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SENATOR WHITE was very happy in the few clever remarks he made in the Senate on Tuesday, when assigning the reasons which prompted him to vote against the resolution introduced by Mr. Blaine.

Since the institution of Christmas, that most celebrated of all Christian solemnities, its observance has been general among all nations that believe in the religion of Him whose anniversary it commemorates.

The mode of celebrating this great day differs with the peculiar customs of those nations that observe it, still the principal features are very much the same with every Christian people.

It is a common tradition that Christ was born about the middle of the night, and throughout England and the Continent, to this day, bells are rung at midnight.

Dr. Middleton, druggist, has a large assortment of desirable and useful Christmas goods and presents on hand. Including delightful perfumes, toilet soaps, all kinds of hair, tooth and nail brushes, also a fine assortment of ladies' box paper, pocket books, knives, &c.

Mr. John Day & Son have a fine assortment of Christmas goods on hand, including fresh raisins, currants, citron, almonds, fruits, all kinds, and a number of fine articles suitable for Christmas presents, which they are selling low for cash.

Before another edition of the Times is sent forth to our readers, the pleasant dreams, and festive scenes of the Christmas of 1878 will be among the pleasant remembrances of the past.

81. Who was it that divided the human race into "men, women and Beethers," and was the happy thought an original one? 82. How far back can the use of the word Fall for Autumn be traced? 83. Who wrote the lines: "Sorrow and the scowled face, Sad thoughts and sunny weather: Ah me! this glory and this grief Agree not well together."

84. What saint was it who compared the influence of piety upon character to the enhancement of the splendor of precious stones by dipping them in honey? 85. How are any English writers of authority used a verb singular with two or more singular nominatives? 86. What is the gem of which a proverb tells us that he who has two of them has one too many?

87. What unsuccessful dramatist was it who attributes the passion for nutmeg to the pleasure of cracking the shell than to any delight in eating the kernel? 88. Where did the willow pattern in pottery originate? 89. How old is the saying, "As dead as a door-nail," and why should a door-nail be thought so very dead?

90. What spiritual liquor did Mahomet command his disciples to use? 91. What is the true meaning of the phrase, "The exception proves the rule?" 92. Who wrote the lines: "The right divine of kings to govern wrong, And was the idea of the line original with him?"

93. What is a palindromic? and make one if you can? 94. Who was it who wrote: "Where still so much is said, One half will never be believed, The other never read."

95. What was the first Christmas annual prepared for children? 96. When does the Christmas season properly begin, and is there any conflict of authorities over the date at which mixed pies ought to be first annually eaten? 97. What other animals besides man being reasonable will get drunk, and what records have we of the habit?

98. What king once wore a potato flower as a decoration, and on what occasion? 99. Is it certain that Shakespeare died on his birthday? 100. What Massachusetts girl emulated the Roman daughter by saving her father from the fury of a Massachusetts mob?

Messrs. Bierly Brothers and Deal Helm are both offering a fine supply of boots, shoes, hats and caps, all kinds at prices to suit the times.

Edward Norris, our baker man, has a choice assortment of cakes, candies, fruits, &c., in his confectionery department, while his grocery side of the house is equally as attractive and worthy of attention.

At Mrs. Brook's news depot you will find choice reading matter, including the Progress and the Times.

In the year 1870, says a correspondent of the Snow Hill Reporter, a young theological student passed through the town of Newark (Worcester county) on route for the Spayenport Bay, where, with fishing, sailing, &c., he intended to spend a few weeks with the hope of improving his health, which was very delicate.

A few days after his passage through the town he again appeared, clad in sporting habiliments of the latest style, which gave him an indescribably romantic appearance.

But the impetuous hand and duty pointed toward the path the young husband should tread, and it sent him to one of the South Sea Islands, there to spread the balm of salvation on the sins of the benighted heathen.

That he had been killed, soaked and eaten by the people whom he was trying to lead to eternal felicity. The shock well nigh sent the widow to an early grave.

Recently had a description of another noted royal personage from an American lady who saw her this summer at Ems. Walking in the woods one day, my friend met a pale, elderly lady, in the plainest of black cashmere dresses.

