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BY THE WAY.

—Grand ball at The Crescent April 2d.

—Young people's meeting to-night, lecture room of Trinity Reformed church. Strangers are always welcome.

—The annual election of officers to serve the Plainfield Building and Loan Association for the ensuing year, will be held in Cutter's Hall this evening.

—There will be a meeting of the Knights of Honor on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at Dr. Hendrickson's new office, No. 5 East Front street opposite Park avenue. All interested are invited to attend.

—People who arose early this morning, were of the opinion that another section of the late blizzard had arrived. Their fears were allayed, however, as the morning wore on, and a heavy rain storm set in.

—Contracts have been given out for the building and painting of a fence to entirely enclose the property of the Pond Tool Works Co. It will be a tight board fence eight feet high and eighteen hundred feet long.

—Mr. Seely Edsall will lead the young men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. The subject to be considered will be "Profit and Loss." Good music as usual. Every man welcome.

—A meeting of the Crescent Glee Club is called for to-morrow evening at the Club's room on East Front street, at eight o'clock. Business of importance is to be transacted, and a full attendance is desired.

—Yesterday being Palm Sunday, Holy Cross church was appropriately decorated with palms. It was announced that service will occur at eleven o'clock, daily, throughout this week, and also on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

—At the Holy Cross church yesterday, Rev. T. Logan Murphy, the rector, conducted services in accordance with Palm Sunday, both morning and afternoon. The chancel, font and lectern were beautifully and artistically decorated with palm leaves.

—The Fire Department did not reach the fire yesterday afternoon for nearly half an hour after it broke out. This city should provide for a fire alarm system, so that the department would not only be notified promptly of the breaking out of a fire, but its exact location indicated also.

—There having been no annual meeting of the Plainfield Bicycle Club and election for officers, the present incumbents hold over yet. As the caucus had decided to reconvene for the ensuing year the present officers who have given such entire satisfaction, the failure to hold the annual meeting is of no account.

—On account of some misunderstanding on the part of the janitor of the Park Avenue church there were no baptismal services in that church yesterday afternoon. A number of converts were to have been admitted to Mt. Olive Baptist church, by baptism, but when they arrived at the edifice there was no water in the pool. Consequently the service of baptism was postponed.

—The Amateur Photographers of the City will exhibit their views at the Members Reception of the Y. M. C. A., Thursday evening of this week. Among the exhibitors are the following: S. D. Burr, W. D. Craig, C. M. Goddard, H. H. Lowrie, M. D., H. G. Runkle, Lemuel Serrell, Jr., H. W. Stover, T. B. Bosworth, C. H. Davis, A. J. Gavett, W. H. Lyon, E. B. Ryder, H. Squires, F. E. Streuli and Albert Wright.

—At Messrs. J. P. Laire & Co.'s hardware and house furnishing goods store on West Front street this afternoon, was given a successful exhibition of an entirely new method of cooking in a range with a gauge oven door. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, many ladies were present to witness and profit by the experiment. It is to be hoped that the exhibition will be repeated when the weather is more favorable.

YESTERDAY'S FIRE.

Mr. Wm. McCutchen's Barn Destroyed.—Loss About \$1,200.—The Cause a Mystery.

About half-past three o'clock yesterday afternoon, people who were walking through Washington Park, North Plainfield, discovered smoke issuing from the roof of the frame barn located in the rear of Mr. Wm. M. McCutchen's residence on Rockview Terrace. Considerable time was lost in sending out a general alarm, and nearly half an hour elapsed before the fire department apparatus arrived.

The building was situated on the low lands at the foot of a knoll, and was about 25x40 feet in dimensions, two story high with gable roof. Those who were the first to arrive on the spot exerted themselves in getting out the live stock, carriages, etc. A horse and two cows were liberated from the burning building and all the rolling stock was removed to a place of safety. One sleigh, a quantity of household furniture used by the coachman, and a lot of grain, hay and straw were consumed.

Two engines and the truck answered the alarm. The former two located on Rockview avenue at the brook, and were soon playing effectively on the fire. In about a half-hour's time the fire was gotten under control, but not until the interior and entire upper story of the building was destroyed. At one time the water gave out, and the remainder of the structure was threatened with destruction, but Gazele Engine which was ordered out to take the place of No. 3 engine, the latter becoming disabled at the fire, kept a stream of water on the building until the fire was extinct.

The building was recently erected, at a cost of about \$1,000. The loss will probably not exceed \$1,200, and is fully covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Inasmuch as the coachman who occupied two rooms in the upper story was absent at Dunellen, and had not been in the barn since noon. The barn was heated by a stove on the ground floor, and a stovepipe running through the coachman's room, connected with the chimney leading to the roof. As the fire started in the upper story, the most plausible theory is that it originated from the stovepipe. Persons who carried the stove out of the burning building declare that there was fire in the stove.

Another report which will bear investigation is to the effect that about the time the fire was first discovered, three young men were seen to run away from the place, and crossing a vacant lot in front of Rev. Mr. Embury's residence, one of them was heard to remark—after stopping and looking back at the barn—"We had better skip." The three men were seen to run along Holy Rood place, where they were lost sight of. The simple fact of the men running away from the fire even before an alarm had been given, looks suspicious.

Sunday Trains.

