

PRESENTED WITH PLEASURE.

This Morning Mrs. Grant Will Receive a National Christmas Gift.

THEY TRAVEL ON FREE PASSES.

Beecher Carries Home a Christmas Crayon-Postal News for Nebraskaans - Fitz John Porter's Relief Bill.

Mrs. Grant's Christmas Gift. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (Special Telegram.)

WESTERN NEWS MATTERS. Postmaster's commissions were issued for the following to-day:

Edward A. Baugh, Oakland, Neb. Adam Schiller, St. Charles, Neb. Henry A. Treanor, Iowa, Ia.

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THERE'S MILLIONS IN IT. There was a report at the capital to-day that a syndicate of New York capitalists had bought all the right title and interest in what is known as the Cowden scheme for improving the Mississippi river.

WITH THE PRESIDENT'S COMPLIMENTS. A lady of this city, who has been confined to her home for a year by an injury received by a fall, was so much pleased with that part of the president's message in which he referred to the women and homes of our country.

ABOLISH THE CIGAR. The smell of tobacco smoke in the lobby of the white house has been complained of by ladies in the section.

COMPLIMENTING MIL SPEAKERS. General A. J. Williamson, formerly commissioner of public lands, says in an interview in the New York Tribune on General Spaulding.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Lieut. Abraham Buffington, Seventh infantry, has gone to his home at Derby, Iowa, from Fort Leavenworth, to spend the holidays.

CONSUL MUELLER'S PROBABLE RECALL. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (Associated Press.)

WILL GO THROUGH WITH A FRESH. Representative Wheeler, who introduced the bill for the relief of Gen. Fitz John Porter in the house, said to-day: "I have received of late a number of republican papers containing editorials in favor of the passage of that bill, and some of these editorials are written in the very strongest language.

ADVANCED LIBERAL VIEWS AND BELIEVES IN A REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT. He is what was known as a "forty-eighter," having been obliged to leave Germany.

THE CHAMBER IN A FLURRY.

The Tonquin Credit Question Smashes the French Ministry.

FERRY HOOTED AND HISSED.

He is Charged with Impugning Prince Bismarck's Support—the Irish Home Rule Question and Other Foreign News.

The French Ministry Smashed. PARIS, Dec. 24.—The chamber of deputies adopted the Tonquin credit by a vote of 274 to 260.

It is left to be pretty certain, says the Star, that Germany will demand another re-creation of the Tonquin credit.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE NATIONAL MILITIA. Referring to the recent meeting of the national militia held here last week, Colonel Moore, who commands the famous light infantry of this district, said to your correspondent:

"I paid a brief visit to the meeting of the national guards, and had a talk about the scope of their work and the nature of the national guard."

NEBRASKA AND IOWA. How Quin Bohannon Feels Over His Lengthened Life.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 24. (Special Telegram.)—The action of the United States supreme court in allowing a writ of error in the Bohannon case was not well received by our community, and causes no little surprise.

To Bohannon it came like a plank to a drowning man. Up to this morning he was a little hope, but his face this morning wears an entire new dress.

"It is the organization of the national guards any like as good as that of the regular army, in my mind."

Yes, replied Colonel Moore, "the general organization is very fine; however, the details and ornamental business are left off in a large measure, while in the regular army they are kept up as much to kill time as anything else."

IF YOU WERE GOING INTO BATTLE, Colonel, would you rather have a brigade of well-drilled state militia or regular soldiers?"

"For active service I would prefer state militia, such as they have in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, New York, and some of the other states."

It is lamentable that statesmen should permit politics to enter into a subject like this, which is, however, as to admit politics into a subject like that of making a state out of a part of Dakota territory.

FROM THE SIMPLE JUSTICE AND PURE BUSINESS. From the very incompetency of the discussion on the subject, looking towards presidential succession because he hoped that, in the event of a vacancy, their party could be hooked or crooked, by some way or other, into it.

Two Children Instantly Killed. HAMILTON, Iowa, Dec. 24. (Special Telegram.)—A frightful accident occurred here this afternoon.

