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A reward of $100 will be paid for the detection and arrest of any person sending the MARKED DOLLAR from the enclosure of subscribers.
Auction Sales This Day.
By Easton & Eldridge—2 and 7:30 p.m., 618 Sansome street, between Jackson and Washington, Sts. D. N. W. Jack & Co.—1 p.m., 211 Pine street, boots, shoes, clothing, etc.
AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.
BIDWELL'S—Lecture, Dr. Cronin.
CALIFORNIA—Extravaganza.
ALCAZAR—Lights of London.
BALDWIN—Nadjy.
TIVOLI—Battle of Waterloo.

THE WEATHER.

Signal Service, United States Army, Division of the Pacific.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 23, 1886.
(Pacific Time.)
Synopsis for the past twenty-four hours.—The barometer has risen over California and below the lake region. The rainfall in Southern Oregon has had eight hours it has fallen about one-fourth of an inch. A storm appears to be moving on the Washington coast, which will probably reach Puget Sound early rises. Rain prevails over Washington Territory and Oregon and on the coast of California. Light snow has fallen in Southern Oregon. The following amounts of rain are reported: Eureka .50, Roseburg .36, Portland .34, Astoria .48, Olympia .20, Tatoosh Island 1.04.
Indications for twenty-four hours, commencing at midnight, for the Pacific Coast.—For California—Fair weather, except rain from the Golden Gate northward along the coast; warmer; variable winds, becoming southerly; fresh southerly winds off the coast. For Oregon and Washington.—Cloudy weather and rain; warmer; southerly winds, brisk and high along the coast line.

ENFORCE the laws!

CRIME flourishes where the laws are lax.

MR. MORSE's and Chinese bill still sleeps in its little pigeon-hole.

It is just possible that this may be a long session of Congress, after all.

A CRYSTAL cannot judge of the Worth of an actress until he has seen her clothes.

COPPER are expended for the benefit of society, not for the advantage of criminals.

The benchmark of scripture was not a circumstance to the tailor-made girl of the present day.

It is not justice which hangs a Chinaman and allows a white criminal to escape. It is something else.

MISS ARABIN is now the fashionable cross in the Hub. Naturally it requires no cause to believe in it.

The attempted suicide at Mare Island yesterday illustrates the ill effects of a complacency metal life.

ONLY $15 now for a storage passage across the Atlantic. All Europe will be coming over to see—if all that cole.

An expert baseball player now in Congress never fails to catch the eye of the speaker. He pitches his voice also with great ease.

SANTA CLAUS will probably make San Francisco the most moneyed visit of all his generous life. Santa Claus is a nice old soul.

THE receive Philadelphia ministers express the belief that the ballot is demorralizing, but admit at the same time that they have never seen it.

SECRETARY MANNING is a great deal healthier than some people would like to have him, and his ideas on taxation are even more robust than he.

THE wife of Professor Bell has been pensioned by her husband with $10,000.00 in telephone stock. This is a far more acceptable gift than a sealskin sacque.

THE exercise of political life are now as their highest in England. The leading statesmen are all in the country, devoted to the deed and calfs John Bright a fourth.

It is no exaggeration to a crime-cursed city to read that "retribution overtakes the evil-doer sooner or later." It is best to have the retribution follow quickly on the crime.

THE South Carolina Legislature has imposed a penalty of one year's imprisonment on any one who has liquor shipped to him. That is an inducement to people to get half tone over.

It is rumored that Henry James is going to break away from his old style psychological novel and write a book called "Billy the Marker, or the Wild Corner of a Rocky Mountain Goat."

"TRUTH cannot be any doubt about Mark Twain's intention to publish another book a little. But the big placing of small cents in the pocket of a dollar's change when one has lots of sous and twenties.

THE Prohibitionists of Coos county, New Hampshire, ignomintly put the name of a dead man on their ticket for Treasurer. As the dead man was not elected he will not be entitled to the consolation of feeling that he died not so poor.

