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COLLECTION OF TAXES.

We believe that the compromise of the bonded debt of the city of Rahway has now so far progressed that it is necessary to proceed to collect back assessments and taxes, and it will be a proper thing for the Common Council to inaugurate such proceeding by passing the usual resolutions directing the Treasurer and Receiver to advertise and sell the property of delinquents. It will be an act of justice to those who have always promptly paid, and especially to the large number, which we have before alluded to, who are this year paying up more readily than ever before in the history of our city, we believe; even those who hold city warrants and have heretofore waited until they could trade around with some one owing taxes upon a year upon which warrants are receivable, are holding the warrants and paying cash. This prompt-ness deserves the highest commendation and shows that our best business men and taxpayers have confidence in the present management of city affairs and are satisfied of the success of the compromise.

Recent laws (since any sales in Rahway) and decisions upon such laws concerning collection of taxes and the sale of the property of delinquents, now make such sales valid and there will be no trouble to gain possession of any property by tax title, as has been the case in many instances, in all cities previously.

Many owing personal taxes have also been careless, and some appear to think that the collection of such taxes cannot be enforced, but the law on that subject is also very clear. Such delinquents are not only liable for the payment of the original amount of the bill with accrued interest, but, in addition, all the court, attorneys' and constables' fees.

No right-minded citizen, enjoying the benefits of the government under which we live, will refuse to pay his quota towards its maintenance. Should he fail to do so he can blame no one but himself for the trouble and extra expense its enforced collection will entail.

While upon this subject of taxes we are reminded that there is much interest being manifested all over the State in relation to our tax laws and their defects in the way of enforcing the collections. While the good taxpayer promptly pays his own taxes, year after year, he is also compelled to pay the delinquencies of others in the way of assessments for arrearages. This the good citizen is becoming tired of, and the general drift of sentiment is for the absolute sale of the property of delinquents for the taxes. Such a law, it will be remembered, was passed two or three years ago by the Legislature of New Jersey, but by some of its provisions, or rather lack of provisions, it would have been death to the bankrupt cities of Elizabeth and Rahway, especially to the latter, at the time, as it would have given the holders of the old bonds power to obtain judgments, and every property-holder in the city might have been compelled to give up all his property to the bondholders, though it might have been declared unconstitutional in that respect, being *ex post facto*, or retroactive, as it would have given the bondholders a remedy they did not possess when accepting the bonds. Still it would have caused trouble and litigation, and it was deemed advisable not to have it become operative, and Governor Ludlow withheld his approval, though there was a strong pressure from some portions of the State to have him approve it.

With the above objection eliminated from the act, we believe it would be a good thing, in many ways, not only for the collection of taxes, but in making people more watchful of their representatives in municipal bodies, to prevent debt-building.

The following article from the Camden *Courier*, of a recent date, contains some good points upon the subject of "Taxes and Tax Sales:"

A taxpayers' league in Newark, at a recent meeting, adopted resolutions in favor of laws to prevent persons from voting while their personal and poll taxes remain unpaid and to sell property absolutely when taxes are not paid, instead of making the sale conditional as is now the *case*. The *Call* says that half the trouble that has come upon Newark has been owing to the indifference of her citizens in this respect, and that although the conclusions by the society referred to may not be universal, it is gratifying that the question is receiving some attention. To all of which we fully subscribe. The abuse of the ballot franchise is in no other manner so striking as in the refusal of many voters to pay their personal and poll taxes, and it is an abuse which should have been corrected long ago. Not only is it unfair to the citizen who does pay his taxes, but it is a bad thing in its general features. The men who shirk their obligations in this respect are usually those who have the most to say about "spending the tax-payers' money" and who make the most noise on election days. They can always be depended upon to "save the country" when all others fail.

With regard to the tax sales of real estate there is complaint from every city in the State. The present system under which it is attempted to realize from delinquents is both burdensome and ineffectual. The law, as now constituted, requires that the city having to deal with this class shall advertise the list of delinquent properties, at considerable expense to those who do pay their assessments, and under the conditions that the property advertised will be sold for the amount of taxes and expenses to the bidder who will take care of it for the lowest term of years. The *Courier* has always held this system to be a bad one, and has pointed out its lame features at length. Here, as in Newark and in every other municipality in the State, the city is invariably obliged to buy in properties, and record a lien against them for the amount of the taxes and expenses. And there the matter ends. Besides losing the original amount represented by the assessment, the city is put to the additional expense of advertising and selling the properties, without realizing anything in return. The present system of tax sales is simply a farce, an unsatisfactory and expensive proceeding that ought to be done away with, or radically changed, and the only way to accomplish this is to make the sale absolute. When this is done with regard to real estate investments, and the payment of poll-tax is made a requirement for voting, there will be little or no ground for complaint on the score of delinquents in either case.

Then there will be no hope for imprisonment.

The Elizabeth *Herald* alludes to the editor of this paper as the champion of municipal repudiation. This appellation, we presume, is because of our interest in the debt settlement question, in our city, and our earnest and continued efforts in that connection, knowing, as all sane persons knew, that our city was bankrupt and never could pay its bonds in full, and that the longer the settlement was delayed the worse it would be for the bondholders, and all concerned. Also knowing that a settlement on a fair basis was not *but would be* final repudiation, confiscation and—we might use other words of the same termination of a shorter and stronger meaning. If the position taken constitutes us a "champion of repudiation"—we welcome the title, to be well *for* the interests of the city, difficulties, properly adjusted, though, of course, "repudiation" with her creditors is not merely sug-

It is an old truism that none are so dumb as those who do not want to understand, and this is applicable to some of the "circumstances" in our city who are now croaking about the relation of the water bonds to the compromise. For instance, the principal "circumstance" recently stated that

"Any attempt on the part of Berry, Hyer & Co., to bulldoze the Chancellor, the Courts or the depositors of the Savings Bank into consent to allow the other bondholders the benefits to accrue from the Water Works will prove futile. The holders of the Water bonds have a legal and equitable claim upon the Water Works. Those who insist on trying to force a settlement or the Water Bonds at thirty-five cents on the dollar, are doing more toward defeating a settlement of the city debt than all others."

That is exactly our idea, and we know of none who are now insisting upon any such thing as above quoted. The Water Works and all their appurtenances, including water rents are considered liable for the Water Bonds. But, if they should prove of not sufficient security for the Water Bondholders, the city proper should be held for only thirty-five per cent. of any deficiency in the interest, from year to year, and an agreement, that if the time should ever arrive when it becomes necessary to enforce the payment of the bonds, and there should be a deficiency over and above what can be derived from the Water Works, then the city proper should be liable for only thirty-five per cent. of that deficiency, the same as upon its other bonds.

But the fact should not be forgotten that these Water Bonds bear seven per. cent. which, in these days is an exorbitant interest, many investors being well satisfied with three per cent. or less, and the highest rate our adjustment bonds bear is four per cent. Our opinion is that if legal authority can be obtained to issue new Water Bonds, at the present face value, and bearing four per cent. interest, such bonds would be a popular investment, and the present holders could very readily dispose of them if they should not be in position to hold them. Let the new bonds be placed entirely under the jurisdiction of the water board; then let the city pay a reasonable rate for the use of water for fire purposes, etc., the same way it now pays for city buildings; or another plan might be for the city to agree to pay upon the original basis, that is, thirty five per cent. of whatever is necessary, over and above the income of the Water Works to make up seven per cent. on the face of the bonds, all surplus to be invested for the payment of the principal of the bonds, which could be made payable after a certain number of years, the bonds to be called in according to their numerical order—that is, if the board should have a thousand dollars or more to invest, that amount could be used in cancelling the bonds.

But, if the bonds should be reissued on the basis we have suggested, and the income from the works and the city not prove sufficient for the payment of the whole at maturity, the bonds could no doubt be renewed indefinitely, and gradually paid off.

If the Savings Bank authorities will meet the city authorities in an amicable and business like way, we have no doubt that a settlement, fair for all parties can be effected. But if they all have the mistaken understanding that the "circumstance" above alluded to has, no wonder they fail to come together for conference, which should be done before expense is incurred in the foolish mandamus proceedings. Of course the legal representative of the Savings Bank is not personally interested in stopping such proceedings, but the managers should be, and the depositors certainly are.

We believe the compromise has now proceeded far enough and favorably enough to have this Water Bond question settled, and neither will we excuse the city authorities for any unnecessary delay. Let an understanding be arrived at before the coming session of the Legislature, so, if any legislation is needed it can be procured, and then the whole subject of compromise will be soon completely settled. To this end our board of finance should meet with the Chancellor make a complete statement as to how matters stand, financially in Rahway, and he will no doubt co-operate with them, as it is quite probable he has been hearing only one side of the case in the past, and likely the same representations as above alluded to, by parties unfavorable to those now in authority in the city.

THAT "WICKED" ELIZABETH COMPOSITOR.—We recently referred to frequent instances in which some of our exchanges copy items from our paper and give the credit, inadvertently, no doubt, to our local cotemporary, the *Advocate*, the most recent instance then being the Elizabeth *Herald* which thus treated about a half column of local items from our previous issue. That paper responds, but wrongly accuses us of being in a "rage" about the matter; the fact is, we were never more calm in our life; in fact we are not in the habit of getting in a rage, especially in the summer time, as it is not good for the blood! The *Herald* says "the compositor" erroneously credited the items we referred to, and of course it was beyond the control of the editor. Now, that same compositor must have gone over to the *Journal* office last week, as in that paper of Friday appears another half column of local matter culled from our latest issue, and credited to the *Advocate*! That horrible compositor! These occurrences have become so frequent, however, that we now enjoy them as good jokes, so if we refer to it again the parties interested will please consider it as an acknowledgement, and appreciation of the repetition of the joke.

