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A CHECKERED EXPERIENCE.

We take great pleasure in presenting to our readers this week a very faithful illustration of the oldest German church edifice at present extant in this city. As will be seen by a brief review of the career of the German Evangelical Church, from the pen of its gifted and popular pastor, the Rev. Leopold Mohn, which follows this introduction, the struggle to establish a congregation, was indeed a tedious and trying undertaking.

It was fortunate for the little colony of worshippers in 1856, that such an efficient and enterprising worker as the present incumbent, was thrown in their path. At one time the attendance at divine service on Church Square consisted of only a man and his wife, and they were almost discouraged at the gloomy prospects, and advocated discontinuing service. It was here the superior will of the pastor appeared to advantage, and with cheering words and increased efforts succeeded in inspiring others with hope and perseverance.

The membership though steadily increasing did not warrant the erection of the present structure until about the year 1860. As we intend to deal more specifically with this portion of our subject later on in this article, we will introduce the incidents of the past as penned by the pastor without further introduction.

This church, as also the German churches of this denomination in the Town of Union, Hackensack, Jersey City Heights and Bergen Point, was founded by the individual labors of Rev. Leopold Mohn, and is the oldest German church, as well as its pastor the oldest resident minister, in this city.

Its history is that of the grain of mustard seed in the parable, having had a very slender beginning and growing into a stately tree, and is intimately interwoven with the history and development of the German element in our community. It must therefore be of great interest to our people, and as the sources of information are as accessible as they are reliable, we shall give it in a somewhat extended form.

When the Rev. L. Mohn was still residing at North Hoboken, in the present Town of Union, he occasionally noticed among the congregation, people who had come from Hoboken to worship in his church. Having become personally acquainted with them, they expressed their regret that in the city of Hoboken, which contained already a large number of German inhabitants, no divine service in their own mother tongue was held, all the attempts that had hitherto been made toward that object having proved abortive for lack of interest and sympathy.

He assured them of his willingness to assist them in this matter if they would stand by him.

Being connected with the Reformed (Dutch) Church, which at that time was the most influential denomination in the county, as it is also the oldest permission was obtained from the Reformed Church, in Hudson street, to hold a German service on Sabbath afternoons in their house of worship, which had been erected a short time previously.

This was in the autumn of the year 1855. After a few services had been held, that were attended by about twenty people, the small congregation found themselves locked out on a cold Sunday afternoon in December, and after having in vain attempted to obtain the key from the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Parker, who did not have it in his possession, and then from the sexton, who could not be found, they disbanded for an indefinite period.

An offer was then made by the Rev. Mr. Stryker, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, to use their house of worship, at the corner of Washington and Third streets, that was afterwards bought by St. Matthews Lutheran Church, the site now being occupied by Ettinger Bros. dry goods store.

vice in the evening, generously gave the use of their church to the Germans, under the condition that they should pay the gas bill and sexton; but as they refused to accept even this small return for their favor at the time when these meetings were discontinued in this place, it is but acknowledging a debt of gratitude if a passing mention of it is made in this connection.

Upon the assumption of the pastorate by the Rev. Mr. Babbit, the former minister having left, the Presbyterians changed their afternoon for an evening service, and these gatherings of the Germans would have been broken up a second time—the Rev. Mr. Mohn being engaged in his own church in the morning and afternoon—if some German families who lived in the row of houses in Willow street, opposite the Hoboken Academy, had not opened their own rooms for their reception.

Thus far no persons of means had connected themselves with this infant enterprise, and the Rev. Mr. Mohn, thinking that by proper effort and perseverance it would be possible to gather a church among so many Germans as were living already at that time in Hoboken, hired the little chapel at the corner of Garden and Fifth streets, on the Square, that had been erected by the Reformed Dutch Congregation and subsequently sold to the New Jerusalem Swedenborgian Church, he himself becoming responsible for the rent and also performing the duties of a sexton, as far as the opening of the door and the lighting of the lamps (gas not then having been introduced), were concerned. But the frequent changes, as also the incoming warm summer weather, had reduced the number of attendants considerably, so that one sultry Sabbath evening, only two persons, Mr. and Mrs. Holzhausen, who have since returned to the Fatherland, represented the whole church-going German community in Hoboken. The minister nevertheless performed all the usual functions pertaining to Christian worship, the small congregation uniting with him devotedly in prayer and praise, and listened attentively to the sermon. They expressed their grief at the want of interest, and advised the minister to give up the enterprise, as it only cost him his money and labor to no purpose. But in a little after-sermon, delivered at the altar railing, he pointed them to the promise of the Lord which He has given in these words: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I shall be in the midst of them," and added by way of a practical application, not to his hearers but to himself, that he was not more than his Master, and therefore, as long as two would come to hear him, he would be willing to preach to them.

And judging by the consequences, this has perhaps been one of the most effective sermons that has ever been preached in the city of Hoboken or anywhere else; for from that time on the attendance and the interest in this work began to increase, and in August, 1856, the following petition, signed by twenty-one German residents of Hoboken, was presented to the Classis of the Reformed Dutch Church, convened at Bergen, in extra session:

"REVEREND SIRS:—We, the undersigned German inhabitants of Hoboken, being desirous of having the preaching of the gospel in our own language, request your co-operation and advice, begging your attention to the following statements:

"The German population of Hoboken is already large and has the prospect of an indefinite increase. Of these only a small portion speak the English language, and are therefore without the preached word of God, except that they visit the different German churches in New York, or the German church at North Hoboken. But the inconvenience and difficulties connected with work and attendance upon the means of grace did frequently prevent us from enjoying gospel privileges, and consequently some of us requested the Rev. L. Mohn, pastor of the German Evangelical Church, at North Hoboken, to visit us occasionally with the preaching of the word.

