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Christmas Holidays-Times in New York-Novel Charity-City Items -Our Amusements-New Publications, de.

MESSES. EDITORS : Ere this reaches you, Christmas with all its joys and festivities will have glided by; and be numbered with the days that were. And before we can communicate with you again, the light of another year will dawn. Here then, in the bustling city with the waves of life rolling by us we send a greeting to your sumy southern home and wish you a pleasant Christmas and a happy New Year! To those with whom, through your kindness, we have discoursed for their happiness and prosperity.

Times are busy now. "Christmas is coming" has been the universal cry of the Juveniles for the last two weeks -and each night visions of "Santa Claus"—that good old sprite—and merry "Kriss Kringle" doubtless visited them. Now, the belles and beaux of Gotham ant cipating the plea-ures of the Caristmas and New Year's Holidays are busity preparing to enjoy them. Gifts must be madesocial calls be received and parties be given. "Egg Nog" sappers with, we are informed, be very numerous on that occasi n and the way Champaign -the term now, applied to Newark Cider-and Egg Nog and "drinkaines" generally will disappear would alarm a Maine Law advocate! New Year's day is the gala day with our people, and celebrated with more enthusiasm than Christmas is, Among other pleasures connected with its cole it tion is the visits and social caus on is bound to make to his friends and related by or Charleson tions-poor ones of course exceptedthat day and exchange with you the compliments of the season. But not possessing the power of ubiquity we Company. can only imagine the pleasures derived from such a calt!

It is a custom with New Yorkers to expend mos of their charitanic appropriations at this season of the year. Provisions being very high at present some charitable individuals aided by donations from various quarters have opened a "Somp Hali," receive Clam Soup three times a tablished by this State. week free of expense. Rather a nov-el way of aiding the indigent but one well suited to these latitudes.

Quite a destructive fire occurred here on Wednesday last. It origina ted at the City Assembly Rooms No. 446 Broadway and consumed twenty five or thirty buildings among which was the Concert Hall of Christi and Woods' Ethiopian Minstrels. Most of the buildings consumed were old and of little value. Two mem bers of Hose Company No 7 were buried by the falling of a wall and one of them James Lawrey unfortunately killed -the other being -overely wounded. The cold was so intense that water froze in the hydrants and the hose became so stiff they could not be used. If the fireman had not been thus interrupted they would have easily arrested the progress of the flames and confined them to the Assembly Rooms! The firemen who was killed should have a monument erected to his memory. For further details of the fire we refer you to the enclosed "Lines" Extra.

On Tuesday evening last Col. Thos. H Benton delivered an address on Western Geography as connected with the building of the Pacific Rail Road. That harsh, terse diction which char acterizes his Congressional Speeches perva ed that address. The Hall of the Academy of Music one of the largest buildings in this city was filled to overflowing by an audience enger to hear Col. B. on his favo-

We see it stated that 43 Deaths occurred on board the Underwriter du

THE SUMTER BANNER | ring ner voyage from Liverpool here | lage of Marion and for other purposes -607 Emigrants were on board.

An interesting suit for tibel is progressing in our City Coort. Hi. ram Fuller Editor of the Evening Miror some time ago published an Editoral in which Mr. Chas. T. Shel. ton, Ex President of the Empire Stone Dressing Company was spoken f as a "second Schuyler." For this, the latter gentleman brought an action for damages. Eclinent counsel are engaged on either sid and the verdict will be of importance to the press

generally.

There is much uneasiness felt in regard to the Steamers Washington and Sarah Sands, The former sailed om Southampton on Dec. 3rd and should have arrived before this. The latter was bound for Portland Maine but had not arrived up to last night; she sailed on the 5th instant. Since the loss of the ill fated Arctic, persons are almost afraid to cross the Atlantic: and delay in the arrival of any vessel

excites fearful forebodings.

Grisi and Maro are here yet delighting our musical dilettanti and affor ing a rich treat to the public who, like Mnaber, "has a fancy for sweet things." Theatres Circuses, Operas, and Exhibitions of every imaginable variety are in full blast.