By the way, the *Herald* attempts to "turn the tables" upon us in a very insinuating and sarcastic manner, because we were accused by another party of copying an article, and eliminating its heading, inferring that we did so to destroy its identity. We did not notice the said article (which referred to the state census) in the publication which now claims its paternity, but found it floating about in our state exchanges among the many waifs that thus gain circulation without bearing any mark of identification—and, the fact is, we may have clipped that identical item from the *Herald*, even after seeing it in other exchanges, with the idea that the farther away from the original appropriator, the better the claim.

About a year ago the leading Republicans papers of the country were filled with articles purporting to show that the election of Cleveland would be followed by universal insolvency; now the same papers are publishing articles headed:—"The Business Outlook Brightening;" "The Return of Prosperity Assured;" "A Great Fall Boom Begins;" Improvement in the Iron Trade," and so on.

"Combination of circumstances" is the latest term applied to the "combination" that financially wrecked Rahway. This application is now made by the leading "circumstance" that held sway at that time in the treasury department. They were certainly very unfortunate "circumstances" for Rahway, and its people have long very unanimously so believed.

The Elizabeth *Herald*, of Tuesday, has an interesting communication from our friend H. F. J. Drake, formerly of that paper, now of the government printing office in Washington. Referring to New Jersey politics he says:

Judge Robert S. Green, from your district, has a bright future before him. He has been indefatigable in his efforts to advance the interests of his constituents, and, I think, has accomplished more than any other congressman in the Jersey delegation. His extended acquaintance with the leading men, his superior legal attainments, mastery of parliamentary law and usage will made him prominent and influential in the coming congress.

We will have hot times beyond all peradventure when congress opens. The Republicans mean war to the bitter end against all things Democratic, and are led by partisans of sleepless energy and great capacity to make mischief. They see the dissatisfaction in the Democratic ranks and intend to make the most of it. No discordant opportunity will be allowed by the Republican Senate to go by unimproved. The programme is already arranged and the actors are cast for the play.

In relation to the factional fight among the New Jersey Democratic leaders he very truthfully remarks:

Should this disgraceful fight between your representatives go on it will not only keep you out of presidential recognition, but will assuredly lose the Democracy the State in the fall elections and probably the governor and United States senator. The impression prevails here that these factional differences will certainly put the Republicans on top in New Jersey. A shrewd New Jerseyman said, the other day, that the wise thing for the party to do would be to sit down on the bosses heavily from Sussex to Cape May, and go into legitimate politics, cease to be the catspaw of the railways, nominate Joel Parker for governor, secure a Democratic legislature and send Gov. Abbett to fill Gen. Sewell's senatorial place.

One of the wisest Democrats of New York city, a man with a desirable national reputation; a true Democrat in all of its efforts and vicissitudes, voiced Democratic sentiment exactly, when he said to the editor of the *U. S. Democrat* a few days since:

"We are satisfied, and well satisfied, with the administration of President Cleveland, in all except his non-compliance with the general demand for changes in office. The people voted for a change of administration believing that good would come from an entire change. The courage and animated effort of every Democrat is needed from now on steadily to secure another victory in 1888. The most active workers of every party are those who expect office. Having won a campaign they expect their pay. To refuse them is to disencourage all, and to make the way to success more difficult in the future. Personally, I have no desire for office and would not be a public servant at my age. I have done my full share of public service, and I now wish the rest and comforts of a well ordered life and home.

But the trouble is with the active Democrats who derive great satisfactions from voting the Republican out, and then filling their places with Democrats. I may be wrong in my idea that one of the first duties of an administration is to place its most active defenders in office all along the line, but if I am, nine-tenths of Democrats are wrong."

FROM CONSUL SAVAGE.

In a recent letter received by a friend in this city, from Judge G. W. Savage, now the U. S. Consul at Belfast, Ireland, he says: Ireland is a beautiful country and Belfast is the cleanest and most moral city of its size I ever saw. No drunkenness, no swearing or rowdyism on Sunday everybody goes to church especially in the morning; fully one-half of the congregations are men. No Sunday papers are sold and quiet and order reigns. The business of the city is very large, many of the shops would adorn the city of New York. The linen trade is the principal interest, but many other kinds of business are of great magnitude. The value of goods exported to the United States from Belfast yearly is ten millions of dollars.—The invoices of which pass through the consul's office consequently the office of U. S. Consul to Belfast is no sinecure. I receive the Rahway NATIONAL DEMOCRAT every week and read it with great interest and hope to write to the editor before long.

Judge Joel Parker has been interviewed relative to his talked-of candidacy for the Democratic Gubernatorial nomination. He is free to admit, in talking on the subject, that he prefers the judicial position he now holds; but, if correctly reported, Judge Parker's remarks might be interpreted to imply a willingness on his part to accept the proffered honor of a nomination, if thereby his candidacy would secure harmony in the ranks of his party and the election of a Democratic Legislature in 1886. He very properly says, however, "The nomination has not been offered me; and I could not decline to accept it until it was offered." He also says in the same connection, "I hope to see a Democrat elected to succeed Senator Sewell," and this he is satified can be accomplished under the leadship of any acceptable candidate, if the party will keep clear of factional strifes and jealousies. The suggestion is practical and timely, and one which we hope to see faithfully realized.—*Camden Democrat.*

EULOGY UPON MARCUS L. WARD.—On the 18th of December last, John Younglove, M. D., of Elizabeth, delivered a eulogy upon Ex-Gov. Marcus L. Ward, (who was generally known as "The Soldiers' Friend,") before Marcus L. Ward Post, G. A. R., of Newark. By request of that Post the address has been published in pamphlet form and is having an extensive circulation throughout the state. It is a very fine effort, and the Dr. has shown much interest in his subject, as he does in all matters, especially those relating to Grand Army affairs.

We appreciate the good words that come to us, expressed by our best citizens and tax-payers, congratulating us upon the position we have taken in regard to our city financial matters, and we assure them that we will abate no effort to assist in completely extricating the city from its financial difficulties, and that we will continue to expose any parties endeavoring to interpose obstacles, and more especially those who from their former connections with city affairs should, at least, remain passive.

The Newark *Advertiser* (Republican) is honest enough to say that the resolution of the Iowa State Republican convention declaring "the issues growing out of the Union can never be settled until they are settled right," is "threshing old straw," and that it is unfair to reproach President Cleveland for not doing, or not attempting to do, what President Arthur and President Hayes did not and could not do, while the administration and the National Congress were both Republican.

Parties were in the city yesterday look for a site along the river, where the salt water does not reach, and not too far from the freight depot, for a carpet factory. Their factory has recently been destroyed, in Pennsylvania, and connections in Rahway led them to visit this city with which they are well pleased, and we hope they can be suited, as we understand they employ a large number of workmen.

CRANE'S VALLEY ON THE MOHAWK.

HIGHLAND FARM, Sept. 1, 1885.

Rain! Rain!. Rain! This has been the tune here every day for the last three week with the exception of about two days, and as the old saying is, the farmers have had to do their harvesting between the drops. It was showers in the morning, showers at noon, showers at evening, and for a change, rain all night. While you people in the Jerseys have been roasting alive, we up here have all been frozen to death. You might say this is speaking rather in the extreme, well it may be, and I will draw it a little milder—while you have been suffering with the heat, here it has been a little too cool for real comfort, and at present writing there is strong suspicion of frost. A comforter, thick bed quilt and sheet does not go amiss, and don't you forget it! This very cool weather does not belong to this part of the country at this time of the year. August is calculated to be one of the warmest months. It's an ill wind that does not blow some good, you know, and the farmers have had the advantage of the cool weather, as well as the disadvantage of the rainy weather; if it had been warm and muggy, all kind of grain exposed would have sprouted, and there would have been to-day a great many thousand of bushels of grain less for man and beast to masticate. Here, where we on the Highland Farm, is quite a little patch to attend to, 300 acres. This year 170 tons of hay, 40 acres of oats, 20 of wheat, 20 of buckwheat, 15 of rye, 20 of corn, and about 10 of potatoes. No doubt some of the old Western farmers would give this the laugh, as a showing for heavy farming, still it looks quite extensive to a Jerseyman who has been living in a section where 20 or 40 acres farms are producing nothing much but building lots.

This is a limestone country; with little fertilizing everything in the way of either garden truck or farm produce flourishes in a fair season. Highland farm is situated on what might be termed the banks of Mohawk River, away some three-quarters of a mile in and along what is called Crane's Valley which runs out into the Mohawk Valley, the little steam running though Crane's, emptying into the Mohawk. Hard by is situated the Lilliputian depot of the great Giant William, of Central Rail road notoriety, and the cosy little Village of Cranesville containing a tavern, store, shop, church, and about a dozen cottages.

As one winds his way up through Crane's Valley he crosses the clear and transparent stream that runs through it, about a dozen times; the valley for several miles up is about an eighth of a mile wide and free from swamps and marshes, the side hills rising from an angle of from twenty five degrees to abrupt and almost perpendicular banks of 100 to 125 feet high, extending in plateaus back for miles and miles. This little valley has the appearance of an endless park, with pines, hemlocks, maples, oaks, &c., scattered along, with grass growing underneath in spots like little islands. Along the little stream are several springs which are impregnated with lime, sulphur, soda, &c., and are supposed to be quite valuable for their medicinal qualities. In a good fair season the climate from May to October is almost like perpetual spring. The nights cool and the invigorating. The morning sun opens up a scene of splendor as it emerges over the hill tops; it then rides over the white fleecy clouds which ever hang over the Valley during midday, morning sunrise being only equaled by the glorious sunset.

