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The public debt statement for the
month of December shows that the total
debt is now \$1,843,714.80, less cash in
the Treasury, \$1,448,454.82. This is a
decrease of \$395,259.98.

NEW YORK WORLD: Grand Master
Powderly, of the Knights of Labor, has
been urged to become a candidate for
Congress in the Scranton district, but
declines because he is too poor. The
reason given may be satisfactory to Mr.
Powderly, but it is not very complimentary
to the people of the district.

When donation day comes around
throughout this State it will be an
appropriate thing for givers to remember
how much the new Marriage License
act has cut away from the country par-
son's slender revenue. Those who car-
ried him one ham or one bag of flour
last year should carry him two this year,
and there ought to be a double fee for
all future christenings.

The New York Sun says: "We re-
commend to those financiers who insist
that this country should follow the ex-
ample of England in the matter of a gold
currency, a closer study of the British
currency. The London Times recently
recalled attention to the fact that busi-
ness in this country, in spite of its silver
dollar, shows signs of revival, while the
affairs of the United Kingdom, with all
its gold, are just as bad as ever."

The recent declaration of T. V.
Powderly that he would not be a candi-
date for Mayor of Scranton left Frank
Bennish, the present incumbent, a clear
field for the Democratic nomination.
Congressman Scranton's paper a short
time ago announced that Major Penman,
chairman of the Republican county com-
mittee, and Tuesday morning a letter was
published, signed by nearly three hundred
leading Republicans, asking Colonel
Ripple to become a candidate. Colonel
Ripple replies that he cannot ignore the
call of so large a number of his follow-
ers. He is very popular with all classes
and, if nominated, will be elected. It is
thought that he will be vigorously
opposed in the convention by Mr. Scranton
and his immediate friends.

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Broadbrim's New York Letter.

Special to the CARBON ADVOCATE.

While the joybells were ringing, usher-
ing in the New Year—while the shouts
of glad children were awakening every
household in the city, as they surveyed
the fish treasures that Santa Claus had
left them, a poor woman in her garret,
in one of the poorest streets was slowly
dying of starvation. She knelt down
by her bedside on New Year's Eve, so
goes the story, to say a parting prayer
as the old year went out, but the gray
light of the 1st of January, 1886, as it
broke through that attic, found her still
knelling there, but dead; no sign of
food or money, scant furniture, and a
tattered dress were all that remained of
her life story; yet she had been a wife
and a mother. Little ones had prattled
about her knees and nestled in her
breast, and she had fought the battle
of life as bravely as she could; but home,
husband, children and friends had drift-
ed away from her, one by one, till at
last she found herself alone, and she too
passed into the great beyond. Did he
who watcheth the sparrows fall hear
the last prayer that she uttered and in
mercy call her away? It so she had a
Happy New Year; happier far than the
millions she leaves behind her. And
now comes the question, is there actu-
ally any need of anything suffering for
food in this great city? On Christmas
morning a poor widow sat with her two
little ones unable to pay her rent, un-
able to get any Christmas dinner. Santa
Claus had passed that poor chimney by
the night before; and no drums or tramp-
pets gladdened the eyes of widow Mor-
riety's babies. The reporter of a great
daily newspaper found them out and
told their humble story, and within
twelve hours the lone widow had her
cupboard full of all sorts of good things,
and a respectable bank account beside.
Thousands if necessary would have been
ready to relieve her. But notwithstanding
our proverbial charity and the magni-
ficent organizations of which this city
is full, the hard fact stares us in the
face that there is still untold suffering,
and the dreadful fact that twenty-one
bodies lie unclaimed in the morgue, tell
a story of woe more eloquent and terri-
ble, than ever was uttered by human
tongue or written by mortal pen.

