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Don't be in a hurry to answer your or; Nothing's lost by being reasonably slow. In a hasty moment you may give consent.

Curing the Invalid.

"Good morning, Uncle Paul. How do you feel this morning? Better, I hope, than the day before yesterday. Let me see, is entered his uncle's sick room."

"You have made your will, uncle?"

"Well—no," said the voice, a little hoarse and perhaps a shade stronger. "You see I have had no time."

A NIGHT OF HORROR.

An English writer thus describes the terrors of a night which he passed on the Island of Trinidad: The weird rook scowry, with its dead forests, the strange birds that were "foul as the fabled horrors of rotten fish from their mouths when we approached, and attacked us with fowl vomit."

WHAT THE MOON IS DOING.

The tides are caused mainly by the moon, as it is, catching hold of the water as the earth revolves around on its axis. This must cause friction on the earth as it revolves, and friction, as every one knows, causes loss of power.

ARCTIC FASCINATION.

It is announced that one of the recently rescued Arctic adventurers was so fascinated by the aurora borealis that he was unable to get away from the camp. The aurora borealis, or northern lights, is a phenomenon which has attracted the attention of many observers.

THE HARLEM RAILROAD.

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Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1884.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, December 29, 1884.

DEAR GAZETTE:—The Senate and House finally unlocked horns and the usual holiday recess was agreed to. The Senate passed the naval appropriation bill precisely as the House had drafted it last session and returned it to that body, but the House adjourned without action upon it, although the navy department will be without funds from and after the 31st. All salaries of its officers and employees, and contracts hitherto made by the department under the provisions of the law will run out and become claims against the government. It will occasion serious loss and hardship to individuals, and for which there is not one iota of cause, excuse or apology. It is only another evidence of the utter incapacity of a democratic majority to conduct the business of the government. A parcel of hilarious school boys would exercise just about as much judgment and good sense in public affairs as the average democratic congress. As a party in this congress they are hopelessly split on the subjects of tariff and finance, and it is nothing but the "coke" power of the public plunderer that holds them seemingly together. If on reassembling in January the House should still refuse to pass the needed naval appropriation bill it will force an extra session of congress to convene after the 4th of March. This the wiser heads in that party will try by every means in their power to avert, but it is as yet unknown whether there are enough of such to control the wild and unbounded multitude going to make up the majority in the House.

THE TREATIES.

The feeling seems quite general here that the Spanish treaty will fail unless there are several important concessions made thereto on the part of Spain. It is clearly apparent that our secretary of state, in his intense anxiety to distinguish himself, has allowed himself to be badly overreached in both the Spanish and Nicaragua treaties. The fact that Spain has already scented the liability of failure and in advance of any adverse action by our Senate suggested a willingness to modify the agreed upon tariff on sugars, shows how close a watch that government is keeping of current sentiment, and proves also that Spain is likely to secure over the advantages she is likely to secure over in its ratification. Should the Madrid government concede enough in the matters of sugar and tobacco, so that our American industries in that line may not be destroyed, the treaty may, after a thorough overhauling by the Senate, get ratified.

THE TREATIES.

It is a far better chance of the Nicaragua treaty being ratified, and yet there are many curious things almost daily coming to light about that. It turns out that there is and for years has been an organized company of distinguished Americans and high officials of the government, who have bought individual property rights along the line of the proposed canal route, and who have secured such legal governmental concessions in the direction of the great enterprise. These rights are of such a nature, it is claimed, that our government cannot pay them in their obligations before it can start out on its colossal scheme of building an inter-oceanic waterway for ships. It was ascertained that the F. A. Pellas, whose interests are protected in article 5 of the treaty, is the private secretary of General Zavala, the special ambassador who negotiated the treaty. There are suggestions that a land job is concealed in some of the unexplained portions of the treaty, and Nicaragua seems to have gained a monopoly of steam navigation on the San Juan River and Lake to the very Mr. Pellas. It is quite generally believed that Mr. Frelinghuysen has been more than liberal in his proffer of one-half of all canal tolls to the government of Nicaragua, after we shall have built the canal at a cost of probably two hundred millions of dollars, and also pledged our word to protect Nicaragua against any attack to the extreme of war. It is notorious that the whole Nicaragua territory isn't worth in dollars and cents the probable income of a single year of canal transit for the ships of the world across the isthmus. Aside from all these objections, however, the treaty is gradually growing in sentiment among the Senate in favor of a ratification of this treaty. The desire to enter upon this new departure, and engage in this unique enterprise has been very evidently stimulated by the threatening tone of the British press, and the surest way to have its ratification rushed into the Senate will be for our English consuls to continue their bluster about it.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

