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BY THE WAY.

—Local Assembly No. 6386 meets to-night at 7:30.

—The light snow fall last night again made the sleighing good this morning.

—Any humane man will blanket his horse during the chilly winter months.

—Monday, Jan. 2d, the week of prayer commences and continues during the week.

—The December term of the Somerset County Courts was resumed at Somerville today.

—A meeting of the Young Peoples' society, of Trinity church, in the lecture room to-night. All are welcome.

—A horse belonging to Mrs. Demeza of Elm Place, slipped in the stall last Wednesday night, and falling broke his leg. The animal had to be killed.

—Messrs. Jones & Co., on Saturday removed the carcass of a horse belonging to a Mr. Cahill of Cottage Place. Inflammation of the bowels resulted in the animal's death.

—Mr. John Leal will teach the class in English branches at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening at 7:30 o'clock. For particulars young men should inquire at the rooms.

—Howell & Hardy, the new grocery firm on North avenue, are selling first-class goods at reasonable prices. Their store is very attractive and will bear inspection.

—The regular young men's meeting of the Y. M. C. A., will be held at the Association rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. Topic—"Christ, our Saviour."—Luke 2:11. All men welcome.

—A horse attached to a painter's wagon became unmanageable by the breaking of a trace, on Somerset street, about noon today, and came near running away. He was neatly caught by Dennis Sutphen.

—The American flag was displayed at half-mast over the Post Office building this morning in respect to the memory of the late ex-Secretary of the Treasury, Daniel Manning, whose funeral obsequies occurred this afternoon.

—A young married man residing on West Third street, is alleged to have threatened to shoot his wife, last evening. The trouble, it is said, grew out of his taking another female to the Opera House. No complaint has yet been lodged against the would-be slayer.

—An invitation sociable was held at Meyers Park Hotel, Dunellen, last evening. The dancing, which was the main feature, was kept up until the wee sma' hours of this morning by those present, many of whom were from this city. Wm. Laible and Jos. C. Blinn were the Committee.

—Mr. John Neighbor, one of the efficient salesmen in the employ of Ex-mayor Rockefeller, pluckily captured a runaway horse in front of The Press office at three o'clock this afternoon. Where the animal came from the reporter was unable to ascertain. John's friends consider him the hero of the day.

—There was quite an attendance of sportsmen at Campbell's Club House on Park avenue, yesterday, to participate in pigeon shooting. After several sweep-stake matches had been shot off, the event of the day, the match between Messrs. Andrew Lutkins and Ellis A. Campbell, for \$25 a side, at ten live birds each, resulted in according the match to Mr. Lutkins, who killed six out of seven birds, to Mr. Campbell's five.

A Shrewd Investor.

We learn that a purchase has just been made by Peter J. O'Donohue, Esq., a millionaire coffee merchant, of Front street, New York, of the seventy-acre farm of Samuel Dayton at South Plainfield. This shows that capitalists are quick to see the increased values that are sure to result from the building of the Lehigh Valley railroad branch from Roselle to South Plainfield.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

IN THE CHURCHES AND ELSEWHERE.

How the Day Was Observed—Sunday School Exercises, Addresses, Etc.

Christmas Day in this city was celebrated in the usual quiet manner, nothing in fact marking the day more than the delightful weather and the interesting exercises held in the various churches. There was a large number of strangers in town during Sunday and yesterday, and many of the residents also left the city to spend Christmas with relatives and friends at distant points. At ten a. m., the post office and banks closed, and did not again open during the day. By noon business was practically suspended and the city put on its usual holiday attire.

IN THE CHURCHES.

Christmas was celebrated at the Seventh Day Baptist church on Saturday morning, when Rev. Dr. Lewis, the pastor, delivered a sermon in accordance with the day. The Sunday school held a service of song in the afternoon, rendering Lorenzo's Cantata "In the Manger." The choir, consisting of Miss May Tomlinson, Miss Randolph, Mrs. David E. Tittsworth, Miss Mabel Potter, Dr. F. Wells, Mr. D. E. Tittsworth and Mr. E. E. Runyon, rendered the following musical selections, with Miss Uter as accompanist:

"Festival Fantasia".....Crowell

Anthem, "Angels from the Realms of Glory,".....G. W. Warren

Anthem, "There were Shepherds," A. J. Holden

Anthem, "Hark, What means those Holy Voices?".....Gounod—Thomas

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A feature of the Christmas Day service in this church was the singing by the choir composed of Mrs. Samuel Collins, Miss Julia Ketcham, and Messrs. E. E. and Frank W. Runyon. The pastor's sermon related to the birth of Christ. In the evening a Christmas service for the Sunday school was held, which consisted of carols, responsive readings, and an address by the pastor. A brother of Rev. Mr. Goodrich was present and recited a poem. The decorations were both neat and tasty.

TRINITY REFORMED.

The Sunday services in Trinity Reformed church, both morning and evening, were of an interesting nature, particularly so in the morning, when Rev. Mr. Schenck, previous to his discourse on "The Archangel's Announcement," Luke 1st chapter: 32d and 33d verses, read the following financial statement concerning the church, and stated that he wished for no better Christmas present, at the same time taking occasion to thank the ladies of the church, for the taste and good judgment displayed by them in trimming the edifice.

PLAINFIELD, Dec. 25th, 1887.

Receipts from various sources for the payment of the mortgage indebtedness of the church is as follows:

Amount collected by the Ladies' Christian Work Society.....\$2,281 80

Amount collected by our church Treas., 1,469 45

From Leo Daft, proceeds of lecture given by him.....237 35

From parlor sale by the "Little workers," 100 00

From parlor sale by the Infant class.....67 00

\$4,155 60

From this amt. has been paid the \$4,000 mortgage due the estate of John A. Lansing, deceased leaving a balance on hand toward the payment of the remaining mortgage, of \$155 60.

In the evening the church was beautifully filled, the greater part of the auditorium being reserved for the scholars of the Sunday school. About the pulpit there was a profusion of evergreens, flowers, trailing vines and ferns, the same artistically arranged by the members of the Ladies' Work Society, assisted by the young people of the church. To use the expression of one of the oldest members of the church, the decorations never looked prettier. The exercises opened with an organ prelude by Mr. A. L. Tittsworth. The choir included the following singers:

Mrs. J. C. Van Dyke, Miss Emma U. King, Miss Fannie Mattison, Miss Emma Whitlock and Messrs. H. J. Martin, C. P. Wheeler, Fred Cutter, Chas. Wheeler, Jr.

Besides the singing of sweet carols, and responsive reading by the Superintendent Mr. E. E. Anthony, and the school, Miss Nettie Kreitling and Master Willie Coriell each recited some poetry in a pleasant way. Miss Emma King rendered a lovely solo, "Why these strains of joyful music," the choir joining in the chorus. No. 15

In the order of exercises was a recitation by Miss Lillie May Wright and Master Ulmer Wheeler, which was recited in a highly commendable manner. The address by Rev. Mr. Schenck, the pastor, was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the younger scholars of the school listened as attentively to his words of wisdom as the older ones did.

Said he in part: There's a story told in every city and town today of the three wise men who left their home in the East in quest of a king; their only guide was a star to lead them to the earth's Redeemer; these men were determined on seeing the new born king; they followed the star for miles and miles over malaria marshes and plains to Jerusalem; they supposed that the new born king would be found in a palace, but lo! he was found lying in a manger; here is a lesson for all of us to learn; those seeking the Redeemer should not be disappointed, but press on, following the example of the three wise men; you and I expect to find the Lord in crowded congregations, but oftentimes he comes in the quiet of our home; the wise men worshipped the king; they did him honor and obedience; they took up a collection; one brought gold, another brought frankincense, and the third myrrh; one gave up his means and laid his gold at the feet of the Lord; another thanksgiving and adoration and another his trials and troubles; so with us let us lay our troubles at the feet of the Lord; in some houses today where all were made happy the Lord was forgotten; let us remember that the Lord's stocking hangs up; let us give to the Lord those souls which he purchased with his own blood. The exercises closed with the benediction.

