





TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1873

Washington Society and... Life in Washington—City Improvements—New Streets—Public Parks—Elegant New Buildings—Society Notes—Public Amusements—Personals.

Washington, Dec. 10th, 1873. The telegraph and newspaper press, hurried over the Continent by the speed of electricity and steam, will have interested you of the doings at Congress from day to day, with a promptness that will relieve your correspondent from the duty of following up in detail the progress of work of National legislation.

The sayings and doings of our prominent men—and now-a-days of our prominent women too—the doings and sayings in the departments; society movements, etiquettes, gossip and fashions; receptions, public and select; dinners, balls, soirees and evening parties; diplomatic receptions and international courtesies, each and all afford material for comment, thought, amusement and participation.

It is generally known that your age Congressmen during their stay at the Capitol were seldom accompanied by their families, but choice friends would congregate in the different hearing rooms, looking what the speaker would say.

Many fine residences have been built by gentlemen of wealth, some of whom come to our city on business, while others are drawn hither by various attractions, many of which exist in no other city of the United States. The city, which prides to be the most beautiful on the Continent in the most beautiful, healthy and agreeable climate. Trade is steadily growing, and population rapidly increasing.

Mrs. Secretary Fish gave the first reception of the season at her residence. The occasion was rendered more than usually agreeable by the presence of her daughter, Miss Edith Fish, who will assist in dispensing the hospitality of her father's home during the winter.

Society looks for a cessation a month or two hence, when Ernest, Duke of Saxe-Coburg (Gotha) is expected to arrive in this country, where he intends to remain about a year. He is a brother-in-law to Queen Victoria, and a general to the German army.

His pale, thin face is almost hidden under the slouched hat, which he does not remove on taking his seat, as his health is so feeble that he fears the slightest draft. Those who knew him years ago, say he is but the shadow of his former self.

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General Cortina will doubtless be successful. The city authorities are said to have applied to the national government by telegraph for the support of the federal troops in this city, which was denied.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

LAST Sunday was a disagreeable day, moist and cold; yesterday it cleared off and Christmas promises to be a summer day.

SOME of our constitutional lawyers have left for Austin to aid their brethren in the defense of the unconstitutional election law. We wish them success, as far as the exhibition of their talents is concerned.

PANCOST & SON have received a splendid assortment of goods to make up to order.

A. A. WOLFF'S BAZAR has been doing a fine business since it commenced selling out first class goods at cost. Yet the stock may still be considered a well assorted one, and a person desiring to purchase first class (dry goods) will upon investigation find that he can get the same article below cost, for which in any other place he has to pay the regular price. Mr. Wolff intends a change of business, hence he sells out at cost below post.

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ATTENTION is directed to the notice in another column of the holiday-festivities of the Alamo Literary Society. The object is to raise money for the purchase of books, and to give away the same to the poor.

PANCOST & SON have certainly the best assortment of goods and toys, the very best and cheapest, and the whole stock is to be sold in the City. The stock just received.

SUNDAY about 11 o'clock the fire alarm was rung, and a fire broke out in the house of Fire Co. No. 1, to inquire; we found the engine blowing out the fire, and the firemen waiting for the engine, who probably was waiting for the fire, for there was very little smoke. A report came in that a hay-stack somewhere in Flores Street had smoked down, which was very fortunate, for the engine had not come yet, so we made our way home and went to bed the second time. Suddenly had we closed our eyes, when the fire bell commenced ringing again and kept on ringing so obstinately that we imagined all kinds of things. So we jumped up again and made haste, and when on the road to the engine to inquire again, for there was no fire within the reach of our eyes, we met a fireman, going home, who told us the hay-stack had now, indeed, smoked down. Another fireman said, the second ringing of the alarm-bell was for the engineer, who had not made his appearance yet, and that the Chief was bound to have the engine. All honor to the Chief. So it happened that the Milan engine No. 1 had its first trial, or rather the Milan engineer.

In ancient times there was a man with the name of Sisyphus, who by gods of that time was condemned, after death, to roll a heavy rock uphill, which work he did vigorously; but whenever he had placed the rock on the top of the hill, down it came thundering, and he had to commence his work again, with the same result. This reminds us of the efforts of our railroad lawyers, who, like Sisyphus, are constantly laboring to roll that railroad-rock uphill; but when they are certain to have it fixed, and all good citizens of San Antonio are sure of having the road now, down comes it thundering, and the work must be done over again. Twice they have tried it with the Morgan road, three times with the Pease road; a fortnight ago the iron for the Columbus road was shipped from Liverpool, to-day our lawyers have undertaken the hard job of convincing Mr. Pease that the railroad election was a legal one. The rock is down again.

Messrs. MANDELBAUM & KILLING respectfully call the attention of country merchants to their large stock of boots and shoes of their own make, offering them special inducements. [25-9-d-w-3m]

Marcelona Beyond President. Is the effect of SOZODONT upon the whole economy of the Month, keeping the gums rosy and healthy, the teeth in perfect order, giving to the breath a balmy fragrance.

See notice of arrival of H. Grenet's Christmas goods. Owing to the unavoidable delay that has occurred in receiving them, there will be NO GRAND DISPLAY as originally intended. We are satisfied, however, that his customers will not have lost anything by waiting, as the next approach of the holidays will be an extra inducement for him to mark down his goods to the lowest figure.

LAST Wednesday evening, Dec. 17th, a meeting of the members of Alamo Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., was held, and officers elected for the ensuing Masonic year whose names we give in another place. This society, which is a credit to our city, and one of public merit, will celebrate St. John's Day on the 26th inst. with a grand ball, and which we are sure will be a splendid affair, since the Committee on Arrangements appointed are gentlemen who know what they are about. See advertisement in another column.

If you want a pair of real good French calf skin shoes, go to MANUEL RAUM & KILLING, 60 Commerce St. They will make them for you out of the best French calf skin at shortest notice, and fully warrant their work. They employ now 14 workmen, and are therefore enabled to fill orders quicker than their competitors. They also keep on hand a large stock of boots and shoes of their own make and are certain that they can fill all orders for boots and shoes. [25-9-d-w-3m]

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