The members of the committee on rivers and harbors, who remained during the holiday recess, have been authorized by the full committee to continue consideration of the appropriation bill for rivers and harbors, so that it may be reported to the House as soon after the reassembling of congress as possible. It is expected that the bill will be completed by January 12, and that it will amount to about \$10,000,000. No consideration has yet been given to the proposed appropriation for the Mississippi river.

CONNECTICUT DEBTEDNESS.

Fourteen Connecticut towns are free from debt. The list includes Bethel, Bolton, Chaplin, Cornwall, East Granby, East Haven, Guilford, Goshen, Killingworth, Manchester, North Ferrisburgh, Pomfret, Somers and Thompson. Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex and Tolland counties have no county debt. The town of Plymouth owes \$23.13, an unfunded debt. The total indebtedness of the various divisions of the state is \$17,635,390, an increase of \$484,967 in eight years, still the annual interest charged has decreased \$143,669. In 1877 the amount raised by taxes was \$4,628,164; in 1880, \$4,914,746; in 1884, \$4,256,543.

HARTFORD AND HARTLEM.

The stockholders of the Hartford and Hartlem road held a private annual meeting in New Haven Friday afternoon. None of the matters discussed at the meeting have been made public. The officers elected are given as—President, Charles G. Francklyn, of New York; vice-president, Lewis M. Brown, of New York; secretary, Samuel G. Thorpe, of New Haven; treasurer, W. P. Van Pel, of New York; board of directors, Albert M. Billings, Lewis M. Brown, F. W. Bruggenhorst, Warren H. Day, Charles G. Francklyn, F. L. Higginson, Henry G. Lewis, Charles A. Whittier, John E. Bassett, Henry Killam and Samuel G. Thorn.

NO TRAVEL.

The following trains on the New York, New Haven and Hartford road will not be run on New Year's day, and the New York and New Haven road, the 6:35 a. m. from Bridgeport, the 7:25 a. m. from South Norwalk; out of New York—the 5:45 p. m. from South Norwalk, the 6:11 p. m. from Bridgeport, the 6:30 p. m. from New Haven.

INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS.

The installation of the officers of the following G. A. R. posts will occur as follows: Post 3, Bridgeport, January 1, by Comrade F. W. Perry, A. H. Post 4, New Britain, January 1, by Comrade F. W. Perry, A. H. Post 12, Stamford, January 1, by Comrade F. W. Perry, A. H. Post 13, Norwalk, January 7, by Commander C. H. D. Post 14, South Norwalk, January 5, by Comrade I. L. Mead, A. D. C.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The week of prayer commences next Monday. The Congregational and Methodist churches will unite in holding services during the week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the services will be held in the Methodist church and Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Congregational church. There will be special music at both churches.

Cleveland, anticipating their purpose, was adroit enough to throw them from their purpose whenever their conversation began to edge in the Barnum direction. Mr. Cleveland must be stupid as to know that the ones he is electing to Barnum's skillful management of his campaign. He knows too that all the money raised, and successful plans laid, leading to his election, were the direct result of the sagacious generosity of Barnum. But Mr. Cleveland also knows that Mr. Barnum is the specific friend and confidant of his enemy Samuel J. Tilden and that may tempt him to ignore the man who of all others has raised him to the presidency. We shall see.

Dividend Notice.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 29th, 1884. THE Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Dividend of Four (4) per cent on the earnings of the past six months, payable on and after January 31, 1885. L. S. COLL, Cashier.

Dividend Notice.

NATIONAL BANK OF NORWALK, Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 29th, 1884. THE Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of 3 1/2 per cent on the earnings of the past six months, payable on and after Jan. 31, 1885. H. F. PRICE, Cashier.