SENATOR THURMAN HOME.—Senator Thurman has returned to his home on Fourteenth street. His house is a large and comfortable double one near K. One-half of it is generally occupied by his son-in-law, Gov. McCormick.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

East.—O. R. R. Local Time Table. B. & P. R. R. Local Time Table. B. & P. R. R. Local Time Table.

Block Hill College.—A Christmas entertainment will be given in the College Hall, on Monday, 23d inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

Important Decision.—The Court of Appeals delivered an opinion on Saturday last, in the case of McShane Brothers of Baltimore city, vs Henry H. Hazlehurst of this county.

Paralyzed.—One day last week, Mr. James Treake, of the fifth district in this county, had a partial stroke of paralysis, from the effects of which, at last accounts, he was but slowly recovering.

Robbery at Carroll's Mill.—On Thursday night of last week an entrance was effected into the store of Mr. O'Donnell at Carroll's Mill.

Literary Entertainments at Rock Hill College.—We regret our inability to have been present at the literary entertainment given at Rock Hill College on Wednesday evening last by the Senior Literary Society.

Hours of Service.—On Christmas day service will be held in the different churches as follows: St. Peter's P. E. Church, Litany and Celebration at 8 A. M.

Presentation.—On Monday evening last Rev. C. O. Isaac of this city, was made the recipient of a handsome set of china, about fifty pieces, by the ladies of the M. E. congregation at the Union Works.

Morgan Switch Improvement.—The railroad company has made several improvements at Morgan's Switch for which passengers using that station feel thankful.

Dramatic Entertainment.—The entertainment given on Tuesday evening last by the Patapsco Dramatic Association was well attended, and very much enjoyed by all who were present.

List of Letters remaining in the Postoffice, Ellicott City, for the week ending Saturday, December 21st, 1878.

Entertainment at Union.—On Wednesday evening next the pupils of Public School No. 9, will give an entertainment in the church room over the store at Union.

Postmaster Appointed.—Thos. F. Lansdowne has been appointed postmaster at Philadelphia, Montgomery county, vice Thomas Lansdowne, deceased.

Ellicott City Retail Markets. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY J. J. LAMKIN & CO. ELICOTT CITY, Friday Dec. 20, 1878.

On December 12th, 1878, by Rev. J. H. M. Lemmon, of Emory M. E. Church, CLARK B. HOOD, of Gray's, to Miss SARAH A. WOLFE, of this city.

On December 13th, 1878, by Rev. J. H. M. Lemmon, DAVID EMERSON MILLER, of Baltimore County, to Miss CATHERINE GIBLES, of Ellysville.

On December 15th, 1878, by Rev. J. H. M. Lemmon, JOHN R. DOWELL, of this city, to Miss AGNES E. BALDWIN, of the above city. [Annals papers please copy.]

By virtue of the power vested in me as late Collector of State and County Taxes, in the First Collection District of Howard County, I have seized and taken in execution all that lot or parcel of land belonging to the estate of Jacob David, deceased, situated in Ellicott City, Howard County, on the south side of the Baltimore and Frederick turnpike road.

Public Installation of the officers of Limestone Valley Grange No. 7 will be held at Lithiumum Chapel, near Clarksville, on Jan. 2nd 1879 at 2 o'clock P. M. The occasion is of one of unusual interest, and all are invited to be present.

Fair and Festival.—The ladies of the First Lutheran Church of this city, are holding a fair and festival in the building formerly occupied by Mr. Collier as a tin-ware store.

Runaways.—On Sunday seven boys escaped from the House of Refuge. One of them was caught near this city, and while being taken to the police he escaped and was not afterwards captured.

Departure of the Governor.—On Thursday His Excellency Governor John Lee Carroll and family left their home at the Manor for the Executive Mansion in Annapolis.

Personal.—Dr. MacLin, an esteemed citizen of this county, we regret to hear, is lying very ill at his residence in the 5th district.

Byron Literary Club.—On Monday evening next it is desirable to have a large turnout of the members of the Club, as important business is to be transacted.

Accident.—On Thursday Mr. Richard Lutz, hired at Gray's factory, was knocked off a wagon while loading cloth and severely cut about the head.

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