

Many Frozen to Death.

THE TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS OF WHOLE FAMILIES IN THE WEST.

TOPEKA, Kan., December 22.—A farmer named L. C. Clark, living near Gravelly county, left his family at home Monday to go to Hartland, the nearest railroad point, for the purpose of getting coal, his family being entirely without fuel. He left Hartland late Monday evening with his coal and the next morning was found about six miles from home lying by the side of his horse frozen stiff. The animals were also frozen and all of the bodies were partly covered by snow. Clark's wife and three children had in the meantime nearly perished and had only saved themselves from death by leaving the shell of a house and taking refuge from the blizzard in a cave.

Two deaths are reported from Gravelly county, situated on the Colorado line. A brother and sister named Robert and Sarah Holsapple, who lived on a claim in an unsettled portion of the county, found themselves without fuel Sunday evening. They drew down a small shed to burn the lumber and coal, and in the process a small amount which they had them selves burned was stolen from them.

Early in the morning the young man went to the town of Horace, about seven miles distant, and succeeded in getting two hundred pounds of coal late in the afternoon. Being obliged to travel against the furious wind then blowing he did not reach home until nearly midnight. His limbs were then numb, and he was so exhausted that it was with great difficulty he gained admission to the house. He found his sister in bed, insensible and almost stiff. She had been without fire all day, and the poorly built house afforded her little protection. Although the young man was almost frozen himself he tried to revive his sister, but to no avail.

The other death reported from Gravelly county is that of a farmer 70 years old whose name cannot be learned. He lived alone and was not only without fuel, but without food. Being a recent settler in the county he had no acquaintances.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN FROZEN.

A widow named Mrs. Reilly and her two children perished in the storm of Monday night near Dighton, in Lane county. They were out some miles from home and several miles from their own house, determined to reach home that night in spite of the terrible storm. The horses were overcome and the family were obliged to abandon the horses and wagon and walk miles to the nearest house. A two-year-old child died from death in its father's arms before shelter was reached. The others reached the house badly frozen.

The condition of the people in Western and Southwestern Kansas is very bad. This part of the State has been only recently settled and some of the counties are still unorganized. Nearly all the people settled on government claims and were without money, depending entirely on the crop to be raised this fall. The crop, however, was a total failure because of drought, leaving the people as a general thing destitute. The majority of the people live in rudely built houses which afford very little protection.

Horrible Tragedy at Sea.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR ROBBED AND MURDERED BY HIS MEN ON A SINKING VESSEL.

Captain Walton, of the schooner C. G. Cramer, which arrived at Philadelphia last Friday from Norfolk, said that Sunday morning fifty miles east-southeast of Cape Henlopen, his vessel fell in with the abandoned and waterlogged schooner D. & E. Kelly. The master and two seamen of the latter boarded the vessel and were horrified at seeing the body of Captain Taylor, her master, lying under the lazarette with finger-marks on his throat and several deep and ugly gashes on his head. His pockets had been ransacked, turned inside out, and torn, and nothing but an old torn bill was found in them. His pistol was lying on the quarter deck with one chamber empty.

The Norwegian steamer Odin, which arrived at New York Tuesday last from Jamaica, rescued from the D. & E. Kelly the previous day David R. Campbell, mate, and two seamen, Frank Taylor and John W. Coleman. On being landed in New York they told a heart-rending tale of their sufferings, which their appearances helped them to bear out. They said the vessel encountered at the hurricane of the 17th off Fenwick's Island, which was accompanied with blinding snow storms, and that the steward and Captain Taylor had been washed overboard by a mountainous sea. The mate's statement as to the loss of Captain Taylor was as follows:

"Soon after midnight on the night of the storm Captain Taylor started up and cried that he could not see. His sufferings soon resulted in blindness, then his mind began to wander, and he made a few remarks as though wandering, and said he thought he was about to founder. They thought they could murder him, take his money and say he was swept overboard. In their hurry to leave the ship on seeing assistance coming they forgot to complete their ghastly deed by throwing the captain's remains overboard.

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"It's my only chance of getting a little fresh air without taking the old lady along, see?"

White House Receptions.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The following is the official programme for the President's reception on New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 2: At 11 a. m. the President will receive the members of the Cabinet and the Diplomatic Corps.

At 11.15 a. m. the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Judges of the United States Court of Claims and the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

At 12.15 p. m. Senators and Representatives in Congress, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the judicial officers of the District, ex-members of the Cabinet and ex-Ministers of the United States.

At 1.45 a. m. the officers of the army and navy.

At 12.15 p. m. the Regents and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Civil Service Commissioners, the Interstate Commerce Commissioners, the Assistant Secretaries of the Departments, the Assistant Postmaster-General, the Solicitor-General, the Assistant Attorney-General, the heads of the Bureaus of the several departments and the President of the Columbian Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

At 12.25 p. m. the Associated Soldiers of the War of 1812, the Associated Veterans of the War of 1846, the Grand Army of the Republic and the members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association of the District of Columbia.

At 12.40 p. m. reception of citizens, which will terminate at 2 p. m. Carriages will approach the Executive Mansion by the eastern gate and leave by the western. Carriages will approach the mansion by the western gate and leave by the eastern. The President will be assisted by Mrs. Cleveland and the ladies of the Cabinet.

