

Adjutant-General Robertson's report, showing the composition, organization and strength of the state troops, has been issued. There are 21 officers on the staff of the commander-in-chief, and the total strength of the brigade is 489. The report of the Adjutant-General also embraces the suggestions contained in the reports of Gen. Smith and Col. Brown and Robertson. The statement of Col. Brown that there is too much "carrying on" among the men, and Col. Robinson's opinion that the troops are over-instructed and "too fat," are rather significant inasmuch as they rather suggest the organization of our "home guard" is not all that should be expected of an organization of this character.

Over five thousand Indian children are now attending the schools maintained by the general government, religious societies and the state of New York. At Hampton Institute, Virginia, a number of married couples are attending, and six cottages have been erected for their use. About fifty Indian girls were last year admitted to the public schools of Philadelphia and mingled with the white children at attendance. Nine out of twelve prizes offered for proficiency were taken by Indian girls, the first being given to one of the Omahas.

The proverb that "the mills of the gods grind slow, but they grind exceeding fine" may be realized by us sooner than we anticipate. Official files are thrown out in Chicago, that of the Columbia empire was treated more fairly, in the center of the Pacific coast will open its eyes some morning and gaze on a thoroughly equipped Chinese iron-clad, ready to "take" when it is called upon for living. China has the iron-clad, and her officials have the nerve to carry out the suggestion above outlined. "A word to the wise," etc.

Wittek, one of the convicted Adamsburg robbers, last night tried to escape from prison gave to the officers a bit of information not before made public, which was the effect that he specially stipulated with the detectives that they must lift the mortgage on his mother's house before he would "turn up" any of the stolen money. This he said they promised to do, and added that his wife was in the hands of Lawson, and thus his chief object in robbing the express company was accomplished. The mortgage was for \$1,700.

The entry for January is an exceptionally good number of magazine, a high standard. The installment "The Life of Lincoln" covers the life of Lincoln at Springfield, the Shiloh battle and the campaign for the military papers are "The Third Day at Gettysburg" and "Pickens's Charge at Gettysburg." There is a new story by George W. Adams, and among other articles a study of "George Herbert in Society," in Politics and Ideas.

Col. J. B. Chase, a temporary lecturer from Kentucky, has instituted suit in the United States circuit court against the Mayor of Greenville, Ala., for \$200 damages, for the injuries received to his person. Mayor Perry recently assaulted and beat Chase at the Ironville depot for an alleged slanderous remark concerning his name. Chase in speeches during the prohibition canvass in Greenville.

General Logan fell a victim to exposure during the war. The acute rheumatic trouble which brought him to his death was contracted in the field. Congress has very promptly recognized its duty by the grant of a liberal pension to Mrs. Logan. The widow of the soldier who has done so much to secure liberal pension legislation for her comrades will not be allowed to starve.

A bill was introduced in the senate a few days ago providing that the commissioner of agriculture shall establish in each of the several states not less than one agricultural experiment station and farm, for which purpose he is authorized to purchase not exceeding \$100,000 of land in each state. The carrying of \$100,000 is appropriated for carrying it into effect.

It is said that the Dixieal Swamp in Virginia is the hide-out of a number of white men who have gone wrong for wanting to retire from public gaze. Why not organize a grand hunt, with hounds, and give them a taste of the treatment which was used to meted out to the poor slave who sought shelter there in his efforts to escape from his master's hands?

A bill is before the senate to allow all officers of the volunteer army in the war of the rebellion who served the full term of enlistment and were honorably discharged, one month's pay for each year their enlistment provided they have not already received the benefit of the act of March 3, 1862 and the amendatory act of July 13, 1865.

At the recent white house reception Senator Fog of Alabama was a comely sight by about twenty-five young ladies, evidently at deus from some local society. As the senator entered the blue room the usher, in a loud voice announced "Senator Fog and family."

General Master Workman Powderly hits the nail squarely on the head when he says that nine-tenths of the laboring man's troubles come from the use of the leverages.

Bob Ingersoll has so much law business on his hands nowadays that his old client, the devil, will have to be looking around for a new counsel or else plead guilty.

Among the strange anomalies of this life is a Kansas woman for the murder of her husband who is defended by her divorced husband.

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# CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

BY THE THOUSAND AT

Rockbridge	30
Conger	31
Lacy	32
Pittenger	33
Hull	34
Beaman	35
McMillan	36
Beynon	37
Total	38

FIFTH INFORMAL BALLOT.

Rockbridge	39
Conger	40
Lacy	41
Pittenger	42
Hull	43
Beaman	44
McMillan	45
Beynon	46
Total	47

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