ENGLAND proposes to reduce the army of occupation in Egypt to the lowest possible number. Egypt is now ripe and ready for another Arabi Bey rising or a French scheme for turning her out of the country altogether.

PENNSYLVANIA, it is said, is the only State which continues to elect a Congressman at large. Michigan used to do it, but she has long, at least, we think Mr. Jones is still in Detroit. Possibly Florida did not elect him with that understanding.

We are now in the season of felicitation and good wishes; cordiality and friendship are the order of the day, accompanied by worldly anticipations. There is none so poor as to be without a fellow being who wishes him "a merry Christmas."

It is now the fashion in New York among unhappy dudes who ape English ways, to wear short jackets and no overcoats, even in the coldest weather. These wretched bilds use the necessity of putting blankets on horses and dogs, but they dare not cover their own shivering bodies.

Congress will no doubt continue to stand between the people and the schemes of the gold bugs. The suspension of silver coinage by this country would accelerate the depreciation of silver all over the world, and the silver coinage of Europe and its circulation in the United States would be increased in the depreciation. If the American people want hard times, this is a short cut to it.

THE most picturesque and sensational of the Irish members, Mr. Tim Healy, M.P., has left the Cabinet, and has, in consequence, thrown the Tory party into a whirl of excitement. It has even caused some talk of a dissolution of the Cabinet and a new arrangement all around. As things have gone in the past, it may be safely predicted that Healy will be back in office in a short and that he feels that it is safer on the outside of the Cabinet than in it. The times are by no means assuring for the Tory Ministry.

NAVAL EXPENDITURE.

The weakness of popular government comes into the greatest prominence on questions that are to be seen the national treasury raised annually with ease for tens of millions of dollars by pension bills, and other tens of millions by river and harbor bills, of which for the greater part is thrown into the river, or harbor, to no purpose whatever. The measure is mainly one of dividing a certain loot among clamoring claimants, and the measure of the loot is spoil, and the one that makes the biggest bag for his constituency looks for the largest applause. But the question of appropriation for national ends is proposed, on a preliminary to the common good of all, the raiders, redressed by the chevaucheurs, hound to the front with outcries that are many. As soon as they have filled the coffers of the treasury, and the contributors, each admitting with a foolish face of praise, returns the self-congratulation of its representative. Every disciple of chow-hog idolatry, every tool of monopoly, every valet Republican, in short, is an implacable opponent of the measure. It is strongly publicly dedicated to class and special spoils.

Looking about us in San Francisco we may see on a smaller scale what goes on under similar influences in the United States. In a street, for instance, one proved at great expense, disrupting the peace, safety of twenty or fifty dollars would check it. The proposition to improve the street in question would be prevailed on to expend one dollar till the destruction and loss has reached into the thousands. Meanwhile we shall see the same hoyed giving away franchises worth many thousands of dollars, and every soul knows that the case is one of "boodle."

In national affairs we see in the same way the influence of the class, or of the individual, who represents the interests of the rich, or new one built of types that recall "patent pavement" frauds for extraordinary grants of the public lands made to railroad speculators here and granaries made monumental under the Land Acts there; "protection" to lords of industry everywhere, and everywhere strikes, poverty and opposition to the laws, "protection" to "the rich are the fruits—this is the expression—of a Bill "Chandleroon, Hiesiens, Farcellion, Simon Pure Jerkly and grunts over the negro—at current rates per grunt, usual discount on a quantity.

All this needed and shameful record has a very direct bearing on the question of pensions, from the business above set forth, derived from the measure of the pension bill introduced by professional Republicanism in office which so long misrepresented the Republican means. Now we are to start afresh. We begin with a nearly clean slate, for they have left us nothing that is worth repeating and a "Dolphin" as an example of what to avoid. Proposals will be made in Congress for money to build a navy. They will be made by people who have a vested interest in "economy," and every opponent on this ground will be on open, notorious champion of class legislation and monopoly and a habitual ally of Treasury raiders. We have in mind especially the bond bid in the demand by Logan and Sherman.

