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BY THE WAY.

Jacob Ritter was arrested in the Borough last night for drunkenness. His case had not been disposed of this forenoon.

The public schools in this city and North Plainfield did not reopen yesterday, and in consequence the scholars were given an extra holiday.

The light and graceful posts for the "line" and the lamps that are to light our streets by incandescence, are fast being set throughout our streets.

The Welsh Prize Singers will be at Music to-night. The concert is given under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., and the singers should be greeted with a full house.

"Jack" Haberle the Somerset street cigar manufacturer, has been having his place of business somewhat brightened with wall paper, paint, etc. He makes a good "gar," too.

Members having propositions for membership in the Young Mens Christian Association will please send them to the rooms previous to the monthly meeting which takes place on Thursday Dec. 1.

The name of New Brooklyn Post Office has been changed to that of South Plainfield, to take effect after Jan. 1st, 1888. After that date direct your letters accordingly. Bethune Dunham is Postmaster.

Mr. A. Granelli, who succeeds Mr. John Shroppe to the fruit and confectionery business on West Front street, makes the announcement that he will buy the best of everything and sell the same at living prices.

Doctors Fritts of Plainfield, Ewing of Flemington and Ribble of East Millstone, composing the Board of Pension Examiners, met at the Ten Eyck House, Somerville, on Wednesday and examined a number of applicants for pensions.

Music Hall is to be lighted by electricity, Thursday evening, Dec. 8, upon the occasion of Mr. Leo Daff's lecture on electric phenomena. Many novel and brilliant experiments on a large scale, will make the lecture unusually entertaining.

Services in the Park Avenue Baptist Church to-morrow. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Ass. Dilts, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The theme of the morning discourse will be: "The Salvation of the Heathen." Evening theme: "Powers from on High."

The late Bethel Mission building, now on its travels to fill the position of Hope chapel opposite Muhlenberg Hospital, has reached Fifth street and Park avenue. The electric light wires in its way are cut to let the building pass and then connected again.

The bazaar and fair of the Woman's Relief Corps will close this evening, when the badges and other prizes will be awarded. Last evening the attendance was large, and thus far the success of the bazaar is assured. The remaining articles on the tables will be sold at auction this evening.

Edw. Hoover, alias "Smokestack," got into Officer Lynch's way last evening, and was locked up. This morning he was committed for twenty days. The same officer also arrested Michael Kelly, whom he found quarrelling with his brother. Judge Ulrich suspended sentence in the latter instance.

The crowds in attendance at The Crescent, Thanksgiving afternoon and evening, proved that the fascination of roller-skating is yet strong and that but little encouragement would rekindle the passion. The afternoon gathering was the largest matinee attendance that had assembled in many months.

Mr. Charles W. McCutchen will conduct a Praise and Thanksgiving Service at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Instrumental music, consisting of piano, cornet, violin and flute, accompanied by a fine chorus of male voices, will lead the singing. Every young man in this city is cordially invited.

The game of football played on Thanksgiving day between the New Brunswick and the Plainfield teams, which resulted victoriously in favor of the home team, by a score of 10 to 0, was one of the hardest fought battles ever contested between athletes from these respective cities. An interesting account of the game has been received at this office, but it is unavoidably crowded out of today's issue.

Messrs. Howell & Hardy, whose announcement appears today, will shortly engage in the grocery business on North avenue opposite the depot. The intent of the new firm is to constantly keep on hand a choice and full supply of fancy and staple groceries, teas, coffee, spices, creamery and dairy butter, fruits, vegetables, etc. Mr. Russell O. Howell, one of the members of the firm, has for many years past been the able and efficient bookkeeper for ex-Mayor Rockfellow, which is the only recommendation needed. His partner is also well acquainted with the business. The formal opening will take place on Thursday, Dec. 1st.

BY THE PRESS SPECIAL SERVICE.

A NEW TRIAL REFUSED.

JUDGE McCORMICK DENIES THE APPEAL FOR THE VAN NESTS.

To Be Sentenced Next Wednesday.

ELIZABETH, Nov. 26, 11:00 a. m.—The public learning from THE PRESS of yesterday what was probable in Court at Elizabeth this morning, are undoubtedly anxiously awaiting your issue of today as there was present no delegation from your city when Judge McCormick ordered the opening of Court this morning. Grand Juror Cadmus, President of the Council Marsh, Councilman Carey and Corporation Counsel Marsh were the only Plainfield dignitaries present. Mayor J. M. C. Marsh of Westfield was also there and the recipient of much congratulation upon his recent election to his eight successive term of office.

Court opened at 10:23, Judges McCormick, Hyer and Harper presiding. The Court asked for the Hon. Alvah Clark, but although he was in the city he was not present.

NEW TRIAL REFUSED.

Judge McCormick said that in relation to Mr. Clark's application for a new trial for Horace and Lewis Van Nest, the Court had come to the conclusion to refuse it. Other business to come before the Court was then called up, while Counselor Fred Marsh went in search of Mr. Clark. Judge McCormick said he would wait to give the latter an opportunity to renew his motion for an arrest of judgment.

The sentence of Mr. and Mrs. Staats of Westfield for appropriating a large sum of money found in a customer's wash, was postponed until Wednesday next, as were also, subsequently the sentences of Jackson and Horace and Lewis Van Nest.

When Prosecutor Wilson moved the sentences of John M. Jackson, Horace Van Nest and Lewis Van Nest, the Court asked if the counsel for the defendants had anything to say. Counselor Fred Marsh stated that he had expected his associate, Mr. Clark, to be present as he expressed to him such intention, and had also stated that he desired to be heard on one or two points. Through probably a report that had been published in some paper, Mr. Clark had undoubtedly misunderstood the intention of the Court to pass sentence on the accused. Mr. Marsh, further said, that he himself was not prepared to speak for his client, and as other sentences were laid over until next Wednesday, he respectfully requested the Court to also defer action in the cases of the Van Nests until then.

Prosecutor Wilson replied that he understood Mr. Clark had said all he desired in the matter, and further delay was uncalled for. The Court, however, gave Mr. Clark the benefit of the doubt occasioned by his absence, and postponed the sentences of the firebugs. Judge McCormick, in so doing, stated emphatically that the sentences would be passed on Wednesday morning, Nov. 30, without further postponement.

The Court by its refusal to grant a new trial, thus again endorses the Prosecutor's legal ability, and proves, that when Mr. Wilson draws up an indictment it will stand.

Entire Credence to Detective Murphy.

