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BY THE WAY.

The law makers will soon meet at Trenton.

The Bound Brook Vigilant Committee will hold its annual meeting on Jan. 9th.

The Christmas festival of the Episcopal church at New Market was held yesterday afternoon.

A number of new Woodruff parlor cars have recently been placed on the Central Railroad.

Skating at The Crescent, Saturday afternoon and evening, Dec. 31, 1887, and Monday afternoon and evening, Jan. 2, 1888.

On to-morrow evening will occur the final meeting of the '87 Council. Considerably unfinished business will then be transacted.

Notwithstanding the intense cold weather today the lakes in this vicinity were alive with merry skaters, who seemed to enjoy the sport hugely.

The attractive show windows of Warden & Fowler, confectioners, No. 29 Park avenue, is the delight of the children. The new firm is doing a fine holiday trade.

Slow progress is being made in putting up the names of streets at intersections. Until that requirement of the law is carried out free delivery will not come to us.

The recently elected officers of Major Anderson Post, No. 109, G. A. R., will be installed into their respective offices at the next encampment on Thursday of next week.

A Christmas tree was lighted at the Children's Home this afternoon, and the hearts of the little ones were made to overflow with gladness, by the good things they received.

The dynamo which furnishes the electric light at the Scott Press Works burned out on Friday, and the men are obliged to stop work at five p. m., until the armature is rewound.

In Cutter's Hall this evening the Plainfield Berean Bible Class, will give a sociable to their friends. A programme will be rendered consisting of music, recitations and refreshments.

There are two things our citizens must commence to practice on, and afterward follow—date your checks and letters 1888 and have your letters directed to your house and business numbers.

The Loan Exhibition in the Art Gallery building is still attracting many visitors who love to wander through the spacious halls and ponder over the quaint and curious things now on exhibition there.

The second grand sociable of "The Merry Five," was held in Excelsior Hall, Scotch Plains, last evening, and among the guests were a few persons from this city. Prof. Frazee furnished the music for dancing.

This evening the Plainfield Gesang and Turn Verein Society, will tender to their friends a Christmas sociable and hop, at their headquarters on Somerset street. Dancing and a good time in general is promised those who attend.

The genuine Sou' East rain storm which set in early yesterday morning was followed during the afternoon by a heavy gale. The weather continued to grow colder as night approached and this morning the mercury registered near zero.

Over 500 tickets have been given away to customers who have purchased 50 cents worth of candy at Foote's confectionery store, No. 19 Park avenue, any of which is liable to win the mammoth candy hotel displayed in the window. Lots of tickets left.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions at New Brunswick, yesterday, John Barry, John Hogan, Thomas Conway and Willis Mack, accused of assaulting Thomas Newland (all of this city) pleaded not guilty. They were released on bail to appear for trial this morning at ten o'clock.

—On the last day of the old year and the day we'll celebrate of the new, there will be skating in The Crescent.

The Elizabeth Journal says: "Detective Worsley, the Plainfield firebug detective, was in this city yesterday. He is now located in New York State."

—Dr. Talmage's sermon on our last page today, is his Christmas sermon as preached in the Brooklyn Tabernacle, last Sunday. Subject: "The Barn and its Surroundings."

—New resolutions are being engrossed by some people preparatory to their unanimous adoption on New Year's Day. Unlike the resolutions adopted by the City Council, however, they are not authorized "officially published."

—Messrs. Schwed Bros. call attention in their advertisement today to their great sacrifice sale of clothing during the next thirty days. This reduction is made so as to close out the winter stock and make room for Spring goods.

—There are no new developments in the Westfield divorce case, which by the way is legitimate news. It is generally conceded in Westfield that the Grand Jury will indict Roll for assault and battery, and a severance of the nuptials between his wife and himself will probably be the ultimate result.

—The enterprising firm of A. M. Vanderbeek & Co., No. 33 Park avenue, display a fine stock of holiday goods in their line in their show windows. Sportsmen should remember that loaded shells can be procured at this establishment, warranted to kill if "you only hold on 'em." See advertisement in another column.

—In response to the request of a number of our leading citizens, the Music Hall management has succeeded in engaging Mr. W. J. Florence to appear in his great character of *Captain Cuttle* in "Dombey and Son." This treat will take place on Tuesday evening of next week. Sale of seats at the usual prices, begins to-morrow.

—There is to be a three days' trap shooting tournament on the Fair Grounds at Flemington, N. J., under the management of the Flemington Trap Shooting Association, George E. Reading, President, commencing Jan. 10th and continuing to the 13th, 1888. On the opening day, it is announced that there will be a grand championship sweepstakes match, open to the world, at 25 live birds, \$25 entrance fee. The other days will be devoted to inanimate target and live pigeon shooting.

—The firemen's relief association of New Brunswick will unite, it is said, in pressing a bill on the attention of the next Legislature asking for relief from foreign insurance companies, whose agents fail to pay the 2 per cent. premium on all policies secured here to the treasurer of the relief association, as provided by law. Agents of foreign companies have thrived at the expense of the firemen in this way for many years, and at the meeting of the State association, which was held here last Fall, a resolution was adopted calling for that legislative action which will be attempted in the interest of the firemen at Trenton this Winter.

—General satisfaction is expressed by the large number of commuters of this city over the graded system of commutation rates which is to go into effect Jan. 1st. "They say" that cheap commutation and rapid transit cannot fail to make Plainfield still more attractive as a place of residence. Certain it is that with excellent water, no malaria, comparative freedom from mosquitoes, schools of all grades, churches of nearly all denominations and benevolent and social societies of various kinds, our city stands second to none in the State in the way of offering inducements to people who are looking for a home where they can settle down and be comfortable.

—The annual report of the Ocean Grove Association has been issued in pamphlet form. As there are many persons in this city who Summer at the Grove, the following statistics may be of interest, especially to them: The largest number of trains on the railroad in one day was 114; special excursions during the season, 171; largest number of excursions in one day, 26; railroad cash receipts for August, at Ocean Grove station, \$45,992; total pieces of baggage handled during the season, 91,000; Adams Express packages handled, 120,000; number of cottages this year, 906; last year, 879; receipts at the post office, \$6,303.66; number of pieces of mail matter handled during the season, 500,000.