Since October, three works have been published the sales of which have exceeded one half million of Dollars. We refer to the "Newsboy," "Life of Barnum" and "R th Hall," Fanny Fern's Novel. The former is to our liking the best of the three. Ruth Hall" is a veritable autobiography of Fanny F. It shows up her "Sum. mer friends" and especially her broth your kindness, we have discoursed many days, we tender our best wishes under the cuphonious title of "Hya cynta Effect.

Yours always,
MAURICE.

ACTS

Passed at the Last Sessian of the General Assembly.

ORIGINATING IN THE SENATE.

1. An act to extend to Junges at commissioners to vaine lands required for tadrends.

an act to provate for the inspection them. or flour" in certain particulars.

lands in this State for the erection of and Georgia.

light houses and beacon lights. 4. An act to provide for the better courts of Charleston.

Charleston Water Company in the lina.

8 As act to authorize the State to on that day. It would afford us much and in the construction of the Charles pleasure to pop into your sanctum o. | you and Sance oah Railroad Company. 7. An act to meorporate the Columbia and Charrotte Magnetic Pelegraph

ORIGINATING IN THE HOUSE.

1. An act to authorize and empow t the commissioners of the Orphan House of Charlest n to select the number of youths therein mentio ed from those educated and maintained on the bounty of that inscription, who im York and Lancaster Districts, and shall be allowed to complete their in Ward No 3 -where the poor can emeation at the military schools es

2. An act to aumorize aid to the Blue Kings Railroad in South Caroli-

3. An act to amend an act entitled an act to re-charter the Merchant's Bank of South Carolina at Cheraw."

4. An act to authoriz and empower the city council of Charleston to levy and collect taxes on the real estate of banks within the corporate limits of said city.

5. An act to authorize the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company to increase their capital stock.

6. An act to incorporate the Elmwood Cemetery Company.

7. An act to amend an act to incorporate the riceman's Insurance Company of Charleston, passed the 16th day of December, A. D. 1852. 8. An act to incorporate the South-

ern Mutual Life Insurance Company. 9. An act to incorporate the society for the relief of it digent and superanti ated ministers of the Presbyterian Church and their tamilies.

10. An act to amend the first clause of an act entitled "an act to renew and amend the charters of certain towns and viltages heretofore incorpo rated," passed on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1853.

11. An act to authorize the formation of a volunteer battalion to be at tached to the 23d Regiment South Carolina Militia, and for other purpo-

12. An act to incorporate the Sa ving and Building Association. 13. An act to incorporate the Spartanburg Female College.

14. An act to incorporate the vil-

therein mentioned.

15. An act to extend the time al owed the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company to open books of subscription to the capital stock of said company.

16. An act to vest the title of the State in certain escheated property therein mentioned in certain persons therein named.

17. An act to divide Pendleton into two election districts.

18. An act to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of edu cation, and to renew and amend the charters of others heretofore granted. 19. An act to renew and amend the charters of certain towns and vil-

lages heretofore incorporated. 20. An act to recharter the Bank of Georgetown, S. C.

21. An act to incorporate certain ocieties, a-sociations and companie-, and to renew and amend the charters

22. An act to extend the charter of the town of Mount Pleasant. 24. An act to incorporate the Co.

lumbia Machine Works. 25. An act to incorporate the Merchants' Mutual Insuance Company. 26. An act to incopo ate the Colum-

bia Female College.

27. An act to after and amend the charter of of the town of Columbia and for other purposes.

28. An act making appropriations for the year commencing October.

1854. 19. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Northeastern

Radroad Company. 30. An act to amend an act entitled "an act to authorize the formation of the Savannah River Valley Radroad Company, and to grant aid in the

construction of their road. 31. An act to authorize the Town Council of Hamburg to subscribe to the capital stock of certain Railroad

Companies therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

32. An act to prescribe the mode and terms upon which the City Coon Chambers the power of appointing cil of Charleston may subscribe to the capital stock of railroads, plankroads

and canal companies, and to confirm 2. An at to amen an act entitled the subscriptions heretofore made by 33. An act to recharter the Board 3 An act to math tize me United of Directors of the Theological Semi

Sixt . to purchase certain parcels of many of the Synod of South Carolina 34. An act to amend an act entitled

"an act to charter the Wilmington administration of justice in the city and Manchester Railroad Company. 35. An act to amend the charter of 5. An act to incorporate the the Bank of the State of South Caro

36. An act to incorporate the York

ville Female Collogo. 37. An act to authorize the Comp roller General to accept the bequest

of the late John Blair. 38. An act to abolish the office of Tax Collector for the election District

of Wmysh and for other purposes. 39. An acc to amend the charter of

the town of Georgetown. 40. An act to raise supplies for the

year commencing in October, 1854. 41. An act to classify the lands in the Catawaa Indian boundary situate to tax them as other lands in said Districts, and for other purposes.