CRESCENT AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN.

The service in this church, Tuesday morning, included an appropriate sermon by the Rev. Mr. Richards, and music by the regular choir. Gounod's "Nazareth" was sung as an anthem for the opening piece, and Miss Holmes' and Mr. Gavett's solo parts were well rendered. Mrs. Myers' solo in Adolph Adams' "O, Holy Light," was also decidedly pleasing. The "Gloria," from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, was very satisfactorily given as an offertory. The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school took place at four o'clock in the afternoon. The programme included singing, responsive reading, and an address by the pastor. Because of the indisposition of Mrs. Myers, Miss Holmes sang her solo, "The Christ Child," by Beardsley Van DeWater. Miss Uter's organ selections, both morning and evening, added greatly to the musical portion of the day's services. The social gathering of the scholars of this church will take place today; the primary department at 3:30 this afternoon, and the older ones at 7:30 this evening.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH.

The ceremonies at Holy Cross Church on Sunday were most interesting and the handsome edifice was elaborately decorated with evergreen and holly, the latter being furnished through the kindness of Mr. Thos. E. Warman, of Grove street. Rev. T. Logan Murphy, the pastor, preached a short and appropriate sermon, and administered the Holy Communion, being assisted in the latter service by the Rev. Mr. Schrader of New Milford, Ct. Pleasing choral selections were well rendered and a large congregation was in attendance. The offering for Muhlenberg Hospital netted \$79 to that institution. A service for children took place in the afternoon, during which each class of the Sunday School was presented with a handsome new banner. The annual Christmas celebration of the Sunday School will occur in the church on Wednesday, at 4 p. m., on which occasion the little ones of the Children's Home have been invited to participate in the festivities.

FRIENDS' FIRST-DAY SCHOOL.

Friends' First-day School held its usual Christmas festival Monday afternoon in the venerable century-crowned meeting house on Peace street. Happy-faced children assembled in full force, and a large number of interested visitors were also there. The exercises opened with reading the XIX Psalm by Henry Adams, following which, Superintendent Harper, after a few remarks, called up Emma Weigman, Lulu Jenkins, Lizzie Rossetter, May Shultz, Maggie Coriell, Lina Sargent, Lottie Messersmith, Lissa Livezey, and Lillie Garretson, who alternately and with credit to themselves, repeated portions of "That Glorious Song of Old," commencing—

"It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold."

Several individual recitations were then well rendered by members of the different classes, including Lilla Livezey, Lilla May Wright, Ephy Vail and others, when six boys—Willard Case, Howard Case, George Townley, Roby Mosher, Clarence Vail, and Harry Denkelew took the floor, and responding to words from the Superintendent, recited verse by verse—"Touch Not; Taste Not." The exercises throughout were creditable to all concerned, and drew forth approving comments from Aaron M. Powell, who made a brief, but appropriate address. An abundant supply of ice cream and cake, and the placing in the hands of each scholar a box of candies and an orange, closed the plain but pleasant anniversary of Friends' First-day School.

WARREN MISSION.

Sunday was a great day for the scholars of Warren Mission chapel, for during the afternoon of that day, occurred the annual Christmas celebration. The service included Scripture reading and song, entitled "The True Light." It was arranged by Rev. Dr. Lowry of this city. Councilman Dunham presided and the school of well-trained voices made the echo of beautiful carols ring throughout the building. The decorations, too, were very neat and attractive, and considerable skill was displayed in arranging the

flowers and evergreens. The instrumental music for the occasion was furnished by Mr. Geo. Rogers at the organ, Mr. C. P. Wheeler, violinist, and Mr. DeWitt Erazee, cornetist. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was a recitation by four girls from the Primary Department, viz: Lida Pangborn, Lillie Myrex, Sadie Holmes, Minnie Gulick. Elmer and Gracie Van Aken also gave recitations, the latter interspersing music, and singing "Nearer My God to Thee." The address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Schenck, who spoke of Christmas day and briefly illustrated what it commemorates. First, the day Christ was born, and the advent of his coming into the world; second, to properly observe the day we must have the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ—kind, loving, peaceful, tender; third, in order that the day may be a happy one, we must do good; not only receive, but give. The happiest child today is not the one who alone receives the most, but the one who also gives. The speaker told a touching incident of a little girl who approached him at the close of the morning service in his church and handed him an envelope, bearing the inscription: "For Mr. Schenck, from little Anna." The envelope contained a pin cushion made by a little girl who was at home sick. His remarks with reference to the little girl were very affecting, and many persons in the audience were moved to tears. The evening service was more largely attended. The meeting opened with a praise service, followed by the singing of carols and part songs under the direction of Mr. M. M. Dunham. Several of the young lady scholars of the school gave recitations.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The morning service in the First Baptist church was entirely in accordance with the day. The musical part of the programme was especially interesting and included a choir of 26 voices, with organ, piano and violin accompaniments. Rev. Dr. Yerkes, the pastor, preached a Christmas sermon. In the afternoon the scholars of Mt. Olive Baptist Sunday school, met with the First Baptist school, in the latter church and took part in the Christmas service, of scripture reading and singing. Rev. W. D. McClintock delivered the address, and Mrs. Geo. A. Chapman sang sweetly "The Angels Song," the scholars joining in the chorus. The scholars of Mt. Olive Sunday school sang a carol, "Joy, joy, Christ is Born," and Rev. Mr. Mitchell pronounced the benediction. The decorations, although not elaborate, were neat. Over the pulpit was suspended the following inscription: "Joy to the World, Christ is born today."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Dr. Ketcham preached a special sermon to young people on Sunday morning, and a selected choir under the direction of Mr. E. St. John, the organist, rendered special music. In the afternoon the scholars of the school held their celebration, which consisted in part of singing and responsive reading. After the exercises, the Young Peoples' Society of the church held a meeting, and Rev. Dr. Ketcham made an address.

M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Van Meter on Sunday morning took his text from Luke 7: 45—"And Thou Gavest Me No Kiss." At the close of the sermon the rite of baptism was administered to eight persons, Rev. Dr. Hurlbut, assisting in the service. An appeal for \$300 was made, for the purpose of equipping the new Sunday school room with a library, etc., and \$287 was the hearty response. The choir was composed of eleven female and five male voices. Mr. D. E. Davis was the organist. An interesting programme of music, recitations, etc., was rendered by the Sunday school in the afternoon.

GRACE CHURCH.

The usual good taste and skill was displayed in decorating Grace church for the annual Christmas festival, which took place on Sunday. The order of exercises and the special programme of music was published in THE PRESS of Saturday.

IN THE OTHER CHURCHES.

In both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's churches the day was appropriately observed. Three masses were celebrated at 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. At Netherwood and Evona, services of a special nature were also held. At Bethel Mission Christmas anthems were sung on Sunday afternoon.

Almost a Conflagration.

About seven o'clock yesterday morning Mr. A. J. Leader, residing on the corner of Duer street and Mercer avenue, North Plainfield, discovered flames issuing from an outbuilding belonging to Mr. Lewis E. Barkeley, adjoining on Emily street. Mr. Leader, recognizing the fact that our fire department is in a crippled condition, at once went to work with buckets, and, assisted by a passer-by, succeeded in quenching the flames, which, had they gained control, would have done much damage, as two barns adjoin the outbuilding where the fire originated, in consequence of the carelessness of a servant in depositing live ashes in the structure. Mr. Leader is to be commended for his promptness in extinguishing the incipient fire which might have made a disastrous one.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Miss Aiken, of New York, is visiting Miss Mooney, of Grove street.

Mr. Philip Swain will lead the Young Men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms to-night.

Rev. Mr. Schenck spent yesterday and today among his old parishioners at Philadelphia, Pa.

John Polak, of Rutgers College, son of Mr. K. T. Polak, of Netherwood, is home for the holidays.

Misses Grace and Ethel Daniel, of Plainfield avenue, are visiting relations in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Richard Barkalew of Newark, a brother of L. E. Barkalew of the Borough, visited our city Christmas.