Dividend.

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK, Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 29th, 1884. THE Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of Four (4) per cent, payable January 31, 1885. W. M. A. CURTIS, Cashier.

Notice.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Fairfield County National Bank, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1884, will be held at the office of the Treasurer, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1885. Polls open from 10 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m. L. S. COLL, Cashier.

Notice.

PURSUANT to an order of the Court of Probate for the District of Norwalk, the subscription of the estate of George W. Day, late of Norwalk, deceased, is hereby notified to the creditors of the said deceased, to present their claims for payment on or before the 15th day of January, 1885. For terms and particulars apply to SILAS F. TUTT, Administrator.

Notice.

THE Board of Directors of the Norwalk Loan Manufacturing Company for the election of Directors and for hearing the Treasurer's report, will be held at the company's office at Westport, on Tuesday, January 6th, 1885. Polls open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. ROBERT T. LEE, Secretary.

Notice.

THE NORWALK SAVINGS SOCIETY, Norwalk, December 29th, 1884. INTEREST on all deposits on hand, for the current six months, will be paid on and after January 1st, 1885, and will be paid on and after January 1st, 1885. GEO. E. MILLER, Treas.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the next general assembly of this State to authorize the City of South Norwalk, to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000, for the purpose of constructing the Water Works of said City. Dated at the City of South Norwalk, Conn., this 29th day of Dec., 1884.

Notice.

THE Board of Relief of the Town of Norwalk on the 1st of Dec. 1884 will meet at the office of the Town Clerk, Monday, January 13th, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m. to hear the report of the Board of Relief for the year ending Dec. 31, 1884. The Board will also hear all appeals made to them from the doings of the Assessors. The Board of Relief will also meet with the Assessors as a Joint Board on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 10 o'clock a. m. to hear and determine the polls of said and disabled persons.

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\$200.00 in presents given, send us 5 cents postage, and we will give you a package of goods of large value, that will start you in work that will give you more than anything else in America. All about the \$200.00 in presents with which you can work for as their own reward, or as a gift to all workers assigned. Don't delay. H. HALL & Co., Portland, Maine.

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The Bridgport Morning News is for sale. The coasting disease was prevalent last week. Butler Lodge, I. O. O. F., elect officers to morrow night. Holland's Pills are the only reliable remedy for chills and fever.

The lockshop has declared a three per cent dividend. The local trade in Christmas cards was very light this year. Mrs. Henry Hoyt, of Ridgefield, is visiting in South Norwalk. Mr. Henry I. Hoyt is seriously ill at his residence on Prospect Hill.

Recollect that many of the stores close at 6 p. m., after Thursday, and do your shopping early. The installation of officers of Old Well Lodge, A. F. and A. M., city, will be held next Tuesday evening.

A score or more of Norwalk's young folk spent a merry evening at Bridgeport Recreation Hall. Several people from the borough attended a surprise party given to Miss Minnie Gardner at Darion, last evening.

According to the Adventists the end of the world occurs next Tuesday. The GAZETTE will be issued next Tuesday just the same. Capt. Taylor, of Company D, has offered a prize which will be competed for, at target practice, in the army, New Year's day.

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Miss Kate Finegan of Norwalk, a young lady only sixteen years of age possesses a voice of remarkable sweetness and power. At the recent services in St. Mary's church, on Christmas day, she sang a solo, which for style and expression was the finest it has ever been our pleasure to hear.—Republican.

Dr. G. F. Atkinson, a well known physician, has been lying dangerously ill for several days. Dr. Atkinson, it appears, was recently performing a surgical operation upon a hand. The virus from the diseased part entered an incision made in the doctor's hand, poisoning him and causing the disease.

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As we go to press the annual sale of pews in the First Congregational church is in progress. The trade in snow shovels was lively last week. By the way, Wm. H. Smith & Co., keep good ones. Dr. Mary Walker tried to call on Mr. Cleveland Saturday, but did not succeed in getting speech with him.

