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BY THE WAY.

—The "Y" rooms will be open on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock for the regular monthly business meeting. All are cordially invited to attend.

—The Plainfield Cornet Band in full uniform, will make a street parade on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the band room to The Crescent.

—If the Recording Angel ever fails in love, the object of that sublime being's adoration will doubtless be the man who sprinkles ashes on the ice before his residence.

—The members of the City Police Board held a special meeting at Mayor Male's residence on Saturday evening, but the result of the meeting has not been stated.

—The ice men in the valley have all filled their houses and are now stacking some of the finest ice of the season. There will be no scarcity of the article next summer.

—Chief Waters of the Fire Department, and Councilman Dunham made a tour of the various fire department houses this afternoon, for the purpose of ascertaining what supplies were needed.

—Officer Noel discovered two suspicious looking men acting strangely about a house on Netherwood avenue yesterday afternoon, and placed them under arrest. This morning they were released.

—The congregation of the Seventh Day Baptist church of New Market joined with the Seventh Day Baptists of this city on Sabbath Day, in the proper observance of the semi-centennial celebration.

—A carpenter employed by John Borman of this city, whose name we are unable to ascertain fell from the eaves of a new house in course of erection at Fanwood on Friday morning and sustained serious injuries.

—The four o'clock service in Reform Hall yesterday was conducted by Mrs. J. T. Ellis. Councilman Dunham led the singing, and was assisted by the Crescent Glee Club. The audience was large, and about 30 persons gave in their testimony.

—Chief Carey on Saturday night notified all the cigar dealers, and other merchants, that they must close their places of business on Sunday. Yesterday the order was strictly and rigidly enforced, although about as many cigars as usual were consumed.

—The police on last Saturday evening nipped in the bud a disgraceful transaction that was about to take place in this city. All the preliminaries for a prize fight were arranged, when Chief Carey and his corps of efficient officers put the men to flight.

—Farrier Council, O. A. F. of Jersey City, will hold a meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) evening. Any members of Amoskeag Council of this city, wishing to attend, will meet at depot and leave by the 6:05 p. m. train. A fine time is looked for by the members.

—To-night at Music Hall will be held the mass meeting called to consider the questions of license or no-license. It's rather a cold-water day, but it won't dampen the ardor of the temperance people of the city who are all so thoroughly in earnest in their work.

—One of the hind wheels on a depot carriage belonging to a Mr. Foote, who resides in the vicinity of New Brooklyn, was dished in front of The Press office this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Foote were on their way to the depot at the time, but fortunately neither of them were hurt.

They'll Put a Roof On It.

An unusually large church-sociable was held at the residence of Mr. Israel Coon, back of the North Plainfield "mountains," Thursday evening, upon which occasion all had a good time and quite a sum of money was raised towards putting a new roof on the M. E. church at Union Village.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Rev. Dr. Lewis occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church yesterday morning.

Mrs. Leslie M. Daniel is very seriously ill, and her condition is the cause of great anxiety to her family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shepard of Scotch Plains entertained a few of their friends at an afternoon dinner on Saturday.

The Rev. T. Logan Murphy announced from the pulpit of the Church of the Holy Cross, yesterday, that during Lent extra service would be held every Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

Assemblyman Ulrich was invited to address the mass meeting at Music Hall this evening, but was obliged to leave for Trenton this afternoon on account of the re-assembling of the House to-night.

Although more comfortable today, ex-Mayor Rockfellow is still confined to his bed with a severe attack of muscular rheumatism that has caused him the most intense agony during the past week.

In the Trinity Reformed church, last evening, Mr. W. A. Conger, of the Congregational church, officiated in the absence of organist Tittsworth, and Mr. Edward Cooley sang bass very acceptably in place of Mr. T. B. Brown.

Mrs. John Coard, of this city, Superintendent of the Hygiene and Hereditary Department of the local W. C. T. U., is announced to give an address in Temperance Hall, Westfield, to-morrow afternoon at half-past three o'clock. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Thomas Flood, who slipped on the ice and broke his ankle, last Tuesday morning, is doing remarkably well since the fracture was set by Dr. Hedges and the patient has been so well treated at Muhlenberg Hospital. He expects to be out in a few weeks, entirely recovered.

The funeral of the late Nelson Doty of Somerville, who died on Thursday, took place from the house, yesterday. Interment was made at Easton. The deceased was one of the most popular conductors on the Central Railroad, and was highly esteemed by the commuters from this city.

Rev. Mr. Miller, pastor of St. James church of Elizabeth, preached an eloquent sermon at the M. E. church yesterday morning, with reference to Daniel. The learned divine dwelt on Daniel being a man of prayer, and of his habit of praying three times a day with his face toward Jerusalem.

The Identity of the Nurse.

The "Miss S. L. Ramsey of Plainfield" the New York papers are all so anxious about, is Mrs. Susan L. Ramsey the wife of Mr. H. K. Ramsey who many years ago was engaged in business in this city and afterwards kept a hotel at Bound Brook. Mrs. Ramsey at one time was one of the proprietors of the Sheridan House, Elizabeth. The last time she was in this city was about three months ago when she acted as nurse for a sick lady on West Second street. Mrs. Ramsey left Plainfield for Morristown where, she stated, she had another engagement. Friends and family connections here heard nothing more of her until the publication of her name as nurse for Jennie Osborne who died from the effects of malpractice, at a hotel in Easton, last Thursday.

