

MERRY CHRISTMAS CHIMES

How the Day will be Observed in the City Churches.

PROGRAMMES OF THE SERVICES.

Special Musical Features—Festivals—Concerts—Preparations for Santa Claus at the Sunday Schools.

At the Churches.

Special services will be held at nearly all the churches to-day. Special musical features have been prepared for all of them.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGIATE.

The Christmas services at St. John's Collegiate church, in charge of the Rev. Father McGeehan, will be extremely interesting.

CHRISTMAS EVE ON THE STREETS

What a Reporter Saw in the Course of a Nocturnal Rambles.

"Home, Sweet Home." Softly the strains were played, and they almost lost themselves while struggling through the thick tobacco smoke that hemmed them in on their way to the open door of the saloon.

THE DIRECT ROUTE TO WASHINGTON.

The Baltimore & Ohio R. R. is the shortest and most direct route from Chicago and all points in the west to the national capital.

Callahan, the Marshal's Terror.

Saturday night Ed Callahan, the tough contractor, manifested his toughness at the expense of first his wife's feelings, then he went for Mr. Tucker, the proprietor of the hotel at which he boards.

ST. PHILomena's.

At St. Philomena's cathedral, Pontifical mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m., with the Rev. Bishop O'Connell officiating.

At the Armory-Cooking House.

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