

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

—A "peanut bust" is the latest fad at parties and receptions. After the hidden peanuts are found, dancing follows.

—An exchange advises its readers to be armed and ready for a fellow who is peddling a furniture polish.

—The Auditing Committee of the Somerset County Freeholders has passed the bill to borrow and pass on the election day.

—The continuation of the adjourned sale of the effects of the late J. M. Malt, consisting of the library, dining room, kitchen furniture and a lot of valuable silverware will take place at the house on Friday afternoon.

—The following news item from Plainfield this morning, The story is a ridiculous exaggeration, and is calculated to keep people from coming to the city to live. "There is considerable alarm felt in this city in regard to an epidemic of diphtheria. There are a number of new cases and the disease is spreading rapidly. Several deaths have occurred within the last day or two. Its progress does not seem to be checked. It is reported that there are some twenty cases altogether."

—It is said that a copy of the Westfield Leader which failed "to pull the leg" of Clancy Ripley is to be exhibited at one of the marriages at Atlantic.

—Next Saturday night when "Young Mrs. Winthrop" is to be produced by local talent at the Casino, the doors will be opened at 7:30 o'clock. "Crawford" has now five hundred feet of hose on hand which can be used by its fire department in case of another fire. The hose has been loaned to the company of the village by the Engine Company of Elizabeth and by the fire department of this city. It is to be returned until new hose is purchased by the company.

—If weather wisdom dating back to 1780 may be believed, this Winter is to be clear and cold.

—Here's a chance for Tom Keller: Frank Clark, of Morristown, challenges a man in New Jersey shoot a match at 100 birds each, under modified rules, on any well known grounds, for a stake of from \$250 to \$500 a side.

—It is said that the Reading Railroad management has decided to increase its locomotive equipment very largely next year to prevent blockades, such as has just been fitted. At least forty locomotives will be ordered for the old Reading system and probably as many more for the Lehigh Valley, although the latter is not so badly off in this respect.

—President McLeod, of the Reading system, will assume the presidency of the New York & New England Railroad on Friday, in addition to his present duties. The Reading system now controls twenty-nine railroads.

—The Lehigh Valley division of the Reading system has commenced running through trains with Pullman service between New York and Toronto, via Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, daily, except Saturdays.

—The Plainfield correspondent of the Newark Evening News is enjoying himself again. According to his words printed last night, we are all in perfect humor over diphtheria. That joke probably netted him a half dollar while it may cost Plainfield business men many hundred times as much.

—The games VanEmburgh & Son are offering to the public are simply immense; the variety is the largest shown by any house in the city. At 4 cents you can buy a stiff board-cover, a beautiful book full of illustrations with 16 pages. It will pay you to go and see this wonder. See their advertisement for prices of games.

—The annual election of officers of Winfield Scott Post, No. 73, G. A. R., will take place on Tuesday next. M. C. Dobbin has the unanimous nomination for Commander to succeed Commander William C. Smith.

—A "well evening tea" was held in Jim Scott's hall in Fairchild's alley on Monday evening at which there were present nearly all the members of the Plainfield Colored Dram Corps. Tom Martin, assisted by Messrs. Scott and Thompson, had the affair in charge. Everything passed off pleasantly and the managers are contemplating giving another similar "tea" in the near future.

—Through the blunder of a strange compositor an entire column of uncorrected type was lifted into the Courier's column yesterday. This will account for a number of odd errors which you probably noticed.

—The two young men who are making a bicycle canvass of the city in the interests of W. B. Rogers, find that up to noon today on Front street there are 163 riders and that 112 of these riders own their wheels.

—Baby grand pianos at Huelt's.

—Some of the street lights on West Fifth street were cut last evening, and there was one at the corner of Front and Somerset streets which kept up a dismal flickering and threw out but little light.

—Neuman Brothers, the thriving Broadway grocers have a fine assortment of canned vegetables. Try a can of their Hamburg string beans; the cans for twenty-five cents. The quality and flavor are unexcelled.

—The vote of the recent election, an officially recorded in the County Clerk's office at Somerville, from North Plainfield Township, gives Dille, the Republican candidate, a slim majority 14 majority when the same should be 77.

—The Central Railroad has made a few unimportant changes in their time table which effect through trains entirely.

What Plainfield People Read Last Month. The Public Library now contains 11,646 volumes, thirty-nine of which were added during the past month. 1724 books were taken by card-holders during November, divided as follows: Fiction, 886; Juvenile, 264; Biography, 94; Travel, 71; Philosophy, Religion, 20; Sociology, 39; Philology, 2; Natural science, 33; Useful arts, 24; Fine arts, 39; Literature, 103; History, 116, and bound periodicals, 7.

PLAINFIELD PEOPLE IN A BAD RAILROAD WRECK.