PROCESS OF MAKING SHOT .- The pig lead is carried to the top o the tower by windlass and chain, and worked by steam; it is then put in a furnace, kept constantly burning night and day, and attended by two sets of men-one for the fire and two to pour the meited lead into tin strainers. After passing the strainers it falls a distance of 150 feet, the passage through the air giving the shot their shape or arm. They fall into a large tub or basin of water; here a man is engaged in dipping them out with a la le and throwing them on an inclined plane, down which they run to a drum heated by steam and worked by machinery, so as to dry the shot; when dry they are passed into a revolving drum, which stops by action of machinery every five minutes for publishing them; from this drum they are thrown into a hopper, and from this pass over a series of inclined planes, where the defective shot are carried off, and then through seives into drawers, where they are assorted by the action of machinery on seives; then into the la ge boxes. from which they are taken and put in to sacks, weighed, and are ready

It is currently rumored in New York that one of the belligerent powers in rurope, thought to be Russia, has made a very large and liberal offer for idea, however, of selling out, is not

As Briday and Unlacky Day?

From time immemorial Friday has been fromed upon as a day of ill omen. And though this prejudice is less prevalent now than it has been of yore, when superstition had general sway, yet there are many even in this matter of fact age of ours who would hesita e on a day so inauspicious to begin an undertaking of momentous import. And how many brave mariners, whose hearts unquaiting could meet the wildest fury of their ocean home, would blench to even bend their sails on Friday. But, to show with how much reason this feeling is indulged, let us examine the following important facts in connexion with our new settlement and greatness as a nation, and we will see how little cause we Americans have to dread the fatal

On Friday, August 31, 1492, Chris topher Columbus sailed on his great

voyage of discovery.
On Friday, October 12, 1492, he first discovered land.

On Friday, January 4, 1493, he saited on his return to Spain, which if he had not reached in safety the happy result would never have been known which led to the settlement of this vast continent.

On Friday, March 15, 1493, he arrived at Palas in safety. On Friday, November 22, 1493, he

arrived at Hispanio a in his second Voyage to America. On Friday, Jule 13, 1494, he though mknown to himself, discovered the

continent of America. On Friday, March 5, 1696, Henry VII, of England gave to John Cabot bis commission which led to the dis e very of North America. This is the first American State aper in Eag

On Friday, September 7, 1555 Me lendez female i St. Augustine, the oldest settled at in the United States

by more than forty years. On Triday, November 10, 1620. the May Flower, with the Pilgrims made the arbor of Provi cetown; and on the same day they sign d that august compact, the foreigner of our present governo Constitution.

On Parity December 22 the Prigning states their final standing at Prymouth Hock.

On Friday, February 22, George Washington, the father of American, ireedom, was born.

On Friday, June 17, Bunker Hill was seized and fortified. On Friday, October 7, 1777, the surrender of Saratoga was made which had such power and influence is inducing France to declare for on

On Friday, September 22, 1780, to treason of Arnold was laid bare. which saved us from destruction.

On Friday, October 19, 1781, the surrender at Yorktown, the crowning giory of the American arms, occurred. On Friday, July 5, 1776, the me tion in Congress was made by John Adams, seconded by Richard Henry iere, that the United Colonies were, nd of right ought to be, free and in dependent.

Thus, by numerous examples, we see that, however it may be with other nations. Americans need never dread to begin on Friday any undertatakan, however momentous t may be.