She was highly spoken of by all whom a Press reporter interviewed, and seems to be esteemed as an upright and honorable woman.

The Act to Provide for the Rights of Cyclers.

The earnest efforts of President Cooley of the Plainfield Bicycle Club to secure the enactment of a law providing for the rights of cyclers on the public highways, seem bound to meet with the success deserved. Our Trenton correspondent writes us that the Committee is convinced of the justice of the act and are strongly in its favor, and if a delegation of representative bicyclers should go to Trenton and speak for the bill before the Committee, its passage would be entirely assured.

Just Protection for Mechanics and Laborers.

Assembly bill No. 44, being an amendment to the present Mechanics Lien Law, will come before the House at Trenton, this evening. It obviates the filing of contracts and makes the property responsible to the mechanics and laborers, and for material. Making the law in New Jersey substantially the same as New York, Pennsylvania and other States.

To-Night's Speakers.

Of those invited to speak at the mass meeting at Music Hall, this evening, on license or no-license, are Mrs. S. J. C. Downs, State President, Mrs. J. C. Ellis, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. T. H. Tomlinson, County Superintendent of the W. C. T. U. Also the Rev. A. H. Lewis, D. D., the Rev. W. M. Richards, Rev. K. P. Ketcham, Rev. E. N. Rodman, Aaron M. Powell, Esq., and others.

—Fine music and roller skating again, at The Crescent, Wednesday afternoon and evening.

1838-1888.

CONCLUDING THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Dedication of the Seventh-Day Baptist Church fittingly observed—Reminiscences of the Church in its Early Days—Historical Sketches, etc.

The fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the Seventh-Day Baptist church in this city, which originally sprang from the New Market church during February, 1838, was observed in an appropriate and extensive manner on Sabbath Day and Sunday. The services on Sabbath Day were more of a religious nature, and included a sermon by the pastor. During the afternoon of that day, Mr. A. L. Tittsworth read a paper on the organization and growth of the Sabbath School. Mr. T. S. Alberti was the first Superintendent. Elder Lewis followed in a neat address, and Mr. D. E. Tittsworth, gave illustrations on the blackboard of the Sabbath School lesson. In the evening, Rev. Mr. Livermore of New Market gave a historical sketch of the mother church at New Market, which was founded early in the seventeenth century, and from which originated the Seventh-Day Baptist settlement in this city. Other papers were read by Mr. J. F. Hubbard, on the building of the church; Mr. J. D. Spicer, on the church membership. Rev. Dr. Lewis also read a paper on "The Pulpit of the Church," from which the following interesting data is taken:

Between the time of the organization of the present church in January, 1838, and June of that year, the pulpit was supplied mainly by the pastors of other denominations in Plainfield village. Rev. Wm. E. Maxson was elected the first pastor, but having just engaged in "The Jewish Mission" in New York, he was compelled to decline. Lucius Crandall, then a licentiate supplied the pulpit from June, 1838, to March, 1840. He was then elected pastor and acted as such until September, 1841. From then until June, 1843, the pulpit was supplied by Lucius Crandall, Giles M. Langworthy, David Clawson and W. B. Gillette. Then James H. Cochran was called to the pastorate but did not accept. Thomas B. Brown was elected in September, 1843, but could not serve because the illness of his family prevented their removal here. Pastors thereafter were: Samuel Davidson from Sep. 1844, to March 1846; Solomon Carpenter, April to Oct., 1846; Lucius Crandall, Oct., 1846 to April, 1851. During the summer of 1851, George B. Utter occasionally supplied the pulpit, and Isaac Moore during the following winter. Elder Cochran began a service as pastor again on May 16, 1852, but his death in Feb. 1, 1853, left the pulpit vacant once more. The names of various candidates were then considered, resulting in the election of James Bailey in Sept., 1853, whose pastorate from that time extended over eleven years, the longest in the history of the church.

Various persons supplied the pulpit between April, 1855, and February, 1866; James L. Scott from Feb., 1866, to April, 1866; A. R. Cornwall, Apr., 1866, to Apr., 1867; F. R. Williams, Apr., 1867, to Apr., 1871; D. E. Maxson, Oct., 1871, to Aug., 1879. Upon invitation as an evangelist, the present pastor—the Rev. A. H. Lewis, D. D.—labored with the church from January until March 1880, when he was called to the pastorate, which he assumed on the 15th of April of that year. James Somerbell was licensed to preach by the church in Nov., 1847; and Eleston M. Dunn was licensed in Dec., 1855. In August, 1853, the church made application under a call from the Educational Society, for the locating of a theological seminary in Plainfield. The final decision, however, located the seminary in connection with the University, at Alfred Centre, N. Y. Of the ex-pastors only three are now living—James Bailey of Milton, T. B. Williams, D. D., and D. E. Maxson, D. D., of Alfred Centre. Of those who had died, Dr. Lewis read interesting sketches of their life and work for the church. The Press wishes it had the space that its columns might be graced with the beauty of these eulogies. Poetic tenderness of feeling, and intense fervor of sympathy, were displayed in all sincerity throughout Dr. Lewis' words in memoriam of Samuel Davidson, Lucius Crandall and James Haldane Cochran.

