









# ADVOCATE & TIMES.

## LOCAL NEWS.

The new Council will convene on Monday morning.

Ex-Senator Randolph has gone to Mexico and California for a trip.

Shaffer & Dillard placed a large new rate in force on Friday last.

The May term of the Union County Court begins on Tuesday.

County Collector Sheridan has his annual report nearly completed.

Judge Scudder has refused to quash the indictment against Ex-collector H. C. Miller of New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Irving, of Westfield, celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage on the 18th.

The trial of the Plainfield negro, Johnson, for murder, is set down for the first trial day of the coming term.

Temperance meeting to-morrow afternoon at Colles Hall at 4 o'clock. Several addresses may be expected. All are invited.

Plainfield's new daily paper came out on Monday for the first. It is called the *New York News*. It is published by the New York Printing Co.

The election of a new Board of Directors of the Union and Middlesex Counties Mutual Agricultural Association will occur on Monday, May 24.

Acknowledgments are due to Secretary Beckett for a copy of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Editorial Association.

The residence of Mr. Vingling A. New York banker at Maudslayi was destroyed by fire on Sunday. Loss, \$5000; insurance \$4000.

Farmers complain of the difficulty of getting farm hands. They say they have never known it harder to hire hands than now.

One of the fast trains from New York was delayed two hours at New Brunswick on Wednesday morning by the breaking of a part of the engine.

The Elizabeth Herald says that Dr. Sullivan of this city is being prominently mentioned as the Democratic Candidate for Senator next Fall.

Messrs Gilbert and Sullivan have produced a new opera after the manner of "Pinafore." It is said to be meeting with great success in London.

Mrs. Susan Cole of Linden died at the residence of her son Allen Cole in that place on Friday last, aged 71 years. She had suffered nine years from cancer of the lungs.

Mr. Percy C. Oll, of Plainfield, purchased the Maudslayi George Washington at the auction sale of the personal property of the late Robert C. Vail, on Wednesday last week.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has appointed Mr. Tucker of Linden assistant baggage master at Elizabeth.

Plainfield is an "aristocratic" place, but all the same it has 600 names on its list of the wealthy. Ask us something about it.

Col. Riddleberger, candidate for Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate, is a warm personal friend of Col. A. V. Jones formerly of Woodbridge. He is six feet six or seven inches in height and well proportioned.

P. S. Shilling advertised a clearing out sale at cost of all pieces of cloth and made up clothing now remaining in his establishment. An opportunity to get excellent goods at low prices. He offered it open for acceptance but thirty days. See advertisement.

The Delaware, Mr. Charles A. Young, proprietor, was the first of the summer to open his place to the public. The first guests—Mr. Wm. Mulligan and family—took possession of their rooms on Wednesday of this week. *Delaware Journal.*

Messrs. N. W. Ayer & Son, advertising agents, have purchased the Philadelphia business of S. M. Patergill & Co. The Messrs. Ayer have been highly successful in the past, conducting their business upon a strictly honorable basis, and we look for a still greater success in the future. We have had dealings with them and find them thoroughly reliable.

A number of unopened and undelivered packages, which had been accumulating for some time past, were taken to the light office of the Central Railroad at Elizabeth, on Thursday last week. The packages, trunks, etc., were bought at a venture, the buyer not knowing what was getting. A majority of the buyers will now "sell out cheap," though some made excellent bargains. One man bought a trunk which upon opening was found to contain \$7000 in old continental currency. Much of it may be disposed of to good advantage.

"Put Salt on his Tail."—A forced mortgagee induced the issue of a warrant of attachment against a household of this city, some time ago, but our own officers had been unable to enforce it on account of the belligerent attitude assumed by the party it was intended to enforce. Consistent Salt, of Elizabeth, however, had no sympathy with anything less, and one day last week endeavored with an assistant to drive the bird out of the cage. They would undoubtedly have succeeded, had they been at the wrong end of the gun, knew it was loaded, and were ready to live to fight another day. When such a time arrived the scene was revealed by the couple being reinforced by the members of the Plainfield Free-Lance Guards. They fearlessly entered the house and after a fierce struggle with the furniture stood on its hind in the street. *Plainfield Observer.*

**THE SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS.**

The Elizabeth Journal of Saturday last says: "The testimony in the investigation before the Supreme Court as to the taxability of the city of pay, is going on slowly but satisfactorily. The Assessors have well sustained the propriety of the assessments as made by them, and the real value of the property as compared with the assessed value will be shown by the prices paid for property during the last few years. The prices at which the Mutual Benefit Life Office in its property under foreclosure will be shown, as also the rate of interest received from it. It is believed that neither the property nor that of any holder will average more than four percent. After rates are paid, and this does not include repairs and insurance. Therefore, it will probably be shown that the rate of taxation now paid by the city is substantially as high as can be paid without making a loss to the city.

All the assessments about a \$25,000,000 valuation which was so much insisted upon by creditors is being exploded by the existing investigation.

In the Railway mandamus case, our City Council will be heard upon the question of the constitutionality of the law, and will probably submit full brief. It may be remembered that it was expected that an argument would take place in the case of the city of Elizabeth, but that the creditors declined to question the constitutionality of the law, and the proceedings since then has gone on under it. In the able hands of Mr. Bergen, the City Attorney, and Mr. McCarter, the City Council, there can be no doubt that the whole case for the city will be given and our rights protected.

**THE NEW BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS.**

The following is taken from the Elizabeth Herald of Tuesday evening last as follows: President, H. B. Clark; Vice President, John L. Miller; Secretary, Jerry G. Moore; Treasurer, G. E. Moore.

At the recent meeting of the Freeholders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Red Bank, Rev. B. J. Berry was confirmed in his position as pastor of the church in this city and Woodbridge.

On Monday John Wile made complaint against Barney Sayer for petit larceny, in taking \$2.50. Upon being arrested and brought before the Police Court, he was held in jail to answer the complaint.

The annual meeting for the election of directors, of the Perth Amboy and Woodbridge Railroad Company will take place on Wednesday evening, on May 24th, at the office of the P. R. R. Jersey city.

On Wednesday evening Officer Brannon arrested Abram Middleton for breach of the peace by being drunk in the Station House. In the morning he was arraigned before the Police Court and pleaded guilty. The Court suspended sentence.

The representatives of a photographic company have been taking views in this city during the past week. Their plan is to take a view of a residence and order it taken, to endeavor to get the occupants to buy a picture.

On Wednesday morning Mary Wood appeared before the Police Court and made complaint against Ellen Welch for breach of the peace. She was fined \$5.00. The Court, after hearing the evidence, convicted her, and fined her five dollars.

The young man who laments his thimble nail this Spring when putting down carpets or who is violently angry under the rule of a globe and a pen, should remember that the yard after dusk should remember that in the revised edition of the New Testament, the words have been changed from "to ladies" to "condemnation." *Chic.*

**THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

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