Henry King of New York, accompanied by his son, is visiting his brother Mr. John King of West Second street.

Mr. Kitchell, formerly an instructor in Mr. Leal's school, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lowrie, M. D.

General Baggage Agent Garretson at the depot, extends his thanks to his friends for their Christmas remembrance.

Mr. George Sanders, accompanied by his sister, Miss Lizzie, spent a merry Christmas with friends in Brooklyn and Flatbush.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkins, of Orange, spent a merry Christmas at the residence of Mrs. Wilkins' mother, Mrs. E. Chapin, East Fifth street.

Mr. Rush Rhoads, of Amherst College, is a guest at the residence of his sister, Mrs. E. St. John, "Rock View Terrace," in the Borough.

Mr. Wilbur Chamberlin and wife of Jersey city, are the guests of Mr. Amos Moffett of West Sixth street, the father of Mrs. Chamberlin.

Miss Witherspoon, formerly of this city, but now of New York, is the guest during holiday week of Mrs. Wm. P. Smith, of Netherwood.

Mr. John Broomfield and family of Evona are spending the holiday week in Brooklyn, N. Y., as the guests of Mr. Broomfield's daughter.

Messrs. R. W. Rice & Co., successors to Mr. Wm. H. Shotwell, presented each of their clerks with a Christmas present in the shape of a silk umbrella.

Mr. J. E. White, formerly in the dry and fancy goods business on West Front street, started on a six month's pleasure trip yesterday. He will first visit New Orleans, La.

Cashier Carion Parse is now a resident of Grove street, in the Borough of North Plainfield, having moved into his new house, opposite Prospect Place, on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Chamberlin, of New York city are visiting the parents of the former on Madison avenue. Mr. Chamberlin was editor of the (late) Plainfield Daily Bulletin and is now a member of the New York Sun staff.

Lewis and Frank Archibald, who formerly resided in this city, after an absence of thirteen years, spent Christmas with friends here. They express surprise at the rapid progress Plainfield has accomplished during their absence.

Mr. George Demler, of the "Notch Hotel," was the recipient of several handsome Christmas presents from his friends and family. Among them was a beautiful bear skin robe, which would keep any man and his girl warm when sleighriding.

The funeral of the late Mason Leland, son of Mr. Benjamin Leland, of Leland avenue, took place from the First Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives. The Rev. Dr. Yerkes conducted the services, and the remains were interred in the First Baptist cemetery.

Among the early Christmas surprises on Monday morning was that of the B. C. F. association, accompanied by a full string band, which made a pleasant call on Mr. Joseph Dawe, of Orchard Place, and Mr. Glancy, of West Front street. The visitors were well received in both instances and met with a cordial Christmas greeting.

Bender Bros. of Elizabeth, wholesale meat dealers, sent a car-load of beef, sheep and lamb to their numerous customers in this city on Friday morning last, to be served up to their Christmas patrons. The cattle averaged 1200 lbs each and Canada sheep 100 lbs each dressed. Mr. David Smalley of this city, is one of Bender Bros. trusted employees.

The funeral of the late Francis McIntyre took place from St. Mary's church yesterday morning at ten o'clock. Rev. Father Kelly, formerly of this city, but now of Jersey City, celebrated a solemn requiem mass for the repose of the deceased's soul, assisted by Rev. Father Smyth and Rev. Father Flood. A special choir from Jersey City was present and sang appropriate selections. Interment made in St. Mary's cemetery.

—The influx of visitors to the city yesterday was noticeably large. The outpouring was also large.

BY THE PRESS SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE STRIKE ENDED.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 27.—An amicable settlement was reached early this morning regarding the great strike of the Reading railroad employees. General superintendent Sweigard has sent out the following message to several of the chief officers of the railroad:—"The strike is settled and men will return to work."

The company refuses to treat with the strikers as Knights of Labor, but as employees of the Reading.

Presentation to Chief Waters.

Chief Waters of the Plainfield Fire Department was last evening the recipient of a lovely testimonial from the members of Zephyr Hook and Ladder Company, in the shape of a handsome white 42-cone fireman's hat, bearing the following inscription:

"Presented to J. E. Waters by his friends of Zephyr H. and L. Co. No. 1, Dec. 25th, 1887."

The presentation took place in the parlor of Zephyr Hook and Ladder Co's house. Besides the Chief, who was waited upon at his home, the only persons present were President Jones of the Fire Board, First Assistant T. J. Lyness, Second Assistant M. Flynn, Foreman Jacob Blinn, Messrs. Chas. Westerfield, C. L. Davis, F. A. Glaentzer and a Press reporter. Foreman Blinn called the gathering to order, and President Jones was subsequently made chairman. The latter upon taking the chair said: "Will the Chief please step this way." Chief Waters advanced to the desk, and Mr. Jones in a few congratulatory remarks presented the hat to him. In return Chief Waters said that he was a pretty old boy for Santa Claus to visit, but he thanked the members of Zephyr Hook and Ladder company for the kindly disposition they had shown toward him. The forty-two cones on the hat, represents Maseppa Hose Company No. 42 of New York, of which Company the Chief's father was a member for many years. Other remarks were made by those present, all eulogizing the Chief. President Jones was given a unanimous vote of thanks for presiding, and after cigars had been passed around, all adjourned to the lower floor to inspect the truck. Mr. Jones expressed himself as highly pleased, and said he had always considered the Truck company one of the most efficient companies in the Department. The interior of the truck house presents an attractive appearance since the parlor walls have been newly papered and other improvements made. Chief Waters has kindly loaned the hat to THE PRESS, and it is now on exhibition in our office window.

Reform Club Meeting.

Reform Hall had a full and very attentive audience last Sunday night. President French was at his accustomed post of duty, and the regular choir, led by Mr. Vanderbeek, with Miss Alice Smith as organist, most beautifully discoursed music appropriate to the season of Christmas. Rev. Mr. McClintock read the opening scripture lesson, and Chaplain Honeyman offered prayer. Rev. Mr. McClintock, a young appearing gentleman, late of Kentucky, but now a resident of Plainfield and engaged in the Chautauqua work, then addressed the assembled throng in such a clear and logical manner, interspersed with so many self-evident truths, that he held the ear of every listener from the beginning to the close of his eloquent and well delivered remarks.

Mr. McClintock commenced by saying that there were two ways to get rid of the saloon evil. One was to drive it out, and the other to starve it out, and following a line of intelligent argument, enumerated different kinds of sin-habits, and told how they could and should be conquered. Will power, born of faith in the Lord Jesus, was the remedy.

President French followed with an earnest appeal for signers to the pledge of total abstinence, and several came forward and responded by affixing their signatures to the roll. He also gave notice that Rev. Mr. Richards, of Crescent avenue church, would deliver a lecture in the Reform Hall free course next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, on "amusements," and that Col. George W. Bain, of Kentucky, the eminent temperance orator, had been engaged to speak in the Hall Sunday evening, January 1st. He also stated that a New Year's reception would be given by the ladies in Reform Hall parlors on Monday, January 2d, day and evening, to which the public were cordially invited. The highly interesting meeting closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. McClintock.

—Van Emberg & White have a simple suggestion to make. See their card on the 4th page of the THE PRESS.

—The man who waited all Summer for a job at shovelling snow, changed his occupation on Saturday, and is now open for engagements at gardening.

A BREAK IN THE STRIKE

1500 MEN IN READING REFUSE TO OBEY THE ORDER.

Their Action May Seriously Interfere With the Strikers' Plans—Powderly's Substitution Says the Strike is Illegal.

READING, Pa., Dec. 27.—The striking Philadelphia & Reading employees in Philadelphia and along the main line and branches received a blow yesterday that is likely to destroy their organization completely.

The employees in this city, numbering fifteen hundred men, held a meeting yesterday afternoon and decided not to strike, and appointed a committee to visit Philadelphia with a view to having the men there return to work at once. They regard the action of their Philadelphia brethren as decidedly premature and of an entirely local character.