THE CONCLUDING SESSION

of the semi-centennial celebration was held last evening, a good-sized audience being in attendance. Rev. Dr. A. H. Lewis presided, and special music was rendered by a choir composed of the following voices: Mrs. D. E. Tittsworth, Miss May Tomlinson, Miss Nan Randolph, Miss Mabel Potter, and Messrs. D. E. Tittsworth, Dr. F. Wells and E. E. Runyon. Mr. A. L. Tittsworth presided at the organ. The floral decorations were the same as arranged for the opening service on Sabbath Day, and consisted of an elaborate and beautiful display of cut-flowers, potted plants, ferns, etc., artistically arranged about the pulpit. After an organ prelude, Rev. Dr. Lewis read the scripture according to the 145th Psalm, and offered up a beautiful prayer. The hymns, he said, to be sung during the evening, had been selected as being familiar to the older members of the congregation. Letters were read from Drs. Thos. G. Williams and D. E. Maxson, former pastors of the church, but now of Alfred Centre, N. Y., also from Brother O. B. Whitford, who filled the pulpit of the Plainfield church as a supply for six months previous to Dr. Maxson's pastorate here. It was expected that Dr. Cornwell would have sent in a communication, but nothing was heard from the reverend gentleman. Messrs. D. E. Tittsworth and Elmer E. Runyon sang a beautiful duet, after which the pastor called upon Mrs. Reuna Randolph to read a paper on "The Deacons" of the church, of which the following is a digest:

"THE DEACONS."

Among the constituent members of the Seventh Day Baptist church of Plainfield were Randolph Dunham and A. D. Tittsworth. They had been ordained deacons of the church at New Market, and were invited to fill the same position in the new organization. In 1852, I. D. Tittsworth moved to Plainfield from Shiloh, and was ordained deacon of this church. He served in that capacity until 1853, when he transferred his membership to New Market, where he is still serving as a deacon. In 1858, Randolph Dunn removed from Plainfield to this city, and in 1861 he was invited to unite as deacon with the Plainfield church. The first election of brethren to this office, occurred April 16th, 1860, when Isaac S. Dunn and Daniel B. Rogers were chosen; in 1865 Randolph Dunham was elected; as was also Isaac S. Dunn again in 1869.

During the latter year deacon A. D. Tittsworth passed away, and on Feb. 28th 1869, Clark Rogers was invited to act as deacon. Sept. 1st, 1872, B. D. Randolph, transferred his membership to the church as deacon. In 1875 it was thought best by the church to again choose brethren as deacons, Daniel B. Rogers having removed to Florida. On the 29th of Dec. 1875, the following were elected as such: Dr. T. H. Tomlinson and J. D. Spicer; in 1880 Clark Rogers, and in 1881 Randolph Dunn, were called home. Thos. F. Randolph was elected on Jan. 16th, 1881, and on July 17th 1887 he was summoned home. Oct. 30th of that year, 1887, Nathan H. Randolph and Frank S. Wells were elected to fill the vacancies caused by death. In the 50 years there have been 13 deacons, six having been called by other churches and 7 by this. Of the 13, seven have passed to the other shore; one is now serving another church, and five, viz.: B. D. Randolph, T. H. Tomlinson, J. D. Spicer, F. S. Wells and N. H. Randolph are at present deacons of the church. The first to pass away was Randolph Dunham, in 1865, at the age of 79 years; Isaac S. Dunn was the next. His death occurred Oct. 22, 1868; A. D. Tittsworth, the next deacon to sever his connection from the church by death, died on the evening of May 28, 1869; Deacon Clark Rogers quietly passed away on Oct. 25, 1880, aged 76 years; Randolph Dunn, another deacon, fell asleep in Jesus, Aug. 23, 1881, in the 83d year of his age; Deacon D. B. Rogers died March 8, 1884, aged 69 years; Thomas F. Randolph, the last deacon to pass away, died on July 17, 1887, in the 63d year of his age—a faithful band gone to their reward.

Hymn No. 576—"Beware Unbelief, My Saviour is near," was sung out of respect to the late Nancy Dunham, after which Mr. D. E. Tittsworth outlined briefly, the relation music had to the church. He said that so little had been kept on record concerning the music, that it was almost impossible to get an authentic report, and much of the data had to be gathered by recollection. The subject of music in the church was first considered on March 14th 1838; he said by way of an incident, that one of the first chorists in the church sat in a pew facing him as he read his report. In August, 1857, a resolution was passed appointing Dr. A. Utter as chief chorister; in 1866 he was succeeded by J. F. Hubbard, and later by C. Potter, Jr., and others. Dr. Utter again filled the position which he held seventeen years in all. The first instrument used in the church was a bass-viol. The present organ was purchased at a cost of \$1,715; a self-bass stop was added at an additional cost of \$500. On March 12, 1867, the organ was formerly "opened" to the public by a grand concert. In 1880 the organ was enlarged and improved. Up to the year 1885 the services of the organist were voluntary; now there is a satisfactory compensation attached; the choir has oftentimes numbered thirty members. During the reading of his report Mr. D. E. Tittsworth, the present leader of the choir, took occasion to publicly thank Mr. E. E. Runyon, whom, he said, was ever ready and willing to assist the choir.

Mrs. Dr. T. H. Tomlinson followed with a long and beautiful report of "Woman's Work in the Church," which is deserving of more space than The Press can today allot to it. To-morrow we will give some copious extracts from this interesting document.