-----WHAT A COUNTRY. - The number of square miles in the United States is estimated at 2,891,153, and the popul lation at 23.181,787.- The most thickly settled State is Massachusetts, where the inhabitants average 137 to the square miles, and the most thinly settled, Oregon, which only averages 25. If the entire country was only as thickly populated as the State of Massachasetts, its inhabitants would number 395,087.961! And get the old bay State is not so thickly settled, only containing about 1,000,000 or people. Won't it be a great country, when it gets settled, well fenced, and boarded over.

This calculation was made, too, before the Gadsden treaty, which, is ratified, will greatly extend the area -1dvertiser and Gazette.

---On Monday, it was estimated by reporter for the Hersld, that the following number of mechanics, of various descriptions, were out of employment in New York, viz; 7,000 tailors and tailoresses; 1,500 cabinet makers, upholsterers, &c.; 2,000 masons; 700 machinists, sm-ths, &c.; 500 printers; 130 stereotypers; 450 book binders, folders and stitcher-; 400 shoe makers; 200 house carpenters; 700 ship carpenters; 500 rope makers, riggers, &c.; 200 plasterers; 600 nlumbers; 250 umbrella makers, and 300 hatters-making a total of 15, all the Collin's line of steamers. The 450. Since the foregoing estimate was made, we learn from various tel-

charged, and that several thousand more have been notified that they will be dismissed to-day.

How to Spoil a High Spirited Wife.

"What did you speak in that way to your wife for, young man?" asked old Uncle Rodgers of his nephew.

"Because it's fun to see her spark up," replied the hopeful benedict; " tike to make her black eyes shine, and her round cheeks grow red as my damask rose. It's quite tragic the way she puts her little foot down, and says 'sir.' By the muses! if you'd staid long enough, Uncle, Pd have shown you a Queen. You've no idea how grandly she tosses, back her fierce little head-or with what a Dido like air she rings those delicate hands of hers. It quite breaks the monotony of life to get up such a tempest to order. You see, Uncle, one tires of clear sunshine and b ue sky—and so, as I know she owns this spunky tem per, I just touch it up with the spur matimonial, and let it gallop till I see lit to rein in."

"I've as good a mind to root out that sapling, Hal, and use it over your shoulders as I had this morning to eat my breakfast before you spoiled my

appetite. "You are taking the surest way to ruin a finely strung organization.-Saving your presence, I despise the man who thus tampers - ith a passion-ate but loving spirit. Look at your wife - how delicate her beauty. Look at your household -the very temple of ast and acatness. The little fix ags on the mant e; the fringing anasselling here and there give a onch seyond the common to your humble minime. That lounge that lends sgrand an air to your parlor, I had se down for no less than a fifty-when to ! it turns out that a woman's ingouity dece.ved an old, experience

upholsterer like myselt. Then look at the vines she had trained the flowers she has planes that lean towar has when she ap proaches them, as if she was their guardian angel! Why that, is a possible that the possession of uea being as this tempts you to an ab s rong that will surel end in a actuation of your domestic happy

"You are a ighty serious about this attle thing, uncle."
"Seri us! unfortunately I am something more—a victim to my own indulgence in the same infituation. You have heard," here Uncle Rodgers gave a great sigh, that I am not happy at home. My own fault ! Every bit of it!" and the old man g ve mother earth a savage blow with his

"It a man marries an anger and orments her into a fiend, who's to blame but himself? My wife was very handsome, and as you say spun ky. There never need to have been a warm word between us, but I iked to see her angry I liked to see the deli cate nostrils expand-the large bar neight eyes scintillate sparks of firebut I did it just once too often. know the very time "that anger ra sed the final barrier of opposition, and that nice sense of right became an ex

citing and imperious tormentor. "And now his uncle is driven from the home of your nephew, where ne hoped for peace, and tortured with

he fresh opening of old wounds.

I tell you, Hal, you will spoil your wife, you will ruin her: it's not manly; it's a burning shame," and the old man's thin lips quivered with ex citement.

