

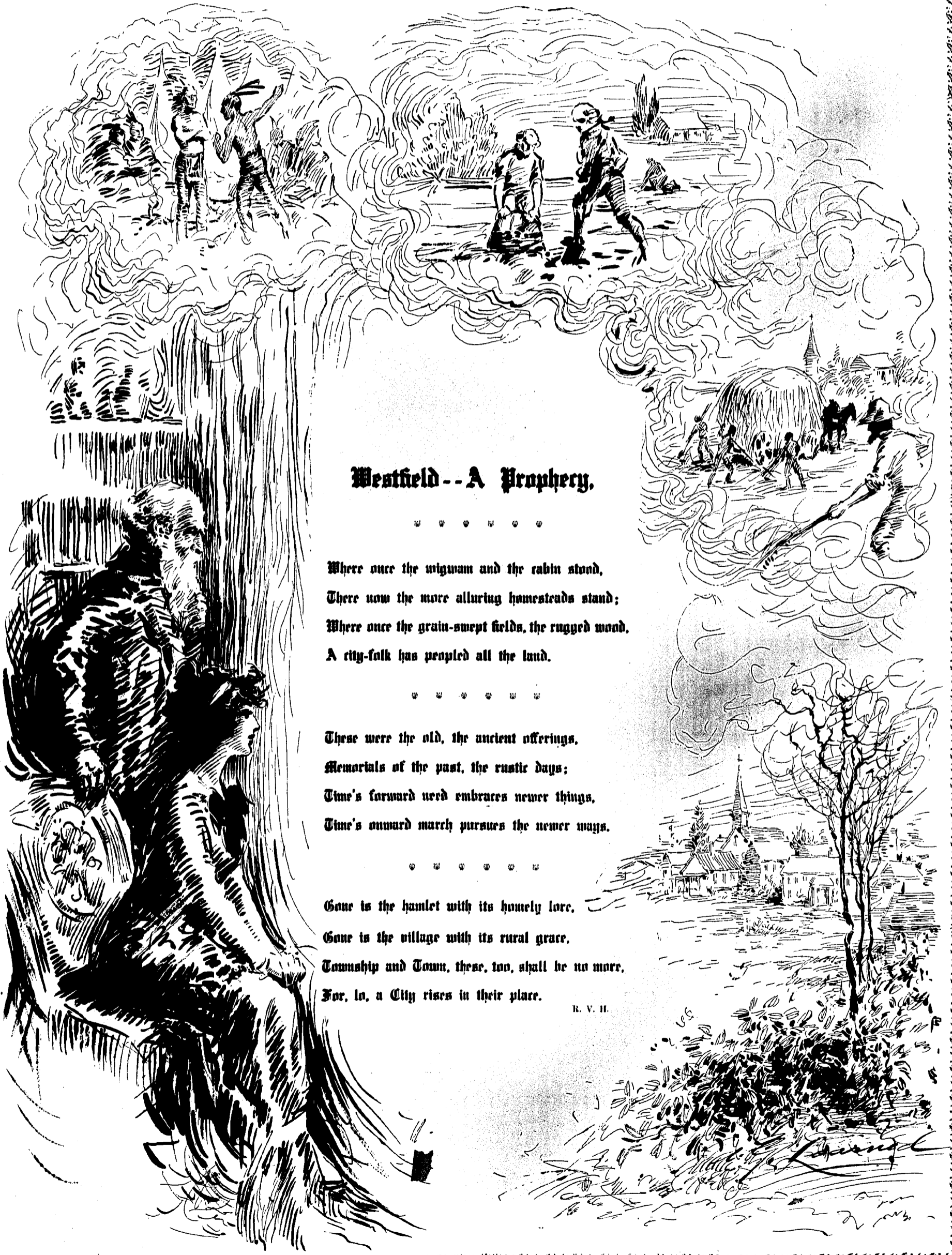
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Westfield -- A Prophecy.

Where once the wigwam and the cabin stood,
There now the more alluring homesteads stand;
Where once the grain-swept fields, the rugged wood,
A city-folk has peopled all the land.

These were the old, the ancient offerings,
Memorials of the past, the rustic days;
Time's forward need embraces newer things,
Time's onward march pursues the newer ways.

Gone is the hamlet with its homely lore,
Gone is the village with its rural grace,
Township and Town, these, too, shall be no more,
For, lo, a City rises in their place.

R. V. H.

Getting on the Heart-Side of Life.

Every community under the sun has some stable, capable workers who furnish their efficiency by one half or want from lack of desire to achieve a quality which for all is the most potent factor in human progress. In these United States of America it is estimated that there are at least 1,000,000 able workers who are seriously handicapped in this way. They are the really big ones from the standpoint of ability; the men with a great love for detail and administration, who command the respect of their fellow men because of their intelligence, energy and indefatigable grit.

Those who hold any part, however small, of public affairs realize sooner or later, and sometimes to their humiliation, that cheerfulness and bonhomie are not the only qualifications for public credit. Many a man, indeed, a statesman, has lurched in the graveyard of defeat, he has aspired, yet never achieved on a large scale; he has worked indefatigably, yet never accomplished all that he desired; he has never flinched in the face of defeat, nor has he been able to do so, for he has the color of fear, always, he has been always courageous, always endeavoring in his desire to do good, he has been a really useful citizen in his way, but, alas, when we consider what he might have been, what he might have done, we are forced to conclude that he has failed.

And in what particular has he failed? You ask, and almost in the same breath you answer your own question. He has failed to touch the heart-side of life.

In a small New England town a man of unquestioned ability, whose capacity for work amounted almost to genius, ran for public office. Placed against him was a man of average ability, in no way so well qualified as his opponent. The mediocre man won. The man of talents was in a quandary and rather chagrined that

the people should have chosen all this time and selected his opponent who had lagged far from the truth and often rashly. A short time after the election the two men met. "I congratulate you," said the defeated candidate, "and will you please tell me how you did it?"

"This way," replied the man, and placing his hand on the other man's shoulder he applied the electricity of the heart-side. Then he added, "If you had done that in your campaign, did I mean, you could have beaten me two to one."

And this is not only a winning quality in public men; it is essential in the trades and professions, the law, yet, the doctor, the preacher, the manufacturer, the corporation manager. In fact, every man who wants to accomplish something worth while must possess it in a degree as he has talents. It is more necessary today than ever before for we are living in an era of human reciprocity. Call this cold, remorseless world of you will, but it needs and must have the warmth of the heart-side or perish. Society is looking for good fellows, men who can put their arms on the shoulders of their fellow-men and say, "Hello, old man," as if they meant it.

The statements of the past whose names are written largest in history have been on the heart-side. The memory of Lincoln is dearer to his countrymen than that of any other statesman because he, of all men, was a man of the people—always on the heart-side. William McKinley was a great arbitrator and chiefly because of his personality. It has been said that to make a man a martyr is to make him a saint. This is a direct appeal to the heart-side.

Go into the great cities and study conditions and you will find the men on the heart-side in command. Men talk business at tables where they can readily give play to the humanity which is in them. This or that large contract must be signed, all things else being equal, the men on the heart-side will carry the day. People exchange pleasantries over the counter in the shop and with humanity is striving to get the pulse of civilization. Business is becoming more

and more personal, a heart-to-heart relationship.

Our literature is on the heart-side. There is an ever increasing demand for human-interest stories. The theatre is a great human-interest playhouse. The things which attract are the things which make an appeal to the heart-side. Religion is coming more and more to be a worship of a God of Love with all the elements of hate and revenge eliminated. The lawyer who can convince by an appeal to the heart-side is almost certain of a large practice. Many a brilliant legal mind has fallen short of a career because of a chronic grudge.

Jews and those who are converted to cold reason where thousands will be convinced by a happy combination of reason and heart-throb. The after-dinner speaker who can make laughter and philosophy go hand-in-hand is in large demand on all public occasions. Mark Twain gave a pound of logic with every ounce of humor, and all the world has come to love Mark Twain and believe in his philosophy. And there is the great educator who can so command the respect and cheerful effort of his students as the "Old" with the big heart. Cold logic goes to the mark with the force of a rifle bullet, and that same logic from the the lips of the man on the heart-side goes home with the force of a cannon ball.

History is full of the deeds of heroes who were on the heart-side. All the great reformers made their appeal to the heart. Christianity is heart-service. The great painters and sculptors spread their heart-throbs on the canvass or moulded them out of clay. The suburban idea of living is an effort to get on the heart-side of nature.

And this is the call of the times: Get on the heart-side! If you do not thrill with the joy of living, if you do not see poetry in life, if you have not the heart-quality of winning men, of commanding their affections as well as their respect—you may be capable, honest and fearless, but you cannot achieve the best. The man of heart and talent is the man pre-eminent qualified for service.

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Demand increases cost.

WESTFIELD IS GROWING!

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Next Methodist Church

WESTFIELD, N. J.

FRISKY YOUNG CYCLONE SWEEPS OVER WESTFIELD.

Traveling on the frosty wings of a northwester that swept over Westfield at a 65-mile-an-hour clip, a miniature cyclone cut up high jinks in town for nearly an hour last evening. Trees were blown down, telegraph and electric light wires wrecked. Men and women who were on the street at the time were dashed about unceremoniously, and persons who drove automobiles needed little gasoline for locomotive power.

Old Boreas made his appearance accompanied by a snow squall at 6:30 o'clock, and he howled and howled without interruption until 7:30. At 6 o'clock the thermometer registered 38 degrees and in thirty minutes the mer-

cury had tumbled 16 degrees, or down to 22. While on West Broad street, near Rahway avenue, a horse attached to one of Hahn & Co.'s delivery wagons had a close call from being electrocuted by a falling electric wire. A blast of wind ripped the wire from a tree, and in falling it landed on top of the wagon, a part of the wire striking the harness on the horse. The roof of the wagon was scorched, and when a second blast of wind came the wire rolled off the harness.

