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Same to you! Merry Christmas to one and all! It is risky business, this being a bank official.

Enjoy your Christmas by making others enjoy it. Christmas charity should begin at home, but it should not be permitted to end there.

This is the last Christmas Major McKinley can enjoy as a private citizen for four years to come.

Only one more week of leap year. And there are lots of unsophisticated youths still unapproached.

Train robberies must henceforth be reckoned in its economic reports as among the most profitable industries of Missouri.

Operating a folgate down in Kentucky is in reality a great deal more dangerous than fighting the Spanish down in Cuba.

Congress will not convene again till January 5, 1897. By that time it is hoped it will have been able to turn over its new leaf.

Senator Morgan evidently thinks the president's message should have been translated into words of one syllable before transmission to congress.

In the meantime the Pacific railroads will be free to default on another installment of interest on their obligations without congressional interference.

Mr. Bryan is launched upon the lecture stage and it is to be hoped that he makes more of a financial success out of his new vocation than he did out of the legal profession.

The exodus of senators and representatives from the national capital must be regarded as evidence that Washington, during the holidays, is not precisely what it cracked up to be.

An Iowa woman has been sentenced to the state's prison for burglary committed in order to get money to buy a bicycle. Another sin to be laid at the door of the bicycle. Let the crusade against the bicycle begin.

The aged queen of England threatens to publish an autobiography. She may be depended on, however, to be more discreet in her revelations of European statecraft than other potentates who have lately contributed to the world's stock of literature.

General Weyler dictates to his typewriter a vainglorious report that the rebels are entirely driven out of Pinar del Rio, and then starts off again to clear that province of all the cattle and chickens which might be useful to the rebels who are not there.

The Annapolis has been christened with the breaking of the usual bottle of champagne. Now for an outcry from two classes of people—the people who object to the use of intoxicating liquors for this purpose and the people who object to the waste of good drinking material.

President Cleveland exhibited no hesitation in promptly signing the Nashville exposition bill as soon as it was sent to him for his approval. There is no more reason why he should not sign with equal promptness the amended Transmississippi Exposition bill when it shall be presented to him.

The news is cabled all the way from London that the powers of Europe have finally become convinced that the sultan's promises are not to be relied on. The sultan's word has gone further than the unredeemed promise of any other potentate, and the sultan ought to feel proud of having been able to stand all Europe off for all this period of time.

There is ample field for the state association of sheriffs to operate in without turning the organization into a legislative lobbying machine. Co-operation among the sheriffs of the state will accomplish a great deal in the way of enforcing the laws and bringing offenders to justice, but sheriffs are not elected for the purpose of influencing legislation at Lincoln in their own interest.

CHRISTMAS.

This is the day that holds first place in the hearts of all Christian people—the most welcome and the merriest day of all the year. It has been heralded for weeks. Gaily decorated stores, filled with attractive goods, have told of its coming.

The spirit and the influence of this day are elevating and ennobling. The stimulus given to affection and friendship, the effect in awakening the kinder feelings, the appeal to philanthropic instinct—all this is in the highest degree beneficial.

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TO UTILIZE CORNSTALKS.

Shipbuilder Cramp's Discovery Far-reaching and Important. Sixty City Tribune. An investigation of cornstalks which is calculated to be of value to the great agricultural interests of the country is always a matter of lively concern.

Enlarging the Vocabulary. Globe-Democrat. The French word dirigible, meaning that which can be directed, threatened to break into the English language.

A Pertinent Epigram. Americans who contemplate joining the Cuban army should feel interested in one of Byron's epigrams. It strangely happened that the poet was to a certain extent prophetic of his own people.

Cutter's Joke on the Doctors. Some people have queer ideas of humor. Ex-Congressman Cutler of New Jersey was operated upon by physicians for what they thought was appendicitis.

Heroism of a Coachman. Chicago Tribune. President Diaz of Mexico is to be congratulated on the resolution of his cabinet.

The Visit of Ex-Queen Lil. Philadelphia Leader. Ex-Queen Lilinoakalani's sudden visit to this country may be of importance to herself, but it can be of no importance to us.

END OF A CHICAGO BANK. A Huge Confidence Game Worked Under the Law. Chicago News. The insolvent estate of Anthony Kozel, banker, has been finally administered upon.

Private Necessaries Charged Up to Uncle Sam. Chicago News. That fine old assemblage, the senate, is an expensive luxury.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A Stradivarius violin was sold at auction in London recently for \$2,200. Coxe is now looking for a party that will properly respond to his ideas.

Prof. Charles Lane Poor of Johns Hopkins university has just finished a construction of an equatorial telescope which he will take with him to the north next summer in order to photograph the stars.

Lord Mayor Fraude-Phillips of London broke down while introducing Ambassador Bayard at a meeting recently, owing to the weight of his official robes. He sat down suddenly, took the robes off in the presence of the audience, and was brought to Mrs. Bayard's smiling notice.

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