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BY THE WAY.

—These are the days when the small boy enjoys pleasure unspeakable, jumping on passing sleighs and pounding the unway with snow balls.

—Yesterday's snow storm suddenly put a damper on ice skating, and lovers of tobogganing began to realize that their desire would be fulfilled.

—A sleigh belonging to Mr. Hugh McDowell, the liveryman, was overturned on Front street this morning, and the shafts were considerably damaged.

—To-morrow evening Rev. E. M. Rodman, rector of Grace church, will deliver a free lecture in Reform Hall, on "The Struggles of Life." All are invited.

—The W. C. T. U. prayer meeting, as usual, Thursday at 3 o'clock. Members please be present to transact business, 55 East Front street. By order of the President.

—The State Teachers' Association will ask the Legislature to make the lowest limit for applicants for teachers' certificates 18 years, and to increase the school tax from \$4 to \$5 per child.

—Weather permitting, Gazelle Engine Company will take their apparatus out for a "wash" to-morrow evening. The members are requested to meet at seven p. m. An oyster supper will follow the "wash."

—Last evening was the time set for an adjourned meeting of the Fire Board, but President Jones and Commissioners McCune and Rogers were the only members present, and consequently no business was transacted.

—The second of Dr. Talmage's series of sermons to the women of America, is published in full on our last page today. He handles without gloves the sin of marriage for worldly success without regard to moral character.

—At the close of the minstrel performance in Music Hall last evening, the sidewalks were so slippery that walking on them was difficult and dangerous, and most people walked in the middle of the street on their way home.

—The editor of the local sheet published on the hill sent his check to Judge Suydam this morning in payment for Worsley's fine. The check was sent back. This is the first instance of charity ever known to come from that source.

—Chief Carey is antagonistic towards tramps. He gives his assurance that only a short time will be required to weed them out. There is still a few tons of stone in the court yard at Elizabeth awaiting the arrival of some able bodied men.

—Messrs. Clark and Reed yesterday had a safe weighing 3,000 pounds placed in their law offices in the First National Bank building. The safe is a handsome one, with the latest improvements, and was delivered in the building by its manufacturers, Messrs. Herring & Co., of New York.

—Mr. N. P. Drake of North Plainfield is still connected with Rogers, Peet & Co., of New York, the well-known clothiers and furriers. Mr. Drake has established a fine custom for the house by his enterprise and courtesy in receiving and delivering orders for patrons of the firm in this city.

—Mr. Peter S. Bergen—who is still, at seventy years of age, the Silver Tongued Orator of Somerset County—and for many miles around—will lecture in Spencer Hall, North Plainfield, this evening, as announced in the advertisement elsewhere. Go and hear him. There is a treat in store for you.

—The financial statement concerning St. Mary's church as read by Rev. Father Smyth on Sunday, shows the church to be in a most prosperous condition. The total indebtedness at the beginning of the new year was \$14,079, or about \$4,000 less than it was at the beginning of the year, 1887. The present pastor has succeeded in reducing the church debt about \$20,000 since he has had control of the church.

EVEN MURPHY MUST "MOVE ON."

The Firebug Informer Arrested on a Charge of Intoxication and Abusive Language—Fined Ten Dollars.

Edwin S. Worsley, better known as "Detective Murphy" spent his first day in this city, several months ago, disposing of bachelor buttons at a shilling a dozen. Last night he was a guest at the city jail and occupied one of the 3x6 feet cells, which one of his captives, the firebugs, had previously occupied, with a pine board for a couch and a soap box for a pillow. His bed clothes consisted, principally of the raiment he wore, and there was a free circulation of fresh air through the cell. He was arrested by Officer Lynch on Park avenue last evening, for being intoxicated and using foul and abusive language. The trouble came about in this way. Worsley had promised to cash an order on Mr. C. Potter, Jr., for a young man named Kane who had left Mr. Potter's employ and was anxious to obtain his wages before leaving town. In company with another young man named Fine, the three stood conversing in front of Fine's cigar store on Park avenue about half-past six o'clock last evening, when Officer Lynch ordered the trio to "move on." All complied with the request but Worsley, who backed himself up in front of the show window and became insolent to the officer, at the same time using indecent language and accusing him of trying to get the "reward." This assertion was repeated several times until Officer Lynch threatened to arrest him, Worsley replying: "You can do as you please about that." The officer followed up his threat and marched the offender off to the station house. This morning he was present to sustain the charge, and before Judge Suydam, the case was called about half-past nine o'clock. When asked by the Judge how he would plead to the charge, Worsley said: "If that's the way I'm charged I suppose it must be so." He admitted having drunk liquor, but claimed that he was not drunk. Subsequently he entered a plea of guilty. Judge Suydam in order to fully satisfy himself that the prisoner was guilty as charged, examined the two young men above referred to, and each admitted hearing him use the offensive language. "Mr. William Campbell, a lad employed by Messrs. Lutkins & Hummer, also testified to hearing the foul language. In passing sentence Judge Suydam said he had taken unusual pains to get at the truth. He said he regretted extremely to have the prisoner before him, but one would suppose that the position Worsley had held while engaged in the firebug matters, would hardly place him in his present position. "I have had men before me for similar complaints," the Judge continued, "whom I have had to fine, and I can make no distinction." He said he considered Worsley's case worse than that of an ordinary man and he would be obliged to deal more severely with him. The matter of using foul and abusive language to an officer in the discharge of his duty, and especially on the streets, where ladies were liable to hear it, was a matter of great concern. He thereupon sentenced the accused to pay a fine of ten dollars, and in case the fine is not forthwith paid, the prisoner to be committed to the county jail for a period of ten days. These words fell like a thunderbolt on Worsley, who asked the Judge to pardon him while he went to hunt up the money. This request was refused, unless he be accompanied by an officer.

Worsley's arrest and conviction was just as much deserved as hundreds of other unfortunate men who have fallen into the hands of the police. Judge Suydam was told on his way to the station house this morning that he had better not fine Worsley, but the Judge isn't built that way. He presides without fear and deals out sentences impartially. When "Murphy" first began his operations after the arrest of the incendiaries, a PRESS reporter was detailed to watch his actions. It is needless to say that he was caught in lots of his mean acts, which for reasons best known to ourselves, were not made public at the time. But his escapades became so numerous that patience ceased to be a virtue, and this paper published as legitimate news an account of his doings at Dunellen. His organ at the time scoffed at and ridiculed our statements, every one of which we were prepared to prove. Since then we have received the assurance of the city authorities that what we published were facts pure and simple. Space will not permit us to go into detail and reiterate these occurrences, which would entitle an ordinary man to a long term of imprisonment. But after all, Worsley is no worse than those who shield him.

A bit of sound advice—Murphy go West.

—Messrs. Jones & Co's men went to Somerville yesterday to remove the carcass of a dead cow. On the return trip they gathered up another cow and a horse. Last week they were called upon to remove nineteen dead animals.

OBITUARY.

CLARA VIRGINIA BASS.

Just before midnight of last night, occurred the death of Clara Virginia Bass, fourth daughter of W. Alex. Bass, Esq., of Eighth street, this city. The deceased passed quietly away after a very severe illness from pneumonia, but so comparatively short has been the duration of sickness, that the majority of her many friends in this city will only learn of it with the shock of her death. The deceased was one of the very brightest of the members of the P. H. S., Class of '83, and was graduated with the highest honors, including a place on the "Star Roll" that designated those who had been present and perfect during every day of the year. Her intellectual ability and talents fitted her remarkably well for the position of teacher, and the Board of Education of this city was unanimous in offering her such appointment for this term. Since its acceptance, the deceased had been serving faithfully and efficiently until the beginning of the sickness that has closed her young life in the very midst of its opportunities for enjoyment and success. But a few days ago the deceased was looking forward to one of the greatest pleasures of a young girl's life—she was to act as bridesmaid at the wedding of her brother, to take place next week. The tender and constant care of a mother and sisters was of no avail, and every effort of a physician's skill was employed in vain. Dr. C. M. Field was in attendance, and had never left the house until the sufferer passed away, since Monday morning last.

The funeral will take place from the residence of the deceased's parents on 8th street, at four o'clock of Friday afternoon. Rev. E. M. Rodman will officiate and interment will be made in the Hillside Cemetery.

FIRMAN WALKER.

North Plainfield loses one of its old and respected citizens in the death of Firman Walker, which occurred at his late home on Emily street at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased was 79 years of age and leaves a widow and two sons, Runyon and Robert, besides a host of friends and acquaintances to mourn his demise. About a year and a half ago the deceased was stricken down with paralysis from which he never recovered. Mr. Walker was formerly a hatter by trade, but for many years past lived a retired life, and until his affliction came upon him, he was a familiar figure upon the streets, both in this city and North Plainfield. He was a member of the First Baptist church from which place Rev. Dr. Yerkes will conduct the funeral service on Friday at 2:30 p. m. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

PATIENCE A. TOMS.