The concluding paper of the evening on "The Church Finances" was read by Mr. Geo. H. Babcock, and was also very lengthy. It contains many statistics which will be of interest to our readers, and the following extracts were taken down by a Press reporter: Mr. Thomas F. Randolph, who died during July of last year, was the third officer to die in office. Since the church has been in existence, there has been but two clerks—Thomas S. Alberti and J. D. Spicer, the latter having been clerk for the past 27 years; for about 20 years no record was kept of the moneys. The first treasurer's report was received in 1857, when the total collections for the year amounted to \$25, and of this amount the treasurer reported that \$21 and some cents had been expended during the same time. The same year the collector reported the total collections for the year to be \$600, and nearly that amount was paid out by him during the year; the first private subscription to the church was on Nov. 22, 1833, when \$19.43 was subscribed "to build a meeting house." In June, 1864, the church was out of debt for the first time in its existence. When the present church was erected in 1868 a total indebtedness of about \$9,000 was incurred. In 1874 the debt was reduced to \$3,000. At present the church is practically out of debt for the second time, with property valued at \$40,000 and interest-bearing investments to the amount of about \$1,500. Fifty years ago a sexton was engaged to clean the church four times a year; also to attend the light, heat, etc., for \$12 annually; the second year he received \$20, and the third year \$21. Later his salary was increased to \$24, and of this amount the sexton himself contributed the sum of nine dollars. The first pastor, Lucius Crandall, received a salary of \$10 a quarter and board; the present pastor receives \$1,500 annually, and use of parsonage. The envelope method of collecting money was adopted many years ago, and with the exception of a few years, it has since been in use; at no time since 1845, has the church been in debt to its pastor, for more than one month's salary; of the beneficiaries the church has received was \$7,655.30 willed by the late T. B. Stillman; Gilbert Randolph, deceased, made a bequest of \$300, the interest of which was to be set aside for the support of widows and children. The late A. D. Tittsworth in his will, left \$1,000, to be placed on bond and mortgage, the interest to accrue to the church, and the late Clark Rogers willed \$1,500 to be used for like purposes. During the last ten years, the church has expended \$6,755.99 for missionary work, and during the fifty years just closed, a total of \$10,827.06 was expended for that work alone. \$50,000 has been donated to educational advantages. Prior to 1873, \$146 was paid to the poor, but since then \$3,500 has been paid out for that purpose. During the fifty years the aggregate amount expended from the various funds was about \$205,000.

Rev. Dr. Lewis followed with a brief address, in which he stated that to-night we are extending hands over a period of 183 years. The one word befitting the honor of the occasion, he said, was "Thanksgiving." A hymn was sung, and the audience dismissed with the benediction.

Chicken Thieves This Time.

Mr. George Mager of Union Village is in hard luck again. A few weeks ago The Press told how his home was burned, and now his coops have been stripped of forty good laying hens. This live stock was about all the personal property the unfortunate man had left. However, quite a number of the farmers in the neighborhood who have also suffered, have become so incensed that the culprits will probably be caught and their own nest broken up, speedily.

A gang of chicken thieves who operated extensively in the same vicinity, last winter, were mostly sent to jail. The present gang is supposed to be a new lot.

Sam Small at Reform Hall.

The national reputation of "Sam Small" (Rev. Samuel Small) not only as a temperance lecturer but as a minister of the Gospel, makes it unnecessary to enlarge upon the rare opportunity offered Plainfielders for hearing this eloquent speaker on a subject so absorbing as the temperance question has already become. Such eloquence and soul stirring pathos, mingled with laughable incidents and illustrations, makes an evening spent in listening to him, one long to be remembered.

Secure a seat early and go prepared to be not only greatly amused, but instructed. Doors open at 7.15 o'clock.

She Denied Her Husband Beat Her.

Officer Lynch was summoned by telephone to a house near Netherwood, yesterday, on complaint of one of the neighbors, who charged that a Dutchman was beating his wife. The officer was hurriedly driven to the place in a hack, but when he arrived there, quiet was restored and he found the woman busily engaged ironing. She denied that anything unusual had taken place, but the neighbors declare that her husband threw her from the porch and otherwise maltreated her.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

A "Lesson on Forgiveness." Matt. 18: 21-35—The Eighth Lesson of the International Course for 1888.

Yesterday the air was balmy as Spring, and the sun shone forth in splendor and warmth, as though delighted to be released from the cold embrace of Winter. The great army of Sunday schools greeted with joy the Lord's "Lesson on Forgiveness." It proves that we can go to Him and ask forgiveness, and that we must forgive those around us with the same spirit that the Lord forgives us. It may seem difficult to forgive an injury or wrong, but as often as forgiveness is asked we should freely and heartily grant it, without the least malice. If we have wronged or offended others we should take the Lord with us and ask their forgiveness.

The Lesson also speaks of debt. We should pay all honest debts as far as lies within our power and means to do so. Go to your creditor and give him an explanation of your resources and your intention to meet the debt as soon as possible. What an absurdity a prayer like the following would be: "My neighbor is covetous and unmanly towards me, but not one-hundredth part as much so as I have been to Thee, O Lord, and I cannot forgive him. I pray Thee to deal by me as I have by him. He owes me and has striven hard to pay but cannot, and I must sell him out of house and home to get my pay. I cannot forgive him the debt. But, O Lord, I owe Thee ten times that amount, and have sinned against Thee openly and in secret to gain this world's goods. O Lord, deal with me as I have with my neighbor. I pray Thee." Would such a prayer be of any service to any one, or would it give the least satisfaction or contentment? No matter how wealthy we may be, we can never pay the Lord for His goodness and kindness to us. We must pay Him on the installment plan, by giving Him a little every day, every hour; work for Him with our hands, with our head, with our minds and with our hearts, and when it comes to a settlement He will balance the account and give a receipt in full, and we will be free from debt and sin.