Last Wednesday afternoon Foreman George Laing and Mr. Philip Kreis of the jury that convicted the Van Nests, called upon City Attorney Craig A. Marsh at his office. They said they spoke for themselves and the entire jury with the exception of one man, in saying that the jury had given entire credence to "Detective Murphy's" testimony on the witness stand. They had gone to the expense of time and money to come to Plainfield and state the facts of the matter as an act of justice to Mr. Worsley and to those who had employed him. They considered his story absolutely true and sufficient of itself to convict the accused. The entire eleven jurymen had not doubted his statement for a moment.

The two jurymen further stated that although the testimony of Mr. M. M. Dunham and Mrs. Jackson had due weight, the conviction did not rest on such evidence alone. More especially eliminating they thought was the "proof of loss" that Lew Van Nest swore represented all the goods that had been saved.

Children's Fair.

The Children's Fair at the residence of Mrs. H. W. Brower, 57 East Fifth street, yesterday afternoon and evening, was a complete success, socially and financially. Our space today will not admit a detailed statement of the workers and their various tables, bowers, etc. To the ladies who planned it and worked so unceasingly for its success, hearty thanks are hereby given. The net proceeds, about \$60, will be devoted to a worthy object. The result of the undertaking, shows commendable enterprise, and those having the matter in charge are to be congratulated on so successful a termination.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Mr. F. C. Harder has returned from a business trip through the South.

Miss Mary Friedley, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is visiting on Eighth street, this city.

Miss Sheldon of Hornellsville, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Florence Titworth of Madison avenue.

Rev. Mr. Gardner of South Jersey is expected to address the Reform Club meeting to-morrow evening.

Miss Nellie Amerman, of Hackensack, N. J., is visiting her cousins, the Misses Sharp, Gertrude and Sally, of New street.

Miss Pettis, a teacher in the Plainfield public schools, is spending a few days at Lansingburgh, N. Y. She will return on Monday.

Mrs. Capt. Halliday of Fort Montgomery, N. Y., is visiting the family of her nephew, Mr. Wm. H. Williams on Madison avenue, this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Roche and family of Jersey City, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Roche's brother, Mr. James N. Ryno, of North Plainfield.

Services to-morrow at the Trinity Reformed church 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor's subject in the evening will be "The Unknown Prophet."

Mrs. John H. Doane, who has been so dangerously ill that great anxiety was felt for her recovery, is now better and her entire recovery seems assured.

Mrs. Kari T. Polak, wife of ex-Councilman Polak of Netherwood, met with a painful accident a day or two since. She was visiting in Brooklyn, and was alighting from a carriage, when she accidentally sprained her ankle.

Wm. Smalley, Jr., of Craig place, North Plainfield, successfully underwent a delicate operation this morning. The patient was put under the influence of ether, while Drs. Carmon and Hedges removed a carbuncle from his body.

Miss Tillie Hudson is at home from boarding school, spending a few days with her parents on Somerset St., North Plainfield. Miss Mabel Collins of Manning avenue, in the Borough is likewise at home with her parents for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Huntington of Franklin place, entertained a number of young people at their residence, last evening, in honor of their nephew, Robert Huntington a student in Yale College, who is visiting them. The evening was very pleasantly passed in dancing. Refreshments completed the programme.

The Mother Goose Entertainment.

Given in the Sunday School room of the First Baptist church last evening, under the auspices of the Mah Myah Mission Band of the church was a grand success. The attendance was large and about \$50 was realized from the entertainment. The large Sunday School room was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and in its centre Miss Young and a happy lot of children were quartered in a huge shoe. Master Edgar Serrell, as "Little Boy Blue," lounged about the hay stack in one corner of the room, and Edward Wilson and Miss Grace Cooley, representing the King and Queen, presided over a table, dispensing bread and honey. "Mother Goose" was impersonated by Miss Maggie Taylor, and Miss Emma Case and Master Gifford Cooley, as "Jack and Jill" attended to the wants of the thirsty, while Miss Addie Gardner as "Cross Patch" dealt out excellent coffee for a nominal sum. "Miss Mary" (Miss Carrie Manning) in the flower garden, was much admired by the visitors and her sales were exceedingly large. The Misses Mabel Van Deventer and Helen Worman as "Polly and Sukey" carried tea to the guests. Pies of a superior quality were fished from the interior of an improvised pumpkin, by "Peter, the pumpkin eater" and Miss Edith Taylor. Miss Emma Hudson as "The Queen of Hearts," and her jelly tarts (this is not intended as a rhyme) was much sought after by persons with a dainty appetite. Mrs. Wm. Vail represented the "Old Woman Under the hill," where confectionery and nick-nacks of the choicest kind were to be had. One of the attractions was Miss Carrie Gardner, as "Old Mother Goose," who sat near a cupboard with her dog carefully guarding a bone. The other characters were: "Daffy-down-dilly," Miss Edith Harrold; "Jack Horner," John Sheppard; "The Milk Maid," Miss Tillie Hudson, and "Bo Peep," Miss Edith Needham. During the evening all the characters participated in a march, led by "Mother Goose," and accompanied on the piano by Wallace Serrel. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the Committee of Arrangements are entitled to credit for the able manner in which they conducted the affair.

Senator Miller Will Preside.

The Town Committee and the Board of Health of the Township of Westfield, will meet tonight. It is the first meeting of the Board of Health of Westfield since the election of its Chairman, James L. Miller, as State Senator. A full meeting is expected, to congratulate their popular presiding officer.

Rev. Dr. Hurlbut's Lecture.

Notwithstanding the several other attractions Thursday evening, Reform Hall contained a large and appreciative audience, to listen to Rev. Dr. Hurlbut's lecture on "The Power of the Minute." The lecture was the third in the series given under the auspices of the Reform Club, and was instructive and entertaining. In the audience there were a number of the city clergymen, including Rev. Dr. Lewis, Rev. Dr. Yerkes, Rev. Mr. Schenck, Rev. Dr. VanMeter and Rev. W. E. Honeyman. The latter conducted the devotional exercises, and the singing for the occasion was under the leadership of Mr. John King. Rev. Dr. Lewis delivered the opening prayer, and Rev. Mr. Honeyman introduced the speaker for the evening. Rev. Dr. Hurlbut then dwelt at length on the utilization of time, and fluently and forcibly illustrated the laws of economy, variety, aspiration and purpose. "There are five laws that should govern the actions of young men," said he, "and the first is Economy." The Widow Bedott's method of cooking the hare was first, "catch the hare," etc. So with time—we must first catch it; take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves. You can tell more of a man by observing his actions during his leisure, than at any other time. Some men do more injury to themselves in ten minutes of leisure time, than in ten hours of work. A man may draw on his bodily resources, as a check is drawn on a bank, but he must pay it back some day, perhaps by premature old age. The way in which we use our spare time has a wonderful effect on the mind—the soul. "Fill up your measures," read more good literature, make good use of time, waste nothing.

