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OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

Herewith the COURIER presents its second annual Christmas number. Special pains have been taken to make this, both in contents and general make up, the best special number of any paper ever issued in the city.

Such well known gentlemen in the field of literature as Messrs. J. D. Calhoun, Al. Fairbrother, Patrick Egan, Robert McReynolds, Walt Mason, Rev. W. O. Hawkins, M. M. DeLevis, E. M. Correll, A. B. Hayes and others, contribute articles that need no commendation from us.

This issue is distinct from our regular weekly edition, and is intended, not only as a souvenir of the joyous yuletide, but as a number marking a distinctive era in the paper's history. A little more than three years ago the first number of the COURIER, a small four column, four page paper, was issued.

The COURIER is deeply grateful for the many favors that have been shown it during the year about to close, from every side. Its list of advertisers shows more representative houses than any other paper published in the city, a fact of which we are proud, as it shows the esteem in which it is held by the business public, the bulwarks of prosperity.

And having exceeded in these remarks, a greater space than we had intended to occupy, and for fear of tiring our readers, we close, wishing you one and all a merry Christmas, and incidentally, a happy New Year.

There are innocents in every walk of life, but in none are there probably as many as in the newspaper life. A leading journal the other day contained a half column article protesting against "the wasteful and ridiculous excess" to which the sending of Christmas presents has been carried.

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Thousands of Lincoln households will receive pleasant visits next Monday night from that fabled annual visitor, old Santa Claus. Hundreds, alas, will not be visited by him, unless the good Samaritans of the city enable, by their bounteous charity, our friend, Elder Howe, to successfully enact that role.

AMELIE RIVES, the author of that startling piece of morbid passion, "The Quick or the Dead," is described as a pocket Venus, diminutive in stature and sylph-like in form, with bright, straw-colored hair, which she ties in a Psyche knot; soft, velvet eyes under sweeping, oval black lashes and a veritable cupid's bow of a mouth.

THE New York World, the greatest news paper success of the century, has for several weeks been printing letters from little folks, detailing as to which of the many things in stock they most wish Santa Claus to send them.

THE COURIER is glad to note less of an inclination this year on the part of the people generally to spell Christmas by using the capital X. This is as much to be lauded as the determination on the part of writers of holiday stories to exclude therefrom, bright boys, who suddenly acquire a good dinner or some unlooked for blessing in the manner usual to such narratives.

CONSULT the advertising columns of the COURIER before starting out to purchase Christmas gifts. You will find it of invaluable assistance in making the best selections. In our columns appear only the largest and most popular firms, who have placed their announcements in this special number for your benefit.

THE big prize fighters have recovered their wind and are going for one another in gallant style—on paper. The exchange of fistic gifts in the usual manner between three or four pairs of these wind jammers might tend to make the holiday season even more joyously exciting than it otherwise would be.

THE COURIER is now ready to receive Christmas gifts of any and all kinds. It draws the line only at a copy of "Robert Elsmere" and a constable's requisition.

WHAT is your opinion, candidly speaking, of the 1888 CHRISTMAS COURIER? Is it not the finest paper published in the city?

WAIT for Christmas.

A Growing Industry.

Little did the citizens of Lincoln think some two years ago, when the board of trade proposed to extend every effort to induce the woolen mills to choose this spot for the location of their extensive plant, that the mills today would be running full time with a force of sixty hands that are certainly adepts in their line of business.

For the Palate.

As usual, at this season of the year the establishment of W. D. Gulick, 907 F street, is filled daily with customers who have already commenced to leave orders for Christmas. Mr. Gulick's long experience in the bakery and fine grocery trade has given him an insight to what is required in satisfying the public that few other merchants in the city have attained.

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THE largest and most complete line of New Year's calling cards ever seen in this city have been received at this office and we will be pleased to have you call and see them. The styles this season are entirely different from anything yet seen and some of them are really works of art.

Holly, evergreens and other decorations for Christmas time, fresh and fine, in large or small quantities at reasonable prices at C. H. Rohman's, 1020 O street. Telephone orders promptly filled and all goods delivered. The line of groceries for holiday feasts is priced everything luxurious and substantial.

LITTLE JOHN'S CHRISTMAS.

We got it up a-purpose, for Little John's, you know. His mother was so sore and all, and had to make so—

And little John's was puny like—but law! the nerve he had! You'd want to kind o' pity him, but couldn't, very bad—

And Lido got him a little sword, and Madaline, a drum; And shootin' crackers—lawy-day! and they're so dangerous!

Well, think-as-y-I, when they got back, your pocket books is dry— But little John's was there hisse' that afternoon, so—

By tellym be shore and come to merry—Christmas day—

And fetch his mother 'long with him! And how he scud across.

It must a be'n high ten that night afore we got to bed—

With Wiso and John-Jack he'ppin' us; and Freeman in the shed.

Out of a little scrounch top 'at suited to a t!

All night I dreamt o' hearin' things a-skulkin round the place—

And "Old Kris" with his whiskers off and freckles on his face—

And reinders, shaped like shavin' horses at the 'cooper shop.

By time 'at mother got me up 'twas plum daylight and more—

With John's mother leadin'; yes, and little John's hisse'!

Of course I can't describe it when they all got into 'em—

For all the shouts o' laughter—clappin' hands and crackin' jokes.

For lo behold-ye! there they had that young uni and his chin.

A-wobblin' like; and, shore enough, at last he started in—

And-sich another bellerin', in all my mortal days I never heard, or 'spect to hear, in woe's appointed ways!

And mother grabs him up and says: "It's more's he can bear—

"Oh, no it ain't!"—sobbed little John's—"I ain't a-criin' 'cause I watched you all and knowed it all the time!"

