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GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

Cecela Swamp has been promoted from the shirt-making to the dressmaking class.

Minnie Bonser, who went home last June, is enjoying life in Wood, South Dakota.

Rufus Young Bird is now employed as chauffeur by a physician in Fallingsford, Pa.

Fleeta and Germaine Genville send the season's greetings to all their friends at Carlisle.

"Skating" is all one hears on the boys' side, and I suppose it is the same with the girls.

Many beautiful postal cards have been received from Mary Welch, who is out in the country.

The carpenters are busy making Christmas gifts. It is nice that they are allowed to make this use of their handicraft.

The members of the Standard Literary Society will give their annual reception jointly with the Mercers on the 30th.

John Owl, who arrived from North Carolina some time ago, has entered the wood shop where he is making steady progress.

Anna Miles, who left for Philadelphia to continue her studies in art, expects to pay us a visit during Christmas week.

Miss McDowell has given out Christmas pieces to the girls who will take part in the program on Christmas Sunday.

Christina Mitchell, who is out in the country, writes that she is enjoying sleigh rides to school. She is getting along nicely.

Lizzie Cardish writes that she arrived home in safety and that she is enjoying the good skating which they are having at his town, Neopit, Wisconsin.

Florence Garlow has been promoted to the position of head waitress at the hospital and she fills the position with great credit to herself.

Many beautiful postal cards have been received from Rachel Chase, who is now at her home in Wisconsin. She writes that she had a delightful trip.

Fred Cornelius, of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, in a letter enclosing a subscription to THE ARROW, requests that his best regards be given to the printers.

Marshall Hill, a former student of Carlisle, is now at home in Depere, Wisconsin. He worked during the summer on the ships going from Green Bay to Buffalo.

Most of the boys who room on the upper floor of the Athletic Quarters are noted for their musical ability. The first floor has its musical box and one or two alarm clocks.

Through a new student we learn that Joseph Two Hearts is comfortably situated at Fort Simcoe, Wash. Also that Martin Archiquette, '96, is now disciplinarian there and doing well.

The Freshman Class are studying along with the rest of their regular work "The Christmas Carol." They find it very interesting and hope to glean many lessons from Scrooge, and "Tiny Tim."

Dennison Wheelock, who for several years has been a real estate agent for Indian lands, is doing good work for his tribesmen in the way of bringing them good profits and also in improving their homes.

About a week ago at Flandreau, S. D. while the boys were skating bove the dam on the Sioux River, Frank LaFromboise broke through the ice and was drowned. Our boys who go to Cave Hill to skate cannot be too careful; the ice there is more or less treacherous and the water is very deep.

THE KEEPERS OF THE WEST DOOR OF THE LODGE.

ALVIN KENNEDY, Seneca.

A great many years ago an old Sachem sat in his tent thinking of and planning for the future of his people. While he was a young man, he had never thought concerning the ultimate end of his people, nor had he counselled them about the future. He had only one thought in mind and that was of his own advancement and to become the strongest chief of his tribe.

But in his old age, he became less selfish and his ambitions had drifted from warfare and his own popularity to the future welfare of his people.

After sending messengers to the different tribes, he held a council with his warriors; but the other tribes, knowing his ambition to be supreme, distrusted him and sent word to him that only under certain conditions would they consent to meet in a grand council. They wished the meeting to be held at a central point from which each was to guard the interest of the compact. So according to the strength of each tribe they were distributed in different parts of the country in which they lived. The Mohawks went North, the Onondagas East, the Oneidas staved in the South and the Senecas went West and lived near the Great Lakes. The Cayugas remained in the center.

The Senecas went west because they were naturally migratory fighters, and when they reached their destination they had a great battle with the Ottawas. The battle waged three days and remembering the compact the Cayugas sent their warriors to their help. This ended the battle and ever since the Senecas and Cayugas have lived closer together than any other two tribes of the Iroquois Confederacy.

For their efforts in keeping the compact, the Senecas were termed "The Keepers of the West Door of the Lodge."

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Listen for the carol singers on Christmas morn before breakfast.

The Freshmen are glad to have with them again Alfred Lamont and Lucy Pero.

Miss Ella J. Staut, who has been ill for several weeks, is now able to attend to her duties.

Chester Elm came in last Saturday for a visit. His friends were glad to see him looking so well and happy.

Troops C, D, and E, have begun practicing the drills which will be given during commencement week.

The sewing room girls are glad to have an electric-iron for it will make the pressing much easier for them.

The Freshman Class is now studying about the Revolutionary War in Fiske's History of the United States.

The Catholic children are learning some beautiful Christmas Carols; they will have their "tree" sometime next week.