To reach the Farm we have to climb around and up a hill, on the side of the Valley, which, when at the summit is some 200 feet above the Valley bottom. At the this elevation everything moving in the Valley looks minature like, and puts one in mind of a "bird's eye view" picture on paper. Your correspondent does believe, or has been made to believe, that there is a great deal of virtue in the water that bubbles out from what is called the iron springs, and in going to and from the Village, he invariably carries his little jug, along and fills it at the spring holding the same in reserve in case of an unexpected high tide in the brook, which prevents one at times from getting to the spring.

One morning on returning from the Village and when about stopping at the spring, a young lad about 14 asked us in very polite and long measured tone if we would be so kind as to give him a ride up the road? "We will if you will hold our horse and not run away with him while we go to the spring," we said. "O never fear that," he replied. "You are sure" said we "O certainly sir." We sprang down the bank to the spring, filled our jug and returned, bounced in the phaeton with our jug, and was off up the Valley. The lad soon opened conversation and remarked, "you are weakly ain't you? We replied that we were not only weekly but we were daily, monthly and yearly. "How so," he asked. We told him that we were all broke up with the malaria and had been some time, he asked, "How often have you had this ma-la-ri-a." We told him that we never had it but once, we took it about 25 years ago and have had the same old malaria ever since. He said "In deed," and then we said "Indeed." Said he, "It is said that some of these springs are very valuable. I know one thing my Great-Great-Father was cured of the Rhumatics by drinking the water from one or the other of them." I said I had been told that in old Indian times when these springs were first discovered by the white man, two wagon loads of crutches and canes were found lying loose around this spring, the some having been thrown away, after old gouty Indians had been cured. He said, "In deed"; then we said "indeed." He said, "there is a wild apple tree too up the Valley that bears an apple that looks like a pear and a person eating them will be cured of most any disease." We offered a hundred dollars for one of these apples. "Then" he said, "in deed," and we said, "yes, in deed." Here we had to turn to the left and climb up to the farm on hill top. The young man stepped out, thanked us kindly for the ride, and when about to start off very seriously asked us if we ever had a horse stolen. We undertook to tell him about a large taffy factory we had in New Jersey, but he cut our hair short by politely wishing us a well measured good-by-sir, and vanished up the road.

There is some game here—chipmunks, woodchucks and foxes. We see chipmunks every day; they are in a tin cage hanging upon a tree along side of the smokehouse. Out in the back lot the other day we tackled three woodchucks all at once, while we were weighting them the man said his dog caught them over in the rocks. Fox hunting is our fort, the dog races the foxes around through hill dale and in range of the house; we set in the back kitchen and watch them, this rather beats Long Island style, and one don't tire, you know. "Addugh." R.

To the Editor of the Democrat:

I notice you have recently been, very properly, stirring up some matters concerning city affairs, and alluding to the relation Mr. Crowell, the former treasurer, has borne and now bears to the city. This has, naturally, created considerable discussion in various circles, and the question has been asked—"Why don't the city take action upon the judgment held against Mr. Crowell? The $40,000 would go a great way in helping the city out of its troubles, paying interest on water bonds, or any other deficiency. The city has certainly been very lenient in this instance, but from present appearances he does not seem to have appreciated that leniency, judging by his recent attempts to give trouble to those who are trying to relieve us of our financial troubles and to build the city up. I am informed that in default of payment of a judgment of this kind, upon a proper affidavit, the debtor can be apprehended, and must then choose one of three courses—pay up, give bail, or if not procurable, take the consequences. It strikes me that it is time such action was taken—the city certainly has no further use for his censorship. I have no personal enmity toward Mr. Crowell, but I think, considering the circumstances well known to our citizens generally, he should have either turned in and helped the settlement or else kept very *very* quite. CIVIS.

MR. EDITOR: The *Advocate* of Wednesday of last week, in closing the notice of the trial of Henry Bunch for the alleged abusing of the horse of E. Laing, says that disinterested parties think the verdict should have been one of conviction. Is it meant to infer that the jurors who heard the testimony were "interested" in anything else than rendering a verdict according to the evidence? We certainly endeavored to do so, and were "*interested*" in no other way. Probably the "disinterested" persons were really more interested than we were, if the truth were known. When we took the prescribed oath we were interested in performing our duty—nothing more, nothing less.

THE JURORS.

Special Correspondence of the DEMOCRAT.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

FASHIONS AND FANCIES FOR FALL.

Importers are bringing out new brands. Flannel remains a fixture amid fabrics for the incoming carnival. Rough surfaced fabrics with borders of broche are a popular feature of fall fashion. Tailor-made costumes of cloth and tricot soutached with gold and silver remain intact. Bands of Otter, Beaver and Seal skin shades *en naturelle* will ere long finish many costumes for street service.

For full dress waists are much garnished and skirts enriched with robings and tablliers of rich bead embroider or passmenterie. The skirts of tailor-made suits are round and full, mounted on silk foundation, skirts with draped tablier raised a trifle at one or both sides and supplemented by a pleated breadth at the back. Sleeve and bodice are moulded to the figure with perfect accuracy.

The continental tunic is the latest freak in the form of drapery. A style fastened at the shoulders falling straight down to the feet in front and at the back, closed in with a richly ornamented girdle at the waist line is called the Theodora Dalmatic. Another style known as the Cleopatra, is closed at the neck and in front and fastened upon one shoulder with armhole extending half way down the skirt. These graceful outer garments made of silk on lace brighten a toilet wonderfully.

The practice of labeling American fabrics with foreign brands has become a practice almost too marked for mention. Yet such dealers as Lord & Taylor, handsome do the best brands of two continents can afford to speak truthfully concerning the factors of the fabrics specialized by this old reliable stronghold, which buys more and sells cheaper goods than any other dry goods house in the country. Commercial character goes quite as far in finance in determining the calibre of an establishment and I am sure my readers will not be slow to act upon the hint.

SALLIE J. BATTEY.

NEW JERSEY ODD FELLOWS.—We find the following in several of our state exchanges, without credit, which fact we note, lest we be accused of intentionally appropriating it without crediting the author, which we are unable to do not knowing where it originated:

With nearly 20,000 Odd Fellows in the jurisdiction of New Jersey, the manner in which the contest (?) for the highest honors of the Order in the Grand Lodge is being carried on is a matter to which every one may point with pride. The nominations were quietly made, according to regulation, by the various lodges, in their rooms last April, and from then until now there has been heard no murmur of disapprobation nor expressions of jealous rivalry.—The nearly unanimous sentiment expressed by these nominations indicate clearly who will officer the Grand Lodge for the most part during the coming year. But an average of about 120 lodges made any nominations, and of these 122, manifested their choice of Mr. Geo. W. Hammell, jr., who is at present D. G. M. for Grand Master. For Deputy Grand Master Mr. John L. Wheeler, of Red Bank, was the only nominee. Mr. Joseph Greaves, of Paterson, received the votes of 86 lodges for Grand Warden, and Mr. J. Frank Jennings, of Newark, follows with 13 lodges. It is pretty evident, therefore, much as the latter's many friends in this section would like to see him elected that Mr. Greaves' chances are the greater. Mr. Lewis Parker, of Trenton, the present incumbent, who has been Grand Secretary for a period beyond which the memory of a large number of the members of the Order does not run, is also, almost unanimously, renominated. Mr. Joseph L. Lamb, who has acceptably and faithfully filled the office of Grand Treasurer for a number of years, is also the only nominee for that position. For Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge a sufficient number have been nominated to give opportunity to everyone to completely satisfy himself. With a single exception all are Past Grand Masters of this State. They are Messrs. Jas. D. Cleaver and Christian Miller, of Newark; J. S. Kiger and Geo. S. Courter, Jamesburg, and August Grassmann, of Hoboken, P. G. Henry and S. Harris, of Belvidere. For these offices of honor there is no still hunt, no buttonholing and electioneering. Friends of the candidates have submitted their names for the consideration of the Order, and the vote would probably, result in the election of the same men were it cast tomorrow, as it will when taken at the 3rd meeting of the lodges next October. As indicative of the peace and harmony which prevail throughout the State, nothing could be more convincing or satisfactory.

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Exhibition of the State Agricultural Society will open on Monday, Sept. 14th, and continue for five days.

The grounds of the State Society are located at Waverly Park, on the Pennsylvania Rail Road, between Newark and Elizabeth, and only eleven miles from New York. The grounds are the property of the Society, consisting of 56 acres enclosed, and well adapted for the purpose for which they have been used since 1866.

The Society have spent large sums of money in making improvements on their grounds, and they have now the handsomest and most compact fair grounds in this country. During the week of the fair it is a live picture well worth seeing. In the last ten years, the entries in the different departments have increased one hundred fold, and the interest has kept apace with the exhibits.

On these picturesque grounds may be found the best and most improved labor saving implements, and farm machinery, the best breed of Horses, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Poultry. In farm and orchard products, the display cannot be excelled in any State in this Country; while in manufactured and domestic goods, there is always a creditable showing. Each of the many departments vie with each other in their superior excellence, and quality and character of goods. One cannot fully realize the quantity, quality of these products and goods, unless they have seen them during the fair week.