Unity Lodge K. of P. Election.
Unity Lodge, No. 102 K. of P., last evening elected the following officers:
P. C.—D. W. Rogers.
C. C.—T. C. Smith.
V. C.—L. R. Blackford.
P.—Jno. M. Hetfield.
M. at A.—Jno. Sharkey.
K. of R. and S.—J. Shepard.
M. of F.—J. M. Hawkins.
M. of E.—Bateman Thatcher.
Representative to Grand Lodge—Jos. Shepard.
Alternate—H. J. Martin.

THE ART GALLERY EXHIBIT.

More About the Pictures Loaned for the Occasion.

So much space in THE PRESS has been demanded, for the past few issues, to chronicle the coming of the many Christmas exercises, and to report their successful accomplishment, that the continued daily review of the works of art in the Loan Exhibition, has been impeded. Right here, however, it may begin again, and the many visitors of last Monday who were so interested in the special art achievements pointed out in these columns, may go again next Monday and find attraction and pleasure anew in other works we will refer to.

No. 47 is a scene at Lake Tahoe, loaned by the artist, Miss Susan E. Sroufe. This lady is a native of California, and now in Paris studying the art she shows the gift of to quite a creditable degree. On way from her home to New York, the port she intended to sail from, Miss Sroufe stopped in this city. Charmed with the many creditable pictures the Gallery owns, she sought permission to make sketches from them. Through the influence and courtesy of Mr. Julian Scott, Chairman of the Hanging and Decorating Committee, the favor was extended her, and she prolonged her stay in this city through many days to avail herself of the privilege. Upon leaving to continue her journey to Paris, Miss Sroufe proved her appreciation by loaning the Gallery, picture No. 47.

There is much delicacy and grace in the treatment of the distant mountains, in this picture, yet it dwains upon the experienced observer through an atmosphere of old-acquaintance—your recognize having met those white-tipped mountains and azure canopy, so often before. Yet if paintings with crude foregrounds and plagiarized middle-distances, can be pleasing, this is one of that kind.

One of two valuable pictures loaned the exhibition by Mr. James Clark, is No. 58, "The Life Boat," by H. Chase. There is every reason why, to many, this picture is a gem of the collection. There is a fascination about the scene itself and the way it is presented, that cannot be described. Even the sea-green waves do not roll and break as in other water-scapes. Courageous intent and determined purpose is clearly cut in the silhouette of each sturdy sailor, that stands out with startling vividness against a white sky. It is no sea-shore picture with bathing-ground waves rolling, as always, towards you. Out of sight of land this boat is launched, and the line of the wave on the crest of which it is poised, runs almost straight out to the horizon. That picture should not be overlooked.

No. 31, "Driving Geese to Water," is painted by Adolph Linz and loaned by Mr. A. C. Baldwin who has given, already, so much. The painting is a gem of its type. Full of bright color; and each figure replete with action.

We mildly suggested to our contemporaries last week, that if they would write of high ceramic art, to please bear in mind that cloisonne really meant "in-closed," and that the Schoonmaker Collection at the Art Gallery consisted of porcelain and *Cloisonne enamel*. Yet one of the locals, yesterday, sets the people's teeth on edge with a reference to "the specimen of blue and white porcelain cloisonne ware, that is now being exhibited in the Schoonmaker collection."

Officers of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

At a regular meeting of Franklin Council, No. 41, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, held in the Sons of Temperance rooms last evening, the following officers were elected:

Counselor—E. E. Vail.
Vice Counselor—C. W. Tallman.
Rec. Sec'y—David Bodine.
Asst. Rec. Sec'y—H. Symons.
Financial Sec'y—Chas. Post.
Conductor—David Donovan.
Warden—Chas. Morehouse.
Inside Sentinel—Harry Ackerman.
Outside Sentinel—Harry Adams.
Representative to State Council for two years—Charles Davis. For one year—Howard Frey.
Representative to Funeral Benefit Association—Peter H. Bennett.

Franklin Council is in a flourishing condition, and new members are being constantly admitted. Meetings are held every Thursday evening, in the Sons of Temperance rooms.

St. John's Day.

December 27th is known and celebrated in Masonic circles as the anniversary of Saint John, the Evangelist. On that day it is the duty of "Free and Accepted Masons" to assemble and by a solemn invocation of the past, renew the ties and strengthen the fraternal bonds that bind the present to the brotherhood of the olden time. In Blue Lodge Masonry, it is also celebrated as the commencement of the Masonic year, and whenever possible, the newly elected officers are installed and take their several official places in their lodges.

THE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Continued in the Churches.

Christmas has come and gone, but still the glorious festival continues. Last evening the Sunday schools of the Church of Our Saviour at Netherwood, Grace, and the First Baptist church held appropriate exercises. The weather though was not in a holiday humor, and while it had its effect on outdoor merriment, the indoor celebrations were none the less bright and cheerful. The Sunday school of the Church of the Holy Cross held its Christmas anniversary yesterday afternoon.

HOLY CROSS.

The Christmas festival of the Sunday school of Holy Cross church was held in the church yesterday afternoon. The large Christmas tree reached to within a few feet of the apex of the chancel arch and was elaborately decorated with handsome and appropriate ornaments. Around its base the many gifts were placed in an attractive manner. The centre aisle was lined by the new banners of the various classes, and soon after four o'clock the children marched in from the Sunday school building and filed into their seats. The services embodied an address by the rector, Rev. T. Logan Murphy, the singing of carols and presentation of gifts. A feature was the presentation of an elegant set of books, by the teachers and scholars, to their absent Superintendent, Mr. Chas. Wann. The supply of gifts seemed inexhaustible, and every one, from the rector to the smallest guest, was generously remembered.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

The Sunday school of the Church of Our Saviour at Netherwood had a festival last evening that it will long remember. The friends of the school prepared a large and beautiful tree, and provided gifts for every pupil in the school. Besides the latter, several of the teachers made special gifts to their classes. Awards were made by Mr. Poillon for punctuality and for success in bringing in new pupils. An address was made by S. A. Haines, and beautiful carols were sung with a will at intervals during the exercises. After the children had been satisfied and it was supposed that all the gifts had been dispensed of, Mr. Haines called out the Superintendent, W. J. Leonard, and afterward the leader of the singing, Thomas Brown, and in turn "canned" each one of them in behalf of the school. The recipients took the canes and agreed to make good use of them.