The second law is Variety. Life is monotonous all the way through, and it means a steady, constant toil. There's a woman in this audience who has washed clothes every Monday for forty years, and Tuesday is her regular ironing day. The effect of monotony is to dwarf one's self physically and mentally. The Christian church would be a blessing if it only caused a man to put on a clean shirt and good clothes once a week and go to church, where he can find people dressed as he is. Many a man gets home from his work at night tired and weary from toil, and can hardly drag himself to the prayer meeting, but goes, and is refreshed and renewed in strength and goes home rejoicing.

The third law is Aspiration. Many are dragged down during their leisure hours by spending their time in saloons and on the street corners, cigar shops, or standing around the railroad station. The woman gets tired of monotony and commences to use her spare moments by perhaps reading "She," or "As in a Looking Glass" for a change, and then drops them and comes back to darning stockings. See that you use your leisure time to make yourself better, not worse. Two men, mechanics, worked in the Philadelphia Navy Yard at the same bench, at the same kind of work, the same number of hours. One spent his leisure time during nine months in teaching a dog to stand on his hind legs and dance, while he played the fiddle. First he had an awful time in learning to be a violinist, that is to the extent of playing one tune; and then he had an "awful" time to teach the dog, but he did it. The other man spent his leisure time in perfecting a saw, got it patented, sold "rights" and went to live in a "brown-stone front" and ride in a carriage.

The fifth law is Purpose. Some make up their mind to do something, but there is no stability about them. They commence reading history, soon get tired of that, and go from one thing to another. A fixed purpose is the way of success. Fred Douglass and Henry Wilson paved their way to success through poverty and circumstances of the most adverse kind. Gen. O. O. Howard once said that Grant was the best General this country ever produced, because of his fixed purposes and no deviation from his plan operation, and if Grant and VonMoltke should meet in battle, the German would have to go down, for Grant never would.

His remarks were replete with incidents and witty sayings, and were attentively listened to by the large audience present. At the close of the lecture President French announced that on Thursday evening next would occur the annual meeting for the election of officers to serve the Reform Club for the ensuing year. He stated that as he had already held the office since the organization of the Club, some four years ago, he would now make room for his successor. He should continue his interest in the Club, but declared himself not a candidate for reelection.

The Philharmonic Club.

A large and fashionable audience greeted the N. Y. Philharmonic Club last Tuesday evening at Chickering Hall, upon the occasion of its first concert for the season in New York. The highest commendation of the concert was accorded by the City papers, the Tribune speaking of it as "one of the most enjoyable concerts the Club has given for some seasons." Several of the numbers there performed will be given at the first concert of the Club in Plainfield.

The Berean's Thanksgiving.

The Berean Class of the Warren Mission entertained their many friends Thanksgiving evening in the Chapel. Early in the evening the large room was comfortably filled with the class and their friends who were quietly conversing, when the familiar and unexpected sound of Mr. C. E. Tyler's voice was heard, "How do you do," "give us both hands," "glad to see you," "how's your heart," etc., and as he passed among the audience, shaking hands and talking, a happier man, nor a happier assemblage was never under the Chapel roof before. After singing and prayer Mr. Tyler stepped nimbly upon the platform, and in the few happiest moments of his life, spoke the thoughts which were uppermost in his mind, of the happy meeting and then of the origin, well-being, existence and prosperity of the class. At the close of his brief and earnest remarks he stepped from the platform, walked down the aisle saying "good bye," "God bless you," and was soon on his way to his family and friends in New York, from whom he had torn himself unceremoniously away but a short time before for this very thirty minutes of happiness. Mr. F. H. Gardner, the present able and efficient teacher of the Berean Class, then made the address of the evening, although he said he did not know really how to do it. His address gave universal pleasure and satisfaction. The rural dialogue between two neighbors' workmen (by Thatcher and Martin) brought forth peals of laughter from every quarter of the house. After singing a few pieces all were helped to coffee, cake and tea, and general sociability prevailed throughout the evening. Two lads, with their hands tied behind them, amused themselves and the audience by a pie-eating contest. The Social Committee are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment, and heartily extend their thanks to all who so kindly assisted them. There are sixty-five substantial names upon the Berean Class roll, and Mr. Gardner would be pleased to see every member present to-morrow afternoon, and to bring some friend with them. All are invited.

Receipts from the German Fair.

On Thursday evening Mr. C. A. Wenzel, treasurer of the late fair given by the Ladies' Christian Work Society, in aid of the furnishing fund of the new German Reformed church on Craig place, North Plainfield, handed over to Mr. V. Utzinger, the church treasurer, his account of the receipts and disbursements of all the money taken in at the fair. The result was most gratifying to the management, and as THE PRESS predicted, the church will be benefited to the extent of several hundred dollars. The following is the total of receipts and expenditures:

Balance to benefit of church.....\$ 927.32
The church consistory will officially authorize the publication of a card of thanks in a few days.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following pieces of property in North Plainfield Township, have recently changed hands, and the deeds for the same recorded in the County Clerk's office at Somerville:

Nov. 1—Sidna R. Vail, et al. to Amos Vail, property in North Plainfield, \$6,000.
Nov. 2—Henrietta Manning to Julia Peck, property in North Plainfield, one-half interest, consideration nominal.
Julia Peck to Edward Elden, same property, \$25,500.
Nov. 4—Charles B. Stelle to George B. Stelle, 140.33 acres in North Plainfield, consideration nominal.
Nov. 12—M. Murphy, et ux. to Mary A. Kober, property in North Plainfield, \$1,550.

Apportionment of Money.

The Somerset County Freeholders have made the following apportionment of county money for the ensuing year:

County expenses.....	\$10,500
County Jail.....	1,900
Public buildings and grounds.....	3,000
Couriers.....	300
Stationery.....	300
Elections.....	450
Printing.....	1,500
Incidentals.....	600
Lucracy.....	8,500
Per diem and salaries.....	4,500
Interest.....	7,000
Bridges.....	32,000

DUNELLEN.