"After many impediments, that have been overcome, we have now a regular Sabbath evening service, with an increasing attendance. The lively interest that is felt among a number of Germans encourages us to take a step still further in advance, and to form ourselves into an organized body with the relations, powers and offices of a living church.

"In this relation it is obvious that it will be injurious to stand alone, and in seeking a union with other Christians we are attracted to your Reverend Body by a close neighborhood and a common faith in the sound and Evangelical doctrines of the blessed Reformation, as well as your hearty and valuable co-operation in this good work. Beseeking the blessing of God upon His own cause, we commend, Reverend Sirs, this appreciation to the attention of your Reverend Body, and sign in deep respect and Christian love, viz: Heinrich

Gottfried Holzhausen, Christiane Holzhausen, Dietrich Quellhorst, Metha Quellhorst, Heinrich Quellhorst, Louise Quellhorst, Jacob Schultz, Albertine Schultz, Georg Walter, Margaretha Walter, W. Wolff, Minna Meckback, Fr. Schultze, Raima Schultze Ludwig Mahneke, Melchior Boeh, Catherine Boeh, Johan Peter Geibel, Job. Sam. Koehler, Casper Jaeger, Gerial Jaeger."

This application having been favorably received by the Classis, a committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Messrs. Mabon and Mohn and Elder Henry Jeke, which met in the little chapel on Church Square, on Sunday, the 24th day of August, 1856, to effect the organization of the new church.

The following persons applied for membership and were received, viz: Louis J. Hansen, Johanna Hansen, Casper Jaeger, George Walter, Catharine Iback, Augusta Hagelstein, Dietrich Quellhorst, Metha Quellhorst, Heinrich Quellhorst, Louise Quellhorst, Jacob Schulz, Peter Kirchhoefer, Carl Johnson, Antoinette Schrester, Emilie Lisdeck, Martha Loehrer, Albertine Schulz, Marie Eggers, Heinrich Brockmann, Wilhelm Wolff.

The right hand of fellowship having been given the members, they proceeded to elect a Consistory, consisting of two Elders and Deacons as follows: Mr. Dietrich Quellhorst, Elder for two years; Mr. Heinrich Quellhorst, Elder for one year; Mr. Louis J. Hansen, Deacon for two years and Mr. George Walter, Deacon for one year.

The ordination of the Consistory having taken place on the second Sunday in September, Mr. Dietrich Quellhorst was chosen President and Mr. Henry Quellhorst Deacon to represent the church at the stated meeting of Classis at Bergen Point, on the 18th of September.

disappointment in the church matters the pastor had never once overlooked the welfare of the junior members of his congregation, and from the first the instruction of the children received special attention. The pastor believed in the old adage that "the twig must be inclined as you would have the tree grow," and persevered and practiced so much care in the training of the "twig" that he now enjoys the satisfaction of greeting many of his first Sunday School pupils as amongst his most staunch and reliable followers. The Sunday classes of the church, we understand, contain at present about seven hundred pupils, with thirty experienced teachers, nearly all tutored under the direction of the pastor himself.

The first floor of the Martha Institute, adjoining the church building, is at present utilized as a Sunday School, and also occasionally as a meeting room for societies connected with the congregation. At present a course of popular and highly instructive lectures by the pastor are proving a very attractive feature. Each delivery sees the sacred edifice crowded—not only with the regular attendants but many outsiders are pleased at the opportunity of learning the revered gentleman's views on the varied interesting subjects which have up to the present time been so judiciously selected.

Next September will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church society and arrangements are being made on a grand scale for the proper celebration of the event. It should indeed be an occasion for rejoicing which no other congregation in this city enjoys. The members never knew but one pastor and certainly ought to know him well. He has presided over the spiritual welfare of his people from the dark and trying hours when his hearers numbered only two persons, down to the present

dentials had reported, twenty-four Past Dictators and representatives were admitted and advanced. There were present only one-third of those entitled to admission owing to the inclement weather. The reports of the Grand Lodge officers, District Deputies and committees were received and referred.

At the afternoon session further reports were read. Those relating to membership, finance, etc., showed the order in this State to be in excellent condition.

In the report of the State Medical Examiner several suggestions were made.

In the matter of the appeal of a member of Passaic Lodge, No. 486, the lodge went into Committee of the Whole and reinstated the brother, giving him a new trial. This action was appealed from to the Supreme Lodge.

Supreme Representative Murphy read the report on the work done at the last session of the Supreme Lodge and furnished other information. The Committee on Laws concurred in the changes made in the Constitution and By-laws, revised during the past year, and the changes were read and several alterations made. Among the changes are the following: Creating no Past Grand Dictators; meet on second Wednesday in September; pay a per capita tax of fifty cents per year upon every third degree member; Grand Lodge may furnish all supplies and blanks to subordinate lodges, and all books shall be procured from the Grand Reporter; paraphernalia must be procured from the Grand Lodge. Other amendments were offered, after which the revised laws were adopted.

At the evening session Mutual Lodge was given an opportunity to conduct a short session.

At 6 o'clock the lodge again convened and several additional members were admitted. Numerous resolutions were introduced and acted upon.

Several resolutions relating to the German lodges were introduced, and eventually the Representatives to the Supreme Lodge were instructed to adopt better measures for the protection of the German members of the order.

At 10:30 the first day's session closed. The second day's session opened at 9 o'clock. Resolutions of respect were adopted on the death of Supreme Treasurer Osmer. The report on mileage was adopted. Many other resolutions were introduced during the morning.