The running of many coal trains over the Central Railroad yesterday, was the subject of much unfavorable comment, and many persons were indignant at the action of the railroad company in desecrating the Sabbath. For the benefit of our readers, it may be stated that the recent snow blockade tied up all coal traffic for fully a week, and the railroad company was obliged to run trains on Sunday in order to carry the vast production of coal to tide-water. The company does not intend to make Sunday a day for general coal and freight traffic, and only until the surplus coal is carried from the mines will the day be devoted to such purposes.

Not Our Gentle Ex-Mayor.

A notice of assignment appeared in THE PRESS on Saturday calling attention to the fact that Mr. George B. Rockafellow had made an assignment to Mr. Nelson Runyon for the benefit of his creditors. The gentleman referred to heretofore conducted business on East Front street, and must not be confused with our genial ex-Mayor Geo. W. Rockfellow, who still conducts a large business at Park and North avenues. The only difference in the names is the middle initial, and the ex-Mayor's name is not spelled with an "a."

The Four O'Clock Meeting.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Reform Hall yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the W. C. T. U. A large number of Christian workers, including many new converts, were present and gave interest to the meeting by brief addresses and testimony. A number of interesting requests for prayer were presented, with very encouraging results. The Crescent Glee Club rendered some excellent music, which was heartily joined in by the large congregation.

—Wednesday, March 28, is regular Club shoot day on the Middlesex Gun Club grounds at Dunellen, N. J. The regular monthly contest for trophies will then take place. A large attendance is expected.

Sincere Expressions of Appreciation and Thanks.

TO EDITOR OF THE DAILY PRESS:—DEAR SIR: Through your columns I wish to speak to the many friends of my late husband and to the members of the various societies to which he belonged. I return most grateful thanks for their expressions of sympathy in such an unlimited manner that they have given me in my great affliction; and to the kind public I feel a deep sense of gratitude, for their timely condolence has served to give me additional strength to that which comes from on high, to bear the burden of the great sorrow which has so suddenly shadowed my home.

Yours truly,
MRS. GEO. M. STILES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY PRESS:—DEAR SIR: Through your valuable paper I desire to state that in the death of Geo. M. Stiles I have lost a most valuable and trusted friend and partner. As I have in the past I shall in the future consider him as the embodiment of manhood and the soul of honor, and not responsible for the premature closing of an honest and faithful career in public, as well as in business and the social circle. While his friends have tenderly sympathized with his wife and family, they have not forgotten to extend to me every expression of condolence, for which I am profoundly grateful. To those who have rendered such valuable assistance by counsel, advice and services in perfecting the arrangements for the obsequies, thus sharing and relieving me of a part of the burden that has so suddenly fell upon me, and to THE PRESS, I wish to express most sincere thanks for their kind services, attention and correct reports of the sad event.

Yours truly,
GEO. C. FORB.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Mr. John Lockwood and family of West Seventh street, are anticipating their removal to Long Island for the Summer.

Miss Gussie Bagot of Brooklyn, N. Y., was a welcomed guest among a host of friends in North Plainfield, during Saturday and Sunday.

The pulpit of the Bergen Point Baptist church was occupied yesterday morning and last evening by Rev. Robert Lowry of this city, the celebrated hymnologist.

At Morris Plains, on Saturday, occurred the death of Mrs. Margaret B. Pruden, in the 76th year of her age. The remains were brought to this city, and the funeral will take place from the residence of her son, Mr. J. L. Munday, No. 2 West Ninth street, to-morrow at three p. m. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

Charles F. Heyder, formerly a merchant in this city, but late of New York city, died at the residence of his sister, Miss L. H. Heyder, of No. 21 West Third street, in the latter place on Saturday. The deceased had been a sufferer from droopy and rheumatism for over a year past. Interment will be made in Union Hill cemetery, at Hoboken, to-morrow. The deceased was 52 years of age.

Trinity Reformed Church Service.

The services at the Trinity Reformed church yesterday morning and evening were particularly interesting and instructive. In the morning a large congregation was present, and the text selected was from the 1st chapter of Ruth and a portion of the 20th verse, "Call me not Naomi, but call me Mara." This text was feelingly and eloquently explained by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Schenck, many being moved to tears, and was attentively listened to. In the evening the pastor was greeted with as large an audience as that at the morning service. The text was taken from 92d Psalm, 12th verse, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon." The life of the righteous was clearly shown and explained, and the subject throughout was treated in the pastor's usual earnest and eloquent strain. The volunteer choir was also present and rendered several pleasing vocal selections.

Continuing the Service at Warren Mission Chapel.

The evangelistic services which have been conducted in Warren Mission chapel during the past week, by Mrs. J. T. Ellis, will be continued every evening this week as follows: Beginning at 7 o'clock each evening a prayer and inquiry meeting will be held, followed at 7:30 o'clock by a service of song. At 8 o'clock Mrs. Ellis will take charge of the devotional exercises. A more extended notice of the meetings held on Saturday and Sunday evenings will appear to-morrow.

Holy Week at the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

The services at the Church of the Heavenly Rest for Holy Week will be as follows: On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Good Friday, and Saturday at five o'clock p. m., and on Good Friday a morning service will be held at eleven o'clock.