They say the executive committee acted hastily and should not have called on the entire district. Reading officials say, however, that they will never recognize the Knights of Labor as a body or committee other than any of their respective assemblies. The men have any grievances they must apply as individuals.

The fact that the Reading district is regarded as one of the best equipped in the country has caused many persons to believe that the Knights of Labor as an organization has received its death-blow and will never be able to recover from it. This morning officials say they have all the help they need and will attempt to start out all business as usual. There is, however, still some uneasiness and it is feared they may have considerable trouble in the coal regions.

With the aid of the coal and iron police they hope to be able to protect their employees and in a few days expect to have all business running as usual. It is believed that the stand taken by the Reading men yesterday will cause a stampede and hundreds of the oldest employees outside of this city will return to their posts to-day.

Coal traffic from the great anthracite regions remains at a standstill. Five thousand loaded coal cars were the average sent to tide-water every twenty-four hours. Yesterday and to-day not a pound of coal was moved. Freight traffic has likewise ceased. The sidings from Pottsville to Philadelphia are full of coal and freight cars, where they have been left by the employees.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Yesterday was a holiday in Pennsylvania, and the fact that even ordinary railroad freight trains would be practically suspended prevented any developments in the Reading strike from becoming outwardly manifest. It is generally conceded that both parties to the tubercular contest are as doggedly determined as ever.

A meeting of the executive committee of the strikers, who inaugurated the movement in action at Port Richmond all night part of the night.

A adjourned shortly before midnight. A committee from Reading and another from Port Richmond were present, and according to their representations the men at those places are anxious to keep up the fight to the bitter end. It was learned that all reports of a disposition to compromise emanated from the headquarters of the railroad officials themselves and were without the slightest basis.

It was voted to maintain the position taken at the outset, and the executive committee determined to show no signs of weakness. The trouble is as far from settlement as ever. Captain Eastman, one of the general organizers of the Knights of Labor, who was seen shortly after a private interview with General Manager McLeod, said that he saw no signs of an immediate settlement.

"The fight has not begun yet," said a member of the committee. "To-day, when the company attempts to start up, there will be a genuine show of hands. We don't propose to molest anybody, but we are determined to secure recognition and arbitration. We are more determined than ever to bring the matter to an issue. The company thought that Port Richmond would strike, and strike alone, but they will learn that the fight of Port Richmond is the fight of the whole line."

The committee said their apparent anxiety was because they appreciated the responsibility of ordering out the remaining Knights of Labor who are now at work. This includes the ordering out of the powderly service. It may be done, as the committee expressed the determination to remove every obstacle in the way of success.

"We are thinking of giving the general order for all to strike," said the chairman. "It will await developments of the first day's resumption of work."

A despatch by way of Reading that she might in the city was opposed to the strike and will do all in their power to break it. This has not given the Port Richmond people much concern. They declared that it affects every strike. A contingent of the order, who will be overpowered by the majority. It is sufficient to note, however, that the general board of the knights have refused to take any part in the fight. Powderly is still sick in bed, but A. A. Carlton, who is acting for him, said that he did not know anything about it except what he had seen in the papers. He said:

"While I deeply regret that the strike has occurred, I do not think it is a matter of interference. That the strike was purely illegal so far as the laws of the order are concerned, there is no doubt, as the strikers simply called a convention of the Reading employees without consulting any officers of the general executive board. Legally they have no claim on the order, and as they have made the strike a local affair I do not see how their defeat should they be defeated, can affect the order."

"I have always had my doubts," he continued, "about the general board interfering in case of a strike. The men who started the strike on the Gould Missouri system and the victims who are now suffering the effects of it admit it. It only goes to show that calmness and dispassionate coolness are always best in labor troubles, and strikes ordered by hot-headed men who make and listen to incendiary speeches are generally failures."

Officials of the Reading road say they will have all the help they need to man their engines to-day. The company has notified the mayor and that functionary has assured them that ample police protection will be accorded in case of an outbreak.

Conservative people do not anticipate anything of the sort and the orderly attitude of the strikers thus far gives ground for the hope that there will be no breach of the peace. All the same the situation is slightly interesting.

Ex-Cashier Hood Captured.

NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 27.—Ex-Cashier T. R. Hood of the water department, who misappropriated the sum of \$6,300, was arrested in bed at his home, at 2:30 yesterday morning, by Capt. Bowen and five policemen. Hood fled from Norwich three months ago, but has been home to Norwich one week. He is now in the lockup in default of bail to the amount of \$7,500.

THE CHICAGO KNIGHTS.

A Bitter Fight Not Expected Over the Election of Officers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The canvass for officers of district assembly No. 24 of the Knights of Labor for the coming year has been carried on quietly by both sides—the radicals and the conservatives—for some time. It was the intention to make a bitter fight over the election, but the radicals saw that they would lose heavily on account of the rebellion against the present administration, whereby several local assemblies would be suspended and would not have a vote in the district assembly. Although the radicals had a majority sufficient to insure the election of their candidates as long as all their strong local assemblies had their delegates in the district, they were apprehensive of the fight if these assemblies should be dropped. The conservatives are not sure of victory in the district at any time and are glad to avoid a conflict. Hence, both sides have of late tried to induce the present officers to stand for re-election and met with some success. District No. 24 has gone through the most trying period of its existence during the past year, and its officers are considered worthy of re-election as a recognition of their services during that time. They were elected by the radicals, but did not turn out quite as radical as their friends hoped they would, but they have satisfied most of their friends, and by opposing some of the most rabid have made friends among the conservatives.

Fatal Experimenting With Dynamite.

JOLIET, Dec. 27.—The Joliet Water Works company, which is digging mains and blasting through rocks, left their giant powder exposed, when some boys, who in the street, found it. A crowd of youngsters stole a quart can full of the explosive on yesterday morning and began experiments with it. The result was the blowing up of the entire crowd. Three were injured: George Hanson, who lighted the fuse; John Rosenwicz and Frank Jackson. The can exploded with terrible force, hurling all three forty feet. Hanson was terribly burned. His face was scorched to a crisp, his eyes blown out, his hair burned off and his clothes torn from his body. The other two were slightly injured.

Maxwell Becomes a Catholic.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Hugh M. Brooks, better known as Maxwell, the trunk murderer, astonished the prisoners in the jail this morning by taking his first communion and becoming a member of the Catholic church. He was faultlessly attired in a black Prince Albert suit, and went through the ceremony with great earnestness. His case is still pending in the United States supreme court on a motion for a writ of habeas corpus. It is generally conceded that the supreme court can do nothing but affirm the judgment when the case is heard. If it follows, Maxwell will be executed within a month after the affirmation of the sentence.

Charleston's Christmas.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 27.—Monday, Christmas Day, was characterized here by several disgraceful affairs. The police stations were crowded with prisoners and many fatal fights occurred. The streets were thronged all day long with drunken negroes. Sunday night a drunken shot and killed a negro who attacked him with a knife. A negro boy was brought to the station house bleeding to death from wounds received in a street fight. During the afternoon two negroes had a fight in which each received wounds that will result fatally.

The Dangers of Coasting.

ITHACA, Dec. 27.—As is customary at Christmas the city authorities gave coasters the exclusive use of Buffalo hill, a long and steep declivity, on Saturday and Monday. During that time there have been three serious accidents. While steering down a party of ladies one young man had his hip so wrenched that he may be crippled for life. Frederick McKale received serious internal injuries, and another man had his finger so mangled as to require amputation.

A Wisconsin Town in Ashes.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 27.—The best part of Waukegan, Wis., is in ashes. Among the buildings destroyed are the Waukegan bank, Haywood, Westcott & Murray's large general store, Milnthal's clothing store, the Coliseum theatre, a dozen saloons and a large number of dwelling houses—about forty buildings in all. The loss is \$100,000. The fire started in the Coliseum theatre, where a monkey overturned a lamp.