Nominations for officers for the ensuing year were made, the following being the successful candidates:

Grand Dictator—Andrew Dickinson, of Paterson.

Grand Vice Dictator—N. H. Stevens, of Vineland.

Grand Assistant Dictator—B. H. Van Ness, of Newark.

Grand Chaplain—W. O. Chenoweth, of Newark.

Grand Reporter—J. M. Mayhew, of Newark.

Grand Treasurer—Oscar Wiener, of Newark.

Grand Guide—Jessie N. Carpenter, of Newark.

Grand Guardian—A. B. De Bevois, of Union Hill.

Grand Sentinel—G. W. Wilhelm, of Phillipsburg.

Grand Trustee—V. E. Mayer, of Jersey City.

Supreme Representative for two years—Oscar Wiener, of Newark.

Alternate—C. A. Sylvester, of Newark.

Past Grand Dictator—Wm. C. Morris, of Hoboken.

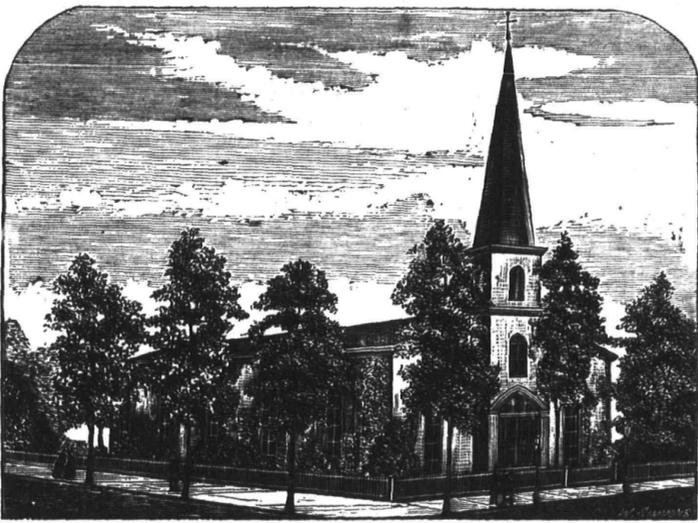
State Medical Examiner—Dr. W. F. Morris, of Jersey City.

Hoboken was selected for holding the next annual session in September, 1882.

Installation followed, P. G. D. J. H. Murphy occupied the chair, assisted by others.

Later in the day the newly elected Grand Dictator appointed the following standing committees: Finance—Brothers Betts, 216; Meyer, 585; Sylvester, 1,019. Laws and Supervision—Brothers Murphy, 309; Morris, 634; Sutterlin, 651. Returns and Credentials—Brothers Hancock, 1,595; Stedenfels, 1,468; Carpenter, 557. Printing and Supplies—Brothers Dickinson, 80; Stevens, 1,433; Mayhew, 216. Appeals and Grievances—Bros. Weisenborn, 469; Klee, 1,033; Humphreys, 1,561.

The session closed at 4 o'clock, with thanks to Mutual Lodge for their hospitalities.



At a subsequent meeting of the Consistory the name and title of the church was adopted as follows: "German Evangelical Church in Hoboken in connection with the General Synod of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church in America," and resolutions were adopted to continue the Sunday evening services at the same place, the Consistory assuming the responsibility for the rent, and to request the Rev. L. Mohn to supply the pulpit as before, for which a compensation of \$300 per annum was provided, part of which was paid by the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

Thus the new church was put into working order, receiving a steady increase of members and laying a foundation for a large and flourishing congregation. The present edifice was originally erected during the years 1859 and 1869, at a cost of between nine and ten thousand dollars.

The congregation at that time, as regards numbers, owing to the reputation achieved by the pastor as an eloquent and powerful preacher secured a position second to no German church in Hudson County, and was the largest in this city. In 1869 a fire occurred which partly destroyed the building, but the damage was promptly repaired and the affairs of the congregation progressed slowly but successfully until within five years it was found necessary to secure a lot adjoining on Sixth street and erect a large extension to the church building.

The prospects of the German Evangelical congregation were never brighter than at the date whereof we write, and every service saw an increase in the attendance until the full seating capacity of the enlarged building was scarcely sufficient.

During all these years of struggle and

when he can count his followers by hundreds.

No better evidence can be furnished of the harmony and good feeling which has prevailed during the past twenty-five years and it must be considered in the light of a glowing compliment to the ability and honest purposes of the rector as well as a tribute to the faith and confidence reposed in him by his people.

We part with our review of the little German church with regret, particularly due to the fact that owing to the necessity of completing the article in this edition, and also on account of Mr. Mohn being unusually busy just at present, he was unable to go as fully into details as originally intended. For the same reasons we were obliged to contribute the latter portion referring to the present church building ourselves, also without a very thorough knowledge of the circumstances and with but scant material.

Considering these difficulties we trust our readers will overlook any shortcomings; deal leniently with slight errors in date, etc., and accept the "will for the deed."

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Their Fourth Annual Session at Vineland.

The fourth annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Honor of this State convened at Knights of Honor Hall, Vineland, on Wednesday, March 9th. The leading committees and officers had finished up considerable business on the afternoon of the previous day, and were later handsomely entertained by the resident members.

The Baker House had been engaged for the exclusive use of those attending the session. The first day's session was opened at 10 o'clock by Grand Dictator Morris, of Hoboken. All the Grand Lodge officers were present with the exception of Grand Assistant Dictator Slater, of Newark.

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HOBOKEN, MARCH 19, 1881.

Official paper of the city of Hoboken. Circulation second to no other weekly journal in Hudson County.