GRACE CHURCH.

In Grace church the exercises were of a very pleasing character, and there was a beautiful tree, laden with pretty things. The children's treat was a very generous one, and the occasion in all respects an appropriate and a happy one. The chancel was brilliant with its decorations and illuminations, and the whole interior of the church was a profusion of evergreens artistically and skillfully arranged by a Committee of ladies selected for the occasion. Over the main aisle leading from the vestibule were suspended from the ceiling large Christmas bells, which added greatly to the appearance of the place.

Mrs. W. A. Freeman occupied her accustomed seat at the organ and the choir was composed of the following well-known singers: Mrs. T. W. Davis, Miss Runyon, Messrs. W. R. Cock and T. B. Brown, Jr. The school assisted materially in the singing. Rev. E. M. Rodman, the rector, presided. The exercises consisted of carols and responsive readings, prayer and a Scripture lesson from St. Matthew, second chapter, followed by an address by the rector, who directed his remarks to the children. In this church, he said, Christmas is observed during the entire week, and is not confined to any particular day. The Christmas tree, he considered, an appropriate subject to talk about. In Genesis the tree is first spoken of as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and its leaves are for the healing of the nation. Unlike the tree spoken of in the Bible which bears fruit every month, this tree bears fruit of a peculiar kind every twelve months, and as you receive these good things from the church of God, or from Christ himself, as he is at the head of the church, you should banish all evil from your minds. For on this Christmas day Christ was born. Boys and girls should study the question of love and subjection as Christ did. "But," he said in conclusion, "I'm not going to stand any longer between you and this tree." After a carol was sung, then came the distribution of gifts, and as each scholar advanced to the platform he or she was presented with a Christmas gift. An anthem was sung and the festivities closed with the benediction.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The scholars of the Baptist School also held their Christmas anniversary last evening. Mr. C. W. McCutchen, the Superintendent, presided, and Mr. David Lyon was the accompanist. The programme included recitations by Miss Kitty Case and Miss Grace Cooley, vocal selections by the Misses Manning, one of which, "The Cows are in the Corn," was rendered in a charming manner and occasioned favorable comment. Mr. David Lyon performed a difficult piano solo, and some of the older scholars took part in choruses, etc. Mr. Harold Serrell as "Santa Claus" went about the Sunday school room, distributing jumping-jacks and other trinkets among the children. Each scholar was presented with a box of candy, even to Freeholder Vanderbrook, and about ten o'clock the gathering dispersed.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Rev. W. R. Richards will deliver the fourth in the series of free lectures at Reform Hall this evening.

Fire Commissioner Wm. H. Brower, who has been confined to the house for some time past by illness, is now recovering.

Miss Lizzie Hasbrouck of Grove street, will give a progressive euchre party on Friday, for which a number of invitations have been issued.

Wm. Taylor, Bound Brook's veteran hackman, died recently, aged 63 years, of consumption. Deceased had resided in Bound Brook about forty years, twenty-two of which he drove a stage between there and New Brunswick. His wife, four sons and two daughters survive him.

Mr. Peter W. Lutes, of this city, has accepted a position with the United States Electric Light Co., at Newark. Since the organization of the Plainfield Electric Light company, Mr. Lutes has been one of its most faithful employees, filling the position of assistant engineer with entire satisfaction.

Another one of the reasons because of which we welcome the coming of the new year, is that we are again favored with a calendar from the Lawrence Cement company, through the courtesy of Mr. Ernest R. Ackerman. Each year this Company chooses the best of the Lowell art engravings for the purposes of their calendar.

Adding Insult to Injury.

A local sheet on Saturday, not taking into consideration the feelings of the bereaved family, which is invariably the case, published a lot of trash and falsehoods concerning the death of the lamented Mrs. Wilton Randolph of Netherwood. It is needless to say that such matter is excluded from the columns of THE PRESS, and is never handled by journalists. Furthermore it is altogether unfit for a place in the household. It is nevertheless consoling to know that the few places where the article was masqueraded into the home, it found a ready receptacle in the stove—as it should. Not content with publishing falsehoods, the same sheet in its next issue added insult to injury, by trying to creep around the disreputable article culled by a penny-a-liner from irresponsible sources, and instead of pouring oil on the troubled waters, only made matters worse. But what can be expected?

Real Estate Transfers.

Property in North Plainfield Township is continually changing hands. Following is a list of the transfers made within the past week or two, the deeds for which have been recorded with the Clerk of the County of Somerset:

Dec. 8—Geo. B. Steele to James A. Baker, property in North Plainfield, price \$225.
Dec. 9—Catherine Lichtenstein to Samuel Q. Lawson, property in North Plainfield, \$3,000.
Dec. 10—John D. Norris to T. J. F. Zeller, property in North Plainfield, \$3,000. Sarah A. Coon to Eliza Coriell, property in North Plainfield, \$500. Wm. White et ux to Caroline Sutterlein, property in North Plainfield, \$1,000.
Dec. 15—John H. French to Manning Vermuele, property in North Plainfield, \$2,000. Manning Vermuele to Mary E. French, same property, \$2,000.

Remembering God's Poor.

The Ministering Children's League of Grace church has sent a valuable box to the Flower Mission of New York city. In addition to what they gave and collected, there were many contributions from the merchants of Plainfield, which were gratefully received and have been acknowledged with thanks by the Secretary. The League numbers some eighty members, with Mrs. E. S. Craft, President, and Miss S. E. G. Fox, Vice President.

The merchants who joined in the charity were Messrs. H. Hanchett, Barkalow & Dunn, Peter Bennett, John Allen, H. P. Reynolds, M. Estil, Seeley Edsall and Carl Peterson.

The Ministering Children will meet at Grace church on Friday, Jan. 6, 1888.