A Long Branch Train Runs Into the Train Due Here at Half-Past Twelve, Near the Greenville Station. Several Plainfield People in the Wreck and some of Them Suffered Injuries. It Was a Narrow Escape From Death or Serious Injury for Most of Them.

A smash up on the Central Railroad which occurred at Greenville this noon came near ending the lives of a dozen Plainfield people. The train which leaves Jersey City at a few minutes before twelve stopped at the Greenville station. A woman who had been standing between the tracks fainting and the engineer fearing that he had struck her, immediately but not in time to signal the Long Branch train which was approaching behind. In an instant the large engine of the second train crashed into the rear car of the Plainfield train, telescoping it and forcing it into the car in front.

In an instant the air was filled with the screams of injured and frightened women and the groans of men. Of the dozen or more Plainfield people who were in the wreck none of them received fatal injuries. Mrs. Frank Van, who was in the rear of the second train, was plucked between two broken seats, received internal injuries. Theodore J. Miller was fastened among the broken seats and received a severe contusion of the hip with several severe bruises. His clothing was literally torn from his body. A Miss Kingston, of East Second street, was seated in the center of the rear car when the crash came. She was unhurt though she had to be rescued through the car window. Mr. Edmund E. Runyon, of the Rumaney, was in the second car. The runner escaped with a bad shaking up while the latter received a slight scalp wound. Dr. May, the druggist, was also a passenger and he escaped with the worst shaking up he ever experienced.

Three people were badly hurt. A Mr. Gilroy, of Elizabeth, A. M. Lossing, of Elizabethport, and an Elizabeth woman whose name was not ascertained. Mr. Lossing was frightfully hurt. His right leg below the knee was smashed into a pulp and his head was injured. He was taken to a Jersey City Hospital. The woman was forced down under the seats and had several broken bones. The extent of Mr. Gilroy's injuries were not known.

A. M. Runyon, in speaking of the accident, said that immediately after the crash it seemed as though every one had received some injury. The occupants of the second and last cars, who were able to escape, ran out of them with streams of blood running down their faces. Every one pitched in and aided the railroad to release the injured people.

Most of the Plainfield people came home on the main train, which arrived later. Mrs. Van, who received some internal injuries, was aided to her home after alighting from the train.

FIVE HUNDRED SEATS GONE.

A Long Line of Waiters Seeks Their Locations For the Choral Society's Concert at Music Hall Box Office Last Night.

Five hundred seats for the series of Choral Society concerts were marked off last evening. The experiment of opening the box-office of Music Hall for this purpose proved to be a most successful one, the large number of "waiters" in line being disposed of in very quick order.

Last evening nearly fifty were in line when at 8 o'clock the waiters, who were acting as ticket takers, threw up the box-office window and in a few seconds the line was broken. The favored one and he soon picked his seats and made room for number two. By nine o'clock the entire line of waiters was disposed of.

The line began to form at noon and all during the afternoon kept growing. Those subscribers who have not yet secured their seats will have a chance to do so at Shaw's pharmacy, to which place the diagram of seats has now been transferred. The season of the Society promises to be a most pleasing one and the interest in the choice of seats is fairly indicative of the strong hold this favorite series of concerts has upon Plainfield's music lovers.

Another Wreck at Benlie.

At four o'clock this morning one of the freight cars on a loaded east-bound train jumped the track and was known as "Central Junction" near Roselle, and a bad wreck followed. Three cars filled with merchandise were smashed and piled up on the track a long distance. The car was in the middle of the train, and no one was injured. This is the third accident of the kind which has occurred in three years. The accident last night is only explainable on account of the fog.

Early this morning a coal engine ran into the rear of a construction train on the third track of the Central Railroad near Westfield. Six of the dirt cars and a coal engine were wrecked.

There have been no new cases of diphtheria reported to the Board of Health, and there is no danger of a spread in the disease.

At a citizens' meeting held at Ellis on Tuesday evening it was unanimously resolved to abolish the grade crossing over the Central Railroad track, and to depress the road bed of the street.

Chief Grant says that Charles Dodd will be retained as Warden of the County Jail at Elizabeth and will therefore not return to Plainfield to live.

MURE ROOM IS NEEDED.

The Space Reserved for Spectators in the Bowling Room of the Spectator is Rather Too Small, and Intercourse with the View of the Judges and Spectators is Greatly Impaired.

Tuesday evening during the progress of the bowling tournament on the Crescent League alleys the need of more room or both the bowlers and the spectators was very apparent. The spectators were crowded together on either side of the alleys in a narrow space while the bowlers were forced to stand around the main entrance to run the risk of being fouled while bowling. A persons passing in and out of the door. Besides this, the spectators were so situated that but few of them could command a good view of the pins and were forced to watch the blank boards instead.