Mahone, the Virginia readjuster, has formally gone over to the Republicans. Most parties on the fence join the party in power when they get off.

The Legislature has at last begun to show some sense in regard to giving out the laws to the newspapers. Now it is proposed to give every newspaper the laws to publish, and remunerate them according to their circulation.

The Danish government would like to sell the islands of St. Joseph and St. John to this Government. If Uncle Sam will take our advice—and probably he won't—we should quietly tell him to let those islands alone.

A laughing gas exhibition was given in a public school a few days ago, and a number of the children were put under the influence of the gas. The school principal should be severely censured for allowing the pupils to take the anesthetic.

Dr. Albert Delaney, an African doctor, who lectured in Newark, declared that he was 100 years old, and his father 141, and that centenarians were awfully common. This looks like a dodge to attract emigration.

Coercion is now an established fact in Ireland; the prisons are more or less full of arrested Land Leaguers, and in many places evictions have taken place. The Irish are now in a worse plight than ever.

Dr. Smith, of Philadelphia, declared at a meeting of his brother savants, that baby carriages are injurious to the infant, because it prevents them from exercising certain muscles, which are brought into play when carried by the nurse.

At present the sixty little darkies in Fairview are deprived of school facilities, as their school house is burned down, and the whites won't have them in the white school house.

"Where do all the books go?" is a question keenly exercising a contemporary. They decay very rapidly; by the greatest destroyers of books are children. Books much used don't last long, and the paper used is not as good as formerly, nor the binding so secure.

The Land Leaguers throughout the country are passing resolutions condemning the action of the British Government in imprisoning Michael Boyton, and soliciting the interference of our Congress toward his release.

"The 17th of Ireland" was gloriously ushered in by the friends of our genial collector, John McMahon, who assembled to the number of about two hundred couples in response to invitations sent out for their annual ball of the association which bears his name.

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THE APPROACHING PRIMARIES.

Before the month of March expires it will once more become the duty of every citizen of Hoboken to designate, by his ballot, who shall be delegated to select our standard bearers for the ensuing campaign. In connection with this all-important feature of local political issues we regret to be compelled to state that many of the most rampant opponents of the present system of conducting primaries are, to a great extent, indirectly responsible for such abuses owing to their indifference or negligence, as the case may be, to attend said primaries.

We find many staunch Democrats who are continually denouncing the whole modus operandi of selecting delegates, yet never take any active part on such occasions, but will none the less support the nominations made by the very delegates whom they have ignored, and laterward growl. This is wrong and inconsistent, and until the dissatisfied element condescend to be as active at primaries as it is during election, so deplorable a state of things must and will continue.

Another and more glaring wrong in connection with the primary system is that professional delegates look upon the approach of each election as a harvest. We know of cases where men, or rather individuals have sought a place in city, county or State conventions, as the case may be, and had the effrontery to boldly assert that they wanted to make a "stake" out of it. This is not only deplorable, but simply disgraceful; and unfortunately the weakness seems to be in a great measure confined to Democrats only. A greater misfortune still is that the young or rising would-be politicians are the principal offenders.

These primary troubles can only be counteracted by getting at the root of the evil. In the first place, let the respectable residents of each ward take sufficient interest in their own districts to secure them a say in the composition of their delegation. Next, let them see to it that only such names are placed on tickets as will be above a paltry bribe, and we honestly believe if the interested citizen simply performs his duty to himself a sufficient number of good delegates can be secured in each district to at least frustrate the contemptible designs of the barterers and compel an honest discharge of duty.

Again, we hear it loudly and frequently proclaimed that so and so from this or that ward received so much for his vote in a convention; or that so and so could have had the nomination for so much, but that his successful rival paid a trifle more. To know such things, and tolerate them, is to be a party to and encourage them.

Let the fellow who goes to conventions prepared to "sell out" be ostracized by his associates and brought before the courts by his attempted victim, or any other good citizen who may procure evidence of his treachery. Above all things let him never again be placed where he can do harm. Still another and potent remedy could be introduced by rival candidates combining to crush this contemptible practice by making no bid for votes; or better still, by settling their differences amicably prior to the primary elections.

If such procedures would still fail in abolishing the nuisance and our candidates allow their ambition and greed for office to carry away their principles and money besides, when their villainy is assured, let voters combine in every instance to defeat such unprincipled would-be representatives.

We do not consider such selections the choice of the party, nor do we feel that honest voters should be bound by the action of a few Jackasses. The primary and, probably, most effective step in such proposed purification could be more readily advanced by the various aspirants for office. Let them remove the temptation of money from conventions by positively declining to recognize the claims of "strikers," and the latter class will become as scarce as they are now plentiful; thoroughly conscientious and efficient men will be delegated and their choice will, in every instance, be at least worthy of unanimous support, as well as being a credit to the Democracy. Besides such candidates would be elected every time, and in this city the entire representation would be necessarily Democratic.

Our Republican friends owe any little success they have enjoyed in this district to the fact of lack of harmony in our ranks, together with our primary abuses, which have become so flagrant as to drive the most steadfast and respectable members of our party from the political arena entirely. Our opponents know nothing of faction wrangling, and money seldom, if ever, enters into their conventions. If it does, however, they are so discreet about it that no comment has ever been indulged. No matter how many Republicans may be aspiring to a nomination, or how strong the individual claims may be, or how bright the hopes, immediately the candidate is named that settles the matter, and an instance has yet to be discovered where one was known to swerve an iota owing to blighted hopes, or so-called party non-acceptation. The disappointed candidate in this instance realizes the fact that his defeat is an honorable one; that his rival is preferred because the delegates conscientiously consider him a more desirable and fitting person for the position, and that no undue influences have been employed to defeat him. He accordingly gracefully bows to the inevitable and strenuously labors for the success of his late opponent. Consequently an independent Republican would be a novelty.

