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THE NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.

The president has appointed Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia to the office of secretary of war.

Stephen B. Elkins was born September 26th, 1841, in Perry county, Ohio. In early life he went to Missouri and was graduated in July, 1860, from the Missouri State University. In 1862 and 1863 he served as captain in the Seventy-seventh Missouri Regiment.

He was admitted to the bar in 1864, soon after which he removed to New Mexico and opened a law office. He also engaged in mining and stock-raising there, from which he accumulated a fortune. In the same year he was chosen a delegate to the territorial legislature. Subsequently he served in the forty-third congress as a territorial delegate and was re-elected.

Previous to his election to congress he had been district attorney and attorney-general. He also held the position of United States district attorney. In 1872 he was elected to congress and at the expiration of his term entered into business pursuits. He possesses an ample fortune and his mining properties in Colorado, New Mexico and West Virginia, together with his other property, make him one of the largest land owners in the United States.

Mr. Elkins is married, his wife being the daughter of ex-Senator Henry G. Davis of Virginia, from whom he has acquired extensive business interests in that state.

Mr. Elkins was a member of the national republican committee from 1872 till 1884, and took an active part in the Chicago convention of 1884, which nominated James G. Blaine for the presidency. He is known as an efficient organizer and shrewd politician.

THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS

work that will have to be undertaken by the new congress. But a still more important task will be the restoration of economy in the expenditures of the Springs for his health. government. The apportionments of

iture.

fit of tariff reform.

work investigating .- Examiner.

the billion-dollar congress must be is here and still falling in copious reduced by a round hundred millions quantities.

a term, or \$50,000,000 a year. This We notice Eugene Selder, of Cove, can be done without cutting off a on our streets this week. He is here single payment that ought to be made, on a visit with relatives. but it will require the relentless ampu-

Wm. Martin, of Park, will bacon tation of every superfluous expendsomething near one hundred fine fat hogs this winter. Go ahead Bill; it Lastly and above all, this congress beats anything in the settlement.

MEDICAL SPRINGS ITEMS

MEDICAL SPRINGS, December 22, 1801

"Uncle Billy" Wilson is at the

Snow, the beautiful, beautiful snow

must reform the tariff. It must not The la grippe is abroad in the land merely go through the motions of reforming it-it must actually accom- and many are complaining, among plish something or show very good whom are, W. D. Emele and Seigle reasons for failing to do so. It will Coffinan, who are wrestling with the not do its duty by passing a general monster.

Mr. Calvert, the Idaho Stage Co's. tariff bill through the house, to be strangled in the senate. It must not agent is out on the line between Union content itself with "making a record" and Cornucopia, paying off the boys, -it must make an honest effort to lop and otherwise arranging for the winoff some of the enormities of the McKin- ter's run.

ley law. It must pass a series of sep-Quite a good deal of game in the arate bills, one abolishing the duty on neighboring mountains. While stockgrain bags, another on binding twine, men are hunting their animals, we another on cotton ties, another on hear of several of them that have been wool, another on coal, another on iron compelled to defend themselves and it ore, and so on. These bills, or most has been all they could do to keep of them, would be certain to go the vicious animals from biting them. through the senate-Senator Stanford Tom Fisher and Bill Barnes will give has committed himself to free coal, a grand ball in Wright's new hall at both Stanford and Felton have been the Springs on New Year's night. instructed by the republican legisla- Tom offers a handsome prize for the ture of California to vote for free grain best lady dancer, while Bill offers a bags, and the senate voted for free prize for the ugliest man, and further binding twine when its republican agrees not to take a chance himself.

majority was much larger than it is Quite a good deal of stock is being now. If such measures got as far as driven to Lower Powder for winter the president, he would do some solid quarters. They have hundreds of tons thinking before he vetoed them. If of alfalfa to feed and offer for sale. he did veto them, the democratic They also have honey, all the same as party could stand it. If he signed Eagle valley. In a year or two more them, every one that went into effect we expect to hear of a harvest home Supper will be served at would be an object lesson in the benepicnic in their settlement.

Fred Duncan certainly has harder To accomplish all this, the demoluck than anybody. He has waited Everybody Cordially Invited. cratic majority will have to work. for the snow to come, then he starts in Fortunatly, it has enough members to pel mel to build a sleigh from the cover all the ground. There have stumps, while all the boys are sleighbeen complaints that there are too riding with their best girls, and what many democrats to be accommodated is worse than all, they are sleigh-riding with good places on the regular comwith his best girl, which keeps him mittees. The surplus can be set to standing in the shop door most of the time. He will come to the front in full blast, with Grey Eagle and the THE republican press hails with

sleigh, about the time the mud is as delight every dispatch announcing the deep as the snow is now. closing of some manufacturing estab-

