

SUBURBAN SPRING ELECTIONS.

REPUBLICANS FIND THEIR USUAL MAJORITIES GREATLY REDUCED.

A Pretty Race for Officers Over the Brook-Slater Gives Place, for Mayor, the Closest Kind of a Run—Collector Spencer Still Holds up Big Figures.

The neighborhood elections yesterday were very quiet affairs. The victories were Republican, as usual, but the Democrats did some very creditable cutting down of old-time majorities, and during the day the outlook was very encouraging for Democratic success. For a North Plainfield election, yesterday's race for office was a very tight one. The feature of the Borough contest was Fred Slater's splendid run for the Mayoralty. Newton Spencer showed himself to be just as popular and successful a worker as ever, and rolled up a big majority where others of his party barely got elected. When the hour for closing the Borough polls arrived there were seven belated ones who had to be refused the privilege of casting their ballots. The count in the Borough was not completed till half-past four o'clock this morning. The official figures of the returns are as follows:

North Plainfield Borough.	
FOR MAYOR.	
*Charles Place (Rep.)	314
Frederick M. Slater (Dem.)	297
Place's majority	17
FOR COLLECTOR.	
*Henry E. Needham (Rep.)	311
S. C. Shann (Dem.)	296
Needham's majority	15
FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.	
*George Conover (Rep.)	327
Henry Bodenheimer (Dem.)	289
Conover's majority	38
FOR BOROUGH MARSHAL.	
*William S. Pangborn (Dem.)	306
Thomas Rutledge (Rep.)	295
Pangborn's majority	11
FOR COMMISSIONERS OF APPEAL.	
*Johnathan Clawson (Rep.)	322
Ralph Conover (Dem.)	293
Clawson's majority	29
FOR TOWN CLERK.	
*James S. Lumber (Rep.)	331
George Stewart (Dem.)	296
Lumber's majority	35
FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.	
*Randolph G. Silvers (Rep.)	331
John A. Bickston (Dem.)	290
Silvers's majority	41

All Borough tickets, of both parties, bore this inscription:

Appropriations for roads \$4,000, \$1,000 of which for use on Somerset street.

For Borough purposes, \$1,000.

For Board of Health, \$300.

*Elected.

North Plainfield Township.	
FOR TOWN CLERK.	
Dist. 23	
*Horace J. Martin (Rep.)	204
Frank C. Krewson (Dem.)	187
Martin's majority	17
FOR ASSESSOR.	
*John H. Cooley (Rep.)	196
John Vetterlein (Dem.)	177
Cooley's majority	19
FOR COLLECTOR.	
*H. Newton Spencer (Rep.)	215
A. J. Winckler (Dem.)	181
Spencer's majority	34
FOR CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS.	
*George W. Bullman (Rep.)	294
Charles Shepherd (Dem.)	177
Bullman's majority	117
FOR OVERSEER OF THE POOR.	
*J. W. A. Bauersachs (Rep.)	300
Thomas Newman (Dem.)	174
Bauersachs's majority	126
FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.	
*John W. VanHorn (Rep.)	290
*Wm. B. (Rep.)	282
A. W. Sperry (Dem.)	167
Alfred Westerfield (Dem.)	110
FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.	
*Abram P. Voorhies (Rep.)	307
*Wm. C. Smith (Rep.)	291
Ira F. Hark (Dem.)	188
John T. Case (Dem.)	169
FOR COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHWAYS.	
*John Goodwin (Rep.)	303
*Michael Powers (Rep.)	292
Henry Bodenheimer (Dem.)	172
Thomas H. Taylor (Dem.)	173
FOR COMMISSIONERS OF APPEAL.	
*Randolph G. Silvers (Rep.)	307
Johnathan Clawson (Rep.)	296
Wm. H. Lumber (Rep.)	296
John A. Bickston (Dem.)	168
George Stewart (Dem.)	169
Ralph Conover (Dem.)	168
FOR CONSTABLES.	
*Thomas MacDonald (Rep.)	212
*Wm. C. Baldwin (Rep.)	203
*Samuel G. Taylor (Rep.)	210
William Jackson (Dem.)	154
Thomas Parkinson (Dem.)	158
FOR POUND KEEPERS.	
*Samuel Hudson (Rep.)	208
*Samuel Taylor (Rep.)	210
*Gedrey Reick (Rep.)	207
*John Sine (Rep.)	208
David Drake (Dem.)	165
Samuel Hudson (Dem.)	168
Gedrey Reick (Dem.)	168

For repair of roads outside of Borough,

\$1,000, \$400 to be left in the hands of Town Committee.

For support of poor, \$1,500, \$800 to be left in hands of Town Committee.

For salary of Town Committee, \$50 each.