Our case is precisely the reverse, without any good reason that it should be. The unfortunate "ruin or rule" character pervades the party to such an extent that nearly every man is anxious for authority. The fellow who peddles tickets about the polls for two years, with no other recommendation, is very likely the third to aspire to the Senate or some other equally exalted position, as a

slight recognition of his valuable services to the Democracy. This is what is understood by such characters as "claims on the party," and if the modest demands of the inflated political peddler are not complied with the chances are good that he will "down the other fellow," as it is generally termed, and the "downing" of the other fellow usually elects the Republican.

This result has been strikingly illustrated within the past few years in Hudson County. There is no reasonable excuse for such sacrifices, and the remedy is at hand, if we will only apply it. The recent opinions expressed by ex-Governors Seymour and Robinson that the young and rising Democrat must be trained, will hardly apply to this section of Jersey. Our greatest trouble is that the young Democrat rises too soon—in his own estimation—and before there is any show of even giving a little advice we find him educating his father in politics, and "ruining" the machine generally.

RECKLESS JOURNALISM. We had concluded to keep perfectly silent on the subject of the fracas, or, more properly speaking, rumored disturbance which occurred at an up-town hotel last Saturday week. The results, however, have become more serious than some of the parties bargained for, and since it has called for so much notice from the press, we believe our opinion will be in order.

We are intimately acquainted with the whole matter from the very first, and not only was the attempted assault prompted by an overdose of whiskey and malice combined, but the publication of the item in the ex-official organ also savored of an ill-disguised enmity which required no more reliable authority than the story of a drunken man to slander and scandalize one of our most respected and prominent citizens.

It is usual with journalists to oppositely investigate rumors, or at least learn some facts concerning a matter before rushing it into print. If the good name of a person or persons is involved, extraordinary care is practised, and all parties interested interviewed, if possible. Such a course has not only been avoided, in the present instance, but the very reverse pursued, and the most unreliable authority considered sufficient grounds. The Jersey City reporters, as well as some New York scribes, did what was perfectly proper in the premises, and, after looking into the matter, found it nothing more than a display of rosydism on the part of a fellow who would be excited by even uncomplimentary mention from a newspaper. They judiciously decided to treat the case as one unworthy of public notice. The animus of the article in the ex-official paper was so apparent and the statement so false that the gentleman misrepresented has decided to compel a retraction before the Courts.

We are sorry, as all journalists should be who seem to prostitute their columns in the gratification of petty personal spite to know that the proprietors of the paper, and the author of the prevarication will be taught a wholesome lesson if the law is any law in Jersey, and we believe therein. They will learn for the first time that the true mission of a public journalist is not to blast good names or scandalize families, particularly where no cause exists, or even an excuse for so doing beyond the simple statement of a drunken rosyd who alone originated any little unpleasantness that occurred. As regards playing cards and losing money, not a card was even seen in the house, nor did a cent change hands in connection with any kind of gaming whatever. There might have been trouble, however, had not the fellow who entered a quiet party of friends with such intentions been promptly quashed.

NIRILISM VS. IMPERIALISM. The assassination of the Czar, while it has shocked the feelings and aroused the sympathies of all respectable people, has also, doubtless, alarmed the Courts of Europe—especially the Italian King and the German Emperor. But the assassination of Alexander has dealt the cause of the Nihilists a blow which it will not recover from for years. Violent acts against royal personages produce at the time a revulsion of feeling, which, if skillfully taken advantage of, will not only strengthen his popularity, but will give him a chance to effect real reforms. There is much oppression and injustice in Russia, and Alexander III. has as fine an opportunity of making a great name in history as any monarch that ever lived.

Mounted Masqueraders. The annual exhibition of expert horsemanship tendered by the pupils of Hexamer's Riding Academy to their friends, took place last Tuesday evening. The spacious arena was beautifully decorated, together with the balconies adjoining it. In the center of the ring on the dark tankard was a large star formed of sawdust, and surrounded with a circle of the same material a horseshoe, and the day-month and year were also tastefully arranged in the corners. The grand *entrée* was made to very spirited music by about twenty horsemen well mounted, and a very thorough display of fancy and plain riding resulted. Owing to very complete disguises we are unable to positively specify the participants, but are inclined to favor our suspicions that Mr. Hexamer, Jr., appeared to advantage as a very charming young lady and partner of Max Stein, who appeared as a dashing Austrian hussar. We also detected the Messrs. Fred. and Chas. Schultz; Messrs. Harms, Rubsamen, Benson, and Mohler, of this city, and Messrs. Scybel and Strauss, of New York. The costumes represented cavaliers of the Mexican and Brazilian type; pirates, school-boys, clowns, Indians, and a very true Falstaff make-up by Mr. Wiedenman.

The most interesting feature of the evening, however, was the exhibition of the highly

trained pony, known as "Baby." We have rarely seen the equal, and never the superior, of this graceful little equine. Mr. Hexamer, Jr., who has had full charge of "Baby's" education, has, indeed, every reason to be proud of the results of a long and tedious course of training. "Baby" made her second appearance before the public as "Le Cicerone du Fleur," and excited much admiration. The animal is a perfect model of symmetry and grace, and being decked with garlands of beautiful flowers, presented a grand picture, and when dismissed by her master gracefully retired backwards from the ring. The exhibition of hurdle riding was brilliant, and the finale, designated as "pau de hat" by eight warriors mounted on *fers*, undated past-board chargers, evoked much merriment, and their act was loudly applauded. The sudden entry and attack by a score of burlesque Indians proved a very *apropos* finish to a very delightful entertainment.