Mrs. Cleveland's Saturday afternoon reception from 3 until 5 o'clock will begin on Saturday, Jan. 7, and continue on alternate Saturdays through the season.

A Much-Needed Rule. President Cleveland's refusal at the close of the last session of Congress to sign appropriation and other important bills which he had not been given time to examine promises to bear good fruit. The House Committee on Rules has under consideration an amendment to the rules which provides that all general appropriation bills be reported at a stated date sufficiently early in the session to give both branches of Congress and the Executive opportunities to deal with them properly.

It is not improbable that the House will adopt a measure of this description. Mr. McCrea, of Kentucky, who advocates it, asserts that such a rule prevailed in the House from 1837 to 1880 when for some unexplained reason it was dropped. This will in a measure prevent the congestion of bills demanding action which has existed at the close of a Congressional term, and it would be well if further preventives of the evil were provided.

At the time when the President declined to follow the custom that had prevailed and convert himself into a mere signing machine he was severely criticized for permitting certain measures to lapse. It was charged that he was stopping needed improvements, blocking the wheels of things, etc. The fact is, however, that he has asserted the rights and the dignity of the Executive office and evinced a proper appreciation of its responsibilities. He has taught a needed and salutary lesson.

Congress has no right to crowd in upon him within a few hours or days more business than any human being can possibly attend to. It was much better that he should call his attention to this fact in a thoroughly practical way than to permit the evil to continue.

The Effect of High License on Saloons in Connecticut. The agitation of the prohibitionists, particularly of the Women's Christian Temperance association, which sent a perfect avalanche of bills to the temperance committee of the legislature last winter, resulted in securing an increase of from \$100 to \$150 for licenses making the price \$300. The advocates of high license, who have insisted that a high license would reduce the number of places where liquor is sold, have been anxiously awaiting the effect of the increased price. All licenses expired on Nov. 1, and since that time the county commissioners of the several counties have granted the new licenses having a few more saloons.

In the city of New Haven fifty more retailers have decided not to apply for renewals, and in Hartford and other cities of the state there has been similar falling off. It is thought that some of the small dealers will try to sell with a license, but the prosecuting attorneys, backed up by dealers who have paid for the privilege of selling, will crush out promptly all illegal traffic.

A Novel Business Calendar and Stand. A most novel, convenient, and valuable business calendar for 1888 is the Columbia Bicycle Calendar and Stand, just issued by the Pope Mfg. Co., of Boston, Mass. In this calendar a new departure has been made, decidedly unique and different from any previous attempt in calendar construction. The calendar proper is in the form of a pad, containing 366 leaves, one for each day in the year, to be torn off daily. The leaves are 5 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches, and a portion of each leaf is left blank for memoranda, so arranged that the memoranda blank for any coming day can be turned to immediately at any time. The pad rests upon a portable stand, and when placed upon the desk or writing-table the entire surface of the date leaf is brought directly, and left entirely free from previous day's writing and memoranda, impossible to be overlooked. Upon each slip appear, as in the previous Columbia calendars, quotations pertaining to cycling from leading publications and prominent writers. The paragraphs are entirely new from previous years' calendars, and although there seems to be but little when read from day to day, altogether the items would make a medium sized pamphlet, and added to the collection of other years, a large volume—a collection of quotations which illustrate the popularity and universality of cycling the world over.

A Mother's Dream Realized.

HER BABY RETURNED TO DEATH AS PICTUREED IN HER DREAM.

Mrs. Jacob Condon, living a few miles from Reed, Pa. dreamed a few nights ago that her year-old baby was burned to death, and that she went word of the burning to her husband who was working at a distance from home, by James Portleworth, a neighbor. The next morning she told her husband of her dream. She was despondent but he laughed at her fears and went away to his work. Late in the forenoon Mrs. Condon left her kitchen to go to the woodshed a few steps away.

While she was there she heard her baby screaming. She ran into the house and found the child lying in front of an open grate, wrapped in flames. The mother threw an old coat about the child and smothered the flames, but it was so badly burned that it died in a few minutes. As Mrs. Condon went to the door to call for assistance James Portleworth was passing the gate and she sent him to her husband with the dreadful news. Everybody up here is talking about the remarkable story.

Five Female Voters Indicted. The grand jury at Lockport, N. Y. presented five indictments against as many ladies who voted at the recent state and county election. Mrs. Martha Lane, Mrs. Matilda Fox, Mrs. Nancy McCollum and Miss Carrie McCollum were arraigned separately and each entered a demurrer to the indictment. The counsel for the ladies is Hon. John E. Farnum, who helped prosecute Susan B. Anthony in Rochester some time since. The announcement of the action of the grand jury created a little excitement, and the result is anxiously looked forward to. The ladies were all earnest prohibition workers and voted the straight prohibition ticket.

Look out for the Belgian Miners. Secretary Fairchild has taken official notice of the report that 2,000 Belgian miners are to be imported to take the place of the miners in the Lehigh region now on strike. He sent telegrams to the collectors of customs at New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore, calling attention to the report and instructing them to be vigilant in preventing any violation of the Allen contract law.

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