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Christmas and "The Evening Telegraph." To-Morrow being Christmas-Day, in accordance with a time-honored custom of the press, there will be no paper issued from this office. The attaches and employes of THE EVENING TELEGRAPH, strange as it may appear, like to sit down in peace and quiet, and partake of their Christmas turkey, much the same as other people.

As a compensation for the suspension of our paper, however, we present our readers to-day with a lengthy article, in which the history of the great Christmas festival is traced from the earliest times down to the present day. It will be found on our eighth page, and will well repay perusal.

Christmas.

WE devote considerable space to-day to the great holiday which all Christian people have come to unite in observing. Even those who do not regard the day as a strictly religious festival, yet joining in its practical celebration. The typical character of Christmas has preserved and perpetuated itself wonderfully. It is more than ever a day for the giving of gifts, and so points back to that great gift of a Saviour to the race, which first lent to the day its peculiar significance. And as the birth of Christ was heralded by the angelic proclamation of "Peace on earth, good-will towards men," so the day still retains its peaceful and joy-giving character. What more productive of peace and good-will among families, relatives, and the community generally, than those gifts and courtesies which make up the celebration of Christmas? It is a good thing in the economy of the world to have one day upon which each man feels bound to extend a kindly greeting to his neighbor, wishing him a good and merry day. As a mere social festival, one could hardly have been devised better calculated to promote peace and good will among men.

Nor should the charitable uses and objects of the day be overlooked. The distribution of gifts to the poor and needy is one of the distinguishing features of Christmas. There are, unfortunately, too many abodes of poverty and wretchedness where the only rays of hope and cheer which ever illuminate them must come from the hand of charity. "The poor ye have always with you," will probably remain true until the end of time. In many a home of penury and want, Christmas is looked forward to as the one bright day of the year, for upon that day at least there shall be food and warmth and comfort. Let us hope that none who thus rejoice in the prospect of a joy, brief and fleeting though it may be, shall be destined to disappointment this year.

And, finally, we wish all our good readers, both for themselves and theirs, the enjoyment of a merry Christmas, both now and for many years to come.

"When Doctors Disagree," Etc. An amusing libel suit has been in progress in London, which is attracting the very general attention of the English press and public. It seems that one "Dr. Hunter," an American. whose articles or "letters" on consumption have appeared from time to time in almost all the leading papers in this country, is now prosecuting his business in London, and has been so lucky, or unlucky, as to call down upon him the attacks of the Pall Mall Gazette. which charged him with being a "quack," "impostor," scoundrel," etc. etc. Our American son of Esculapius thereupon brought suit against the proprietors of the said Gazette, and employed Mr. Coleridge, one of the foremost lawyers in England, and two other noted barristers, to conduct his case. The other side also employed distinguished legal talent for the defense. The case seemed to turn, in part, upon the comparative virtues of codliver oil and oxygen gas in consumption. Dr. Hunter and his witnesses swore that codliver oil is a humbug, and that oxygen gas is the great panacea for that disease. The other side swore as positively that oxygen gas is a humbug, and that cod liver oil is the panacea. Unfortunately for Dr. Hunter, the "regulars" of the profession were mainly against him on this point, so that the weight

than gaseous. Another item of defense set up by the Gazette people was that Dr. Hunter had been putting "M. D." after his name, with no greater authority therefor than the University of New York, which titular proceeding, it seems, was both "imp: oper and illegal." In addition, it seems that Dr. Hunter's style of advertising was "unprofessional." He had his letters published in ordinary news type, with the word "communicated" at the top, instead of the word "advertisement," and thereby secured a degree of attention from the public which he could not otherwise have obtained.

of the evidence seemed to be oleaginous rather

The Doctor, to show that he was not a "quack," "impostor," etc., brought crowds of his patients into court, who testified that he had cured them of tubercles in the lungs by the administration of oxygen gas; but when pressed by the other side as to how they knew that they had tubercles in the lungs, they were obliged to reply that the Doctor

told them so. The case was on trial five days, but the jury evidently did not deem that the Doctor had sustained any serious damage as to his reputation, as they returned a verdict in his favor of "one farthing." Perhaps they thought that the suit itself was only one of the Doctor's shrewd tricks at advertising.

The United States Supreme Court. THE course of the majority of the judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, since the commencement of its annual session of the present year, has caused unfeigned surprise and grief among those who placed several of the Judges in power. Within the past week a majority has decided that the test oath is unconstitutional, and that the decrees of all the military tribunals, during the war, are illegal, and therefore void, so far as civilians are concerned. We cannot but feel great amazement at the defection of Justice Davis. He was always considered a man most faithful to his principles, and has again and again enunciated ultra radical views. It is with well-founded fears that the country is looking to the South to see the effect of such a course, and if it is not productive of yet more murders and still greater tyranny in the late Rebel section, it will be a miracle. However, if we have lost the Supreme Court, there yet remains in our hands a power far greater than the judicial bench, than the Executive chair-the will of the people and the principles of right. Armed with these, the Republican party must ultimately triumph. It has ceased to be effected by individual desertions. Exact and equal justice is its motto, and "In hoc signo vinces."