Mr. John F. Dryden and family have returned to Newark for the winter.

Miss Laura Brown of Green Brook, is visiting friends at Washington, D. C.

The sidewalkers are being flagged as rapidly as possible by Contractor Farrier.

Thursday evening a large surprise party was given at the residence of Mr. John Milliken on Prospect avenue. Prof. Stone of New York furnished the music. Guests were there from New York, Brooklyn, New Brunswick and Plainfield. Credit is due to Messrs. D. Boice and Peter Shultz, the committee, for their untiring efforts to make the event an enjoyable one, for in this respect they were very successful.

IN FANWOOD.

Once more the great and glorious Thanksgiving Day comes around, and the long suffering commuter is weighted with an exceeding number of parcels until verily he groaneth thereunder; the elder barrel runneth low, and the festive turkey waxeth scarce. The paterfamilias wears a broad and genial smile as he carries the noble bird, and the small boy abstaineth from food for twelve hours previous to the great event. Meanwhile the pessimist growls and asks us what we have to be thankful for. But no one pays any attention to him.

Good! The streets and avenues of Fanwood Park are to have maples put out from end to end. Perhaps years hence our genial Justice of the Peace—a grey-haired veteran by that time—will point out to his (prospective) grandchildren the tree that he set out with his own hand, November, 1887. Long may they wave!

The Fanwood Literary Society held their second meeting on the 18th of this month, at Mr. Bates' this time. This Society is on a firm basis, and seems destined to a bright career. Right here it may be well to state that it must have been owing to a printer's mistake that the selections read at the Society's first meeting were referred to in the next day's PRESS as "such literature." No one would think of applying to these words of contempt, although they are not from Boston. The account should have read "after the imbibing of so much literature," etc. Of course, appearing in THE PRESS such a statement would be widely read, and so a correction is due.

Speaking of societies, the Fanwood Club has its Club House in full running order. They have a very neat building, and both outside and in show marks of taste in design. The wall paper, in particular, was a very happy selection. All the Club people are enthusiastic, and the interest shows no signs of abating.

Of course there is no doubt that Scotch Plains is a mighty and an enterprising town, but there are some points in which she will bear improvement. For instance, on last Saturday the windows of the Heavens were opened, the rains descended, and the floods came—several of them—and the luckless ones who were obliged to be out that evening suffered much in consequence. The sidewalk on Park avenue, between Mr. B. Ker's and Paff's Hotel, was in a condition that would have delighted the heart of a Prohibitionist. Splash—splash—splash! two inches of water at every step. This is simply disgraceful, and those in charge should see to it that such a state of affairs shall not continue. But it's an ill wind that blows no good. The doctors, and their friends the undertakers, can afford to smile at the short-sighted policy of our townsmen. And why shouldn't they?

The music at the Episcopal church on Thanksgiving Day was unusually good. The special service for that day afforded an opportunity for several new and beautiful chants.

The Saunterer dropped in at the Baptist Fair on Thanksgiving night. The scene was a remarkable one; the lecture room was filled to its utmost capacity; booths tastefully draped lined the walls; the refreshment tables were under the desk. And what a crowd! I heard some one make that remark as I came in, and in the course of ten minutes it was repeated thirty-six times. It was quite true, however. One little mite worked her way around with button-hole bouquets, and seemed to find no difficulty in disposing of all she had. The fair lasted for three days. It is not yet known exactly how much was made, but it will be quite a goodly sum.

Mr. Hall has been serving his countrymen on the Grand Jury. The very enterprising Plainfield Evening *** published portraits of all the jurymen. An old picture from last year's campaign was palmed off on a confiding public as Mr. Hall's likeness. His friends were alarmed, but as few people saw the picture, no harm was done.

Once more that beneficent corporation, the Central Railroad of New Jersey, has made a few remarks. The new timetable went into effect on Sunday. Among other pleasant changes the 8:08 train is put at 8:07 and the worst part of it is that new shoe's always on time. In like manner the 8:29 is hurried through at 8:26. But they don't reach New York any sooner than they did before. About the worst change, however, is in the 8:26 to Plainfield. She is the 7:59 now. This is pleasant for Charley Kyte, Sam Hall, and the others who go to school by that train. A petition is being circulated for the return of the old 9:20 train. Many signatures have already been obtained, and you may be quite sure that among them is that of your SUBURBAN SAUNTERER.

By request Mr. J. B. Cleaver will preach Sunday evening at 7:30 on "The Second Coming of the Christ." Sunday school at 2:30 p. m., lesson: "Marriage of the King's Son." All are welcome. Non religionists made particularly welcome.

POSTAL TELEGRAPHY

VILAS BELIEVES IT WILL FORM A PART OF OUR SYSTEM.

Freight Agent Merrill's Clerical Error. It Reverses to the Public Domain.

To Much Responsibility.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Secretary Vilas finished his third annual report yesterday evening. It will be the most carefully prepared report issued by a postmaster-general for years. The seven reports preceding his were written by different postmasters-general. Mr. Vilas feels that he has mastered the postoffice department and looks upon this report as a sort of valedictory, in which he sums up the work of the past three years, and elevates a monument to himself as the head of the postoffice department. He is said, by men thoroughly acquainted with the department, to be the best informed on its workings, as a whole and in detail, of any of the postmasters-general for several decades.

His report will offer solutions for a number of questions which have vexed postmasters-general of the past and which have been subjects of legislation for years. These questions relate to fixing the rates of pay of railroad companies for carrying the mails, to the inauguration of a better system of allowances for the clerical forces in postoffices and to a more comprehensive system of renting or procuring postoffices in the large cities where public buildings have not been bought by the government. Mr. Vilas says the postal delivery system has been satisfactory, though there is a question as to whether it has welcomed the anticipations of its founders.

He will touch upon the postal telegraph, and will intimate his belief that it will ultimately be a part of our postal system. He will not, however, recommend a plan for this, and so far as his most intimate friends know, he has not yet formulated in his mind the ideas of a general system of postal telegraph. He will speak of the reductions made in the expenses of the department, and will give a more exhaustive view of its business and more pertinent suggestions as to its improvement than in any of his former reports.

Secretary Lamar is working hard upon his report, and a large part of it is completed. In it he reiterates his Indian policy of last year, and says the allotment of lands in severity to the Indians has been a remarkable success. He will urge the continuance of the policy in the future, and will say that in his opinion, here alone is the solution of the Indian problem.

As to pensions, he will recommend a slight increase of the beneficiary list so that it will include indigent widows and dependent orphans.

