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### TIME TABLE.

**S. C. & T. M. RAILROAD.**  
Trains make the round trip every day, except Sunday, leaving Cooperstown at 8:35 a. m. and arriving at Sanborn 11:30 a. m. Returning, leaves Sanborn at 11:15 p. m. and arrives at Cooperstown 4:15 p. m.  
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### The Christmas Boar's Head.

PLENTRY of eating and drinking, no less than the cheerful solemnity of a religious thanksgiving, has always been held characteristic of the English Christmas. The social enjoyment of a very special dinner, with the ingredients and ornaments peculiar to this yearly feast, has been understood as a matter of course. But fashions and tastes have changed since the days of the Tudor kings and queens, and some traditional features of the gastronomic entertainment are now seldom found in our country households. The famous "Boar's Head," which ranked on this occasion even before the turkey and sirlon, in the esteem of the English host and guests, cannot often be served according to the usage of our jovial ancestors. We can, however, the scene formerly presented by the interior of an old manor hall, profusely decked with evergreens, holly, ivy, laurel, and the mistletoe bough, where the blazing yule-log casts from the hearth its ruddy glow upon the unfading colors of pictorial tapestry, the emblazoned scutcheons, the painted windows, and the family portraits, the shields, swords, lances, and bows, the antlered heads of deer, and other notable objects hung on the oak-paneled walls. The long, broad tables, spread with white linen cloth, are laden with clean wooden platters and trenchers, baskets of bread, mugs and tankards (earthenware or pewter) great pitchers of ale at the lower end, silver flagons of wine, and cups of precious metal or crystal at the upper board, on the raised floor or dais. The fine old English country gentleman, arrayed in his best clothes, his doublet of crimson, his gold chain, his plumed hat of dignity, his lace collar and ruffles, stands at the head of the room with his lady beside him, not less bravely dressed and with all their kinsfolk and friends of equal rank at the same table; the seats below are filled in due order by the attached yeomanry, the burgesses of the neighboring town, the dependents of the worthy household and estate of their common patron. The parson or chaplain says grace in Latin, to which they all reverently listen; a crash of music from the minstrel's gallery overhead—drum, fife and trumpet—then stuns the ears of the company, and their eyes are turned to the open door. In marches the steward with his white wand of office, followed by the chief cook. He bears in a capacious dish the noblest of Christmas viands—a roasted Boar's Head, decorated with bay and rosemary, and having a lemon stuck between its grinning teeth. —L.I. News.

Exchanges are warning people against two swindlers who are going about. One of them purports to be after crop statistics and the other has a remonstrance against heavy taxes. Both want the farmers to sign their names to papers which afterwards turn up as promissory notes. — Washburn Times

Dakota is just now the most extensively advertised territory in or vast country. There is not a daily or weekly paper in the country, whether approving or disapproving of the late assertion of statehood, which is not giving to the public points about the progress of the young giant. Consequently, even if congress turns a deaf ear to the Huron plea, Dakota will next year very likely

receive an extraordinarily large immigration, which will greatly assist her self-assertion, and expedite the consummation of her ambition. — Pioneer Press.

The appointment of Ziebach to be receiver at Yankton, instead of governor, as his friends hoped, seems to indicate that South Dakota will be admitted as a state, and will have a governor of her own election, and in that case it would hardly be fair to appoint a South Dakota man as governor of the remaining territory. — Fargo Sun.



### Christmas in Cooperstown.

Our eighteen hundred and eighty-fourth Christmas is upon us. To the heathen, it is a national holiday; to the christian, it is a religious festival; to the child, it is a fountain of pop corn, candy, mince pie, hobby horses, pop guns, doll babies, and everything to make child life a wild dream of delight.

MORN'G.



Christmas is Christmas no longer when old Santa Claus abandons us, with his budget of toys, and our paternal and maternal relatives commence to give us the necessities of life, in hair brushes, tooth brushes, pocket handkerchiefs, good books, and store clothes.

NOON.



The children of the city have a beautiful Christmas tree, with trimmings, at the Baptist chapel this evening. The presents are many, and some of them "quite unique." And there will be music, Christmas carols by the children, and miscellaneous vocal exercises by adults.

NIGHT.



Christmas night there will be sounds of revelry heard at Mardell. A moonlight night, the snow packed tight, and shining; a quick stepper to the rhyming and the chiming of the bells, a pretty girl under the robes,—and, slick? Well, we should smile.

