

BOER WAR STOPS RAILWAY BUILDING

Four Hundred Projects Held Up for
Want of Sufficient Funds.

BALTIMORE BUYS A LINE.

Modified Reorganization Plan of K.
C. & P. and G. Declared Operative by
Committee—Railroad Notes.

A London dispatch to the New York Times this morning says that over four hundred projects for light railways have been deposited for passing at the next session of parliament, and not one of them can hope next year to raise capital on terms admitting of a profit. Existing railways seek powers to raise between thirty and forty millions of new capital, and could not raise a penny at 4 per cent. This inability must continue while the war lasts, and play endless mischief with the industries of the country, all habitually too dependent upon borrowed money or new issues of spare capital.

Baltimore Makes Purchase.
Baltimore, Dec. 24.—An important railroad deal which has been pending for some time was concluded yesterday, when the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company purchased, for cash, the Monocahela River railroad. Possession of the new property will pass in April next. The road is said to have cost \$2,000,000 ten years ago, and the price paid is reported to have been \$6,000,000.

Ex-Senator Johnson N. Camden and his associates, who owned the railroad, made the sale. In the sale to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad the Camden company maintains the coal interests, which include over 20,000 acres of coal lands located in the Fairmont and Monongahela districts of West Virginia.

The railroad runs from Fairmont to Clarksburg and unites the line of the Baltimore & Ohio system running to Chicago.
Plan Declared Operative.
Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The Philadelphia reorganization committee of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf Railroad company and its terminal companies has formally declared operative the modified plan for the reorganization of the properties mentioned. Pursuant to the requirements of the stock-listing committee of the New York stock exchange all of the depositors of the reorganization committee will receive deposits of any of the securities included in the plan, without penalty until January 6, 1900.

RAILROAD NOTES.
There was a Christmas holiday in all the railroad offices today.

The Rio Grande Western is enlarging its yard space at Thistle.

Former Surgeon W. J. Galbraith of the Missouri Pacific at St. Louis, has been promoted to be freight tariff manager.

For the third week in December the gross earnings of the Rio Grande Western were \$24,500, an increase of \$23,350. For the three weeks of the month the gross reached \$28,500, an increase of \$65,500. December, 1898, fell short of December, 1897, but from the record of the three weeks to date it looks as if December, 1899, will eclipse 1897.

SALT LAKE TEMPLE
The Salt Lake Temple will close on Friday, Dec. 22nd, 1899, and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1900.

LORENZO SNOW, President.
MANTI TEMPLE.
The Manti temple will close on Friday the 22nd of December, 1899, and reopen 10th of January, 1900.

JOHN D. T. McALLISTER, President.
LOGAN TEMPLE.
The Logan Temple will close on Friday, the 22nd of December, 1899, and reopen on Tuesday, the 2nd of January, 1900.