As to the public lands, he feels that his recommendations for legislation are such if followed as will remedy the difficulties which have caused so much trouble this year. This part of his report he evidently considers the most important, and devotes considerable space to it. He will refer to the Chicago, St. Paul, Indianapolis and Omaha railroad trouble, and will pay his respects to ex-Commissioner Sparks.

In their annual reports both the adjutant general and the paymaster general recommend monthly payments to the army instead of once in two months, as heretofore.

ONLY A CLERICAL ERROR.

R. F. Mitchell, the freight agent of the Newport News and Mississippi Valley R. R., testified before the interstate commission that his report charged a fixed rate per car for carrying oil, irrespective of the carrying capacity of the car. He was confronted with a dictated letter to George Rice, signed by Mitchell, showing a quotation of an additional charge if the capacity of the car exceeded 20,000 pounds. Mr. Mitchell said the statement in the letter was a clerical error and not authorized by him.

RAILROAD LAND DECISION.

The secretary of the interior in the case of the Southern Pacific railroad company, which claimed all the land within the common grant limits where the road was laid with the Atlantic and Pacific, the grant of the latter having been forfeited for non-completion, decides that the Southern Pacific is entitled to only its half, the other half reverting to the public domain.

TWO MUCH RESPONSIBILITY.

Secretary Lamar has about completed his annual report. He will recommend that the interstate commission be made responsible directly to congress or to the president, and not, as now, be subject to the supervision of the interior department.

ILLEGAL FENCING.

Acting Land Commissioner Stockslager has recommended the institution of suits to compel the removal of fences claimed to be illegally maintained by persons and companies in Colorado, Montana and Wyoming.

MRS. HOWE ACCUSED.

A Letter Received in Bridgeton Says She Is Playing an Old Game.

BRIDGETON, Nov. 26.—Department Commander John L. Wheeler writes to Junior Vice-Commander Hicks, concerning Mrs. Kate W. Howe, who claimed to have his backing in her claim to the right to wear a Grand Army badge as follows: "You will accept nothing as to my position or action in the matter, except what you see over my signature. Nobody is authorized to speak for me. I have done nothing in the matter whatever."

Some of the Grand Army men here have received a letter from Frank Bartlett Post No. 6 of Los Angeles, Cal., denouncing Mrs. Howe as a fraud, and cautioning all posts and comrades to beware of her. The letter states that the post has numbers of affidavits made in various parts of the country stating that Mrs. Howe presents membership cards purporting to have come from that post.

Burglars in Luck.

NEWARK, Nov. 26.—The grocery store and dwelling of W. R. Ball, corner of Grant avenue and Bishop street, Harrison was entered yesterday morning by burglars. At 4 o'clock Mr. Ball awoke and noticed the time by his gold watch, which lay on a chair near his bed. At 5 o'clock he awoke again and looked for the time but the watch and \$750 which lay beside it had vanished. Hastily dressing, and accompanied by his wife, he descended to the store and found that the safe had been forced open, and \$100 in bills removed. Several cases of cigars had also disappeared, in addition to a number of other things.

L. -ante 2 and Every here.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—A patrolman has found in an ash heap on Cambria street eight incases of ordinary lead pipe with both ends plugged with wood and fitted with a fuse. Near by were two small boxes, each about an inch and a half square, with no seams visible. An effort was made to open one of them, when it exploded, blowing the box into small pieces. The police are now no stone returned to discover the owner of the property.

EX-SENATOR YALE ACCUSED.

The Corporation of Which He Was Treasurer Alleges That he Is Short \$100,000.

NEW HAVEN, Nov. 26.—The suit of ex-Senator Charles D. Yale of Wallingford against the Simpson hat outfit company of that town was partially heard yesterday by ex-Governor Harrison, who was appointed a committee by the superior court for that purpose. Mr. Yale sues to recover \$13,000, which, he alleges, is due him for salary and dividends on \$25,000 worth of stock which he has in the concern. The defendants, through their attorneys, reply that the claim is not a valid one, and that, instead of the company being in debt to Mr. Yale, just the reverse is the case.

The charges against Mr. Yale, as treasurer of the company, had the complete control of all the books of the concern, and that he made false entries in them, thereby causing the company a loss of \$100,000. The defendants further allege that while Mr. Yale's sons were running the New York end of the business they opened a jewelry store and allowed the concern's business to deteriorate, and instead of making for the company \$85,000, as their books show, they ran the business at a loss of \$80,000, and covered up this by false entries in the books.

The charges against Mr. Yale are a great surprise, as he is highly esteemed, and has been very prominent in state politics.

Was the Ex-Congressman a Bigamist.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Nov. 26.—An unexpected chapter in the life of the late Ezekiah Smith, ex-congressman from New Jersey, is brought to light by the proposed estate of his will by Mrs. Eve Vernon Smith of Woodstock. The will directs that his estate, or the income from it, shall be used for the maintenance of a mechanical school for young mechanics. Mrs. Smith says that she is prepared to prove that she was the legal wife of Mr. Smith, and that he was the father of her three children. She declares that the woman buried as his wife at Mount Holly, and who married him in 1855, did not know that he was already married. Eator A. Smith of Savannah, Ga., oldest son of Mrs. Smith of Woodstock, is a wealthy man, and he has advanced money to enable her to contest the will and establish her own and her children's good name.

Will Establish a Co-Operative Factory.

WILKESBARRE, Nov. 26.—The Knights of Labor of this vicinity have undertaken to establish a co-operative shoe factory at Ashley, and so far have met with great success. A company has been formed with \$3,000 capital, in \$10 shares, and all held by Knights of Labor. A building has been erected and the plant and machinery of the Eastern Shoe factory have been purchased. The following are the officers of the company: W. P. King, of Luzerne Borough, president; P. F. Caffrey, of Sugar Notch, secretary, and M. L. Dooley, of Ashley, treasurer and superintendent. They have twenty-two men at work and are overstocked with orders, some coming from as far as Northumberland county and Ohio.

Didn't Have Time to Eat.

SCRANTON, Nov. 26.—Thanksgiving day was observed by the closing of business places generally and union services in churches in many parts of the city. For the first time in many years there was no cessation of work at the coal mines, each of which was worked to its fullest capacity up to 6 o'clock. Both of the steel mills were in full operation, large orders on hand for immediate filling making it necessary to deny the men even a half-holiday.

The Output of Oil Lessened.