I was strolling down Broadway the
other day and stopped in front of the
Hoffman House. This you will doubtless
remember is the hostelry kept by
E. S. Stokes, who killed Jim Fisk. A
dapper young man stepped up to me and
placed in my hand a copy of The Bar.
I stepped into the Hoffman and took a
look in the looking-glass to see if my
nose that entitled me to such attention,
and I assure you on my honor there was
not a bit looking over the paper I find
it devoted to the beer and whisky in-
terest. Let us look this thing squarely
and honestly in the face. What are
temperance people doing? In New York
city there is at the present time not a
single temperance meeting or a single
temperance orator that commands popu-
lar attention. A short time ago New
York had Mr. Sawyer at the Cooper In-
stitute where he conducted the Sabbath
meetings for years, but the devil tripped
up his heels and he fell, to the great
grief of all who knew him. In Brook-
lyn, Oliver Cotter, a reformer whisky
lover, became the terror of his former
associates, and many a one he had fined
or sent to the penitentiary for violating
the excise laws, but the devil got after
Oliver Cotter; he disguised himself in a
bottle of whisky, he got inside of Oliver
and one very dull morning he found
himself among the drunks in the police
court. This certainly was an exceed-
ingly bad showing for prominent tem-
perance apostle. But while the probi-
tionary champions fall by the wayside
the whisky interest grows stronger and
more defiant every day, and why should
it not. It makes our Governor, our
Legislature, our Aldermen and Supervisors,
our Sheriffs, our constables and police.
The man who keeps the saloon on the
corner is a more potent factor in our
local politics than the most eminent
clergyman in the city. Two policemen
were tried last week, one for robbing a
man and the other for assault with in-
tent to kill, and the excuse of both was
that they were drunk. The policeman
Conroy now serving out a life sentence
for clubbing an innocent prisoner to
death gave it as an excuse on his trial
that he was drunk. Prohibition will
not become an accomplished fact in
New York in the present generation,
and as long as the Prohibitionists run
separate candidates, just so long we
will have free rum, Sunday and holiday
in this city and State. The policeman
who feels his position in danger if he
complains of a violation of the excise
law, is going to keep his eyes and his
mouth shut, especially when he knows
that in addition to his other advantages
it is to him free whisky and money in
his purse.

I dropped into the business men's
prayer meeting at the old John Street
Methodist Church, on Tuesday last.
The services were conducted by Rev.
Mr. Pentecost a Baptist, at one time
supposed to be like Paul, the straight-
est of his sect. The meeting was well
attended by respectable business men,
the only peculiar thing about it was
that there appeared to be no particular
need of it, as every man was a christian
in full fellowship, who had made his
calling and election sure. I believe I
was about the only sinner in the church
and of course felt very uncomfortable.

We are rejoicing in an operative revival
which is full of promise for the future,
and if we have to pay a good price for a
soporific or a tenor, at least we have the
satisfaction of knowing that the money
will be spent on this side of the water.
And now for a little bit of musical gossip.
When the late Doctor Daumrosch was
alive there was a strong feeling of rivalry
between him and Theodore Thomas. The
Doctor like Mr. Theodore was a thorough
musician, and he always resented Mr.
Thomas' rather aristocratic ways. For
before the doctor arrived in the country
Theodore Thomas had set himself up as
a sort of musical dictator, from whose
lip dissent there was no appeal. Doctor
Daumrosch sought to counteract Mr.
Thomas' influence in musical circles, and
he inaugurated one of the most magni-
ficent series of concerts at the Seventh
regiment armory, there had ever been
held in the country. The result was

not only an artistic but financial success,
and Doctor Demrosch retained his in-
fluence up to the day of his death, hav-
ing founded first class German opera in
this city where it promises to remain.
When Doctor Demrosch died the baton
fell from his lifeless hand into that of his
son Walter, the German opera still con-
tinues—Wagner's Meisteringer, which
was produced on Monday night, being
the crowning glory of the operatic sea-
son. There was a great gathering of
fashionable and financial magnates; the
handsome face of our ex-President being
seen in the boxes, and everybody was
asking why our earth he hasn't got
married.

