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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS FEATURES. The next issue of The Omaha Sunday Bee will be a special Christmas number.

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ORDER OF YOUR NEWSDEALER.

The fingers that are not happy now are the fingers that will be satisfied with nothing short of a pitched battle.

No, John Bull would not thank Uncle Sam very heartily for a Christmas present in the shape of a proclamation of war.

When the republicans in congress put their thinking caps on they will not be in such a rush to perpetuate Grover in the white house by precipitating a foreign war.

The experts in the city treasury are still checking, checking, and by the end of the month the treasurer will have to draw another check for their benefit.

For some reason unexplained, but easily explainable, the exhibit of artificial butter at the State Dairyman's convention was sadly deficient in specimens of natural and colored oleomargarine.

The English are the ones who ought to take the president's Venezuela message seriously. The war split, however, seems thus far to have attained the fighting point on this side of the Atlantic only.

The death of the venerable door-keeper, Bassett, will devote the duty of turning back the hands of the senate clock to prolong the life of congress next March a year upon some new and untried officer.

Now that Congressman McKeljohn has shied his censor in the ring and announced himself as a candidate for the nomination for governor, the Nebraska campaign of 1896 may be said to be fairly open. Next!

And now we hear that the ex-city treasurer of Tacoma has been convicted of using public funds for personal gain and has a penitentiary sentence staring him in the face.

Compare the cable and telegraphic news reports printed daily in The Bee with those printed in any other paper published in this vicinity and satisfy yourself that The Bee is the only metropolitan paper existing in these parts.

Watch the patent office record as a barometer of the strength of the war scare. With active hostilities threatened, every man who has been holding back a patent hair-trigger or a patent knapsack catch will hasten to file the claims of his invention.

It is really surprising that the federal troops have not yet been called out to prevent the obstruction of the United States mails by reason of the Philadelphia street railway strike.

Secretary Carlisle a year ago predicted a surplus of revenue over expenditures for the federal government of \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year.

Utter demoralization in municipal affairs is but the natural sequence of the recent local election. An honest effort was made to have notice served through the ballot box that the people of Omaha had tired of corruption in city affairs.

PATRIOTISM AND PARTISANSHIP.

The European press quite generally and also a number of public men whose opinion has been obtained have expressed the view that the stand taken by President Cleveland in the Venezuela matter is designed for political effect.

The note of Lord Salisbury gave Mr. Cleveland the opportunity to rehabilitate himself in popular confidence and he embraced it eagerly.

Are not the republicans in congress contributing to Mr. Cleveland's political ambition, assuming that he still has such ambition, by their precipitate acquiescence in the most radical suggestion of his message and their proposal to vote an enormous appropriation for increasing the military armament?

A patriotic desire to uphold the dignity and honor and maintain the rights of the United States is common to the whole American people and is to be fostered and encouraged.

Another good man vindicated. The acquittal of Meat Inspector Frank by order of Judge Scott was by no means a surprise.

Assume that the ruling of Judge Scott under which a verdict of acquittal was rendered by a jury without hearing any evidence was based on sound law, how can that fact justify the action of the Board of Health?

Suppose Meat Inspector Frank were still in the employ of a butcher or meat packer and failed to report a theft which he had witnessed or a fraud which he had discovered in one of the bills rendered his employer, would he be retained in his place for an hour even if he did not gain anything for himself by the transaction?

Individually Meat Inspector Frank is a comparatively unimportant officer. The amount of the fraud with which he was charged with convicting may not have exceeded \$500.

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FOR A DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE

Representatives of Brazil, Venezuela and Mexico Consult Secretary Olney.

PROMPT ACTION BY AMERICAN REPUBLICS

New Enunciation of the Monroe Doctrine May Lead to a Combination Between North, Central and South America.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A meeting at the State Department today between secretary Olney and the ministers to the United States from Venezuela, Mexico and Brazil is understood to have involved important considerations affecting our South and Central American relations.

TRELLIS' WORK REVIEWED.

Secretary Olney Transmits Some Correspondence to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The president today made response to the senate resolution of December 17th calling for information received by the State department respecting affairs in Turkey.

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At the present moment the temporary lull in the turbulence is believed to be more apparent than real. A telegram just received from the minister under date of December 18th, expresses the gravest apprehensions concerning the ultimate fate of American citizens in the disturbed regions.

WINE PRODUCTION OF FRANCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The official statement of the vineyard of France for 1895, transmitted to the State department by United States Consul General Morse at Paris, shows the total production to have been 26,228,000 hectolitres, a reduction of 12,365,000 from last year's product.

EGYPT'S NEW ANTI-SLAVERY LAW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—United States Consul General Penfield at Cairo, Egypt, has informed the State department that a new anti-slavery law will soon come into operation in Egypt supplanting the convention of 1877, which was found to be defective a year ago.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$174,651,000; gold reserve, \$72,505,520.

ALHWARD NOT WANTED IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The Jews have sent a registered letter to Herr Alhward, the German anti-Semite, asking him not to include Chicago in his lecture tour.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

All quiet on the Orinoco. Missouri and Iowa are involved in a boundary dispute, but Mr. Monroe isn't in it. Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney belong on the reservation. They speak the language of the tribe.

NOTICE.

Holders of orders for photographs should present them to the photographer at once if they may not get them for several weeks.

Five-cent fare, but insisted on having his tickets for a quarter. So it appears that there is one city in the United States whose mayor does not ride on a pass.

Chicago Record: Blow at Britain. Cleveland Plain Dealer: Keep Off. Chicago Tribune: War on Every Lip.

St. Louis Republic: Cleveland's Bold Start. Cincinnati Enquirer: Halt, John Bull, or Fight.

Philadelphia Record: Get the hang of it—the getting stuck. Texas Sittings: If the concert was taken out some of the Jews would be enough of 'em left to hang clothes on.

Chicago Tribune: "I judge," observed Rivers, who had just finished reading the notice of the meeting of the Venezuela situation, "that the longer he hurried the better he got."

New York Weekly: Magistrate—You say the man assaulted you. How did it happen? "Colored Citizen—I brushed again! him, an' he sayed I was 'too fresh, an' then he said me, 'saw!'"

Chicago Tribune: "I don't think it's fair, Josiah," said Mrs. Chugwater as the attendants bathed her sprained ankle with soothing lotions and wrapped bandages about it.

Cincinnati Enquirer: "Women don't have any real affection for each other," said the man on the seat below.

Washington Star. In rummage time de woods dey laugh. Because dey couldn't see. No blossoms nor no fruit ter covet.

But he jes' kep on a-growin'! An' he didn't say a word! Ter de sneerin' an' de peerin'!

But de patient mos'ly prosnah. An' dem words speak gwaater than When dey sees dat cedar golfs full blown. With its Christmas zol's full blown.

Advertisement for Browning, King & Co. featuring a woman in a hat and dress. Text: Here's an opportunity for the ladies to get the sort of present's gentlemen will appreciate. We've procured an immense line of fine ties—all the very latest things.