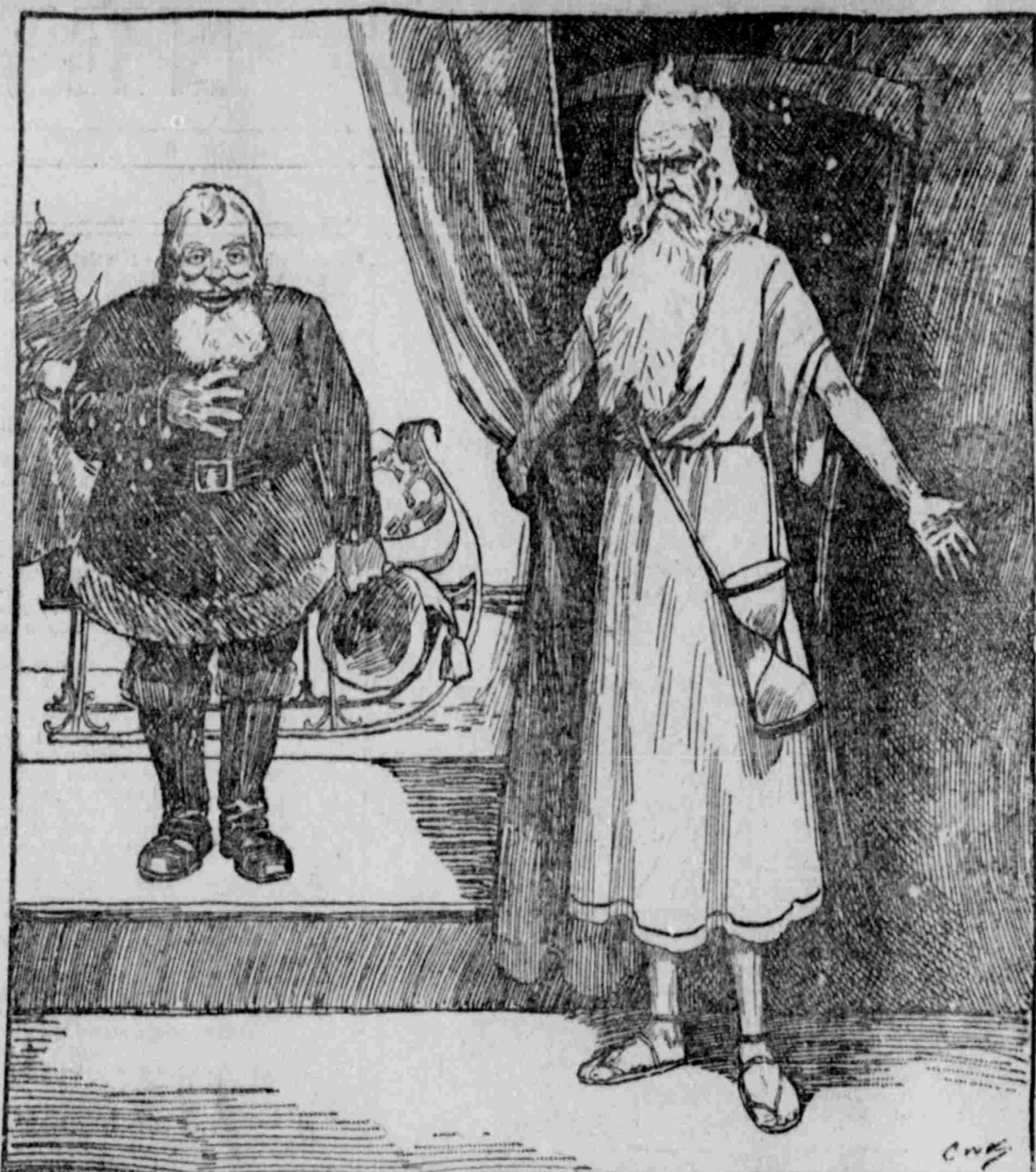
M. W. MERRILL, President.
SEIZED AMERICAN CARCOES
Inquiry Into Alleged Action of British Cruisers at Delagoa Bay.

State Department Will See Whether American Vessels with Carcoes to Neutral Ports Were Cargoes.

New York, Dec. 25.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary of State Hay will have a thorough investigation made of the reported seizure by British cruisers of several cargoes of American flour off Delagoa bay, South Africa. Instructions have been sent to the American consul at Lorenzo Marquez, Portuguese, South Africa, directing him to make a thorough inquiry and to do everything in his power to prevent illegal interference with American commerce by either belligerent.

Ambassador Choate has also been instructed to make inquiries in London and to make such representations to the British foreign office as the facts in the case may justify.

What action will be finally taken by the government will depend on what is revealed by the inquiries. The reports that reach Washington are unofficial and very meager. They indicate that the British foreign office acted on the theory that the flour was destined for the Boer army, but they do not indicate what evidence the British naval commanders had to justify them in reaching that conclusion. It is contended by the local representative of the American shippers that the flour was shipped to bona fide purchasers in Portuguese territory, and that the shippers had no knowledge of any ulterior destination. If it can be shown that the flour was shipped from the United States for the express purpose of being forwarded from Delagoa bay into the Transvaal it will be held by the British government that the shipment was technically under international law a contraband voyage, and that that flour was as clearly liable to



FATHER TIME PRESENTS THE MOST POPULAR MAN IN AMERICA—MR. SANTA CLAUS

CHRISTMAS WITH THE UNFORTUNATE.

Inmates of State Prison, City and
County Jails Enjoy Day.

COUNTY INFIRMARY FEAST.

Superintendent Whipple Plays Santa
Claus with the Old and Young
—Other Places.

Prisoners confined in the State prison, city and county jails were not forgotten today. In fact they were provided with good Christmas cheer in the shape of substantial edibles, as well as a few sweets and delicacies.

At the State prison Warden Dow treated the inmates to a grand turkey dinner with oyster dressing and cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, celery, plum pudding, nuts, candy, coffee, tea and milk. One hundred and seventy was the number that sat down to the repast this afternoon, all males. Contrary to general custom the regular Christmas program had to be dispensed with today on account of the prison being under quarantine. In view of the existence of smallpox in the State, Warden Dow proposes to take all necessary precautions.

