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PLEASANT CALENDAR.

December 28.—Banquet and social, under the auspices of the Young Ladies' house. Tickets, 25 cents.
December 31.—Eighteenth annual ball of Tigers Athletic Club at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents.
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Of the Earth, Earthy.

"No," said the gentleman who is fond of quoting texts, "I cannot give you anything on that account to-day. I know I promised you, and I am sorry; but man is naught but poor, weak clay, you know."

"I realize that," said the collector. "I am glad you do, my friend."

"And I came around here in the hope of striking pay dirt, but I seem to have missed it."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

All That Was Needed.

She had been asked to sing, but protested that she was not in good voice that evening.

"Really, you shouldn't ask it of me," she said. "I don't feel equal to it to-night."

"Oh, you can give us one little song," persisted the hostess; "just enough to get everyone started talking."—Chicago Post.

Cause of Monotony.

Editor—Mr. Paragraph, I wish you wouldn't write so many jokes about men who can't pay their bills; they are funny enough in a way, but so many of them are a little monotonous. Can't you get your mind on some other subject?

Mr. Paragraph (thoughtfully)—Perhaps I could if I had a little larger salary.—N. Y. Weekly.

Suddenly Remembered.

Caller—Mr. Meeker, who is your choice for senator?

Mr. Meeker—My choice is emphatically and unequivocally—by the way, my dear, whom do we favor for senator?

Mr. Meeker—Higgason.

Mr. Meeker—Is emphatically and unequivocally Hon. Hiram Higgason, of Johnskins county!—Chicago Tribune.

Cause for Mourning.

"Who is that attractive-looking woman in black?"

"You mean the one in mourning? Why, that's Mrs. Jenkins."

"You don't mean to say Jenkins is dead, do you?"

"Not at all. You see, she married Jenkins this year, and he's failed."—N. Y. Journal.

A Characteristic End.

To his aged parents in far-off Ireland they brought back the sad story: "Your poor son Pat," they said, "was taken by the cannibals and boiled alive." "That was just like Pat," sobbed the heart-broken mother, "he always was a broth of a boy!"—N. Y. Journal.

Sad Endings.

"I don't see why you don't have happy endings to your novels," said the social cynic.

"Happy!" cried the author. "Why, I marry the heroine to the hero every time."

"Yes," returned the cynic; "that's just the trouble."—Chicago Post.

Coming Down to It by Degrees.

"Papa, won't you buy me a new bicycle?"

"A bicycle, Kitty? It is too late in the season."

"Well, then, give me five cents to buy chewing gum with."—Chicago Tribune.

A Narrow Escape.

Benham—I wish I were single.

Mrs. Benham—You horrid thing! What would you do?

Benham—Get married to you right over again.

Mrs. Benham—You dear man!—Town Topics.

Fired.

Diverse results from single cause may occur, to-wit: Some men are by ambition fired And some for lack of it.

—Chicago Journal.

KNOW WHAT IT WAS.

Uncle Ned—Don't be pert, dear—you know what that is?

Flossie—Oh, it's speaking to grown-up people the way they speak to you.

—N. Y. Truth.

The Politician's Concession.

"The pibble should seek the man," quoth he. "This is a truth abiding; But should it come in search of me, I shall not go in hiding."—Washington Star.

A Case in Point.

"Some debts are pretty hard to pay, aren't they?"

"Well, yes."

"I've just paid the last installment on an overcoat that was worn out long ago!"—Chicago Record.

Answered.

Mr. Surley (savagely)—That confounded baby is always crying. What's wrong with him?

Mrs. Surley (sweetly)—He's got your temper, love!—Fun.

No Outside Interference.

Sexton—Excuse me for reminding you, sir, but you haven't paid your pew for the current quarter.

Dimpleton—Well, that is a matter between me and my God.—Town Topics.

Made a Poor Job of It.

"I'd think Jones would be ashamed of himself."

"Why?"

"I've heard that he is a self-made man."—Chicago Record.

A Wicked Joke.

Checks—They say the Eskimos are an unenlightened people.

Drafts—Funny, and yet they live on raffles and lamp oil.—Pittsburgh News.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, December 25, 1896.