A large tree in front of the residence of William Woodruff, corner of Grove street and Westfield avenue, was uprooted and blown down with several strings of electric light wires. Wires were also blown down on Westfield avenue near First street. A number of homes were also in darkness for a time.

DARBY'S JOB IS SAFE

Town Treasurer's Term Does Not Expire Until December 31, 1912.

TWO MORE YEARS TO SERVE.

State Law Provides for Three-Year Terms and Eliminates Walsh's Candidacy.

Although J. M. Walsh has been reported as a candidate to succeed Walter R. Darby as Town Treasurer on January 1, when the annual appointments are made by the Town Council, Mr. Darby will continue to administer the affairs of his office for two more years. Owing to the action of the Council in appointing Mr. Darby from year to year, many citizens have been led to believe that the term of Town Treasurer is only for one year and that Mr. Darby's term would expire on December 31.

Since Mr. Walsh announced his candidacy for the office the state law regarding town offices has been looked into with the result that discovery was made that the statute on the subject makes the term for town treasurers as three years.

For some unknown reason the Council has reappointed Mr. Darby for three successive years. Mr. Darby assumed the position on January 1, 1907, completing his first term of three years on December 31, 1909; last year the Council again appointed Mr. Darby in the usual manner, and now, according to the state law, Mr. Darby has two more years to serve. On January 1 Mr. Darby will enter upon his fifth year. In view of the existence of a state law making the term of town treasurers of three year duration the yearly appointments made by the Council were unnecessary as well as illegal.

Now that the legal aspect of the case has been cleared and it is seen that Mr. Darby will hold the office for two more years, citizens are, as a rule, generally satisfied, as Mr. Darby in the administration of the affairs of the office has shown himself to be an efficient public servant.

Presbyterian Men's Club.

The annual club night of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian church, which was held in the parish house on last Friday night, was a highly enjoyable affair, nearly two hundred men being in attendance. The program of entertainment consisted of piano selections by Mr. Delatour, organist of St. Paul's Episcopal church; mandolin selections by Messrs. Smith and Ganzel, and humorous recitations by Mr. Ketchum. Short talks were also given by Rev. Dr. S. L. Loomis, W. H. Orr, T. A. Anderson, M. A. Hawlett, Eugene Hanford, Rev. Dr. W. A. Hayes, Rev. D. W. L. Stearns and B. VerVoort. Mr. Delatour was also ably assisted by Harry A. Kiffin who played second mandolin.

STREET IMPROVEMENT

Town Engineer Vars Anticipates Having His Hands Full Next Year.

MUCH NEW AND OLD WORK.

Proposed Repairs on Broad Street Will Cost Town \$16,000—Operations to Begin Early in the Spring.

The presence of snow on the ground and the dope of the almanac sharp which portend a long and cold winter is productive of many anxious moments for Town Engineer Alexander A. Vars. Mr. Vars is anticipating a very busy season in 1911 and he is longing for a break in the reign of winter and an early spring.

Mr. Vars will start operations early as weather conditions will permit. This he is anxious to do because only a portion of the \$30,000 worth of improvements to streets as mapped out for this year was completed, which will necessitate the remainder of the work to be done next year.

The work completed under the supervision of Town Engineer Vars during the past year was confined chiefly to Prospect street, between Brightwood avenue and Dudley avenue and also on Clark street. Mr. Vars also succeeded in having the first course of stone laid on South Walnut street, and the work will also be finished on that thoroughfare in the spring. It was also the intention of Engineer Vars to improve Emerson and Beechwood places and a portion of Grove street, but this work will also be done in the spring.

The new work mapped out for next year, in addition to 1910 unfilled contracts, will aggregate \$32,910.30. Perhaps the most important piece of work is covered by contract No. 2, which was awarded to Daniel Dunavan, of Bayonne, at a cost of \$16,788.30. This calls for the re-macadamizing of Broad street for the full width between Elm and Chestnut and a portion of North avenue using Tarvin X binder, and the construction of concrete curbs and gutters on the sections of the streets to be improved.

Contract No. 1, which is held by the Weldon Contracting Company, of Rahway, will include the macadamizing of a portion of Lawrence avenue, 400 feet northwest of Sinclair place and also the macadamizing, curbing and guttering of Lenox avenue from Elmer to Stanley. Highland avenue, from Dudley avenue to the north line of the Faber Lewis property will also be graded and macadamized. The cost of this work will be \$13,825.00.

Summit avenue, from South to Park, will also be enhanced with new curbing and culverts and vitrified brick gutters. This work will be done by the Monroe Paving Company, of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$2,914.10.

It is also possible that extensive improvements will be made on Lawrence avenue from Sinclair place to the town line at the Springfield road.

With all the above named improvements completed Westfield will be able to boast of some of the most splendid streets of any town and city in the state.

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS A CHRISTMAS RECEPTION.

Members of the Woman's Club observed Christmastide in an enjoyable manner at the Presbyterian Parish House on last Monday afternoon. The room was prettily decorated with holly and Christmas greens in harmony with the occasion.

Mrs. Minnie Marshall Smith, assisted by her husband, Frank J. Smith, delighted her auditors by giving a number of readings. One of Mrs. Smith's favorite selections which proved popular was "Mrs. Newby's First Visit to the Butcher Shop."

The arrangement of "Midsummer's Night Dream" was given first on the program. Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" and a number of lighter selections composed the other numbers. Mrs. Smith was most cordially received and responded several times to great applause with extra selections. Her sprightly rendering of "Angelina Johnson" was also enjoyed.

Following the entertainment the members of the club entertained their visitors at a reception which was presided over by Mrs. Tabby, the president of the club. Luncheon was served from tables artistically decorated in scarlet and poinsettia.

This issue contains local news on every page. Read it carefully.

"MUM" IS THE WORD

Republicans and Democrats Hold Confab and Discuss Distribution of Patronage.

WILL NOT DISCUSS SITUATION.

Said to be Differences as to Appointment of Attorney—Many Candidates for Places.

"Mum" was the slogan of the members of 1911 Town Council after they emerged from a lengthy caucus in the Town Hall last night. All of the hold-overs and newly elected members including Mayor-elect Allston Dennis, were present, with the exception of Councilman James G. Casey, who explained that his absence was due to the "Christmas rush of business."

While the appearance on the outside fails to denote any scramble for offices, indications point to a decided shakeup in the personnel of the Town government when the reorganized body of councilmen meet on January 1 to make known their appointments.

According to the gossip that prevailed before and after the caucus, there was considerable state making and the chances are that another caucus will be necessary before the matter of distribution of the plans will be definitely settled. It is understood that Republicans and Democrats presented their respective claims, and while there were numerous arguments pro and con, everything is still "up in the air."

It developed at the meeting that there is a chance of a change in the Town Attorney's office. Frederick S. Taggart's name was presented to succeed Paul Q. Oliver, and according to an expression made by one of the holdover Councilmen after the caucus, Mr. Taggart will "come mighty close in landing the appointment." One of the chief reasons for a change as advanced by one of Mr. Taggart's supporters is that "Mr. Oliver has held the office long enough."

A four-cornered fight is being waged over the appointment of a recorder. Judge Toney is a candidate for reappointment, while the other aspirants to the office are James N. Worl, Republican, and Judge E. R. Collins and James T. Millett, Democrats. Members of the Council have been solicited by all four interested candidates.

A. C. Fitch is also likely to be opposed for the position of Overseer of the Poor in the person of William Duffy, a Democrat. Mr. Duffy announced his candidacy several weeks ago and will receive the support of the Democratic members of the new Council.

In the appointment of Park Commissioners' Sinking Fund Commissioners and Library Trustee, it is the general belief that no change will be made.

What makes the situation more complex is the course Councilman Casey will pursue when it comes to voting on the appointments. Mr. Casey is non-committal on the subject.

Appeal to Tax Board.

Six appeals for lower tax assessments have been filed with the Union County Board for the equalization of taxes, by Westfield property owners. In appeals filed with Town Clerk Lloyd Thompson, all aver that their properties are assessed too high. Appeals were made by the New York Telephone Company, Dominico Filicello, John E. Nitchie, Gains Tipping and Juliette L. Levey.

NEW COUNCIL WILL HANDLE THE TOWN HALL PROJECT.

While the consensus of opinion among prominent citizens and some of Westfield's largest property holders is that Westfield should own its town hall and that the purchase of the building now occupied as municipal headquarters for \$20,000 would be a splendid investment there is an inclination on the part of several members of the council to let the matter go over to the 1911 council.

Such being the situation the project will remain dormant until next year. As the council passed an ordinance on its first reading for the purchase of the Lloyd Thompson property at its last meeting it is not likely that any action will be taken at the meeting of the council on next Monday night.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Stamps!

THAT SITE QUESTION

To Be Decided by Voters at Special Election to Be Held Next Thursday.

A LETTER FROM E. A. MERRILL.

Sets Forth Various Points Involved in The Election—Probability of Light Vote Being Cast.

Indications point to a very light vote being cast at the special school election which will be held on next Thursday and unless all signs fail the propositions submitted by the Board of Education in the call for the election will receive the unanimous endorsement of citizens. The election will be held in the Washington school and the polls will be open from 8 p. m. to 9 p. m.

The proposition to the voters is to rescind the resolution adopted by the school board in June and voted favorably on last September. The substitute resolution, if carried, will authorize the Board of Education to acquire the proposed Stanley avenue site at a cost not to exceed \$13,000 and also to erect and equip a school building on the land at a cost not to exceed \$47,000; also to authorize the school board to borrow the money needed by the issuance of bonds.