You must not imagine that all the
world and his wife were at the German
opera at the Metropolitan Opera House;
by no manner of means. On the same
night Theodore Thomas produced Goetz
count's opera, Taming a Shrew, at the
Academy in English. We have here a
musical enthusiast, Mrs. H. B. Thurber,
wife of a wholesale groceryman and a
lady distinguished in fashionable and
musical circles. The dream of her life
has been first-class English Opera, which
would enable the American public which
loved music to dispense with the service
of the horde of vagabond foreigners
who have fairly devoured our substance
in the past. Theodore Thomas and the
English opera scored a great success;
though opera is even in English costs
entertainment, anything like a fair seat
costing two dollars and a half, and
choice seats were five and ten dollars,
and so that notwithstanding the dis-
covery that we have native talent in
abundance, we are not yet prepared to
offer opera at fifty cents and a dollar.

See O'Donovan Rossa is an applicant
for a place in the Brooklyn navy
yard. President Cleveland had better
keep an eye on the Irish boanerges or
he may be after blowing up our entire
navy and dynamite.

A remarkable and sensational feature
of the week has been the Dixie ball at
the Metropolitan Opera. An actor
named Dixie has been amusing the pa-
trons of a little theatre on Broadway,
called the Bijou Opera House for a year
and a half in a burlesque called Adonis.
Mr. Dixie and his manager Mr. Rice
have made a handsome fortune by the
venture, but in consideration of his dis-
tinguished services and the obligations
under which he had laid the public,
Rice got up a ball at the Metropolitan
Opera House. Tickets, \$5.00. Boxes
fifty. Of course there was a jam; and
the fast people in town were there, and
hundreds went just to touch elbows
with theatrical people off the stage.
Financially the thing was managed so
that Dixie and his manager got a pocket
full of rooks.

At the sale of pews in Beecher's
church this week the premiums fell off
from \$53,304 in 1875 to \$15,400 in 1885.
Stocks are again on the ragged edge,
one day strong and the next day weak.

The weather which a week ago was
like a pleasant spring breeze, has be-
come a sleet and rain storm, and is
a polar bear.

Washington News and Gossip.
From our Special Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9, '86.
The gaudies this winter will continue
until March 6, when Ash Wednesday's
knells will call a welcome halt at mid-
night of what may prove the gayest
Shrove Tuesday for several years back.
The season will, therefore, be long
enough to tire out the most assiduous
devotee of pleasure. The prediction so
confidently asserted that the winter will
be a gay one and not exhibit a crudeness
which deep observers usually notice in
the first year of each Administration, is
not unfounded. An unusually large
number of wealthy families will winter
here this season and mingle in the social
world, and a series of events now being
quietly gossiped give promise of exceed-
ing brilliancy. It is not probable that
the President's levees will begin until
February, or perhaps even later. As
they will undoubtedly be occasions of
singular prominence, it is not becoming
they should clash with events of re-
sulted interest.

All the powerful men of Congress are
men who have been repeatedly returned
by their constituents until they have by
a long course of study and long con-
tinued practice in the methods of legis-
lation become qualified to be useful to
their districts and to the country at
large. The public is doubtless in al-
most total ignorance of the sad effect
upon the intellectual and political char-
acter of Congress, brought on by the
practice of rotation in office. It keeps
down the standard of the body almost
to the point of mediocrity. New men
making pretensions to leadership in
Congress never sustain themselves long.

The evil of liquor drinking has been
greatly magnified in the late discussions
upon the subject. As a rule there is
but very little drunkenness arising out
of the liquor which are sold over the
bars in the two restaurants. It is the
"private bottle" schemes which is the
cause of the scandal. In nearly every
committee-room there are a number of
private bottles with convenient glasses,
and to which some of the Senators fre-
quently repair to patch up their dam-
aged feelings. The employees are in
constant cognate of the illustrious ex-
amples set them, are not slow to do
likewise. The consequence is that most
of the drinking of late years has been
done in little groups in the committee-
rooms. There is one distinguished Sen-
ator from a small New England State,
who, while he is quite fond of the bottle
himself, yet is quite careful as to his
associates when he cracks his elbow.

