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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1890.

THAT MERCILESS SLAUGHTER. Blood in streams from hundreds of human beings has at last flowed in deadly conflict on the plains of Dakota between white men and Indians.

The details are shocking and revolting. Squaws and their babies were shot down side by side with their husbands and fathers.

This cold blooded butchery is called a battle. There was no battle about it, it was a massacre.

The whole management of this Indian trouble in Dakota is a burning shame and disgrace to the war department.

The killing of Sitting Bull was entirely unnecessary. The bloody fight was provoked by the unwise and insulting manner of his arrest.

He was taken in his own shack in the midst of his family. He was not in arms against the government.

Had he had to be arrested it could have been done easily by the cavalry after he began his movement to the Bad Lands.

The force with him was small and confined almost exclusively to his own nearest relatives. He could not have resisted such a force as a company of cavalry and when his march with supposed hostile intent began he could have been arrested in daylight with much less loss of life if he had resisted.

There is no probability that he would have resisted an arrest by a proper military force of white men. Instead of this, Bull Head, an Indian policeman who hated him and other Indians of that tribe, known to be equally the enemies of Sitting Bull, was sent to make an arrest in the night.

No doubt Sitting Bull hated these enemies of his as bitterly as they hated him and it can be seen that it was the manner of the arrest that sitting Bull resisted more than the arrest itself.

He was resenting the insult of being aroused from his sleep in the night by his personal enemies to be taken into custody. The exact words that passed between himself and Bull Head have never been reported and perhaps never can be, but the overbearing manner of the one and the rash arrangement of the other, chiefly personal, may well be surmised as the immediate cause of the bloody fight in which both lost their lives.

But this last so-called battle with Big Foot's band was the climax of criminal blunders and outrages committed by General Miles and his subordinate officers. This starving, shivering, weary band of men, women and children, led by Big Foot, had voluntarily returned from the Bad Lands to their obedience to the government officials. They manifested no hostile purposes. They were seeking the shelter and food to which they were entitled from the United States by treaty. It is true they had arms and so had they been armed for years.

There was no treaty provision against it and it was their right as freemen. If they were accused of murdering, murder and pillage it was only so in the minds of the government officials. They were not accused before surrendering. No demand was made for them to lay down their arms when they broke their battle array to fall into line under guard of the troops.

The demand for their arms was unnecessary and the gross folly of the affair gives it the appearance of a deliberate plan to irritate, annoy, insult and provoke the warriors to resist their tormentors in the presence of their squaws and papooses.

Their resistance is called treachery. How it can be made to appear that this band of surrendered Indians peacefully marching to the agency could be guilty of treachery is more than we can understand. It is true they resisted disarming at that time and place. The resistance was desperate and was made with what little strategy their position permitted. Their voluntary surrender, their peaceful march with their women and children to the agency, all prove conclusively that no treachery was intended. They were the ones who were on their guard against treachery, and it is only if they were the traitors, the unfortunate victims of a treachery that would bloodily laid them in death, mingling the blood of the brave with his wife and child.

The unprovoked slaughter of this band of savages is one of the most pitiful sights presented in all Christendom in these halcyon days of Christian joy and peace. It is the greatest shame incurred by the nation in a decade.

The president of the Alliance in Louisiana says a third party movement is impossible in the South under present political conditions because the people are engaged in the establishment of white supremacy. The race question is not passing importance. The Republicans are just as much opposed to negro government as the Democrats, and the color line would fall before a few Republican victories gained by negro votes for white men.

The latest reports of the killing of the young Republican postmaster at Canton, Miss., show that the murder was a cowardly murder. These awful and wicked murders in the South are the curse of that section. It evidences a degree of barbarity and lawlessness that savages the inherent qualities of the people.

There's don't seem to be any real force for civil service reform among the Democrats of Michigan. They purpose bowing the Republicans as mercifully as the Republicans bow them. Outside of the new members there is no politician who is honestly for civil service reform.

The desire of state officials elected by the Democrats to appoint near relatives to office had better be suppressed. Negotiation is a poor pledge of reform. The people did not elect these gentlemen to office with all their relations.

In Grant's time nepotism was considered by Democrats an abuse of public patronage. Circumstances have brought a change over the Democratic mind in Michigan.

The Keaneat swindle done in tanking has come to light in Chicago.

PUBLIC OPINION.

The drinking proclivities of the inmates of the Soldiers' home are becoming almost notorious. Quite frequently of late some of the old soldiers who are being cared for by the state are seen in Police court, where they humiliate their comrades by pleading guilty to a disfiguring offense.

It is a disgrace that the state should be obliged to support a large number of men who are being cared for by the state and who are being cared for by the state and who are being cared for by the state.