M. E. Church Service.

Dr. VanMeter of the M. E. church, preached yesterday morning from John 1:1-2; subject—"The Life of Christ." The preacher spoke of the difference between the person of Christ and His life. One was as the flame; the other as the illumination. The life that Jesus lived was the true life. Man is a creature of observation; we see with the eye, hear with the ear, and the observations by many of our actions and manner of life constitute his real life, whether they be pure or impure. Man manifests a life, but Jesus manifested the life. His life is suited to our constitution, for He lived a human life. It is suited to our relation—relation to each other, to God. If we all possessed this "life" this world would dwell in perfect peace, harmony and love.

You have doubtless been fascinated by watching hour after hour the workings of machinery—its perfect mechanism, each part performing its allotted task with perfect harmony, peace and co-operation. If our lives were as the life of Christ there would be perfect adjustments in the affairs of men. We would regard the interests of others as well as ourselves, and there would be no political, social or moral earthquakes in the world. There may be activity and power without life. A body from which the life has departed may, by the aid of a galvanic battery, be made to open its eyes, to raise its arms, to clutch with the fingers, but there is no life there. We may be in the midst of the active pleasures of this life and be spiritually dead while we live. "His life was manifest, and we have seen it."

In museums we often find beautiful parts of statuary, or of buildings, which indicate that the whole was a grand piece of work; so we find in Enoch, Abraham and Moses a part of the life of Christ, and David breathes out in spiritual songs expressions of truth and beauty as are found in the life of Christ. They exhibited parts of that life only. The active, materialized life of Christ is brought to our understanding and comprehension—"we have seen it." Take Christ out of the New Testament and we should all go astray. The life of Christ is becoming more manifest as time rolls on; even skeptics are compelled to adore Him. He did the will of His Father, therefore His life was perfect. He was the one true life, during all past dispensations and for all time to come. It is an eternal life. How shall that life be manifested in us? By repenting of our sins and taking Christ into our hearts, the hope of glory.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

At a special meeting of the Plainfield Gesang and Turn Verein held at their rooms on Saturday afternoon, March 24, the undersigned committee were appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy in regard to the death of Brother George M. Stiles, and that the same be printed in THE DAILY PRESS and that a copy be sent to the family.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst a beloved brother, a good citizen and a consistent Christian; we would therefore tender our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family in their great sorrow.

In the death of Brother Stiles we are called upon to mourn the loss of a beloved and faithful member of our society, and a wise counsellor when needed. Let us cherish his memory, and strive to imitate his virtues. Farewell, dear brother; our loss is thy gain.

CHAS. MAAS,
H. WEIGMANN,
H. HAURAND, } Committee.

Reform Club Meeting.

The attendance at Reform Hall last evening was fair, notwithstanding the fact that services were held in most of the other churches. Vice President Harper presided, and Rev. W. E. Honeyman conducted the devotional exercises. The usual choir led the singing. The speakers for the evening were Messrs. James R. Perrine and George M. Angleman, both of whom made stirring and interesting addresses.

Judge Harper read the pledge at the close, and Doctor Honeyman made an urgent appeal for signers, whereupon, twelve persons came forward and attached their name to the total abstinence pledge. Judge Harper made an announcement to the effect that Rev. Mr. Livermore of New Market, would address the meeting on Sunday evening next.

At Music Hall To-Night.

Blind Tom is more widely known than perhaps any other living musician. He is more wonderful as a prodigy than was Mozart or Is young Hoffman. He is more than a prodigy. He is one of the marvels of the age. He affords not only gratification to one's curiosity, but gives exquisite pleasure to every hearer, no matter of how little or how much musical taste. The opportunity of hearing Blind Tom at Music Hall tonight should be eagerly embraced by our music loving public. This is his last tour in America.

A Temperance Lecture.

Mr. Geo. W. Bungay, the well-known temperance lecturer, delivered an interesting address to the M. E. Sunday school yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of the lesson of the day, which was on the subject of temperance. After singing, "Gather Them In" by the school and a recitation by Master Harry McGee, and the rendering of the song "Keep to the Right," the speaker was introduced by the Sup't., Mr. J. W. Jackson.

He said that children show by their spirit and action what their future lives are most likely to be. Some one has said that "the child is the father of the man." Begin right and then go ahead. Fredonia was a German teacher who always took off his hat when meeting any of his scholars, for the reason that possibly some of them might become eminent in their lives. The speaker instanced a number of men of eminence and power, who were total abstainers. The boyhood days of Whittier and Webster were included to the latter, at twelve years of age, conducting his first law case. Greeley, W. C. Bryant and Wendell Phillips were total abstainers. He spoke of the good work accomplished by Lewis Tappan and W. E. Dodge, in bringing the homeless ones into the Sunday School and providing them with homes. The Bible, the speaker declared, is a total abstinence book from beginning to end. New Jersey stands up well on the side of temperance in the passage by its Legislature of the high-license and local option bill.

At the conclusion of the address twenty-three of the members of the school came forward and signed the pledge, and formed part of the "white ribbon army," while the whole school sang, "Yield Not to Temptation."

Palm Sunday.

Yesterday, Palm Sunday, ushered in Holy Week, with all the forms and ceremonies in which the Roman Catholic and High Episcopalian delight. Special services were held by both denominations, commemorative of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In the Catholic churches palms were blessed and distributed to the people. In both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's churches, the altar decorations were neat and rich, the customary purple trimming being used to have the desired effect. At St. Mary's church the attendance at both the morning and evening service was unusually large. At the latter service Rev. Father Flood delivered a lecture. In St. Joseph's church, at the evening service, Rev. Father O'Hanlon gave a highly instructive and entertaining lecture on "The Passion."