Widow of the late John Toms of Warrenville, died on Monday evening, after a short illness from pneumonia. The deceased was sixty-two years, six months and three days old. The funeral will take place at the Springdale church on Friday morning at half-past ten o'clock.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Mr. Frank Putman has been promoted to the position of head clerk in Mr. Seely Edsall's store on West Front street.

The Misses Murray of Central avenue and Eighth street, will entertain their friends at a party on Wednesday evening of next week.

Miss Kirkner and Miss Erickson, of Eighth street are each arranging an evening soiree which they will tender to their friends and acquaintances in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. W. Miller of La Grande avenue, celebrated their sixteenth wedding anniversary last evening. A large number of guests were present and the host and hostess were the recipients of many warm congratulations.

Miss Josephine Shreve, vice-principal, of the "Bryant" public school, was again taken so seriously ill that she was obliged to give up all her professional duties, last week. She has left Plainfield for her sister's home in Philadelphia, and has resigned her connection with the schools here after many years of loyal service.

The Minstrels.

McNish, Johnson and Slavin's minstrel combination—"barring Slavin," as we announced last week—appeared at Music Hall, last evening, to a "big gallery" but a "small house." The "opening" was a novel set, but the jokes were as worn as the voices of the singers. Bob Slavin, who was good, has left the combination; Carroll Johnson, who is good, intends to leave it; and Frank E. McNish, with his "Silence & Fun," remains. The balance of the company was rather poor.

But, fortunately, an evening's enjoyment was assured by the skillful and graceful acts of Messrs. Leroux & Wilton, and the Selolins. The former are horizontal-bar turners, and the latter as bicyclers and tumblers are marvelously beyond all others in their lines.

WHERE THE "PERSONAL ABUSE" COMES IN.

(From the Evening Post, Nov. 21, 1887.)

"Among the twenty-two who signed the temperance pledge at Reform Hall last night was Edwin S. Worsley, who—as is well-known—was Detective Edward J. Murphy. He was instrumental in bringing the 'fire-bugs' of Plainfield to justice. This evidence of manhood on the part of Mr. Worsley is considered a sufficient answer to those who have sought to drag him down and who have endeavored to bring him into disfavor through personal abuse."

As THE PRESS has never during its life—and never will—print one word of "personal abuse" of any man, we are naturally in sympathy with Mr. Worsley so far as he may have been personally abused by criminals who have had cause to fear him, or by anybody else. We also deeply sympathize with him for being brought into public disrepute by falling into the hands of the Evening (?) and the police—both big falls and shocking ones.

For all that "Detective Murphy" has done, full credit has been given in these columns. THE PRESS has printed yards of praise relating to his good deeds, and furnished at the same time copy for news of a like nature reproduced in the next day's issue of local and out-of-town contemporaries. The City has paid him over a thousand dollars for his service; and so nothing remained as due him from the authorities, the community or THE PRESS. Then, Mr. Worsley should have moved on.

But he has remained, and right here the "personal abuse" began. He abused the generosity of Mayor Male, he abused the leniency of the authorities, he abused the confidence of those who had been his friends, and he abused the community that had been misled into a false opinion of his character and trade. He proposed to be Chief of Police; he wanted the reward offered for information he could not furnish; he applied to the Central Railroad for the office of special detective on its lines; he solicited subscriptions of citizens to pay him for work the City had so generously settled for—in fact he claimed the support of the Earth and personally abused everybody's faith, good nature and toleration.

The police of the city have been called upon to submit to more indignity and "personal abuse" from Plainfield's Guardian Angel, than all the rest—excepting, possibly, the staff of this paper. THE PRESS will be fair, no matter what the result. When things are right we will call them "right"—when they are wrong we do not propose to cover them up no matter how often Mr. Worsley threatens us with personal injury besides "personal abuse."

The account of his arrest given today, shows that the police and the City Court propose to stand no more of this abuse. "Murphy," move on!

A Drama of Spectacle and Tableau.

Prof. J. M. Hager's historical drama of "The Great Republic," which during the past twenty-five years has been presented in over 200 of the principal cities of 25 States, and which was given in this city two years ago, will be repeated on a larger and more brilliant scale at Music Hall, Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday afternoon, of this week. Fully 400 characters will be represented upon this second occasion, whereas at the first representation only about 300 took part. Many of those who did so much for the glory of the allegory and tableaux before have consented to appear again, and Miss Dewey will once more furnish the instrumental music. Miss Maud Bowers, who personated the Goddess of Liberty so acceptably to the public, has kindly consented to repeat her former fine efforts of the occasion. Many pleasing and sparkling features have been introduced in the allegory since it was produced here before. All the grand tableaux will be brilliantly illuminated by calcium lights furnished by a decorator of national reputation. All this added to other features, will make the entertainment spectacular, musical and dramatic, illustrating our national history in songs, recitations, dialogues, characters and tableaux. Particulars about admission will be found in the advertisement elsewhere. The proceeds will be devoted towards furnishing the Science Room of the public schools with apparatus and library.

Miss Bulkeley, Principal of the schools, has endorsed the entertainment and has lent her aid. It will be given under the auspices of the Board of Education, and the patronage of the following well-known citizens:

Judge Nathan Harper, Henry C. Squires, Hon. Job Male, Mayor, Nelson Runyon, Esq., Hon. G. W. Rockefeller, W. Rockhill Potts, Col. Mason W. Tyler, George A. Chapman, H. R. Munger, S. C. Peck, H. B. Lowrie, M. D., C. M. Goddard, J. T. Fritz, M. D., Charles Potter, Jr., Rev. J. H. Vincent, D.D., H. O. Newman, Alexander Gilbert, Craig A. Marsh, Esq., Sam'l Huntington, Esq., H. McDee, Isaac W. Washmore, Geo. H. Goddard, Oville T. Waring.

The Executive Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture has decided not to hold the annual meeting at Trenton until February 1 and 2, owing to the rush of business in the Supreme Court in which court room the session is held.

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE LATE HENRY F. JENNINGS.

Many of the older residents in this city will remember the tragic death of Henry F. Jennings—a son of the late William M. Jennings—a notice of whose death appeared in these columns yesterday—which occurred on the Common back of the freight house in this city on the evening of Wednesday March 12th, 1862. From THE Plainfield Union of Tuesday, March 18th, 1862, we quote the following account of the accident which many persons will doubtless call to mind:

"It becomes our painful duty to record the most melancholy casualty that has ever disturbed the quiet of our village, in the death of Mr. Henry F. Jennings, on Wednesday evening last. Mr. Jennings, with a number of other young men, had resolved to fire a parting salute in honor of the departure of Capt. Regur's recruiting party, who were about returning to the seat of war in Virginia. He had recently taken an active part in displays of this nature, and on the evening above referred to, he was, as usual, among the foremost in the preparations for the salute. As it was intended to fire but a couple of rounds, and as no cannon powder was to be procured in the village, it was decided to use rifle powder, instead, and some six pounds were accordingly purchased and put up in two cartridges, the first containing two and three-quarter pounds and the other three. It was remarked by several at the first discharge, which took place at about quarter past eight, that there was an unusual and peculiar sound, and some who were at a distance supposed the gun had bursted then. The second cartridge was rammed home very hard and heavily wadded, with the intention of having a stunning report. As the train started, amid the cheers of the multitude, Mr. Jennings stepped up to the gun, as before, and applied his lighted cigar to the priming, then followed a sharp, quick explosion, a bright flash, and amid a cloud of smoke the young man, who but that instant had been the picture of youthful vigor, was thrown forty feet into the air, and fell a mangled corpse, at a distance of one hundred feet from where the gun lay. Theodore F. French and Edward P. Thorne stood behind the cannon, about twelve feet distant, and James Robinson stood opposite Mr. Jennings and about five feet from the gun, but no one else was injured. One piece was thrown a distance of more than two hundred yards, striking and considerably injuring the house occupied by Capt. Kellogg's family; and several other pieces were thrown lesser distances. Before the cannon was sent to Plainfield from the Novelty Works in New York, it was subjected to the severest tests, having been charged with five pounds of rifle powder, and was thought too sound to be bursted. Mr. Jennings at the time the gun was fired stood on the right side with his back toward the muzzle, and it is probable that a piece of the gun passed up his right arm, tearing and breaking it in its passage, and striking him in the side of the head entirely separating the top of the skull, and causing instant death, and together with the force of the explosion, carrying him the distance above mentioned."

—There are lots of men in this world born to rule, but their wives get there all the same.

—Prayer meeting in the lecture room of the Trinity Reformed church to-night at 8 o'clock. These meetings are free to all, and those who have been so fortunate as to attend have given every evidence of having received a blessing, and the pastor and congregation are rejoicing in the fact that several souls have already been gathered into the Kingdom.