His Body Cut in Two. FORT DOUGLASS, Iowa, Dec. 24. (Special Telegram.)—Tom German of this city, a brakeman on the Mississippi and St. Louis railway, fell from the cars while uncoupling an engine from a train at Luzerne, Iowa, last evening, and his leg was cut off and his body cut in two.

A Baron With a Hobby. NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (Special Telegram.)—There is a natural and prudent disposition on the part of American capitalists to learn more about Baron De Lorme.

Germany and Zanzibar. BERLIN, Dec. 24. (Special Telegram.)—The foreign office has just received news from Zanzibar.

How to Solve the Irish Question. LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Times in an editorial this morning, without advancing strong reasons, suggests that the Irish difficulty could be solved in three months by the exclusion of the Parnellites from the house of commons and the proclamation of martial law in Ireland.

Free Speech in Ireland. LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is reported that the government intend to prosecute one of the recent elected Irish members of parliament for a speech made at the National League meeting at Cork on the ground that the language used on the occasion was intended to excite the passions of the crowd.

BELUCOSE BIVALVE PIRATES.

Naval Conflict Between the Dredgers and Tongs-men of Chesapeake Bay.

SERIOUS TROUBLE IMMINENT.

The Succulent Luncheon Aroused From its Slumbers by the Booming of Cannon—the Dredgers Violating the State Law.

Oyster Gatherers at War. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 24. (Special Telegram.)—Reports from lower Chesapeake show that oyster pirates are giving the state police navy a lively time.

GOOD DEAD INDIANS. A Body of Mexican Annihilates Thirty of the Blacklegs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The Chronicle's El Paso, Texas, special: A band of Indians were surprised by a body of volunteers who encamped near the railroad track between Cliff and Lordburg.

Schafer Scoops the Frenchman. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—A Frenchman, named Vignaux, was defeated by Schafer in a three-day match.

Two of the Trio Guilty. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The trial of George F. Work, Samuel Work and Shryve and others, charged with conspiracy to defraud the People's Passenger railway company, ended to-night in a verdict of guilty as to the two named on a count of conspiracy.

Had a Glimpse of Eternity. DETROIT, Dec. 24. (Special Telegram.)—M. M., special to the Republican says: Six masked men rode into Springer late last night, captured the county jailer, took the keys from him, broke into a cell, took out Howard Baker, well known murderer.

The Boycott Will Continue. CHICAGO, Dec. 24. (Special Telegram.)—Representatives of the Cook Steam Packet company and the Cattle Dealers' association met to-day to consider the concessions proposed by the steamship company yesterday.

A Corner on "Bugs." LOUISVILLE, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The Louisville tobacco market is much excited over what appears to be an attempt at a corner in a grade of tobacco known as "bugs."

Won't Give Up the Job. BOSTON, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The agent of the Treasury, Mr. Martin, declining to resign as requested by the latter.

Pug O'Leary Pleads Guilty. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Charles, alias "Pug" O'Leary, who has been under indictment for months for the murder of his alleged wife, pleaded guilty to the crime this morning.

The Monongahela Miners. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—No new developments in the miners' strike. The situation along the Monongahela valley this morning is quiet and no trouble is anticipated.

Asked for Increased Wages. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Machinery molders in this city have decided to request restoration of 10 per cent taken off their wages last winter.

Smallpox in Montreal. MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The Lady Superior of the Louise Point Infirmary, where the smallpox prevails among the patients and servants, is threatened by the central board of health with proceedings for having refused to admit a doctor who was sent to vaccinate the inmates of the asylum.

A Distillery Burned. PEORIA, Dec. 24.—The distillery of Bush & Brown was entirely destroyed by fire this evening. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$15,500.

Wrecked Crews at Home. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The City of Peru brings home the crews of five vessels wrecked in the harbor of Aspinwall during the storm of December 2.

A SOLDIER'S YARN.

Beating the Ghost Story Record—Dead Gunners Coming Back to Drill.

The strangest experience I ever had was at old Fort William, on Governor's Island, in New York harbor, over twenty years ago.

Listening for a short time I recognized familiar sounds, and had not been positive that the doors were locked, with the keys hanging on a nail in my room.

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