Next Thursday will be Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion, follows, and then comes Holy Saturday, on the eve of Easter. Bishop Wigger of the Newark diocese, has issued a circular authorizing throughout the diocese a collection for the Holy Land to be taken on the evening of Good Friday.

Kate Claxton at Music Hall.

Kate Claxton and her excellent company in "The World Against Her," appeared at Music Hall, before a small audience on Saturday evening. The scene is laid in England, and the play deals with the sorrows of a wife whom her husband suspects and discards. She tries to keep the custody of her child, and her adventures form the basis of an exciting plot. At last, of course, everything ends happily. Miss Claxton made a decided hit in the role of Madge Carlton. The company, opens at Niblo's on May 14th. Miss Claxton will play in the same role next season, opening at the Arch street theatre, Philadelphia, on Sept. 3d.

The Belle Meade Murder.

The inquest into the mysterious death of farmer Raoe, who was most foully murdered at Belle Meade, in Somerset county, a week ago, was resumed at Harlingen on Saturday. Some important developments were brought out by the testimony of witnesses, which are fastening themselves in a chain of circumstantial evidence against Nolan, the alleged murderer. The inquest was adjourned until to-morrow.

A Monstrosity.

THE PRESS recorded the fact, recently, that three pairs of twins were born to parents in North Plainfield, all within a period of forty-eight hours. An exchange now comes forward with the following bit of intelligence:

The inhabitants of Plainfield, Wis., wonder why any one will go to a dime museum to see a "fat man" who weighs 300 or 400 pounds. They see almost every day on the streets of their own town a youth twenty-four years old who weighs 664 pounds and is still growing.

—Rev. Sam Small will lecture at Music Hall on Saturday evening. Subject "National Temperance." Tickets on sale at Shaw's and Reynolds.

—A young man named Chas. Elston from Scotch Plains, confiscated a pair of shoes from Mr. J. O. Campbell's store on Saturday afternoon. Officer Lynch arrested him with the shoes in his possession. The prisoner was locked up, and subsequently furnished bail in the sum of \$250 for his appearance before Justice Nash for a hearing this afternoon.

A BOOK OF SUNDAY LAWS.

By Rev. Dr. A. H. Lewis, D. D.

The Rev. Dr. A. H. Lewis, pastor of the Seventh-Day Baptist church of this city, has conferred a substantial favor upon the world of legislators, readers and churchmen by compiling a book about Sunday laws. The author calls his volume "A Critical History of Sunday Legislation, from A. D. 321 to 1888." The title, however, is hardly justified by the contents of the book. This is a laborious and compact book, but it is not a critical history; it is a compendium. Future critics and historians may find here a full and comprehensive collection of quotations from all the Sunday laws of all lands in which it has been found necessary to enforce Sabbath observance by civil legislation. Beginning with Sunday legislation under the Roman Empire and that which was had immediately after it fell, the author traces the work of the Anglo-Saxons in this direction, up through that of the Saxons whose Sunday laws were the foundation of those of England. The legislation on this subject, had in Ireland, Scotland, Holland and Wales, is carefully noted and summarized; Sunday legislation of the American colonies and of the several States is treated in the same manner.

Nowhere else, probably, will the inquiring student find a mass of material, well-digested and codified, relating to the history of Sunday legislation, as this undoubtedly is. Dr. Lewis, instead of critical analyses of these laws, sometimes interpolates his own opinions, and not always with that coolness that should distinguish the critic. Those who stick to the present Sunday usages he stigmatizes as "apologists for Sunday," which we submit is neither fair nor dignified. Dr. Lewis believes that there ought to be no law to enforce Sunday observance, and he regards all legislation on the subject as inconsistent with Christianity. The old notion that the Christian Sunday is a legacy from pagan times is also revived, and the reader is left in a state of some uncertainty as to what we should light upon if we reject, as Dr. Lewis does, Sunday legislation and the well-founded idea that the Christian Sabbath is the legitimate successor of the Jewish Sabbath. These considerations, it should be understood, however, are entirely apart from the main fact—that the book is a compendium of useful knowledge on a certain point.—Ez.

WESTFIELD.

Benj. Wilcox and family removed to Roselle on Friday last.

Mr. Pearsall has returned after an extended trip to Long Island.

Mrs. Drew and daughter have moved into the rooms over Ferris' hardware store.

The Dixie Duds Minstrel company gave an entertainment at Arcanum Hall last Saturday evening.

Miss Libbie Wilcox has accepted a position in the dry goods department of Messrs. Gilby & Drake.

Mahlon H. Ferris has removed into his new store on Prospect street next to Kaylor & Moffett's carpenter shop.

Our dullest layman, G. B. U., is lost or stolen. He left home to call on a friend and up to date has not been heard from. His friends are growing anxious regarding his safety, and are thinking seriously of instituting a search for his whereabouts.

A social gathering of young folks met at the residence of Mr. J. M. C. Marsh, last Friday evening. Among those present were: Messrs. John Hall, Harry Shearer, George Cox, Chas. Darsh, and Henry Ferris, and Misses Jennie Marsh, Grace Moffett, Bertha Ledley, Emma Darsh and Lucy Drew. A pleasant evening was passed with games, music, etc.