—The New Jersey Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in the Board of Trade rooms, State street, near Warren, at Trenton, on Tuesday of next week, at 11 a. m. A paper by A. D. Mellick, Jr., of Plainfield, will be read, entitled "The Hessians in New Jersey. Just a Little in Their Favor." The annual election of officers will take place, and other matters of interest will be presented.

—A public installation of the newly elected officers of Wadsworth Post, No. 75, G. A. R., of Somerville will take place to-morrow evening. Mr. William Addis from Winfield Scott Post, No. 73 of this city will act as installing officer, having been appointed by the Department Commander. Delegates from Winfield Scott Post will attend, leaving Plainfield on the 7:28 p. m. train.

—At the station house this morning "Detective" Worsley was accused by Chief Carey of going to Elizabeth and interfering on behalf of the two young men whom Officer McCue arrested for creating a disturbance and assaulting him at the depot on a Sunday evening a few weeks ago. The grand jury did not bring in an indictment against them. Worsley could not deny the accusation when confronted with such substantial proof as Chief Carey.

—Last Saturday evening at No. 25 East Fifth street was the scene of an enjoyable affair. It was the first reception of the year tendered to the pupils of Reformatory. Including escorts, there were about thirty-five present. Dancing and humorous games were included in the evening's programme, and all expressed themselves as having had a jolly good time. The orders of dancing were very neatly and tastefully gotten up by the committee. The only thing regretted was the evening being so short that the company was obliged to break up early. The scholars are longing for the time when the next reception takes place, which will be about the middle of February, after which they will be discontinued during Lent.

Cruelty to a Child.

A case of brutality to a child is reported from Grove street, North Plainfield. The father, a German, and a carpenter by trade, is employed by a well known contractor in this city. The victim is an eight-year-old daughter, who it is said has of late been subjected to most brutal treatment on the part of her father. The child, it is said, has oftentimes received such a beating by her inhuman father, as to carry the marks for several days afterward. On Saturday she again received her periodical trouncing, and neighbors who had been informed of the matter, interested themselves in the child's behalf and succeeded in getting possession of the girl, who was delivered to her grandmother in New York State. Such treatment inflicted by a brute of a father upon his offspring cannot be too severely censured. The authorities should exert themselves to ascertain the facts in the matter, and if the offender is guilty of the crime as charged, he should be summarily dealt with. His name is withheld at no one's request, but simply because we are unable to learn it.

The Special Services at the Evona Chapel.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PRESS:—Seeing in your last evening's issue the surprising notice: "There will be a full choral service in the Church of the Heavenly Rest at 4 o'clock p. m., of the first Sunday in each month," I would ask permission to say in reply that neither the minister of the parish nor its worthy and intelligent choirmaster has knowledge of such intended service. As a probable explanation, however, of the source whence "the wonder grew,"—not yet is Evona the Westminster of Plainfield—I would add, a most estimable and accomplished lady from whom this little church has already received many favors, has lately undertaken the instruction of the children of the Sunday School and other young people of the parish in vocal music, and with their assistance, when proficient, the rector intends to conduct once a month a children's evening service, chiefly sung, in which all, young and old, are invited to take part.

OMEGA.

Their Property Appraised.

Reuben C. and Wm. H. Potter each own a valuable farm located on the line of the Roselle and South Plainfield Railroad, a few miles to the Southeast of this city. The Messrs. Potter refused to allow the railroad company to cross their land without paying what were considered excessive damages. Appeal was made through the courts and Wesley Benner, Herman Schalk and Samuel R. Manning were appointed to appraise the land and to award each of the Potters, damages. These Commissioners at New Brunswick yesterday, awarded Reuben C. Potter \$4,000 and Wm. H. Potter the sum of \$1,565 for their respective lands. The decision was declared in the Common Pleas Court, where Judge C. F. Cowenhoven represented the interests of the railroad company and T. H. Shaffer, of Rahway, appeared in behalf of the Potters. The prices asked were about \$5,000 and \$6,000 respectively.

An Eclipse of the Moon.

The moon will be totally eclipsed on Jan. 28. The phenomenon will be generally visible throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa. The conditions for observation will be specially favorable, as the spectator will neither be obliged to sit up late in the evening nor get up early in the morning for a view of the interesting exhibition. The total eclipse begins at 5:30 p. m., and ends at 7:09 o'clock. The moon enters the earth's shadow before sunset, but when the total eclipse begins it will be dark enough to watch its progress through its most interesting stage. The moon will not be entirely lost to sight when totally immersed in the earth's dark shadow. She will shine faintly, with a lurid, copper-colored light, thus giving an unearthly aspect to the surrounding landscape.

A Ripple in Society Circles.

The announcement of the approaching appearance here of Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, the great operatic prima donna on Feb. 22, has created quite a ripple of excitement in our fashionable circles. Clara Louise Kellogg is not only celebrated on account of her great artistic achievements, but she is known to be a great favorite in the best society of New York, London, Paris and other European capitals.

A Beat.

The New Brunswick Times says: "A fellow named Elliott, who stated that he came from Plainfield, visited a number of saloons yesterday and after getting drinks, refused to pay for them. In the evening he tried to get a saloon keeper arrested for stealing his scarf pin. The fellow was well dressed and apparently respectable, but his conduct disgusted every one who came in contact with him."

—The latest cure for rheumatism is to put your feet in bean soup and let them boil.

A LONG LOCKOUT AHEAD

CITIZENS ASK CORBIN TO SUBMIT TO ARBITRATION.

Will Ask Soft Coal Miners For Help—Unsuccessful Attempts to Start Work. Not Enough Coal For Engines.

READING, Pa., Jan. 18.—The long appeal sent to President Corbin of the Reading Railroad Company by the citizens of Reading to-day asks that the existing troubles between the company and its employees be arbitrated, and that where the employees in a friendly spirit should be met in the same spirit by employers. A company official said:

"The citizens who sent that petition seem to forget that the miners' strike is more a question of wages. There is absolutely nothing to arbitrate with the miners. There is but one strike of Reading Company employees, and that is the strike of the miners. The train hands' strike is ended, but as long as the miners refuse to train, the strike and insist upon standing out until the discharged railroads be re-employed, so long will all petitions to Mr. Corbin be vain."

READING, Pa., Jan. 18.—Both parties to the great miners' strike in the Schuylkill region seem to have burned the bridges behind them. Every preparation has been made for a long, bitter and determined deadlock. It has been definitely settled that neither side will yield for the present, and both, it appears, are devoting their energies to strengthening their forces.

National Master Workman William T. Lewis, who is at the head of all the miners in the United States, has left the coal regions for the western section of the State, and it is probable that very soon the bituminous coal miners will be involved. Ever since anthracite coal has been brought here in immense train loads from the western counties. The bituminous coal miners will now be appealed to to stand by their brethren in the Schuylkill and Lehigh regions.

If they accede to the requests of the labor leaders here, they will refuse to mine any bituminous coal which will be shipped to this section.

This is a new and startling phase of the situation, which was only developed yesterday. Not a pound of coal has been sent from the Schuylkill regions since last Saturday. Individual operators and the Reading Company have made various attempts to start up mines, but every attempt has failed, and now every one of them is lying idle.

Such a complete lockout has never been known. Not one of the 27,000 in Schuylkill or the 20,000 in Lehigh has refused to obey the leaders. This is the first time in the history of mining lockouts that both these districts were idle at the same time.

The first coal from the Wyoming regions was brought here yesterday over the Lehigh and East Pennsylvania railroads. It costs delivered here \$6.50 per ton and will sell for \$10.

The strike committee sent agents all over the Wyoming regions to stir up the miners there, and ask them to refuse to mine coal to be delivered to this section. Trouble is expected among Wyoming's 25,000 men in a few days.

There is a turbulent feeling all over the coal regions. The furnaces at half a dozen different places are banked up, and 20 others are using coke and anthracite mixed. The strikers' Executive Committee, John L. Lee, chairman, are preparing a statement of their case for the public. Meetings of sympathy will be held in all cities and towns between Elizabethport and Williamsport. The merchants will be asked to boycott the Reading Railroad. Chairman Lee says that he will soon be able to prove that the Schuylkill, Lehigh and Hazleton operators met in New York, December 22 and agreed to crush out labor organizations.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—At the terminal points of the Reading Railroad quiet reigns. Scarcity of coal prevails around, and the strikers are living on in hopes of something turning up. A ripple has occurred in the business through the case of Mr. Anderson, who introduced a resolution into Congress to inquire into the causes of the failure of the Reading Railroad to accommodate traffic in the interests of the public. The men think it is a movement in their favor and General Manager McLeod when asked what he thought of it said: "Mr. Anderson is perfectly right to make himself conversant with the facts of the case." As the strike stands at present there are no signs of a settlement and the coal famine is drawing nearer and nearer.