Urging Organized Resistance.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 27.—C. O. Delano, president of the National Wool-growers' association, has issued a circular addressed to the wool-growers of the United States, calling for organization to resist the abolition of the tariff on wool. He advises that each subordinate organization send strong petitions to congress; that members write letters to their congressmen, and that all use their influence with Congress to do the same thing.

His Last Christmas Speech.

ALBANY, Dec. 27.—Patrick Gallagher, at Malone, began a Christmas drunk Sunday night, carrying a bottle of stimulants home with him. He sat down at a table and drank. On Monday morning the light was found burned out and Gallagher dead. His green covered the floor. It is thought that he took Paris green while drunk by mistake.

No Hope For Editor Littleton.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 27.—Editor Littleton who was shot by Joe Banks yesterday, was worse yesterday afternoon and has continued so all night, with no symptoms favorable to his recovery. His physicians have no hope. Several of the backshots penetrated his liver, and it is deemed too hazardous to probe for them. Banks is still in jail.

Swindled by a Lieutenant of Militia.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—It is now alleged that Captain Shea, of the Emmet Light Artillery, who has absconded with \$900 or more, also swindled the management of the Chicago military encampment by putting a bill for the transportation of a much larger number of men than were with the battery.

Mangled by Moving Machinery.

FREESPORT, Pa., Dec. 27.—The clothing of Bernard Moss, an old employee at Distillery No. 8, got caught in the cog wheels at the distillery yesterday morning, and before the engine could be stopped Moss was drawn into the machinery and so terribly mangled that he died in a few minutes.

The Schooner Jesse Murdoch Ashore.

LEWIS, Del., Dec. 27.—The schooner before reported ashore at Green Run, Va., is the Jesse Murdoch. She left Wareham, Mass., December 17, for Norfolk, Va.

FRAGMENTS OF HISTORY.

By the Royal Marriage act passed in England in 1772 none of the descendants of George III., under twenty-five years of age could marry without the King's consent, and the consent of Parliament was necessary after that age.

In the year 1717 the "Vinegar Bible" was issued from the Clarendon press of Oxford University. The name was derived through an error, in the heading to the twentieth chapter of St. Luke, making the "Parable of the Vineyard" read "Parable of the Vinegar."

Victor Hugo once made a plea in verse to King Louis Philippe for the life of a condemned man, whose life had on a previous occasion been refused him. The poet in his verse brought to the King's heart and mind incidents connected with the death and birth of his daughter and her child, and the effect was the granting of the petition.

In regard to oaths in testimony this is related: In England people used to kiss their thumbs instead of the Bible. An the Middle Ages people swore by the touch of relics. The invading Danes in England held most sacred a certain ring or armlet. Hamlet and his friends laid their hands on their sword blades, and in Homer Zeus swears by the earth with his hand on that planet.

At one time the handkerchief was a talisman, but did not turn out quite as radical as their friends hoped they would, but they have satisfied most of their friends, and by opposing some of the most rabid have made friends among the conservatives.

More than three centuries and a half have passed away since the broken heart of Christopher Columbus was laid at rest in Valladolid. Here his remains reposed for eleven years, when they were taken to Seville. In 1895 they were moved thence to the island of Hayti. Over 250 years after San Domingo claimed the bones, where for a short time they remained until shipped back to Havana. The last interment occurred in 1895 and now another resurrection is imminent.

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THE WAR PROSPECTS

ABYSSINIA AND ITALY TO HAVE A SMALL BATTLE.

More Fighting at St. Petersburg—Mr. Mandeville's Release From Prison—Gladstone Starts for Italy.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Advices from Massawa say that the British mission to Abyssinia was unsuccessful in its efforts to induce King John to sue for peace, and that the Italians are jubilant over the failure. During the journey the mission was harassed by Ras Alula. The members will sail for Cairo on the next mail steamer.

RUSSIAN UNIVERSITY BOYS.

They Renew the Disturbances—The Czar is Displeased With the Minister.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A despatch from St. Petersburg says that the university students there, being irritated by the action of the authorities in confining them to the university buildings, renewed the rioting. The students deny that they were actuated by political motives. They say that their aim is to secure the dismissal of the rector, the abolition of the new university statutes, and the release of the students who were arrested during the recent troubles.

Prof. Mendeleeff promised to impartially report the affair to the emperor, whereupon the prefect opened the doors, and the students dispersed quietly. The students are not satisfied with Prof. Mendeleeff's promise, however, and have resolved to send a petition to the Czar.

M. Delanov, the minister of public instruction, has tendered his resignation. It has not been accepted, but the Czar is displeased with the minister and has declined to grant him an audience.

Gladstone Starts for Italy.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Mr. Gladstone left London yesterday, en route for the continent. Three thousand persons gave him an enthusiastic welcome on his arrival at Chester. Large crowds gathered at all the places through which Mr. Gladstone passed, and he was everywhere warmly received. Mr. Gladstone was greeted with mingled cheers and groans when he passed through London. While waiting for the train he was visited by Earl Spencer, the Right Hon. Hugh C. Childers, and other prominent men. The journey was made without a stop until Sandwich was reached, where Mr. Gladstone addressed the crowd. He subsequently proceeded to the residence of Lord Northbourne, whose guest he was last night.

The Crown Prince.

SAN REMO, Dec. 27.—Dr. Mackenzie, who has arrived here, says he is greatly pleased with the improvement in the Crown Prince's condition. The small growth in the prince's throat is almost gone. There remains a slight tumescence on the left ventricular band. The doctor says that time alone can determine the exact nature of the disease. Dr. Mackenzie will start for England on Wednesday next. He thinks the prince might be benefited by the hot baths of Hamman Riss, fifty miles from Algiers, a health resort in winter for consumptive patients and persons afflicted with bronchial troubles.

Mandeville's Release from Jail.

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—Thousands assembled at Mitchelstown on Saturday to greet Mr. Mandeville on the occasion of his release from prison. Upon his arrival he received a most enthusiastic welcome. Mr. Spaight, a magistrate, and his wife were slain at while driving at Killakee, county Limerick, yesterday. The horse was killed. No arrests have been made.

Pope Leo XIII. and the Irish Question.

ROME, Dec. 27.—The Pope has instructed Archbishop Walsh and the other visiting Irish prelates to adopt a conciliatory attitude toward the government in Ireland. The Pope yesterday received Queen Victoria's jubilee gift, which was presented by the Duke of Norfolk.

M. Rochefort Assaulted.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—M. Garnier, a member of the company which Mme. Bernhardt took with her to America, assaulted M. Rochefort in the street yesterday. The cause of the attack was an adverse criticism on M. Garnier's acting.

A Russian Sympathizer Arrested.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—The editor of the *Parlamentarische Wochenschrift* has been arrested for encouraging Russia in the columns of his journal.

WANTS TO FIGHT FOR SAMOA.

Senator Hearst Says America Should Prevent German Ascendancy at Apia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Senator Hearst of California, is not at all backward in expressing his opinion regarding the German occupation of the Samoan Islands. He thinks our rights ought to be satisfactorily established in the island, even if war should result.

When asked how he proposed to secure these rights, the California senator replied:

"If the Germans refuse to give us equal privileges with themselves in Samoa we ought to fight if necessary to secure them. We made a mistake in permitting the Germans to secure a foothold there. We will make another mistake if we allow them to retain their present ascendancy to the exclusion of other nations—ourselves particularly."

When it was suggested to Senator Hearst that he have no navy with which to fight Germany the senator dogmatically answered: "That may be true, but that has nothing to do with the question. We don't want to consider our navy. We must first consider our rights. Let the consequences be what they may. If we show a bold front Germany will take the hint and treat us fairly. If we are going to back down every time our rights are threatened we will soon become the stock of Nations."

Dakota's Farmers' Alliance.

WATERTOWN, Dak., Dec. 26.—Much of the action at the recent meeting of the Farmers' alliance at Huron was taken in executive session, and the reports that have been made public are very meager. It has leaked out however that the several bills proposed in committee on usury, taxation and railroads, will doubtless be submitted for public consideration soon. It is also reported that among other things the alliance memorialized congress to remove the tariff from all articles for the sale of which a combination or trust has or may be formed.