All this could be avoided by building a gallery on either side of the alleys. The ceiling is quite high enough for the purpose. The spectators could be seated in these galleries and all would have a chance to see the game. Besides, the scores and judges would not run the risk of losing their eye-sight in attempting to look through other people while keeping track of the game. These galleries could be placed on either side of the alleys about half way down the room and would not interfere with the view of the bowlers or of any one connected with the game. They would take up space which is now used as a passage way and would accommodate for more spectators than is now available.

TO ENTER THE POOL TOURNAMENT.

The Catholic Young Men's League of This City, at Their Meeting Next Tuesday Night, Will Consider the Question of Entering a Pool Team in the Tournament of the Business Union.

The regular monthly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's League was to have been held last Tuesday, but on account of the few members present it was postponed until next Tuesday evening.

When the meeting takes place the question of entering a pool team in the tournament will be considered and will be decided by a vote. This organization consists of about a dozen societies, and is divided into two sections. One section is on the east side of Newark Bay and the other section is on the west side. The requirements of the tournament are that the winners of each section shall play off the tie, and the victor of the tie will receive an elegant prize.

Each team in the tournament will be composed of six players and six substitutes. The tournament will open about the third week in December. Pool players of the C. Y. M. L. are desired to come to the meeting and to enter a very strong team will be entered for the prizes.

The Crescent League Receive an Addition of Two New Members.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Crescent League which was held last night, the resignation of two members was accepted, and in their places two new members were elected. The finance committee made a favorable report regarding the issuance of the certificates of stock. The president was authorized to appoint a committee, the duties of which shall be to bring the benefits of the certificates more prominently before the public. But few members have been present and the meeting adjourned at an early hour.

Put Fire Extinguishers on the School Buses.

How does it happen that not one school building in the city is provided with fire extinguishers? The children are crowded into these buildings. Should a fire break out in anyone of them during school hours, and who knows when it may happen—many children would undoubtedly lose their lives. The laws of the State provide that the Board of Trustees are liable in case of accident occasioned by failure to provide escapes. Would it not be the part of wisdom to take precautionary measures immediately?

The hand-saw stock of pianos ever seen in Plainfield is now on Huelt's floor.

Why the Sale Was Postponed.

It was found necessary to have a printed catalogue of the Schoonmaker collection made in order to facilitate the sale of this valuable art collection and to encourage livelier bidding. It was on this account that the sale of this portion of the late ex-Mayor Huelt's effects was postponed. It is expected that art collectors from all over the country will be present at the distribution of this noted collection.

In Honor of His Memory.

The members of the Union County bar assembled in the court room at Elizabeth at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning to take some appropriate action in honor of the late Chancellor Benjamin Williamson. A committee was appointed, including Nelson Runyon as president, to make a suitable resolution in memory of the late Chancellor's death.

The German Kindergarten.

The members of the German and Turn Verein of this city met a few nights ago and decided to hold a masquerade ball on the evening of February 11. The German Kindergarten consists of H. Harward, Eugene Weidmeyer, C. Meyer, H. Bender and Henry Weidmeyer.

Taxes Are Now Due.

The City Collector gives notice in another column to the taxpayers of the city that taxes are now due and payable to him on or before the 15th day of December. In case the taxes are not paid by that time the names of the delinquents with their respective taxes will be returned to the City Judge for prosecution.

The suit for the recovery of a piano, which F. M. Huelt brought against a party in western New York, was decided in Plainfield, decided in Mr. Huelt's favor.

NORTH PLAINFIELD PATRONS THE EX-TENOR.

The Report of the Borough Commissioners is Unanimously Adopted.

The North Plainfield Township Committee met in Spencer's Hall last evening. The principal business brought up was the matter of the Peace street extension. In this respect the following resolution offered by Mr. Allen was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the certificate and report of the Commissioners of Appeal submitted by the Common Council of the city of Plainfield and the Township Committee of the Township of North Plainfield in the matter of laying out and opening the proposed new street from a point in the Township of North Plainfield to the Township of Bergen, and the same certificate for damages, and benefit thereby made, being the same as those made by the original Commissioners in the above report, be approved and the same be submitted by the Township Committee, and being in their opinion just and equitable, be and the same hereby approved and confirmed.

There was a full complement of the Township Committee present, and among the other business transacted was the payment of claims amounting to \$24.25, most of which were for work on the streets.

How to Get a Diamond.

That Plainfield has a business house imbued with the laudable desire to keep abreast of the times is evidenced by the liberal offer of the Sherman Outfitting Company. This firm which has been noted for its enterprise and liberal treatment of patrons from its organization, now proposes, with the sole view of inducing its patrons to make their purchases before the holiday rush, to present each and everyone making a purchase of \$25 worth with a handsome diamond ring. The offer applies to clothing, dry goods, carpets, linens and in fact anything and everything handled by this firm. The rings have been examined by experts and are pronounced good, and a prominent jeweler who examined one yesterday said "it is certainly a liberal gift."