On next Friday night the Board of Education will hold a special session to confirm the result of the election and also discuss the 1911 budget.

The following letter has been received from Mr. E. A. Merrill:

December 14, 1910.

THE UNION COUNTY STANDARD: That the special school meeting will go practically by default for want of public interest is naturally, and therefore probably, to be expected. It is none the less desirable, however, that a clearer statement of conditions should be made than has, thus far, appeared, in order that voters may understand just what a vote, or a failure to vote, involves, especially as this will have a bearing upon future elections.

1st. After careful study the Board came to the conclusion, with practical unanimity, that conditions did not warrant a school building on East Broad street at the present time. Those conditions have not changed.

2nd. The question of school facilities is one of general, and not merely local interest; looking at the question in its wider bearings there may be a serious question as to whether it is wise to remedy a disadvantage affecting the children in one locality, by imposing the same disadvantage on a larger number of children in other localities, especially when this will unfavorably affect the efficiency of the school system as a whole.

3rd. The apparently easy way is not necessarily the best way; the facts are with us and cannot be side-stepped by merely pushing them ahead of us.

4th. The Mountain avenue site having been rejected, the essential weakness of the Washington site proposition was in the plan of enlargement originally proposed; this plan has long since been abandoned, and a suitable plan can be worked out with no material delay.

5th. The Board is not likely to allow itself to be embarrassed by future petitions. Not only has there been a change of opinion in the Board, but also the opinion of a leading New York authority on Municipal and School law has been obtained; this authority, whose opinion would have precedence with investors over that of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Attorney General, writes:

"We do not think that this provision (that the Board has power to call a special meeting whenever fifty legal voters shall request it by petition so to do) is mandatory. Even if such a petition be filed, the Board of Education still apparently, has discretion to decide whether to call the meeting or not. We know of no express decision in New Jersey upon this point, but the language of the statute clearly seems to confer power upon the Board of Education and not to impose an absolute duty to call the meeting if the petition be filed."

6th. So far as the voters are concerned the important point was not the technical insertion of the five words "and the following substituted therefor," but the fact that these words tied together two independent propositions, and, together with the instructions for voting, tended to deprive voters of their legal right to vote as they pleased upon either proposition independently of the other. Upon this point the opinion referred to says: "It is evident, that as a practical matter, the questions were not fairly submitted to the voters because the voters had an absolute right to vote any ballot they pleased which came within the terms of the notice of the special meeting, and had a perfect right to vote for the rescinding resolution and against the new resolution, or vice versa. The statement in the newspaper and the notice put up at the school meeting did not truly state the law and had no legal force and the voters had the right to disregard them."

The defect due to the insertion of these words has not been corrected in the new notices, and presumably, therefore, will not be corrected in the ballot; but fortunately this defect, of itself, is not sufficient to invalidate the election, however it goes.

7th. The status of voters is the same as it was before the last special meeting, if the ballot follows the notice.

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Today there is not a better proposition in all Westfield for a home site than this Pearsall property. Its location is ideal, the lots are all very large and

reasonably restricted. The homes being erected are large, common sense houses of attractive architecture and honest construction.

On Sunday take a walk out Prospect and Elm streets and note the wonderful change that has taken place in the past year or so, then go home, sit down in your landlord's house and total up your rent receipts for the past few years. Not a dollar of it yours, all went to your landlord. Get out of the old rut, start the New Year with a contract for a Pearsall home site. Pay for the site in convenient payments, then get your money to build your home from the Building and Loan Association and before you know it the Building and Loan Secretary will be coming around to your home, (yours mind you) and say, Mr. Man, here is the cancellation of the Building and Loan mortgage. Your property is free and clear. This means a great deal to you and your family. Talk it over at the office of The Pearsall Company.

OCTOGENARIAN DIES.

Samuel D. Ball, Aged 87 Years,
Summoned While Engaged in
Morning Prayers.

APOPLEXY CAUSE OF DEATH.

Had Voted at Sixteen Presidential Elec-
tions—Member of Methodist Church
Seventy-five Years.

Stricken with apoplexy while engaged in his morning prayers, Samuel D. Ball, one of the pioneer citizens of Central New Jersey, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Moffett, 520 Carlton Place, at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mr. Ball, who had been in feeble health for several months, was about the house as usual on Tuesday, although he had been doctoring for a mild attack of laryngitis. He had been a resident of Westfield for about twelve years and enjoyed a large acquaintanceship among Westfield people.

Born in Union township on January 21, 1823, Mr. Ball was in his eighty-seventh year. With the exception of the twelve years he resided here he had lived in Union all his life, where he was proprietor of a general store for more than forty years.

Mr. Ball was also active in the township's political life in the earlier days, and for a number of years he served in various positions at the disposal of the township's voters. He served several terms as township clerk, tax collector and constable.

Always a staunch Democrat of the Andrew Jackson brand, Mr. Ball enjoyed the unique distinction of having voted for sixteen Democratic nominees for the presidency, his first presidential vote being cast for Lewis Cass, of Michigan, in the year 1848. In that election of long ago, General Zachary Taylor, the Whig candidate, defeated Cass and Martin VanBuren, the Free Soil candidate, by a plurality of 138,557 votes. Mr. Ball was always pleased to rehearse the important incidents of the early campaigns, and he also took a keen interest in affairs of later days. Mr. Ball was particularly jubilant over the success of the Democrats in the last election.

Church interests also claimed a large share of Mr. Ball's time and he was probably one of the oldest Methodists in New Jersey. When a boy, about seventy-five years ago, he joined the historic Methodist church at Springfield and for many years he was one of the trustees. On coming to Westfield he received his letter from the Springfield church and affiliated with the local Methodist congregation.

Mr. Ball was a great lover of music and for years he was the leader of the Springfield choir. At Old Peoples Day in the Methodist church, in October, 1909, Mr. Ball was present at the service and sang a hymn as he occupied a chair in the front of the church. It was only six weeks ago that Rev. Dr. Hayes called on him and both whistled the tunes and sang old time hymns several hours.

The funeral service was conducted at his daughter's home this afternoon. Two clergymen were in charge, Rev. Dr. A. W. Hayes, Rev. W. H. Ruth, of Rutherford. Interment was made in the old Methodist burying ground at Springfield.

The United States Express Company's local office is also being pressed with holiday business. There was a noted increase in the volume this week. Manager Miller advises Westfielders to send their presents to out of town relatives and friends as early as possible in order to avoid any possible delays.

Christmas Eve In Rural England

It was a brilliant moonlight night, but extremely cold. Our chaise whirled rapidly over the frozen ground. The postboy snatched his whip incessantly, and a part of the time his horses were on a gallop. "He knows where he is going," said my companion, laughing, "and is eager to arrive in time for some of the merriment and good cheer of the servants' hall. My father is a devotee of the old school and prides himself on keeping up something of old English hospitality. He was always scrupulous in exacting our holidays and having us around him on family festivals. It was the policy of the good old gentleman to make his children feel that home was the happiest place in the world, and I value this delicious home feeling as one of the choicest gifts a parent can bestow."

The squire ushered us at once to the company, which was assembled in a large, old fashioned hall. It was composed of different branches of a numerous family connection. They were variously occupied, and a profusion of wooden horses, penny trumpets and tattered dolls about the floor showed traces of a little troop of fairy beings that had frolicked through a happy day.

While the mutual greetings were going on between Brucebridge and his relatives I had time to scan the apartment. The grate had been removed



THE DANCE WAS A MERRY ONE.

from the wide, overhanging fireplace to make way for a fire of wood, in the midst of which was an enormous log, glowing and blazing and sending forth a vast volume of light and heat. This, I understood, was the Yule log, which the squire was particular in having brought in and illumined on Christmas eve, according to ancient custom.

It was really delightful to see the old squire seated in his hereditary elbow chair by the hospitable fireside of his ancestors and looking around him like the sun of a system, beaming warmth and gladness to every heart. Even the very dog that lay stretched at his feet, as he lazily shifted his position and yawned, would look fondly up in his master's face, wag his tail against the floor and stretch himself again to sleep, sure of kindness and protection.

Supper was announced shortly after our arrival. It was served up in a spacious oaken chamber, the panels of which shone with wax and around which were several family portraits, decorated with holly and ivy. Besides the accustomed lights, two great wax tapers, called Christmas candles, wreathed with greens, were placed on a highly polished buffet among the family plate. The table was abundantly spread with substantial fare, but the squire made his supper of frummenty, a dish made of wheat cakes boiled in milk, with rich spices, being a standing dish in old times for Christmas eve. I was happy to find my old friend, minced pie, in the retinue of the feast.

The supper had disposed every one to gaiety, and an old harper was summoned from the servants' hall. . . . The dance, like most dances after supper, was a merry one. Some of the older folk joined in it, and the squire himself flung down several couples with a partner with whom he affirmed he had danced at every Christmas for nearly half a century.

The party broke up for the night with the kind hearted old custom of shaking hands. As I passed through the hall on the way to my chamber the dying embers of the Yule log still sent forth a dusky glow, and had it not been the season when "no spirit dares stir abroad" I should have been half tempted to steal from my room at midnight and peep whether the fairies might not be at their revels about the hearth.

I had scarcely got into bed when a strain of music seemed to break forth in the air just below the window. I listened and found it proceeded from a band which I concluded to be the waits from some neighboring village. I drew aside the curtains to hear them more distinctly. The moonbeams fell through the upper part of the casement, partially lighting up the antiquated apartment. The sounds as they receded became more soft and aerial and seemed to accord with quiet and moonlight. I listened and listened. They became more and more tender and remote, and as they gradually died away my head sank upon the pillow, and I fell asleep.—Washington Irving.