Killed by Hogs.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Sarah S. Ewing, aged sixty-two, living four miles west of here, was found dead in her barnyard yesterday by her grandson. Her body was terribly mangled by hogs.

ONLY ONE SURVIVOR.

The Schooner Mary G. Collins Goes Down in a Gale With Five Men.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 27.—Capt. Torrey of the schooner M. C. Moseley of Boston, from Gloucester, Mass., came into Stonington, Conn., on Sunday night, and landed seaman Borden Manchester of Fall River, the sole survivor of the crew of the schooner Mary G. Collins of Philadelphia. Capt. Torrey reports that while in latitude 30 deg. 10 min., longitude 71 deg. 40 min., and while he was hoisted to in a severe gale, he saw the Collins hoisted to and showing signals of distress. Although the sea was running mountains high, he, with great difficulty, launched a boat and went to the relief of the vessel. With the wind blowing a gale it required great effort to keep the yawl afloat.

Inch by inch Capt. Torrey and his gallant crew gained on the sinking vessel, and they would soon have been alongside, but when almost within reach the Mary G. Collins lurched to starboard and sank, taking down the Captain and five of the crew. Manchester was seen clinging to a plank, and was taken aboard the Moseley. Manchester says:

"The Mary G. Collins left Norfolk with a cargo of coal bound for Somerset. On December 15 left Hampton Roads and experienced ordinary weather until one week ago Sunday, when a gale set in that amounted to a hurricane. The vessel became almost unmanageable. Soon the schooner began to leak badly and the men kept at the pumps until nearly exhausted. The water constantly gained on them despite their efforts with the result above stated."

The Big Coke Syndicate.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—The coke operators' meeting to-day will probably result in the formation of a stronger syndicate than the one recently disrupted, inasmuch as the leading independent operators have signified their willingness to become members of the new organization. The H. C. Frick Coke company will not be included in the new syndicate, but no opposition is expected from this firm. It has large contracts with the Carnegie, who own a majority of the stock in the Frick company and for this reason, it is said, the Frick company will maintain an independent position. It is further reported that Andrew Carnegie refused to enter into a combination with the other coke operators, because it might not be convenient for him to carry out the agreement in case of a strike. During the last strike he was placed in a position where he had to have coke, his steel interests being greater than his coke interests, and he could well afford to sacrifice a few hundred dollars in coke and make it back in his steel mills.

Against the Tenement House System.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—The cigar-makers of this district, to the number of 1,700, have organized a national cigar-makers' trade district of the Knights of Labor for the purpose of fighting the "tenement house system," which is carried on extensively here. The new organization expects the co-operation of the international union in the coming contest, which will be very bitter. It is proposed to bring all the workmen into factories and force every tenement-worker to join them or else sustain a boycott. They will not interfere or court a conflict with the international union, but if members of that organization continue to do to them work they will oppose them and institute a boycott. The members of the union have always antagonized the Knights, claiming that they have not worked in accord with them and rather played into the hands of the manufacturers to defeat the union.

How Christmas Was Spent at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Christmas festivities that were inappropriate on Sundays were ushered in with pleasant weather and enjoyed here quietly yesterday. As most of the national legislators and many public officials had gone away from Washington to their homes to spend the holidays, the native population was free to enjoy the day in the old-fashioned way, and they did so. There were special religious services in most of the churches, which were well attended. The shadow of gloom caused by the death of ex-Secretary Manning extended to the president's mansion and to the homes of Mr. Manning's old cabinet associates, and interfered with Christmas festivities there. Altogether, with the general public, there was an unusually quiet, but still a merry Christmas day.

Ruptured a Blood Vessel in His Brain.

NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 27.—William Waller Poole, the young leader of Poole's drum corps, while engaged in his daily employment in a Greenville factory, was seized with an unaccountable pain in his head. Seizure gave way to a fall, and he ran yelling from the mill with his hands to his head. He continued his run around the mill several times when he was caught and taken to his home. It required several men to hold him in his paroxysms of pain and insanity. Several doctors were summoned, but the young man died in great agony a few hours after the attack. A council of surgeons say a blood vessel in his brain was ruptured.

Five Men Stabbed.

DOVER, N. J., Dec. 27.—A party of forty or fifty Hungarian miners employed at Hibernia, eight miles from here, celebrated Christmas by getting drunk, and the result was a desperate fight among themselves in which stones, clubs, shovels, and knives were freely used. Five were stabbed and of them, Andrew Magar, was stabbed so severely in the back and head by John Sutiot that it is believed he cannot live many hours. The mob is so worked up by drunken frenzy that the local constable is afraid to make arrests, and has just telephoned here for aid.

Honors to a Negro in the South.

ALBUQUERQUE, Ga., Dec. 27.—Abram Wright, the old and faithful negro sexton of the Episcopal church here, who has occupied that position since the war, died Sunday, and at his request was buried yesterday afternoon in the churchyard beside the graves of many distinguished persons. The vestrymen and wardens of the church, some of Augusta's best citizens accompanied the remains to the grave, and acted as honorary pall bearers.

Clergymen and Anti-Poverty.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Rev. O. P. Gifford, pastor of the Warren avenue Baptist Church is announced to speak before the Boston Anti-Poverty society next Sunday evening. The announcement has created a general stir among his parishioners. It is rumored that another leading Boston clergyman of the same denomination will address the society in a few weeks.

Burned to Death.

BERGEN POINT, N. J., Dec. 27.—Donnis O'Day, 30 years old, was burned to death in a cabin in the rear of his daughter's house yesterday morning. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp.

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FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

Two Persons Instantly Killed and Two Fatally Injured Through Carelessness.

DOWNTOWN, Penn., Dec. 27.—An accident occurred at Walker's Crossing, one mile east of Downingtown Monday evening, which caused fatal injuries to two men—Hugh Coyle of this place and Albert Gallatin, a printer, whose home is at New Bloomfield, Perry county. He has been employed at the Advance office for the past two weeks. The men were walking on the track, and were struck by the milk train, which stops here.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Mr. Charles House, foreman of the Richmond and Danville railroad company's printing office in this city, lives in Alexandria. Sunday he was walking on the railroad near Alexandria with his daughter. While standing between the north and south tracks, absorbed in amusing the child, the south-bound limited express struck Mr. House, knocked him on the track, and crushed him so that his remains were hardly recognizable as those of a human body. The child was unhurt.

HUNTINGDON, Penn., Dec. 27.—H. Nichols of London, England, was killed near the Spruce Creek tunnel on the Pennsylvania railroad, about fourteen miles west of this place yesterday. He attempted to board an east-bound freight train, and missing his hold, fell under the train, and had both his legs crushed, causing death about two hours afterward.

W. W. Corcoran III.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—W. W. Corcoran has been feeble since his severe illness of last summer. On Sunday morning he was anxious to attend church, but not feeling strong enough to go to Ascension, where he usually worships, he went to St. John's, which is much nearer his home. He sat through the long service, and at the celebration of communion his attendant helped him to the chancel rail. He was very much exhausted, and twice endeavored to take bread and wine with his own hands. Finally Dr. Leonard gave him the bread and put the wine to his lips, after which his attendants, fearful of his condition, assisted him to rise and supported him from the church. He was so helpless that it was necessary to carry him to his carriage. At Mr. Corcoran's house it was said that he had not suffered a relapse but that he was in a very feeble condition, although it was not thought there was any cause for immediate alarm. Mr. Corcoran will celebrate his 90th birthday to-day.

Wyoming Valley Not Affected.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 27.—The strike of the Philadelphia and Reading trainmen has practically no effect whatever on the Wyoming coal field. The Philadelphia and Reading road does not penetrate into this valley and the company controls none of the collieries here. Whether or not the strike will extend in such a manner as to affect the mines here cannot be told, but many of the labor leaders in this vicinity believe that the ultimate outcome of the present trouble will be a universal strike throughout the whole anthracite coal fields, in the mines as well as on the railroads

DESERTED THE WORLD.