—The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet in regular session on Thursday next.

—Never hang a picture so it will be necessary to mount a stepladder to view it. Hang it so that centre will be about five feet and a half from the floor, a little below the line of vision of a person of average height.

BY THE PRESS SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE PLAINFIELD ASSAULTERS ARRAIGNED.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Dec. 29.—In the Middlesex County Court before Judge Cowenhoven today the five young men from Plainfield named respectively Barry, Hogan, Conway, Mack and Duckworth who are charged with assaulting Thomas Newland, a plumber in the employ of Mr. D. W. Littell of Plainfield, were arraigned for trial. Duckworth was represented by individual counsel, and counsel for the other defendants was also present. Duckworth pleaded guilty to the charge, and will be sentenced on Wednesday next. At noon court adjourned over for one hour, the bail of the other defendants was forfeited and they were paroled into the custody of the Sheriff.

THE STRIKE SPREADING.

John Lee's Opinion of the Result.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—There is a feeling of great uncertainty this morning in regard to the supplemental strike. The situation in many quarters looks cloudy, with little chance of any sunshine through negotiations with the company. Today's convention at Reading is to settle some points of difference between the road and the employees, but whether this settlement will serve as a quietus, or only inflame the situation, no one can tell at present.

Chairman John Lee, who ordered the second strike of yesterday, says: "I think it will result in a general strike of everybody in the employ of the Reading corporation, freight men, brakemen and conductors, switchmen, telegraph operators, signal tower men, passenger crews, engineers and firemen, miners, laborers, call boys—in short, every rank and degree of labor on the railway system and in the Schuylkill mining region. That will mean 60,000 men at least."

Concert at Dunellen.

The concert in the Presbyterian church at Dunellen last evening was a grand success, both financially and otherwise. The Plainfield singers returned home in a stage about eleven o'clock. The programme was as follows:
Solo.....T. B. Brown.
Duet.....Messrs. Barnes and Runyon.
Solo.....Mrs. M. E. Davis.
Duet....."Abide with me" Mrs. Bird and T. Brown.
Solo.....E. Runyon.
Solo....."Jerusalem".....T. B. Brown.
Duet.....Mrs. Bird and T. Brown.
Solo.....Mrs. Davis.
Solo.....J. P. Barnes.
Duet.....Messrs. Runyon and Barnes.
Mrs. Davis and Mr. B. T. Barnes were each obliged to respond to encores. After the concert the singers were entertained in the lecture room of the church.

A Woman's Example for Women.

Under the above heading a New York critic in the *Herald* thus depicts Mrs. James Brown Potter who is to appear at Music Hall on Saturday evening:
The success of Mrs. James Brown Potter, in her stage venture, is gratifying in this, that it is not only a compliment to a woman of force and intellect, in which all who believe in the advancement of women will rejoice, but a practical evidence of what a woman can do who means to do something. The best that society can do for men and women is to allow them to do the best they can for themselves. In England we have seen ladies of high birth and gentle culture going sensibly into business, and with good results. Industry and courage brought them independence, as industry and courage almost invariably do. It is a false view of a woman's position to suppose that she invades her womanhood by honest employment. Mrs. Potter in going upon the stage, has not only achieved a triumph in art, but a success which must be gratifying to all who believe in women having the nerve to help themselves.

At Home to Everybody.

There will be "open house" at the Young Men's Christian Association's rooms on Front street, Monday next, from two o'clock in the afternoon until ten o'clock in the evening. The young ladies of the "Y. M. C. A. Nine," will decorate the rooms for this occasion with their good taste and their presence, and serve the refreshments that will be provided. There will be music during the afternoon and evening, and possibly other attractive entertainment. Everyone is invited to call, and all are welcome.

—Every now and again we hear of a person ejecting some monster from the stomach. The latest case was that of a young woman who vomited a turtle. But on further examination it was found to be simply a piece of orange peel. We suspect other tales of the same sort would have a like explanation if properly examined.

RUSSIA WANTS PEACE.

HER AMBASSADOR SAYS HER POLICY IS FRIENDLY.

Italians Getting Ready—Dueling in Paris.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 29.—The Post publishes a telegram from Vienna saying that Prince Lobanoff, the Russian ambassador there, has assured Count Kaloniy that Russia is pursuing a policy of peace, and that the concentration of Russian troops on the Galician frontier is not intended as an aggressive movement.

Count Sotouvaloff, the Russian ambassador to Germany, had a short audience with Emperor William today. The emperor is enjoying vigorous health, and took a long walk yesterday afternoon.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—The tension between Russia and Austria shows symptoms of relaxing. The *Grodzinski* declares that an *entente* is possible even on the most difficult points in the Bulgarian dispute.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 29.—Herr von Radomitz, the German ambassador, has officially informed Kiamil Pasha, president of the council of ministers, that Germany will give Austria active military support if Russia should provoke a war with Austria.

TO HONOR DUC D'AUMALE.

Members of the French Institute to Present Him With a Medal.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The delegation of members of the French Institute which started for Brussels today to present to the Duc d'Aumale the medal struck in commemoration of his gift of Chantilly to the people of France. On one side is the duke's profile and on the other a view of the castle and park of Chantilly. Three copies of the medal will be presented, to the duke, of gold, silver and bronze respectively. The French Institute will preserve the dies from which this memorial has been struck, and will present a copy of the medal to each student who obtains a scholarship derived from the Chantilly gift.

Captain Brewer, the American champion wing shot, has arrived in England, and has issued a challenge to all comers for a match for fifty or one hundred pounds a side.

Dueling in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—M. Mayer, director of the *Gaulois*, has challenged M. de Woestene, formerly the Paris correspondent of a New York newspaper, for articles published in the *Journal Parisien* and *Courier Français*. A duel with swords will probably take place today. M. Garnier challenged M. Vervort, editor of the *Evénement*, on account of a certain article published by the latter. M. Vervort replied that when such dueling experts as M. Rochefort and M. Bertogralv refused to fight M. Garnier, he, Vervort, could very well decline the challenge.

The Crown Prince.