A member of the firm said to a Courier reporter today, "We know the real significance of a holiday rush, and although our store has been made much larger since last season, we realize unless some inducement is offered our customers to come early, it will be utterly impossible to accommodate them all at the last moment, hence this offer." The firm imposes no conditions except that all purchases shall be made on or before December 31. The liberal terms of cash or credit will prevail.

Nominations of Officers.

The Germans of this city and North Plainfield, who are members of the German and Turn Verein, have nominated the following officers for the coming year: President, Charles Dressel; Vice President, H. Bender; John A. Wolf; Recording Secretary, E. Hoester; R. Kersting; H. Klusman and J. Harward; Financial Secretary, Henry Weidmeyer; Treasurer, Frank Linke; A. Wolf and N. Feiler.

The annual election takes place on the first Thursday in January.

Gifts to the Public Library.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Job Malt Library last evening, thanks were extended to Henry P. Talmadge, of Newwood, for a very valuable gift of books to the library.

Also Mrs. T. B. Brooks and Miss E. E. Kenyon respectively for the gifts of books they have made to the library during the past month. A number of bills were ordered paid.

—Make a point of calling on Huelt before purchasing a piano. He will make it worth your while to do so.

The Board of Directors of the Inter-State Fair Association have declared a dividend of six per cent, as the result of this year's business.

—Some of the merchants in town are already dressing up their show windows for the holiday season, and most of them have laid in an unusually large stock of holiday goods.

—Aluminum cravats are now on sale in New York city. They are advertised as "father-light, silver-white wash goods that will wear forever. Combined with an asbestos shirt and celluloid collar a man could bowl on the line of the constable with considerable comfort.

—According to a careful and conservative view, it is estimated that over one hundred and eighty judges will be present at the election on December 13.

The Central New Jersey Land Improvement Company has declared a dividend of \$2 a share, payable December 9.

—The Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation will meet in the County Court room on Tuesday, November 22, and sit from two until five o'clock, or longer if necessary, to dispose of all cases submitted to them for consideration.

—Don't miss your only chance to hear grand opera in Plainfield this season.

—English opera to-night.

—Laura Schirmer and the Mapleson Opera Company will give "Pacino" at Music Hall this evening.

—Yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the first concert given by the famous Philharmonic Society of New York. It was given in Apollo Hall, New York.

—The new iron bridge of the Central Railroad across the Delaware river at Philadelphia was successfully tested Saturday by running four heavy engines on it.

—The one hundred and seventeenth session of the Legislature of New Jersey meets on Tuesday, January 10, and will have sixteen Democrats and five Republicans in the Senate, a majority of eleven Democrats. There will be thirty-five Democrats and twenty-one Republicans in the House, a Democratic majority of eighteen. The Democratic majority on joint ballot will be thirty-nine.

—An open winter and no ice to gather, is the prediction of at least one class of the weather-wise. They also tell us to look out for considerable snow. It is to be hoped that the grippe will not come around for its third consecutive visit.

WANTS AND OFFERS.

Advertisements under this head one cent for each word each insertion.

A CHAMBERMAID and waitress in a family of three. Colored preferred. References required. Apply at 17 East Seventh street.

A SQUARE Piano, in good order for sale or rent. Inquire at Courier office.

ICE—The privilege of cutting ice on the South Plainfield mill pond to rent. Pure spring water, convenient running. Apply daily from 10 to 12 o'clock to Lehigh Valley Railroad. Two and three-quarter miles to Plainfield, N. J. Apply at address, W. R. Smith, No. 300 Greenwich street, New York.

NICE bay horse, good for saddle or carriage purposes, five years old, no blemish, will be sold for two hundred dollars. Apply to John Kelly, 108 East Third street.

PLEASANT room with board at Mrs. Barton's, 101 Park avenue.

WANTED.—About 25 loads of well rotted manure. W. P. Smith, Northwood.

By Special arrangement with Mr. A. M. PALMER, Palmer's Theatre.

Bronson Howard's Play,

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Young

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Tickets, One Dollar.

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Doors opened at 7:30 p. m.

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Every Tuesday and

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Package of 10 admissions for \$1, or single admission, 10c. Package of 10 surface checks, \$1; or 10 single surface checks, 10c. Package of 10 skate checks, \$1; or 10 single skate checks, 10c.

Saturday Afternoon Prices.

Single admission, 10c; single surface checks, 10c; single skate checks, 10c.

10c. Surface checks are sold only to persons bringing their own skates.

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