THAT PRESENT TO THE POPE. Methodist Clergymen Discussing President Cleveland's Gift.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—The Methodist ministers, at their weekly meeting, again took up the resolution of censure against President Cleveland for sending a copy of the Constitution of the United States as a jubilee present to the Pope. The committee appointed to be delivered the address of Mr. President. Immediately after it was read the Rev. Mr. Myers moved that a copy be sent President Cleveland and the King of Italy. This proposition created much laughter but it was voted down.

The Rev. J. F. Ockerman thought the gift was simply made to get votes and obtain the influence of the Catholic Church at the next Presidential election.

The Rev. Dr. John Leham, the Presiding Elder, said he agreed with the speaker, but would go further and say that he believed this was a deep-laid scheme on the part of arch-bishop Ryan, the Rev. T. D. Coleman, to get the Methodist preachers in trouble, and to make it appear that as a body they were arrayed against the Democratic party.

Dr. Coleman strongly resented this, and said he had been a Democrat all his life. The proposition was discussed for about two hours and then sent back to the committee with instructions to make another and more satisfactory report by next Monday.

A Wealthy Petroleum Company. DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 18.—The Continental Oil Refining Company has been incorporated here, with a capital of \$5,000,000, to manufacture and sell petroleum products. The incorporators are R. K. Hawley, Cleveland; E. N. Dickinson, Jr., New York; H. C. Thurber, Marquette; Thomas McGraw, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Charles H. Trux and C. S. Taff, New York, and Isaac Marston, Detroit.

New York Firemen's Association. HUNTER, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Preparations are making for the annual meeting in August of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. It was decided to set apart a day for actual experiments with fire appliances.

For a National Bar Association. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A meeting of the lawyers of the country for the purpose of organizing a National Bar Association has been called, to be held here May 22.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES

THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES THE COREAN MINISTER.

The Agricultural Bill—They Want the Tax on Tobacco Abolished—Report on the Thobe-Charlie Contest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Korean Embassy was presented to the President yesterday. The presentation took place in the Blue Room, and was quite a formal ceremony. The Koreans are sure to rival the Chinese in more ways than one. Their dress is quite as picturesque, and infinitely more perplexing to the beholder. It is similar to the Chinese, but more mysterious and intricate. There were the Korean Minister, six members of Legation, and three servants of the White House. The First Secretary led the procession from the carriage in single file, walking slowly and solemnly, carrying a box in which were the credentials from the King of Korea to the President.

The Minister followed, also slowly and with much pomp. His dress was a dark green brocade gown or robe, hanging loose from the shoulders. A curious belt was about the waist, standing out like a hoop. In the back was a small square of embroidery. The headgear is beyond description. The Secretaries were dressed much like the Minister in the fashion, but the texture of the silks was not so fine. The servants wore silk, the sleeves of orange and blue in dark stripes, with wholly blue shirts. The Koreans are between the Chinese and Japanese in stature and appearance. Of course the new Minister is now one of the diplomatic corps, and will be a guest at the White House dinner on Thursday evening.

The House Committee on Agriculture will endeavor to-day to dispose of the bill making appropriations for the establishment of the experimental agricultural stations. A hitch has occurred in the progress of this bill from the fact that a committee of the National Grange has requested the withholding of the appropriation until the law can be made more guarded as to the expenditure of the money. They claim that several agricultural colleges are already making preparations to expend the appropriation on high-priced features, and to this the Grangers object. They want the money expended under the direction of the Commissioner of agriculture and for the benefit of farmers who are desirous of studying agriculture.

A report to this effect was adopted at a recent meeting of the National Grange at Lansing, Mich., and the committee which made this report, consisting of Messrs. J. M. Lipscomb of South Carolina, W. A. Armstrong of New York, William Sims of Kansas, J. H. Brigham of Ohio and Alpha Messer of Vermont, will be heard by the Agricultural Committee to-day.

Chairman Richard Battle and nearly every member of the North Carolina Democratic Committee are in this city to urge the importance of speedy and effective legislation regarding the internal revenue system. They want it abolished, especially the tax on tobacco. They called on the President in company with several members of the North Carolina delegation to persuade him to favor the bill. They were conferred with the Ways and Means Committee last night as to the forthcoming report on the Henderson bill, which has been referred to that committee. Senator Ransom has been summoned home by telegram on account of the illness of Mrs. Ransom.

The sub-committee on pensions of the Appropriations Committee held a meeting yesterday and will to-day report to the House the Appropriation bill for the payment of pensions awarded by the Pension Office. The bill will amount to \$75,000,000, and will include pensions for service in the Mexican War, as well as the regular military and naval pensions. Last year this bill amounted to \$81,900,000, which included the back pay due Mexican War veterans.

One of the first acts of the President yesterday was to sign the commission of Mr. Justice Lamar, Secretary Vilas and Postmaster General Dickinson, each of whom called at the White House during the morning and received his commission. Messrs. Vilas and Dickinson subsequently took the oath of office and were duly installed in time to attend the Cabinet meeting at noon yesterday as full-fledged members.

The House Committee on Territories will hold a meeting to-day and decide upon a favorable report on the bill to organize a Territory to include Oklahoma and No. Man's Land. Messrs. T. B. Ballene and T. S. Case, representing the Kansas City Board of Trade, will be present to speak in favor of the bill, which is of great importance to the commercial interests of Missouri and Kansas.

The report of the Elections Committee on the Thobe-Charlie contest was made to the House yesterday by Chairman Crisp. The report said the committee thought that the inches of the contestant and his counsel have been such as to prejudice him from asking further indulgence of the House, and winds up with resolutions declaring Mr. Carlisle elected.

MR. CARLISLE BETTER. Widespread Solitude Regarding the Speaker's Condition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Speaker Carlisle's condition last night was slightly improved. He enjoyed two refreshing naps after four o'clock, and his stomach, which has been disordered since he was first attacked Monday night, has become settled. He was seized with another chill about noon, but it was slight and soon passed off. His mind is perfectly clear, and his spirits, considering his extreme weakness, are excellent. The attending physician does not apprehend protracted trouble, although he imposes absolute rest and quiet on his patient. There are no symptoms either of pneumonia or typhoid fever.

Mrs. Carlisle is with her husband. The sympathy manifested is very great and extends to the strong hold that Mr. Carlisle has not only this community but the whole country. Telegrams of inquiry as to his condition poured in from far and near yesterday, and in Congress his illness has been almost the sole topic of conversation.

The President has been among the most solicitous to know the latest from the sick chamber.

1:30 a. m.—Speaker Carlisle continues to improve.

Found a Clay Mine. NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 18.—Alexander O'Neil, of Milltown, four miles from this city, while digging a well on his farm a short time ago, discovered that for forty feet the soil was composed of the best of brick clay. This people think that with the discovery of the clay and the fact that the new railroad will pass through the village they will all become wealthy.

LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS

REMAINING IN PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 19, 1897.
Burbank, Mrs Geo A.
Brinkman, Fred
Bassett, Mrs Edwin P
Bailey, Mrs Lizzie P
Barnes, Geo
Benson, Mrs A
Brown, Joseph
Baldwin, J
Clark, Helen
Clark, Miss F Mariotte
Craigie, Hamilton
Fuller, J H
Hall, Frederick
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DEATHS.

BASS—At Plainfield, N. J., on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1897, Clara Virginia, daughter of W. Alex. and Clara Pinkney Bass.
Funeral Friday, Jan. 20, at 4 p. m., Eighth street, Plainfield, N. J., on all National Holidays. Kindly omit flowers.
MEADER—At Evona, on Monday, Jan. 16, 1897, after a lingering illness, Edward L. Meader, in the 46th year of his age.
Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, on Thursday, Jan. 19th inst., at 2:15 o'clock p. m. The 2:30 train will stop at Evona.
JENNINGS—In this city, Jan. 16, 1897, William M. Jennings, aged 81 years, 3 months and 8 days.
Funeral services from his late residence, Front street and Madison avenue, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

WANTS AND OFFERS.

Advertisements under this heading, one cent per each word, each insertion.
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A COMPETENT GERMAN GIRL wishes a situation as chambermaid and waitress in private family. Address, H. S. Box 975.
WANTED—By a young man, a position as a clerk or helper in a grocery store. Has had some experience in the business. Enquire at Fiske office.
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FOR SALE—THE LOT SOUTH-EAST CORNER of Jackson avenue and Somerset street, about 100 feet square. For price and terms apply to O'BRIEN BLOCK, Art's and Storage Warehouse, from 100 to 120 E. 4th street, N. Y. city.—my24t

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WORKINGMEN'S ASSEMBLY.

It Holds a Session at Albany and Talks Over Important Questions.