The grounds are accessible from all parts of the State, and they can be reached in a short time, and at reduced rates of fare. We would advise our readers to spend a day at Waverly during the fair and we feel confident that it will be time and money profitably invested.

Ridley's Fashion Magazine for fall is an excellent number. There is no limit to the information comprehended in its finely embellished pages. The literature covers the ground of interesting facts as well as fiction. Poems and sketches are seasonable, and the noter on fashions are eliminated from the head centre of foreign and American styles. In a word "Ridley's" abundantly sustains its claim to leadership in the extended lines of trade journalism. It is the Alpha and Omega of mercantile momentum, the sign manual of supreme success, worth twice the money that is asked for it, and no patron past, present, or to come, who has become accustomed to this entertaining and serviceable journal will consent to do without it at any price. The subscription figure is 50c a year. A postal addressed to the merchant publishers, E. Ridley & Sons, Grand, Allen, and Orchard streets, will settle the question concerning the cost of sample copy.

A special meeting of the board of health was to have been held on Monday evening for the purpose of considering some amendments to the laws; to make such amendments requires a two-thirds vote of the whole board, and as only four members—Denike, Marsh, Selover and Tufts—appeared, no business was transacted, and an adjournment was made to the 14th, inst.

SOJOURNINGS, ETC.

[Under this head we will be pleased to publish items similar to the following, which may be sent in by postal or otherwise, by responsible parties who may wish such notices.]

Mr. Ben. King returned from Massachusetts last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Squire have returned from the Catskills.

Mr. Edward A. Peterson started for a vacation at Saratoga, on Tuesday.

Dr. F. W. Oliver took a drive to Asbury Park last week, to spend a short time.

Miss Lizzie T. VanDerwoort of Linden, has gone to Jamaica L. I., to remain till Fall.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bedford have returned from Long Island where they have been spending the summer.

Hon. B. A. Vail will start to-morrow for a weeks hunting and fishing excursion among the Thousand Island.

Mr. F. P. Newton, of W. L. Mershon & Co.'s composing rooms, has gone to Springfield, Mass., where he will remain three months.

Miss Annie Bridges, of this city, is recorded in the Plainfield *News*, as one of the "Merrimne," who started last Saturday for a trip to the Catskills.

Our residents who have been upon their summer vacations and sojournings are now returning, and bronzed faces are quite numerous upon the streets.

By letters received from Hon. Geo. W. Savage Consul at Belfast, by friends in Rahway, we learn that himself, wife and son are enjoying good health and are highly delighted with their new home.

SPECIAL DELIVERY.—As the Rahway Post Office has been designated as one of the ten-cent special delivery class, which system will go into effect on the 1st of October, we give below some of the instructions to the Post Masters, which explain the manner of proceeding:

You will open all mails at once on their arrival, as is required by the regulations, and immediately separate the letters bearing special delivery stamps and put on the receiving stamp of your office, showing name of the office and date, and hour of the letter's arrival. Next you will number such letters so arriving, and enter them according to number in the record book. Next, enter each respectively in the delivery books of the messengers who are to carry them, and immediately despatch the messengers. In all this you must use the utmost expedition, so that not a moment shall be lost from the time the mail bag is opened which could be employed to hasten the letter to the addresses. Like diligent attention must be given to drop letters bearing special delivery stamps from the time they are delivered in the post office.

You will provide before the first day of October next, and from time to time thereafter, as many messenger boys as in your judgment will be necessary to secure the prompt delivery of the special-delivery letters, observing that aside from drop letters, their services will be necessary only for a brief time after the arrival of any mail, which in many offices will be for but a portion of the day, and that a proper force must be ready for all mails arriving between 7 A. M. and 12 midnight, and for all drop letters requiring special delivery.

Messengers will not be required at present to be uniformed, except in such special cases as may be ordered. Substitute letter carriers, when employed as messengers for special delivery, may wear their uniforms.

None but respectable, active and intelligent boys, over the age of thirteen years, are to be employed, and their compensation will be eighty per cent. of the amount of the special stamps upon the letters delivered, which is eight cents for each letter, to be computed at the end of each calendar month, but in no case to exceed $30 per month.

The new system requires that the special delivery department be kept open from 7 o'clock a. m. until 12 midnight for sending out such immediate delivery letters as may be received or dropped.

The following instance of one well-known to many in this city at once overcomes the foolish excuse made by many intemperate people that there is no use for them to try to stop drinking as they know they can't help it. Mr. H. N. Spencer is the one we refer to, who said at a recent meeting in Plainfield, that he had early formed the drinking habit from peculiar associations which would lead most any young man to the use of alcoholic drinks. The temperance wave struck him and he has been riding on its crest for nearly a year and a half. The "boys" who were foolish enough to laugh at his renunciation of his drink habits, gave him thirty days or thereabouts to turn his back on his pledge. But their calculations miserably failed. The Club has no more determined temperance man in its membership. He announced that strong Republican as he had always been, he would not let his party feeling stand in the way of his duty if it became necessary to give up party ties to put down the rum power.

In relation to the new brewery company we alluded to last week, the Newark *Advertiser* says:

The Enterprise Brewing Company, having recently purchased the old Boppe brewery on Orange street, took formal possession of the property on Monday, the papers being drawn up and signed in the office of their counsel, Charles A. Feick. The purchase price was $35,000, and the company is composed of the Geyers, of Rahway, and others, who have had large experience in the brewery business. They commence business with a working capital of $50,000, and will spend a large sum of money in improving and remodeling the buildings and fitting them up as a first class brewery. These improvements will be begun at once, and it is expected that the establishment will be in working order by January 1st of next year.

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DEATHS.

SYM.—At Newark, August 28th, Elizabeth D., wife of Britton Sym, aged 37 years, 1 month and 20 days.

BERRY.—In this city, August 28th, John Berry, aged 71 years.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

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PENNSYLVANIA R. R. TIME TABLE.

On and after Sunday, June 28th, 1885, trains will leave Rahway as follows:

For Pittsburg and the West, 7.53 p. m. daily.

For Baltimore, Washington and points south—1.01, 7.06, 9.24 a. m., 1.51 p. m.

For Philadelphia—1.01, 7.06, 8.07 and 9.24 a. m., 12.07, 1.51, 5.53, and 8.01 p. m. Sundays—1.01, 7.06, 10.00 a. m., 5.53, 7.58 and 9.55 p. m.

For Cape May—12.07 p. m.

For Atlantic City 12.07 and 1.51 p. m.

For Trenton—1.01, 7.06, 7.25, 8.07, and 9.24 a. m., 12.07, 1.51, 2.53, 5.53, 8.01 p. m. Sundays, 1.01, 7.06, 10.50 a. m., 5.01, 7.58 and 9.55 p. m.

For New Brunswick—12.27, 1.01, 7.06, 7.25, 8.07, 9.24 and 10.18 a. m., 12.07, 1.51, 2.53, 4.46, 5.32, 6.56, 8.01 p. m. Sundays—1.01, 7.06, 10.28 and 10.59 a. m., 5.01, 5.03, 7.58 and 9.55 p. m.

For Metuchen—12.27, 1.01, 7.25, 8.07, 9.24, and 10.18 a. m., 12.07, 1.51, 2.53, 4.46, 6.26, 6.56, 8.01 p. m. Sundays—1.01 and 10.28 a. m., 2.03, 5.03, 6.26 and 7.58 p. m.

For Menlo Park—12.27, 7.25, and 10.18 a. m., 12.07, 1.53, 4.53, 5.46, 6.32, 6.56 and 8.01 p. m. Sundays—10.28 a. m., 2.03, 5.03, 6.26, 7.08 p. m.

For Iselin—12.27, 7.25, 10.18 a. m., 12.07, 1.53, 4.53, 5.46, 6.32, 6.56, and 8.01 p. m. Sundays—10.28 a. m. 2.03, 6.26 and 7.58 p. m.

For Avenel, Edgar's and Spa Springs—7.01 and 11.10 a. m., 3.36, 5.44, 6.23, 7.24 and 10.58 p. m.

For Woodbridge—7.01, 9.55, and 11.10 a. m., 12.45, 3.36, 5.44, 6.23, 7.24 and 10.58 p. m.

For Perth Amboy—7.01, 9.55, 11.10 a. m., 12.45, 3.36, 5.44, 6.23, 7.24 and 10.58 p. m.

P. R. R. Crossing—7.58, 9.55 a. m. 12.45 and 5.44 p. m.

For South Amboy—5.08 a. m. 12.45, 5.44 p. m.

For Matawan—9.55 a. m., 12.45 and 5.44 p. m.

For Red Bank—5.48, 7.58, 9.55 a. m., 12.45, 4.51, 5.44, 7.19 p. m.

For Long Branch, Ocean Grove, Asbury Park, Ocean Beach, Spring Lake, Sea Girt, Manasquan and Point Pleasant—5.08, 7.58, 9.55 a. m., 12.45, 4.51, 5.44, 7.19 p. m.

For Bay Head, Toms River and intermediate stations, 5

National Democrat.

RAHWAY, N. J., SEPT. 4th, 1885.