THE COUNTY JAIL.
Sheriff Howells and Jailor Thomas remembered the inmates of the county jail today with a fine spread. The menu comprised turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, corn, pickles, mince pie, plum pudding, nuts, raisins, coffee and tea. A special song service was had early this morning, Jailor Thomas at the organ. The number of prisoners under Mr. Thomas' special care today were thirty-four, all males.

THE CITY BASTILE.
The prisoners confined in the city jail were treated by Chief Higgins and his staff to a grand Christmas dinner, consisting of roast beef and plum pudding. No less than thirty-two guests partook of the city's hospitality today. Of this number twenty-nine were males. The remaining three belonged to the weaker sex.

COUNTY INFIRMARY.
Supt. Whipple of the county infirmary, ever mindful of the needs and wants of those under his care, treated the inmates today to another of her famous Christmas turkey dinners. Last evening Supt. Whipple played Santa Claus, and everyone in the house received something that made them feel as though they were not entirely forgotten. This evening the inmates will be regaled with oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, plum pudding, nuts, candy, coffee, tea and milk. The inmates will be regaled with oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, plum pudding, nuts, candy, coffee, tea and milk. The inmates will be regaled with oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, plum pudding, nuts, candy, coffee, tea and milk.

ST. ANN'S ORPHANAGE.
The children of St. Ann's orphanage were in high glee today. Yesterday Mrs. Thomas Kearns sent the orphanage a barrel of turkeys and a hundred pounds of flour, and Mrs. David Keith also donated a barrel of turkeys. This evening the children will have a Christmas tree, everything necessary for the same having been donated by Mrs. Kearns, Mrs. Keith, Mrs. David Keith, Mrs. John Webber, W. P. O'Meara and J. E. Kearns.

THE HOSPITALS.
At the city hospitals the patients were remembered by those having charge of the institutions as well as by friends on the outside. The bill of fare comprised turkey and the customary Christmas dinner.

STRANGE CASE OF ASSAULT.
Chicago, Dec. 25.—John Gilles, an operative connected with a private detective agency, is at the county hospital, probably fatally hurt. According to the story he tells he was hurled from the Twelfth street viaduct by two men yesterday and nearly ground to death under the wheels of an incoming train on the Grand Trunk railroad. His right leg was severed at the knee, his jaw was fractured, his cheek lacerated and his body bruised.

The police believe Gilles refuses to tell all he knows about his adventure. When he was picked up he narrated

a rambling story in which he spoke of having been thrown in front of the engine by two men whom he knew, but whom he could not recall. He also frequently used the word "enmity."

Later when he had come out from the influence of the ether after the doctors had operated upon him he said the men had been following him several days. With full consciousness restored, however, he refused to discuss the case and the police are at a loss to know the purpose of his rambling statements. Gilles denied his assailants were robbers as he says no attempt was made to rob him of his valuables.

Experts to Pull Finances Through.
New York, Dec. 25.—The Times' London correspondent cables:

The week was superficially uneventful, but under the surface an agony of adjustment proceeded, and the losses to be met this week are the most formidable in many years. Half the year had been time to get ready, and the Bank of England is doing its utmost to minimize the strain by continuing to lend and discount for short terms at 6 per cent. Upwards of \$5,000,000 was obtained from last week, so the probability is that the demand this week will be less severe.

In short, we shall pull through unless the credit rope breaks at some point, and of that there is as yet no sign. All the banks seem to be working cautiously, and as for the discount market, it is scarcely working at all below 6 1/2 per cent.

Meteorite Display.
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—Captain Fleetman and the crew of the British steamship Grosvenor, which is now lying at the Delaware breakwater after a successful run from Java, witnessed a splendid meteoric display on Dec. 3, when the vessel was in Latitude 33.14 and longitude 122.51.

A brilliant meteor was sighted in the heavens toward the end of the year, and it seemed to be of the kind that is said to be of an altitude of ten degrees, where it remained an instant, and then shot away in a northerly direction, followed closely by a dozen other meteors of the same kind. The meteor was a peculiar part of the display was the non-appearance of the fiery tails usually seen with meteors. Instead there was a brilliant shower of exploding electric balls.