BUTLER, Pa., Nov. 2.—Since the first of this month the daily output of oil has been lessened 30,000 barrels. With this curtailment, burdensome stocks are being reduced at the rate of 1,500,000 barrels per month. This shut-down movement has inspired confidence throughout the oil regions that the producers' Association can regulate the production of Pennsylvania and New York petroleum, so that the world will pay a fair price for it.

To Be Prosecuted for Perjury.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—A despatch from Joliet says that the verdict in the case of the California insurance company against the Lambert & Bishop Wire Fence company, for the recovery of insurance losses is that the plaintiff had no cause of action. Charges of arson were preferred by White in the employ of the wire company, who claimed to have done the firing at the order of his employers. This ends the case.

His Assertion Contradicted.

POTTSVILLE, Nov. 26.—In reply to the assertion of Mr. Fardee that not over \$10,000 has been given the Lehigh striking miners, Treasurer Meggs says that he has received and distributed among the strikers in that region over \$24,000, all of which with the exception of about \$300, was contributed by the Schuylkill county miners and laborers.

A Gain by the Forest Fires.

HILLSBORO, Ill., Nov. 26.—The forest fires that have been raging in this section during the last few weeks have done much good as well as great damage. They have destroyed the myriads of chinch bugs that ruined the corn crop last season. Before the fires started the woods and fields were literally swarming with chinch bugs.

A Generous Gift.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 26.—At a meeting of the First Baptist church here last night, it was announced that ex-Congressman Thomas B. Peddie, a member of that church, had made a gift of \$75,000 to build a new church edifice and had also contributed \$40,000, the value of the land on which the church is to be built.

Fatal Accident on the B. & O.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 26.—Two freight trains on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad were in collision near Cochran's mills, fifteen years from this city, yesterday morning. Both trains were almost completely demolished and were men killed and five others injured.

The Mayor Dangerously Sick.

PROVIDENCE, Nov. 26.—Mayor Robbins lies dangerously sick at his residence. The news has created intense excitement, and a fatal result, which is not improbable, would take the republican candidate out of the mayoralty, and the contest will be renewed next week.

A Brave Act.

CANAJOHARIE, Nov. 26.—John Kroeger, of Fort Hunter, saw two boys struggling in the broken ice on Schoharie creek, yesterday afternoon. He jumped into the water and rescued the boys, but was himself drowned.

LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS.

REMAINING IN PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 25, 1887.

Coodit, Mrs. John Nolan, Geo H. Conroy, Kate Nelson, J. F. Courrid, Miss Katie Penniman, Edward A. Carpenter Mr Howard F Randolph, Edward Donahue, Miss Kate Ruyon, B. C. Donnell, Miss Ellis O S. F. S. Damm, John Smith, Miss Minnie Taylor, Mrs B E. Honer, G. T. B. Tiedman, Henry Haines, Mrs Kate Twicken, Mrs Louisa Halsey, Miss E D Vella, Olimpia Jakes, Mrs E J Van Ardelle, Miss H. Lowe, Mr Fred J Woodward, Luther H. Nedeam, John D Williams, Miss Cassie Warmser, Mr Field.

persons calling for above please say advertised.

W. L. FOWLE, Postmaster.

WANTS AND OFFERS.

Advertisements under this heading, one cent for each word, each insertion.

MARRIAGES.

PHILLIPS-VERMEULE-At East Orange, N. J., on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1887, by Rev. Wm. F. Taylor, pastor of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church, Mr. Henry Sherwood Phillips and Miss Addie Manning Vermeule, both of Plainfield, N. J.

A GENTLEMAN WANTED TO TEACH BOOK-KEEPING. Address P. O. Box 336.

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REVOLT OF THE KNIGHTS

A MEMBER GIVES HIS OPINION OF THE CAUSE.

Unable to Get an Itemized Report of the Receipts and Expenditures-A Letter from Uriah S. Stevens.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Facts are being piled up by anti-administration revolutionists in the Knights of Labor against the general executive board each day, and when the time comes for preconcerted action on their part the criminating evidence which will be placed before the public will make those high in power cringe. Charles H. Litchman will receive the lion's share of this evidence, and it is hinted by a knight last night that some startling facts against him had just been added to those already obtained that are of more vital importance than any yet presented.

"I would like to give a brief reason why the sensible knights are revolting. I assert that the time has come when every honest man and woman should declare themselves independent of the general executive board, who have abused the confidence reposed in them by our order. The general office has become simply a luxurious home for men whose chief aim is to benefit themselves, regardless of the thousands of poor workmen who even deny themselves to pay into the treasury their monthly dues. These men have conspired together for more than a year, at least, for the purpose of holding their salaried positions, and went so far, just after the general assembly at Richmond, to conspire to making an illegal amendment to the constitution, whereby they could retain their 'fat' offices for two years instead of one. How was it done? In this way. According to the old constitution, when any change was a prospect it was required of the general executive board to send the proposed change to all local assemblies in the order sixty days prior to the holding of a general assembly for a vote as to its acceptance or rejection. This last amendment the general officers claim to have sent out according to the rule, with instructions to vote for the entire amendment, which in reality was an entire new constitution, or 'repeal' it entirely. They claimed that the majority of the local votes were in favor of it, and it was adopted. Since that time, however, it was clearly proven that just about one quarter of the order voted in favor of the new constitution. If the truth was known, the amendments were not sent to more than half of the locals.

"Why, I could go on ad infinitum with these facts. What we want is an itemized report of where our money went. Our protests have been totally ignored, and all for the purpose of throwing a cover over the powerful ringsters in Philadelphia.

"Why did they change the system of publishing a quarterly itemized account of receipts and expenditures as it was before the present officers were installed? Ask Charles H. Litchman, he will tell you. Is it any wonder then that we are kicking for a new government?"

Allow me to quote from a letter written by Uriah S. Stephens, the founder of the Knights of Labor, and a member of L. A. N. 1, clothing cutters of Philadelphia, to T. V. Powderly, and printed in Powderly's report to the general assembly at Minneapolis:

THE WOODCHUCK HOLE.