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[illegible] Housekeepers and others who [illegible] either exchange articles of daily [illegible] or advertise articles [illegible] Miscellaneous, or to give notices under [illegible] for found, under notices under [illegible]

[illegible] A WORD—CASH,

[illegible] want to sell [illegible] anything—[illegible] want to exchange [illegible]

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[illegible] CHAMBERLIN'S English [illegible] permanent [illegible] at 8 Irvine's. jul 17-2m

[illegible] PURE DRY BEN FEATHERS for [illegible] Market. mar30-tf

[illegible] HANDS wanted on Flannel [illegible] J. SHELDONS. aug 28-tf

[illegible] CLEANING is effected by using our [illegible] spices. [illegible] RAHWAY [illegible] Main street. sept 4

[illegible] AND PRESENTS TO SELECT FROM. [illegible] variety, the best goods, and [illegible] Look out for our next leader. [illegible] TEA STORE, 7 Main St. 84

[illegible] 22, at VESCELIUS'.

[illegible] FRIMERS for [illegible], at VES-

[illegible] PARTY will write up books, [illegible] out accounts, make out and col- [illegible] terms reasonable. Address Box 48 [illegible] jul1

[illegible] TEMPERANCE UNION MEETING [illegible] at 8 P. M., R form Club [illegible]

[illegible] AND DRESSED POULTRY constantly [illegible] GILBY'S Fulton Fish Market.

[illegible] SALE [illegible] order, al- [illegible] price [illegible] of the [illegible] may 1-tf

[illegible] threshed and nice SEED [illegible] D. H. COX, corner Price [illegible] Rahway. aug 28-3w

[illegible] PARLOR FURNITURE, 7 pieces; [illegible] Wilson Sewing Machine, No. [illegible] Apply at 24 [illegible] street.

[illegible] at Ro- [illegible] street.

[illegible] Experienced operators on La- [illegible] garments and children's wear. [illegible] Rahway, N. J. mar27-tf

[illegible] A Building [illegible] ground, [illegible] from 5 or 6 [illegible] Exchange [illegible] sept 4

[illegible] CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE [illegible] Meeting every Friday [illegible] Club Room. A cordial wel-

100 [illegible] OPERATORS WANTED AT HOSEN- [illegible] MASLIN'S. 8-3t

[illegible] Public Schools will open a week [illegible] Monday.

[illegible] Rice.—We know they R, [illegible] got 'em.

[illegible] Rudder is in command of Co. F [illegible] absence of Capt Sheldon.

[illegible] communication of LaFayette [illegible] F. & A. M., next Monday evening.

[illegible] W. R. Wise arrived home [illegible] can trip Monday morning.

[illegible] McCann, one of our old citi- [illegible] subject to apoplexy, had an- [illegible] yesterday morning.

[illegible] teachers are returning from [illegible] vacations and preparing to [illegible] their duties Sept. 14th.

[illegible] day evening [illegible] regular bi- [illegible] of Council will [illegible] after the [illegible] vacation.

[illegible] Ganswyk of Clark township [illegible] a "hard cake" biscuit sent [illegible] friend in the army in 1862 [illegible] is rapidly [illegible] aching com- [illegible] will be one of the handsomest [illegible] the Pennsylvania Railroad. [illegible] Stockton [illegible] gauge its [illegible] Pennsylvania R. R. Co. [illegible] ed for the season on Tues-

[illegible] of the First M. E. church, [illegible] the parade, the wise and [illegible] Sabbath morning next. All

[illegible] Empire [illegible] an editorial [illegible] mends spare [illegible] as a great [illegible] from such [illegible] cacy.

[illegible] of the [illegible] is being [illegible] connection with the Republi- [illegible] for next Governor. Also, [illegible] Vail!

[illegible] meeting [illegible] closed at [illegible] reports [illegible] persons con- [illegible] reclaimed, [illegible] sanctified and [illegible] helped.

[illegible] that Brown [illegible] druggist, has [illegible] been [illegible] all purchas- [illegible] compound [illegible] Gin—rich in! [illegible] goak!

[illegible] Race [illegible] weeks have been [illegible] some [illegible] best stock in [illegible] having been [illegible] red, making [illegible] very interesting.

[illegible] have commenced to bring [illegible] to the [illegible] the Rahway [illegible] then the [illegible] every day the [illegible] between [illegible] New York

[illegible] could [illegible] from ten to [illegible] per [illegible] in constant [illegible] Rahway [illegible] such houses [illegible] the owner [illegible] some profit on [illegible] invested.

[illegible] every day [illegible] Sunday at the [illegible] Cross. There will be [illegible] 11, [illegible] and 7:30 P. [illegible] for evening. Duties of Peo- [illegible] Public Period.

[illegible] farmer in this city, was [illegible] to a New York gentleman [illegible] remove to the premises and make [illegible] it is a fine farm. The price [illegible] been paid for it, is $10,000.

[illegible] Water Day" was observed at [illegible] very informally by the col- [illegible] of this section of the State, on [illegible] last week. Rahway furnish- [illegible] and all had a good time.

[illegible] Engine Co. No. 2 will hold [illegible] picnic at Eckert's Grove, [illegible] afternoon and evening, September [illegible] Tickets admitting gent and lady [illegible] Free stages will be run to and [illegible] Grove.

[illegible] annual fair of the Monmouth [illegible] Agricultural Society will be held [illegible] week, Sept. 8th, 9th and 10th, at [illegible] That county is noted for its [illegible] and the attendance will no [illegible] as usual.

[illegible] Tarrill and S. T. Gibbons, two in- [illegible] young mechanics have constructed [illegible] boat that can be paddled, rowed [illegible] sted by sails. They launched their [illegible] day, and those who have seen it [illegible] a splendid model.

[illegible] Tuesday evening at the A. M. [illegible] church, there will be a grand brick [illegible] festival for the benefit of said [illegible] The most successful person in the [illegible] will receive a handsome gold [illegible] watch. Admission 10 cents.

[illegible] Charles H. Flatt has associated himself [illegible] with Casselff & Co., the Newark Clothiers, [illegible] Broad street, where he will be pleased [illegible] his friends call. Mr. Flatt will [illegible] the custom department on the [illegible] floor. When you call for Mr. Flatt [illegible] look and he will gladly take time to [illegible]

[illegible] from Rev. Wm. Alfred Gay, of [illegible] Presbyterian Church, who has [illegible] the season at Ocean Grove, [illegible] that he will return home this [illegible] supply his pulpit morning and [illegible] next Sunday. He also says he [illegible] delightful time, and has gained [illegible] pounds in five weeks.

News from Dr. H. H. James, yesterday, from Saratoga, reported him in a very critical condition, though slightly better than the day before. His physician deems that there is only one chance in a hundred for any permanent improvement.

The regular services will be resumed in St. Paul's Church on Sunday next, Sept. 6. Morning service, 10.30, with Holy Communion. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Evening service, 7.30. The Rector is expected home and will officiate.

The State Fair at Waverly this year will probably be the best one ever held by the New-Jersey State Agricultural Society.—The list of premiums is larger than usual, and the entries for the races embrace a number of the best horses on the turf.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the National Association of Fire Engineers will be held at Long Branch, commencing Tuesday, September 8th, 1885, at noon. Chief Engineer Fyffe, of the Rahway Fire Department will attend the Convention.

The Rahway Prohibition League will meet next Monday night, at the residence of Rev. H. D. Opdyke, to complete the organization, and chose delegates to the county convention.

H. D. OPDYKE, Sec.

Thos. A. Lee, of Upper Rahway, sends us some sample bunches of Champion and Concord grapes fully ripe, which is somewhat earlier than those varieties generally ripen. Mr. Lee claims that a certain manner of trimming the vines thus hastens the growth of the people.

Our city was enlivened on Monday evening by a parade through some of the streets, of Garfield Drum and Fife Corps, of Newark, who were guests of Franklin Hose Co., at their picnic. They were a fine looking set of young men and made excellent martial music.

By order of Major Lee, the companies of the Third Regiment will practice this month at the Sea Girt rifle range. Company F is put down for next Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Transportation will be furnished direct, and the men will provide themselves with one day's rations.

A grand harvest home will be held by the A. M. E. Bethel Church in Washington Hall, on Wednesday evening next, Sept. 9th. An orchestra will furnish good music, and there will also be singing and other interesting exercises, with abundance of refreshments for sale. Admission 25 cents—children 15 cents.

We are indebted to Miss J. M. Radbourne, formerly of this city, now of Bristol, England, for a "Special Wedding Number" of the London *Pictorial World*, containing illustrations and full description of the wedding of His Serene Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg, to Her Royal Highness, Princess Beatrice.

Dr J. L. Brown, the dentist, and family, departed on Wednesday for a month's sojourn at Spring lake. The Dr. and a portion of the family went by the "overland" route, driving Dr. Cladek's horse "Billy." He (the Dr., not "Billy") will return in a few days to attend to business, and then visit his family occasionally while they remain.

There seems to be a general revival of business in Rahway. Several of our large manufactories are advertising for help.—F. L. Sheldon wants one hundred, Rosenbaum wants two hundred, and Mr. Geo. F. Morris, Supt. of the Gossamer Works, says that in a week or so they will want probably a hundred more operators, and are now running nights.

They are enforcing various liquor laws in Plainfield, including that of selling to drunkards, as well as from the following item in the *News*:

The case of Mrs. Jackson against John Rafferty, who was charged with selling liquor to Mr. Jackson, a habitual drunkard, after he had been cautioned not to, is set down for September 8.

The additional repairs and changes in the 2d Presbyterian church will delay the resumption of services in the main audience room for some weeks longer; but, probably, after next Sunday, the regular services will be held in the lecture room for a time. The project of changing the organ and choir to a position behind the pulpit is under consideration.