The Newark M. E. Conference.

The thirty-first annual session of the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of which Plainfield is a part will convene at Hoboken on Wednesday of this week. Bishop C. H. Fowler will preside. The programme embraces the usual service and anniversaries.

Since the organization of Conference it has met five times in Newark, six times in Jersey City, twice in Morristown, twice each in Hackettstown and Port Jervis, and one each in Rahway, Newton, Elizabeth, Washington, Plainfield, Phillipsburg, Nyack and Hackensack. Of the 171 ministers having appointments, seventy are in their first year, fifty-three will have finished their second year and forty-eight will have fulfilled their term of three years. The terms of three of the Presiding Elders will expire. During the year five of the oldest ministers have died. Four of them were retired, and one effective. The names are James O. Rogers, James N. Keys, William G. Wiggins, James M. Tuttle and James H. Runyon.

—The Court of Pardons met at Trenton on Friday, and among others pardoned out Joseph Peterson of Union county, sentenced for one year in September, 1887, for breaking with intent.

ANOTHER WINTRY BLAST

A HOWLING BLIZZARD-SWEEPING DOWN UPON US.

A Half a Dozen Western States Wearing an Ice Coat of Main—Wires Down—Trains Blocked—Fruit Hurt.

CHICAGO, March 25.—A half dozen Western States are wearing a coat of icy mail today. Ever since yesterday morning rain, snow and hail have been falling over an immense area with a strong wind blowing from the north. Telegraph wires have been dropping between Chicago and all the large cities in the West and Southwest, and last night there was no communication with St. Louis or Kansas City. The Signal Service bureau officers predicted an immense snowfall within the next twenty-four hours, a howling blizzard having already started from the Northwest. The sleet storm has done great damage to fruit in the Southwest, where the peach blossoms are encased in ice.

Fragmentary reports from Illinois show that wheat has suffered severely. At Champaign the country presents a remarkable spectacle. The ice upon the earth and trees is nearly an inch thick. Few persons dare leave their homes, and unsheltered cattle suffer frightfully in the stinging air.

In Chicago the storm raged with great fury nearly all day. Telegraph and telephone wires looked like big ropes of ice, and locomotives in the streets were attended with great peril to life and limb. Toward evening the wires began to fall toward lower ground, but until communication with the outside world was almost completely cut off. The Signal Service Office reports that the storm is traveling East with great speed.

DULUTH, March 25.—A storm set in from the east at about 4 Sunday afternoon, which at night developed into a howling blizzard from the north, with the wind howling fifty miles an hour. Considerable snow fell and trains are badly delayed.

St. Paul, March 25.—Coming as it did, just when people were looking for signs of spring, the severe snow and wind storm which raged all day yesterday in northern Wisconsin, Minnesota and Dakota seemed especially unpleasant. It approached from the southwest, being driven at a thirty-mile an hour gale. The snow, which is very heavy and packs easily, has fallen to a depth of from three to five inches. In St. Paul it began falling at 10 o'clock in the morning and continued until dark. Street car travel was abandoned, and pedestrians experienced great difficulty in making their way about the streets.

The temperature remained comparatively mild. Trains on most of the railroads are from one to seven hours late, while traffic on the Hastings and Dakota and on the St. Paul and Kansas City have been wholly abandoned. The storm appears to have been especially severe in southern Minnesota. In places the railroad tracks are covered from five to fifteen feet, and the country roads are well nigh impassable.

CLOSING THE SALOONS.

Strict Enforcement of Liquor Laws in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—It has been a week of intense excitement among the liquor men. The least suspicion of bad character against a saloon keeper utterly banished him from the city. Clubs are being started all over town to which the only admission is by key, and no liquor is ever sold personally by any one. The men drink and deposit the money in a box. Last Sunday sixty-six saloons were reported open, being an increase over the previous Sunday of thirty-one. A prominent brewer who was offered \$1,000,000 for his establishment two years ago, is rather sorry he did not accept the proposition, as, according to his own way of putting it, "I guess I'll have to close it altogether after June." It seems to be the general impression that only one saloon will be licensed in any one block.

Some of the saloon keepers complain that many of the protests are signed by minors. Every saloon and hotel in Fairmount Park will be closed after June 1. The Women's Temperance Union is to build a hall in this city at a cost of \$75,000. One of the most curious institutions of Philadelphia, Cobweb Hall, disappears, so far as retail liquor business is concerned, on June 1.

A. A. Barker, chairman of the Prohibition State Committee, says that the committee will have three conferences next month. The first will be in Scranton on April 10; the second in Philadelphia on April 11. There will be a State Convention at Harrisburg on May 2.

WOMEN SUPFRAGISTS.

The International Council at Washington Opens With Religious Services.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The International Council of Women opened yesterday with religious services at Albaugh's Opera House. The attendance was large. Rev. Ada C. Bowles, Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, Rev. Anna H. Shaw and Rev. Amanda Deyo officiated. The subject of the sermon by Anna Shaw was "The Heavenly Vision." After referring to St. Paul's vision of truth, she said:

"All down through the centuries God has been revealing to nations the great truths which have lifted the race step by step, until to-day womanhood, in this sunset hour of the nineteenth century, is gathered here from the East and the West, the North and the South, women of every land, of every race, of all religious beliefs, with diverse theories and plans. But diverse and varied as are our races, diverse as are our religious beliefs, yet we come together here and now with one harmonious purpose—that of lifting humanity both men and women, into a higher, purer, truer life."