*Elected.

Fanwood Township.

In Fanwood Township only one ticket was in the field, and of the 115 ballots cast the Republicans had the following:

Township Clerk—Edward L. Hand, 114.

Township Committee, 3 years—George Kite, 137.

Assessor—John Robinson, 115.

Collector—Daniel H. Terry, 112.

Justices of the Peace, 5 years—Hesekiah Hand, 114.

Commissioners of Appeal—William H. Lake, 114; Henry Cook, 114; Augustus D. Osborn, 114.

Surveyors of Highways—John Cook, 113; Jas. E. Goodman, 113.

Overseer of the Poor—Stiles M. Parze, 113.

Constable—Wm. Trano, 115.

Found Keepers—Wm. G. Kelley, 115; Myron Young, 115; Daniel L. Allen, 115; Edward Terry, 115.

For repairing roads, \$1,000; for crushed stone, \$1,000; for support of poor, \$350; for day's work on roads for man and team, \$4.50; for day's work on roads for man, \$2.

Fiscal Township.	
FOR TOWN CLERK.	
Dun-New	
ellen Market	
poll, poll, Total	
*Reune B. Manning (Rep.)	123
Charles H. Ward (Dem.)	100
FOR ASSESSOR.	
*Abner S. Coriell (Rep.)	152
Stanley Day (Dem.)	72
FOR COLLECTOR.	
*Martin D. Nevins (Rep.)	144
Wm. J. Nelson (Dem.)	77
FOR TOWN COMMITTEE.	
*Warren E. Snajley (Rep.)	128
Jno. Nelson (Dem.)	105
FOR SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.	
*Samuel S. Giles (Rep.)	132
*Albert L. Boice (Rep.)	130
Alexander Manning (Dem.)	93
John B. Conover (Dem.)	90
FOR OVERSEER OF THE POOR.	
*Calvin Drake (Rep.)	128
Peter Sattus (Dem.)	94
FOR COMMISSIONERS OF APPEAL.	
A. L. Storms (Rep.)	129
Samuel B. Manning (Rep.)	128
Leonard T. Cole (Rep.)	131
Joseph Maier (Dem.)	91
B. Dunham (Dem.)	92
Alexander Manning (Dem.)	95
FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.	
Firman H. Glaz (Rep.)	130
Samuel J. Luckey (Dem.)	89
FOR VACANCY OF A. L. CODDINGTON.	
Hiram H. Kelly (Rep.)	127
FOR CONSTABLES.	
Adam Herlich (Rep.)	107
Ziba P. Osmon (Rep.)	101
Adon Herlich (Dem.)	92
Allan Wilson (Dem.)	91
FOR POUND MAINTERS.	
On the Republican ticket Richard S. Garrettson, Samuel Manning, Robert Lowrie, S. H. Blackford, Calvin C. Blue, Alexander Harris, Thomas Brantingham, J. V. D. Field, Samuel B. Dayton, States F. Randolph and Firman H. Glaz received 128 votes apiece in Dunellen, and from 101 to 107 apiece in New Market.	
On the Democratic ticket Joseph Maier, John Nelson, Alexander Manning, Lloyd B. Nelson, Samuel Johnson, Adraia Vermeule, Thomas Dorgan, B. Dunham and Saml Pyatt received 92 votes apiece in Dunellen, and 54 in New Market.	
APPROPRIATIONS.	
The Republican ticket of appropriations was carried, as follows:	
Hands on road, per hour, 15 cents; hand and team on road, per hour, 35 cents; overseer of highway, per hour, 15 cents; small bridges, \$400; support of poor, \$300; interest, \$100; contingent fund, \$400; working roads, \$5,000; at least two-thirds of which must be expended for stoning, graveling or draining said roads. No extra appropriations. The Borough of Dunellen to have their pro rata small bridge money.	

He Comes to Stir America to Voice Her Detestation.

A Boston paper says of Sergius Stepiak, who is to lecture at the Casino, tomorrow evening, that the indictment of wicked and remorseless tyranny which he brings against the Russian government is tremendous in its force. The story which he has come hither to tell, is told without ornament, without striving after effect, without an effort to do anything but to impress the bald facts on the minds of his hearers. The man's manner, the tone of his voice, the straightforward simplicity of his style, and the cold, calm precision with which he heaps testimony upon testimony, always leaving the impression of an unlimited reserve to be drawn upon it occasion should call for it, are all so many evidences of his sincerity, and of the underlying truth of his statements.