Wendell Allison has received some beautiful Christmas presents from his home in Cut Bank, Montana; he is very proud of them.

Eva Simons, who has been here for several months taking the business course, has been called home on account of her mother's illness.

Last Saturday morning the boys received orders from their Commandant to stay away from Cave Hill, as skating there is dangerous.

A number of the girls in the art department under the instruction of Mrs. Dietz, are making beautiful baskets for Christmas presents.

Chauncy Powlas and Joseph Denny, who went home about two years ago, returned to the school last week to the great delight of their friends.

The title of the recitation given on Monday morning by Ruth C. Elm was, "Onward." It contained many truths from which we may profit.

Wauseka's basketball team is coming on finely. Joel Wheelock, Louis Dupuis, Stencill Powell, Peter Jorden and Edward Bracklin promise to become stars of the first magnitude.

The Sewing Circle met with Miss Guest last week. Those who were not kept at home by the bad weather and the close approach of Christmas, spent a very pleasant evening.

We have recently received from White Earth, Minnesota, the first number of a newsy little semi-monthly paper, The Herald, "printed by real Indians"—pupils of the White Earth Boarding School.

Last Sunday evening the Y. M. C. A. meeting was very interesting because the boys who took part were well prepared. They were William Garlow, William Owl, Henry Vincent, Edison Mt. Pleasant, and Harrison Smith.

Aaron Minthorn, Carlisle student, who is attending school in Philadelphia, is, according to a letter received from his teacher, doing good work and setting a splendid example to the other pupils in diligence and good conduct.

"Make Your Choice," was recited at the opening exercises by John Goslin of the Sophomore Class. He stated very clearly the fact that life is serious business; there are prizes to gain but they are not to be had for the asking.

Mr. and Mrs. Tranbarger are making use of their commodious temporary quarters in giving pleasure to the other employees. The card party given by them last Thursday was very much enjoyed by all the participants, and the refreshments were spoken of as being ''delicious.''

Last Sunday evening at the Y. W. C. A. meeting the girls who were fortunate enough to attend the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Granville, Ohio, told us what the conference had meant to them. The speakers were Texie Tubbs, Sadie Ingalls and Alice Nunn, and Miss Johnston gave the summary of the trip. We were also favored with a selection from the Y. W. C. A. quartette.

GOOD STUDENT MEETINGS.

The following program was given by the Susans at their last meeting: Song, Susans; recitation, Della Carter; piano solo, Pearl Bonser; select reading, Clara Bonser; anecdotes, Francis Roberts. The question debated was: Resolved, "That the Democratic party has had greater influence over the country than the Republican party." The affirmative speakers were Iva Miller and Shela Guthrie; those upholding the negative were Myrtle Thomas and Effie Nori. The Judges decided in favor of the latter. Miss Hagan and Mr. Denny were the official visitors.

The Mercers held their meeting at the usual place last Friday evening. After the transaction of business, the following program was given: Song, Mercers; essay, Lena Mora; vocal solo, Agnes Jacobs; guitar solo, Christina Gabriel. The question for debate was: Resolved, "That the Northern portion of the United States offers better inducements to the farmer than the southern." The affirmative speakers were Ruth Moore and Cecelia Matlock; negative. Rebecca Thomas and Gladys McLane The judges decided in favor of the affirmatives. After the critic's report the house adjourned. The official visitor was Mr. Wyatt.

Invincibles Elect Officers.

After the usual preliminary business last week, the Invincibles elected the following officers: President, William Bishop; vice-president, Michael Lafleur; secretary, Sylvester Long; corresponding secretary, Joel Wheelock; treasurer, James Mumblehead: critic, Alfred De Grasse; reporter, Joseph Jocks; sergeant-at-arms, Frank Lonestar: assistant sergeant-at-arms, George La Vatta. This program was then carried out: Volunteer declamation, Peter Jordan: essay, Alex Arcasa, select reading, Williard Comstock; oration, George La Vatta. There was a spirited debate on the question: Resolved, "That the Panama Canal should be fortified." On the affirmative side were Edison Mt. Pleasant and Henry Vinson; negative Joseph Loudbear and Michael La Fleur. The judges decided in favor of the negative. The official visitor was Mr. Brown.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

The Mandolin Club is practicing new pieces which are very pretty.

Walter B. Hill, chief engineer U. S. Indian Service, spent two days with us this week.

Margaret Albertson writes that she has a nice home and that she is regularly attending school.

The Mercers are going to render a musical program next Friday night in accordance with Christmas spirit.

The printers are glad to have John Runsclose back in the shop, for he is one of the best printers on the force.

From Burlington, New Jersey, comes cheerful news of Margaret Bellenger, who is there attending school.