I fell a little bit sorry for the Electric Railway company, and still after all it looks as though the council had come to a realization of what should be demanded from a corporation of this kind, in the interests of the people, as a change for a valuable franchise. Probably the city legislature had been a little more careful with such matters in the past, the public would have been considered to a greater extent by the corporations now in possession of the field.

It is rather hard on the Electric company, and they are obliged to put up the pay roll in advance in the hands of the city officials, but a franchise is a privilege and they and electric men can, well afford to have their reliability and integrity questioned to the extent to secure it.

City Attorney Taylor, undoubtedly, was right in requesting that the Allen street opening case be taken to the Supreme court for a decision. It certainly should be known whether unopened streets can even be extended through property owned and controlled by railway corporations, and the Supreme court is the judicial seat of information to matters of that description. There may be a cry of expense raised by subsidiary newspapers or individuals, but the interests of the people must be such that this question be authoritatively settled for all time.

A Wonder Worker. Frank Hoffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was able to get around. He then pronounced his case to be consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and at that time was not able to walk across the street without resting. He found, however, he had used half a dollar bottle, that he was much better, he continued to use it and is today enjoying good health. If you have any throat, lung or chest trouble try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottles 10 cents. Thum Bros' drug store.

Our New Year Offer and Greeting. Reader, we call special attention to the following special offer. If you are not personally interested you may confer a lasting favor on some friend or neighbor by speaking to them about it. Soon we shall hear the salutation of "We wish you a Happy New Year" from the proprietors of the great Electro Ozon New Method Cere at the "Elmirage" building, Grand Rapids, wish to extend greeting to all and accompany the same with an offer for a marvelous reduction in prices for treatment. From this date and during the month of January single treatments, \$5.00; five treatments, \$25.00; ten treatments, \$50.00. A free examination will be given by the physician in charge, Dr. A. S. Leavitt, a graduate of Queen's University, Canada, and America's greatest specialist in rheumatism and all chronic diseases. Come at once and investigate.

Now cometh ye Christ-masme. Jollie and wined good cheer, Followed right by ye glad New Years.

HOLIDAY RATES. Round-trip excursion tickets will be sold by the Michigan Central. The Niagara Falls route—at one and one-third. Lowest first-class fare for the round trip with all inclusive west of Detroit river, except locally on the Toledo division, and stations on the Michigan Central and Detroit, Huron & Alpena railroads. Tickets will be sold December 24, 25 and 26. It is the only ticket that is sold on day of sale only, and to return not later than January 3, 1891. These tickets are for the limited vestibule trains Nos. 5, 19 and 20.

FRED M. BIRGOS, General Agent, 95 Monroe street. GEORGE W. MUXSON, Union Ticket Office. J. S. HAWKINS, Ticket Agent, Union depot.

You can get a life-size photograph for \$10 at Wykes', 35 Monroe street.

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Our December business has demonstrated to us that we are a generous people, and that Christmas is an event distinctly devoted to the pleasure of giving and receiving. We are profoundly impressed with the generous gifts bestowed upon unexpected recipients, whose gratitude words could not express.

SPRING & COMPANY.

CLOAKS.

Our stock of CLOAKS has been greatly reduced, and to close them out entirely we will offer the greatest inducements to the trade. We are determined to sell them, and the cost of a garment will not be taken into consideration.

SPRING & COMPANY.

Look at Our List of Specialties.

Table listing various clothing items and prices: 10 Pieces of Black Silk at 73 CENTS, 12 Pieces Black Satin at 74 CENTS, etc.

Hosiery and Underwear.

Table listing hosiery and underwear items and prices: 60 doz. Child's Wool Hose, 2 Cases Child's Wool Hose, One Lot Boys' Heavy Hose, etc.

We extend to our patrons greeting for '91, and thank them for the magnificent patronage bestowed upon us the past year, both in its remote and immediate connections.

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AMUSEMENTS.

UNIVERSALITY CHURCH. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, The New York Symphony Club, Under the management of H. S. Driggs, comprising the following celebrated artists: MR. CHARLES F. HIGGINS, America's greatest Violin Virtuoso, MISS MARIETTA SIEGFRIED, Prima Donna Soprano, etc.

THEATRE. JOHN E. HIGGINS & CO. Proprietors. W. EDWARDS & CO. Business Manager. ONE WEEK, COMMENCING MONDAY, DEC. 29!

PATRICE! THE Charming Little Soubrette, In Her New Comedy Drama, THE Midnight Call!

HARTMAN'S HALL. HENRY M. STANLEY! The Great Explorer of Africa, and the Most Famous Hero of the World will lecture at HARTMAN'S HALL, Monday Eve, January 5, 1891.

Admission—15, 25, 30 and 75 Cents. Seats now on sale. No Extra Charge for Reserved Seats. Line Tickets at 6 c. m.