SAN REMO, Dec. 29.—Dr. Mackenzie says that for more than a month the Crown Prince Frederick William has been free from the unpleasant sensation in his throat which he first experienced last January. Dr. Mackenzie describes the Crown Prince as hopeful and cheerful. Drs. Mackenzie, Schrader, Hovell and Kraus, after an hour's consultation today, agreed to despatch to Berlin a favorable bulletin concerning the Crown Prince. Dr. Mackenzie will return to San Remo from time to time.

Italians Getting Ready.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Advices from Massowah say that great activity prevails among the Italian troops here. Every preparation is being made to meet the advancing Abyssinian forces. It is reported that Ras Alula overrated the Italian movements in order to induce King John to advance. One column of Abyssinian troops, commanded by a son of the king, has arrived at Adowa. Another column, under Ras Mikael, had reached Adigat.

Catholics and Orangemen Fight.

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—A desperate fight between Catholics and Orangemen occurred on Monday in the village of Killybegan, near Cookstown. Stones, bricks, revolvers, etc., were freely used. The house of a priest was completely wrecked and the windows of other houses were smashed. The struggle was becoming serious when the police stopped the fight. Several persons were arrested.

The Emperor William Well.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The emperor is enjoying his usual health. He attended a performance of opera and then devoted several hours to the transaction of public business. The rumors that he was dead excited surprise here.

A Theatre Burned Near London.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Grand theatre at Islington was burned last evening. The properties belonging to the pantomime, "Whittington and His Cat" were destroyed.

Gladstone on His Way to Italy.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Mr. Gladstone embarked upon the Channel steamer at Folkestone on his way to France yesterday morning. He was cheered by the crowd which had gathered to see him off.

A New Governor-General for Canada.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Manchester *Courier* says that Lord Stanley of Preston has accepted the governor-generalship of Canada.

A Defender of Mr. Lamar.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Mr. H. McArdle of Mississippi, publishes a card here, in which he states that a speech made at Aberdeen, Miss., in 1875, which has been attributed to Mr. Lamar, was made by him (McArdle). The letter adds that if the senatorial refusal to confirm Mr. Lamar, the south will be sold while the sky has a star or the ocean a tide.

A New Use for Natural Gas.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29.—Jacob Wainwright yesterday demonstrated that natural gas can be used in furnace cupolas for ordinary castings. Mr. Wainwright's furnace will be the means of dispensing with 90 per cent. of the coke now needed for ordinary furnaces.

The Suit is Postponed.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 29.—In the United States court yesterday afternoon the hearing of the suit against the Fidelity bank directors was postponed until after the hearing of the criminal cases.

Advance in Freight.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 29.—A 10 per cent. advance in freight rates of the fourth, fifth and sixth classes from this point east and west will go into effect January 2.

SENATOR BECK ON THE TARIFF.

He Thinks the Reduction Should Aggregate One Hundred Millions.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.—Senator Beck is in the city preparatory to attending the opening of the legislature, which will re-elect him. He was seen by a reporter, and when asked about the probable action of congress in regard to the tariff, replied:

"There will certainly be changes to reduce the heavy revenues now constantly adding to the surplus. I think the tobacco tax will be entirely removed and probably a provision made that the tax on whiskey shall be collected when it is withdrawn for consumption. I regard it as practically certain that the tobacco tax will be removed. The measure must originate in the house. I can't tell what Randall will do. The house democrats as yet have had no conference with the senators on the subject. I don't think anything can be determined till the ways and means committee is made up, for of course the men at the head of that committee will have charge of the tariff measure. Our committee men, Senators Kennel, Hearst and Jones, are ready for a conference. I think there will be a reduction in the tariff schedule cutting off sixty to seventy and perhaps a hundred millions of revenue. It ought to be the latter figure. I think the reduction will be on iron, wool, sugar, lumber and various other articles. Tariff on some things will be greatly reduced and others will be placed upon the free list."

Coal Famine Along the Ohio.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 29.—The bad effects of the long drought are now being felt in a new form. The Ohio river is almost dry, and the question of fuel supply along its entire length is alarming the people. The railroads are doing their best to avert this condition of things, but will hardly be able to avert the danger. In Louisville numbers of factories are preparing to shut down. Some, indeed, have already done so, and if the river does not rise soon there will be something like a general suspension of industries about the falls of the Ohio. The Indiana mines are worked to their utmost capacity, but the coal is inferior and insufficient in quantity. For once the roads are doing a good thing. They refuse to allow dealers to raise prices on railroad coal.

Mr. Babcock Still Alive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The dispatch received in this city from San Francisco stating that the inventor of the Babcock extinguisher had died there, in an almshouse, proves to be false. The man who died in San Francisco was named M. D. Babcock, while the inventor of the extinguisher is Charles F. Babcock, who is not only alive, but is living in affluence in Boston. Babcock, the almshouse inmate, is said to be a crank, who has long been under the delusion that he is an inventor. Some months ago, through a credulous correspondent, he caused a report to be circulated that Mr. Charles F. Babcock, having lost his fortune, had become a public charge.

Chicago's Natural Gas.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The cold weather did not interfere with the natural gas exhibition at Cooke's brewery yesterday. The pumps which draw the gas from the lake jerked away at half pressure, but the flame seemed stronger and more brilliant than at any time since the great find a week ago. "The inflammable substance" which separates itself from the water and burns so freely is natural gas is now conceded by all who have investigated it.

Fall River Spinners Get an Advance.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 29.—The Stafford mill was obliged to close yesterday on account of the spinners' strike, but will start up again in the morning, as, through the efforts of secretary Howard, a promise was secured from the mill authorities that the pay of the spinners would be made equal to that in other mills, and on this promise the strikers have decided to go back to work today.

An Ex-Convict's Long Sentence.

BUFFALO, Dec. 29.—Charles Leavitt, a notorious burglar, has been sentenced to Auburn state's prison for ten years, the full extent of the law, on pleading guilty to grand larceny in the first degree. In 1874 he was arrested in Toronto for murder and sent to prison for life, but was pardoned after eight years on giving evidence against his accomplice, Charles Meeker.