Our old printer friend, Dan. S. Rockafellar, of Somerville, has launched a "Monthly Visitor" upon the sea of newspaperdom. It is a neat little paper and has considerable spicy original and selected reading, besides a liberal supply of advertisements. It is intended principally for an advertising medium, with free circulation of several thousand copies each month.

Mr. Peter VanOrwick, an old resident, who has been in feeble health for some time, died very suddenly on Friday last.—A young son was staying with him, and the father feeling worse told the son to go for the doctor, but before he got out of the house the father fell and almost immediately expired. He was 68 years of age, and a brother of John A. Van Orwick, Assessor.

Monday night a young man was seen running through Cherry street, and seemed to be very much excited. He was asked the cause of his hurry, and breathlessly exclaimed there's a fire off toward Bricktown. His listeners looked in the direction indicated and saw it was the moon. The young man felt a little "rigged," and says he won't put on any more airs running to imaginary fires.

Dr. W. E. Cladek, Hon. F. L. Sheldon, Joseph Pratt, W. H. Peterson and Isaac L. Hunt left Rahway Tuesday afternoon for a two weeks stay at Moose river in the Adirondacks. They took with them their fishing apparatus as well as their breech, loading guns. As the laws of New York permit the killing of deer at this season Rahwegians may expect a venison barbecue when the hunters return.

The Columbia Drum and Fife Corps excursion to Riverview Park will take place next Tuesday. The steamer Crystal Stream and barge Wm. H. Morton, have been chartered for the occasion and will leave the city wharf at Rahway Port (Bricktown.) The excursion will pass close beside Bedloe's Island, thus giving all on board an opportunity to see the Pedestal for Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty. It will also pass Gen. Grant's tomb. Tickets 75 cents. Children 35 cents. No intoxicating liquors will be sold on the boat.

TOO MUCH FLOUR.—Just before Thos. J. Baker, went on his vacation to the Catskills, ordered from the firm in Philadelphia, he with whom they generally dealt, 1,000 paper bags for flour, with the firm's advertisement on. The firm also deals in flour, and instead of sending the empty bags they were filled with flour, and duly arrived by Penn. R. R. Mr. McCormick was somewhat surprised, as it would have required an extra store house to put the large quantity of bags in. He telegraphed to Baker for an explanation, and he responded that he ordered the bags only. The Philadelphia firm was so notified, and found they had mistaken the order, and a representative has been traveling through this section to dispose of the surplus bags of flour, McCormick & Baker, to help him out, agreeing to take a portion of it.

FIRES.

About 2 o'clock last Friday morning a party traveling through Whittier street noticed a bright light in Tatham's blanket factory, situated on that street near the corner of Grand. He soon found the building was on fire, and aroused Mr. John Tooker whose residence is near by and the alarm was soon sounded. Notwithstanding the bad hour several firemen promptly responded and several of the apparatuses were soon at the scene, but not in time to save the building, most of which was consumed, with a considerable stock and machinery. A large quantity of finished blankets which were stored in the lower part of the building were carried out by the firemen and citizens without damage. The building belonged to Capt. Theo. Pierson, who had it put in order for Mr. Tatham's busine a last Fall. His loss is probably covered by insurance. Mr. Tatham was absent, in Philadelphia, at the time, we understand. He was also fully insured.

ANOTHER.—Just as the firemen had got snugly in bed for a few winks of sleep about 5 o'clock, after the above fire, another alarm was sounded in the same vicinity, which caused by the burning of a small unoccupied dwelling on Whittier street, which had been generally occupied by some colored people, belonging to Titus Strong, colored. The firemen again promptly responded but owing to the light character of the structure the fire was under such headway before their arrival that it was beyond control, and the building was entirely consumed. The loss is not very heavy.

It is pretty well settled that both these fires were of incendiary origin, and special efforts should be made by our authorities and citizens generally, apprehend such miscreants. There is a standing reward of $50 for such object we believe, and it is hoped that the guilty ones will be apprehended.

On Monday night or just after the excitement down town on account of the explosion at the 2d Presbyterian church, a nurse was using a lamp for the preparation of some food for the child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibbons, which was sick at the Jardine homestead when the oil ignited in some way and the girl had to drop the lamp, causing the fire to communicate to a rug, curtains, etc. Mr. Freeland Jardine and Mr. Gibbons happened to be on the premises and by prompt action extinguished the flames before much damage was done, and without making any alarm.

RAHWAY'S BUSINESS INDEX.

Our first page this week is devoted to the promised Business Index of Rahway, which Col. Lowe, of New Brunswick, has been working up for some weeks. The Col. has shown much enterprise and zeal in the matter, and though we told him when he first suggested the project, that the business men of Rahway were not generally noted for their newspaper advertising, he expressed confidence in the enterprise and has succeeded far beyond his, and our own expectations.

Now if all the advertisers, who are not regularly represented in our columns, by the year, will authorize us to continue their cards it will do more than any one other thing to bring Rahway into notice and increase trade. A stranger coming into a town is sure to guage its character by the enterprise of its business men, and the advertising columns of the local newspaper is the best test. We, therefore respectfully invite all whose cards appear this week, to continue the same at our regular yearly rate for local business cards, viz: $6 including the newspaper, or $4 additional to those who are subscribers, but not advertisers. A representative of the office will call upon all within easy reach, but those who do not receive a call can drop a card, or otherwise notify us if they desire to continue upon the above terms.

Mr. Frank Halliday the popular clerk at the Post Office has resigned his position to take effect the 12th instant. We are informed that he intends to take a course at some one of the business colleges, and also to engage in the sale of daily and weekly newspapers, magazines, periodicals, etc. The public generally will regret his leaving the Post Office as he has at all times been obliging and accommodating. He is now prepared to take orders for and deliver papers promptly at houses.

There are some mischievous lads in the vicinity of Milton, who will get themselves in serious trouble, if they are not careful. One day this week, they were found in possession of a horse and wagon, belonging to a gentleman from Linden had left tied in front of a residence. They were driving the horse about, playing in the wagon and having a good time generally. Constable Harris took charge of the conveyance and hunted up the owner.

Capt. J. L. Bodwell was summoned to return to Sea Girt on Monday to take charge of the Rifle Range for the remainder of the season. The Captain says that the new Range built this year is as good as any in the country, and they have had a very successful season. In selecting a competent person to take charge of the Range, those having the management have used good judgment, and certainly have the right man in the right place. What would the State be, or what could it do without Rahway, anyhow, with all her faults?

We regret to notice that our friend, County Collector Sheridan and Hon. Ferdinand Blancke met with a serious loss by fire on Monday night last. The sash and blind factory of Mr. Sheridan was totally consumed, with the machinery, building, etc. The loss to him is great, as he had no insurance—amounting according to some estimates to as much as $15,000. The building and some of the machinery, we understand, belonged to Mr. Blancke, and the building was partially insured.—An alarm was caused in this city by the reflection.

We had the honor of a call, last Saturday from "Old Hickory, the Hackensack meteorologist of the weather prophet" as he is generally called. He was inquiring for Councilman Houseman, who was an apprentice in the same shop with him. He prognosticated both of the cyclones that occurred last month and gave their positions correctly. He says there will be two also this month—one in the section of Massachusetts and one in the vicinity of Cuba; also that the warmest weather will be between the 10th and 15th the remainder of the month comparatively cool.

ATTEMPT TO BURN A CARRIAGE SHOP.—Saturday night, two of John Hunter's daughters were going home, and when opposite the old carriage shop recently occupied by George Miller, discovered that the building was blazing inside. They gave the alarm, and Mr. Richard Hurley who had noticed the fire about the same time that the ladies did, also gave the alarm, and ran to the shop, and with the help of the young ladies and several neighbors extinguished the flames. The shop has not been used for some two or three years. The damage is very light.

GAS EXPLOSION.

The entire city was thrown into a state of excitement on Monday evening about a quarter of eight o'clock, caused by an explosion of gas in the Second Presbyterian Church, which was quickly followed by an alarm of fire. The particulars are as follows: Mr. Geo. W. Jackson, who is sexton, had just completed ringing the bell for payer meeting when he went to a closet under the stairs and lighted a match. Instantly the explosion occurred, throwing Mr. Jackson violently against an inner door, and severely burning him. The force was so strong that the door was torn from its hinges. Mr. Jackson at once went to the lecture room to tell what had happened but found no one there, and he immediately returned to the front of the church and rang the church bell rapidly, which at once alarmed the people. He then started to go home, but stopped at the house of his brother-in-law, Mr. Aaron Freeman. He asked Mrs. Freeman if she had anything in the house that was good for burns, and when she saw his condition, the lady nearly fainted with fright, Mr. Jackson's face and hands were very badly burned, his hair and moustache so badly singed that the latter had to be clipped off. Dr. Cladek was summoned and in a few minutes was at Mr. Freeman's house, where he attended to Mr. Jackson's injuries. John Walsh the plumber had taken one of the meters out that day, to ascertain whether there was anything the matter with it, as escaping gas had attracted the attention of the church authorities for some time. Mr. Jackson did not know that the meter had been taken out, and the fact of the extra strong smell of gas was the reason of his going to the closet under the stairway where the meter was always kept. When Mr. Walsh took the meter out, he put a cap on the pipe that connects it with the main pipe, but an examination since made, shows that there was another service pipe connection, the existence of which was not known, and which to all appearances had been plugged but had corroded so that it was leaky and the cause of the whole trouble. As Walsh had been careful to leave the pipes safe so as to prevent the escape of gas and the old pipe has been found, there can be no fault laid at his door. The stairway platform was completely demolished, and nearly every window in the main structure has broken glass in it. The double doors on the Main street side were shattered at the top, and an iron grating that was screwed to the platform, as a guard for the transom of the doors, was thrown up to the ceiling where it stuck in the lath after crushing through the plaster.—W. H. Cloke, the plumber, arrived at the church a minute or two after the explosion, and seeing the flame issuing from the gas pipe, ran to it, and bent the pipe, so as to shut off the gas. In doing this he burned his left hand, but not dangerously, although it was made very sore for several days.