Hat said nothing then, but when he returned he ground his pride b tween his teeth and begged his wife's pardon. "I'll neve, taunt you for fun again; Clary," he said in a low tone. And she replied as she hid her tearful face

in his bosom. "I am so quick, so passionate—but I never begin it; and you have been so noble that I will try and control this hasty temper. But Hal," she added roguesly, shaking her curls in his face, "what will you do for your Queen! what will become of Dido

tragedy, etc.-ha?" Her husband blushed [I contend that a man looks handsome when he biushes and a kiss sealed the reconciliation. To ay, after forty years of members but once making up after had still waters and a pleasant voyage; and Uncle Rodg rs, who died years ago-peace be with his ashes-used to call Hal's home a paradise on earth.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR THE QUEEN. -Victoria will have quite a Christmapresent from Ava India, for an em bassy has arrived at Bombay with about two dozen small boxes, con. Maradja of the occupations of parritaining precious stones and gold and archs, caliphs, and sultans, which com-

he meat safe fashion, supposed to made coats-of-mail; Solomon made contain wonders of Burman art, marble

Sontag and Pozzolini.

The Suspicion of Poison .- The New Orleans Picayune, in referring to the report of the neglect of Madame Son tag's remains at Vera cruz, which we

lately published, says: We have abstained altogether from alluding to the reports as to the cause of the death of Sontag, which were rife at the time in Mexico, and that were not long in spreading throughout this country. The very day on which we received the news of the sad event, we also received through the post office an anonymous note, suggesting the most horrible suspicions; of which communication we took no notice at visitation of it was one that began in the time. On the subsequent arrival men, who were in a position to form made inquiries, which resulted in impressing upon our min s the sickening fear that there might be some foundation for the suggestions of our

annoymous correspondent. We learned, too, from them, that all the facts connected with the death of Sontag, and with the equally inex pticable demise of poor Pozzolni, who dro ped dead from his chair, whilst apparently in the most robust health, were not allowed to be published or commented on by the press of the city of Mexico, and that it was not permitted to hold a post morten examnation in either case. These circum stances, together with some others we might mention, comoin, we think to give a deep and momentous interest the question, the discussion of which we have heretofore eschewed, what was the case of the deaths of young Cozzoim and Henrietta Sontag !

DAYS WITHOUT NIGHTS .-- Dr. Baird is a lecture derivered recently in Cin. face is nothing that strikes tranger more forcitaly, it he visit-

Sweden at the season of the year whe one days are the longest, than the absence of the night. He arrived as 5-ockholm from Gotterrieng, 410 andes distant, in the morning and in the atternoon went to see some friends -had not taken note of time-and

starned about midnight; it was as ight as it is here half an hour before an down. You could see distinctly. life-stores closed

tittle before 10 o'clock There is great illumination all night; as the sun casses round the earth toward the north pole, the refraction of the rays is at the Bothnia, where, on the 21st of June, the sun does not 20 down at all Travellers go there to see it. A the purpose of carrying those who are carious to witness the phenomenon .-It occurs only one night. The sun goes begins to rise.

Birds and animals take their accustomed rest at the usual hours .-The hens take to the trees about seven o'elock, P. M., and stay there until the sun is well up in the morning, and the people get into the habit of rising living.

TEMPERATE LATITUDES .- The average temperature of Poston during a period of twenty-six years has been estima ted at forty nine degrees Fahrenheit. That of Quebec during a series of years has been computed at for y de grees; that of Montreal forty-four; added to the Faculty of the past Term, New York fitty two; Puitadelphia fifty-two, and Baltimore fifty four. Toat of Nerfolk is as high as lifty nine; Charleston sixty-six; Savannah sixty seven; and New Orleans sixty seven; Key West, Fiorida, is probably the warmest place in the United States the average temperature there through out the year being seventy seven and a had; and San Diego comes next, set apart for public worship:—Sunday wedded life, Hal boasts that he re- with a temperature of seventy two. The cli ate in San Francisco is a storm and that was away back in a little warmer than that of Baitithe honey moon. Ever since, he has more, the mean height of the ther mometer in that city the year round being fifty six degrees.