The friends of Levi Levering will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Levering at their home at Macy, Nebraska.

David Redstar, ex-student, writes from his home in South Dakota that he hopes to return to Carlisle in the near future.

Christmas greetings have been received from Raymond Hitchcock, Jose Porter, Emma Fisher, and Mrs. Katie Peters.

Some beautiful Christmas postcards have been received from Jennie Ross who is at Hatboro, Pa., under the "Outing."

George R. Gates, an ex-student, writes from his home in Fort Yates, North Dakota, that he is well. He sends regards to Carlisle friends.

Robert McLean, who went home last spring, writes from South Dakota that he enjoys the responsibility of looking after his father's ranch.

In a letter to a friend, William Dale writes that he is doing well at his home in Oklahoma. He wishes to be remembered to his friends and classmates.

Margaret Reed, a member of the Junior Class who is now living in Harrisburg, was a visitor last Saturday, returning to her post of duty on Sunday morning.

The Seniors are greatly interested in the study of "The Price of Success" and they have written essays on the subject. While the essays may be excellent the lessons will be of no value unless the principles are applied in every-day life.

Marie Paisano, who is living in Moorestown, N. J., writes that she enjoys attending the public school, but often wishes that she might see her Carlisle friends.

In a nice letter from Minnie Bonser who went home last summer, we learn that she is well. She says, "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" to every one.

Mabel Logan, ex-student, writes from her home at Versailles, N. Y., that she is helping her mother to make doll dresses for Christmas presents for the little girls in the neighborhood.

Miss Elmira Jerome, an ex-student, writes to a friend saying that she has been transferred from assistant seamstress at Fort Totten, N. D., to head laundress at Poplar, Montana.

Michal Balenti, who is spending the winter at his home on a farm in Oklahoma, writes Mr. Friedman that he is ever loyal to Carlisle and its precepts. He speaks appreciatingly of the good which he derived from the Standard Literary Society.

Nan Saunooke, Mazie Skye, Emma La Vatta, Eliza Keshena, Ellen Linquist and Agnes Waite took Sunday dinner at the Club as the guests of Miss Kaup. After dinner they repaired to Miss Kaup's room where they sang and played on the pianola until time for the afternoon service.

A very interesting letter from George Daley to Mr. Friedman contains the information that he hasfully regained his health and that he is now employed by the Sante Fe railroad in their round house at Gallup, N. M. He says that other exstudents of Carlisle are also employed in different capacities by the same railroad and earning from \$50 to \$60 a month.

The question which arises at this time of the year is, "What shall I buy for a present?" Many of us give because it is the custom, but we should give because it is "more blessed to give than to receive." We should remember those who are less fortunate than we, and out of our

abundance share with them, always remembering that—"Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare."

The Standards held a lively meeting last Friday evening. The program was as follows: Declamation, John Goslin; essay, Francis Bacon; reading, volunteer, John Goslin; impromptu, Joshua Blaker; oration, Spencer Patterson, Debate: Resolved "That a city is the best location for a college." Affirmative, Charles Mouchamp and Charles King; negative, Edward Blackwood and Samuel Wilson. The official visitors were Mrs. Henderson and Miss Rice.

Sousa's Indian Music.

As a result of some native Indian music obtained from Mr. Stauffer while here last season, Mr. J. Phillip Sousa has composed a beautiful medley, entitled, "The White, The Red, and The Black man," in which he contrasts the music of these races. His band played this composition for an encore at the concert given in the Opera House downtown on the 12th, and which the band, in a body, attended. After the concert Mr. Sousa greeted each of the Indian boys with a hearty hand-shake.

Here Seventeen Years Ago.

Richard Sanderville, who was a student of Carlisle and a member of the Standards seventeen years ago, in a letter to the Carlisle ARROW says: "The Blackfeet Reservation is about all allotted. There are two tribes living on it-the Blackfeet and the Chippewa known as Rocky's Band of Chippewas. It is situated on the East side of the Rockies and has an area of a little over 4,200 square miles with beautiful mountain streams abounding in brook trout. Big game is plentiful. I was out hunting last October with my brother Peter Oscar, ex-student of Carlisle, and Chas. Moore, ex-student of Haskell, and we killed four elks-two bulls and two cows. Talk about roast elk; fried bread, camp coffee, brook trout, fool-hens, and blue grouse by the camp fire! It would make most anybody's mouth water. I left the school with a good, clean record, and am glad to say that I never drink or smoke. My best regards to the Standards, employees and students."

HOW CHRISTMAS IS CELEBRATED IN NEW ORLEANS.

MONTREVILLE YUDA, Oneida.