All the participants are either at present pupils or have graduated from Mr. Hexamer's academy, and their display of horsemanship on Tuesday evening, without any exception, does the institution great credit, and speaks loudly in its favor than any praise we can award.

PASTOR MOHN'S LECTURE. An Interesting and Instructive Discourse. Although the inclemency of the weather prevented many, especially ladies, from venturing out on Friday night last, yet quite a large number of people, mostly young men, were gathered in the German Evangelical Church, corner Garden and Sixth streets, to listen to the lecture of the Rev. L. Mohn, on "The Co-operation of Young People in the Attainment of Noble Objects."

After the usual preliminary exercises and the singing of a hymn, composed by the speaker, he introduced his subject with a quotation from Lessing, in which that great poet and thinker asserts, that man is not on earth to enjoy and possess, but to strive and labor for the attainment of the highest aims in knowledge as well as in virtue, and that this motto ought to be adopted and followed by all: "Not what I have but what I do is my kingdom."

Unhappily, the tendency of the age, is in the opposite direction toward materialism and sensualism, and that prejudice had gained ground, that the youth, besides attending to worldly pursuits, ought pre-eminently to be given to enjoyment and pleasure. After having exposed the fallacy of this widespread opinion, and shown how necessary and even natural it was for generous and active youth to have an ideal object in view, he dwelt upon the importance of continued effort in this direction, as in union there was strength, and as youth was the time in which fellowship and friendship were most easily formed, young people should contrive in their endeavor to do something that is noble and ennobling and productive to the good of mankind and the promotion of the glory of God.

In the pursuit of pleasure this rule was generally followed, therefore the large number of social unions, pleasure clubs and coteries, with their mammoth entertainments that were springing up like mushrooms all around us spontaneous growths. But it would not be advisable for young people in uniting for combined effort, to confine themselves to their own resources, or to rely on their own wisdom, but as the tender ivy seeks the sturdy oak for its upward growth, to lean on the wisdom and experience of their elders, and therefore, in the name of their elders, to solicit their co-operation in the attainment of noble objects.

As the most ancient, venerable and approved society, that endeavored to unite all beneficent forces for the attainment of the noblest object, the promotion of the true welfare of man during the whole time of his existence in his present and future life, that, having received its charter from the most perfect and benign being, from God, who is love, has before it a boundless field of operation in which every man can find work. He represented the Christian Church. To most of them she was no stranger, to whom they must first be introduced, many of them were united with her by baptism and confirmation, but for all that many refused to render their active co-operation under the erroneous supposition that it was neither desirable nor profitable, and that the church was partly responsible for this opinion.

After having exposed its fallacy in glowing terms and given it as a reason for the slow progress of the church, for its aged and decrepit appearance in the eyes of the world, since it lacked the impetus and aggressiveness with which it could only be endowed by the active influence of birthless and elastic youths.

The pastor gave a comprehensive answer to the question, "How can we cooperate?" In this connection he referred to the noble Roman lady, who, being asked by her friends to show them her jewels, pointed to the children; he begged the young people to make the church such another happy mother by their filial devotion to her in attending her services, in believing her gospel and fraternizing her precepts, in laboring in the Sunday School and prayer meeting and including some of the huge number of young people, who had grown up in a Christian land and never yet entered a Christian Church, to go with them to the house of God, and not let her be any longer a desolate Rachel, weeping for her children because they are not.

As a cause for the want of interest, that so many adult and aged people showed in the promotion of institutions for the moral and intellectual improvement of mankind he alluded to the fact that in their youth they had neglected their opportunities for exercise and preparation, and therefore they presented but a stunted and crippled appearance, for "As the twig is bent, the tree inclines." They should therefore try to obtain a nobler growth in their day and generation.

In conclusion, he quoted the exclamation which the Roman gladiators uttered before the Emperor, when they passed into the arena: "We, who are about to die, salute thee!" So he, in the name of their elders, who in the cause of nature was going to die before them, saluted and entreated them to strive after the high aim of their calling and so to exercise and unite their powers for good, that when they had passed away, a better generation might follow and brighter days appear for mankind.

The lecture was listened to with earnest attention, although it lasted almost an hour.

The McMahon Association Ball.

The 17th of Ireland was gloriously ushered in by the friends of our genial collector, John McMahon, who assembled to the number of about two hundred couples in response to invitations sent out for their annual ball of the association which bears his name. The spacious Odd Fellows' Hall was tested to its

almost capacity and a more orderly or select gathering seldom came together within its walls. Nearly all the city officials were present and many friends from over the river were also on hand. The hall was tastefully decorated and brilliantly illuminated. Prominently placed at the lower end of the room was a number of tiny gas jets representing the initials of the association. The music was furnished by Prof. Mulligan, and proved in every respect worthy of the occasion. A good supper and an order of about twenty-eight dances exhausted, when daylight peeped through the windows, warned the merry guests it was time to part. The association is, without any doubt, the strongest, as regards numbers, in the city, and the officers and managers of Wednesday evening's reception have every reason to feel gratified. Mr. Joseph Kemp, the President, and School Trustee Ingleson, the Vice-President, carefully studied the comforts and pleasures of their guests, and were ably seconded by A. S. Bunitt, Secretary; Robert H. Parker, Treasurer, and Wm. Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms. Patrick Mahoney was a very efficient floor manager and John J. Carr an active assistant.