RECITAL. DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL MISS ALBERTA DANBY of the Faculty of Belmont College, London, Ont., assisted by MR. FRANCIS CAMPBELL of this city, will give a Dramatic and Musical Recital at the Lyceum, Friday Evening, January 3.

SMITH'S OPERA HOUSE. W. D. SMITH, Proprietor and Manager. FRANK W. WILKINSON, Stage Manager. O. W. WHITSON, Musical Director. 1890 FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, DEC. 29, 1890! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

W. M. IRWIN, The World's Greatest Equilibrist, Keat & Hochmann, The Celtic Kings, in their Specialty, "Rooney Out of Sight!"

Extra New Year Matinee! BIG SHOW! BIG WEEK! Matinee—Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Prices—1 Evening, 15, 25 and 35 cents. Matinee, 10, 15 and 25 cents.

A. L. LIVINGSTON, Founder of the Popular Fried Restaurant, Proprietor of Livingston Hotel AND RESTAURANT, 51 AND 53 LYON ST. (Established 1854) RATES \$1.00 AND \$1.25 PER DAY. Only 15 Cent Restaurant in the City.

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Holiday Slippers AT BOYER'S. We have the largest and most brilliant line of Holiday Slippers in Grand Rapids. We are having a big one of Ladies' and Gents' slippers to try, but they will not be sent in good goods and at lower prices than you can get elsewhere.

Boyer's Shoe Store, 39 CANAL ST. for each testimony and still keep on selling good goods at low prices.

WATCH. The rapid improvement of your eyes is the result of the treatment of Prof. Chambers & Johnson's Electric, Mechanical and Surgical Eye Sanitarium, Opposite the Postoffice, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Prof. Chambers & Johnson, Owners and Proprietors Electrical and Medical Sanitarium. Permanently Located at 123 N. India Street, Opposite Postoffice, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Harvey & Heystek's ART DEPARTMENT. PINE PROOF ETCHINGS, WATER COLORS, PASTELS, FRAMED IN ARTISTIC MOULDINGS.

PICTURE FRAMES MADE TO ORDER. We Cordially Invite Inspection. 74 and 76 Ottawa Street, LEADING PICTURE AND FRAME HOUSE IN THE CITY.

Grand Rapids Inspiratory Institute, Rooms 6 and 7 Immen Block, 43 Monroe St. Established for the treatment and cure of diseases of the RESPIRATORY ORGANS, CATARRH, ASTHMA, CONSUMPTION, BRONCHITIS, HAY FEVER, ETC.

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THE PEOPLES COLUMN.

National Reading of the Scriptures. Every Christian should be made to thank you for setting apart to the people a column of your paper and also permission to use a portion of it to express some of the thoughts called up by its perusal, born of love and gratitude...

but as much, proof exists for one as for the other, and one is as good as the other. Houghtaling asks what his infidelity really means in the eyes of the masses...

Where, too, will any find a book more foolishly misconstrued? None would find reading a work on physical culture and call it a history of the United States...

Just before the season closed, however, the fair cottagers went with their parents to the city...

At the first meal on the following day the natural or slight excitement of the living room with red roses thrust in their belts...

One of Seattle's leading physicians, who brags that he is "a descendant of the story of a dog's sagacity that is rather astonishing, to say the least."

When I was a boy," said the doctor, "my father-in-law had a dog named Sam. Sometimes he would have as many as a hundred on the farm."

It was difficult to believe, but it is an old story of a dog's sagacity that is rather astonishing, to say the least. The dog would lead the hog by a short distance in the direction it ought to go, and then stand staring blankly until the gate, and then stand there barking until the hog was led to the pen.

The gentleman turned after taking a walk to the house to see the dog by his handkerchief. Instantly another beggar sidled up and also got a nickel. Like the first he was profuse in his thanks and begged to be allowed to keep the handkerchief.

Number three took the advice, but failed to drop his handkerchief. New York Times.

A COMBINATION LOCK.

A lady recently in Japan adds another to the many tales of the obsequiousness of Japanese servants. In leaving the house she had her trunk locked by her attendant...

The incident hereafter told was an actual happening. In Chicago some years ago an actor of the name of Houghtaling was engaged to play the part of the miser in the comedy 'The Miser'...

This was a novelty to the wife, who, although she had bestowed some of her wraps in the past, began a superficial study of the mechanism. She could not understand it, and she called her husband and her lord and master of her in his superior wisdom, to explain it.

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THE NORTH SHORE.

Which runs between Chicago and New York and Boston, over the Michigan Central, New York Central and Boston and Albany railroads, has probably excited more comment of the most favorable character from the traveling public in general and metropolitan press in particular, than any other train on wheels.

It is a curious and little known fact that the hair of women is coarser than that of men as well as of the animal kingdom. In an average head of hair there are about 100,000 individual hairs. The hair seems to have the growth of its own intense and continued excitement it created—Her Point of View in New York Times.

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