A Pair of Cincinnati Artists Who Lead the Life of Hermits.

A most peculiar case of misanthropy and self-imposed seclusion has just come to light in this city, writes a Cincinnati correspondent of the Chicago Times, in which two men of undoubted genius and at one time very prominent in artistic circles have been hid from the world and their most intimate friends for nearly a generation, though living within gun-shot of them, and living, too, in the most abject poverty when they might, almost without effort, live in luxury and have won honors and fortune. For nearly thirty years Edward Credland and George Bryce have lived in the same little, dingy, dirty, forlorn back room on an upper floor of the old tenement-house at No. 9 East Third street. They held no intercourse with the other tenants, and so far as the neighbors could see, with no one outside. The other day a gentleman stumbled upon them who had known one of them in better days, and proclaimed him to be a once famous painter, who had disappeared from his friends and the world a generation ago.

Years ago Edward Credland was a young artist here who gave unusual promise of greatness. He won prizes at exhibitions, and even now his works are in many Cincinnati houses and are valued very highly, all the more because the artist was supposed to have died thirty years ago. One prize picture was that of a dog, which some person, by carelessness or design, mutilated by puncturing an eye. The picture, however, was sold at a high figure, but the sensitive soul of the artist was wounded irreparably. He left this city and went to Dayton, but soon disappeared from there, and no trace of him was ever found. He was supposed to be dead, when, in fact, he had all that time been living in the very heart of his native city.

The case of Bryce is very similar. He is a Scotchman, and when young was an artist of more than usual promise and attainment. His history is not so well known as that of his companion in solitude, but it is known that he became sequestered on the world many years ago and determined to live only for his art. He wandered away from his father's home here, and somehow got acquainted with Credland, and the two congenial spirits, sympathizing with each other in their love for art and their disgust with the world, have been close companions ever since. They are greatly attached to each other, and spend most of their time in kindly discussion, chiefly on theology, art and the uncharitableness of the world they have left. Their room is dirty, and most totally devoid of furniture, and the rats have free entrance—in fact, furnish company for the two old misanthropes. The dingy walls are covered with paintings, any one of which would sell for enough to put the old men beyond the reach of want, but which they absolutely refuse to part with at any price, because they have sworn the world shall never again have an opportunity to sneer at or condemn their work.

They live on the cheapest food, mostly only bread and coffee, and wear only the poorest and cheapest clothing. By the making of sketches for engravers, and like work, they manage to subsist and to buy paints and canvas for the indulgence of their love for art, which has become a perfect mania with them. When their room will no longer hold their paintings they destroy more or less of them, utterly refusing to give any away, and then begin over again. Now that their friends have found them out, they are not only willing but anxious to help them, but nothing will these two singular old hermits accept, preferring their life of poverty with the rats as their companions and their pictures, with independence and scorn for the world, to any of the comforts they have so long done without.

THE DONKEY PARTY.

Description of a Very Entertaining and Popular Amusement.

A correspondent writes to the Albany Journal for information concerning a "donkey party." "What is it?" she asks, "and why is it so called?" and the communication has been turned over to the Tourist for reply. After a period of seclusion, spent in research into the subject, the old man respectfully submits the following: A "donkey party" is a distinctly American form of amusement. Just who invented it the Tourist is unable to say. Its name is founded upon the predominant topic of conversation, and the occupation by which the time is passed; not, as might be supposed, from the conduct of the guests and participants. The first essential move is to provide the guests with scissors. Each pair of scissors is decorated with a gayly-decorated ribbon, and those whose colors match are partners. The next move is to follow the scissors up with a large sheet of paper—one sheet per guest. Then time is wasted and the fun begins, each participant having five minutes in which to cut out a donkey. A committee, usually of six—three ladies and three gentlemen—is selected to pass judgment, and two prizes are given, one for the best result and the other for the one whose production least resembles the patient, long-eared brute. Often there are four prizes, and the ladies and gentlemen compete separately. Some of the results are quite startling, and one has difficulty, often, in deciding whether the object before him most resembles an electrified catfish or an instantaneous photograph of a Montana cyclone in full operation.

In the next act the "donkeys" (?) are hung on the curtain, and the guests, after being assured that the awful creature are all muzzled, are permitted to see the collective products of their unhealthy imaginations and wonder whose nightmare is the worst. The most amusing part of the programme, however, comes last. A large sheet of paper, on which a donkey is drawn, is hung on the wall. Each victim is provided with a long strip of paper—called, by courtesy, a tail—and a pin. Each "tail" is numbered, and in the order of their numbers the guests come forward and the blindfolded. A curious attendant then spins the first victim around three or four times till the poor individual isn't quite certain whether he or the drawing is the donkey, and then leaves him. The required move is now for the befuddled guest to take the paper tail and pin it on the donkey. And at this point nature weeps. Sometimes the tail is pinned on a poor, offending chair some twenty feet away, and bearing south-by-south from the donkey to whom the appendage belongs. Sometimes it is carefully located and with more or less propriety, according to circumstances, on the coat tail of one of the guests, and about once in forty times within speaking distance of the donkey, to whom it really belongs. Such is the "donkey party" in its civilized state. Some of the donkeys are not "cut out" until the party breaks up, but variations are at the discretion of the host.

SINGULAR OCCURRENCES.

An English gentleman aged eighty years, together with another gentleman is reported to have broken the thirty-mile record at tandem bicycling. The old gentleman did a quarter-mile in forty-nine seconds.

GREAT excitement was occasioned in Amsterdam, N. Y., the other day by the fall of an immense aerolite in one of the principal streets. The heavenly visitant is said to have weighed three tons and when it fell buried itself deeply in the ground.

In a lake near Wallingford, Conn., a strange duel was witnessed not long ago by several persons. It was between two huge turtles weighing at least fifty pounds each. The combat lasted ten minutes and was terminated only by the spectators who sought to capture one of the reptiles.

NEAR Edison, Pa., the other day a large hawk was seen to attack and carry off a large cat. The animal battled desperately, compelling the bird to release him. As he was falling the hawk swooped down and caught him, but, to its sorrow, for the cat turned and sinking its teeth into the hawk's neck, brought it to earth a dead bird.

A CLEVERMAN lately went into his pulpit wearing a pair of trousers which had been hanging in the wardrobe for some time. In the midst of his sermon, as was his habit, he thrust his hand into his trousers-pocket. He paused suddenly and drew out his hand and in it he tightly clutched a nest of young mice. Throwing them under the pulpit he resumed his theme.

A FARMER met with a singular accident a few days ago while standing at a Hotel in the city. In a somnambulistic state he jumped from a second-story window into a narrow passage-way between two buildings, and became so tightly wedged in that it took the combined efforts of two men to get him out. Beyond the terrible squeezing he got he was uninjured.

AN account is given of the swallowing of a turtle by a young lady of Chicago. She was taken sick in an unaccountable manner and was attended for some time by her physician to whom her case was a puzzle. One day, not long since, she vomited a turtle, an inch in diameter which, it was thought, she had swallowed in a glass of water taken in the dark from a hydrant. Her protracted illness and the shock proved fatal.

PROGRESS IN MECHANICS.

THERE are at present in course of construction in the South, seven cotton-mills which together will occasion an outlay of over three million dollars.

A school for the training of carriage draughtsmen has become an assured feature of the trade-school of New York. The school is intended to take the place, as far as possible, of the old system of apprenticeship.

A CONCERN in Germany has introduced paving-blocks called iron-brick. These are made of ground slate and clay and iron-ore. The composition is moistened with a solution of sulphate of iron, pressed, dried and glazed.

GLASS-workers in Belgium are contemplating the use of rollers in the manufacture of various articles. Sheets of glass heated to a certain temperature will be the use of the rollers be converted into the desired shapes.

FRENCH manufacturers have brought the papier-mache process up to a state of high perfection. Objects almost innumerable are now made of it. It is turned into indestructible balls and beads, and fashioned into stands, caskets, etc.

