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The Closing Year. With the close of to-day the year 1887 will retire from business. It has made a record which, so far as the United States is concerned, places it among the most memorable years of progress and prosperity in the nation's history.

The Diphtheria Scare. The prevalence of diphtheria in this city is causing needless alarm. There has been much exaggeration with regard to the number of fatal cases and the general extent of the disease.

which the great European nations have at command. The latest statistics regarding those of Russia show that her peace effective proper in her regular army comprises a total in round numbers of 622,000 officers and men.

the man, but betrays a natural fear that in the event of his death they could not obtain those liberalizing reforms which they expect from him should he be spared to become emperor.

BENCH AND BAR. United States Court. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30. The action yesterday in the United States circuit court against Usher & Russell, a suit to recover \$3,400 on two promissory notes.

A FIRST INTERVIEW. The Washington Correspondent of an Eastern Daily Paper, Supposed to Have Been the Cause of the Interview. "What men say and what men do are the things of paramount interest. The personal qualities of a man are largely in the things that he does."

THE DAILY BEE. Sworn Statement of Circulation. State of Nebraska, ss. Geo. B. Tschuck, secretary of the Bee Publishing Company, does solemnly swear that the actual circulation of the Daily Bee for the week ending Dec. 23, 1887, was as follows:

The conspicuous facts in the record of the year's material progress are the unprecedented extent of railroad construction and the vast amount of municipal improvements and building that has been accomplished.

Other Lands Than Ours. Mr. Gladstone, before departing for the continent, responded to an address presented to him at Dover, and said some things which will supply material for the English people to reflect upon during his absence.

The conclusion of King Milan of Serbia that in a conflict between Germanic and Slavie forces Serbia should remain neutral, if possible, is a judicious one, although perhaps not wholly relished by Austria, who may have looked upon Serbia as a possible ally.

He Expresses His Views on the Tariff Question. Fremont Tribune: The report having gone out that Congressman Dorsey had been won over by the Carlisle wing of the democratic party to their tariff views, the reporter interviewed Mr. Dorsey on the subject and obtained from him his intentions in the matter and views on the tariff question, which are here-with submitted.

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OUR enterprising contemporary, the Herald, keeps up a standing notice that it has no bureau at Washington or elsewhere. This is a chestnut.

High license in Connecticut also has proved highly successful. People realize more and more the efficacy of this method of dealing with the temperance question and it is quite safe to predict that the majority of states will soon have a high license law inscribed upon their statute books.

The golden jubilee of Pope Leo XIII is to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest, which occurred in January, 1837. The event will be celebrated with great magnificence at Rome, while it will be observed in all cities by the Catholic inhabitants.

John M. Yerxa was granted a decree of divorce yesterday by Judge Groff from his wife Sarah. The cause of the action was desertion.

Henry E. Oppenheimer & Co. brought action yesterday against Walter Sams and others to recover a quantity of jewelry and damages in the sum of \$500.

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When catarrh of the throat is of any length of time the patient living in the district where people are crowded together, and where the disease has been left uncurd, the catarrh invariably, sometimes slowly, extends down the windpipe and into the bronchial tubes, which convey the air into the different parts of the lungs, and becomes a chronic disease.

THE New York state board of health, after a careful investigation of the quarantine administration at the port of New York city, reports that it would be difficult to imagine a worse state of affairs than exists at that station. The emphasis of condemnation should be heeded by the New York legislature, and remedies applied.

With the rest of the world the closing year was not so lavish of its favors. Europe has made little if any advance in prosperity during the past twelve months. In no country has there been an unusual industrial activity, while in most of them there has been an almost uninterrupted depression.

The combined movement of many of the planters of the province of San Paulo, Brazil, to set free all their slaves by the end of the year 1890 is an important step in Brazilian emancipation. Probably an aid to this project has been the degree of success which has attended the few efforts made to obtain free labor. A good sign also is the fact that in one period of six months nearly 16,000 immigrants from Europe arrived there. A well known family of San Paulo, possessing 600 slaves, has determined to set them free at Christmas of next year, and the influence of a few prominent planters who favor emancipation is felt among all the rest.

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THE war apprehensions that pervaded Europe a week ago have been largely allayed. Peaceful assurances have been given both by Russia and Austria, and the prevailing tone is one of comparative confidence. Still, there is a strong war party in Russia, and the czar, who there is reported to believe leans toward it, may be further influenced by the suggestion that internal disaffection may be subdued by a policy which would be in accord with the long-cherished dreams of the Russian people.

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