

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

How the Day Was Observed at the National Capital.

President Arthur's First New Year's Levee a Brilliant Social Success.

The White House a Scene of Subdued Glory—The Ladies Who Assisted the President.

As Well as What They Wore on the Occasion.

National Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—It is generally remarked here that the reception at the White House to-day, though a very quiet one, was more largely attended and more brilliant than for many years. The general feeling towards the new president is most kindly. Everybody is willing to testify regard for him and their support in the duties of his position. Party feeling seems to have been forgotten, and his most ardent opponents speak kindly of him and his ability thus far displayed. This accounts in part for the large attendance at the reception to-day. Another cause is that comparatively few people here have seen the president and many less have had the privilege of meeting him. There has not been a New Year's reception at the White House for twelve years in which there was mingled with the feeling of respect as much curiosity as to-day. Beside a desire to see the president and many less have had the privilege of meeting him. There has not been a New Year's reception at the White House for twelve years in which there was mingled with the feeling of respect as much curiosity as to-day. Beside a desire to see the president and many less have had the privilege of meeting him.

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CASUALTIES.

Fatal Accident on the Boston & Maine Road.

A Bridge Goes Down With Four Passenger Coaches Full of People.

A Sister of Charity Cat in Two in a Street Car Collision at Indianapolis.

Miscellaneous Mishaps of the Day!

Fatal Railroad Accident.

National Associated Press.

PORTLAND, Me., January 2.—This city was thrown into intense excitement by a most terrible accident which had happened on the Boston & Maine railroad. As soon as word was received in this city, wrecking trains were sent out with physicians, reporters and others. From that time until 7 o'clock not a word could be obtained from the scene, and the wildest rumors prevailed. The wrecked train, which left Boston on the Boston & Maine railroad at 8:45 a. m., consisted of two engines, baggage car, parlor and four passenger coaches. A mile and a half the other side of Kennebunk depot, at a place called Cold Corner, is an iron bridge over which the road crosses. The bridge is between 30 and 40 feet high. The train went upon the bridge, and the engine, baggage and parlor car had safely passed, when the bridge gave away, precipitating the four passenger cars down the embankment. The cars were heated by Baker's heater which burst, and in a short time the "cars" were in flames and were entirely consumed. Fortunately, however, the passengers were all got from the wreck before the flames had seized on the coaches. There were about 100 passengers on board and many of them were injured. As soon as possible the wounded were attended to. Physicians from Portland, Kennebunk, Wells and Biddeford were soon at the scene of the accident.

Fatal Italian Row.

National Associated Press.

NEW YORK, January 2.—During a quarrel last night between a number of Italians in the rear of a tenement on Mott street, Nicholas Caporal was stabbed by his brother Antonio in the temple, severing the left temporal artery, from the effects of which he died this morning. Examination elicited the fact that after Nicholas was stabbed he was left to bleed to death, while his wife and a number of adults and children who lived in the same row went to sleep within reach of his bed. Several Italians have been arrested to await investigation.

Mexican Matters.

National Associated Press.

CITY OF MEXICO, January 2.—The Mexican government has contracted for the establishment of two marine arsenals, one at Campeche, on the Gulf of Campeche, the capital of the state of that name, and the other on the Pacific coast. The work is to be done by the American firm of Wozell & Degross.

Marine Intelligence.

National Associated Press.

HAVRE, January 2.—Arrived—The American, from New York. Sailed—The Labrador, from New York.

Train Wreckers Arrested.

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YOUNGSTOWN, O., January 2.—Lewis, Evans and Shawmoss, who were arrested at Haver Falls, Pa., by Pinkerton's detectives on the charge of wrecking a passenger train and killing two men on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railway, were brought here to-day and placed in jail. They will have a hearing on Wednesday.

New York Legislature.

National Associated Press.

ALBANY, N. Y., January 2.—All in confusion here to-day. No plan has been agreed upon for organization of the legislature, and it is feared the deadlock will be a long one. Nearly all the members of the new legislature are present, and in earnest conference in groups about the Delavan house, endeavoring to agree upon some plan which will permit organization.

Body Snatchers Arrested.