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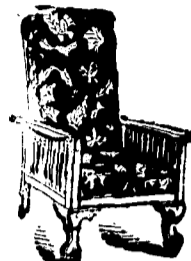
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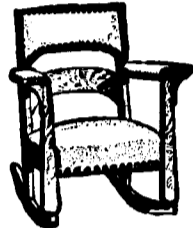
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That was the declaration made and carried out to the letter by Mrs. Angelino Marie Vermitelli, a winsome Italian widow, and the mother of four husky youngsters, who had all her plans ready to be married to Philip Jones, by Judge Toney at the Town Hall last Monday evening.

Angelino was the central figure in a joyous group of relatives, putting the final stitches in a gayly hued wedding tresson when one of the party remarked in a jesting way that Judge Toney never followed the ancient custom of kissing the bride at marriages he performed.

At the sound of the remark a frown of disappointment passed over Angelino's countenance and the needle dropped to the floor. It was at this juncture the young widow declared no judge could marry her without doing the "kissing act."

It was also a signal for all work to halt on the gown despite the protests

and entreaties of the prospective bridegroom. Angelino, however, was firm in her determination and the wedding did not take place on scheduled time. No 'tis said, the ceremony will be performed by a clergyman within a few days.

It was a sad and restless little group of police officials and newspaper reporters that awaited in vain the arrival of the bridal party two long hours that night. All had come in response to a tip given out by the judge that he was going to perform a marriage ceremony, but all were doomed to disappointment.

Everything was in spick and span shape in the judge's sanctum and nearly every person bore an impressive air. Some of the cops gave an extra shine to the brass buttons on their uniforms which gave a military tint to the occasion. Even Bill Peaseley left his place at home and smoked fragrant cigars for a change, and the waiting but new official garb.

Judge Toney, who was also slightly nervous, fumbled for his watch. "It's 8:55 o'clock, I guess the best thing I can do is to suspend sentence and go home. All, with the exception of the night sergeant took the hint and departed.

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Christmas.

This season with the little tots is one of happy anticipation. Santa Claus is coming, snow or no snow, with his sled and reindeer, to climb down the chimney and fill up the Christmas stocking. It looks as though Santa would make his round in old-time splendor this year, for the ground has a white covering and sleigh bells ring on high-ways and by-ways.

To grown-ups Christmas is ever welcome, for two loving Mamas and Papas there is a fund of joy in sharing the delights of the children. How quietly and tactfully must those Santa gifts be prepared—even to the making ready of the Christmas tree, laden with its many bounties! Curiously, too, that fireplace must be prepared for the robust—even corpulent—Santa.

In one way or another Santa Claus is not a myth—he is real, and very human. So we must be mindful of the import of his advent in every home. He comes bearing heart-gifts. The real Santa is "neither a borrower nor a lender," he does not feel compelled to bestow favors here and there; but to those whom he loves he gives with no thought of return. And blessed are they who give and take in the spirit of Santa Claus. The day has true significance only to those who follow in the precepts of the Original Giver. So, in every home, however humble, the Christmas spirit may abide, though the bounty be not large.

The STANDARD wishes "A merry Christmas" to the people of Westfield.

Some Mooted Questions.

With the protracted discussion of adequate school accommodations, agitation for and against a Town Hall, and political controversies arising over the distribution of patronage, there are afforded any variety of perspectives from which the people of Westfield may anticipate the year 1911, during which time all of these mooted questions will be settled.

The school question is one of immediate concern and the people are so well posted through information disseminated during the past ten months that it hardly seems necessary to dwell with emphasis upon the merits of the points involved. On the face of it, the recent election favorable to the Broad street site, was convincing enough, and but for a technical error it would have been final. However the law is a barrier which no man or body of men can pass without due acknowledgment of its authority; hence our Educational Fathers have been compelled to submit the matter again to the people at a special election to be held next Thursday. From present indications the vote will be light, which is as it ought not to be, but may it be large enough to be decisive. In the interests of harmony and a more complete educational regime it is likewise to be expected that whatever the result, all controversy will cease. It is to be noted, in this connection, that the Board

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of Education, having stated its case, is satisfied to "stand off" and let the people render the verdict. Here is an opportunity for free and untrammelled action, which ought not to be neglected.

As to the Town Hall, all parties concerned having agreed to deliberate further on that mooted question, it is obviously the duty of some one to state specifically why Mr. Thompson's proposition would not prove, upon final analysis, to be a real economy to the tax payers. The STANDARD believes that the proposition has undeniable merit; and is not inclined to yield to an opposition sentiment not founded upon convincing evidence of a contrary nature. If the Town will lose money let it be shown. Many real estate men in Westfield, including Mr. C. E. Pearsall, who is one of the best informed men on local real values is of the opinion that the purchase of the building is desirable.

A glimpse at the changes which time and a reversal of public sentiment have brought about, presents the interesting picture of our Town Fathers gathered in conclave to discuss the distribution of the "blums." We are informed that they are partisan in point of view merely for the time being, as is natural that they should be. Good Republicans and good Democrats they are, though approved public servants, which is the first principle of the game as well as a correct rule of conduct. Naturally we feel inclined to help our friends when that help can be offered without compromise to our conscience. We see no reason why, on the eve of a new administration, our Mayor and Councilmen-elect should not settle their political differences beforehand, so as to usher in the new year and to carry out the program of administration without discord and for the good of the Town.

Here's hoping that all these points of difference which perplex us for the moment will be settled satisfactorily and without any noise!

The Protection of Trees.

Twenty-three towns and villages were represented at a conference held recently in Trenton, at which the care and protection of shade trees was thoroughly considered. The blight that for the last few years has been destroying so many shade trees in this and other states has aroused the people to the need of taking stringent means to check the ravages of the gypsy and brown tail moths. State Forester Gaskill was in charge of the meeting, and as a result of the deliberations it is probable that a State appropriation will be secured to fight the pests.

New Jersey has not been as great a sufferer as other states, but here there is need for precaution. In the New England states more than a million dollars is spent annually to destroy the pests.

Westfield has taken a step forward in the care and protection of its shade trees recently. This work is now entirely in the hands of the Park Commission, and careful attention is being given in the use of preventatives. And it is essential that this work should be carried on vigorously. The gypsy and brown tail moths are a serious menace to the beauty of the Town. Once they get hold of a tree, little can be done to save it. In order that a tree may be protected the science of fighting

the pests must be fully understood and practiced.

Red Cross Xmas Stamps.

Local merchants have responded to the call of the Red Cross Society for the sale of Christmas stamps, the profits of which will be used to fight the white plague. Many thousand dollars are raised for the worthy cause every year by the sale of these stamps, and Westfield people have always given liberally. It is to be hoped that this year's sale, locally, will be larger than in the two previous years.

The stamps are artistic and make a fitting ornamentation for packages, containing Christmas gifts. They may be used also for letters. They cost but one cent each, and are usually bought in lots of fifty or one hundred. Here is a charity in which all may participate according as we are financially prepared. The worthiness of the cause should inspire prompt and cheerful purchase of the Red Cross Xmas Stamps. They are on sale at F. H. Schaefer's, Geo. W. Frutcher's, J. G. Casey's and other local stores.

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OBITUARY.

Miss Julia McQuoid.

Miss Julia McQuoid, one of the best known of Westfield's old residents, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Benjamin J. Crosby, 541 Westfield avenue, late Wednesday night. Miss McQuoid had been an invalid for a number of years and had been confined to her bed for six weeks.

She was especially well known in Methodist church circles of which congregation she was a member. She was actively identified in the work of the church and was a member of the Ladies Aid Society and the Missionary circles. Miss McQuoid possessed a sweet and kindly disposition and was known to scores of her acquaintances as "Aunt Julia." What was probably the last time Miss McQuoid left her home was on September 18 when she attended the ceremonies accompanying the laying of the cornerstone of the new Methodist church.

Miss McQuoid was in her eighty-ninth year and was born on July 26, 1822, near Pine Island, Orange County, New York. She was the last of a family of seventeen children. For the past twenty years she made her home in Westfield and previous to coming here she resided in New York, Bayonne and Cranford. During her life she travelled considerably in the south and other sections of the country.

The funeral service will be conducted at Mrs. Crosby's home to-morrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and the interment will take place in Fairview cemetery. Rev. Dr. A. W. Hayes will be in charge of the service.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Vars.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Vars, aged 76 years, the mother of Town Engineer Alexander W. Vars, died at the latter's home in Plainfield, on Friday. Her death, which was sudden, was due to valvular heart trouble. She was taken ill at breakfast time and passed away soon afterward.

Mrs. Vars was born at Scotch Plains, her maiden name being Elizabeth Wilson. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson, of that place. After her marriage she moved to Dunellen, where she resided since 1893, coming to Plainfield seven years ago to live with her son. Mrs. Vars was a devout Christian woman and admired for her many excellent qualities.

The funeral service was held at her late home Monday afternoon, Rev. H. N. Jordan, of the Seventh-Day Baptist church, New Market, officiating. Interment was made in Hillside cemetery.

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SITE SELECTED FOR COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

The Union County Tuberculosis Hospital is to be located on the Watchung mountains north of Scotch Plains. After six months of effort in selecting a suitable site for the institution, the Board of Freeholders is unanimous in its opinion that the location is an ideal spot because of its high altitude and natural surroundings.

At the January meeting of the Board it is likely that steps will be taken to obtain plans and estimates of the cost of the hospital. It is the general opinion among the freeholders that the building should be erected and completed in time to receive patients by not later than next fall.

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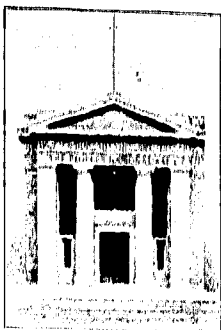
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—F. W. Fiske has returned home from a Western business trip.