ALBANY, Jan. 18.—A crowd witnessed the opening session of the State Workingmen's Assembly in the Common Council chamber at noon yesterday. T. J. Dowling called the assembly to order in a brief address. The only business transacted at the morning session was the appointment of the officers and committees. Messrs. Thayer of Troy, Carey of Albany and Barry of New York were appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee from the Federation of Labor, now being organized, to arrange a harmonious relation between the two bodies.

At the afternoon session, after the Committee on Credentials had rendered its report, President T. J. Dowling read an exhaustive address on the condition and workings of the assembly.

After references to the mooted and irritating question of prison labor, the weekly payment of employees by corporations, and the subject of State printing, he addressed took the form of resuming a number of changes in the present methods of furthering legislation which shall be more fair and favorable for the working classes.

The assembly meets annually on the third Tuesday in January in this city, and is composed of one delegate from each workingmen's and workingwomen's organization in the State whose membership does not exceed 34, two from each organization numbering over 30 and less than 60, and three from all organizations numbering over 60.

WITHDRAWALS FROM THE G. A. R. The Election of a Saloon Keeper Post Commander caused the Trouble.

NEW BEDFORD, Jan. 18.—Many of the members of William Logan Rodman Post No. 1, G. A. R. of this city, have signed papers of withdrawal from the order, and with other ex-soldiers will form a Union Veteran Association. This is the culmination of a dissatisfaction which for some time existed over the officers. The last election of officers was hotly contested resulting in the election of Vice Commander George P. Gifford as Post Commander over Captain James W. Harvey. This added fresh fuel to the fire, as Gifford is a saloon keeper, and has been before the court for selling liquor, and once served a term in the House of Correction for breaking the law in this respect. Department Commander Nash was applied to for a separate charter, but refused it mainly on the grounds that the petitioners did not first obtain their discharges from their present post.

The Rhode Island Legislature. PROVIDENCE, Jan. 18.—The General Assembly met yesterday for the long session, and Governor John W. Davis presented his annual message. He calls attention to the fact that the passage of the prohibitory law has decreased the revenues of the State by about \$100,000 a year, and that some other mode of taxation should be resorted to in order to meet the current expenses and provide for the sinking fund. The Governor calls attention to the inefficiency of the prohibitory law, and claims that the cause is a want of sufficient public sentiment back of it. The House elected William W. Brown, Republican, as doorkeeper by one majority. The Republicans in the Senate now have a good working majority.

The National Window Glass Makers. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Window Glass Makers' Association meet here to-day, and the advance John W. Davis presented his annual message. He calls attention to the fact that the passage of the prohibitory law has decreased the revenues of the State by about \$100,000 a year, and that some other mode of taxation should be resorted to in order to meet the current expenses and provide for the sinking fund. The Governor calls attention to the inefficiency of the prohibitory law, and claims that the cause is a want of sufficient public sentiment back of it. The House elected William W. Brown, Republican, as doorkeeper by one majority. The Republicans in the Senate now have a good working majority.

Proposes to Stamp Out Polygam. SALT LAKE, Jan. 18.—John M. Young, nephew of the late Brigham Young, elected to the Legislature by the Gentiles, has introduced into the Council a measure entitled a bill to act in relation to divorce, and for more effectual protection of the lawful wife, and for the suppression of polygamy and polygamous practices. The bill contains the main principles of the bill regulating marriage introduced by Hoge (Gentile) in the House last week.

Locomotive Engineers Want More Pay. PITTSBURGH, Jan. 18.—A committee representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the Pennsylvania Company's lines have called upon Manager Baldwin and presented a petition for an advance in wages. This, together with the conductors', brakemen's and yardmen's petitions, now in the hands of the officials, shows that the movement is a general one. The officials are giving the matter careful consideration.

It caused the Death of Children. NEWARK, Jan. 18.—James Mulligan, a milk dealer, has been arrested here, and his herd of cows confiscated. There has been many deaths among infants, and this was attributed to the use of impure milk. Nine of Mulligan's animals were found to be suffering from a low kind of throat disease. It is supposed that other animals are infected, and the Health Department will make an investigation.

Yacht Regatta on Lake Erie. DETROIT, Jan. 18.—Captain John Prindle, of Chicago, and Commodore Gardner, of Cleveland, have met here to arrange for an international yacht regatta on Lake Erie next summer. It is proposed to make such prizes as will secure all the Canadian crack clubs. The event will be the greatest in the annals of fresh water yachting.

Flint Glass Works Shut Down. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—The flint glass factories of Gillinder & Sons at Howard and Oxford streets, Gill & Murray at York and Thompson streets and Rohrbaecher & Horman at Salmon street and Lehigh avenue have not been running since Monday morning, as the employees declined to accept the new schedule of wages.

Buffalo Stonecutters Still Out. BUFFALO, Jan. 18.—The bosses and stonecutters held a meeting yesterday looking toward a settlement of their differences. The former did not talk business. The latter left in disgust. The strike continues. It is believed the former are weakening.

The Shoemakers Strike Has Collapsed. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The long strike of the shoemakers in this city, which has continued since Nov. 1, has collapsed, the men returning to work at the manufacturers' terms.

Governor Hill's Reception. ALBANY, Jan. 18.—Governor Hill gave a brilliant reception in the Executive Mansion last evening to the members of the Bar Association.

THE ARMING OF EUROPE

RUSSIA'S FORCE EXCEEDS THAT OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

Discussion Among the Parnellites—Nihilists Arrested—An American Vessel Burned at Sea.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—The *Wochenblatt* publishes with authority a reply to the *Wochenblatt's* late comparisons of the frontier forces. It says that authentic estimates of the peace affectives stationed in the frontier provinces of Austria, Russia, and Germany show that Russia had 315,500 men, with 600 field guns; Austria, 380,000 men, with 100 field guns; and Germany, 98,000 men and 335 field guns. The *Wochenblatt* next compares the military situation on the Russian side of the frontier with that on the German side, taking the forces within territories of about equal area, and shows that the Russians within 115,311 square kilometers, have 123,275 men, 2,128 horses, and 2,711 guns of all kinds, while the Germans, within 119,458 square kilometers, have only 81,614 men, 14,230 horses, and 238 guns. The garrison of Warsaw, consisting of 20,000 men, 5,600 horses, and 50 field guns, is contrasted with the garrison of Koenigsberg, consisting of 7,700 men, 1,400 horses, and 50 field guns, and the garrison of Breslau, with 5,000 men, 1,000 horses, and 33 field guns. Referring to the *Wochenblatt's* assertion that 4,800 kilometers of railway has been constructed in Eastern Germany since 1875, the *Wochenblatt* states that the railway extension since 1875 amounts to only 1,805 kilometers.

PARNELL'S FOLLOWERS.

Some of Them Dissent from the Present Plans of the Leader.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Discussion exists among the Parnellites in regard to Mr. Parnell's proposed tactics during the coming session of Parliament. Mr. Parnell is in favor of abstaining from obstruction in order to accelerate a rupture between the Unionists and the Conservatives, on the English local Government measure. The two Heals and Mr. Dillon oppose such a programme. Mr. Parnell will convene a meeting of the party early in February.

Mr. Persico, the Papal envoy to Ireland, has left Cork for Bristol. His health is feeble and he proposes to pass the rest of the winter at Torquay. He says that his mission has not yet been finished and he will return to Ireland in April.

Nihilists Arrested.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18.—General Gresser, the Prefect of St. Petersburg, on the night of January 12 ordered that numerous houses in the city be searched. The result was the arrest of 87 persons. One house was set on fire by the occupants and several nihilist printing machines and a large number of revolutionary pamphlets were burned. The occupants themselves were unable to escape and were arrested.

A Battle Near Suakin.

SUAKIN, Jan. 18.—Osman Digna's force was attacked to-day and dispersed by friendly tribes. The rebels afterward rallied and compelled the friendly tribes to retreat. Col. Kitchener and Major McDermott were wounded. Six friendly natives were killed and twenty wounded. The rebel loss was heavy.

An American Vessel Burned at Sea.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The American ship *John T. Berry*, Captain Watts, which sailed from Philadelphia October 3 for Hogo, was burned on January 9 at sea. Fourteen of the crew have been landed at Nambucca Heads. A boat with eleven others is missing.

Changes His Jail.

DUBLIN, Jan. 18.—Mr. Sheehy, M. P., who was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for instigating resistance to evictions, has been removed from Tullamore jail to the jail at Sligo.

The Tories Surrender.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The cabinet, after a two hours' session yesterday, decided upon concessions on which are calculated to avert a Unionist bolt on the Local Government bill.

THE WOOL GROWERS.