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Gastronomic Suggestions Concerning the Observance of This Annual Festival. Now good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both!

No other festival is so universally celebrated throughout Christendom as is Christmas, and no festival carries with it quite such a spirit of joyousness apart from its own inherent reasons for joyousness.

But if there is less "wassail" the annual feast known as the Christmas dinner remains an interesting feature in the programme of the day's celebration.

There is less novelty in modern Christmas fare than in any other yearly feast except Thanksgiving. The time honored mince pie ranks first as standard Christmas dessert, although a real English plum pudding may take its place, when both are not provided.

In place of the board's head and stout airline, we long ago adopted that national bird, the turkey, which in the past few years has given way in some households to the goose.

For the housekeeper it is an agreeable fact that the preparation for the Christmas dinner can be made so long in advance. The apples for the mince pies, for instance, may early be selected for peeling, and the fatted fowls killed for suet and meat.

A standard receipt for mince pies: Select from the round three pounds of beef—it is best not to have it fat—and boil it in water enough to cover it.

The plum pudding may be made ready also in advance and await the glorious day. Here is a receipt which cannot be bettered: Stone a pound of raisins, two pounds of currants, one pound of citron, a quarter of a pound each of lemon and orange peel, the juice of four oranges and four lemons, four pounds of coffee sugar, and two table-spoonsful of salt, cider enough to moisten.

There is one thing we have not all learned, and that is, that heaven has not granted us stomachs according to our wealth. The rich man cannot eat more than the poor man because he is rich.

Roast Turkey, Oyster Sauce, Mashed Potatoes and Turnips, Baked Onions.

There are few housewives that need any assistance in preparing any of these good things, so comment is restrained. If a more elaborate and modern menu is required we may offer a word. For example, the procession of the feast will be:

Oysters, Portage a la Reine, Fried Smelts, Sauce Tartan, Escaloped Potatoes.

Miss Corson suggests at the Christmas dinner the old game of snap dragon: Some raisins are laid on a large shallow bowl or platter.

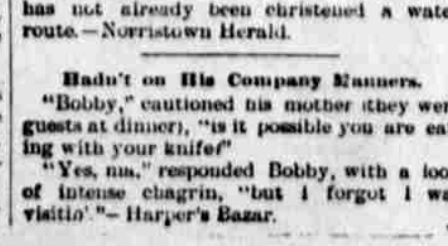
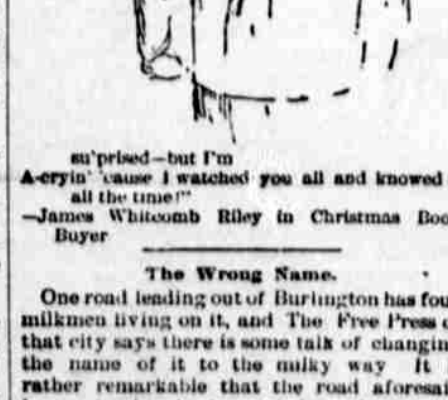
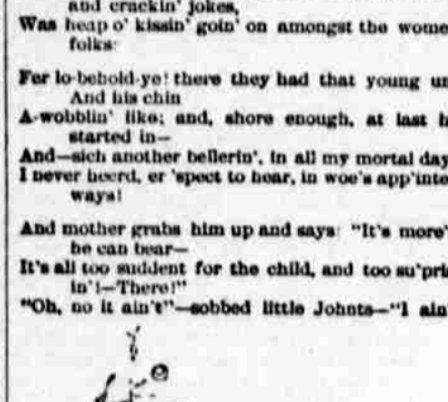
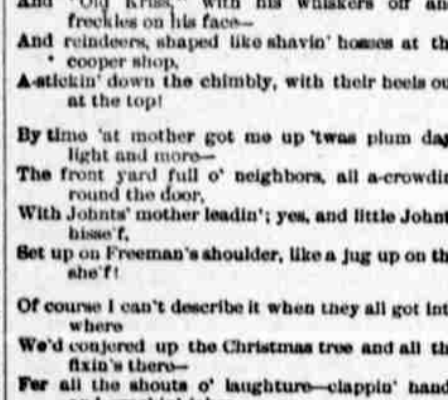
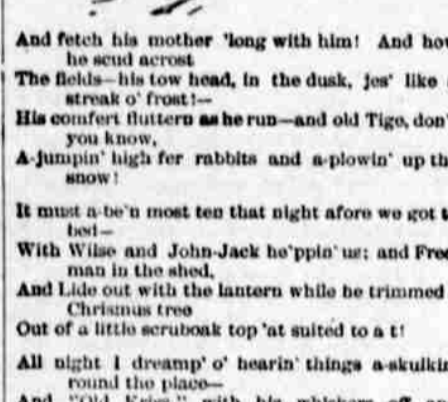
Family Reorganization Advised. John Cahill and his 5-year-old boy hardly speak as they pass by. It came to pass a few days ago that the youngster got into some mischief that called for a severe reprimand.

Hadn't on His Company Names. "Bobby," cautioned his mother they were guests at dinner, "is it possible you are eating with your knife?"

The Wrong Name. One road leading out of Burlington has four milkmen living on it, and The Free Press of that city says there is some talk of changing the name of it to the milky way. It is rather remarkable that the road aforesaid has not already been christened a water route.—Norristown Herald.

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NEW YEAR CALLING CARDS.

As this beautiful custom of calling on New Year's day is to be more generally observed than heretofore, The Wessel Printing Co., has received a line of the finest

CALLING CARDS ever shown in the City. The line comprises a variety of the finest and most artistic designs, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$50.00 per hundred.

FOR BUSINESS MEN we have also a fine line of New Year Souvenirs to send by mail. These are handsomely illuminated, have envelopes and are perfect models of art.

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