Harvard on the English Treaty.

BOSTON, March 25.—Secretary Bayard has written a letter declining an invitation to visit Boston, in which he makes a long statement on the fisheries question. He denies that the Canadians have the best of the bargain, and claims that American fishermen have got everything that they had a right to expect under the new treaty. He claims that a provision admitting fish free of duty into this country would give them, under the treaty, all the rights in Canadian waters that they have ever asked.

Measles in the Barracks.

St. Louis, March 25.—Measles have broken out in a virulent form among United States recruits at Jefferson Barracks, twelve miles below the city. Seven deaths have already occurred, and the hospital is crowded with sufferers from the disease. All newly-arrived recruits are quarantined. It is said the contagion was brought here by recruits from New York.

A Row About Female Physicians.

CHICAGO, March 25.—A controversy is being waged here among the medical profession, over the exclusion from the interne service of the county hospital, of female physicians, of whom there are a large number in town.

JOSEPH W. DREXEL DEAD.

The Great Banker Falls a Victim of Bright's Disease.

New York, March 25.—Joseph Wilhelm Drexel, of the well-known banking family, died at his residence, No. 108 Madison avenue, yesterday morning, of Bright's disease. A year ago symptoms of the disease were discovered, and though Mr. Drexel suffered greatly at the time, he was not forced to remain at home until four months ago. Mr. Drexel was born in Philadelphia January 9, 1833, and was the youngest of the distinguished sons of Francis Martin Drexel, who founded the now famous banking house of Drexel & Co. in that city in 1837. After graduating from the High School he engaged in the banking business with Drexel & Co. After a long service there he went to Chicago, but soon came to this city where he was associated with the firm of Drexel, Morgan & Co. He inherited his father's love for music and for art, and while collecting what has been described as the finest and most complete collection of music in America, he became a proficient performer on several musical instruments. It is said that his musical collection will go to the Lenox Library. His taste for art amounted almost to a passion, and the etchings he collected are said to have been selected with a discernment and a knowledge of worth equalled by few of the best connoisseurs. His collection of paintings is valued at \$500,000.

He established soup houses and institutions for the poor and he engaged in all sorts of beneficent enterprises. He held the office of Chairman of the Sanitary Committee. He was Commissioner of Education. He was President of the Philharmonic Society, trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, trustee of the National Academy of Sciences, director of the Metropolitan Opera House and treasurer of the New York Cancer Hospital. He purchased a 5,000-acre farm in Maryland, where poor people without work may be lodged, clothed, fed and taught agriculture until places can be found for them.

One of the crowning acts of his life was the tender of his cottage at Mount McGregor, near Saratoga, to General Grant during the last few weeks of that great American hero's life.

EX-GOVERNOR HOFFMAN DEAD.

He Expires Suddenly of Heart Disease, in Wiesbaden, Germany.

New York, March 25.—Ex-Governor John T. Hoffman, of New York, died suddenly of heart disease at Wiesbaden, Germany, Saturday. Mr. Hoffman and his wife sailed from New York, Feb. 18, both apparently in the best of health. John T. Hoffman was born January 13, 1834, at Sing Sing, N. Y. When only a youth of eighteen he graduated from Union College, and three years later was admitted to the bar. Shortly after this he opened a small office in his native town, but he soon removed to New York, where in 1854, he joined the Tammany Hall organization. The young lawyer soon acquired a reputation as a leader of men and was elected Recorder in 1861, receiving an overwhelming majority.

In 1863 Hoffman was placed in the field as a candidate for the Mayoralty, and having served New York in the capacity of Mayor for two terms he accepted the nomination for Governor and was re-elected in 1865. He played a conspicuous part during the period the Tweed ring held sway in New York municipal affairs.

He was mentioned in Democratic circles as a possible candidate for President since 1870 Governor Hoffman has passed a large portion of his time abroad, and while in New York made his home at the Clarendon Hotel.

He leaves a handsome fortune, and an only daughter, Mrs. Ed Sanford.

THE REVOLVER IN NEBRASKA.

A Man Shoots Away at Others Until He Is Shot Himself.

WATERLOO, Neb., March 25.—A. W. Allysworth, who lives in Council Bluffs, entered Todd's Hotel, and drawing a revolver, pointed it at George Hill, at the same time saying: "What is your life worth?" Hill was about to answer when Allysworth fired, the bullet passing through Hill's head, just above the eye, inflicting a fatal wound. Allysworth then went out on the street and began firing promiscuously at everybody.

Town Marshal John Campbell arrived, and, after calling upon Allysworth to surrender, which he refused to do, he discharged a double-barreled shot-gun at his head, inflicting a fatal wound. The Marshal narrowly escaped being killed, a bullet passing through his coat and another through his hat. Allysworth is supposed to be insane.

Trouble in the Church.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 25.—A fight has been going on in the Episcopal Church in this State for several years over the admission of colored clergymen in diocesan conventions. Colored churches have not asked it, but they insist that colored clergymen regularly ordained are entitled to seats in the conventions. Bishop Howe and a majority of the white clergy take that view, but lay delegates and a few colored clergymen oppose any admission of the colored clergymen, with the result that the latter have seceded from the convention and refuse to recognize the authority of the convention so to meet. Efforts are being made to effect a compromise between the Bishop and the seceders.