The church is undergoing a general course of repairs, and has just been very handsomely painted. It is now found that many new timbers will have to be laid under the flooring of the main building, and the additional expense to the congregation which directly results from the explosion will probably be no less than $300.

Mr. Jackson's wife was not at home when the accident happened, and her nephew George Freeman went to Woodbridge for her the next morning. Mr. Jackson went to his home from Mr. Freeman's, Tuesday evening between five and six o'clock, and although he suffers very much from the burns on his face and hands, he is doing as well as can be expected. He had a very narrow escape from being killed, and considers himself very fortunate. He will probably be around again in a week or so.

WESTFIELD WINKS.

Several nights last week were nearly cold enough for frost.

Chauncey B. Ripley has a yield of over forty bushels of oats to the acre.

The general improvement of roads has enlisted every property owner in town.

The second crop of grass and clover is making up largely for the shortness of the first crop.

Much real estate is changing hands this Summer and in many cases improvements follow immediately.

Most of the families purchasing butter are supplied by the Dairies of Mr. Ripley and Mr. Thompkins.

Mrs. Irving, of Liberty Corner, is about erecting a residence on South avenue, opposite Mr. Samuel Harris' place.

Seagur and Sparkman have just raised the frame of a new building on Quimby street, designed for a residence.

Prof. Wright is spending the Summer at the Hotel here and is negotiating for a site for a Sanitarium in this place.

The Brown Brick Works, of Somerville, have contracted for a car load of Moulding Sand to be taken from the Pit on First street.

Charles A. Smith has ordered two car loads of Canada ashes for Westfield farmers. He also has orders for lime for agricultural purposes.

Messrs. Welch Brothers have purchased a lot on Westfield avenue near South avenue, and are erecting a dwelling house thereon.

Hon. P. P. Good, late Judge of Plainfield is in Washington on business, attending to an important litigation in the Supreme Court there.

J. Warren Brown has purchased a plot of ground corner Lawrence and Dudley avenues of Mr. Conant on which he intends building at once.

The Central R. R. Co., are laying new tracks from the passenger station to North avenue and [illegible] Parks in order on either sides of the tracks.

Rev. Dr. [illegible] President of Waynesburgh College, Waynesburgh, Penn., visited Westfield [illegible] and was the guest of Mr. Samuel Harris on South avenue.

The people of Elm street are striving to make that the most attractive street in town. They will succeed, too, unless some of the residents of other streets keep a sharp look out.

A petition is in circulation to open North avenue from Central avenue through to Oak street, with a view of shortening the distance and affording additional advantages for drainage.

The town committee are unable to procure crushed stone from the R. R. Company in sufficient quantities to supply the demand of the road-masters. Some has been purchased of Mr. John Cook, Fanwood, who runs a crusher for that place.

Miss Mattie A. Harris has accepted a chair in Waynesburgh College as instructor in Art, and is to commence her duties early in September. Miss Harris prepared an Essay on Art last winter which attracted considerable interest in literary circles.

The trustees of Fairview Cemetery are erecting a new Lodge House on the grounds. The old building has been sold and removed. More lots have been sold in Fairview during the last year than for any previous year lately. Many monuments have also been erected during this year.

BASE BALL.—On Saturday last a game of base ball was played on the uptown grounds between the Union club of this city and the Perth Amboy, of the city, resulting in the defeat of the latter 7 to 5.

On the same day a game was played by the Athletics of this city and the Stars, of South Amboy, in which the Stars were in the ascendant, eclipsing the Rahway boys by 13 to 11.

REFORM CLUB MATTERS.

The Reform Club held an interesting meeting on Thursday evening of last week, at which a number of important questions were discussed, the most prominent among which was the status of the membership of the organization. The club has found its roll containing a long list of names as members which have been transferred from the pledges signed at the public meetings at the Opera House and many of these names are of those who never intended to become club members. To weed out and rid itself of this surplus of names, not members, gave rise to exciting and not altogether uninteresting discussion, the matter finally being referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration and recommendation.

At the Sunday afternoon meeting Mr. A. J. DeVoe the Hackensack weather prophet, delivered an interesting address not on weather but on Temperance. He was followed by Mr. J. C. Lay and others. The Sunday afternoon meetings are now held in the pleasant rooms of the club at their headquarters and are well attended. The close of the vacation season having arrived and the return home of men who are public speakers, will afford the club opportunity during the fall months to offer a greater variety of such talent. Having settled down at the club rooms for public Sunday afternoon meetings, the evidence are that the class of persons desirable to be reached by reform efforts, are more largely in attendance than since the burning of the Opera House.

KING VS. ACKERMAN.—On Friday last quite an interesting case was tried in Judge Gilhooley's District Court, at Elizabeth, the parties being well known in this city, the litigants being Mrs. Mary J. Ackerman and Robert J. King, who, really represented Mrs. Ackerman's husband, who has not lived with her for some time. Mr. Ackerman claimed title to certain personal property in the possession of his wife, which she refused to give up, and the law not permitting a husband to bring suit direct against his wife, he assigned the claim to King. G. R. Lindsay appeared for Mrs. Ackerman and Thomas H. Shafer for King. King did not appear in person, which was a strong point for Mr. Lindsay, he claiming that such a man might not be in existence. The case was quite racy at some points, and those about the court room denominated it the "Rahway circus." Among the article claimed by Ackerman were an old military coat and white plume, and Mr. Lindsay caused much merriment as he held up the articles. The coat was valued at $12, but the lawyer said it was worth nothing as it had gone out of fashion generations ago; and, as to the plume it was worthy the respect of the gallant Knight, of Maine. The jury, after a brief deliberation returned a verdict in favor of Mrs. Ackerman.

[illegible] was not a very serious one, but Judge McCormick informed the prisoner that if it was not for the statement of the prosecutor, he would have sentenced him to state prison, as he was no stranger before the court, and all promises of reform were broken. He was sentenced to three months months in the county jail. Carrie Martin, a colored girl, who was arrested by officer Conger at Florida Grove, on Thursday of last week, was brought up, but the prosecutor said he was not ready to dispose of her case yet, desiring some further inquiry. She was arrested some time ago and confined in the station house, for theft of some articles from Joe. Beach, but managed in some way to get out of the station, and eluded arrest until surprised by officer Conger, while enjoying the great "Salt Water Day."

The first session of the county courts after the August vacation was on Wednesday, but there was but little business.—All the criminals arraigned were committed from Rahway. Jas. H. Epps, the colored man, for assaulting Mahlon Edgar, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. John Haight, who took a pair of boots a short time since from Bartholomey's shoe store, a very respectable looking man, pleaded guilty, but told the same old story of "rum did it"—he having been on a spree, out of money and looking for work—was not conscious of what he was doing, and did not come to himself until after he was in jail. He used very good language and said he had a wife and three children in Philadelphia. He impressed the court favorably, and having been confined two weeks, he was let off with a sentence of 15 days. Thos Sullivan pleaded guilty to assault and battery. The prosecutor said, from the evidence the offence

Rev. Mr. Cox, of Philadelphia, preached an excellent sermon in the 2nd M. E. Church last Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Ruth.—In the evening the church was filled in all parts, many being present from other congregations in whose churches no services were held. Rev Mr. Thompson delivered a fine sermon, holding the strict attention of the large assemblage throughout. The preacher was at times eloquent, and his rapid, though clear and and distinct utterance, made his discourse appear short, which is no fault, especially in the summer season.

The picnic of Franklin Hose Co. No. 2, on Monday afternoon and evening, was a very pleasant and successful affair, as the entertainments of the enterprising and active young men of that company always are. The music was good, the attendance good, the dancing good, the financial result good; and the "Greek fire sets" were picturesque in the extreme. Some prominent firemen from other places were in attendance as guests, including a representation from the Jersey City department, and also the Garfield Drum and Fife Corps, of Newark, as noticed elsewhere.

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When some one's step comes up the walk,
Your cheeks take on a rosier hue;
And though no other hears a knock,
You hear it well—you know you do.

And when his arm steals round your chair,
You give a smothered scream or two.
As if you didn't want it there;
But, oh! you do—you know you do.

You let him kiss your blushing cheek!
Somehow your lips meet his lips, too;
You tempt him, pretty thing, to speak;
You wicked flirt you know you do.

And when he timidly doth press
His wish to make a wife of you,
With happy heart you answer "Yes."
You darling girl—you know you do.

As truth is older than error, so it will survive it; it got the start, and will gain the race.