Their Alleged Agreement of Last Week Was No Agreement at All.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The impression is growing that the alleged agreement reached by the conference of wool men here last week was no agreement at all, but merely a device to conceal the inability of the different interests to harmonize on the question of issue. The manufacturers and the growers found their interests too diverse to harmonize, and so agreed to give out that they favored a restoration of the duties of 1867, a result impossible, of course, to achieve, and nearly bordering on the ridiculous considered as a suggestion to the present Congress, for a restoration of the duties of 1867 would mean an increase in the present tariff on manufactured woolen goods. But it would only jeopardize both the interests of the manufacturers and that of the growers to have it known that their conference had been fruitless, and so the old schedule of 1867 was put forward as a band to the public. The woolmen, on the other hand, were already regarded as a failure before they hit upon this device for throwing dust into the eyes of the people and Congress.

James Lockwood's Will.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 18.—The James Lockwood bequest (\$1,500,000) Asylum Avenue Baptist Church in Hartford, Conn., has been divided equally between two daughters, Mrs. Rockwell and Mrs. Charles A. Pika of San Jose, Cal., and the library is given to the son, Capt. William H. Lockwood. The rest of the estate will go to the son and two daughters equally. It is now thought the property will aggregate \$50,000.

Working on the Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The ways and means committee has held another session, but took no important action. The subject of a tariff reform has not yet been considered in the committee, but different members are working on the subject individually. A delegation from North Carolina is in town to urge the repeal of the tobacco and fruit brandy taxes.

The Old Guard's Ball.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The Old Guard held its annual ball at the Metropolitan Opera House last night. It was a pageant of unusual magnificence. The stage was handsomely decorated.

PROHIBITIONISTS AT WORK.

An Anti-Liquor Clause in Massachusetts Constitution to be Submitted.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—The Legislature which has just got to work is undoubtedly in favor of constitutional prohibition. It is almost certain that a prohibitory amendment will be advanced one stage toward submission to the people at the 1899 election. The prohibitionists are early at work, and an amendment forbidding the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor has been reported to the Senate by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments. By a new order of procedure this and all other amendments were referred to a new special committee instead of the Liquor Law Committee.

The first debate of the session will be upon this measure, and it will probably pass the Senate by a fair majority and the House by the necessary two-thirds. It must then receive a similar endorsement from the Legislature of 1899 in order to go to the people for final disposition at the next election. Three of the eight members of the committee dissent from the report. There are some indications that the prohibitionists will be strong enough to carry through a prohibitory law in addition to the amendments. If prohibition by statute should be sprung upon the people two or three months hence, there would be lively times in the State next fall. The Democratic would then have little difficulty in carrying the State, and without the aid of the Mugwumps either.

Girl Strikers Refuse Their Pay.

NEWARK, Jan. 18.—The strikers in the Clark Thread Works were offered their pay yesterday. The money was at their disposal at the office of the company, but not a single operator took any notice of the bulletin that had been posted up outside of the building. Mr. Clark sent word to Elberon Hall, where the employees were assembled, asking for a committee to see him. A committee went to Mr. Clark, who said that he merely wanted to know why the employees had refused their money. The committee replied that there was no immediate hurry and that the strikers were quite ready to wait until Friday, the usual pay day.

It Was an Infernal Machine.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—The mysterious box sent to Judge Woods of the Federal Court, before whom the second trial of the tally sheet forgers began, proves to have been an infernal machine. It was enclosed in an ordinary slate pencil box with sliding lid. In it were placed two cartridges. These were covered with powder on the top. Friction matches and sand paper were arranged so as to ignite on the withdrawal of the lid and explode the powder and the cartridges. An investigation will be made to discover the sender if possible.

Election Officers on Trial.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 18.—Isaac Kauffman, T. T. Kaufman, Abraham Frye, Samuel Henry and Charles Tillman, election officers were placed on trial for making an alleged fraudulent return of the vote cast at the Indian town district polling-place at the Republican primary election in May last. This is the first of the prosecutions instituted by the Republican anti-Corruption Association. The day was consumed in securing a jury.

Burton's Extradition.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston, Jan. 18.—The Government has forwarded to Washington papers requesting the extradition of Mayer, alias Burton. There is great anxiety here to have Burton brought to this city to answer for his stupendous swindle, and if he is extradited he will receive extraordinary punishment should he be proven guilty.

To Fix the State Water Boundaries.

TRENTON, Jan. 18.—The Senate has passed the bill to authorize Governor Green to appoint a commission of three members to confer with the official authorities of New York State on the establishment of water boundaries and permanent landmark buoys between the two States in order to settle police jurisdiction as to the garbage dumpers.

Fire and Loss of Life.

BRIDGEPORT, N. J., Jan. 18.—The house of Joseph Bowen, at Maurice town was burned last night. Mr. Bowen, who was alone in the house, was found near by almost suffocated. He had been ill before, and although he was taken to the house of a neighbor and everything possible was done for him he died soon afterwards.

Ingersoll in the Snow-Alley Case.

DETHAM, Mass., Jan. 18.—The famous Snow-Alley case began here yesterday. Col. Bob Ingersoll appeared for Alley. Snow is trying to recover the value of Postal Telegraph bonds worth \$100,000. Two previous juries have disagreed, and another gave a verdict of \$102,000.

Will Protect Her Perch and Bass.

TRENTON, Jan. 18.—In the State Senate yesterday a bill was introduced placing fresh restrictions on the catching of perch and striped bass in Bergen and Hudson Counties. It is claimed that these fish are disappearing rapidly from the streams in those counties.

Plenty of Pork.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—The decline in the exportation of pork and the drought of last summer have thrown upon the market \$1,500,000 pounds of meat, which awaits demand for shipment. The accumulation is larger than ever known here before.

Must Show Cash Assets of \$150,000.

TRENTON, Jan. 18.—Senator Wyckoff has introduced a bill to prevent any insurance company from doing business in this State that cannot show cash assets of \$150,000 or over, and an equal aggregate amount of policies already issued.

Steel Works Closed.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—The Ashland Steel Works about twenty miles north of this city blew out last night. The cause of the stoppage is said to be the scarcity of coal, because of the Reading strike.

Railroad Companies and Hotels.

ALBANY, Jan. 18.—Assemblyman Weed to-day introduced a bill to permit railroad companies to own stock in and construct hotels. It went to a third reading and was referred.

The Fourteenth Bradford Victim.

HAVENHILL, Mass., Jan. 18.—John Madden the fourteenth victim of the Bradford disaster, died in the hospital to-day. He belonged in Bradford, and leaves a widow and four children.

Kansas City Gets the Eighth Place.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 18.—Kansas City takes the eighth place in the American Association without a bonus.

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PHILLY MARIE'S DRESS.

Why a Clever New York Girl Has No Dress-Maker's Bills to Pay.

She was a pretty girl and she outshone every body else at an afternoon tea. It was an introductory tea, and the company was large and a trifle miscellaneous. The pretty girl was not being introduced, but the people's eyes followed her to the uneasiness of the bud who was. The bud had been brought up in Europe and had just come home to bloom. The pretty girl had a rare neo-Greek face with decorative hands and skin like snow. She was a slender, little thing, with eyes of a clear carb brown, soft and rather shy. Her hair was a decided red and slightly curly. She wore it brushed back from a low, broad forehead and twisted into a Greek knot at the back of her head. She had the figure of a Diana, and she was so simply unconscious of her gown that her attitude was a triumph in its way.

The gown itself was another triumph. It was a soft white cloth affair, flowing in long lines and fitting as gowns never fit except when they are draped by an artist, and worn by an artist, too. There were pearls embroidered on the bodice and the giraffe was slung with pearls.

Every body looked at her, and she accepted the notice she attracted quietly, not abashed and not very much surprised. The pretty girl was at the tea on her regular business, and her next friend revealed the secret to the Gotham correspondent of the Savannah News.

She was a girl without a dress-maker's bill, who, on the contrary, was paid by an enterprising firm of modistes for wearing her very effective gown.

"Marie's mother was a society woman when she had money," so the story ran, "and Marie had society connections of some extent and value. She could get invitations easier than she could bread and butter, and so she is proceeding to get her bread and butter through her invitations. She wears the prettiest things that are going and she makes an income that isn't a bad one out of the commissions she receives for the customers she sends to swell modistes who fit her out. She isn't ostentatious about it, you know, and the most of them look up the people who make her the best dressed woman they meet without so much as guessing that it means dollars and cents to her."

"She would be quiet about it, anyway, for Marie is as nice a girl as there is; but she has to be cautious about keeping the advertising in the background for business relations, for it would cut her out of some nice houses if people knew what she was doing."

"Marie is clever and she has made the success of two or three combinations this season."

Marie, it must be acknowledged, is an ingenious bouncer, and she beats the tailors' models out of sight.

A Naval Officer's Daughter.