How some one thought of boyhood's pushing life. Amid the weary fight for place and pelf, Comes in sharp contrast to the selfish strife, 'Mid scenes incongruous, asserts itself: Who is there in the city-country bred— Though delving in his calling like a mole, Who ne'er, at times, sees summer brightness shed? On every thing—and sees the woodchuck hole? It matters not what life the toiler leads, What record in the hard world he has made, If where the scales of justice sway he pleads, Or daily struggles in the marts of trade: It matters not what pleasure and what pain Have come to him, what has been fortune's dale, The dream of youth is clear, and once again He sees the meadow and the woodchuck hole He notes where most the clover-blossoms bend, Where narrow trails are here and there revealed, He notes how all the little highways trend In one, to reach the border of the field: And on the hillside, where the bushes grow, He sees the ground-hog's home, the youngster's goal. The entrance dark, the out-thrown clay below, A yellow passage to the woodchuck hole. He catches summer perfumes, as of yore, His pulse beats faster with a youthful joy, He feels the instinct of the chase once more, He sees the eager dog and eager boy: He feels the thrill success no more may yield— Nor wealth nor honor to the jaded soul Bring new delights such as the clover-field Held for the boy who sought the woodchuck hole! —Stanley Wat-Roo, in Chicago Tribune.

THE "DEACON'S BOY."

How He Came to Him as One of the Lord's Poor.

Deacon Thomas and his good wife sat alone by the wide, open fire-place, in the "best room" of the old gray farm-house, which had sheltered three generations of the Thomas family, and was good enough, the deacon often declared, for three generations more.

At that was it. That was one reason why the worthy couple used the "best room" as common, to the envious wonder of all the neighbors, though, to be sure, good Deacon Thomas thought more of health and comfort than of fading her parlor carpet.

What disturbed them most was the fact that no children had blessed their union of over forty years, and the homestead must pass into other hands when they were done with it.

"Not that 'twere make much odds to us when we're dead," said the old man, with a sigh, "but I'd like to know that it was kinder in the family. What'd ye say to taking a child, Betsey, one of the Lord's poor, to kinder be a son to us, and have the old farm when we are gone?"

"If we could be sure we'd find the right kind, Abram. Some of 'em is ungrateful, I've heard, and I—" The sentence was interrupted by a timid knock at the front door.

"Who can it be at this time of the night?" ejaculated the good woman, as she hastily opened it.

There, in the rain and cold of the spring thaw, stood a thin, old boy, who seemed not more than ten years, although his pinched face had an older look.

"What do you want, my boy?" asked the deacon, kindly.

"Nothing, please, sir, only to get warm. I saw the light—I've been traveling all day. I was cold and hungry, and—" "Hungry, I shouldn't wonder. Bless my soul, you shan't stay that long," and the clatter of dishes in the kitchen told of Aunt Betsey's hospitable haste, while her more cautious husband went on with his questions, looking kindly at the lad, who shivered as he stretched his thin hands to the cheerful warmth.

"A-ah! Where'd you come from?" "From Brownville. I've been working in the factory there."

"What's your name?" "Frank Neddo."

"How old are you?" "Thirteen."

"Humph, thought you were about ten." "I'm little, but I was thirteen last August."

"Um! Where's your home?" "I ain't got no home. Seems if there wasn't no room for me anywhere," and the thin lips quivered as he gazed into the glowing bed of coals under the great forelog, and bravely winked back the tears that filled his great solemn eyes.

"No room! Abram, we have room, and nobody to fill it. Perhaps the good Lord sent him to us," whispered Aunt Betsey, as she paused a moment by her husband's chair. Then she added aloud:

"Come, now, and eat a bite. There, there's nothing so warming as good ginger tea. Eat all you want, my Abram! Don't it do you good to see him? Poor thing!"

But Deacon Thomas was in a brown study, from which he did not arouse himself until the boy returned to the fireside. "A-hem!" he began deliberately, eyeing him keenly over his glasses. "How would you like to live here, Frank?"

"Here! with you?" asked the boy, with incredulous eyes.

I dream last night—I dreamt I was dead.

"There!" "Well, you are a fool—ish woman, Betsey. You're nervous, I suppose. I won't be gone more than a week, and there's Frank to do the chores, you know."

"Y-e-s." But it was evident enough that Aunt Betsey's comfort went with him.

The next day it began to rain—a dismal, chilly down-pour, as spring rains are apt to be. The brown earth appeared in patches on the hillsides, the river overflowed its fetters, then the weather gradually changed, until the rain-soaked earth glittered with frozen ice-drops.

"It'll be nice skating if it freezes hard enough," said Frank.

"Don't try it till you're sure 'tis safe," cautioned Aunt Betsey. "It appears as if it really wasn't done raining yet. We may have another wet spell. Do the chores as nice as you can, for, if nothing happens, your Uncle Abram will come in the midnight train."

The boy did his work with a light heart, and made every thing neat and tidy for the deacon's inspection. Then he lay down upon his bed with his clothes on, to be ready to welcome him when he came, and was soon asleep.

Aunt Betsey, too, slept soundly, in spite of her anxiety.

Suddenly Frank started up. His room was filled with a red, flickering light, and the little window towards the river showed strangely. Just then the great clock down stairs struck eleven heavy, measured strokes. He sprang from the bed and hastened to the window; then he recoiled, with a low cry of horror.

The railroad bridge was on fire, and Deacon Thomas was to come on the midnight train.

There was not time to go to the lower bridge, two miles further down the river, and in a moment his plan was made. He stole softly down-stairs, snatched his skates from the nail behind the kitchen stove, and crept out at the back door. He didn't awaken Aunt Betsey. Maybe she would not know until all was safe. Her room was on the other side of the house, away from the fire.

So softly he ran along the road to the village, a quarter of a mile away.

The villagers were gathered upon the shore in excited groups. The women were weeping silently, and the men talking in eager, low tones.

"It can't be done. The ice ain't much thicker than window-glass, and the under ice is worse than none at all; it is so rotten and full of air-holes. God help them, for we can't! The train is almost due now. Deacon Thomas is on board, too, they say."

"And so is my son." It was Squire Davis, the richest man in the village, that spoke. "Are you men to let them die before your eyes? There must be some way. I'll give a thousand dollars to the one that stops that train. God! are you all cowards. There they come now!"

"Not cowards, squire, but it's certain death to cross that ice, and we can't go 'round by the lower bridge," answered a voice firmly, as the red, glowing highlight of the coming train rounded a curve two miles away.

"They won't see the fire in season to stop the train after they pass the last curve," groaned the squire, as he sank down upon his knees and covered his face.

"Seel! Seel!" "Who is it?" "He can't do it!" "Yes, he will, it's a boy!" "Squire Davis staggered to his feet and looked eagerly toward the river, directed by many pointed fingers.

A slender form was darting from the shore, across the thin ice, that bent under his flying feet. A brave, boyish face looked resolutely forward in the light of the burning bridge.

