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Beautiful and right it is that gifts and good wishes should fill the air like snow flakes at Christmas-tide. And beautiful is the year in its coming and going—most beautiful and blessed because it is always the Year of our Lord. —Lucy Larcom, in Cottage Hearth.

The first blood-shed of the Revolution, the first blood-shed of the Rebellion and the funeral of Abraham Lincoln, all occurred on April 19th.

The federal authorities have opened proceedings against a desperate band of outlaws in southwestern Missouri, known as the "Bald Knobbers."

Rain-in-the-face, the Sioux chief who killed General Custer, has begun to study his A B C's.

Official returns from the Washington Territory election make the Legislature Republican by a majority of two on joint ballot.

The population of Nebraska has grown so rapidly but unevenly that the incoming Legislature will be compelled to change the boundaries of the congressional districts in order to equalize the vote.

Detective Mintzhouse arrested a man giving the name of William Clayton who is believed to have set fire to John Lucas' barn, in which four valuable horses perished, on Nov. 21, at Gibbsboro, New Jersey. Clayton had been discharged from Mr. Lucas' employ a few days before the fire. Justice Casady committed him for trial, without bail.

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