The Lesson is one it would always be well to remember at all times and in all places, and under all circumstances. It would also be well for Sunday school teachers to review it in connection with next Sunday's lesson, in order to more fully instill it into the minds of all the scholars.

On next Sunday, Feb. 26, Lesson IX—"The Rich Young Ruler;" Matt., 19: 16-26. All should read it carefully and search out the references before Sunday next.

Reform Club Meeting.

As usual there was a large attendance at the Reform Hall meeting last night. President French, with Musical Director VanDerbeek and a full choir were promptly at their respective posts of duty. Chaplain Honeyman being absent, the devotional services were conducted by Rev. E. L. Livermore, of the New Market Seventh Day Baptist church.

Mr. Livermore was the regularly appointed speaker for the occasion and most ably did he acquit himself. A pleasant appearing gentleman, of good voice and words, he attracted and held the undivided attention of hearers from commencement to close of his remarks. After paying a flattering tribute to the Club, its purposes and the practical benefits it had conferred upon many people, Mr. Livermore bore decided testimony against the terrible wrongs inflicted by the liquor traffic, opposed licenses of every name and kind, and presented strong figure arguments to prove the fallacy of what was termed and applauded as high license. No license could possibly be made high enough to receive his vote, because, in his opinion, no moral right existed to legally recognize and uphold evil. To him prohibition was the only sure and proper remedy. President French followed with a brief appeal for pledge signers, several young men responded, and the meeting closed with benediction pronounced by Mr. Livermore.

To Our Readers.

If you have not a very pressing engagement elsewhere, take our advice and go to the next Philharmonic concert, Tuesday night, 21st inst, at Music Hall. If you ask a reason for this advice we refer you to our advertisement; is it not an inviting programme? Note the names of the masters and the works.

Mr. Whitney Mockridge, the tenor, who appears on this occasion, possesses a beautiful voice and excellent method, and is everywhere winning laurels. Seats and tickets on sale at Reynolds' pharmacy, a usual.

—Many citizens of Rahway signed a petition to Assemblyman Ulrich, asking the passage of a bill to make legal the adjustment of past due taxes and assessments. It applies only to taxes on assessments levied prior to 1886, and was introduced last Monday night.

WASHINGTON MATTERS

DEMOCRATS TO DECIDE UPON THEIR NEXT CONVENTION.

The Case of Mr. Stevens-Government
Telegraph Bill-The Temperance
Committee-Omnibus Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Democratic National Committee, which meets here on Wednesday next to determine the time and place for holding the next National Convention, is composed of the following members: Alabama, Henry C. Temple; Arkansas, S. W. Fordyce; California, M. F. Tappan; Colorado, Charles S. Thomas; Connecticut, William H. Barham; Delaware, Ignatius C. Grubb; Florida, Samuel Pascoe; Georgia, Patrick Walsh; Illinois, S. Corning Gould; Indiana, Austin B. Brown; Iowa, M. M. Ryan; Kansas, C. W. Blair; Kentucky, Henry D. McHenry; Louisiana, R. J. Jones; Maine, William Henry Clifford; Maryland, A. P. Gorman; Massachusetts, Frederick O. Prince; Michigan, Daniel M. Dickinson; Minnesota, P. H. Kelley; Mississippi, C. A. Johnson; Missouri, J. G. Griffith; Nebraska, James E. Boyd; Nevada, John H. Dennis; New Hampshire, A. W. Salloway; New Jersey, Miles Ross; New York, vacant; North Carolina, M. W. Hanson; Ohio, W. W. Armstrong; Oregon, A. N. Nutter; Pennsylvania, W. H. H. Wallack; Rhode Island, J. B. Barby; South Carolina, P. W. Dawson; Tennessee, Robert F. Dooney; Texas, O. T. Holt; Vermont, B. B. Smalley; Virginia, John S. Burroughs; West Virginia, Henry G. Davis; Wisconsin, William F. Vilas; Arizona, W. K. Mead; Dakota, W. H. Day; District of Columbia, William Dickinson; Idaho, John Holley; Montana, J. J. McCormick; New Mexico, G. W. Fox; Utah, J. B. Rosenbrough; Washington Territory, J. H. Kahn; Wyoming, M. E. Post.

The officers of the committee are as follows: S. Corning Gould, postmaster at Chicago; Austin B. Brown, of Indiana, chief of a division in the Treasury; M. M. Ryan, of Iowa, postmaster at Dubuque; B. F. Jones, of Louisiana, collector of customs at New Orleans; Don M. Dickinson, of Michigan, Postmaster-General; W. W. Armstrong, of Ohio, postmaster at Cleveland; R. B. Smalley, of Vermont, collector at Burlington; and William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, Secretary of the Interior. Messrs. W. K. Mead of Arizona and M. H. Day of Dakota have been appointed to territorial positions.

Some of these gentlemen will, in all probability, be presented by proxies, but not because they are officeholders. The President's letter concerning the participation of officeholders in politics is not construed here to apply to the present case.

A local paper has information that Chairman Murphy, of the New York State Committee will be selected to fill the vacancy on the National Committee occasioned by the death of Robert O. Taft. It is stated that a few of the committee members have arrived on the scene as yet. A majority of them will be here by night, however, and then the canvass will begin.

