

The Daily Planet

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A SLOW TARIFF.

Evidently Mr. Fielding has long ago given up the idea of passing his tariff bill before Christmas. The Senate is already on vacation and the House will begin the holidays on Friday next.

The Ways and Means committee, which deals with the tariff clause by clause, has not yet reached the first item in the schedule of duties. There were two Government days last week. Mr. Fielding did not take up the tariff until the evening of the first, and on the second the adjourned the House at the close of the afternoon sitting.

It is now pretty clear that the Ministers, who have the tariff in charge, are keeping the measure back to be modified during the holidays.

THE SPIRIT OF GIFT GIVING.

Christmas—the natal day of the Saviour of the world, is becoming more and more deenerated by the mad spirit of gift-giving. Children know little of the significance of the day save as the yearly visit of Santa Claus. "Christmas presents" have made poor people dread the coming of this anniversary: its sanctity is overshadowed by the spirit of give and take.

Did the Wise Men deenerate the birth of the Child by offering material gifts one to another? for the gifts' sake?

If a regular day of gift-giving, feasting and merrymaking each year is the will of the people let such a day be of man's appointing, and let the gifts be in the name of mammon. But in commemoration of God's gift to the world of His only Son let our offerings be of the spirit, and our incense that of homage and a surrender to His will. Such a Christmas, observed the world over, would open the gates to God's limitless bounty, fulfilling the promise, "No good thing will I withhold from him who asks in the spirit of righteousness."

Wars and struggles with self and environment are our Gethsemane. Alone, Christ kept the vigil, while his disciples slept. Alone, every man must pass through the Garden. The Star that shone over Bethlehem points the way.

JUST A LITTLE BIT OFF THE TOP

Santa Claus will likely make his entrance this year through the natural gas pipes, and be up-to-date.

Out in Brandon it's 25 below zero, and they have no fuel. This ought to be a chance of a lifetime for the local risk management to get a cargo of two of ice-producing weather at rock-bottom prices.

A Louisiana man is to be married as the result of winning an election bet. By and by he may begin to wonder whether he was really the winner or the loser.

THESE BANK DIRECTORS.

The bank directors, having drawn their fees, were about to adjourn. But it seemed that the cashier insisted on seeing them.

What a bore! Still—"Gentlemen," the man said, gravely and respectfully, "I regret to have to inform you that the bank failed three days ago for seven millions."

Annoyed, the directors looked at one another. Then the oldest, richest director said to the cashier in accents of pained reproach: "Really, my good man, we fail to see how this unpleasant matter can be any concern of ours."

And, absently extracting from the fee-plate the remaining gold pieces, he led the way to the broughams and automobiles waiting without.

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DRESDEN.

Dresden, Dec. 18.—Roland Martin, of the Standard Bank, Bleisheim, spent Sunday with his uncle, J. Martin, of the Queen's Hotel.

Ewart Banks, of Toronto, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mrs. Terrie.

Mrs. R. E. Carsewillen will be at home to her friends for the first time since her marriage, on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27th and 28th, from four to six o'clock.

Mrs. (Dr.) Galbraith has recovered from her recent severe illness. J. W. Watson, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce staff, returned from spending his holidays in Galt on Monday.

Capt. John McDonald and James Kimmerly arrived home for the winter on Friday. Henry Kerby returned home from Buffalo on Monday morning.

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THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Opera House—Dolly Varden Co.—Dec. 24. Ernie Marks Co.—Dec. 25-29. Return of Morris-Thurston Co. New Year's week—Dec. 31 to Jan. 5.

The score of "Dolly Varden," the comic opera success, to be seen at the Brisco Opera House Monday next, was written by Julian Edwards, the composer of many notable successes. Its originality, and that peculiar quality called "catchy," made the music of "Dolly Varden" extremely popular with all lovers of bright harmony; and the excellent comedy in the book commends it to everyone who likes a clean and refreshing performance. The same elaborate production which completed the first triumph of this opera, will be seen in the presentation here, and one of the largest and most powerful singing organizations of the season is promised, headed by the clever prima donna comedienne, Lillian Spencer, in the stellar part, surrounded by a cast of general excellence.

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