A PROCESS for the manufacture of continuous tin plates incorporated with steel has been patented by a Jersey City inventor. The plates are rolled first hot, then cold, and polished. This gives a hard and durable sheet of a superior quality.

A TELEPHONE without a receiver, thus doing away with much yelling and noise, has been practically introduced in this country. The words are conveyed by the motion of the jaws through a sensitive apparatus which is pressed to the neck.

A CLOCK has been invented, and is coming into use in Europe, which is warranted by its manufacturers to run for five years without either winding or regulation. The Belgian government placed one in a railway station in 1881, sealed with the government seal, and it has kept perfect time ever since.

ONE of the finest and most powerful tools that mechanical science has yet achieved has just been finished at Mulhouse for the French navy. It is a two-carriage universal lathe, which is a complete machine shop in itself, being capable of performing the most varied operations—such as mortising, shaping, boring and moulding—with the most perfect accuracy. It is wonderfully adapted to the delicate and complicated working of pieces for armor-plating for modern war vessels. Its weight is more than 340 tons, and it is driven by an engine of 25 horse-power.

TRANSFERRING ABROAD.

DURING the last year the Argentine Republic received 150,000 immigrants from Europe. These are principally from Italy, Germany and Sweden.

A NEW canal is projected between the Dvina and Dnieper rivers, in Russia. It is thought that the cost will approximate five million dollars.

THERE were recently shipped from France five hundred of the worst kinds of criminals. The convicts were locked up in cages and carried by water to the penal colony of Cayenne.

A "MEDICAL Missionary Academy" has been organized in Madagascar by English and Norwegian missionaries to secure to native students a greater variety and thoroughness of instruction. Here the medical curriculum extends over five years.

WITHIN a year a great many deaths have occurred among the young farmers in the eastern part of Croatia. Investigation developed the fact that the deceased were in most cases newly-married men who had been poisoned by their wives for their houses and lands.

THE total consumption of coffee in Great Britain is about 30,000,000 pounds yearly. The amount of tea used is less than 2,000,000 pounds for the same length of time. China is drawn upon for the bulk of the tea supply. India and Ceylon furnishing about one-quarter the amount.

DOMESTIC MISCELLANY.

THE free use of salt has often proved effective in the treatment of fever and ague. The simultaneous application of hot water to the back of the neck and the feet often cures headache.

EQUAL parts of linseed oil and lime water applied with cotton batting is the best treatment for burns.

A CHILL may be broken by drinking a pint of scalding milk, in which has been stirred a spoonful of ginger, taken just when the chill comes on.

IN measles the greater danger lies in taking cold, which is apt to induce inflammation of the lungs, and injury to the eyes from overuse or exposure to too strong a light.

A CLEAN, tastefully-laid table is a pleasure to the eye and often induces one with a poor appetite to try and eat. The service may be poor, but if neat, will go a long way toward creating contentment.

BROWNED potatoes to be served with turkey are prepared thus: Parboil the potatoes in their skins, then peel, cut in half and lay in the pan with the turkey half an hour before serving, basting them liberally.

SLIPPERY-elm bark is a good remedy for scaly boilers, and has been successfully used for a number of years. It is placed in the boiler and left there, the scale falling off in flakes, which should be at once removed.

FOR burns or scalds, nothing is more soothing than the white of an egg, which may be poured over the wound. It is softer, as a varnish for a burn, than collodion, and being always at hand can be applied immediately.

IT is said on good authority that oil is a preventive of dyspepsia. Americans have a fixed aversion to salad oils and a great many to fat of all kinds, yet it is an undoubted truth that the free use of oils in food aids the digestion.

IN making tea it will be found that straining before heating gives unusual delicacy to the flavor. This follows the steeping, of course; a teaspoonful of tea having been first steeped three minutes in just enough boiling water to cover it, when the full amount is added.

TO PROVIDE proper food for a sick person it is indispensable that the nurse should know something of the effect of different forms of food on the human system, what kinds are best adapted to repair the waste of disease, and how they can be administered to obtain the best result.

COLLOPS.—Cut away the fat and gristle from a pound and a half of round steak, then chop it fine and place it in a saucepan with a pint of hot water; just as it reaches the boiling point move to a part of the stove where it will barely simmer; cook it slowly thus for one hour, then add a teaspoonful salt, a large pinch of pepper and simmer another hour; season and serve hot.

VERY often invalids are disinclined to the exertion of lifting the head to partake of a nourishing drink. Let them have their way. A bent glass tube, sold for five cents at the apothecary's, is not a signal of extreme illness or lowness, except that the head may rest low. It simply means comfort, and the invalid need not be disturbed in a sick headache or extreme fatigue, but can take the beverage provided without a change of position.

PUDDING.—Soak one cup of stale bread crumbs in one pint of milk, add one tablespoonful of butter, one cup of sugar, one salt-spoonful of salt, and spice to taste. When cool, add three eggs well beaten. Add two cups of fruit, either chopped apples, raisins, currants, canned peaches or apricots. When using canned fruit, drain it from the syrup, and use the latter in making a sauce. Vary the sugar according to the fruit. Turn in to a buttered pudding mold and steam two hours.

TO MAKE a fine rice pudding, take one cupful boiled rice, three cupfuls milk, three quarters of a cupful sugar, one tablespoonful cornstarch, two eggs and flavoring. Dissolve the cornstarch first with a little milk and then stir in the remainder of the milk; add the yolks of eggs and the sugar beaten together, now put this over the fire, and when hot add the rice. Stir until thick as custard then take off and add extract. Put it into a pudding dish and place it in the oven. Now beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and add a little sugar and flavoring. Take the pudding from the oven when colored a little, spread the froth over the top and return it to the oven for a few minutes to give the froth a delicate coloring.

MILK BREAD.—Scald a pint of milk and turn it in a bread pan, and "butter" and salt when cool, add half a cup of yeast, and sufficient flour to make a stiff batter. Beat thoroughly until very light. Cover and set in a warm place over night. In the morning work in flour to make a stiff dough. Then turn on the bread board and knead quickly until the dough is perfectly smooth. Put back in a bread pan and cover. Set to rise until it doubles in bulk. When light turn out on the board, divide in halves, mold in to loaves, put in greased pans and let stand until very light. Bake in a moderate oven one hour.

ODD INDUSTRIES.

A COTTON-SEED oil mill in Arkansas, erected at a cost of \$200,000, is crushing seed at the rate of two hundred tons a day.

AN establishment in New York makes a business of selling ancient household furnishings. This business is carried on "in wise" is called a "Hall of Records," in connection with the looking up of genealogical records.

A NUMBER of European manufacturers have entered into the production of a new fiber known as "fiber-muslin" from a shrub growing in India, until recently held to be useless. This fiber promises to rank with jute in the manufacture of sackings.

KITTENS are in great demand by taxidermists to stuff for ornamental purposes. Another use to which the felines are devoted is the manufacture of carriage robes. Much of the fur used in trimming garments is also obtained from the common domestic animal.

BY means of electricity the most attractive leather surfaces are now imitated to perfection. The process is similar to that by which electrotype plates are made, a shell of copper being precipitated upon the surface to be imitated, from which shell an impression is obtained.

A CONCERN in New York State is engaged in the manufacture of an imitation tobacco from paper. The paper, on reaching the tobacco warehouse, is repeatedly soaked in a strong decoction of the plant. It is then cut up and pressed in molds, which give to each sheet the venation of the genuine leaf-tobacco. So close is the imitation that expert tobacco men and habitual smokers have been deceived.

PHOTOGRAPHERS in the East are making a specialty of taking the pretty hands and wrists of women. Hands are photographed on glass negatives in the same manner as ordinary pictures are made. The hand, wrist and forearm are placed against a dark background in a strong light, in front of the camera. The ordinary exposure of a plate is then made. Back velvet makes an excellent background. All the beautiful curves and dimples of the hand are clearly shown.

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