National Associated Press.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., January 2.—Two students of the Cleveland medical college were arrested to-night on the charge of exhuming the body of a man named Dunn who was buried here two weeks ago. Dunn was a tramp and was suffocated by blast furnace gas. The students claim the right to the body under a state law.

New York Legislature Nominations.

National Associated Press.

ALBANY, January 2.—The senate democratic caucus nominated John C. Jacobs for president pro tem. Three Tammany senators from New York City refused to participate in the caucus and Jacobs cannot be elected without their votes, the senate standing, democrats 17, republicans 15.

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind., January 2.—A saloon kept by two Germans at Palestine, north of this place, was blown up with dynamite by unknown persons. This is the second building these two men have lost in the last two months in this way.

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SALT LAKE.

A Prosperous Holiday Season.

Who is to Represent Utah in Congress.

Correspondence of U. A. Press.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, December 28.—The holiday rush is subsiding; never was there such a business done in fancy and Christmas goods in the cities of Utah as this year. The exceedingly good times have made people lavish in their expenditures at this festive season. Unfortunately it has made some equally lavish in drinking their means in intoxicating drinks. At no time was so much intemperance known in Salt Lake as just now. The sentiment of the majority here is strongly in favor of temperance, but most unhappily there seems to be some defect in the municipal ordinances, which paralyzes the efforts of the peace as in nearly every case those who have committed infractions of the local laws have been discharged by the lower courts, or afterwards on appeal by the district court. So manifest was the evil on Monday that the city council, at its session last evening, officially requested the mayor to issue a proclamation closing all liquor saloons on Monday next, when New Year's day will be observed. To add to the difficulties the mayor has expressed sentiments which the majority regard as showing that he is in sympathy with the liquor dealers in their attempts to override certain portions of the ordinances. Numbers feel very thankful that another municipal election will occur in a few weeks, when a change in the mayorality is hoped for and anticipated.

Ever since the assembling of congress the people of this territory have been anxiously waiting for news regarding the seating of their delegate.

The telegrams on the subject that have reached us have been outrageously incomplete, meager and confused. Some fancy there is a purpose in this, but other intentional or accidental, the thing is equally annoying and unsatisfactory. Governor Morrey, who it is understood has been summoned to Washington, seems to have entertained strong opinions that his action in dis-franchising the Mormon electors would be sustained by congress, though it is known that members of non-Mormons voted for Mr. Cannon, as it is possible some Mormon voted for Mr. Cannon. If, as some would make it appear, the vote for Geo. Q. Cannon was absolutely and entirely Mormon, the great majority of the non-Mormons did not vote at all, as the votes for W. Campbell were very few compared with the estimated number of counties in Utah. But I am inclined to think that these numbers are largely over estimated. The Mormon church at its conferences gives a report of the number of officers and members (communicants) and the children under 8 years of age within its pale. It has then been calculated that all the remainder of the population are anti-Mormon. This is an error, as there are thousands who, though not officially reported, yet regard themselves as connected with the church and all their association and affiliation, relationships, &c., are with that people. The ratio of increase of the Gentile population during the last five years has not been as large as generally imagined. Ogden, Park City, and one or two other places are growing largely in this element, but in most other places the ratio of Mormon increase is the larger.

The territorial legislature convenes on the first Monday in January for its bi-annual session. It is composed entirely of members of the dominant church, though some of them are by no means conspicuous members thereof; it does not necessarily follow, as some suppose, that because a man occupies a leading position in the Mormon church that he is bound to be elected a member of the Utah legislature, though undoubtedly the majority of the people who do the voting would as a rule prefer to have it that way if such gentlemen would accept the nomination. A number of very necessary laws will be considered this session, perhaps none more so than one suggested to give the corporation of Salt Lake City greater and more definite powers in controlling the liquor traffic.

The president of the Mormon church with the new year enters into the occupancy of the mansion, expressly built for the head of the Mormon church. It is a large and costly building opposite the former residence of Brigham Young and the church business offices. It was commenced, and by him named, the Guards house, why and wherefor I have never found anyone who could inform me. It is, I suppose, merely a name suggested by a freak of fancy. The inside appointments are of the latest improvements. The painting, decorating, etc., have been done by the very best workmen that Utah could afford, and are fine specimens of their skill and workmanship.

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