The entertainment for the benefit of the striking latters given at Music Hall last Tuesday evening, netted over \$300. 4,700 people witnessed Pauline Markham's New Haven yesterday. She appears at the Opera House next week. See adv. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Cummings, recently of Norwalk, will be pleased to learn that they have a little daughter, born on Christmas eve.

Public speakers and singers and B. H. Douglas & Sons' Perfected Capsicum Cough Drops a sure remedy for hoarseness. Retail price, 15 cents per quarter pound. Legrand Bradley, father of Mr. Noah W. Bradley of Saugatuck, died at the residence of the latter, yesterday, in the eightieth year of his age. The funeral will be held to-morrow at 2 p. m.

In the case of Remson Bros., vs. S. E. Olmstead, a suit brought to collect a milk bill of \$38, and which has been adjourned several times, Judge Ely this week rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiffs to recover the full amount with costs.—Republican.

El Carpenter, colored, of Greenwich, gave himself up Christmas night in Hartford, for an old burglary, saying times were so hard he'd no sooner get in than get out. He had "worked" about every place on the Consolidated road between New York and Springfield.

Last Tuesday afternoon Mr. Horace Gibbs, machinist at the Shirt factory was presented by the machine girls with a handsome easy chair. The chair which came from Ellis's was elegantly upholstered and made a right good present for Mr. Gibbs and his wife to feel proud of.

The annual sociable of the Plasians will be held at the Central hall to-morrow evening. Music will be furnished by a first-class orchestra, and every effort will be made to render the affair an enjoyable success. Tickets, admitting gentlemen and ladies, can be had of the committee or at the door; price 50 cents. A good time for all is guaranteed.

Three of the barges belonging to the tow lost last week in sound were heard from. One was found on Old Neck Point, opposite Bayville post office, L. I. It lies away with about one foot of water in the hold. Another was found half a mile east of the point in good condition. The third was seen on the eastward at the time the tug and the sunken boats belong to the E. & N. E. Transportation Company of New Haven.

They have put a train on the Burlington and Quincy road which they call the "owl" train. The New York Sun describes the novelty at some length, apparently not aware that the New York, New Haven and Hartford road has had an "owl train" for so many years that its novelty wore off long ago. The conductor's checks were stamped with an owl and there were other symbols of the same nature. The western novelty is an old New England fact.

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THE GINGER PLANT. Everybody is acquainted with the rhizomes or "roots" of this plant, which in a dried state is the country of ginger. It is a perennial herb, the leaves are green as a condiment. The ginger plant of the shops is prepared from carefully selected young rhizomes, washed and scraped, and then preserved in jars with syrup. As in the case of several other plants of famous economical value, the native country of the ginger plant is not known. Strongly said, the flowers are rarely or never produced under cultivation, although the plant has been a garden inmate for centuries. In the tropics, however, flowers are produced. Like the cardamoms, the seeds of ginger, the fruit and several other members of the ginger family, the leaves of the ginger plant have a strong aromatic odor when bruised, and for this character alone these plants are deserving of a place in gardens. The ginger plant is easily grown from the seeds, and the leaves are deciduous, and whilst the plant is at rest it should be placed on a shelf or under a stage in a warm house and be kept dry. In the Spring the rhizomes may be shaken out of the old soil and potted in any ordinary garden soil. The stock should be increased by dividing the rhizomes. WASHING THE FACE. There are some who object to washing the face often, especially with soap, thinking this an injury to the complexion. But those who have made a specialty of skin diseases say no part of the body needs soap so much; in fact, the face, the neck, the stomach and dust, collects so much, it is not enough to wash it with clear water. They say if soap makes the face shiny, as so many claim, it only shows that it is the more needed, and that the work of drying after the soap has been properly performed. The face however should not be wet immediately before or after going out. Its most thorough ablution should be performed at night, before going to bed, and the following method should be observed in the process: Fill the bowl with soft water, wash the face with a medium-sized sponge with good soap, and wash the face carefully. Then take fresh water, without soap, and wash again with the hands, and rub thoroughly with a Turkish or cambric towel until the face is dry and tingling. This will do much toward improving the complexion, and the little verminous black spots, called "fish worms," will usually disappear after a time, if it is persevered in.



