

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1873

"KEEP THY MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS GREEN."

The New Year's Address to the patrons of this paper will make its appearance on Dec. 20th, the date of our next issue. It will be entitled, "Keep the memories of Christmas green." Only those of our subscribers who have aided by prompt payment of subscriptions will receive them. Those who are in arrears for one year and over, do not help us to any extent, and of course cannot expect us to present them with a work that has cost us both money and time to bring out.

Tweed and Ingalls, both millionaires, have been sentenced to the penitentiary in New York, the former for twelve and the latter for five years. Who's next?

Where is the West?

"Ask where's the North? At York 'tis on the Tweed;
In Scotland, on the Oracles, and there,
Tis Greenland, Zephyr or the Lord knows."

The West is never receding, like the North. It is not very long since Massachusetts men called a railroad, which begins forty miles west of Boston, the "Western." After the Revolution the first West was New York, beyond the Dutch on the No-hawk. Then it was the Western Reserve, about Cleveland. Next it was Indiana, then Illinois. When the Erie canal opened in 1825, it was Michigan, next Wisconsin and Iowa. Slavery agitations revealed another West in Missouri, Texas and Kansas. But all these wests, if rolled into one, are smaller than the newest west, which we owe to the trans-continent railroad. This west stretches from torrid to frigid zones, having California as its ocean center, and Nebraska as its counterpart on the Missouri. The route of the Union Pacific road was pre-determined by population having long gravitated irresistibly to that latitude, and that route was wisely chosen is further shown by the Nebraska population having doubled in the last four years, while that along its Burlington branch has increased still faster.

By the meaning of the West has always been one, whatever the changes in its locality. It always means cheap land. Therefore it now begins at the Missouri, because east of that river no land of desirable climate remains open to homesteader or pre-emptor.

Nebraska is then the threshold or pre-emptor. There Uncle Sam is rich enough to give us all a farm, and the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad offers its grants on terms which many settlers prefer to the free grants of the United States.

Prof. J. D. Brainerd.

The Presence of God.

We are never alone. The Christian's life should never, can never, be a solitary one. A life of service must be a life of love. And no path can be barren if the fountain of living water flows by its side. Yet there are lives which bereavement has left very poor in natural companionship, and homes which at times seem silent when the echo of other full and joyous firesides reach them. And there are those who have no homes on earth, dwelling as strangers in the homes of others; and in all lives there are lonely hours—hours when trial and perplexity come, and the friend on whose sympathy and judgment we would then lean is not near;

and in many hearts there are places too tender for any human hand to touch. What a truth, then, is that which turns hours of loneliness into hours of richest and most blessed companionship—companionship which makes the heart glow and the face shine; so that those who dwell in it bear a visible sunshine with them wherever they go. No! we are never alone. God is with us, and always near us. Blessed be his glorious name for ever and ever.

The Superintendent of the Detroit & Bay City Railroad has issued an order of which the following is an extract: "The lives and property entrusted to our care are of so great value, that the use of intoxicating liquors can't be allowed, and any one known to use them will be immediately discharged." A good order if rigidly enforced.

Charles A. Dana gets \$10,000 a year for editing the New York Sun.

Should the editor of the Record have the offer of a like salary it would almost tempt him to bid adieu to the beautiful and romantic village of Northville.

A. L. Aldrich, proprietor of the Flint Globe, has been appointed Resident Trustee of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, in place of Hon. W. L. Smith, resigned. Mr. Smith and family have gone to Florida where they will sojourn for some time.

Frank Wood, of the regular army, and son of Hon. A. B. Wood of Saginaw, died recently at Fortress Monroe. His father being informed of his illness, by telegraph, started for the South, but his son was dead before he reached him.

Miss Anna K. Rowe, principal of the ladies' department of the Hillsdale College, died Nov. 21. She was a classical graduate of that college, and had been connected with the high school at Sandusky, Ohio.

Brig. Gen. Sexton has succeeded Major Potter as Quartermaster of the District lying about the lakes, and his headquarters will be established at Detroit.

The Ann Arbor Augus says that Ex-Governor Fitch has not retired from the practice of law, as has been announced, and is not writing a history of Michigan.

Dr. S. L. Herrick, an old and esteemed physician of Three Rivers, has become insane, and his friends have removed him to the Asylum at Kalamazoo.

Hon. John G. Sutherland of Saginaw City started for Salt Lake Nov. 20, where he will remain during the winter, in the hope of regaining his health.

M. V. Borgman, Chief of the Detroit Police, has been chosen Superintendent of the House of Correction, in place of A. Loderer, deceased.

Charles Moeller, a prominent German citizen of East Saginaw, died Nov. 21, from injuries by being knocked down upon the street.

The oldest pioneer now living in St. Joseph county is Benj. Buck of Sturgis, who settled there in 1827.

Mr. Webster Johnson, and wife of Kalamazoo celebrated their golden wedding last week.

Shadrach Ford, who settled in Berrien County in 1827, died Nov. 21, aged 78 years.

Elizabeth Miller, who had resided at Monroe upwards of 48 years, died Nov. 1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Letter Becher, who owns the Middle House of Detroit, and wishes to find a tenant, recently received a telegram from Antiedale, the hotel man of Grand Rapids, that he, Antiedale, would rent his house if he would comply with one condition. Becher telegraphed back that he could have the house, and asked the condition. The answer came, "Move the Middle House to Grand Rapids and place it on the site of the present Rathbone House."

An Indian girl of Bay City is said to have fallen heir to \$1,000,000 worth of property located in Pittsburgh. Her father was Wm. Mowry, formerly of Bay City, who married the girl's mother and lived with her several years.

F. R. Green of Wyandotte made a wager of \$20 with a Detroit man that he could walk nine miles in two hours and easily win in one hour and forty minutes.

The Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad Company has discharged over 200 employees recently from various departments, the greatest number being from the car-shops.

The Saginaw Enterprise says that the bed of the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad from Reed City to Ludington, and also on the line from East Saginaw to Vassar, is ready for the iron, which will probably be laid early in the spring. That paper also thinks the road from Vassar to St. Clair will be pushed through another season, should the country recover from its financial depression.

All passenger trains on the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad are supplied with air brakes.

An elegant palace pay-car was recently placed on the Michigan Central Railroad.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

Muskegon has a charitable association composed of little misses under 12 years of age, who meet every Saturday afternoon to make up articles of clothing for the needy poor. Each member also contributes 10 cents per week.

The Lowell Journal says that certain miners in that village steal wood enough during the week to pay their Sunday poor rent in the fashionable churches of that village.

The late Hon. Wilder D. Foster of Grand Rapids bequeathed \$5,000 to Olivet College.

CARMS AND CALAMITIES.

A \$4,000 fire occurred at Jackson Nov. 22. W. N. Choate and Mrs. T. T. McGrath were the principal losers.

Suit has been commenced against the bondsmen of ex-county Treasurer of Parley of Muskegon, to obtain \$33,600 which he is charged with embezzeling.