The committee comprised seventeen members, and all being good workers, no delays or misunderstandings occurred, notwithstanding the immense attendance. Patrick Hayden proved a judicious selection as chairman on reception matters and assembled a large corps of assistants in his service. The reception of the John McMahon Association to its friends, must be classified among the great social successes of the year.

Grand Bazaar and Supper. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, March 23 and 24, a grand supper and bazaar will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall by the ladies of the Sabbath schools connected with the First Baptist Church.

Among the attractions of the fair are a handsome low light and silk lamp pendant for presentation to the best club receiving the highest number of votes. There will undoubtedly be lively competition among the friends of the local clubs to secure the trophy. A handsome silver water pitcher of exquisite design and workmanship will also be put up and awarded to the most popular city official.

The articles for sale at the stands presided over by the ladies comprise almost every variety of goods, and it will be impossible for any one to claim there is nothing he wants. There are useful articles, and clothing suited to the season, besides ornamental trifles of all kinds. A supper, which will only cost 25 cts., so as to be within the reach of all, will be served each evening, and as every healthy person considers the supper to be the main feature of any entertainment, we will give the bill of fare in full: Pickled oysters, roast turkey, baked ham, boiled tongue, salads, celery, pickles, jellies, cakes, French bread, tea biscuits, tea or coffee.

THE PURIM FESTIVAL. A Sociable and Brilliant Gathering at Harmonia Hall. A very large and strictly select gathering of our Israelite friends, including many of Hoboken's best citizens, congregated at Kapp's Harmonia Hall, Tuesday evening, with the intention of appropriately celebrating the feast of Purim by a masquerade ball. The occasion is considered one of the most notable in the Jewish category and is observed in commemoration of the glorious delivery of the people of Israel from destruction by the edict of King Ahasuerus. Their salvation was due to the strategy of Queen Esther, a maiden of Hebrew faith, who succeeded in thwarting the evil designs of Haman, a high, though wicked, dignitary of the Royal Chamber.

In spite of the attractions of a similar nature which were in progress both in New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, the affair at Kapp's Hall was well attended, nearly one hundred couples participating in the grand march. The costumes were numerous, unique and in many cases costly. Through the kindness of Messrs. Wolff and Hart we are enabled to report a few of the most prominent. Mrs. Hart appeared as Joan of Arc, in a rich costume of black velvet and gold; Mrs. Hirschburg dressed a Polish count to perfection; Mrs. Beryl made a good Japanese lady of rank; Miss N. Davidson a fascinating little Gretchen; Mrs. H. Ettinger represented "Time" by wearing a rich velvet dress, trimmed with the hours of the day in gold bars; Mrs. and Miss Solomon as news girls, were suits having sheets of printed matter tastefully attached; Miss Ziepert looked well as a Page; Miss L. Liebenstein made a decidedly jolly Nancy Lee, and Miss S. Cook, faithfully made up, personated Topsy; Miss Lyons, in a costly and handsome dress, was recognized as a Mexican court lady; Miss Rulmer made an elegant plantation belle; Mrs. Rokert wore rich Chinese robes, while her daughters made a charming pair of fairies; Miss Beryl and Mrs. Appel appeared to advantage as peasant girls.

The sterner sex were also ably represented by kings, courtiers, pirates, sailors, harlequins, etc., leading from every clime, notably, Mr. Hirschberg as a towering Uncle Sam; Mr. Hart a thorough "Jack Tar"; Mr. A. Ballin made up well as Shakespeare; Mr. Wm. Wolff was killing as the "Swallow of the West"; Mr. Lyons dignified as a Mexican Cavalier; Mr. Johnson as a baker, kneads no comment, being the "flour of the flock"; Master Samuel Beryl was an out and out painter, ornaments, brushes and all complete.

We believe we recognized among the French courtiers of the Louis Quatorze regime, Mr. L. H. Heller, paying particular attention to a fair—or rather dark lady whom we won't mention and who made an excellent fairy. Kapp furnished a very nice supper, and during this hour specifying, teasing and wit-cisness were in order. It was nearly daylight before the festivities were brought to a finale, and at that late hour many of the younger guests seemed anxious to linger where so much mirth and genuine good feeling prevailed.

Political Notes. James Kenney is a candidate for Councilman in the First Ward.

James Hogan, of the Third Ward, would like to be the next City Clerk.

John O'Donnell, of the First Ward, is a candidate for the School Board.

The Third Ward Club will meet Monday evening at McConnell's saloon.

William Havens, the present representative

of the Third Ward in the School Board, expects a renomination. The candidates for Assessor are daily increasing. So far John C. Crevier, William Childs, James Barrett, Michael Foley, James Dollard and Samuel Webb have announced their intention to be, if they can be. At the meeting of the Second Ward Democratic Club the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Edward A. Stevens, President; Henry H. Trenor, 1st Vice President; John Curtin, Jr., 2d Vice President; William Swellsberg, Secretary; Thomas McCann, Treasurer.

The Third Ward Democratic Club met Tuesday, at 203 Willow street, and organized by the election of the following officers: John Fitzsimmons, Secretary; Michael McDermott, Treasurer; Nestor Aymong; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Kinney. The club will meet every Thursday evening, at the above place.

An organization has been formed in the First Ward, to be known as the New City Hall Club, with headquarters at Trow's saloon, corner First and Bloomfield streets. The following are the officers: Julius Nelson, President; W. J. Wings, Vice President; Otto Klem and W. Torkel, Secretaries; Peter Boncled, Treasurer and John Galahan, Sergeant-at-Arms. The new association claim sixty-seven members.

Mad dogs are racing in the interior of the State. A little Patterson girl jumped a rope 115 times and tied the next time.