Mrs. Dunham Wright and Grace, lishment in Europe. They do this on the assumption that it is caused by also Miss Eva Emele are having a jolly the McKinley bill and in some way is time with relatives and old acquanta benefit to the American people, ances in the Cove. A merry Christ Many of these failures are perhaps mas to them. Dunham is dancing to attributable to the action of that in- the tune of Jimmy Jumps, as usual,

R. H. BROWN,

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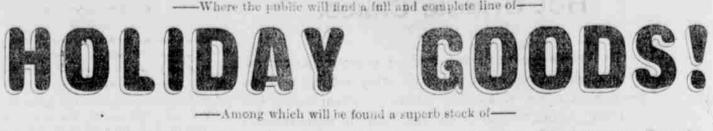
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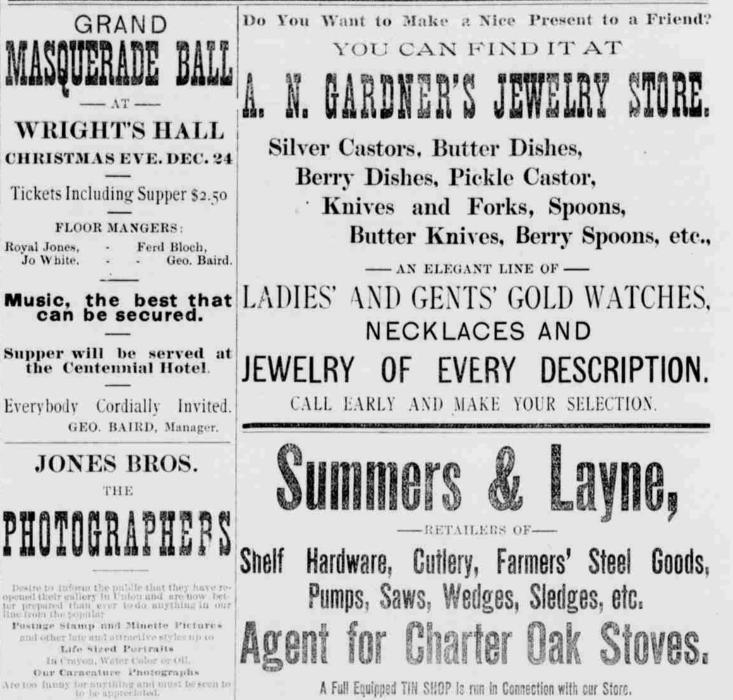




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The new congress will have three important lines of work to followinvestigation, retrenchment and reform.

The course of the administration has been singularly uneven. The manage ment of some department has been immaculate, while others reeked with sandals. Secretary Tracy has done admirable work in the navy department, winning the detestation of the bosses in his own party and the esteem of all men of parties who can appreciate an honest purpose. Ex-Secretary Proctor has taken care of the army in a fairly charitable manner. Uncle Jerry Rusk has run the agricultural end of the administration in a respectable way, barring an ineradicable tendency to claim the credit of importing the Australian ladybug for himself. The civil service commission have impartially administered the merit law in the face of a tremendous pressure against it.

Secretary Noble has apparently tried to do well in the interior department, but the jobbers have been too much for him. In four of the great bureaus under his control-the Indian bureau, fails. No business man or pioneer in the land office, the censns office and the bureau of pensions-scandal has been rampant. Each of those offices must have the undivided attentoin of a congressional committee resolved upon hunting down the truth.

The post office under the rule of Wanamaker could furnish employment to a whole congress. The San Francisco postoffice site steal deserves a committee all to itself. The remarkable arrangements of star routes, by which it takes as long to carry the mails from San Francisco to some of the mountain towns of California as it does to New York, must be investigated.

Wanamaker's misdeeds are inextricably mixed up with those of the officials of the treasury. The Keystone bank scandal involves both the postmaster-general and the comptroller of the currency. Foster and Crounse are as deep in the San Francisco postofflice site steal as Wanamaker.

In the department of justice, to say nothing of eastern matters, congress should look into the management of the Benson cases and find out what gives Garter his pull with his superiors. This is only a part of the detective

iquity. But they are not a benfit to while they are gone, and as he feed America in general, they are such the horses hogs and cattle, he makes only to manufacturing capitalists. alliance speeches to them, and prom-The real meaning of these failures is ises them better times. He says they that these people are no longer selling are always glad to see him, and possi- or residences, business houses, churches, pub to Americans, because the free Ameri- bly he is telling them the truth. One can is no longer allowed to spend his thing certain, the animals, like the money where he can buy the most two old parties, would more highly apwith it, but is compelled by law to buy preciate him if he would not talk the an inferior article at an increased cost third party so much. from certain protected manufacturers. The Examiner. The monopolist has increased his The Examiner and Scour will both be sent to any address on receipt of \$2.75 cash in advance. Each subscriber willightso have his choice of the gains, the American consumer has less for his money and the foreign laborer loses his job. It is another step in subscribe values and a chance in the Examiner's grand drawing. Call at THE Scorr office and subscribe

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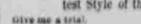
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