A large proportion of the inhabitants of New Orleans are of Spanish and French descent and are, consequently, a most fervent and religious people. All feast days and seasons are to them times of rejoicing and of elaborate ceremonials. Of all the festival seasons in the church calender, Christmas is the most joyous and the most widely celebrated. From the first of December to the second of February, Christmas festivities are going on in all parts of the city, and fireworks can be seen and heard everywhere during all these days. This seems to a Northerner an unusual way to celebrate Christmas, but fireworks are, in New Orleans, as important a feature of the Christmas celebration as they are in the North, of a Fourth of July celebration, and many thousands of dollars are spent on them during the holidays.

On Christmas Eve, at 12 o'clock, the church bells begin to peal forth the hour, and all through the streets you can see people on their way to the different churches. On Christmas morning, between the hours of five and eight, it is very difficult to make one's way through the crowd, for, in addition to the worshipers, there are all kinds of people at the church doors, asking for alms. Everyone who goes into the church remembers that it is Christmas Day, and this Christmas spirit makes all the people generous to the poor. But the poor at the church doors are not all mere beggars; they offer for sale all kinds of baskets and wood decorations, and have a brisk trade in their wares.

There are five large market houses in New Orleans, the largest about six blocks long and the smallest about two blocks long, and these are open every day, that the peopl emay do their marketing daily. On a Christmas morning it is almost impossible to get into these markets on account of the crowd gathered there. From all parts of the buildings you can hear the cries: "Merry Christmas!" "Happy New Year!" "Same to you!" "What are you going to give me for a present to-day?" The butchers are busy handing out presents to their regular patrons, as

is also the vegetable man, and in the different grocery stores of the city, the fruit dealer gives away presents of fruits. Everyone may go on a Christmus Day to the shop where he is in the habit of trading and receive a present, which will be a basket of groceries, all ready put up with his name on it. It is the custom to do this, and if a person in business did not distribute these Christmas gifts he would be considered very stingy and would probably lose his trade.

Christmas Day is not cold as it is in the North, so the people throng the streets. Children can be seen in the street with their presents instead of playing with them by the fire, as would be done here; but they care very little for their presents, for the attention, not only of the children, but of the grown people as well, is wholly engrossed with the fireworks, in spite of the fact that they have caused many accidents in the city. A law has been passed, recently, forbidding the sale of large fire-crackers to a child under sixteen.

The best part of a New Orleans Christmas is the Christmas spirit that fills the heart of everyone. Early in December, the city begins to get subscriptions to buy food and clothing for the poor and the money comes in rapidly. No matter how poor anyone is, he knows that when Christmas Day comes he and his family will have food enough for many days, and clothing for the rest of the year.

The Reward of Faithfulness.

You will never be a partner unless you know the business of your department far better than the owners possibly can. Instead of the question "What must I do for my employer?" substitute "What can I do?" Faithful and conscientious discharge of the duties assigned to you is all very well, but it will not do for the coming partner. There must be something beyond this. The rising man must do something exceptional, and beyond the range of his special department. He must attract attention. There is no service so low and simple, neither any so high, in which the man of ability and willing disposition can not readily and almost daily prove himself capable of greater trust and usefulness .-Andrew Carnegie.

HOW CHRISTMAS IS CELEBRATED AT MY HOME.

MARGARET O. BLACKWOOD, Chippewa.

Happily, Christmas with us does not mean the twenty-fifth of December only. Several weeks, or, perhaps, months, before this great day we children often feel as though we are not wanted around; sly glances are cast from one smiling face to another, which would surely hurt our feelings did we not realize that some beautiful gift is being prepared for us, a thought which fills us with happiness.

When I was a very little child, I used to stand at the windows at Christmas time, because my mother used to say that Santa Claus was watching to see if we were good; and I was watching to see Santa Claus, and to make sure that I was not caught in one of my unruly moods. Of course, as I grew older and was told that my own dear parents and friends were Santa Claus, I would laugh at my little sister when she would watch for him.

Christmas is celebrated at my home, as it is throughout the Christian world, with great rejoicing. The teachers in the schools and churches prepare Christmas programmes; the children roam through the woods in search of evergreens, winter vines, and moss with which to decorate their homes and schoolrooms. There is no holly nor mistletoe to be found in our forests, so if we use that, we have to buy it.

Usually on Christmas Day, a whole family unite and spend the day together in the old home, singing Christmas carols and telling many beautiful Christmas stories. Sleighride parties are planned for Christmas Day, many of which travel over the cold icy roads.

I think that there is no country in the world more suggestive of Christmas than my own home country, where the pure white snow is laid several feet deep on forest and fields, where houses are ornamented with glittering icicles, and where the air is filled with the merry jingle of sleigh bells.

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