"PEACE AND GOOD WILL."

It is not alone that Christmas brings to us a religious sentiment of more than ordinary interest, that it secures such universal observance. It is the one day dedicated in all the year when the human heart hambles its antipathies and gives itself to thoughts and complete rejoicing. It at all events should be the day when the rich remember the poor, when fortune has given an abundance to all the good things of life to be charitable to those whom fate has been cast in dark places, and to whom the bitterness of existence are more tardily and less in degree.

It can, perhaps, truthfully be said that there is less of real distressing poverty in San Francisco than in almost any other place of equal size, and the mildness of our life will conduce to make existence less easier than where the frigid north winds and over the earth number of snow and ice, and where rigorous winter deplete the resources which would otherwise assist in making the holiday season one of unmixed joy and delight. But even here, with all the advantages which industry and economy have given us, there is a class of people who are not unknown. There are some luxurious nooks in this great city where the Christmas cheer is only the fleeting shadow of distant memory. There are homes across whose threshold the condition of the Christ was morning will bring little to gladden and delight. For many a sad-eyed child and lonely little heart facts of Christmas will be a dim, sad memory of kindness and remembrance and in these homes there will be no childhood's laughter or boisterous entertainment of fervent blessings. It is true that in San Francisco such homes are but few that should be made fewer still. The men or women who makes glad one such home will feel a pleasure that the wealth of his own fortune cannot purchase or equal.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," is the honesty inspiration of One who knew the ways and impulses of the human heart better than we, and the truism has been verified in the experience of the dead and living generations that have caught some faint reflection of the sentiments of holy charity which inspired it.

Outside their own family circles, how many hands will disperse largesses and joy to the poor and the humble this Christmas eve? Many will find that it is better deed to go into the waste places of the city and give light and beauty to its desolate inmates. Others will confess that "organized charity" is a cold, cold, and that the private benefactress is imperfect copy than that this will be cheer trifling with conscience. Few, who have anything to give, but can find a noble way to give it, and a single ray of hope and happiness may be to a victim of ill-fortune will bring to the giver the reward of peace and content.

"Help one another" is an injunction that has been the mainspring of all advance in civilization, with ever-increasing force, brightening and beautifying in its observance millions of desolate lives and realizing wherever its influence falls, the solemn benediction, "Peace and good will to all mankind."

A CUT IN RATES.

It has been currently reported for several days past that a big cut in rates to the East was impending, and some persons who professed special and distinct knowledge on the subject declared that the "cut" was even now at hand. This, however, upon investigation, turns out not to be true; but the report has been so generally believed that such a thing is not in contemplation. Indeed, there are very plain signs that it is. Ever since the war had Pacific Railroad there has been anything but a feeling of stability in certified rates. A number of roads were dissatisfied with the patched-up truce and "cut" has been made for an overtaken and to break it. The Atlantic and Pacific and the Santa Fe, we are told, have been very spoken dissatisfied, and when it was reported on the street yesterday that a second "cut" has been made for an overtaken and for a whole family en route to the Atlantic seaboard, there was a flurry among the brokers agents that promised anything but future tranquility.

The fact is, the present rate of passage to the East is too high, and several roads feel disposed to make an aggressive movement upon the lines that have heretofore enjoyed a practical monopoly of the traffic. A man ought to be carried to the Missouri river for $25 and the Pacific roads feel that they are for even a less sum than that. So long as this fact stares competing lines in the face there will be no actual fusty in the present demand for conveyance in transcontinental travel. Such a war as prevailed last Summer will be a great thing for California. It will bring thousands of people to the Golden Coast on an importing boat, who would not feel disposed to come under the high tariff now in vogue. Seeing the beautiful country and rich soil, about which they have heard so much, many of them would feel like staying, and would induce others down to grow up with the country. Under these circumstances, a passenger rate war would be anything but an unmixed evil.

