

has who are fortunate enough to procure a turn out. Several of the papers in describing the delights of a sleigh-ride quote the following from the late Edgar A. Poe's Song the Bells :

“What a world of merriment their melody foretells !
 How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,
 In the icy air of night,
 While the stars that oversprinkle,
 All the Heavens seem to twinkle
 With a crystalline delight !”

On reading the above appropriate extract, our devil said he felt as though he could enjoy a sleigh ride, in a jumper with a bumper of a girl by his side.

AMERICAN COLONY IN NICARAGUA.—

It is said that Col. Wm. Walker, ex-President of the Republic of Sonora and Lower California, has received a grant of 52,000 acres of land in Nicaragua, from the Government, and will establish a colony there, of 150 Americans.

AN ABORIGINAL ORATOR.—

The Trinity Times says there is an Indian boy on the Klamath river, about fifteen years of age, called “Jim,” who exerts an extraordinary influence over the Indians. He is said to be precociously eloquent. In discussing the question of peace or war, in a grand council, Jim mounted the stump in favor of peace, and by his “talk” silenced all opposed to him. He has the “*bar sinister* on his escutcheon,” the stain of illegitimate birth, which is looked upon by the Indians as a greater stigma than it is among the whites.

DIVISION OF PLACER COUNTY.—

A Petition is in circulation in Placer county