MEXICAN MATTERS .- The Mexican problem grows more intricate daily. Ortega has finally effected his escape from the United States, and is now in Matamoras. This will doubtless result in an immediate demonstration by him and his partisans against Juarez. General Sherman reports that he found the Juarez party less popular in Mexico than he had expected. It now looks as though the overthrow of Maximilian's Government would be followed by a general civil war between the numerous factions desiring to obtain the supremacy in Mexico.

AN IMPORTANT CASE .- A case of great importance is now being argued before the Supreme Court of the United States, involving the question of the right of State taxation upon National Banks. Charles O'Conor and William M. Evarts are the chief opposing counsel—the latter representing the banks.

THE COTTON TAX .- The Chamber of Commerce of New York has very wisely postponed indefinitely the consideration of a memorial to Congress against the tax on

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Court of Quarter Sessions-Judge Petroe .-A great portion of this morning was taken up in empanelling a new jury, the first jury's term of service baving expired last Friday. As is usual upon these occasions a great many applications for exemption were made, and many pleas for the same were given. The excuses offered were mostly those of pressure of investing of the same were given.

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There were, however, a few exceptions. One gentleman a German, put in a plea of bis ignorance of the English language. He spoke to the Court in tolerable English, saying that he could understand "common tack." Judge Peirce said that in this Court he would hear very little else than "common talk," and refused the application. Another gen-tleman said that he had lost his hearing in one ear, but that the other was at the service of the Court, if

but that the other was at the service of the Court, if acceptable.

Judge Peirce asked him which ear he was deaf in. He replied that it was the left one. "Then," said his Honor, "you are excused, for that is the very ear we need in this Court"

After these matters had been disposed of, fortynine jurors answered to their names.

Samuel Mam ord was put upon trial on the charge of the larceny of ninety-three cents belonging to the firm of Thomas Owens, No. 1663 Market street. Mindred was at one time an employe of this firm, who ford was at one time an employe of this firm, who are iquor merchants. He left the place last winter, but frequently came back merely as a visitor.

The Commonwealth alleged that as money in

small sums was being missed frequently, suspicion fastened upon Mumford, as he had no object in irrquenting the place; and one of the employes was told to watch this man. This employe testified that one evening about 7 o'clock he saw this man go to the ca h drawer and take out money, but what kind of money he could not say.

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There was a great deal of squabbling and contention between counsel on both sides, the lawyers for the prosecution bringing before the jury evidence of a larceny said to have been committed in April, and the defense objecting on the grounds that the larceny set forth in the bill is alleged to have been committed in February; and in this condition was the case at the close of our report.

Supreme Court at Nisi Prius-Judge Thompson -- Addison Foster and Annie his wife, vs. the Spruce and Pine Streets Passenger Railway Company. An action to recover damoges for an all eged filegal expulsion from a car of the company. Plantiffs are colored people, and the dispute arcset from an enforcement of the rales of the company prohibiting colored people riding in the ears, Judgment of nonsuit under the charge of the Coart.

OBITUARY.

Stephen Elliott, D D., Bishop of Georgia. A telegram has announced the sudden death of Stephen Elliott, Bishop of Georgia, at his residence in Savannah. The deceased was born at Beautort, S. C., in 1806, and was consequently sixty years of age at the time of his death. He graduated in Harvaid College in 1824, and after several years steat in travel and study, was ordained a deacon of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1835, and a priest in the following year.

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Soon after this last ordination he was appointed to a profe-sorship of sacred hierature in the South Carolina College, in which capacity he continued until 1840, when he was elected Bisnop of the diocese of Georgia, and in February, 1841, was consecrated. During the past twenty-five years Bishop Elliott became known to the people of the United States for his great abilities and oratorica powers. Without possessing the lasconating manners of Beecher, there was nevertheless, a force of expression in his language and an appress in his similes that made him a deservedly popular prescher. As a humorist, the Bishop was well known many of his sallies being current sayings in Georgia and South Carolina.

With a large majority of the Southern clergy, the deceased espoused the doctrine of secession, and gave to the Rebellion his fullest support. After the close of the war he made a trip to the North, colecting funds in becalf of the poor of his section and was very successful in his efforts. The private character of Bishop Elliott was pure and was recognized throughout the country as uniting the strictest integrity with the most charitable consideration. His death will be greatly lamented by the Episcopalians throughout the United States in general.

Lieutenant-General Richard T. King, of the British Army. the British Army.

The London papers announced the death of this officer, at his residence, in London, during the present month. He was born in 1785, and was, therefore, eighty one years of age at the time of his death. General King entered the Royal Regiment of Artillery as Second Licutenant on the 8th day of September, 1803, and became First Licutenant on the 12th of September of the following year. He served on a mortar-boat for two months in 1819, and was with Sir George Prevest's army when it invaded this republic in 1812, the General commanding a battery against Plattsburg.

Disasters on Western Lakes During 1866. | RIEESTADT'S GREAT PAINTING, | The total number of disasters for 1866 was 631
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Total number of disasters in 1864. 79

Total number of disasters in 1865. 421

Total number of disasters in 1866. 621

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