The friends of Pay Inspector John H. Stevens, the suspected general storekeeper of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, are in the mood of anxiety as to whether the report of the Court of Inquiry which investigated the charges against him is to be acted upon before Mr. Cleveland and Secretary Whitney start for Florida on Tuesday. It will be remembered that the charges against the Pay Inspector were that he sold at private sale, and without official authority, four boilers constructed for the steamers Richmond. He admitted the responsibility for the sale of the boilers, and the inquiry was to determine whether there was any ground for a court martial. The Secretary has reviewed the findings of the court and submitted them to the President for executive action.

Seven Representatives have introduced bills relating to Government telegraph lines. Mr. Edmunds was on hand early in December, with a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the removal of a ledge of rocks on the Potomac and Eleventh streets in the East River. The rock is now ten feet below water, and Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Macfarland, of the Engineer Corps, under instructions contained in the last River and Harbor act, recommends that it be cut away to a depth of twenty feet below water. This will involve the removal of 50,000 cubic feet of rock at a cost of \$10 per cubic foot.

The Secretary has also submitted to the President the reports of the court-martial and the Medical Board in the case of Lieutenant Emory H. Taunt, charged with absenting himself without leave from the Nipis, to which vessel he was attached, and disobedience of orders. His peculiar wanderings and conduct led to the belief that he was insane, and he was afterward examined by a medical board.

Taunt is a man of striking appearance, and was a great favorite with his brother officers. His stateroom on the Nipis was hung with trophies, including the head of a Polar bear which he shot when with the Greeley Relief Expedition and a necklace made of human teeth which he captured from a cannibal chief in Central Africa. He married one of the daughters of Rear-Admiral English.

The Senate District Committee gave audience Saturday to the local champions of prohibition, and several hours of animated discussion followed. Miss Frances Willard, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was the principal speaker. She was replied to by several gentlemen, who inveighed against sumptuary legislation of every description, and declared that such laws were impossible of execution. The discussion was closed by Dr. Mary Walker, in a five minutes' speech against prohibition. Dr. Walker said that tobacco was much more injurious than whiskey, and yet, it was not proposed to prohibit the use of that article.

Mr. W. W. Corcoran Very Ill.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—W. W. Corcoran, the venerable philanthropist, was reported very ill last night. He has never fully recovered from the recent paralytic shock.

ACROSS THE CONTINENT

FERDINAND IN DANGER OF LOSING HIS OCCUPATION.

Ireland at the Vatican—Russia Anxious for Neutrality—The Crown Prince.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The note Russia is reported to have sent to the powers, boldly asserting her claim to complete domination of Bulgaria, will lead to the ousting of Prince Ferdinand. The note indicates that the negotiations between Russia and Austria on the Bulgarian question have reached a deadlock. Germany alone could persuade Austria to accept a Russian protectorate of Bulgaria. It is not thought that Bismarck will take the responsibility of coercing Austria.

The note will revive the old squabble among the powers over the interpretation of the Borneo treaty. There is little chance of concerted action. This is perhaps what Russia counts upon as a means of enabling her to slip in and take possession of her small neighbor while the powers are quarrelling over the interpretation of the treaty.

It is rumored that Lord Salisbury will soon announce an Eastern policy, boldly anti-Russian.

It is believed that the Government has determined upon a wholesale conversion of the public debt. Financiers favor a 3½ per cent for the new obligation.

THE IRISH CAUSE AT ROME.

Rome, Feb. 21.—There is a hard struggle between England and Ireland for ascendancy at the Vatican. Great bitterness has been caused by the apparent success of the Duke of Norfolk's recent efforts and by the suspicion that Mr. Agliardi, the Archbishop of Palermo, and certain Roman prelates are in the pay of the British government and are giving information to the London press.

A diplomatic at the Propaganda gives the following resume of the controversy: "At the Propaganda," he says, "the Irish question is known to be giving the Holy Father the gravest preoccupation. Catholic Ireland—by which Pope Leo means not only Ireland but Irishmen all over the world—is provisionally marked out as a missionary of the Christian idea. Wherever Irishmen go they build a church and spread the gospel. They support Catholic interests in two hemispheres. Even in England the priests are mostly of Irish descent. In the colonies the Church would have languished had not the Irish clergy come to the rescue. Such being the case, it behooves the Vicar of Christ not to crush a nationalistic movement."

"The other side of the question, as urged by the Duke of Norfolk, shows that home rule is only another word for separation. The fact that special penal laws no longer exist, and every Irishman enjoys the privileges of a British subject, proves that there is no inherent principle of persecution in England's dealings with Ireland.

"Moreover, a party has arisen in England, headed by Gladstone, prepared to take up the Irish question in the largest sense. Such being the case, and Scotland being as much an integral part of the United Kingdom as Ireland, it would be fatal to the interests of the Holy See and its Catholic subjects all over the world to allow it to go forth that the Pope is on the side of rebellious agitation."

"In conclusion, the English party at the Vatican draw a parallel between the section of the Holy See in Germany and its influence for good between Ireland and England."

STARVATION IN JAIL.

Two Members of the House of Commons Released From Prison Half-Starved.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—R. Cunningham Graham, Member of Parliament for Lanarkshire, and John Burns, the socialist leader, who were convicted of having taken part in an unlawful assembly in Trafalgar Square and were sentenced therefore to six weeks imprisonment each, were released from the Pentonville prison Saturday. A crowd had gathered around the prison, and when the men emerged they were given an ovation. Upon being set at liberty both rushed to an obscure coffee house and ate an enormous breakfast. They declared that they were almost starved while in prison.

