

HOLIDAY WEEK.

Again the Holidays are upon us. Again are we all striving to so dispose of our time that we may begin the New Year on a better footing than ever before.

The past year has been an eventful one in the history of the United States. The New York Riots followed by the Tammany frauds and Westport disaster, and the Chicago fires and those in the Northwestern States, make this a year which will not be forgotten by those now living until the day of their death.

Emigration still pours into "the land of the free," notwithstanding the assertions of the Free Traders that workingmen get more for their labor in the old world than in the new.

The nation is being freed from its burden of debt faster than even the friends of the administration believed to be possible when it was incurred, and at the present rate, the present generation will probably see the United States comparatively free from debt.

The Woodbull-Tiltos wing of the women's rights movement is merging into a monstrous free love affair, and has probably done more to disgust some of its strongest advocates than anything that has happened since the beginning of its agitation.

The Grand Duke Alexis, of Russia, will spend the holidays with us, and in all probably carry home with him some new ideas which will be beneficial to all classes of Russia.

The sudden and unexpected appearance of some United States naval vessels in the port of Havana, immediately preceding the brutal shooting of the Spaniards, produced considerable comment in Spanish official circles.

The forts were strengthened, and troops distributed to repel the invasion which it was supposed was at hand. The Governor General demanded more troops of Spain "on account of the suspicious attitude of the United States," and preparations for fighting were made on all sides.

Disastrous Conflagration.

A Large Part of Pleasantville in Ruins. Loss about \$180,000. \$27,000 Insurance.

More than Thirty Buildings Destroyed.

Yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the New York hotel, situated on Main street, Pleasantville. The hotel was quickly burned to the ground, and the fire spread with the greatest rapidity.

EAST SIDE MAIN STREET.

To the south of the building where the fire originated, all the buildings as far as, including, the hardware establishment of Otto Germer, were burned. Those were the office of Fisher Brothers, occupied by Vandergrift & Co., the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, the office of G. W. Van Vliet, and the hardware store of Mr. Germer above mentioned.

Mallett & Ware, branch of A. E. Mallett & Co., of Titusville.

Henry Stahl's dry goods and clothing store.

S. Taylor's barber shop.

The meat market of D. Noxon.

Robinson's cigar store.

Shank's fruit stand.

WEST SIDE.

On the west side of Main street was situated the Chase house, directly opposite where the fire started. This was burned down, and also two buildings to the south of it, Barnes' hardware store, and a large building, the upper part occupied by families, and the lower part as a grocery store by Mr. Brinker.

On State street the following is a correct list of the buildings burned:

SOUTH SIDE STATE STREET.

Ames barber shop.

C. Sharback's jewelry store.

D. C. Eakin's grocery store.

Ley & Rose, machine shop.

E. P. Hovey's livery stable.

C. N. Seymour & Co.'s hardware store and sacker-off factory.

Wilson & Jameson's blacksmith shop just above the last mentioned store.

NORTH SIDE STATE STREET.

McKinney house. In one room of this house was the boot and shoe store of Mr. Piquerez.

Drug store of Dr. Shugert.

Clothing store of M. Deutch.

New York dry goods store, S. Felderman, proprietor.

Shoe and tin store of B. Corwin.

Milinery store of Mrs. Neill.

Law office of J. J. Haight and E. L. Keenan.

Dwelling house of D. C. Eakin.

Large double building of J. J. Haight, occupied as a dwelling and a bakery.

The fire raged from the time it broke out, about three o'clock in the afternoon, until nearly six, and in that short space of time laid in ruins a large portion of the thriving little borough of Pleasantville.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

We were unable to learn to the origin of the fire. Mr. Platt, of the New York hotel, said it was first discovered by one of the servant girls, in the upper part of the rear of the building.

This was an unfinished garret, and one of the chimneys passed up through it. Of course everything in this garret must have been dry as tinder, and it is, perhaps, fair to infer that the fire caught from the heat of the chimney. Mr. P. is quite confident that it could not have been the work of an incendiary.—Courier 22d.

A pleasing episode in the visit of Alexis, is found in his enclosure of a check for \$5,000 to W. H. Apinwall, "for distribution among the poor of a New York, wishing them to feel that a visit, which has afforded so much pleasure to him, has been the occasion of some slight relief to them."

Shall we Take Cuba?

And now, as if even the Spanish account of the Spanish outrages were not bad enough, comes the news from neutral sources that the grave of General Castanor, for violating which those eight Cuban student boys of Havana were so brutally shot down, was not violated at all! That no indecent verses were scribbled upon the marble, that nothing on or around the grave has ever been disturbed; that, in fact, these poor boys were slaughtered by the fendish volunteers without even the poor excuse that they tried to palm off on the world! This news, if true, will produce a great effect in the United States.

It is safe to say that one month ago, the average feeling in the United States regarding "the Cuban question" might be expressed in some such formula as this: "Things are rather bad in Cuba; our sympathies are decidedly with the Cubans and against the Spaniards; but it is not our funeral, let them fight it out themselves; we don't want the island nor to get in a fuss about it that will be as expensive as it will be useless." Since those poor student boys were so terribly punished for a comparatively trivial crime, however, American feeling has materially changed, and the formula that would express its present state would read about thus: "We don't care about interfering in Cuba, but if those volunteers will prove themselves wild beasts instead of men, we don't care if our government should get in a war with Spain."

TRIAL LIST.

FOR DECEMBER TERM, 1871. Ford & Lacy vs. T. McCloskey et al. S. A. Ford et al. vs. C. McCloskey et al. Forest County vs. John G. Brandon, late Tres.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Honorable James Campbell, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the county of Forest, has issued his precept for holding a Court of Common Pleas Quarter Sessions, Oyer and Terminer and Return of Executions, to commence at the County of Forest, to continue on the fourth Monday of Dec. next, being the 25th day of Dec., 1871.

A MIRACLE!

Mr. Samuel Bell, of W. E. Schmeitzel & Co., Wholesale Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, 31 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., has been afflicted with chronic rheumatism for thirty years, from his right hip to his foot, having to use a crutch and a cane, at times so painful as to utterly incapacitate him from attending to his business.

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The following items are from the Titusville Herald of the 21st just: "The new skating rink just completed by the Brighton Bros., on N. Main street, between Franklin and Washington streets, was yesterday the first time flooded with water, and the first time the skating rink was opened to the public, but will be used for the benefit of a private club.

In Western Virginia a plan has been introduced for pumping and driving a large number of well with engine, by means of air ropes. It is stated to have been patented on operation by Mr. W. C. Styles, of his leases near Volcan West Virginia.

HYMENIA.—On Thursday afternoon, last week, L. H. Barber, conductor of the Belle Adams, was married to John's Episcopal Rousevelt in place. There was a church full of friends present at the large wedding, and the couple were gratified to receive the happy congratulations.

The people of Townville, this county, don't encourage new enterprises in their midst worth a cent. One night last week, a couple of enterprising young men, named Churchill and Cook, opened a dry goods and jewelry store in that town, and the very next day they were hustled off to Meadville and stuck into the county jail.

OLD WELL FLOWING.

On the Egbert farm there is a well which was abandoned years ago, but as the hole could not be taken up and removed with the rig, it was left to remain. In this course it was nothing very remarkable, but about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, however something occurred at this old abandoned hole worth making mention of.

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