THE AWFUL DISCOVERY.
Emanuel Levy was a hard-working and ambitious drummer in the woolen cloth line. His route lay through the smaller towns in Western New York, and his employers expected him to "cover" about five of them each day he was out. Emanuel always tried to reach at the end of the day one of the larger cities having good hotels, so that he would not have to endure the hardships of the road.

On one occasion he had had an especially tiresome day, owing to railway delays, and he had not been home here again and turning away regular customers.

"Can't help it, Manny, ask the boss," he said, "what am I going to do? I've got to sleep somewhere."

"Hold on a minute—perhaps I can fix you. Do you mind sleeping on a cot?" "Sleeping on a cot? Why, I'd sleep on a cot of nails."

Well, in the little room off of 42 there's a cot. In 42 we've got a sporting man, with a big bank roll. There's no lock on the door between the rooms, and he made us promise we wouldn't put any one in there. But if you'll be on the dead level, go in quietly and go out the same way before he's up, you can sleep there."

Levy went up to the room. In about three-quarters of an hour he came down again, partly dressed, and with a look of horror on his face.

"Mein Gott, Billy!" he exclaimed, "he reached the desk, 'but that man's dead.'"

"Yes, I knew he was dead," replied Billy, "but how did you find it out?"

OUR GOVERNOR OF GUAM.
Richard F. Leary, the new American governor of Guam, has already introduced matrimony among the primitive inhabitants of the island. Also, shall we say, consequently, he has required them to go to work. The operation of this matrimonial innovation is officially reported by him with evident satisfaction.

"The results," he says, "are most gratifying, and the divorce court and hymeneal altar are popular resorts. The court crier and the priestly wedding bells are constantly and harmoniously ringing out their decrees."—Louisville Courier Journal.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH SMITH.

Anniversary of His Birth Celebrated in the Sixteenth Ward.

PLEASEING REMINISCENCES.

Associates of the Prophet Speak of
His Great and Good Character—
Thirteen Relatives Present.

A very interesting meeting was held in the Sixteenth ward assembly room Saturday night, in honor of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith. The walls were adorned with numerous portraits of various members of the Smith family, and others who were associated with the Prophet through the stormy days of Missouri and Illinois.

Among others, there were on the stand, President Joseph F. Smith, Patriarch John Smith, Bathsheba W. Smith, Mrs. Lucy W. Smith, Lorin Farr, Bishop Emery and Counselors C. W. Spencer and Hop Pender.

The meeting was opened by Bishop Emery, who said that these meetings were in honor of the birth of the Prophet Joseph, and had been established by his predecessor, Bishop Keeler, and he felt that they should continue. He advised all the young and old to read the life of the prophet, for in that they would learn many valuable lessons. Bishop Emery was followed by a quartette composed of George D. Pyper, H. S. Egan, Willard Christopherson and James Danbar.

Elder Lorin Farr of Ogden then spoke briefly, his remarks being eulogistic of the prophet, whom he had known while with the prophet. He related many incidents in his youth while living in the Smith family, that illustrated the noble spirit that presided in that family. Joseph Smith he regarded as the noblest and greatest man he had ever known.

Bishop George Romney followed, speaking very enthusiastically of his acquaintance with the prophet. He said that he was a boy, the great man had more influence over him than any man he had ever met. He loved him before he was old enough to realize that he was a prophet of God. Bishop Romney said he had heard Joseph Smith speak by inspiration, and the effect it had upon him, he was unable to describe. The speaker related that awful day when the prophet was killed. When the Latter-day Saints were wrought up to a pitch of excitement which had never been manifested by them before, and they were all shouting and crying, when they would have done something desperate. Bishop Romney testified that he knew that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, and that his mantle fell upon Joseph Young. The people may be driven and hounded, but they could endure it, because they knew they have the truth.

Miss Bessie Edmunds then sang a solo, with much sweetness, and was followed by the reading of a chapter on the early life of the Prophet, by Inez Smith.

Lucy Walker Smith, a wife of the Prophet, then introduced. She bore testimony to the fine moral character of Joseph Smith, whom she knew to have been a man of purity and honor. She also spoke of Joseph's first wife, Emma, and of how that good woman was tried beyond conception when the law of polygamy was introduced by her husband. She had always been a true and faithful wife, and her husband had never left her. She believed in the law of polygamy, and she was very intelligent, and possessed of sterling qualities, but the law of plural marriage was the trial of her life. The speaker also spoke of the principle of the law of polygamy, and of how it was introduced by her husband. She had always been a true and faithful wife, and her husband had never left her. She believed in the law of polygamy, and she was very intelligent, and possessed of sterling qualities, but the law of plural marriage was the trial of her life.