There is no more probability that the independence of Cuba will be recognized by the United States during President Cleveland's administration than there is of Grover Cleveland becoming president of the Cuban republic, and, unless McKinley is misrepresented by Republicans who are supposed to enjoy his confidence, present policy will be continued by him until there is some decided change in Cuba. The resolution for the independence of Cuba which has been reported to the senate will, of course, be made the basis of a lot of speeches when congress reassembles, but more of them will be devoted to the claim of the administration, that the president alone has the power to recognize the independence of a nation, than to Cuba or anything connected with the unfortunate island. Whether a vote on the resolution itself will be had before the expiration of this congress is a matter of doubt, but not of much importance, as it has already been given out by the Republican leaders of the house that the resolution will not be allowed to come before that body at all. The constitutional question involved in the claim of the administration is an important one, and one upon which men who are regarded as able lawyers differ regardless of politics, and the debate upon it will be in no sense partisan. There is practically no precedent, though several have been cited as having a bearing upon the claim. And after all, nothing short of a decision of the United States supreme court will be accepted as settling it.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has never set up for a wit, but if he gets off a few more flashes like his answer to Senator Vest's inquiry as to the meaning of that clause of the president's message dealing with the Pacific Railroads "the title will be forced upon him. Mr. Morgan was urging action to protect the people of the Pacific coast from those railroads, or rather from the men who control them, when Mr. Vest made his request. Turning like a flash, the Alabama senator said with a deprecatory gesture: "Now in all Egypt there was only one man, and he was divinely inspired, who could interpret the dreams of Pharaoh. The senator ought not to ask me to interpret the president's message. If any man is capable of interpreting the message it is the senator from Missouri."

Among the members of the house who did not go home to spend their Christmas as a number of Republicans who were re-elected to the next house, and who prefer to stand their office-seeking constituents off with letters which do not commit them, instead of meeting them face to face and being compelled to commit themselves. The little post-masterships are especially troublesome to the representatives-elect on account of the numerous applicants for them. For instance, one representative from New Jersey has received among other applications for a single postoffice in his district, one from each of three men who were delegates to the convention that nominated him and who took active parts in his campaign.

Representative Barham, of California, thinks the Pacific Railroad funding bill, which is to be considered by the house for the four days beginning January 7, can be defeated. He said: "If we can get enough time to show the whole thing up, I am satisfied that many votes will be changed. The passage of the present bill is a present of \$100,000,000 to C. F. Huntington and his associates. If it becomes known that the United States is going to treat these debtors like it does all others there will be plenty of buyers at the full value of the property."

It is as true today as it was when written by Macaulay that, "Where'er ye hied the honey, the buzzing flies will crowd." There is going to be honey shed by the Republican tariff bill, and the flies, in the shape of those who are anticipating benefits through protection, are already crowding Washington hotels, preparatory to telling the Republican members of the house ways and means committee, at the hearings which are to begin next week, just how much interest they want on their campaign contributions.

The government isn't expecting war with Spain, but if war comes it is going to be as well prepared as possible for it. A secret meeting of high naval officers was held in Washington a few days ago for the purpose of preparing a complete programme, offensive and defensive, that might be carried on by our present navy if there should be war at short notice, and such a programme was prepared and is now in the hands of Secretary Herbert.

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Dates of 1897 to Remember.

The principal dates of 1897, and the days upon which they will fall, are as follows:

New Year's Day—Friday, January 1.

Washington's Birthday—Monday, February 22.

Ash Wednesday—Wednesday, March 3.

St. Patrick's Day—Wednesday, March 17.

Palm Sunday—Sunday, April 11.

Good Friday—Friday, April 16.

Easter Sunday—Sunday, April 18.

Memorial Day—Sunday, May 30.

Independence Day—Sunday, July 4.

Labor Day—Monday, September 6.

Father Mathew Day—Sunday, October 10.

Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, November 25.

Christmas—Saturday, December 25.

RAILROAD TIMETABLES.

THE DELAWARE, SUSQUEHANNA AND SCHUYLKILL RAILROAD.

Time table in effect December 15, 1896.

Trains leave Drifton for Jeddo, Eckley, Hazle Brook, Stockton, Beaver Meadow Road, Roan and Hazleton Junction at 5:30 a. m., 8:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 5:00 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 7:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m., Sunday.

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Trains leave Shepton for Tomhicken, Cranberry, Harwood, Hazleton Junction, Roan, Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 5:30 a. m., 8:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 5:00 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 7:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Shepton for Oneida, Humboldt Road, Harwood Road, Oneida Junction and Roan at 7:11 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:25 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 8:00 a. m., 3:44 p. m., Sunday.

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7:28, 9:20, 10:51, 11:54 a. m., 12:58, 2:20, 5:20 p. m., from Stockton and Hazleton.

7:28, 9:20, 10:51 a. m., 2:20, 5:20 p. m., from Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Ashland, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

10:51 a. m., 12:58, 6:08, p. m., from Philadelphia, New York, Bethlehem, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk.

7:05 p. m. from Wetherly only.

9:30 a. m., 2:34, 3:28, 6:57 p. m., from Scranton, Wilkesbarre and White Haven.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

8:38, 10:50 a. m. and 12:51 p. m., from Hazleton, Stockton, Lumber Yard, Hazle Brook, Foundry, Jeddo and Drifton.

10:50 a. m., 12:51 p. m., from Philadelphia, New York, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, and Schuylkill.

10:50 a. m., 12:51 p. m., from Pottsville, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Ashland, Shenandoah, Shamokin City and Delano.

10:50 a. m., 12:51 p. m., from Wilkesbarre, White Haven and Sandy Run.

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