Lieutenant Foulke, of the United States navy, now on duty in Japanese waters, is shortly to marry a Japanese girl at Yokohama. The young lady taught Lieutenant Foulke the language of the country, and during his prolonged stay on shore duty in Korea the two kept up a correspondence, she writing in English, which she had been taught by her foreign lover. There is no romance, too, about a dangerous illness through which she once nursed him. She is spoken of as a woman of great intelligence, beauty and fascination, and a strong and admirable character. Lieutenant Foulke will bring his wife home with him, where he has been ordered to stand his examination for promotion in the service.

Not Offered to Fred Grant.

ALBANY, Jan. 18.—It is authentically stated here that recent statements printed that Gov. Hill had tendered to Col. Fred Grant the appointment of Quarantine Commissioner in place of Thomas C. Platt and that Col. Fred Grant had declined the office are without foundation. There has been no such tender and no such declination. Gov. Hill has not tendered the appointment to any one.

Thrown Out of Work.

BREVIDERE, N. J., Jan. 18

MARRYING FOR MONEY.

Dr. Talmage's Series of Sermons to the Women of America.

The Marriage of Abigail, the Beautiful, to Nabal, the Drunkard—A Mistake Repeated Every Hour All Over Christendom.

The subject of the second of Dr. Talmage's series of sermons on the women of America was "Marriage for worldly success without regard to moral character," and the text was from I. Samuel, xxv, 2: "And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats." Dr. Talmage said:

My text introduces us to a drunken bloke of large proportions. Before the day of safety deposits and government bonds and national banks people had their investment in flocks and herds, and this man, Nabal, of the text, had much of his possessions in live stock. He came also of a distinguished family, and had glorious Caleb for an ancestor. But this descendant was a sneak, a churl, a sot and a fool. One instance to illustrate: It was a wool-raising country, and at the time of shearing a great feast was prepared for the shearers; and David and his warriors, who had in other days saved from destruction the threshing floors of Nabal, sent to him asking, in this time of plenty, for some bread for their starving men. And Nabal cried out: "Who is David? As though an Englishman had said: 'Who is Wellington?' or a German should say: 'Who is Von Moltke?' or an American should say: 'Who is Washington?'" Nothing did Nabal give to the starving men, and that night the accursed lay dead drunk at home, and the Bible gives us a full length picture of him sprawling and maudlin and helpless.

Now that was the man whom Abigail, the lovely and gracious and good woman, married—a tubercle planted beside a thistle, a palm branch twined into a wreath of deadly nightshade. Surely that was not one of the matches made in Heaven. We throw up our hands in horror at that wedding. How did she ever consent to link her destiny with such a creature? Well, she no doubt thought that it would be an honor to be associated with an aristocratic family and no one can despise a great name. Beside this, wealth would come and with it chains of gold and mansions lighted by swinging lamps of aromatic oil and resounding with the cheers of banqueters seated at tables laden with wines from the richest vineyards and fruits from the richest orchards and nuts threshed from foreign woods and meats smoking in platters of gold set on by slaves in bright uniform. Before she plighted her troth with this dissipated man she sometimes said to herself: "How can I endure him? To be associated for life with such a debauchee I can not and will not!" But then again she said to herself: "It's time I was married and this is a good world to do anything in, and perhaps I might do worse and may be I will make a sober man out of him, and marriage is a lottery anyhow." And when one day this representative of a great house presented himself in a parenthesis of sobriety and with an assumed geniality and gallantry of manner with promises of fidelity and kindness and self-abnegation, a June morning smiled in a March squall, and the great-souled woman surrendered her happiness to the keeping of this infamous son of fortune whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats.

Behold here a domestic tragedy repeated every hour of every day all over Christendom—marriage for worldly success without regard to character. So Marie Jeanne Philon, the daughter of the humble engraver of Paris, became the famous Madame Roland of history, the vivacious and brilliant girl united with the cold, formal, monotonous man because he came of an affluent family of Amiens and had lordly blood in his veins. The day when through political revolution this patriotic woman was led to the scaffold around which lay piles of human heads that had fallen from the axe, and she said to the aged man whom she had comforted as they ascended to the scaffold: "Go first that you may not witness my death," and then undaunted took her turn to die—that day was to her only the last act of a tragedy of which her ungenerous marriage day was the first.

Good and genial character in a man, the very first requisite for a woman's happy marriage. Mistake me not as deprecative of worldly prosperities. There is a religious cant that would seem to represent poverty as a virtue and wealth as a crime. I can take you through a thousand mansions where God is as much worshipped as He ever was in a cabin. The gospel inculcates the virtues which tend toward wealth. In the millennium we will all dwell in palaces and ride in chariots and sit at sumptuous banquets and sleep under rich embroideries, and live four or five hundred years, for, if according to the Bible in those times a child shall die a hundred years old, the average of human life will be at least five centuries. The whole tendency of sin is toward poverty, and the whole tendency of righteousness is toward wealth. Godliness is profitable for the life that now is, as well as for that which is to come. No inventory can be made of the picture galleries consecrated to God, and of sculpture, and of libraries and piled magnificence, and of parks and fountains and gardens in the ownership of good men and women. The two most lordly residences in which I was ever a guest had morning and evening prayers, all the employes present, and all day long there was an air of cheerful piety in the conversation and behavior. Lord Radstock carried the gospel to the Russian nobility. Lord Cavan and Lord Cairns spent their vacation in evangelistic service. Lord Clonville became missionary to Bagdad. And the Christ who was born in an eastern carpenter's has again and again lived in a palace.

It is a grand thing to have plenty of money, and horses that don't compel you to take the dust of every lumbering and lazy vehicle; and books of history that give you a glimpse of all the past; and shelves of poetry, to which you may go and ask Milton, or Tennyson, or Spenser, or Tom Moore, or Robert Burns to step down and spend an evening with you; and other shelves to which you may go while you feel disgusted with the sham of the world, and ask Thackeray to express your chagrin, or Charles Dickens to expose the Pecksniffianism, or Thomas Carlyle to thunder your indignation; or the other shelves where the old gospel writers stand ready to warn and cheer us while they open doors into that city which is so bright the noontide sun is abolished. There is no virtue in owning a horse that takes four minutes to go a mile, if you can own one that can go in a little over two minutes and a half; no virtue in running upon the teeth of a north-east wind while thin apparel if you can afford fine; no virtue in being poor when you can honestly be rich. There are names of men and women that I have only to mention and they suggest not only wealth but religion, and generosity, and philanthropy, such as Amos Lawrence, James Lennox,

Peter Cooper, William E. Davis, Shaftesbury, Miss Wolf, and Mrs. Astor. A recent writer says that of fifty leading business men in one of our Eastern cities, three-fourths of them are Christians. The fact is, that about all the brain and the business genius is on the side of religion. Infidelity is incipient insanity. All infidels are cranks. Many of them talk brightly, but you soon find that in their mental machinery there is a screw loose. When they are not lecturing against Christianity they are sitting in bar-rooms sipping tobacco juice, and when they get mad, swear till the place is sulphurous. They only talk to keep their courage up and at best will feel like the infidel who begged to be buried like his Christian wife and daughter, and when asked why he wanted such burial replied: "If there be a resurrection of the good, as some folks say there will be, my Christian wife and daughter will somehow get me up and take me along with them."

Men may pretend to despise religion, but they are rank hypocrites. The sea captain was right when he came up to the village on the sea coast and insisted on paying ten dollars to the church, although he did not attend himself. When asked his reason he said that he had been in the habit of carrying cargoes of oysters and clams from that place, and he found since that church was built the people were more honest than they used to be, for before the church was built he often found the load when he came to count it a thousand clams short. Yes, Godliness is profitable for both worlds. Most of the great, honest, permanent, worldly successes are by those who reverence God and the Bible. But what I do say is that if a man have nothing but social position and financial resources, a woman who puts her happiness by marriage in his hands re-enacts the folly of Abigail when she accepted disagreeable Nabal. "Whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats."

If there be good moral character accompanied by affluent circumstances I congratulate you. If not let the morning lark fly clear of the rocky mountain eagle. The sacrifice of woman on the altar of social and financial expectation is cruel and stupendous. I see each you a scene you have more than once witnessed. A comfortable home with nothing more than ordinary surroundings, but an attractive daughter carefully and Christianly reared. From the outside world comes in a man with nothing but money, unless you count profanity, and selfishness, and fondness for champagne, and general recklessness as a part of his possession. He has his coat collar turned up when there is no chill in the air, but because it gives him an air of abandon; and eyeglass, not because he is near-sighted, but because it gives a classical appearance, and with an attire somewhat loud, a cane thick enough to be the club of Hercules, and clutched at the middle, his conversation interlarded with French phrases inaccurately pronounced, and a sweep of manner indicating that he was not born like most folks, but terrestrially landed. By arts learned of the devil he insinuates himself into the affections of the daughter of that Christian home. All the kindred congratulate her on the almost supernatural prospects. Reports come in that the young man is fast in his habits, that he has broken several young hearts, and that he is mean and selfish and cruel. But all this is ignored with the fact that he has several houses in his own name, and has large deposits at the bank, and more than all, has a father worth many hundred thousand dollars and very feeble in health, and may any day drop off, and this is the only son, and a round dollar held close to one's eye is large enough to shut out a great desert, and how much more will several bushels of dollars shut out.

