

A MINER'S CHRISTMAS.

HOW THE YULE TIDE IS CELEBRATED UP IN THE ROCKIES.

"Sing" Dances—In the Lonely Cabins...

Imagine a point in mid-air about two miles above New York city, and you have the elevation at which over 1,000 miners in Colorado spend the holiday season.

It is often the case that some one of the boys is a good fiddler, and Christmas night he will lead the low, tune up the old fiddle, and with serene "parade" for girls the boys will dance and make merry.

But there are those who are not so fortunate as the miners who shut up in the big mine for the winter. There are the lonely cabins, far up on the mountain side, many miles distant from human habitation.

For months they have undergone many hardships and privations, been through hairbreadth escapes and thrilling adventures, and yet in the Christmas time the tenderness and love that comes with thoughts of home is in their hearts.

In the mining camps of the Rocky mountains I have heard little groups sing "Home Sweet Home" on Christmas eve.

How each felt it! It was not sung so much, as it was the melody each felt in heart as he thought of home.

It was sung in that dreamy kind of way, showing that the thoughts of all were far away, and each one was thinking as they sang, and that if a tired old head would down some grim visaged face, there was nothing unhumanly in it, was there?

I was writing about the lonely cabin. The scene there is not always one of merry making at Christmas.

Of those two dwell there, some for years, from all contact with the world—gold hunter, assessor, one may be sick, if you could force your way through that wilderness of snow, lift the latch gently, for it is never bolted, you will find one nursing and keeping faithful watch by his sick "pard."

It may be a son watching by the cot of a father. Why is that old man trailing all these hardships? Aye, there is the mortgage on the eastern home. Next Christmas will find that old home free from debt.

Mr. Banker, could you witness such scenes as these, as I have done, you would tell the old man that you would be a little easy about the interest on "that accursed mortgage," that has troubled him so long.

One Christmas I spent up on the mountain side with two or three others, and there we had our holiday dinner, and it was a wholesome meal, but wanting in those delicacies that a mother or wife can best prepare.

A snow storm was raging along the mountains, but with our cheerful fire and warm cabin, we cared nothing for it.

"If I had some flowers for the wish table," said one of the boys.

"Get out your old letters," said one. "We all know what that meant, for many a flower from the old home finds its way in letters to the boys out west.

One had a rosebud, another a violet, another a daisy, and then another rose was faded in a mother's letter. Withered and faded were those tokens from the home, but never and never did those flowers more than we did that withered bouquet.

"Can't some one say grace," said one of the boys.

"No one volunteered."

"The closing lines in my mother's letter," said a boyish fellow, "might do it."

"That's the best response that came from them."

Heads were bowed around that fragrant Christmas board, and the young man read:

"O God bless you, my son, and God bless us all. I then looked up and saw tears on the cheeks of weather beaten faces.—Denver Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.



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FREE WOOL.

The American Wool Reporter, one of the ablest and fairest of the trade journals published in this country, insists that the depression in woolen manufacturing is largely due to the fact that percentage of duties on woolen goods is in many instances less than the percentage of the duty upon wool itself.

Our issue of November 28 we printed 216 signatures in favor of free wool, and 114 in favor of ad valorem duties, as the apiece method of notifying the individual signers as to the progress which has been made with the petitions.

These petitions are to be sent to Congress in January. It is not only in the interest of the protected interests, and no other, about tariff charges—shall give heed to the major opinion of wool manufacturers there will be a repeal of the wool duties.

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Address of Hon. Leonard Rhoads.

Hon. Leonard Rhoads worthy master of the Pennsylvania State Grange gave a lengthy speech at the annual session recently held at Harrisburg.

During the year there has been an appreciable advance in Grange work, which is very gratifying and general. In nearly every section of the State there is a evidence of prosperity.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD. BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

Table with columns for Stations, North, and South, listing train routes and times.

Connections at Harrisburg with Philadelphia & York, and other lines.

Philadelphia & Erie R. Division, and Northern Central Railway.

TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for Eastward and Westward, listing train routes and times.

WESTWARD.

Table with columns for Stations, listing train routes and times.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

Table with columns for Stations, listing train routes and times.

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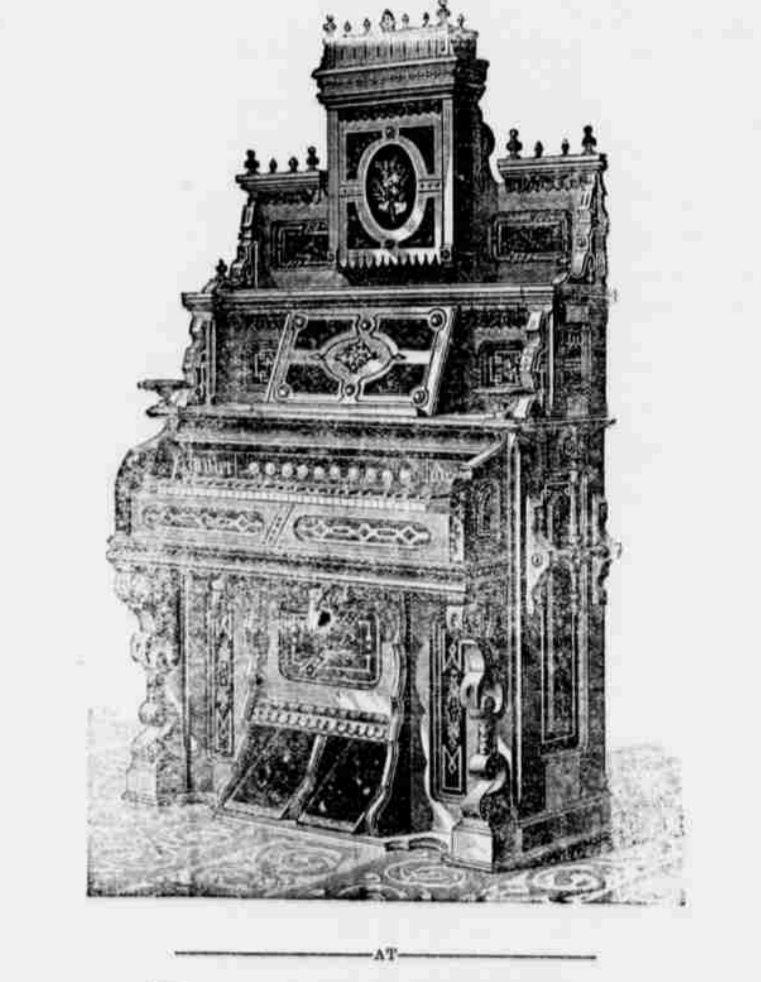
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