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—Mr. John Hooper, member of Parliament for Cork and editor of the Cork Herald, who was sentenced to a term of two months imprisonment for publishing in his paper reports of meetings of suppressed branches of the National League, was released from Tullamore jail Saturday. During his incarceration he was punished for refusing to consort with criminals.

Russia Anxious for England's Neutrality.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Post's St. Petersburg special says that Russia is seeking England's neutrality, believing that England holds the key to the situation by her navy. Russia argues that if Germany triumphs she will seize Holland and menace England. The correspondent urges Lord Salisbury to take advantage of England's commanding position to secure Russian concessions to England in regard to Asia and Africa. The czar and Lord Salisbury he says, are the principal factors in European politics at present.

The Prince May Live to Wear the Crown.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—An official bulletin says the wound in the Crown Prince's throat presents a favorable appearance and is gradually closing. The cough is the same as on Saturday, with a little more expectation. The patient's appetite is excellent. Other reports state that the cough is troublesome and that the matter expectorated is tinged with blood.

Wilfrid Hunt's Jury.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—One of the jury who tried Wilfrid Hunt and disagreed says that eleven of the jury favored finding for Mr. Hunt on the issue that the meeting was not likely to endanger the public peace. Ten favored finding for him on the other issues. Five of the jury were Protestants and seven Catholics. Eight were Farnellites and four Unionists.

To Be Strangled in New Caledonia.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—The anarchist Gallis, who created a sensation in Paris last year by firing a pistol from the gallery of the stock exchange at the brokers below, and was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude, has been sentenced to death for attacking his guards at New Caledonia with a pickaxe.

France Fitting Out Her Fighting Fleet.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Le Temps announces that there is great activity in French arsenals. The fighting fleet is being fitted for active service.

Duss and Ashes.

ROME, Feb. 20.—Prince Corte, formerly Ambassador to England, is dead.

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POLICE AND PIRATES.

A Thrilling Battle on the Chesapeake Bay.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 20.—A battle occurred on the Chesapeake Bay on Saturday night between the pirate oyster dredgers and the police boat Polly, which resulted in the death of Capt. Wm. Frank Whitehouse, whose home was in Baltimore, at No. 309 North Carolina street. Capt. Whitehouse was a native of Norfolk, but had been a resident of Baltimore for years. He was in command of the oyster schooner Albert Nickel of this city. When the Nickel towed into Annapolis harbor this morning the scene upon the deck was a warlike one.

On the deck lay the dead body of Capt. Whitehouse, covered with a heavy tarpaulin. Alongside the canvas lay a number of sixteen-repeating rifles, and scattered all over the deck were the empty shells of discharged cartridges. Parallel with the bulwarks of the Nickel ran a crimson stain.

Saturday night, about 8 o'clock, the Folly, Captain George W. Clarke, of the State fishery force commanding, lay in her beat off Hackett's Point. From Sandy Point, a mile away, came the sound of falling and winding of dredgers, showing that there was unlawful work going on on the bar.

The Folly weighed anchor. As she approached the captain saw seven vessels on Sandy Point, and heard a voice say: "Here comes Clarke. What are you going to do?"

The answer came from the Nickel: "Stand your ground, surround him and don't let him take you."

The Folly came up and called to the Nickel to heave to. Her captain refused to do so and put on more sail to make off. Meantime the other vessels disposed themselves so as to surround the Folly. Captain Clarke avoided this by tacking and keeping along with the Nickel.

Being within thirty yards of the vessels Captain Clarke hailed Captain Whitehouse to surrender. Finding that the Nickel had no intention to surrender, Captain Clarke ordered his men to fire into the rigging of the Nickel.

Four or five shots were then fired. Then the Nickel opened on the Folly. She was joined in the attack by two others of the dredgers, and for ten minutes the Folly engaged the three vessels in a fight of the warmest character.

TASCOT IS THE MURDERER.

A Confederate Says He Murdered Mr. Snell—Tascot's Record.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Any lingering doubts as to the guilt of young William B. Tascot, who is being sought by the police for the murder of Amos J. Snell, the millionaire, were ended Saturday by the arrest of a man who confesses that he acted as an assistant to Tascot on the night of the murder and patrolled the streets outside the dwelling while the burglary and murder took place within. Who the arrested man is, the police keep secret, but a statement which would seem to settle the question of Tascot's guilt. After closely questioning the confederate the police induced him to make a sworn confession in which he declared that he became acquainted with Tascot not long ago at a billiard hall in West Madison street. The men became intimate very quickly and for several weeks they were together daily. Very early on the morning of the murder they went to Mr. Snell's house, which had been selected as a promising place for a burglary.

The young man's father, J. B. Tascot, is an old, wealthy, and respected resident of Chicago. The son's opportunities for success in life were excellent, but he seemed to have little liking for every-day honesty. His police record is of considerable length, although he is only 21 years old. As a boy he became known as an expert thief, ransacking stores frequently and disposing of the proceeds of his thefts to keep him in pocket money, as he explained to his friends, his allowance from his father not reaching his ideas of what was needful.