—Mrs. Charles McDougall, of Ross place, has returned from a visit to New Brunsyick.

—Miss Anna D. Cooper, of New York, formerly of Westfield, is visiting relatives here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mooney, of Dudley avenue, are home from a pleasant trip to Dixie.

—The Advance Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Darby on Euclid avenue to-night.

—Augustus Benson, of South avenue, is seriously ill with pneumonia in the Elizabeth General Hospital.

—Mrs. E. J. Ewing and family former residents of Clark street have taken up their abode in New York.

—A Christmas sale will be conducted in St. Paul's Parish house on Lenox avenue, on Saturday afternoon.

—J. Ellsworth and family have leased the house in Clark street recently vacated by Mrs. Ewing and family.

—Mrs. Wm. H. Miller, of Cumberland street was called to Baltimore, Md., this week by the death of her sister.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison, of Elm street have returned from a short stay with friends in New York state.

—E. S. F. Randolph is nursing an injury to his right forearm which was sustained while cranking his automobile.

—Dr. C. M. F. Egel attended the quarterly meeting and banquet of the Plainfield Dental Society on Wednesday night.

—Mr. and Mrs. DeCamp, of South avenue, have been entertaining the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Evans of New York.

—Mrs. W. H. Stitt, of Mountain avenue, who was a patient in Muhlenburg hospital for three weeks, is home again greatly improved in health.

—Mrs. Clarence Coleman and daughters, of the Boulevard, returned on Tuesday from New York where they spent a pleasant week visiting relatives.

—County Clerk Calvert reports the total number of hunting licenses issued in Union County this year at 894, fifty of which were taken out by Westfielders.

—Cold weather prevented the meeting of the Park Commissioners scheduled for Monday night. Edgar Reeve and J. E. Grape were the only members to put in an appearance.

—Lloyd Thompson was elected a member of the steering committee to represent Union County in the 1911 legislature at a caucus held by the Republicans of the next House, in Trenton, on Tuesday.

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—The Junior Sunshine Society will hold its Christmas fair to-morrow afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock in the store formerly occupied by the Peoples National Bank. Mrs. J. Norris Locke and Mrs. Edwin Shield will be in charge.

—Funeral services of Mrs. Caroline Scarff were conducted at her late home on Harrison avenue, on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. W. I. Stearns being in charge of the service. Mrs. Scarff died on Friday during the absence of her son, Paul B. Scarff, who is in Florida. The body was placed in a vault at Fairview cemetery pending the arrival of Mr. Scarff from the south.

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—Rev. P. E. Kelly, of Bayonne, formerly of this town, occupied the pulpit in Holy Trinity church on Sunday last.

—Miss Young a student teacher from the Montclair Normal school completed her course of observation at Westfield High school today.

—Bishop Scarborough will confirm a class at St. Paul's church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Special music will be rendered and a large congregation is expected. All are invited. Seats will be free after 10.55.

—The annual meeting of the Westfield Building and Loan Association will be held on Tuesday night. Five trustees will be elected. Those whose terms expire are J. R. Connolly, Henry A. Warneck, W. Edgar Reeve, R. C. Pearson and L. A. Lightfoot.

For the Holidays, scarf pins, rings, brooches, bar-pins, etc.—E. N. Hodges & Co., Jewelers, New York City.

—Alexander Hunt has rented the former Gale club house for a painting and paper hanging establishment. This means that the building will not be rented for a moving picture theatre.

—Despite the holiday season taxes are being paid remarkably promptly by local tax payers. Property owners have until December 20 to make payments. All unpaid bills after that date will be subject to interest and extra cost involved in their collection.

—Dr. George H. Perrine, of Summit, died Thursday at Englewood. The funeral service will be held at the residence of J. Raymond Lambert Sunday afternoon and will be conducted by members of Atlas Lodge F. A. and M. Interment will be made in Fairview cemetery.

—The senior English class of the Westfield High, accompanied by Miss Marie Hawson, will attend the performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth in New York to-morrow night. On next Friday night Miss Hewson will act as chaperon to the junior English class who will witness the performance of Twelfth Night.

—Lawyer Peckham says that tax valuations are so high as to make Westfield and Mountainside pay an undue proportion of the county tax. Accordingly he carried six appeals to the County Board. On the appeal, half of the valuations were reduced 50% and the other half 40%. The appeals were from the valuations of properties known as the Tipping property, the Edward H. Waring property, the G. W. French property, the Kelly property, the Frey property, and one other of Lawyer Peckham's properties.

—Superintendent of schools Dr. J. J. Savitz delivered an instructive talk before the teachers of Union and Springfield townships at Connecticut Farms on Monday night. Dr. Savitz's subject covered the teaching of geography. Dr. Savitz declared that the basis of geography work is nature study and the careful study of the industries of the government and customs of the people in which the school is located. He urged the teachers to build up a concrete interpretative basis for the geographical facts about other countries they get through books.

Local news on every page.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Epist Church.

Sunday morning service at 10:30, Preaching by the pastor, Rev. F. Mathews, of Scotch Plains, will preach at the evening service which will be in charge of the Men's Association, Mr. Mathews' subject will be "What is expected of a Christian."

Sunday school will be held at 12 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Congregational Church.

Public worship at 10:30 a. m., Dr. Loomis will preach. Topic: "The Scout's Motto." The choir music will be: "As Moses Lifted Up the Serpent," Gostelow, and "Father Beneath Thy Sheltering Wing," Bromme.

Sunday school at 12:10. Topic for the pastor's Bible class, "The Mind of a Child."

Christian Endeavor meeting at 7:15. Topic, "If we really love Jesus."

Children's choir, conducted by Miss Mabel E. Bray, rehearses at 3 p. m. Sunday and at 5 p. m. on Monday and Thursday.

Topic for the mid-week meeting, "Mary's Song."

Christmas gifts to be sent to poor children in New York will be presented at the Sunday school to-day.

Christmas entertainments for our own school will be given on Saturday next, for the little folks from 3 to 5 p. m., for the others from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Special services in the church Christmas day, morning and afternoon.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Masses are said at 8:15 at 10:15 a. m. on Sunday; Holy Days, 5:30 and 7:30 a. m.; week days, 8 a. m.

Sunday school, 8 p. m.

Benediction of Blessed Sacrament—Sundays, 3:45 p. m.; Holy Days, 8 p. m.; First Friday, 8 p. m.; Feast Days, 8 p. m.

Confessions—Saturdays, 8 p. m. Rev. Father Byer is in charge of all these services.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Men's League will held their praise service in the church parlors at 9:45 a. m.

Pastor's morning theme at 10:30 will be, "Following a Great Leader."

Sunday school at noon. Visitors welcome.

Herbert Welch will lead the boys' meeting at 6:30.

The Epworth League will have an interesting service at 7 o'clock.

Dr. Hayes will speak from a special theme Sunday evening, viz: Auction! Auction! "What will you give me?" Public invited. Seats free.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, 10:30 a. m. public worship. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. I. Stearns, D. D.; 12 m. Bible school; 5 p. m. evening service. A short address by the pastor. Special music; 7 p. m. Christian Endeavor meeting. Subject, "If we really love Jesus." John 14: 15-24.

Monday, 8 p. m., Boys' Brigade Drill.

Tuesday, 3:30 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor meeting.

Wednesday, 2 p. m., monthly meeting of the Dorcas Society; 8 p. m., mid-week prayer service.

Friday, 7:30 p. m., Christmas service of Bible school.

St. Paul's Church.

Services next Sunday: Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.; Morning Prayer, and sermon at 11 a. m.; Choral Vespers at 4:30 p. m.; Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. (Primary Class meets at the Rectory.)

WEEK OF PRAYER TO BE DURING PASSION WEEK.

Westfield ministers at a meeting last week decided not to conduct the usual week of prayer the first week in January which has been the custom for years. Instead, special services will be held during Passion Week, the closing days of Lent. The change was made owing to the uncertain weather conditions in January.

The clergymen also discussed the proposed July civic celebration. Tentative plans were made to hold an open air meeting at which speakers of national reputation will be present.

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A Letter From Mr. Peckham.

Dear Standard:—First let me offer to refund the money paid me for the park, all of it, on the land being properly decided back to me.

It seems to me that Westfield has been brought to a position of grave danger. Bonded town debt is much worse for the town and for each inhabitant of the town, for his home, shop and business, than a private mortgage. The last you can escape, the first you cannot escape, not bankruptcy, not by death.

Last Friday's Standard recites \$60,000 proposed new bonded debt for the school house site and the school house building to be placed in a desert locality to assist a real estate enterprise. The price of the land, I am told, is something more than \$7,000 per acre. Mr. Thompson is unable to tell me the size of the lot. Perhaps the price is much more, as it has to be filled.

I have, in recent years, bought and sold in that locality, a little to the north for from \$200 to \$500 per acre. It is my fear that I will have to take back that land at the rate of about one-thirtieth of the price proposed to be paid by the town.

As regards Mr. Thompson's town hall proposition: I paid, about a year ago, for the Cooper house, on Broad street, \$7,800, and would not take the proposed town hall and \$1,000 today in exchange for the Cooper house. The Cooper frontage is larger, the buildings are several times larger and Broad street is better and more valuable. \$20,000 bonded debt on all of us is proposed to be paid for this town hall. \$66,000 was the last issue of "bonds of the Town of Westfield" for improvements. \$136,000 advertised in one issue of the Standard.

Last May, one evening, \$80,000 was supposed to be put upon us. Nearly every meeting there has been some similar burden put upon us, although not always for such colossal amounts. A little town of 8,000 inhabitants has been placed already in a worse position than Elizabeth and Rahway ever were placed in. Not only on the subscriber's property but on the property of a great number more worthy of consideration, the taxes already exceed the income. What will become of the homes when the bonds have to be paid?