He has come hither to mould public opinion, and to enlist it against the awful horrors of Russian oppression; an impression almost incredible in this civilized age; an impression unsurpassed in its intensity and its callous heartlessness by any that the world has known. It is to be hoped that he may stir this country to voice its detestation of the rule of the Czar in such tones of thunder that they may be heard even in the most secret recesses in which the autocrat of all the Russias conceals himself from the resentment of the people he oppresses. Russian rule is a disgrace to the era in which we live; and if the civilized world were to league together in order to crumble it into irretrievable ruin, the darkest blot on the nineteenth century would disappear. Stepiak represents humanity as against the cruellest form of arbitrary power. May his mission be successful, and humanity breathe the freer for it.

Getting Nearer Plainfield Again.

The Rev. B. Fay Mills, the evangelist, began a series of revival services at Bloomfield last Monday night. The meetings will continue one week, and will be held in the various churches. Great preparations were made to receive him. A choir of sixty voices, under the leadership of Theodore H. Ward, are one of the attractions at the meetings.

SEWERAGE FOR PLAINFIELD NOW ASSURED.

(Special to THE DAILY PRESS.)

TRENTON, March 11.—The act called the "Plainfield Sewer Bill," which the Press and the "Big Six" of the Council have been fighting for in the interests of the people, has passed the Senate and gone to the Governor for his signature.

THE SAFETY BRAKES WORKED.

A Train Breaks Apart and the Rear Car Stops Then and There.

The passengers aboard the 5 o'clock p. m. West-bound express train on the Central Railroad of New Jersey from New York to this city, Monday afternoon, were treated to an experience. Drawing four comfortably crowded passenger coaches and a baggage car, locomotive No. 373 journeyed along through Jersey City and Bayonne at the rate of forty-five miles an hour. As the train neared the East Twenty-second street (Centreville) station a series of sudden jolts was felt and the front drawhead of the forward coach was drawn from its fastenings.

The train had hardly parted before the automatic safety brakes caused the four rear cars to stop suddenly with a shock that gave the passengers a rousing shaking up and almost dislocated their bones. The locomotive and baggage car sped forward about 200 yards, and were brought to a stop in front of the station.

After the passengers in the forward coach were transferred to the other cars, and the coach was shunted upon a siding, the train proceeded. The accident delayed traffic over the road a half an hour.

The Monhegan Island Library.

The number of Plainfield citizens who have been active in starting the "Monhegan Library" and who are still interested in its success, will find the following report by Mrs. Cox very gratifying:

More than three years have passed since an effort was begun by a few friends interested in the beautiful Island of Monhegan, Me., to establish a library for the excellent people of the island.

The "ten cent" (10c) system, so successful in many places, it was hoped might be ample to secure a fair number of books and a room or small building to contain them and from which they could be distributed. After much effort however, this plan proved an entire failure, so small was the amount of money received. Books were generously sent every year and contributions received in money from personal friends and others. Last summer the number of books had increased that it seemed impossible to find on the Island a room or even large closet that could be spared, in which to keep them. Our faithful Librarian came to the rescue and offered us a corner in her neat little sitting-room for a book-case. This has been purchased and placed there, and is nearly full of books, and under the care and supervision of the Librarian, Mrs. Hattie M. Davis, the book-case has been paid for, and a small surplus remains which will be spent in the interest of the Island. We hope in a building, be it ever so small, Mrs. Catharine Davis, one of the oldest residents there, and one of the "Salt of the Earth," has promised the Library a building site, as soon as funds are sufficient to complete it. Meantime, we rejoice in the possession of the book-case, with nearly five hundred volumes of good reading matter, and if our efforts have only this result, we are glad and grateful to have accomplished so much. We heartily thank every one who has sent either books or money to the Monhegan Library. During the first year we could ascertain the names of those who contributed and thanked them in the first report. We have no way of ascertaining to whom we are indebted for three boxes of books, which were received a year since, and are most grateful. We are happy to record the fact that the number of books read on the Island increases every year, and that the usefulness and popularity and enjoyment of the Library is no longer a question. Last summer more books were loaned than ever before.

We still hope to secure money sufficient, although the prospect is not encouraging, to erect a small building on the site which Mrs. Davis has given us, that the books may have a permanent place on the Island, be a comfort and satisfaction to the people there and to all interested.

ANN J. COX.

Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 13, 1891.

Model Motive Power.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has recently placed in service on its fast trains that fly through this city, between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, three new engines which are doubtless the finest and fastest ever built in this country. These new flyers have driving wheels six feet, six inches high and cylinders 30 inches by 24. The large cylinders give them tremendous power and the high drivers protect the machinery from the rack and strain incident to driving smaller engines at great speed. There is practically no limit to the speed to which these new marvels may be driven, and they skim over the rails as smoothly as a swallow over a lake.