Congressman Mills Very Sick.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Congressman Mills, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, is lying dangerously ill at his residence. He was seized with a sudden chill Thursday morning, and by the advice of his physicians at once went to bed. The chill was succeeded by a high fever, which has never left him. He has been delirious at times, failing to recognize those about him. His physicians, Dr. Sowers, has visited him twice daily, and though very reticent with regard to his patient, evidently considers the case decidedly serious. He has eaten almost nothing since he was first taken ill. Mrs. Mills, who has been with her husband constantly, is very much exhausted.

The New Comet Observed.

PHILADELPHIA, N. Y., March 25.—Professor Brooks, of Red House Observatory obtained a fine view Sunday morning of the new South African comet, in right ascension 21 hours 40 minutes; declination south 5 degrees 15 minutes. The comet is now in the constellation Aquarius. It is just visible to the naked eye before dawn, and in the telescope presents a fine appearance, with a bright, elongated nucleus and a short, spreading tail.

Two Ladies Killed by a Train.

BOSTON, March 25.—Misses Anna and Margaret O'Reilly of Woonsocket, R. I., unmarried, and respectively 45 and 50 years old, while out driving, were struck on a crossing of the New York and New England road by the afternoon limited express for New York and injured so that both died in a few minutes. They were milliners and highly respected ladies.

List of Advertisers' Letters.

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DEATHS.

PRUDEN—On March 24, 1898, Margaret B. Pruden, in the 76th year of her age.
Funeral will take place on Tuesday, March 27, at 4 o'clock p. m., at her late residence, J. L. Mundy, No. 2 W. 9th street. Friends and relatives are invited. Interment in Evergreen cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

WANTS AND OFFERS.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Plainfield Light Co. to elect directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the office of the Company, corner of Fourth and Washington streets, on Tuesday afternoon, April 3, 1898. The polls will be open from three to four o'clock.

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THE HORRIBLE DEED OF AN INSANE MOTHER

NYE ON HIS TRAVELS.

Encounters an Awful Bank Mystery in Chicago—Indorsements on Checks Which Disturbed Bank Officials—A Simple Solution—How a Poor Man Identifies Himself in a Bank—A Modest Man on the Road Needs Protection from Impostion—New Prayer Test.

FINANCIAL circles here in Chicago have been a good deal interested in the discovery of a cipher which has been recently adopted by a depositor, and which began to attract the attention at first of a gentleman employed in the Clearing-House. He was telling me about it and showing me the vouchers or duplicates of them.

It was several months ago that he first noticed on the back of a check passing through the Clearing-House the following cipher, written in a symmetrical, Gothic hand:

DEAR SIR: Herewith find payment for last month's butter. It was hardly up to the average. Why do you bludge your butter? Your butter last month tried to assume an effeminate air, which certainly was not consistent with its great vigor. Is it not possible that this butter is the brother what we had the month previous, and that it was exchanged for its sister by mistake? We have generally liked your butter very much, but we will have to deal elsewhere if you are going to encourage it in wearing a full beard. Yours truly, W.

Moneyed men all over Chicago and financial cryptographers came to read the curious thing and to try and work out its bearing on trade. Everybody took a look at it, and went away defeated. Even the men who were engaged in trying to figure out the identity of the Snell murderer took a day off, and tried their Waterbury thinkers on this problem. In the midst of it all another check passed through the clearing-house with this cipher in the same hand:

SIR: Your bill for the past month is too much. You forget the eggs returned at the end of second week, for which you were to give me credit. The cook broke one of them by mistake, and then threw up the portfolio of pie-founder in our once opulent home. I will not dock you for loss of cook, but I can not allow you for the eggs. How you succeed in dodging quarantine with eggs like that is a mystery to yours truly, W.

Great excitement followed the discovery of this indorsement on a check for \$32.57. Everybody who knew any thing about ciphering was called in to consider it. A young man from a high school near here, who made a specialty of mathematics and ciphers, and who could readily tell how long a shadow a nine pound ground-hog would cast at two o'clock and thirty-seven minutes p. m., on ground-hog day, if sunny, at the town of Fungus, D. T., provided latitude and longitude and an irregular mass of red chalk be given to him, was secured to jerk a few logarithms in the interests of trade. He came and tried it for a few days, covered the interior of the Exposition Building with figures and then went away.

The Pinkerton detectives laid aside their literary work on the great train book entitled "The Jerkwater Bank Robbery and Other Choice Crimes," by the author of "How I Traced a Lame Man Through Michigan and Other Felonies." They grew bored with the cipher, and several of them leaned up against something and thought for a long time, but they could make neither head nor tail of it. Ignatius Donnelly took a powerful dose of kumiss, and under its maddening influence sought to solve the great problem which threatened to engulf the national surplus. All was in vain. Cowed and defeated, the able conservators of coin, who require a man to be identified before he can draw on his overshoes at sight, had to acknowledge if this thing continued it threatened the destruction of the entire national fabric.

About this time I was calling at the First National Bank of Chicago, the greatest bank, as I am not mistaken, in America. I saw the bonds securing its issue of National currency the other day in Washington, and I am quite sure the custodian told me it was the greatest of any bank in the Union. Anyway, it was sufficient, so that I felt like doing my banking business there whenever it became handy to do so.