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GHOSTS AT POTLUCK!

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pratt, with whom "Uncle Alfred" is boarding at Hildens, the little cottage on the mountains, at the entrance to Potluck, kept looking out of the windows in all directions to locate an approaching sleigh; the sound of bells being plainly heard. But no sleigh came in sight. Again and again the call of the bells was repeated, but without the sign of a sleigh until Mrs. Pratt said she felt creepy all over. This was the first intimation of any suspicion of the unearthly. Just at that time Mr. Pratt came in from the barn and on hearing the sound of far off sleigh bells looked long and expectantly up and down the road for the appearance of a sleigh.

"That's queer," he said. "We've been distinctly hearing the sound of sleigh bells ever since brook fast, interjected Mrs. Pratt. 'What is it a sign of, when you don't see the sleigh?'"

"Uncle Alfred," who is a regular "jiner," and is a member of the Thirteen Club (perhaps the most superstitious outfit on earth) thought it might be warning to use a larger proportion of water. But Mr. Pratt argued that it was not a case of "seeing things," but of hearing them. Just then Mrs. Pratt noticed a long package hanging against the door. It contained a string of sleigh bells.

"Is this something you want to take care of?" she inquired of her husband. Why yes, that's it," he said.

"Is what," asked Uncle Alfred.

"The sleigh," observed Pratt, sheepishly; "that's the sleigh we've been hearing."

Then the "ghost" stepped out of the closet and told the family that whenever anyone had walked about the room the bells in the package trembled a far off sound, giving the impression of a sleigh in the distance, the heavier the step, the nearer the "sleigh."

And, said the ghost, when ever you hear something that you know isn't there you can just depend upon it that, if you will dig deep enough, you will come to something material to explain it. To tell you the truth I often doubt my own existence.

And, with that, the ghost stepped back into the closet while Mr. Pratt went out to the barn to give the Potluck "critters" a warm mash.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Xmas Shoppers Take Notice!

Local merchants report a big volume of business for the holiday season with the indications of the biggest rush ever on for next week. All stores will remain open until later than usual from now on until Christmas eve for the accommodation of shoppers who find it inconvenient to do their buying during the day. All of the local stores have attractive stocks which include a large array of articles suitable for Xmas gifts to large and small. Prices compare favorably with the big out-of-town stores, and Westfielders have an opportunity to encourage the enterprise of the local merchants.

Warden-Houghton.

Miss Lillian M. Warden, formerly of this town, but now of Long Branch, was united in marriage to Edwin B. Houghton, of Red Bank, on Saturday evening. Announcements of the wedding were received by a number of the bride's friends in Westfield during the week. The nuptials were quietly celebrated, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Dr. William B. Matteson, pastor of the Baptist church at Long Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Houghton are planning an extensive trip to southern points of interest by automobile.

To All Householders and Store Keepers

You and the general public are hereby warned that the Board of Health will take steps for the prosecution of anyone responsible for the mixing of garbage or offal with ashes or rubbish. This practice is in direct violation of Section 6 of Ordinance No. 11 concerning the control of the accumulation and disposal of garbage in the Town of Westfield. By order of the BOARD OF HEALTH.

THE CHRISTMAS BURGLAR MAN

"Is your father at home, kid?" He was not altogether an unpleasant looking man who addressed the question to a fair haired child alone on the veranda of a suburban villa late in the afternoon of the day before Christmas.

The little girl stopped playing, frowned prettily and answered:

"My name's Muriel, not kid, and my papa never gets home till long after I've gone to bed. What's your name?"

The hulking fellow averted his eyes and answered her question by asking another.

"Who else lives with you?"

"Oh, my little brother—you haven't seen him, have you?—my mamma and Mary. Mary's the servant, you know."

"Good day, young 'un," said the tramp as he ambled away.

"Muriel I'm called!" she shouted after him. "Will you come again?"

"Thank'ee; I reckon I will," he answered.

"Oh, wait a minute, papa; I'm so sleepy!"

Muriel knelt up in her little bed, rubbed her eyes and shook her golden curls out. It was midnight. Having



"WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW?" SHE ASKED.

completely recovered from dreamland, she looked at the tall figure beside her bed and gasped with delight when she realized that her long cherished desire was going to be carried out. Papa had often promised to play at burglars with her, and there he was, quite ready, with the black mask covering his eyes and a little lantern that gave only a wee light.

"Oh, papa," she cried, "you do look a funny burglar! We'll take ma's jewelry first. Won't she be surprised?"

"The midnight intruder nodded.

"Where does ma keep it, Muriel?" he asked. "Burglars don't know where things are, you know. That's half the fun of it, eh?"

"Oh, you are funny, papa! Let's whisper softer. It's on the dressing table in one of the little drawers. S-s-s-h!"

Muriel felt herself lifted shoulder high.

"Now, then, ki—Muriel," he whispered, "when we pass your mamma's room, ki—Muriel, you just point to it and keep as quiet as a mouse. That's the proper way, isn't it?"

She nodded delightedly and did as he wished.

"Where are you going now?" she asked almost inaudibly as she was being carried downstairs.

"Why, somebody must keep watch. Don't you know that one burglar takes the things while another keeps watch?"

He carried her down into the cellar. It was very dark and cold, but Muriel said she wasn't afraid because they were only playing burglars.

"Now, then, ki—Muriel," he whispered, "you keep watch and don't make a noise." He slipped into her tiny hand one small bar of chocolate. "That's your share of the swag," he said and disappeared.

Muriel giggled when she thought of mamma's surprise. She listened a long time for return footsteps and wondered, after all, if papa had been caught. She was not at all comfortable, nor was she warm, and a few minutes later her pretty eyes closed, her head dropped, and she drifted into dreamland. Then she was awakened by her father. The mask was gone from the face, and he looked pale and troubled.

"Oh, you've come back!" she whispered, remembering the last caution she had received.

"Why are you here, dearie?" asked her father.

"You brought me, papa. Don't you remember—when we were playing burglars?"

Muriel's father telephoned to the police and reported the strange burglary. In the morning he spent an hour in convincing his little girl that he was not the man who wore the mask.

"Well, papa," she said in the end, "he was a very good Christmas burglar, wasn't he?"

Books as Christmas Gifts.

It is a great mistake to choose Christmas books entirely by covers and gowns, and it is well to remember that it is better to postpone a gift for a few days rather than to buy a poor book. If you feel that you must buy books without reading them you can at least select something published by firms of good reputation, knowing that they will be careful what is sent out under their names.

In The Field of Sport

LOCAL BOWLERS ARE UP AGAINST A "HOODOO,"

Lose Series to Red Men and Moose in This Week's Play.

The race for championship honors in the Fraternal Bowling League appears to be a walkaway for the Plainfield Moose in the games rolled to date. The Moose are now showing the way to all competitors with a record of fourteen victories and four defeats. The local pin smashers are having their troubles and are occupying last place. This week they dropped five out of the six games rolled. The highest individual score mark is held by Radin, of the Red Men, his best tally being 293. The standing of the teams follow:

	W.	L.	P.S.
Moose.....	14	4	920
K. of C.....	8	4	904
Somerville Elks.....	8	7	832
Red Men.....	8	10	877
Plainfield Elks.....	7	11	929
Westfield Casino.....	6	15	837

Local pin knights are having a tempestuous time in the Fraternal League championship which is being rolled on Campbell's alleys in Plainfield. The locals dropped the odd game to the Red Men's five on Tuesday night after making a fine start by annexing the initial contest. In that game Westfield overwhelmed the Redskins by a score of 857 to 777, Westerburg leading with the highest score in the series, 210.

The second contest was a red-hot battle which was in doubt until the end, Plainfield finally winning by a margin of 13 pins, the score being 816 to 803. The locals tried hard for victory in the final game but their opponents did their fanciest work of the evening by piling up a score of 919 to Westfield's 800. Both teams did their "prettiest" in the last game. The score:

RED MEN.		
Radin.....	193	154
Willett.....	137	198
Moyers.....	145	170
Miller.....	168	139
Nash.....	134	154
	777	816
WESTFIELD.		
Westerburg.....	210	160
Meyers.....	165	110
C. Ortleb.....	160	164
Buggett.....	146	183
G. Ortleb.....	176	179
	857	803

Westfield bowlers dropped three straight games to the Plainfield Moose in a fraternal league series rolled on Campbell's alleys on Friday night. The locals made their best fight in the final game which Plainfield annexed by a margin of eleven pins or a score of 817 to 800. Plainfield won the first and second games in handy fashion the

Series being 810 to 791 and 900 to 780.

The Scores:

MOOSE.		
Eller.....	180	196
Lea.....	130	143
Skinner.....	150	179
Vanderbilt.....	128	174
Britton.....	216	203
	810	910
WESTFIELD.		
Chapman.....	178	141
C. Ortleb.....	150	153
G. Ortleb.....	180	167
Westerburg.....	122	172
Howell.....	104	106
	791	828

LOCAL SPORTS BOOMING ALL ALONG THE LINE

Barton High School's basketball team "showed the white feather" by failure to appear here for a game with Westfield High on Friday night and thereby forfeited the game to the schoolboys. Fans who gathered in expectation of seeing a game were disappointed as a "scrub" combination was organized which took the name of W. H. S. to the tune of 14 to 6.

Plainfield High's crack basketball team will oppose the locals this afternoon in the Washington school auditorium.

To-night the local experts will journey to New York and witness the game between Columbia and Penn State fives.

Underwood is playing a cleanup game at center for the W. H. S. five.

Smith and Sisserson playing to guard positions are doing O. K. They are a speedy pair of players.

George Ortleb returned to his old time form on the alleys last week and captured the \$2.50 cash prize at the Casino.