Club now threatens to annex Fern if she don't hurry up and come to terms. There is no cemetery at Ashbury Park, and corner lot are looking up in consequence. John Grise, one of Chicago, proposes to fast forty-two days in the interests of science.

The Catholic population of New Jersey is 175,000. About one to every six of the inhabitants. A large bar has been running at large on Staten Island, frightening the inhabitants very much. The best indication of good times in Hudson County is the unprecedented dearth of business in the Sheriff's office.

Edison has established himself at 65 Fifth Avenue, New York, and says he has already secured contracts with some of the principal cities. One of the Tower Ring thieves, has at last got his deserts. He was on Monday sentenced to eight months on the Island and a fine of \$2000.

A Charleston book keeper stole \$11,000 and got drunk. He was found and the bonds recovered, henceforth there will be a caution in drink, a book keeper.

The large hole in New York avenue, Jersey City, caused by the break in the sewer in the recent rains, is growing larger. The authorities have done all they could to stop the break, but without success.

The Anti-Monopoly League, recently formed in New York, is prospering. Jersey City has a flourishing league, and branch leagues are being established in various states. Applications have been received from twenty four states. Let the good work go on.

The brick-layers at the Hudson River tunnel, who struck for an advance of fifty cents per day, resumed work Tuesday at the old rate of wages, the Tunnel Company having refused to accede to their demand. Four of the strikers gave in at first and returned to work, and the others soon followed. They say they will work there only for a month or two, when they will be able to get better wages elsewhere.

Think of a family who owns several hours' living for thirty years in an old canal boat, and then remember Leonard H. Brown did this, and that, too, within the city limits of New York. He is said to have raised three families, one daughter married the proprietor of the New Orleans *Enterprise*, and another married a wealthy banker of San Francisco. He has a and several children still live in their "Nook's Ark," floating on the Harlem river, and catch oysters for a living, as did their father.

Considerable excitement existed in official circles in Jersey City over a resolution passed Monday night at the meeting of the Republican County Executive Committee. At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Jersey City, which has a Republican majority, three Republican members voted for Mr. Marcus Beach, a democrat, for member of the Board of Finance. These were Aldermen Berrian, Batz and Macleary. The action did not meet with the approval of the Republican Executive Committee, who passed a resolution to the effect that all Republicans ought to withhold their support from the three voters, and advised all the party to associate with them either socially or politically. The resolution is very severe and has created a commotion in political circles.

AMUSEMENT NOTES. HOBOKEN. Manager Gantzer, of the Theatre Comique, has been treating his audiences to an immense show the past week, and promises unusual attractions for Monday evening. The attendance has been quite flattering.

Miss Martha Howe was welcomed back to Weber's Germania Garden last week, and proved as attractive as ever. The Grimells, old time favorites, also put in an appearance and made a decided hit as usual. Dolly Havensport did so well last week that she was judiciously re-engaged. The Martel brothers are clever gymnasts. Lizzie Haywood, a good serio comic, and Andy Annan, a fine dialect comedian, made up the *troupe ensemble*. The programme was arranged with great care and crowded houses the rule.

NEW YORK. "Rosedale," with Lester Wallack as *Elliot Gray*, at the Windsor Theatre, this afternoon and evening. Black Crook, with Pauline Markham as *Stalacta*, has made a big hit at Haverly's Niblo's Garden Theatre.

Murray's Circus, after several months' successful run at the New York Aquarium, will close this evening. "Billie Taylor" seems to have become a favorite at the Standard Theatre, and continues to please thousands.

The San Francisco Minstrels hold their own in spite of any and all attractions. Their cosy theatre is crowded nightly. Cats of every species and of no particular species whatever, is the principal attraction at Bunnell's Museum just at present.

The Kernell Brothers have returned to Tony Pastor's. They are great favorites and an attraction in themselves. "Oily-Vet" is still on.

"Mulligan's Silver Wedding" at the Comique, is destined to enjoy an extended presentation as any of the former productions in the same line.

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industriously engaged in kicking old trunks about the garret. Spencer Cochrane, ninety-two years of age, was married recently in Virginia to Miss Bethany Hubbard, aged forty. The granddaddy and great-granddaddy of the groom "stood up" with the couple, and his son married them. This is a pretty "old" story, and sounds like the yarn told of a little boy in the backwoods of Michigan, aged 102 years, who was found weeping after a chastisement administered by his father for throwing stones at his grandfather. The fellow who was guilty of this story qualified by stating that "folks live to a good old age about those parts." Should think so.

SPORTING NOTES. There is talk of moving the grand stand at Jerome Park, so that more of the racers may be seen by the spectators.

Hanlon's offer to give Courtney fifteen seconds' start in a five-mile race on Toronto Bay affords the famous carpenter-seller of Union Springs a chance to meet the champion on favorable terms.

Mr. P. Lorillard outbid English turfmen at the late sale of the Blink Bonny stud, for a coveted bay yearling colt by *Pero Gomez*, dam *The Pearl*, by *Newminster*. Mr. Lorillard paid nearly \$2,000 for the colt.

Charles Rowell says that he and Harry Vaugh

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DRESS DECREES.

Facts in Fashions for the Fashionable Folks.

All poke bonnets have strings. Old blue is a new shade of this color. Stripes will be worn for traveling suits. Bordered robe dresses will be much worn. Pendant lockets are no longer fashionable.

FACETIAE.

Is a mushroom city builded with toad's tools?—Boston Transcript. A pretty face is the sweetest thing shown in Easter bonnets.—N. O. Picayune. Has anyone heretofore remarked that a poster was a stuck-up thing?—Rome Sen't.

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