Lake Michigan and the Mississippi.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A meeting of the executive committee, appointed by the Illinois Improvement Convention in Peoria October was held here yesterday afternoon to determine what action should be taken during the present session of congress to further the waterway connection between Lake Michigan, at Chicago, and the Mississippi river via the Illinois river.

A Norwalk Girl Missing.

SOUTH NORWALK, Dec. 28.—Eva Waterbury, a young and pretty daughter of Wm. Waterbury, disappeared suddenly on Tuesday last, and has not been seen since. Eva's mother is nearly crazed with grief at her daughter's rashness.

Absconded With Sunday School Funds.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 29.—Professor E. N. Hobbs, has fled from the city. He was president of the Methodist Sunday school and misappropriated its funds.

Will Have Their Own Factories.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29.—The glass workers here, who are now on strike, have decided to start several factories in the west to be run by themselves.

Sporting News.

There will be no clashing of dates during the meetings of the American and Brooklyn jockey clubs this coming spring, as the latter, being the younger organization, will give way and take some other dates for the two which interfered.

There is talk of Jack Dempsey going abroad to meet Toff Wall before the Pelican club in London. Such a meeting is improbable, as the police would not allow the fight to take place. Dempsey would be foolish to go to England and take chances with Wall there. In the first place, he is a square man and would not agree to any bargain, and in the second place his reputation is far greater than Wall's. The proper thing would be to bring Wall here. There are plenty of places in this country where the men could meet without molestation and have it out to their heart's content. Dempsey should think twice before he permits himself to be led by the nose across the sea.

John L. Sullivan has trebled the success of any pugilist or pair of pugilists who ever fought it through the three kingdoms, and yet his agent only claims \$15,000 as his net receipts for the time he has been exhibiting in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The old country is evidently not the paradise of boxers, for on several occasions John's share of a night's work in this country has been nearly half of his whole earnings while abroad. No wonder the English champions want to stand well in this country, and no wonder that John L. would sooner be a lamp-post in Boston than Lord Mayor of London.

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THE NATIVITY.
Dr. Talmage's Christmas Sermon
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Significance of the Night Scene in Bethlehem.
Nineteen Hundred Years Ago—
How God Honored the Brute Creation.
Childhood, Science and
Motherhood by the Sav-
ior's Birth.

Dr. Talmage took as the subject of his sermon Christmas morning: "The Birth and its Surroundings." His text was taken from Luke II. 15: "The shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass." Dr. Talmage said:

One thousand years of the world's existence rolled painfully and wearily along, and no Christ. Two thousand years, and no Christ. Three thousand years, and no Christ. Four thousand years, and no Christ. "Give us a Christ," had cried Assyrian, and Persian, and Chaldean, and Egyptian civilizations, but the lips of the earth and the lips of the sky made no answer. The world had already been afflicted of genius. Among poets had appeared Homer, and Thespis, and Aristophanes, and Sophocles, and Euripides, and Alexis, and Menander, yet no Christ to be the most poetic figure of the centuries. Among historians had appeared Herodotus, and Xenophon, and Thucydides, but no Christ from whom all history was to date backward and forward—B. C. and A. D. Among conquerors, Camillus, and Manlius, and Regulus, and Xanthippes, and Hannibal, and Scipio, and Pompey, and Caesar, yet no Christ who was to be conqueror of earth and heaven. But the slow century and the slow year, and the slow month, and the slow hour at last arrived. The world had had maturing centuries in the morning and vespers or concerts in the evening, but now it is to have a concert at midnight. The black window shutters of a December night were thrown open, and some of the best singers of the world where they all sing stood there, and putting back the drapery of cloud, chanted a peace anthem, until all the echoes of hill and valley applauded, and echoed the hallelujah chorus.

At last the world has a Christ and just the Christ it needs. Come, let us go into that Christmas scene as though we had never before worshipped at the manger. Here is a Madonna worth looking at. I wonder not that the most frequent name in all lands and in all Christian centuries is Mary. And there are Marys in palaces and Marys in cabins, and though German and French and Italian and Spanish and English pronounce it differently, they are all namesakes of the one whom we find on a bed of straw with her pale face against the soft cheek of Christ in the night of the Nativity. All the great painters have tried on canvas to present Mary and her child, and the incidents of that famous night of the world's history. Raphael in three different masterpieces celebrated them. Titoret and Guicciardo surpassed themselves in the adoration of the Magi. Correggio needed to do nothing more than his Madonna to become immortal. The Madonna of the Lily, by Leonardo da Vinci, will kindle the admiration of all ages. Murillo never won greater triumph by his pencil than in his presentation of the Holy Family. But all the galleries of Dresden are forgotten when I think of the small room of Bethlehem containing the Babe, the Madonna. Yet all of them were copies of St. Matthew's Madonna, and Luke's Madonna, the inspired Madonna of the Old Book, which we had put into our hands when we were infants, and that we hope to have under our heads when we die.

Behold in the first place, that on the first night of Christ's life God honored the brute creation. You cannot get into that Bethlehem barn without going past the camels, the mules, the dogs, the oxen. The brutes of that stable heard the first cry of the infant Lord. Some of the old painters represent the oxen and camels kneeling that night before the newborn babe. And well might they kneel. Have you ever thought that Christ came among other things to alleviate the sufferings of the brute creation? Was it not appropriate that he should, during the first few days and nights of his life on earth, be surrounded by the dumb beasts whose moan and plaint and bellowing have for ages been a prayer to God for the arrest of their torments and the righting of their wrongs? It did not matter "whether man or beast," but the unthinking creatures of God should have been that night in close neighborhood. Not a kennel in all the centuries, not a bird's nest, not a worn out horse on a low-path, not a herd freezing in the poorly-built cowpen, not a freight train, in summer time bringing the beavers to market without water through a thousand miles of agony, not a surgeon's room witnessing the struggles of fox, or rabbit, or pigeon, or dog in the horrors of vivisection, but had an interest in the fact that Christ was born in a stable surrounded by brutes. He remembers that night, and the prayer He heard in their pitiful moan He will answer in the punishment of those who maltreat the dumb brutes. They surely have as much right in this world as we have.