By defeating Layton, Moffett captured high honors in the pool tournament. Second and third honors are still in doubt those having a chance in these prizes being Bindersall, Spence, Layton and Allegor.

Hockey enthusiasts of Westfield High have had a big week of sport in the Broad street pond.

The Westfield High School Athletic Association at a meeting this week awarded jerseys and "W's" to the following members who played in two thirds or more of the scheduled games last season: Robert F. Keyes, Ross Smith, Stanley Reese, Harold Day, S. Lowee, William Cherry, A. Ball, Bush and Russell Savitz.

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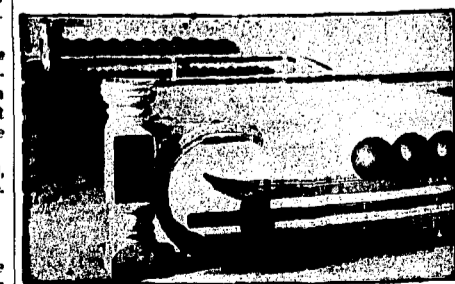
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Tea Caddies.....1.25 up
Candlesticks, pr.....2.50 up
Bread Trays.....1.50 up
Pie Dishes.....2.75 up
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COSTLY KISSES AT CHRISTMAS

AT a Christmas dinner given every year to the old folks of Hanley, the capital of the potteries district in England, a quaint ceremony is regularly observed.

At the conclusion of the meal one of the oldest of the women guests advances to the platform and kisses the mayor on both cheeks. His worship gallantly returns the salute, and the exchange of kisses continues until all the more venerable dames present have been thus honored.

In large business establishments, where the assistants live in, a great deal of kissing goes on at Christmas time. Some of the more daring spirits among the male "hands" have been known to make bets with one another as to the number of different girls they would kiss between Christmas eve and New Year's eve.

In a certain London drapery house two or three seasons ago one of these "horrid males" made a record by saluting seventeen different damsels. But he found the game was not worth the candle, for, in addition to a scratched face and a pretty severe pommeling at the hands of a victim's sweetheart, the rash youth found his services dispensed with.

At another great emporium one Christmas indiscriminate kissing created so much trouble that more than a dozen young men were dismissed. Ever since in this particular establishment even the introduction of a sprig of mistletoe during the festive season has been enough to insure instant dismissal.

A girl who appeared with a sprig of it in her blouse was ordered to put on her things and leave at once. A playful young man who merely pretended to kiss a young lady assistant was hurried off the premises with his hat and overcoat in his hand.

The Lancashire factory maid has a little kissing custom all her own that is sacred to Christmas. At this special period she will kiss an overlooker or any other male "hand" in the expectation that she will be rewarded with a shilling for her temerity.

Woe betide the ungallant worker who fails to part with the coin. He will find his coat sleeves sewed up or nailed to the wall. If the girl herself does not do this her fellow workers will.

Some of the more venturesome have been known to "get their employer



SHE WILL KISS ANY MALE "HAND."

round the neck" and kiss him, but the risks are great. If he takes the liberty kindly he will part with a sovereign; if otherwise he will part with the kisser. In one instance the master was so furious at being kissed that he closed his works until New Year's day, thus mauling the hands in a week's wages.

A ludicrous story is told of a young Japanese engineering apprentice in connection with the Christmas custom of kissing. He was serving his time in the north of England and was astonished when a waitress at the dining room which he regularly frequented kissed him under the mistletoe.

On its being explained to him that a present was expected in return, he suggested a pair of gloves. The damsel, however, had heard that he was immensely wealthy and gently hinted that something for her neck would be more acceptable. When the present arrived next day she conjured up visions of a pearl necklace as she tremblingly undid the parcel. Then was disclosed to her disappointed gaze a Jap's idea of "something for her neck." It took the shape of a bar of soap.

It is interesting to recall a strange Christmas kissing custom that in times gone by was regularly observed at a certain London hostelry. This was a house known as the Pied Bull in Clerkenwell, the landlord of which was under an obligation to bestow on every woman who came in before noon and kissed him a given measure of ale.

If records can be relied on "mine host" had no lack of lady customers on the festive morn.—Tit-Bits.

Christmas In A Scotch City

Glasgow, the commercial metropolis of Scotland, with its well nigh million inhabitants, can be chosen as an interesting illustration of the manner in which one-fourth of the people of the country spend the holidays. Many days before the store fronts on Argyle street—a thoroughfare as busy as any in the land—are gayly and profusely decorated with holly and evergreens. Above nearly every entrance signs of welcome and the compliments of the season are exhibited in holly leaves. On Christmas eve the stores keep open late. Either side of the thoroughfare is a mass of blinding, cheerful light, and there is a moving mass of humanity between. But when the stores close they close until boxing day. All the working people now get their Christmas holiday.

On Christmas forenoon the lord provost or mayor presides at the annual meeting and breakfast given by the directors at the royal infirmary. His lordship makes a speech, after which there is a distribution of good things to all the patients in the large institution. Then he visits sundry other institutions for the care of the sick and poor, where there are Christmas trees and feasting. By the way, Christmas day is one of the lord provost's busiest days. At 2 o'clock, according to annual custom for years past, he presides at the annual dinner given to from 5,000 to 6,000 poor men, women and children in the city hall, Albion street. His lordship and the city magistrates occupy the stage and take dinner with the poor. During the repast, which consists of soup, beef, an entree, plum pudding, tea or coffee and fruit, stirring Scotch airs are played on the big organ by the city organist. At the close his lordship makes a speech, which is reported verbatim in the newspapers. It is usually a masterly production.

Outwardly the aspect of the city resembles that of Sunday. Nevertheless thousands of people are moving about. The myriad of rivers in the miles of shipbuilding yards along the Clyde have come to the city with their wives and families and are attending the matinees or evening pantomime performances that have already been running. These pantomimes are a feature of city life in Scotland during the winter. Usually three open at the big theaters in Glasgow Christmas eve. They are rehearsed for weeks before. The playwright usually chooses as his theme a fairy tale. "Jack the Giant Killer," "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" and "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" have been favorite themes. As a rule, the playwright retains enough of the tale so that the young folks can recognize the characters, but taken altogether the production becomes really a dramatic burlesque of local life and character. Interesting, entertaining and even elevating to old and young. Actors and actresses of renown take the leading parts, while there are dazzling costumes, magnificent scenery and a gorgeous ballet thrown in. No wonder it is that often until the middle of spring the pantomimes enjoy a continuous run. Latterly they become in a sense classics, for their libretti undergo weekly improvement at the suggestion of local wits noted for the pungency of their sayings and the fund of dry Scotch humor they possess. It is no exaggeration to say that these pantomimes are visited by some persons each night all the season through and by others fully a score of times.

Then there is the usual exodus of young men to the country at Christmas. It is a common saying among Scotchmen that all roads lead to London. This is changed to Glasgow in some cases. There is scarcely a family of note in the Highlands that has not a son at the universities of Glasgow or Edinburgh studying for the professions of law, medicine, the pulpit, the army or the home or foreign civil service. With what hope and pride the advent of the young student is looked for at the little railroad station up in the mountains on Christmas eve or morning! If he lives on an estate the next day he is given a side by his rustic countrymen in their annual Christmas day football match. The game is usually a stoutly contested one, umpired and refereed by the hind and heads of the estate. At the corner of the field is placed a cask of good Scotch ale, from which the players regale themselves at half time. Then the game resumes, and the second half is fast and furious. Around the ropes are the young women of the estate looking on with pleasure and discussing their choices in the dance list of the evening.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Santa Claus in the Zoo.

Said Santa Claus: "'Tis Christmas eve (The animals looked pleasant), And each of you will now receive His yearly Christmas present. But I'd be glad if every guest Would mention what he'd like the best."

The tapir said: "That pleases me. I'll state succinctly, therefore, If I may be so bold and free, The only thing I care for Would be those matches on the shelf, With which I'd like to light myself."

His wish was granted. Then up spoke the timid little adder: "Sir, but a trifle it will take To make my Christmas gladder. A slate and pencil, if you please, Would let me do my sums with ease."

The reindeer said: "You may believe I'd be a happy fellow If you were sure I would receive A good sized umbrallow, And also I'd like four galoches, You, and a rubber mackintosh."
—Walton Williams.

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THAT SITE QUESTION

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vote the ballot as printed will be a vote for a building on the site selected on East Broad street; a ballot cancelled with pen or pencil mark drawn through all the resolutions will be a vote for a building on the Washington site.

8th. "The sum of \$25,000 is inadequate to provide for present needs; but it is clear that \$25,000 can be made to go further on the Washington site than \$25,000 or \$50,000, the amount available for building and equipment, on the Broad street site."

E. A. MERRILL.

To Sing "The Messiah."

George Frederick Handels Oratorio, "The Messiah," the greatest of all Christmas Oratorios will be given in Westminster church, in Elizabeth, on Thursday, December 22, by a large chorus assisted by young people from the public schools. The soloists will be Miss Hortense D. Ogden, soprano; Miss Mary C. Heath, contralto; Edward K. Taylor, tenor and Clayton A. Robbins, bass.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Operations in local real estate have been active during the week as indicated by the following record of transfers from the office of County Registrar Frank H. Smith:

N. Y. Suburban Land Co. to James McCarthy, lots 246-247, block map of N. Y. Suburban Land Co.

Arthur Ritter to Lewis F. Faulkner, six acres, corner D. Clark's land.

N. Y. Suburban Land Co. to Herman Sellander, lots 48, 49, 50, block 21 "Map of N. Y. Land Co."

N. Y. Land Co. to Oliver L. Raynes, lots 28 to 33, 38, 39, block 7, map of Suburban Land Co.

David T. Pierson et ux. to Mary C. Pierson, southwesterly side New York avenue, corner S. D. Winter.