We are posted as to the Christmas presents to be flying about town to-morrow; but not desiring to be slaughtered we refrain from saying much about it.

Yancey & Buck furnish the music for the dance at the Mardell house, Christmas night. C. A. Hunter transfers you

from Cooperstown to Mardell and return at 50 cents per couple.

Christmas sermon by Rev. Westberg at Baptist chapel, at 3:30 p. m., Sunday.

Mite society at G. W. Barnard's Christmas night.

Sunday School Library Benefit entertainment to be given under the auspices of the junior bible class of the Congregational S. S., New Year's eve.

### PROGRAMME.

Song, "Oh, How Delightful," Miss Yancey  
Prayer.  
Reading, "Extract from Morituri Salutamus," Mrs. Smart.  
Duett, "The Rose Bush," Miss Gimblett and Mrs. Brown.  
Recitation, "Doubling the Dollar," Nellie Newberry.  
Reading, "The Legend of Bregonz," Miss Buhre  
Our Class, Its Past, Present, and Future.  
Duett, "The Petrol," Messrs. Wilden and Brown  
Recitation, "One of Many," Mrs. Brown  
"The Graduated Family."  
Ice Kreme and Kake.  
Walters en Kostume.  
Come and see the New Year in.

### Special Notice.

A story is related of the reception given to Judge William A. Scay, of Louisiana, who was appointed during the summer minister to Bolivia. His predecessor was a man of the name of Gibbs. He had had considerable experience in diplomatic life and was thoroughly familiar with the rigid etiquette of South American ceremonials. The day that Judge Scay was to be received Mr. Gibbs gave him breakfast. It was arranged that after breakfast the new minister should be accompanied by his predecessor for a formal presentation to the president of Bolivia. Judge Scay came to the breakfast dressed in an ordinary business sack suit, in fact the same suit in which he traveled from the United States to Bolivia. It was soiled, wrinkled, and travel worn. Mr. Gibbs was in full dress. He saw that the judge did not appear to appreciate the social requirements of the occasion. "Do you intend to go home to dress after the breakfast," said he. "Oh, no," replied the judge, "I had no idea of that. I am all right as I am." Mr. Gibbs then explained to him that the representative of the United States in Bolivia was a very great personage. An escort of cavalry had been detailed to follow him to the president's house, where the latter and his cabinet would be in the full uniform of a state reception. The judges of the supreme court would be there in their robes with all the prominent officials of the government. Mr. Gibbs dwelt upon the fact that the Spanish are very rigid in their social observances. Mr. Scay was given to understand that his dress would be construed as an insult. The judge said: "Well, what shall I do? I have not any dress suit. My wife told me that I would need one of those things, but I did not pay any attention to her." Mr. Gibbs would have lent the new minister a suit, but the latter was a very large man, while Mr. Gibbs' figure was slight. After a consultation they went over to a German tailor, a man who had dress suits for hire. Judge Scay tried on several, but none of them was large enough. At the very last moment Mr. Gibbs wrote a note to the president, asking him to postpone the reception to a week later, as Judge Scay was very much fatigued by his long journey. Mr. Gibbs then placed his successor in the hands of a French tailor, who promised to have a dress suit ready by the week following. As there is only a weekly stage coach out from the capital of Bolivia, Mr. Gibbs was obliged to come away without learning what success attended the Louisiana judge's first experience with a dress coat and an official reception.

### A Progressing Institution.

A young postmaster of a village post-office was hard at work when a gentle tap was heard upon the door, and in stepped a bashful maiden of 16, with a money order, which she desired cashed. She handed it to the official with a bashful smile, who after closely examining it, handed her the money it called for. At the same time he asked her if she had read what was written on the margin of the order.

"No, I have not," she replied, "for I can not make it out. Will you please read it for me?"

The young postmaster as follows: "I send you \$3 and a dozen kisses."

Glancing at the bashful girl, he said: "Now I have paid you the money and I suppose you want the kisses?"

"Yes," she said, "if he has sent me any kisses I want them, too."

It is hardly necessary to say that the balance of the order was promptly paid, and in a scientific manner at that was eminently satisfactory to the country maiden, for she went out of the office smacking her lips as if there was a taste upon them she never encountered before.

After she arrived home she remarked to her mother: "Oh, mother, but this post-office system of ours is a great thing, developing more and more every year, and each new feature added seems to be the best. Jimmy sent me a dozen kisses along with the money-order, and the postmaster gave me twenty. It beats the special delivery system all hollow." — United States.

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