This Senator has made it a rule never
to drink in the presence of a young man.
He will sip his liquor with the old sta-
gers, but if there happens to be a young
man in the party, the Senator either
waits until he has gone before drinking,
or does not drink at all.

No attempt is made to disguise the
scale of liquor traffic in the United States,
which forbids it in the Capital. There
is hardly a moment during the session,
when some Congressman or employe
is not assisting the restaurant
keeper in breaking this rule. There are
some hearty eaters in the House,
Quite a number of them are content
with simple bread and milk, but others
are fond of ordering full course dinners.
Speaker Carlisle has his meals served
in the Speaker's room. He is a dainty

eater, and while he consumes but little
yet he is fond of a complete assortment.
The Speaker usually wishes it down
with some rare old wines. Perry Belmont
of New York is one of the most particu-
lar men who come into the
restaurant. His orders must be
cooked exactly as he orders or he will
not touch the dish when it is set before
him. Congressman Robertson of Ken-
tucky is the oddest member about his
food. He is extravagantly fond of
onions. Usually he orders a large dish
of these vegetables cut raw and eats
them all with wonderful relish. No
matter how crowded the House restau-
rant is, Robertson always has an entire
table to himself.

THEY KEEP THE SHERIFF BUSY.
If we may place credit in the follow-
ing despatch, from Honessdale, Wayne
county, this State, dated on the 10th
inst., things in and around the Sheriff's
quarters are kept quite lively lately:
The Honessdale jail has had a run of
lunatics during the past week. Previ-
ously to the run it contained one whose
insanity led to one of the most frightful
tragedies on record, and another who
had made a desperate attempt to com-
mit murder. The first of the week's
arrivals was John Howie, who admin-
istered poison to his three children, and
then shot each one through the head.
The second is George N. Walker of
Legedale. He imagined that J. A.
Fanning, Postmaster at Legedale, had
robbed him of money. He called Fanning
out of his house at midnight and tried
to brain him with an axe, but was
overpowered and brought to Honessdale
jail.

Walker had been but a short time in
his cell when William Grover of Texas
yesterday appeared at the jail greatly
excited. He told County Treasurer
Murray that he had been followed for
days by a number of men who wanted
to kill him, and begged to be locked up
that he might be safe from them. Not
long after Grover received quarters in
the jail Edward Ward, an eccentric
genius of Bethany, knocked for admittance
before his warden, and he is known
throughout the country for years as a
marvellous mimic and delineator of
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Lockout for Weather?
A. J. DeVos, the Hackensack, N. J.,
weather prophet, under date of the 11th
inst., writes to the New York Sun as
follows:
"There is another storm approaching,
and your readers need not expect any
comfortable weather this week. From
the 17th to the 23d we will be treated
to a few days of mild pleasant weather,
and about the 25th a cyclone will move
up the Gulf Stream, causing severe
northeast gales in this section, with a
temperature below zero, and heavy
snows along the coast, and it will cross
the ocean to Europe, and France will be
blanketed with snow on the 30th. Im-
mediately following the northeast gale
a warm gale will make its appearance
in Montana and move this way, and the
people of Canada West should make
preparations for destructive floods about
Feb. 1. While they are having pouring
rains in Canada, a severe cyclone will
form in the Gulf of Mexico, and will
shake things loose around Galveston
about Feb. 2. All merchants owning
vessels should give the west Gulf coast
a wide berth from the 1st till after the
5th. While the cyclone is raging in the
Gulf a piercing norther will sweep over
the plains of Louisiana and Texas, mak-
ing land havoc among the cattle and the
sheep. In New York city February 7 will
enter warm, cloudy, and rainy, with a
fog so thick that your readers will not
be able to see each other across the
street, but it will be of short duration.
About the 5th a cold blast will strike
the city that will make everything snap
and crack, and about the 7th a snow
storm will sweep over the country and
railroad travel will be almost suspended.
Following the snow storm the ther-
mometer will drop about 10 degrees be-
low zero. Then the ice men should get
out and gather their ice crop, about a
foot and a half thick."

A block of frame houses at Beaver
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