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 charstmas.
How swifly the year has flown
The blessed and joffut season of
Chrismas is almost at hand agaii Christmas is almost at hand again
and already on every side prepara-
tions for its observance are going on tions for its observance are egoing on
There is a lifetime of sweet emotion in this getting ready for the blisstul
event. The kind and loving parents will
lug their secere treasures for the chil lag their secret treasures for the chil-
dren in at the back door and late in the evening so that they can ovel
whelm them with joy on Christma whelm then with jog on
ere. The prosy father will timental and feel some of the rosy e.
motions of the child ; stern parents
will relent and decide to do what they had huskily refused ; practical men and women will feel the
the season and slighly earn saton and stantitude of those
they
hat they have
orer-kind.
And the sur
as will be gone
during the interven and over agaiu
they will say when they
or that to such and such and what the reeipient wil
say. All these will be gon
and imagination in the next few weeks,
though the reality will be so different from the plan. The speech will f
when the hour comes and the hea will choke from the happiness whic fills it. There is no time in the yea of this pleasant period. The Christmas season is auspicious fordoing kindly acts, which will de
light the tearts of the little folks well as older people. The pleasan custom of giving Christmas present
is now universally observed and many are carefully scanning the stock or
Holiday goods, which is temptiogly displayed in the stores.
Be the it be fortheoming. Ye who have it it your power, eelebrate with gifts our
ballowed Christmas, and and provided for a pleasant treat to you families, do not forget the poor,
may be sbut out from the delights the festive season. Do your Clrist
duty to them and slow them the duyt to them and siow them that anniversary of whose birth wo expe
to celebrate, from today two wee was born for alL, and we should loc
to it that the joy and happiness of thi commemoration may come to all.

## Appointments Made.

 Secretary of the Treasury McCull.och's Appointment Favorably och's Appointment $\begin{aligned} & \text { Acted Upon. }\end{aligned}$
Wasbiveron, Dec. 8.-The senate
in the executive session to-day con in the executive session to-day con
firmed the following nominations Thomas O. Osborne, of Illinois, to be the minister, resident and counsel general of the United States to the Aryen
tine republic ; John Baker, of Illinois to be minister, resident and eral of the United States Willard P. Tisdell, of oln of the Congo association. To
taries of legations:
Dwigh at Madria and Chapman Colem an a Berlin; Fredrick V.Crosby to be second
secertary of the legation at Berlin; Otis
P. P. G. Clark of Rhode Island to be commissioner of pensions; Calvin B. Walk
er, of Indiana, to be fist missioner of pensio
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Edwin A. Clifford Edwin A.
deputy audit post ofice depart
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ant in the reve the United States. To be secretary of the treasury wall
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favorably renarte favorably reported from the senat
committee oln filmace, but Senator dleherger objected to the present con senate it went

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

om our Regular Corressondent.
WAsHINGTON,D. C., Dec. Although 135 memb
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seemed pleassed at the
ting rid of the thankless
tine that he may eall his
say. Howeyer, that there wers. I might put themseives in a happy frame

| s of the House, Horr, of Michigan, the floor have disgusted their conuents enough to completely secure a manent backset. The humor that ntiss and Randolph were members, of a sort that hever detracted from dignity of the body, and it is to the dit of our American Parliament that sessed the affection ot any kind of mor. The frequent sallies of wit t came from Mr. Cox, of New York, he way of repartee, have won for deseryed recognition as a true hurist without derogating an iota from ability as a statesman. <br> Yell, we have twenty-four thousand liers in the United States Army, and Secretary of War wants almost enty-seven mil'ion dolars to support her an expensive family for so small ne? Let us see. This would make cost for the maintenance of each her for a year one thousand one hund and twenty-tive dollars, although pay him but thirteen dollars per -belly. One of the first things that Reform Democratic Cungress should these sinecure military establish ats, and stop the payment of seven1 thousand dollars per year to a |
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