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OUR BOYS.

A Christmas Story, telling how six young men, many years ago, spent their Christmas eve, in playing Santa Claus among the poor of a manufacturing village in the East, filling a large sleigh with goods and masquerading as the Saints from Wonderland, will appear in the Christmas number of the REPORTER.

This will be followed by a thrilling narrative "The Tunnel of Death, or Life in the Great Prison Pen," at Elmira, N. Y., in '61. This story embraces all the attributes of an active drama in real life, mingling the sunshine with the shadows. It tells of many devices made by rebel prisoners to escape, at the same time giving a pen picture of the silent city of the dead wherein lay resting the bones of 5,000 Confederate dead.

NEWS AND NOTES.

"It is strange," said Senator Evarts, a few days ago, "that in administering justice, the wisdom of this world for 6,000 years has discovered no other way than for each side to hire a man to exaggerate their side, and then try to find out what is the truth between them."

Sunset Cox is now generally regarded as the coming man on the democratic side of the house. There is no doubt that Mr. Cox intends to play an important part. There is no question that he holds himself ready to be either speaker or the leader of the party on the floor of the house. In a conversation a few nights ago he stated as much, and did not fail to recall the fact that he organized the appropriations committee, the committee on ways and means and other leading committees of the house on their present basis, and that he led the way of the tariff reform before the other tariff reformers of the present congress were heard of.

Prof. Foster, the meteorologist, of Burlington, Iowa, publishes his prediction of a great storm period extending from Dec. 4th to 7th, during which, he says, will occur some of the most destructive winter storms of recent years. These storms will be much of the same nature as the great blizzards of last January. Heavy snow and high winds will greatly impede railway travel, and he advises the railways to prepare for blockades that will occur in the western states about Dec. 5th, and reach the eastern states Dec. 9th. There will be energetic electrical disturbances that will affect telegraph and telephone lines. He suggests that many lives and much property can be saved from loss by making preparations for this storm period.

THE PROHIBITION VOTE.

Surprise at some unexpected results of the November elections have prevented the bestowal of proper attention on the prohibition vote. It was at first thought that this vote had fallen off to such an extent that it did not promise to be an important factor in '88. But there is no falling off. On the contrary there is an increase in localities where it is least desired by those who desire republican success. The New York Evening Post is one of those unrelenting enemies of the republican party from whom it is possible to get useful lessons. That paper has been looking after the prohibition contingent of the democratic party and finds that instead of losing strength, the prohibitionists have made gains in nearly or quite every state in the Union in which they have a party organization. Returns indicate that the vote which the party gave to St. John in 1884, has been more than doubled this year. We give in the following table the vote as it has been cast in the two previous years in the principal eastern, middle, and western states, together with that for this year, so far as it has been received. Most of this year's figures are semi-official, and are not likely to vary much from those of the official count. Those for New York are based upon returns received by the Voice, as are those for several of the western States:

| | 1884. | 1885. | 1886. |
|--------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Maine..... | 2,160 | ..... | 3,953 |
| New Hampshire..... | 1,571 | ..... | 2,194 |
| Vermont..... | 1,752 | ..... | 1,832 |
| Massachusetts..... | 9,923 | 4,714 | 8,160 |
| Connecticut..... | 2,305 | ..... | 4,810 |
| Total..... | 17,711 | ..... | 20,919 |
| New York..... | 24,999 | 30,867 | 35,000 |
| New Jersey..... | 6,153 | ..... | 19,579 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 15,283 | 15,046 | 28,836 |
| Total..... | 46,435 | ..... | 83,415 |
| Ohio..... | 11,069 | 28,081 | 31,000 |
| Indiana..... | 3,028 | ..... | 9,000 |
| Illinois..... | 12,074 | ..... | 20,000 |
| Michigan..... | 18,403 | 13,950 | 35,000 |
| Minnesota..... | 4,684 | ..... | 12,000 |
| Total..... | 49,258 | ..... | 107,000 |
| Grand totals..... | 113,404 | ..... | 211,334 |

Massachusetts is the only state that does not show an increase over the vote cast for St. John. The showing is significant in general and in detail. It is, in fact, the one dark cloud in the republican horizon. This fact may as well be faced at once. The great problem for the republican party to solve is how to bring back those of its members who have gone into this movement; the movement that defeated the republican ticket in '84 and is chiefly depended upon by democrats to help them through in '88.

What with digesting the President's message before it is written and laying out, in good shape, the work for the last session of the forty-ninth and the first session of the fiftieth congress, the Washington correspondent is up to his eyes in work.

The working world cannot afford to dispense with the rest which Sunday affords. Any attempt to secularize Sunday, to make it like any other day in the week; is a blow at the poor. But those extremists who, in various states, are pushing prosecutions for trivial violations obsolete Sunday laws are doing more to break down "the Christian Sabbath" than all the free thinkers in the United States.

Bitter opposition in the election of Senator Hearst is agitating the democratic mind in California. Some of the democratic papers of the state are flinging epithets of the most unlovely description. Rugged bluntness of speech is one of the attractive characteristics of the political press of our sister state.

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| Tuesday..... | " 21 | Tuesday....." 28 |
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| Friday..... | " 14 | Friday....." 21 |

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