An Attempt to Abduct a Young Girl.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Feb. 21.—Oscella Mills Clearfield County, is in a state of intense excitement over an attempted abduction of Gertrude Walker, the fourteen-year-old daughter of R. J. Walker, proprietor of a planing mill at that place. The little girl was out playing with companions Saturday afternoon, and on leaving they started for her home alone. Not reaching there her parents became alarmed, and searching parties were out all night seeking for her in all directions. In an old abandoned cellar were found the child's cap and also pieces of rope and other indications showing that she had been gagged. The search was continued yesterday and resulted in finding the little girl tied in an office in Oscella Mills, where she had been left by her abductors.

Not Willing to Starve to Death.

BILLINGS, Mont., Feb. 21.—The laborers of the delinquent Rocky Mountain and Cooke City Railroad who did not receive their pay have been supported by Yellowstone County for the past month. The County Commissioners refused to issue any more meal tickets. Upon hearing this a mob of 100, by threats of personal violence, forced the Chairman of the Board to guarantee two more days' food. Incendiarism and riot are feared by the citizens and danger is imminent. The road's directors are all in New York. No satisfaction can be obtained from them by wire.

The Dead Woman Identified.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 20.—The body of the woman found lying in a ditch in the lower part of Camden has been identified as that of Mrs. Helen Devans. The post-mortem shows her neck to be broken and it is thought that she was murdered and her body placed in the ditch. She had been twice married, the last time unhappily, and was living as domestic with a family on Fourth street, at the time of her death. Mrs. Devans was a woman of good character.

A Shoemakers' Assembly Suspended.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 21.—There were only 150 of the 3,000 shoemakers working in the city Saturday in the shops of the Association. Jackson Assembly, shoemakers, has been suspended, and Master Workman Burke will probably be expelled from the order. It is expected that Jefferson Assembly, finishers, will also be summarily dealt with by District Master Workman Cavanaugh.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The cylinder head of a boiler in the Mohawk Valley Cotton Mills, in the eastern portion of this city, blew out Saturday afternoon, killing John Walker, the assistant engineer. His head and one arm were blown off. He leaves a large family.

A Delay for Gould and Sage.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The proceedings before the Grand Jury for the indictment of Say Gould and Russell Sage are delayed by the death of Mrs. Cornelia Haven, the mother of the foreman of the jury, Mr. George G. Haven, which occurred on Saturday.

A MANIAC AT THE THROTTLE.

An Insane Engineer Runs His Engine for Three Hours.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Saturday night at 6 o'clock Charles Currier, engineer on yard engine No. 37, plying between this city and Windsor Beach, became suddenly crazy while on his engine. His fireman noticing his strange actions, tried to run the engine to the roadhouse, but he was set upon by the madman and knocked senseless with a high hammer. Coming to him self, he managed to crawl to the edge of the cab and jump on a snowbank, receiving little injury.

The mad engineer ran the engine past the Windsor station, and cast on the main line.

The alarm was given by the fireman, and officials at Webster, eighteen miles east of Windsor Beach, stopped all trains and turned the switch so as to ditch the madman's engine should he try to pass the station.

For three hours he ran the engine backward and forward on the stretch of track until his coal gave out, when he was captured.

Output of Coal in the Lehigh Region.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 20.—The report of Mine Inspector Williams of the third anthracite district for 1887, to be published to-day shows the amount of coal mined in the district as follows: By the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, 2,178,150 tons; Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, 1,106,146 tons; Susquehanna Coal Company, 1,551,331 tons; Kingston Coal Company, 893,538 tons; individual companies, 1,823,329 tons; total, 7,540,538 tons. The excess over last year's production is 635,438 tons. The number of mine employees fatally injured during the year was 13, or one to every 16,011 tons of coal mined. The number of persons seriously injured was 25, or one to each 25,501 tons of coal mined. The number of widows resulting was 33, and orphans 124. The number of fatalities exceeds that of 1886 by seven.

Wyoming Miners Ask for Higher Wages.

SCRANTON, Penn., Feb. 21.—There will probably be a stormy time at the meeting of District Assembly No. 16, in Scranton. Answers to the Assembly's request that miners' wages in the Wyoming and Lackawanna region be increased 15 per cent. will be received. A number of companies refuse to recognize the authority of the assembly, because the request was made through men who are not employed in the mines. The miners in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company's collieries have passed resolutions stating that while the assembly was not authorized to speak for them, and while they feel that their wages should be increased, yet they will not strike, if their request is denied.

The Last Power of a Trades Assembly.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 20.—A special meeting of the Essex Trades Assembly of this city was called at 3 p. m. yesterday to take action against a bill pending in the Legislature amending the law of last winter which makes it unlawful for drivers and conductors on horse cars to wear except at consecutive hours. Only eight persons responded and these relegated the matter to the Board of Trustees. Two years ago the assembly contained 100 trade organizations, and now only eighteen are nominally represented. A delegate said at the meeting yesterday looking about him: "Our power is gone."

Preparing for the President.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 21.—Great enthusiasm is manifested throughout Florida in view of the anticipated visit of the President and Mrs. Cleveland, and several thousand dollars have been raised here to decorate the city and entertain the distinguished guests. Eight triumphal arches will be erected across the streets, and various committees are at work making preparations. The carriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland will be a bower of fragrant orange blossoms.

And Still Another.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 21.—The Daniels block, on Custom House street, was gutted by fire last night. The loss, about \$34,000. This block was destroyed by fire in 1877, and was entirely rebuilt in ninety days. While the fire in the Daniels building was in progress the Lebanon stocking mill in Pawtucket was burned. Loss, \$45,000. It gave employment to 100