There are 240 bones in a man. Men compare poorly with a stud.—*Boston Transcript.*

When a dude attempts to nibble his mustache he is usually down in the mouth.—*St. Paul Herald.*

If you kan't edukate but one, let it be the harte; with a well edukated harte the head kan't far amiss.—*Josh Billings.*

In the case of a miser it is much easier to take things as they come than part with things as they go.—*Boston Herald.*

The poor relation, who met with a cool welcome from a rich cousin, is not in favor of freeze speech.—*Erratic Enrique.*

"An Old Maid's Paradise" is the title of a new novel. The scene is probably laid in the Isle of Man.—*Boston Courier.*

About a dozen hints are published telling how to keep cool. One good way is not to read the hints.—*New York Graphic.*

A correspondent wishes to know "how to preserve the hair." One good way is to have it worked into a watch-chain.—*Puck.*

"Strike while the iron is hot" was the motto adopted by the puddlers when they deserted the full furnaces.—*Newark Sunday Call.*

There is no government on earth more desirable than ours, unless perhaps, it be one that has more offices.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

A school journal advises, "Make the school interesting," and the *Burlington Press* says that's what the small boy does to the best of his abilities.

We hear a good deal said about the quickness of Irish wit, but after all, is it at all strange that an Irishman should say Pat things?—*Somerville Journal.*

It is said that Sitting Bull loves canned goods. Some one should send him a can of nitro-glycerine and a hammer and cold chisel, and tell him to pitch in and enjoy himself.—*St. Paul Herald.*

A Frenchman has patented a process of making butter by passing a current of electricity through milk. Shocking bad milk, however, is no new thing in this country.—*Boston Transcript.*

A writer says "the American girl thinks for herself." And after marriage she frequently thinks for her husband. P. S.—And sometimes goes for him, too, we've been told.—*Norristown Herald.*

Banana beer is said to be drank in Central Africa as a preventive against fever and the *Norristown Herald* thinks that if the banana beer will throw a man as quickly as banana peel he is safer with the fever.

Lightning struck a piano in a house in York county, Me., and thoroughly demolished it. This will strengthen the theory recently advanced by a scientist that lightning is possessed of intelligence.—*Boston Courier.*

It has been decided in Ohio that the husband is the legal owner of the wife's clothes. This will probably ease the old gentleman's mind as he planks down $50 in settlement of the bill for last spring's bonnet.—*Hatchet.*

Miss Florence Marryatt has written a new novel which she calls "The Heir Presumptive." We presume the hair was in the butter.—*Phila. Call.* Hardly. That would be hair apparent, don't you know.—*Cincinnati Merchant Traveler.*

Widow to medium—"Is my husband happy in the spirit land?" "Yes, perfectly so madam. He has everything his soul desires." "Then thank heaven, he's got it at last!" "Got what, madam?" "A post office."—*Chicago Ledger.*

"Are there any vacancies in our school board at present, Mr. Plump?"

"Vacancies? Well, I should say there was. You just attend one of our regular discussions, and if you don't make up your mind there isn't one of them but has a vacancy in his upper story, then I'll miss my guess.—*Yonkers Gazette.*

A New York doctor says people might as well eat sawdust as oatmeal for breakfast. If that doctor only knew how many agile paragraphers will vouchsafe the remark that he probably bases his declaration on the fact that sawdust is very fine board, he would have restrained himself from philanthropic motives.—*Exchange.*

The American colony in Canada have had little puns. "What is the difference," asked one of them, "between me and a farmer?" "He works and you don't." "No." "He is still in his native land and you ain't." "No." "O, well, we give it up." "Ha! he! he's a tiller of the soil and I'm a soiler of the till."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

"I understand your son is married, Mrs. Todgers?" "Oh, yes, the dear boy has quit scattering wild oats and settled down at last." "Did he do well?" "Do well? Why, bless your sweet life, ma'am, he married a girl from Boston who wears gold specs and talks as though she'd bolted a dictionary." "Do well? Well, I should say she's a critter."—*Chicago Ledger.*

The Elizabeth editor of this paper is a sovereign municipal republican, we presume, is a stickler for the debt settlement and our earnest and honest opinion that connection, know. The other evening Judge Reilly and Dr. Nelson were telling some of their stories when a flock of blackbirds flew overhead. "I killed seventy-five of those birds at one shot down on the east shore," said Judge Relly, "Sho! that's nothing," said the doctor, "I killed 122 one time." "Look here, Doctor," said the Judge, "after this time you can tell yours first."—*The Hatchet.*

That is a droll story about a fellow on board an ocean steamer who sat off by himself and presented such a forlorn appearance that some ladies on deck thought they ought to inquire what was the matter. So one old lady approached and asked the lonely one why he was so disconsolate. "The fact is," said he, "I lost my bridal tour but I didn't have money enough to bring my wife with me."—*N. O. Times-Democrat.*

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TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT.

[Under this head we will from time to time publish what in our opinion will tend to further the cause of genuine temperance, but omitting everything that we have found, from past observation, has had the tendency of doing more harm than good.—ED.]

TWENTY REASONS.

There are some men who don't seem to understand why ladies prefer sober men. The matter is simple enough.

1—Wives like sober husbands because they can reason with a sober man.

2—The sober man is more companionable.

3—Sober men have pride, and pride is a woman's main hold.

4—Sobriety means a comfortable home.

5—Good clothes for mother and children.

6—A house of your own.

7—Evenings at home, instead of at a bar-room.

8—Better health and enjoyment of life.

9—An elevated view of life and a sense of your responsibility.

10—You are a credit to your wife and children.

11—People that once despised you, will now bless you.

12—Your word will be gauged as you resist the tempter.

13—Young men will pattern after you.

14—You will be an ornament to society and the town in which you live.

15—The whole community will take pride in you and wish they had more like you.

16—Your family and friends will appreciate you.

17—Your enemies will admire your path of sobriety.

18—Scoffers will be disarmed by your works.

19—Your manly qualities will grow with your years.

20—God will bless you.

There are two callings in life for which we have heard a contempt about as strong as copperas and vinegar. They are body-snatching and saloon-keeping. And yet, if we were to choose between the two, we would prowl around the graveyards on dark nights and steal dead bodies, and sell them at ten dollars apiece, rather than steal man's souls at ten cents or less a piece, from behind the bar of a saloon. The ghoul lays upon the dissecting table a body from which the soul has fled, probably into endless purity. The saloon-keeper lays upon his counter a body inhabited by a soul, writhing under an appetite he has planted, and then dissects him body and soul. If he sees anything good in his subject, he cuts that out first. He tears out his God giving nobility, and throws that under the counter with a fiendish chuckle, and stamps on it with both feet. He plunges the knife to his heart, and watches his quivering. To his heart alone? No, no! To the heart of his friends as well, to the heart of his wife, to the heart of his children. When he has all the beautiful and good carved out of his victim, and nothing but depravity left, he looks at the pile of gold behind him and the penniless wretch before him, and then looks out from behind the screen as the procession passes to the potter's field.—*Exchange.*

Gainesville has been immensurably benefitted by the closing of the bar rooms. Business is just as good, perhaps better, than before. A drunken man is rarely ever seen on the streets; the young men keep sober; the poor people save their money; the calaboose is seldom occupied; everything is peaceful and everybody is contented. Comparatively few people have any desire to see whisky reinstated. Some of the men who were loudest in their opposition to closing the bars are now the strongest supporters of the movement. Numerous instances could be given of men who were then habitually drunk that are now sober and industrious. There is no truth in the report that the city authorities will soon license the opening of a saloon.—*Gainesville (Ga.) News.*

Pawning His Shirt.—The other day a policeman in Providence noticed a man going into a shed, as if shunning observation. He watched him, and saw him take off his coat and vest, and then remove his shirt, and replace his coat and vest. He then rolled up the shirt, went to the pawnbroker's, pledged the shirt for ten cents, and of course went to a saloon and bought a drink of whisky. It was a significant and representative act. The dutiful slave, the drinker, strips himself so as to clothe the rum-seller and distiller. He strips his wife, his children, to clothe the wife and children of the rum seller in purple. He would strip off his skin if he could pledge it for anything.

The Dancing Mania.—By J. F. C. Hecker, M. D., No. 72 of the "Humboldt Library of Science." J. Fitzgerald, Publisher, 365 Pearl St., New York. Price 15 cents, post free.

The Dancing Mania of the Middle Ages is one of the most curious episodes in the history of mankind, whole villages, towns, and communities being seized with an irresistible impulse to dance and leap about, and to wander up and down the whole of Europe, communicating their frenzy to the people wherever they wandered. The symptoms of this strange disorder, and the mad antics of its victims are vividly portrayed by the author from contemporary annals.

"I do not like the new version of the Old Testament," said Smith, "particularly passages in Isaiah."

"What is the matter with it?" asked Mrs. Smith.

"It don't render it correctly. For instance take this passage: 'He was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth.' That is incorrect."

"Well, John, how should it read?"

"Why, it should read thus: 'He was afflicted because he could not make his wife shut her mouth.'"

Hostilities began immediately.

Advice to Skinny Girls.—If young ladies, who, through associations with young men whose limited education and poverty of ideas, compel the use of slang in lieu of correct expressions, comprehend the meaning of many of the terms thus put into their innocent mouths, they would be shocked at the vulgarity of their companions. Almost without exception words and phrases popularly denominated "slang" are drawn from the slums; they are the inventions of the most depraved elements of human society, and should be avoided by all persons with any pretensions to refinement and gentility.

A lady correspondent, who has read a little on the matter, would like to know how Rosa Bonheur wore her hair when a girl. We have no authoritative knowledge on the subject, but if it was as modern belles, who are said to imitate her, do, she wore it largely on her dressing bureau.—*Binghamton Republican.*

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