The marriage day comes and goes. The wedding ring was costly enough, and the orange blossoms fragrant enough, and the benediction solemn enough, and the wedding march stirring enough. And the audience shed tears of sympathetic gladness, supposing that the craft contained the two has sailed off on a placid lake, although God knows that they are lunched on a Dead Sea, its waters brackish with tears and ghastly with faces of despair, floating to the surface and then going down. There they are, the newly married pair in their new home. He turns out to be a tyrant. Her will is nothing, his will everything. Lavish of money for his own pleasure, he befriends her the peonies he pinches out into her trembling palm. Instead of the kind words she left behind in her former home, now there are complaints and fault findings and curses. He is the master and she the slave. The worst villain on earth is the man who, having captured a woman from her father's house and after the oath of the marriage altar has been pronounced, says, by his manner if not in words: "I have you now in my power. What can you do? My arm is stronger than yours. My voice is louder than yours. My fortune is greater than yours. My name is mightier than yours. Now crouch before me like a reptile. You are nothing but a woman anyhow. Down, you miserable wretch!" Can halls of mosaic, can long lines of Etruscan bronze, or statuary by Palmer and Powers and Crawford and Chantrey and Canova; can galleries rich from the pencil of Bierstadt, and Church and Kenset and Cole and Cropsey; could statues played on by an Ole Bull or pianos fingered by a Gottschalk, or solos warbled by a Sontag; could wardrobes like that of a Marie Antoinette, could jewels like those of Eugenie make a wife in such a companionable happy?

Imprisoned in a castle. Her gold bracelets are the chains of a life-long servitude. There is a sword over her every feast, not like that of Democles staying suspended, but dropping through her lacerated heart. Her wardrobe is full of shrouds for deaths which she dies daily, and she is buried alive, though buried under gorgeous upholstery. There is one word that sounds under the arches and rolls along the corridors and weeps in the falling fountains and echoes in the shutting of every door and crouches in every note of stringed and wind instruments: Woe! woe! The oxen and sheep in olden times brought to the temple of Jupiter to be sacrificed used to be covered with ribbons and flowers, ribbons on the horns and flowers on the neck. But the fatal and ribboned decoration did not make the snub of the butcher's knife less deathful, and all the chandeliers you hang over such a woman and all the robes with which you envelop her, all the ribbons with which you adorn her and all the bewitching charms with which you embank her footsteps are the ribbons and flowers of a horrible butchery.

As if to show how wretched a good woman may be in splendid surroundings we have two recent illustrations, two dual palaces in Great Britain. They are the focus of the best things that are possible in art, in literature, in architecture, the accumulation of other estates until their wealth is beyond calculation and their grandeur beyond description. One of the estates has a cabinet set with gems that cost two million five hundred thousand dollars, and the walls of it bloom with Rembrandts and Claudes and Poussins and Guidos and Raphaels, and there are Southdown flocks in summer grazing on its lawns and Arab steeds prancing at

the doorways on the "first open day at the kennels." From the one castle the duchess has removed with her children because she can no longer endure the oracles of her husband, the duke, and in the other castle the duchess remains confronted by insults and abominations in the presence of which I do not think God or decent society requires a good woman to remain. Alas for those dual country seats! They on a large scale illustrate what on a smaller scale may be seen in many places, that with a moral character in a husband all the accessories and mockery. When Abigail finds Nabal, her husband, beastly drunk as she comes home from interceding for his fortune and life, it was no alleviation that the old brute had possessions in Carmel, and "was very great, and had 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats," and he the worst goat among them. The animal in his nature seized the soul in its mouth and ran off with it.

Before things are right in this world gentle villains are to be expurgated. Instead of being welcomed into respectable society because of the amount of stars and garters and medals and estates they represent, they ought to be banished to the outer world where they are allowed, without peril to themselves to put their hands on the door knob of a moral house. The time must come when a masculine estray will be as repugnant to good society as a feminine estray, and no coat of arms or family emblazonry or epaulet can pass a Lothario unchallenged among the sanctities of home life. By what law of God or common sense is an Absalom better than a Delilah, a Don Juan better than a Messalina? The brush that paints the one black must paint the other black. But what a spectacle it was when last summer much of "watering place" society went with enthusiasm to an unclean world, foreign dignitary whose name in both hemispheres is a synonym for prodigality, and princesses of American society from all parts of the land had him ride in their carriages and sit at their tables, though they knew him to be a portable lazaretto, a charnel house of moral putrefaction, his breath as typhoid, his feet that of a Satyr, and his touch death. Here is an evil that man can not stop but women may. Keep all such out of your parlors, have no recognition for them in the street and no more think of allying your life and destiny with theirs. "Egales from Araby" would consent to pass the honeymoon with an Egyptian plague. All that money or social position a bad man brings to a woman in marriage is a splendid despair, a gilded horror, a brilliant agony, a prolonged death, and the longer the marital union lasts the more evident will be the fact that she might, but never have been born. Yet you and I have been at brilliant weddings where before the feast was over the bridegroom's tongue was thick and his eye glassy, and his step a stager as he clanked glasses with jolly comrades, all going with lightning limited express train rapidity to the fatal crash over the embankment of a ruined life and a lost eternity.

Woman, join not your right hand with such a right hand. Accept from such an one no jewel for finger or ear lest that sparkle of precious stone turn out to be the eye of a basilisk, and let not the ring come on the finger of your right hand lest that ring turn out to be one link of a chain that shall bind you in never-ending captivity. In the name of God and Heaven and home, in the name of all things good and fast, forbid the ban! Consent not to join one of the many regiments of women who have married for worldly success without regard to moral character.

If you are ambitious, O women, for noble affiancing, why not marry a king? And to that honor you are invited by the monarch of heaven and earth, and this day a voice from the skies sounds forth: "As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride so shall thy God rejoice over thee." Let him put upon thee the ring of this royal marriage. Here is an honor worth reaching after. By repentance and faith you may come into a marriage with the Emperor of universal dominion, and you may be an Empress unto God forever, and reign with him in palaces that the centuries can not crumble or cannonades demolish.

High worldly marriage is not necessary for woman, or marriage of any kind in order to your happiness. Celibacy has been honored by the best being that ever lived, and His greatest apostle, Christ and Paul. What higher honor could single life on earth have! But what you need, O woman, is to be affianced forever and forever, and the hands of that marriage I say this moment here and now ready to publish. Let the angels of heaven bend from their galleries of light to witness while I pronounce you one—a loving God and a forgiven soul. One of the most stirring passages in history with which I am acquainted tells us how Cleopatra, the exiled Queen of Egypt, won the sympathies of Julius Caesar, the conqueror, until he became the bridegroom and she the bride. Driven from her throne, she sailed away on the Mediterranean Sea in a storm, and when the large ship anchored she put out with one womanly friend in a small boat until she arrived at Alexandria, where was Caesar, the great General. Knowing that she would not be permitted to land or pass the guards on the way to Caesar's palace, she laid upon the bottom of the boat shawls and scarfs, and richly dyed upholstery, and then lay down upon them, and her friend wrapped her in them, and she was admitted ashore in this wrapping of goods, which was announced as a present for Caesar. This bundle was permitted to pass the guards of the gates of the palace and was put down at the feet of the Roman General. When the bundle was unrolled there rose before Caesar one whose courage and beauty and brilliancy are the astonishment of the ages. This exiled queen of Egypt told the story of her sorrows, and he promised her that she should get back her throne in Egypt, and take the throne of wifely dominion in his own heart. Afterward they made a triumphal tour in a barge that the pictures of many art galleries have called "Cleopatra's Barge," and that barge was covered with silken awnings, and its deck was soft with luxuriant carpets, and the oars were silver-tipped, and the prow was gold-mounted, and the air was redolent with the spicy of tropical gardens and resonant with the music that made the night glad as the day. You may rejoice, O woman, that you are not a Cleopatra and that the one to whom you may be affianced had none of the sins of Caesar, the conqueror. But it suggests to me how you, a soul exiled from happiness and peace, may find your way to the feet of the conqueror of earth and sky. Though it may be a dark night of spiritual agitation when you put out, into the harbor of peace you may sail, and when all the wrappings of fear and doubt and sin shall be removed you will be found at the feet of Him who will put you on a throne to be acknowledged as His in the day when all the silver trumpets of the sky shall proclaim: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh," and in the barge of light you sail with Him the river whose source is the foot of the throne, and whose mouth is as the sea of glass mingled with fire.

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