ILLUSTRIOUS TRADESMEN .- The doe. trines of Islamism reach that no man may be above his destiny; that ev ry one may learn a vocation whereby he may earn his bread, if predestined to do so. A curious list is given in Pork entertained by the proprietors. The egraphic despatches that a multitude silver articles; a couple of dozen of a monces with the first man. Adam tain letter rumor has caused a good deal of talk. of other mechanics have been dis-

extensive value; three dozen boxes, of | ter; Abram was a weaver; David baskets of the date tree; the Caliph statues, ivory boxes, and elephant's Omar manufactured skins; Ottoman tusks. There are also ten ponies. sold eatables; Ali the cousin of the Prophet, hired himself to a master for salary. The Ottoman sovereigns did not think it beneath them to submit to this law, in imitation of so many eminent examples. Thus Mohammed II, sold flowers; Soliman the Great ma e slippers; Achmet 1 made ebony cases and boxes; Achmet III. exce led in writing, and in emblazoning the canonical books; Selim II. printed mus-

The Back Plague in the Courteenth Century. There was one disease, called the

black death, the black plague, or the

great mortality. The most dreadful China, spread over Asia, and, in the here from Mexico of several gentle | year 1348, entered Europe. Euro, e was then, however, not unused to an op nion as to the circumstances, we plagues. Six others have made themselves famous during the preceeding eight and forty years. The black plague spread from the south of Euope to the north; occupying about three years in its passage. In two years it had reached Sweden: In three years it had conquered Russia. The fatal influence came among men ripe to receive it. Europe was full of petty wars, Citizens were immured in cities, in unwholesome houses overlooking filthy streets, as in beleagued foretresses, for robbers, if not armies, occupied the roads beyond their gates. Husbandmen were starving feural slaves; religion was mainly supersti tion; ignorance was dense and morals were debased; and little control was set upon the passions-Vessels with dead crews drifted about in the Mediterranean, and brought corruption and infection to the sh res on which they stranded. In what spirit did the people, superstitions as, they were in those old times, meet the calamity?-Many committed suicide in trenzy, -Merch ats, and rich men, socking to divert the wrath of heaven from themselves, carried their treasure to the churches, and monastaries, whose, if the monks, fearing to receive infection with it shot their gates against any such offering, it was despendely thrown to them over their walls Even sound men, corr ded by anxiery, wandered about livid as the dead,-Houses quitted by their inhabitants tumbled to rums. By plague and by But all was quiet in the street: it the flight of terrified i habitants, many seemed as if the inhabitants were gone thousands villages, were left absolute. tway, or were dead. No si us of ly empty, and silent as the woods and fife-stores closed. The Pope in Avignon, was The sun goes down at Stockholm a forced, because all the churchyards w re full, to consecrate as the burial place the .iver Rhone, and insure to the faithful an interment, if not in holy grounds, at least in holy water. such that you see to read at midnight. How the dead were carted out of Dr. Baird read a letter in the forest towns for burial in pits, and how the near Stockholm at midnight, without terror of the people coined the fancy artificial light. There is a countain that, through indecent haste, many were hurried out and thrown into those pits while living, every one knows-it was the incident of plague steamboat goes up from Stockholm for at all times. Italy was reported to have lost half its inhabitants. The Venitians fled to the islands and forsook their city, losing three men in down to the horizon, you can see the whole face of it, and in five minutes it ceased, two-thirds of the inhabitants were missing. This is the black death, which began towards the close of the year 1348 to ravage England, and of which Antony Woods says, extrava-gantly, that at the close of it, scarcely a tenth part of the people remained

TEMPERATURES OF CITIES IN THE fied to learn that the Second Term of this Institution which will begin on the second Wednesday in January next, will open with a largely increased number of Students. We are happy also to chronicle the arrival of Prof. Dupre and Tutor Baer, who will be The known ability of the whole Fa. enity will be a sufficient guarantee to Parents and Guardians that their sons and wards can receive in the Wofford College, an education of the highest

> EVERY MOMENT SUNDAY .- By differ. by the Christians, Monday by the Greenans, Tuesday by the Persians, Wednesday by the Assyrians, Thurs. day by the Egyptians, Friday by, the Turks, and Saturday by the Jews .-Add to this the fact of the diamal revolution of the earth, giving every variation of longitude a different hour, and it becomes opparent that every moment is Sunday

> Why is the letter K like a pig's tail! Because it is the latter end of

War is the etter U & most uncertain letter?-Because it is always in