"It's the deacon's boy!" Only that one cry, and the crowd waited with bated breath, and the squire uttered a silent prayer for his success.

The rumbling of the train could be heard above the crackling of the flames on the further shore. Once his skates broke through the thin ice; he stumbled, nearly fell, recovered himself, and sped on with redoubled speed; then the groan on shore was succeeded by a faint cheer, hushed almost before begun.

He reached the opposite shore in safety, snatched off his skates, climbed the slippery bank, and ran along the track towards the bend, swinging his cap above his head.

Would they heed his signal? There was a short, sharp whistle of danger, a confusion of voices, a hurried eagerness to "down the brakes," and the puffing engine moved slower and slower, and at last stopped within a few feet of the burning bridge.

The passengers rushed out excitedly, and shuddered at their narrow escape. And there was no happier one among them all than Deacon Thomas, who stood proudly by Frank's side as he modestly told his story.

"It would have been awful," he concluded, with a glance at the groups of passengers, and a shuddering look at the river, fifty feet below, "but I didn't think of any one but you, Uncle Abram. I felt as if I must stop the train and save you."

The train went back to the station it had just left, and the passengers were taken to the village by the teams which came to them by the lower bridge.

STARTLING SURGERY.

The Vexed Question of the Curability of Phthisis.

Recovery of a Woman Who Was About Dead—A Hole Cut in Her Body by Which a Pailful of Fluid Was Pumped Out.

Right in the face of the weight of authority that phthisis is incurable comes the strange case of Mary Nally, a patient in the Charity Hospital, writes the New York correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. She is forty years old and her life has been sober, temperate and industrious. She has been a widow for many years, and had a hard struggle to raise a family of children. Three of her children had the diphtheria, and she was faithful nursing, and when her children died her system was run down completely and she was in a splendid condition for the seeds of the disease to take root.

In a week after the children were buried the mother was low with the disease which had carried them off, and when her strong constitution had finally conquered the malady she was in a very debilitated condition. An effort was made to build up her system, and for a time it was successful, but it was only short lived. She got enough strength to get out of bed and move around a little, and then the dreaded symptoms of phthisis were manifested. To speak required a great effort, and the least exertion caused labored breathing and a sense of suffocation. A hacking cough came on, so violent that it seemed as if the flesh would be shaken from the bones during the spasm.

A severe pain in the right lung was ever present, and the woman wasted away like a mist before the rising sun. The bright hectic flush gave the glow of health to the ashy hue of approaching death, and the ominous cold sweats came on with the approach of night. The woman's mind flashed and flickered with an occasional delirium, while her body was being slowly burned away, and the usual constitutional disturbance attendant upon this disease appeared in an aggravated form. When she was taken to the hospital she was, it was thought, in the last stages of consumption, with only a few days to live. Every breath was drawn in pain. She could not sleep, but lay in a comatose state for hours. Her chest was greatly swollen, and the internal organs were in the abdominal cavity, where they had been forced by pressure from above. The right lung did not act at all.

The second day after she was admitted to the hospital the doctor performed the operation of thoracotomy. The patient was put slightly under the influence of ether. An incision was made in the right side. In order to escape cutting the intercostal artery the opening was made between the sixth and seventh ribs. The hole was only a small one, and through it a canula was passed into the pleural cavity. A rubber tube was attached to the canula, and by using a hand-pump the fluid was pumped out. It was a light-colored fluid and contained no trace of pus. A great deal more was taken away than there was thought to be in the chest, the quantity being sufficient to fill an ordinary-sized water-pail. In twenty-four hours the chest was filled with liquid again, and it had developed so rapidly that the patient nearly died from suffocation before it was discovered. The canula was again put into the wound and the fluid was removed. The canula was not taken away this time, but was united to a rubber tube, the end of which hung below the patient's body to allow the fluid to escape. The end was sealed by placing it in a basin of water, so as to keep air from getting into the chest. There was constantly more pus appearing in the discharge, the flow of which kept up, and to facilitate its removal four more openings were made into the chest and drainage tubes introduced. This prevented accumulations of fluid, and in about a week the flow began to diminish. The patient had frequent attacks of suffocation, which were not understood at first, but it was finally shown that air was getting into the cavity of the chest, and as this meant, sooner or later, a sudden death, a hand-pump was kept going all the time by an attendant. This kept the chest free from air, and gave the part through which the air entered, and which had no doubt been made by the accidental thrusting of a trocar into the lung, a chance to heal. The discharge kept constantly diminishing in quantity, and at the end of two weeks one tube kept the chest free from fluid, and after a week's rest from pumping, night and day, the ruptured air passage closed, and no more air got into the cavity.

When the cessation of the flow of pus and fluid from the chest began an improvement in the patient's condition and it has been kept up steadily for two months, and she is now able to sit up and take a square meal. It is believed that the right lung is entirely gone. The left lung is only slightly affected. Since the patient is on the road to recovery, there is a dispute as to her disease. Some physicians claim that it was hydrothorax, and others that it was phthisis. There is no doubt about the patient having ninety per cent. of the consumptive's symptoms; but what shall the layman say when the doctors disagree?

CURIOUS EPITAPH. The Story on a Tombstone Which Tells of Many Sad Things.

A correspondent copied the following from a tombstone in Tennessee. The stone was erected by M. Muldoon, of Chattanooga, and the epitaph reads:

THOMAS F. AFTERALL. The son of SOLOMON FIDELITY AFTERALL, Killed in 1816 by the Indians, Of Puritan Stock, And His Fourth Wife, ELIZA JANE SMITH.

Who was the third wife of J. Smith, who was her second husband, born at the new town of Indianapolis, Ind., in the year of our blessed Redeemer and Saviour, 1814, on the 15th day of January, the same blessed year, and, after having been baptized the proper way and acknowledging the true Baptist faith, was married to Peggy Cott, (the eldest one) daughter of Jim Cott (who lives at the forks of the road), who having died, he took to his tender breast his true friend—and mine—Martha Walpus. The two above helpmates gave him seven sweet buds of trust and affection, and I gave him one after his death of myself, who got scalded accidentally by him on maple sugar, and then still trusting the promise of God, he eloped his wife for the third time. O! so sweet! his now weeping widow, Mary Bangs Afterall (who is myself) and died soon after, on March 10, 1874, A. D. peace to his ashes. Having performed the work laid out for him to do by his Creator, he now rests from his labors. There is no sorrow with there.

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