro pneumatic variety. The use of electricity brings an absolute promptness of response from the keys. This will be the only organ on the coast into the operation of which electricity enters.

So great is this organ that it has an isolated wind-producing plant, the bellows not being located inside it, as is the case with other organs. This plant is seventy-five feet away from the organ in a tower-room at the southeast corner of the church. Here, too, is the electrical plant, the power being supplied by one five horse and one two and one-half horse-power motors, the electricity coming from public service lines. There are six sets of bellows. The wind for the main organ is conducted through a galvanized iron pipe eighteen inches in diameter, and that for the solo organ through a ten-inch pipe. Under the arrangement of wind pressure the solo organ gets seven inches, the great organ and pedal four and one-half inches.

The greater base pipe of the pedal organ is thirty-two feet in length and 18x22 inches in its inner dimensions. The scale of the pipes was copied from that of the celebrated organ at Lucerne, Switzerland. The lower octave of the set was made in the church here of selected white cedar.

Deserved Promotion on the Santa Fe.

An important change will be made in the operating department of the Santa Fe system after January 1 next. C. F. Resseguie who has been superintendent of the Santa Fe lines east of the Missouri river with headquarters at Chicago, will become assistant general Supt. of the entire system, with headquarters at Topeka; and W. C. Nixon, commercial agent at Chicago and formerly local Supt. of terminals at Chicago, will succeed Mr. Resseguie. The latter is one of the most prominent operating men in that great railroad center, Chicago. He originally came from the Burlington, where he was Tom Potter's private secretary for a long time, and became not merely familiar but thoroughly imbued with that wonderful man's ideas of management and views of railway administration generally. The value of this schooling was made apparent in his subsequent experience. Mr. Resseguie did most excellent work as general manager of the mountain division of the Union Pacific which included the lines between Cheyenne on the east, Milford, Utah, on the south, Butte, Mont., on the north, and Huntington, Ore., on the west. Rank favoritesm, in the kaleidescopic changes following the retirement of Charles Francis Adams from the Union Pacific presidency, resulted in another man's being given Mr. Resseguie's desk—a change for which no explanation whatever was vouchsafed, and the announcement of which was confined to bare, circular statement.

However, the Santa Fe management did not long leave Mr. Resseguie out of a job. He was made division superintendent in Kansas with headquarters at Wichita, and not long afterwards was made superintendent of the Santa Fe lines east of the river, which position he has for years held with such marked ability as to win unreserved commendation from his superior officers. The Chicago division has long been noted as a model division, and now the same careful and successful administration is to be extended actively over the entire system. Mr. Resseguie is being widely congratulated.

President Diaz Escapes.

A telegram from the City of Mexico says: Gen. Diaz and Finance Minister Limantour, accompanied by other personages, narrowly escaped being victims of a frightful accident. The carriage in which they were seated was crossing the track of the Hidalgo railway as a train was backing rapidly down. The presence of mind of the coachman, who put on the brakes, saved them.

Plans have been adopted for beautifying the national palace for the great inauguration ball in honor of President Diaz, which will take place on the night of Jan. 16.

A proposition to reorganize forty counties in western Kansas into four large ones is being agitated in that state.

The railways in Newfoundland are to be amalgamated and taken under government control.

Verdi is said to be learning the bicycle. The veteran composer is 82 years old.

The Transvaal is the thirty-ninth power to welcome the Red Cross society.

The curfew ordinance has been declared unconstitutional in Omaha, Neb.

22½ lbs. sugar $1.00 cash. 25 lbs. sugar $1.00 with purchase of $4.00 other groceries. Pearce, 201 Stanton St.

Further Restrictions to Immigration.

Last Thursday, the senate passed the Lodge immigration bill, providing for further restrictions to immigration. The vote by which the measure passed was 52 to 10, showing that the senate is overwhelmingly in favor of placing further and radical restrictions upon immigration.

Although the bill will have to pass the house of representatives, there is every reason to expect that it will stand an even better chance of passage there than it did in the upper house. As finally acted on Thursday, the measure provides that all immigrants over 16 years of age must be able to read and write their mother tongue, or some other language; but it is further provided that any admissible immigrant over 16 years of age may bring into the country his parent or grandparent, minor child or grandchild, or his wife, even if such persons are unable to read and write.

In order to determine the ability of immigrants to read and write, the inspectors are to be provided with a large number of small strips of paste board upon which extracts from the constitution of the United States will be printed in the various languages. The strips must be placed in boxes, a separate box being provided for each language. The immigrant will be required to draw from the box containing the lines printed in his language one of the slips, and will be further required to read in the presence of the inspector the lines printed thereon, and afterwards copy them in writing. The strips, after being used, are to be carefully returned to the boxes, and every precaution is to be taken to prevent immigrants from drawing the same lines successively.

There can be no denying that this Lodge bill is by far the most radical restriction yet placed upon immigration. The percentage of illiteracy among immigrants is quite large, so that the Lodge bill, should it finally become a law, will be sure to exclude a very large number of people, and thus materially restrict immigration.

By an amendment adopted with practical unanimity, the provisions of the bill were not made to apply to residents of Cuba coming to the United States during the continuance of the existing troubles in that island. This amendment was, of course, meant to voice the sympathy felt by the senate with the struggling patriots.

While the Lodge bill would, if it should finally become a law, exclude a number of deserving people, there can be no doubt, but that the principal immigrants that would be affected by it belong to the class of undesirable acquisitions to our population. There can be no question but that the influx of a vast army of illiterate foreignere, having no conception of American institutions, is a menace to the country, and, in so far as the Lodge bill affects that class, it is worthy of support.—Picayune.

Spain's Foot Deeply in It.

At a mass meeting last night held in Lincoln, Neb., Governor Holcomb said: "I believe the recognition of Cubans as belligerents has been already deserved. As the strongest nation on the western continent and the first great government of the people, the United States should be the jealous guardian of the flower of liberty on American soil. I hope that our representatives at Washington will see their way clear to grant the people of Cuba substantial aid."

Dispatches from the Phillipine Islands state that the recent "great victory" reported by the Spaniards, was really an ignominous defeat for the haughty Castillians who were driven from the field with heavy loss.

General Gomez is wild over the treacherous assasination of Maceo and young Gomez, and is pushing as fast as he can to the gates of Havana. In fact, bands of insurgents are already within a few miles of the capital and Weyler can not drive them away. A Texan named Amos Johnson is reported quite prominent as a leader.

George Alford, formerly of Dallas, and a son of General George F. Alford, is in jail at Los Angeles on charge of depositing a forged $1000 draft in a Los Angeles bank. The young man has been enjoying wein, weib gesang for some time, and now he is reaping the harvest of the seed that he has sown.

Governor Morton, of New York, is waking up to the fact that there are laws in that state for the suppression of prize fighting, and he has notified the sheriff of Queens county to see that the law is not violated in the proposed Lavigne-McKeever prize fight.

Lord Leighton's house in London has been offered to the British nation by his sisters on condition that it be preserved as it is.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

Gents' night shirts at the Closing Out Store.

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