David T. Pierson et al. to Hettie M. Pierson, westerly side Prospect, corner S. S. Mapes.

Frank D. Fry et ux. to Charles M. Wild, Lot 84 "Map Meredith Park."

Henry C. Lockwood et ux. to William D. Johnson, lots 3, 55, 58, 59, 75, 76, 77, 78, 82, 83, 84, 75, 86, map of Westfield Highlands.

William D. Johnson et ux. to Henry C. Lockwood, lots 9, 10, 56, 57, 60, 68, 69, 72, 74, 79, 80, 81, map of Westfield Highlands.

Sara F. Connolly et al. to Charles D. Darkee, 8 acres, corner Enos Davis.

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MONEY to LOAN on BOND and MORTGAGE

The Effects of a Change to City Government

(By Frederick S. Taggart)

Mr. Taggart was a member of the committee which was appointed by the Board of Trade in 1902 to investigate city government for the Township of Westfield, and one of the committee of six which secured the act of the legislature in 1903 incorporating Westfield as a town.

The municipal corporations in this State are divided into many classes under various names, and the laws applicable in each instance cause considerable confusion, necessitating many applications to the legislature for legislation for a relatively small class.

Thus we have villages, townships, boroughs, towns, some operating under special charters and some, as Westfield, under general acts, and cities. The cities have been generally divided into four (4) classes, but the distinguishing line between them is often confused and obliterated by the legislature.

First class, having a population exceeding 150,000. Second class, of not less than 12,000. Third class, all cities not included in either the first or second class, except cities bordering upon the Atlantic Ocean and being seaside or summer resorts. Fourth class, cities looking upon the Atlantic ocean, and being seaside or summer resorts.

The legislature has ignored this classification in much of its legislation, passing general laws applicable to cities with certain arbitrary limits of population, without regard to the class of the city, and many general laws which may or may not affect certain cities because of some provision contained in the act.

Again the legislature has passed a number of laws establishing complete codes for the administration of city government, and providing that the provisions thereof may become operative upon acceptance by any particular city at a general or special election.

The legislature, within the past ten years, has passed a number of codes of laws for cities, providing in each case, however, that the provisions of such particular code or act shall not become operative in any particular city until adopted or accepted by the people in the manner prescribed in the act. (Act governing cities of less than 12,000, laws 1897, p. 46, 69 sections; Act of 1902, page 284; Act of 1908, p. 292; Act of 1908, p.

393, consisting of 122 sections; Act of 1908, p. 486, consisting of 52 sections.) In 1839 a general act relating to the government of cities with a population of less than 12,000 was passed, and assuming that the Town of Westfield was governed by that law, it may be interesting to see the difference between the Town and City form of government.

INCORPORATION.

To become a city, it would be necessary to apply to and obtain from the legislature an act incorporating Westfield as a city. In 1896 a general act was passed providing that thereafter no town or city should be incorporated except by special act of the legislature.

In the case of such cities as have been recently so incorporated, each special act has contained a referendum to the people of that particular locality, so that it only became operative after the voters of the municipality say for themselves whether or not they desired to change their form of government to that of a city. Westfield could procure such an act at the next legislature and vote upon the question at a special election in the spring.

OFFICERS.

The chief executive, as in a town, is the mayor, who holds office for the term of two years. He is the head of the police department, and has exclusive power to appoint, suspend and remove policemen and all subordinates in such department, subject to confirmation by the Council. The Council consists of one member from each ward, holding office for the term of three years and a councilman at large, elected throughout the whole city for the term of two years. The overseer of the poor is elected for the term of three years rather than appointed, as in a town. The terms of city clerk and collector, which are also elective, being three years, as in a town.

One of the important changes brought about by a city form of government is the election of assessors, there being one elected for each ward for the term of three years. This would mean a board of assessors of four members, each ward having its own representative on the board, and would mean, in many cases, a bi-partisan administration of tax matters.

The city treasurer is appointed by the council, and his term is fixed for three years.

The term "mayor," as applied to the councilman at large, at their elections in towns, is a misnomer and the result of an act of the legislature designed to dignify that office on behalf of some individual or some town, and not because of the powers inherent by law which would make them naturally come within the class of mayors. In the city form of government, the mayor is not only the chief executive but remains impartial so far as the deliberations and activities of the council are concerned. He does not preside at the meetings of the council, but retains the right to have submitted to him the resolutions and ordinances passed by the council, so that he may approve the same, or if it meets with his objection, veto it and return the same to the council for further consideration.

The council is presided over by the president, elected from its own body, and has the power to pass ordinances and resolutions over the mayor's veto or objections on a vote of two thirds of all the members of the council. Such a provision places an added check on the actions of the common council, and in the event of the passage of an important ordinance or resolution, which does not meet with the approval of the mayor, necessitates the concurrence of more than a majority of the council for its ultimate passage, rather than a bare majority as in the town government. The mayor keeps the corporate seal of the city, rather than the town clerk, and has direct supervision and control over the official acts of all the subordinate officers of the city. He is invested with the powers and duties of a police justice of the city and has the power to call out the militia, if there be any in such city, and to appoint special policemen for the preservation of the public peace and good order, as he may deem necessary, without application to the common council.

Should the office of the mayor become vacant, or he be absent from the city or prevented from attending to the duties of his office, the president of the council or in his place the president pro tem. of the council, shall act as mayor during such absence or disability.

Under the city act the collector of taxes, with the consent of the council, may have one or more deputies to assist him with the collection of the taxes for such time as it may be necessary to employ them, a power which to any large or rapidly growing municipality, might be of great advantage during the months of November and December. The duties of the collector are much the same as those in a town, as are also the duties of a city treasurer, but with this added feature, that for two weeks before the nomination of members of the council and for one week after, there shall be publication in a newspaper circulating in the city, of a full and true account of the receipts and disbursements during the portion of the fiscal year then elapsed, and at the end of the fiscal year a full account for the entire year, which should be delivered to the city clerk and laid before the common council.

The powers and duties of the city clerk, city engineer, city solicitor and surveyor, and other minor offices, are somewhat similar to those in a town and their duties are to be fixed by the council by ordinance.

COMPTROLLER.

One of the privileges granted to the common council of a city is that of creating the office of comptroller by the passage of an ordinance defining the duties in conformity with the provisions of the city act when established by ordinance, to voters at the next election, of electing some person who is a resident of the city, for the term of three years, as comptroller thereof. He is required to give a sufficient bond for the performance of his duties and shall receive such salary as the council shall see fit, but not exceeding \$1,000 per year. The duties of the comptroller are large and important, especially in a municipality where there is financial detail to be attended to and where large sums are annually expended, and would relieve from members of committees or individual members of councils the burden and responsibility of passing upon a multitude of small bills at each meeting. The comptroller must sign all warrants on the city treasury and has superintendence of all the fiscal concerns of the city. He would keep a separate account of all the appropriations for

each and every department of the city form of government, and upon warrants being drawn against any appropriation, examining both bill and warrant to see that it is a proper appropriation from which the bill may be paid, and also whether the bill is correct and in proper form. If the bill or claim cannot pass the vigilance of the comptroller, he refers the same back to the council which may, by special resolution, authorize the payment over the objections of the comptroller.

Should any officer of the city be authorized to receive or disburse moneys, die, resign, or his term expires, the comptroller steps in, examines and audits the books and accounts of the officer or department and reports the condition found to the council. This provision is wise and a safeguard, not only to the business of the town, but to all incoming officers, for it insures their receiving the business of their office in correct shape and properly approved, permitting them to start with a clean set of books, behind the audit of which they are not required to go.

The comptroller not only audits all the bills presented for payment, but also has supervision and oversight of the fiscal concerns of all the departments of the city, and may require at any time a statement and account in writing from each department, showing the money and property of the city in the hands of the department.

THE SCHOOLS.

The city act contains provisions affecting the public schools, but this has been superseded by the school law of 1904. The Board of Education may consist of an appointed board of nine members or an elective board of nine members. If appointed, the mayor nominates and appoints the members, whose term is three years, without the concurrence of the Council. If elected, the people elect the members for a term of three years, not at a school election, however, but at the municipal election for city officers. The adoption of either method is submitted to the people at a general or special election, and when settled, cannot be again submitted and the method of selection changed until at least five years have elapsed.

Certain phases of this may not appeal to citizens of Westfield who would

not care to elect members of the town on a partisan party ticket; when city issues or disturbances might vitiate the selection of members of the Board.

The qualification of members and duties of the Board are much the same as they now are.

The Board is a body corporate, created from the Council, an organization which has its own seal and other powers of corporations, and holds title to school property. The District Clerk keeps in name Secretary of the Board, and distinct advance over the present system. Before each school year, the Board shall advertise for furnishing supplies to the school for the coming year. It repairs to the building costing \$500 in amount, or supplies exceed in amount, public advertisement bids must be made. All contracts must be awarded to the lowest bidder.

To be Continued.

POST OFFICE OUTLOOK ASSUMES A ROSY HUE

Congressman-elect Tuttle Optimistic

Town's Chances for New Building
Congressman-elect William E. Tuttle, Jr., is more than pleased over the outlook for a new post office for Westfield since his return from Washington. He first he declared to a STANDARD representative that the proposition appeared to be rather gigantic in size, but now he is confident that Westfield is in line for a new postal headquarters.

Appropriations have been made for new post office buildings by Congress for smaller towns than Westfield, Mr. Tuttle said. With energetic backing behind him there is no reason why Mr. Tuttle should not be able to interest proper authorities in the post office department at Washington when he takes his seat.

Mr. Tuttle admitted that he had not been into the matter briefly while in Washington but he cannot furnish any definite on the subject until the proper time. Mr. Tuttle is certain that he will have the support of the Democratic U. S. Senator from the State.