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INTENSE SUFFERING

FROM DYSPEPSIA AND STOMACH
TROUBLE.

A New Discovery, but Not a Patent Medicine.

Dr. Redwell relates an interesting account of what he considers a remarkable case of acute stomach trouble and chronic dyspepsia by the use of the new discovery, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

He says: "The patient was a man who had suffered, to my knowledge, for years with dyspepsia. Everything he ate seemed to sour and create gases in the stomach. He had pain like a knife in the back, shoulder blades and limbs fullness and distress after eating, poor appetite and loss of flesh; the heart became affected, causing palpitation and sleeplessness at night."

"I gave him powerful nerve tonics and blood remedies, but to no purpose. As an experiment I finally bought a 50 cent package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at a drug store and gave them to him. Almost immediate relief was given, and after he had used four boxes he was to all appearances fully cured."

"There was no more gas, sour or watery risings, no bloating after meals, the appetite was vigorous and he has gained between 10 and 12 pounds in weight of solid healthy flesh."

"Although Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are advertised and sold in drug stores, yet I consider them a most valuable addition to any physician's line of remedies, as they are perfectly harmless and can be given to children, the aged and in any condition of the stomach, however slight or severe."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are made by the F. A. Stuart Co., of Marshall, Mich., and are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package of 50 tablets. Little book on stomach diseases mailed free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

INFORMATION WANTED.

TILLMAN—Anyone knowing the present address or whereabouts of James Tillman, formerly of Park City, will confer a favor by forwarding same to the News.

THE BLINDNESS OF TRADE UNIONS

Disputes as to wages between employers and workmen are of much less importance than questions as to restrictions of trade and management of works. Supporting half the cost of an engine consisted of the engineer's wages (and generally speaking it is less than this) at 5 per cent rise or fall would only mean 2 1/2 per cent on the cost, whereas methods or policies which make men work in a less efficient manner may double, or triple the cost of labor. The settlement of questions as to the difference between piece and time work of the questions of the greater utility of machines being worked by one man, and still more important, of the questions of substituting machine for hand labor—these, and numerous other matters that are often in dispute in English workshops, are therefore far more vital than mere rates of wages. It is probably the case that, if the workmen could see their way to throw themselves heart and soul into the view of the employer in trying to economize the cost of work, they could get with little or no trouble, a very large increase in their wages, make very much larger incomes, and have much more permanent work and employment for a much greater number. —Sir Benjamin C. Browne, in the Engineering Magazine for December.

PERSONAL.

E. D. R. Thompson has returned from a trip to Washington.

Dr. J. J. Macrahan has been confined to his bed for several days with illness. He is improving now, however.

George P. Vollman was in from Tooele yesterday.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

OVERCOATS.

All grades, all at popular prices—As low as \$5 and as high as \$35.

Reeler Suits Cut 20 PER CENT.

All New Goods. Unparalleled Bargains. A 25 to 45, 20 per cent Reduction in the goods on account of overstock.

\$1.75 Garments reduced to \$1.25
\$2.75 Garments reduced to \$2.00
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Relief Society Speakers Refer to the Prophet Joseph in Their Addresses.

The quarterly conference of the Relief society of Salt Lake Stake was held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday, Dec. 23. As this was the anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith, the exercises were in a great measure commemorative of that event.

The speakers were President M. I. Horne, Sarah R. Cannon, Bathsheba W. Smith, Rachel R. Grant, Samuel Richards and President Angus M. Cannon. The remarks were of a reminiscence character, and the circumstances and personal experiences related were of great interest.

Members of the Temple choir, under the leadership of Prof. C. J. Thomas, sang "Hail to the Prophet," and "Weep Not for Me, Zion."

Horace S. Ensign sang, "The Seer," and George L. Whitney followed with the "Beautiful City," followed with the "Beautiful City."

The exercises were listened to with the greatest interest by those present, and were highly appreciated.

Conference adjourned until the second of March.

NERVOUSNESS.
Horseford's Acid Phosphate
Strengthens and quiets the nerves.
Genuine bears name Horseford on wrapper.

Dividend Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the board of directors of the Utah Sugar Company has this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, also an extra dividend of 1 per cent on the capital stock of the company; both of said dividends will be paid at my office, Deseret Savings Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah, December 26th, 1899.