THE MUNICIPAL CLEAN-UP.

With the advent of January and the New Year old things will pass away in the municipal government, and all things will become new. The Supervisors elected to represent municipal life for the last year will be the present Board of Supervisors. It is difficult to say in just what aspect history will view this remarkable scourge of Republican misrule and corruption. It is certain that the life of it has never before been seen in San Francisco, and there is no exaggeration in saying that the people of this city density have never seen a worse lock upon their life spot.

But before the members of this Board finally disperse from sight they will have one more session, and there is little hazard in saying that that occasion will be a scaramalla of jobs and roguery. They will be in a position to do it, and it will be the duty to the city demanded for the last time. It would be hoodoo to enumerate the schemes which these men have in hand. There is the underground wire job, several franchises, and there is the delinquency tax steal which comes to the front under the auspices of Republican and political economists, Supervisor Farwell. It is a measure which, if it is not, it is, it is more fact that it is a measure based in it gives it a tone and coloring which an ocean of type could not produce.

It is to be hoped, however, that at this last meeting of the old and hoodoo a portion of the city will be left intact. It will be and continue to be a disgrace to the country and a evicted city. The streets, at all events, should be left in a fair condition, and the sewers should be left in a fair condition. It will be the police to keep an eye on Dr. Gates and his confederates Farnsworth. What the Supervisors would undertake no more living would dare undertake. We do not forget, however, that the City Hall will stand. Its deep foundations and extraordinary base will only, we are certain, all the machinations of the Supervisors.

In contemplating this last session, however, a great many people will feel as the politicians have when the hoodoo is threatened by the surgeon's knife. He is compelled to stand by the patient and trust to heaven for a safe deliverance. There is one consolation, nevertheless, there will be hoodoo days after these people go out of office.

SUFFERING SCHOLARS.

The striking street carmen, at their meeting on Wednesday night, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That Grand, West, Productive Association, No. 7109, K. of L., does hereby tender its sympathy to the striking street railway men of San Francisco, and pledge their moral support in the struggle for a living wage.

This is the right action to take. It places the men, where their friends—and when not friendly to these hard-worked and ill-paid people?—like to see them. It is fair to say, however, that the best-informed public opinion is that the striking carmen are responsible for the bloodshed and violence that has attended their strike, although some people, malicious by instinct, have attempted to lay the responsibility on the strikers. The men, however, distinctly and clearly define their position and places them properly before the public. It follows, of course, as the Examiner has heretofore said, that the persons who have employed these men are not carmen and had no connection with the strike. It is, of course, a matter of regret that such a strike should occur, and we are looking for some good and speed their return to inviting duties. Hundreds of men and employees, who have no interest in well-ordered society, and who thrive upon disturbances, are the authors of the recent outlandy assaults upon the carmen and the passengers in them. The carmen, we have no doubt, will be protected in the future, and the authors of the outrages will be punished. They should be because the rioters—some very respectable men—have been a great deal of the people. Fortunately, the carmen personal this and took immediate steps to discover the acts of the rioters. The general public never fail to render their sympathy in a good cause. They stood in with the carmen in the early part of the strike, and their continuance would be supposed. No gentleman can be too great for such sentiment. They warmly sympathized with the loss of inventent people, and the police should not rest until the last one of them shall be brought to justice.

THE "ATLANTIC" HORROR.

The Captain and Owner of the Vessel Had Been Warned.

The Coroner's inquest on the body of Joseph Sohn, one of the two unidentified men in the lost Atlantic, was concluded yesterday.

William S. Wing, of Wing & Co., 1 Sansome street, testified that he had known Sohn for a little more than a year. He was a light waiter and at the Bohemian Restaurant, 1 Sansome street, and was a good man