In the first chapter of Genesis you may see that they were placed on the earth before man was, and the fish and fowl created the fifth day, and the quadrupeds the morning of the sixth day, and man not until the afternoon of that day. The while, the eagle, the lion, and all the lesser creatures of their kind were predecessors of the human family. They have the world by right of possession. They have also paid rent for the places they occupied. What an army of defense all over the land are the faithful watch dogs. And who can tell what the world owes to horse, and camel, and ox, for transportation? And robin and lark have by the millions with which they have filled orchard and forest more than paid for the few grains they have placed up for their sustenance. When you abuse any creature of God you strike its creator, and you insult the Christ who, though he might have been welcomed into life by princes, and taken his first infantile slumber amid Tyrian plush and canopied couches, and rippling waters from royal aqueducts dripping into basins of ivory and pearl, chose to be born into the care of that canary, a camel's hoof, or a dog's snout, which he might be the alleviation of brutal suffering as well as the redeemer of man.

Standing then as I imagine now I do, in that Bethlehem night with an infant Christ on the one side and the speechless creatures of God on the other. I cry, Look out how you strike the oxen into that horse's side. Take off that curb bit from that bleeding mouth. Remove that saddle from that raw back. Shoot not for fun that bird that is too small for food. Forget not to put water into the cage of that canary. Throw out some crumbs to those birds caught too far north in winter's inclemency. Arrest that man who is making that one horse draw a load heavy enough for three. Rush in upon that scene where boys are torturing a cat, or transfixing butterfly and grasshopper. Drive not off that old robin, for her nest is a mother's cradle and under her wing there may be three or four prima donnas of the sky in training. And to your families and in your schools teach the coming generation

more loving than the present generation has ever shown and in this marvelous Bible picture of the Nativity, while you point out to them the angel, show them also the camel, and while they hear the celestial chant, let them also hear the cow's moan. No more did Christ show interest in the botanical world when He said, "Consider the lilies," than he showed sympathy for the ornithological when He said, "Behold the fowls of the air," and the quadrupedal world when He allowed himself to be called in one place a lion and in another place a lamb. Meanwhile, may the Christ of the Bethlehem cattle pen have mercy on the suffering stock yards that are preparing diseased and fevered meat for our American households.

Behold also in this Bible scene how on that Christmas night God honored childhood. Christ might have made his first visit to our world in a cloud, as he will descend on his next visit in a cloud. In what a chariot of illuminated vapor he might have rolled down the sky escorted by mounted cavalry with lightning and drawn sword. Elijah had a carriage of fire to take him up, why not Jesus a carriage of fire to fetch him down? Or, over the arched bridge of a rainbow the Lord might have descended. Or Christ might have had his mortality built up on earth out of the dust of a garden, as was Adam. In full manhood at the start without the introductory feebleness of infancy. No, no! Childhood was to be honored by that advent. He must have a child's light limbs, and a child's dimpled hands, and a child's beaming eye, and a child's flaxen hair, and babyhood was to be honored for all time to come, and a cradle was to mean more than a grave. Mighty God! May the reflection of that one child's face be seen in all infantile faces. Enough have all those fathers and mothers on hand if they have a child in the house. A throbber, a crier, a sleeper, a kingdom under charge. Be careful how you strike him across the head, jarring the brain. What you say to him will be centennial and millennial, and a hundred years and a thousand years will not stop the echo and re-echo. Do not say it is only a child. Rather say, "It is only an immortal." It is only a masterpiece of Jehovah. It is only a being that shall outlive sun and moon and star, and ages quadruple. God has infinite resources and he can give presents of great value, but when he wants to give the richest possible gift to a household he looks around all the worlds and all the universes and then gives a child. The greatest present that God ever gave our world he gave about 1875 years ago, and he gave it on a Christmas night, and it was of such value that heaven adjourned for a recess and came down and broke through the clouds to look at it. Yea, in all ages God has honored childhood. He makes almost every picture a failure unless there be a child either playing on the floor, or looking through the window, or seated on the lap gazing into the face of the mother. It was a child in Naaman's kitchen that told the great Syrian warrior where he might go and get cured of the leprosy, which at his seventh plunge in the Jordan was left at the bottom of the river. It was the child, cradled in leaves in which a child was laid, rocked by the Nile, that God called the attention of history. It was a sick child that evoked Christ's curative sympathies. It was a child that Christ set in the midst of the squabbling disciples to teach the lesson of humility. We are informed that wolf and leopard and lion shall be yet so domesticated that a little child shall lead them. A child decided Waterloo, showing the army of Blucher how they could take a short cut through the fields when, if the old road had been followed, the Prussian General would have come up too late to save the destinies of Europe. It was a child that decided Gettysburg, he having overheard two Confederate Generals in a conversation in which they decided to march for Gettysburg instead of Harrisburg, and this, reported to Governor Curtin, the Federal forces started to meet their opponents at Gettysburg. And the child of to-day is to decide all the great battles, make all the laws, settle all the destinies and usher in the world's salvation or destruction. Men, women, nations, all earth, and all heaven, behold the child! Is there any velvet so soft as a child's cheek? Is there any sky so blue as a child's eye? Is there any music so sweet as a child's voice? Is there any plume so wavy as a child's hair?

Notice also that in this Bible night some God honored science. Who are the three wise men kneeling before the divine infant? Not bores, not ignoramuses, but Casper, Belshazzar and Melchior, men who knew all that was to be known. They were the Isaac Newtons and Herschels and Faradays of their time. Their alchemy was the forerunner of our sublime chemistry, their astrology the mother of our magnificent astronomy. They had studied stars, studied metals, studied physiology, studied everything. And when I see these scientists bowing before the beautiful babe I see the prophecy of the time when all the telescopes and microscopes, and all the Lord's jars, and all the electric batteries, and all the observatories, and all the universities shall bow to Jesus. It is much that way already. Where is the college that does not have morning prayers, thus bowing at the manger? Who have been the greatest physicians? Omitting the names of the living, lest we should be invidious, have we not had among them Christian men like our own Joseph C. Hutchinson, and Rush, and Valentine Mott, and Abercrombie, and Abernethy?

