

CHRISTMAS EVE.

'Twas the eve before Christmas; "Good night" had been said. And Annie and Willie had crept into bed; There were tears on their pillows and tears in their eyes.

Determined no secret between them should be; And told in soft whispers how Annie had said: "That dear dear blessed mamma, so long ago..."

THE WEDDAS.

An interesting paper on the Weddas, a tribe of men inhabiting Ceylon, was read before the Department of Anthropology of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, by Mrs. Bertram Hartshorne.

HONEST and courageous people have very little to say about either their courage or their honesty.

FREEDOM.

Who ever heard a man reciting a poem to slavery? But if you want the noblest and most inspiring poems, save those from Heaven, read Milton, read Shelley, read Homer, read Mallet; above all—read Shakespeare.

THE Washington correspondent of the Walla Walla Statesman intimates that Hon. E. S. Kearney will shortly be appointed to succeed Gov. Ferry, of Washington Territory.

Percheron Horses.

On Sunday last, says the Drovers' Journal, of Chicago, December 10, Mr. W. C. Myer, of Ashland, Oregon, reached the Union Stock Yards with two imported stallions, one three and one four years old; one mare, ten years old, bred in Ohio, but a full blooded Percheron; a filly, one year old, lacking one-sixteenth of full blood.

At the sales stables here at the Union Stock Yards, holdings of this breed are always in the highest favor with parties wishing to buy draught horses; these are very hard in constitution, are easily kept in good condition, and are capable of great endurance, and we are certainly glad to see them coming to the front, as they are in public favor in all parts of the country.

PASSENGER LIST.

The Oregon Steamship Company's steamer Oriflamme sailed from San Francisco Saturday evening, with the following LIST OF PASSENGERS:

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The Oregon Steamship Company's steamer Ajax sailed from Portland for San Francisco Saturday morning with the following LIST OF PASSENGERS:

LOSS OF THE STEAMER PACIFIC.

The Nautical Gazette says: The wise jury informs us that the Pacific would not have been damaged if she had been a sound, substantial steamer. Will this jury inform us what manner of a steamer can withstand the shock of a ship running free in half a gale colliding with her?

THE LAST SLAVE DEAD.

[From the Jersey City Journal.] This morning the last slave in the State of New Jersey died. His name was Jack Jackson and he resided on the estate of Mr. Able I. Smith at Seacrests. Jack was 87 years old. He refused to accept his freedom. His former owner, Mr. Able I. Smith, since deceased, manumitted his slaves nearly fifty years ago. Jack would not be emancipated. From boyhood he was the companion of his late master who directed that he should be buried beside himself in his own grave yard.

Mr. SETH BURCH, of Cow Creek, Douglas county, met with a painful accident Monday last. He was conversing with Mr. Bryan Myratt, and his gun was standing on the breech on the ground, his hand resting on the muzzle, when it was accidentally discharged, the ball passing through his hand, tearing away, entirely, the knuckle of the index finger.

PROPOSED MANUFACTORY FOR MACHINERY AT SALEM.

We are informed that steps are being taken to establish, by a corporate company, a manufactory at Salem for the Pelton Horse Powers and Separators, with other useful farming machinery.

Many farmers have examined them and pronounce them to be far superior to any power or thrasher on the coast. Mr. Pelton, the inventor and builder, has thrashed in California, on a large ranch with an enlarged machine, 6,000 bushels in a day.

It is also intended to manufacture the ten dollar cast iron plow for gravelly lands, and all the wood work for the same kind of machinery, powers and separators, in the California market. A foundry and several large shops will be needed by the company.

Terrible Explosion and Loss of Life. BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Shortly before 7 P. M., a terrible explosion occurred in South Boston by which a large number of persons were injured and several killed. It is impossible as yet to learn the cause of the explosion or the extent of the damage.

The Walla Walla Spirit says Mr. Dan Gilliam, an industrious teamster, returned last week from a trip to Boise, dangerously poisoned by the imprudent wear of gun boots. His whole body was at one time covered with a solid scab, and his suffering on the road was truly heartrending.

THE seeds of the mammoth trees in California are not more than half an inch long, a sixth of an inch wide, and as thin as writing paper, and fifty thousand of them only weigh a pound; and yet from these little seeds those immense trees have grown, not less than 3,000 years old, and some from 300 to 450 feet in height—more than double the height of Bunker Hill Monument or Trinity Church.

A HORRIBLE massacre took place near Otoka, Indian Nation. The bodies of four persons were found burned on the prairie, two of which were males. Two were beyond recognition. The others were whites. A pony with a lady's side-saddle and a dog and gun were found near by. They had all been shot. Three men who were seen riding nine miles from the spot were supposed to have done the shooting. The prairies were fired to destroy their tracks.

A CHICAGO paper says nearly half the nominations for School Superintendents in Iowa are women. That's just because the Iowa women are all smart. They make capital Superintendents, and we mean to give them a chance whenever they ask for it.

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