I asked for a certificate of deposit for two thousand dollars, and had the money to pay for it, but I had to be identified. "Why," said the receiving teller, "surely you require a man to be identified when he deposits money, do you?"

"Yes, that's the idea."

"Well, isn't that a new twist on the crippled industries of this country?"

"No; that's our rule. Hurry up, please, and don't keep men waiting who have money and know how to do business."

"Well, then, do you know President Cleveland, or any of the Cabinet, or the Senate or members of the House?"

"No."

"That's it, you see. I move in one set and you in another. What respectable people do you know?"

"I'll have to ask you to stand aside, I guess, and give that string of people a chance. You have no right to take up my time in this way. The rules of the bank are inflexible. We must know who you are, even before we accept your deposit."

I then drew from my pocket a copy of the Sunday World which contained a voluptuous picture of myself. Removing my hat and making a court salaam by letting out four additional joints in my lithe and versatile limbs, I asked if any further identification would be necessary.

Hastily closing the door to the vault and jerking the combination, he said that would be satisfactory. I was then permitted to deposit in the bank.

I do not know why I should always be regarded with suspicion wherever I go. I do not present the appearance of a man who is steeped in crime, and yet when I put my trivial little two-gallon valise on the seat of a depot waiting-room a big man with a red mustache comes to me and hisses through his clenched teeth: "Take yer bag off the seat!" It is so everywhere. I apologize for disturbing a ticket agent long enough to sell me a ticket, and he tries to jump through a little brass wicket and throttle me. Other men come in and say: "Give me a ticket for Bandoline, O, and be dam sudden about it, too," and they get their ticket and go aboard the car and get the best seat, while I am begging for the opportunity to buy a seat at full rates and then ride in the wood-box. I believe that common courtesy and decency in America needs protection. Go into an hotel or a hotel, whichever suits the eyether or nyether reader of these lines, and the commercial man who travels for a big sausage-casing house in New York has the bridal chamber, while the meek and lowly minister of the Gospel gets a wall-pocket room with a cot, a slippery-clm towel, a cake of cast-iron soap, a disconnected bell, a view of the laundry, a tin roof and four dollars a day.

But I digress. I was speaking of the bank-check cipher. At the First National Bank I was shown another of these remarkable indorsements. It read as follows:

DEAR SIR: This will be your pay for chickens and other fowls received up to the 1st of the present month. Time is working wondrous changes in your chickens. They are not such chickens as we used to get of you before the war. They may be the same chickens, but oh! how changed by the lapse of time! How much more indestructible! How they have learned since then to defy the encroaching tooth of remorseless ages, or any other man! Why do you not have them tender like your squashes? I found a blue poker chip in your butter this week. What shall I credit myself for it? If you try to work your butter more and your customers less it would be highly appreciated, especially by yours truly, W.

Looking at the signature on the check itself, I found it to be that of Mrs. James Wexford, of this city. Knowing Mr. Wexford, a wealthy and influential publisher here, I asked him to-day if he knew any thing about the matter. He said that all he knew about it was that his wife had a separate bank account, and had asked him several months ago what was the use of all the blank space on the back of a check, and why it couldn't be used for correspondence with the remitter. Mr. Wexford said he'd bet five hundred dollars that his wife had been using her checks that way, for he said he never knew of a woman who could possibly pay postage on a note, remittance or any thing else unless every particle of the surface had been written over in a wild, delirious, three-story hand. Later on I found that he was right about it. His wife had been sassing the grocer and the butcherman on the back of her checks. Thus ended the great bank mystery.

I will close this letter with a little incident, the story of which may not be so startling, but it is true. It is a story of child faith. Johnny Quinlan, of Evanston, has the most wonderful confidence in the efficacy of prayer, but he thinks that prayer does not succeed unless it is accompanied with considerable physical strength. He believes that adult prayer is a good thing, but doubts the efficacy of juvenile prayer.

He has wanted a Jersey cow for a good while and tried prayer, but it didn't seem to get to the central office. Last week he went to a neighbor who is a Christian and believer in the efficacy of prayer, also the owner of a Jersey cow.

"Do you believe that prayer will bring me a yaller Jersey cow?" said Johnny.

"Why, yes, of course. Prayer will remove mountains. It will do any thing."

"Well, then, suppose you give me the cow you've got and pray for another one."—Bill N. N. Y. World.

Mr. Von Alvensleben. Society people among the diplomats in Washington are dreadfully pained at the recall of Mr. Von Alvensleben, who is erroneously dubbed by every body Baron Von Alvensleben. Alvensleben has been in Washington now three seasons, and being a lively young bachelor he is a great favorite with the young ladies. He lives in the German legation residence where all the attaches are bachelors. The German Minister has kept a pretty large establishment with sixteen servants. Alvensleben is a Colonel in the German army and a fine soldierly-looking man. He wears a full heavy blonde beard, and while not a very handsome man, has a pleasing face, and his manners are above reproach or criticism.

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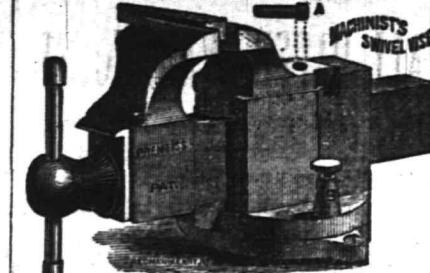
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