WHO HAVE BEEN OUR GREATEST SCIENTISTS? Joseph Henry, who lived and died in the faith of the gospel, and Agassiz who, standing with his students among the hills, took off his hat and said: "Young gentlemen, before we study these rocks let us pray for wisdom to the God who made the rocks." To-day the greatest doctors and lawyers of Brooklyn and New York, and of all this land, and of all lands, revere the Christian religion, and are not ashamed to say so before juries and legislatures and senators. All geology will yet bow before the Rock of Ages. All botany will yet worship the Rose of Sharon. All astronomy will yet recognize the Star of Bethlehem. And physiology and anatomy will join hands and say, we must by the help of God get the human race up to the perfect nerve, and perfect muscle, and perfect brain, and perfect form of that perfect child before whom night hundred years ago Casper and Belshazzar and Melchior bent their tired knees in worship.

Behold also in that first Christmas night that God honored the fields. Come in, shepherd boys, to Bethlehem and see the child. "No," they say: "we are not dressed good enough to come in." "Yes, you are, come in." Sure enough, the storms, and the night dew, and the brambles have made rough work with their apparel, but none have a better right to come in. They were the first to hear the music of that Christmas night. The first announcement of a Saviour's birth was made to those men in the fields. There were wisecracks that night in Bethlehem and Jerusalem snoring in deep sleep, and there were salaried officers of government who hearing of it afterward may have thought they ought to have had the first news of such a great event, some one dismounting from a swift camel at their door and knocking till at some sentinel's question, "Who comes there?" the great ones of the palace might have been told of the celestial arrival.

No; the shepherds heard the first two bars of the music, the first in the major key and the last in the subdued minor: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." Ah, yes; the fields were honored. The old shepherds with plaid and crook have for the most part vanished, but we have grazing—on our United States pasture fields and prairie about forty-five million sheep—and all their keepers ought to follow the shepherds of old, and all those who toil in fields, all wine-dressers, all orchardists, all husbandmen. Not only that Christmas night, but all up and down the world's history God has been honoring the fields. Nearly all the messiahs of reform, and literature, and eloquence, and law, and benevolence, have come from the fields. Washington from the fields. Jefferson from the fields. The Presidential martyrs, Garfield and Lincoln, from the fields. Henry Clay from the fields. Daniel Webster from the fields. Martin Luther from the fields, and before this world is right the overflowing populations of our crowded cities will have to take to the fields. Instead of ten merchants in rivalry as to who shall sell that one apple, we want at least eight of them to go out and raise apples. Instead of ten merchants desiring to sell that one barrel of wheat, we want at least eight of them to go out and raise wheat. The world wants now more hard hands, more bronzed cheeks, more muscular arms. To the fields! God honored them when he woke up the shepherds by the midnight anthem, and he will, while the world lasts, continue to honor the fields. When the shepherd's crook was that famous night stood against the wall of the Bethlehem kahn it was a prophecy of the time when thrasher's flail, and farmer's plow, and woodman's ax, and ox's yoke, and sheaf-rinder's rake shall surrender to the God who made the country as man made the town.

Behold also that on that Christmas night God honored motherhood. Two angels on their wings might have brought the infant Saviour to Bethlehem without Mary's being there at all. When the villagers, on the morning of December 25, awoke, by divine arrangement and in some explained way, the child Jesus might have been found in some comfortable cradle of the village. But no, no! Motherhood for all time was to be consecrated, and one of the tenderest relations was to be the maternal relation, and one of the sweetest words "mother." In all ages God has honored good motherhood. John Wesley had a good mother. St. Bernard had a good mother. Samuel Budgett had a good mother. Doddridge had a good mother. Walter Scott a good mother. Benjamin West, a good mother. In a great audience, most of whom were Christians, I asked that all those who had been blessed of Christian mothers arise, and almost the entire assembly stood up. Don't you see how important it is that all motherhood be consecrated? Why did Titian, the Italian artist, when he sketched the Madonna make it an Italian face? Why did Rubens, the German artist, in his Madonna make it a German face? Why did Joshua Reynolds, the English artist, in his Madonna make it an English face? Why did Murillo, the Spanish artist, in his Madonna make it a Spanish face? I never heard, but I think they told me that over mothers as the type of Mary, the mother of Christ. When you hear someone in sermon or oration speak in the abstract of a good, faithful, honest mother, your eyes fill up with tears while you say to yourself, that was my mother. The first word a child utters is apt to be "Mother," and the old man in his dying dream calls "Mother, mother!" It matters not whether she was brought up in the surroundings of a city, and in affluent home, and was dressed appropriately with reference to the demands of modern life, or whether she wore the old-time cap and great round spectacles and apron of her own make and knit your socks with her own needles seated by the broad fireplace, with great backlogs ablaze on a winter night. It matters not how many wrinkles crossed and recessed her face, or how much her shoulders stooped with the burdens of a long life, if you painted a Madonna hers would be the face. What a gentle hand she had when we were sick, and what a voice to soothe pain, and was there any one who could so fill up a room with peace, and purity, and light? And what a sad day that was when we came home and she could greet us not, for her lips were forever still. Come back, mother, this Christmas day, and take your old place, and as ten, or twenty, or fifty years ago, come and open the old Bible you used to read, and kneel in the same place where you used to pray, and look upon us as of old when you wished us a Merry Christmas or a Happy New Year. For not, Thee, O mother, we fail to call you back. You had troubles enough, and aches enough, and bereavements enough while you were here. Tarry by the throne, mother, till we join you there, you prepared for us as of old when you wished us a Merry Christmas or a Happy New Year. For not, Thee, O mother, we fail to call you back. You had troubles enough, and aches enough, and bereavements enough while you were here. Tarry by the throne, mother, till we join you there, you prepared for us as of old when you wished us a Merry Christmas or a Happy New Year. For not, Thee, O mother, we fail to call you back. You had troubles enough, and aches enough, and bereavements enough while you were here. Tarry by the throne, mother, till we join you there, you prepared for us as of old when you wished us a Merry Christmas or a Happy New Year.

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