Another recent addition to the motive power of the company is a consignment of eight powerful, ten-wheel passenger engines, designed for service on the mountain divisions. These are the heaviest ten-wheel engines ever constructed, weighing sixty-seven and one-half tons. They have driving wheels six feet two inches high and cylinders 24 inches by 26. One of these machines performs the work heretofore requiring two of the ordinary class, and they take the heavy through express trains up the mountain grades quickly and with perfect ease.

The Mt. Clare shops of the company have recently completed an order for ten switch engines of the highest type, and sufficiently powerful to make up a train equal to the full drawing power of a non-solidation freight engine. Also three new heavy eight-wheel passenger engines, having driving wheels five feet eight inches, and cylinders 20 inches by 24. These engines are now doing excellent work; they are very powerful and susceptible of great speed.

In addition to the foregoing the company has now under construction at its Mt. Clare shops two powerful ten-wheel engines designed for fast freight service and for heavy passenger trains on occasion, also twelve consolidation freight engines of great power.

These additions to its motive power are in line with the other great improvements constantly being made in the general betterment of the B. & O. property by its present management, which have been noted by the press from time to time, and the rapid augmentation of the passenger traffic of the company indicates that the public is quick to recognize the present and constantly increasing efficiency of its train service.

Discharged Their Employees.

HAVERHILL, Mass., March 11.—J. H. Winchell & Co. discharged all the employees in their shoe shops operating on turned work, about 75 in number, on account of the high prices fixed by the Shoemakers' Union. The firm says it will move its turned shoe department to its New Hampshire factory.

Is-Gov. Laid Renominatated.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 11.—The following nominations were made by the Republican State Convention: For Governor, H. W. Ladd; Lieutenant-Governor, Lyman B. Goff; Attorney-General, Daniel R. Ballou; Secretary of State, George H. Utter; General Treasurer, T. Mumford Seabury.

Pushed to Death on the Rocks.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., March 11.—Engineer James Hamilton, of Altoona, while stepping from his engine to the coping of a bridge here, missed his footing and fell a distance of 65 feet upon the rocks below and was instantly killed. He was one of the oldest engineers on the Pennsylvania road.

Absorbed by the Central.

WATERBURY, N. Y., March 11.—A private dispatch received here from New York states briefly that a deal has been consummated by which the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company absorbs the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg road. No particulars are given.

Bishop Paddock's Funeral.

BOSTON, March 11.—The funeral of the Right Rev. Bishop Paddock will take place at Trinity Church to-morrow at 9:30 p. m. Interment will take place at Norwich, Conn., Friday noon.

The President Has Poor Luck.

BALTIMORE, March 11.—The President had no luck in shooting ducks at Benning during the day. He was out from 7 a. m. until noon, but owing to unfavorable winds did not come within gunshot distance.

Blizzard in Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. D., March 11.—One of the heaviest snowstorms of the season is now in progress, and for 24 hours it has been raging. Railroad traffic is severely impeded.

Ten the Regatta at Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—At a joint meeting of the Potomac, Columbia, and Annapolis boat clubs held last night an invitation was unanimously extended to the National Association of Amateur Rowmen to hold its regatta on the Potomac river, at Washington, in August next. The National Association held its regatta here ten years ago.

Left Town and Debt.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 11.—Dr. George E. Cooper, who came to this city about six months ago to start a branch office of the Chinese Herb Remedy Company, has left town leaving debts aggregating \$1,000.

Sues the Priest for Wages.

WATERBURY, Conn., March 11.—Mrs. Rice has brought suit against the Rev. Father McAlleny, of Meriden, for fifty thousand dollars. Mrs. Rice, who is a sister of the priest, claims to have done his washing for ten years and now sues for her wages.

Judge Gresham Declines.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Judge Gresham has declined the nomination of the Citizens' Committee for Mayor. It is understood the nomination was afterward tendered to ex-Senator Farwell, who also refused to allow his name to be used.

The Illinois Contest.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 11.—Moore and Cockrell, two of the farmer members of the Legislature, have promised to vote today with the Democrats for Gen. Palmer for United States Senator.

Prof. Wiggins' Prediction.

MONTREAL, March 11.—Prof. Wiggins predicts that the heaviest storm for some time is now approaching the North Atlantic coast, and will have widespread effect.

Will Accept the Trust.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 11.—The House accepted a resolution authorizing the Governor to accept the trust imposed by the passage by Congress of the Direct Tax bill.

A Maltreated Dog.

A rival to the Maltese cat is the Maltese dog, an irresistible bit of canine beauty which comes straight from the Paris kennels. His mistress, a Washington belle, who has just returned from abroad, considers him the most valuable prize she has secured during her wanderings. He has been dubbed Marquis, and is thoroughly French from the top of his curly white head to the tip of his snowy tail. Spoken to in French he becomes a most obedient dog, but his knowledge of English is at present very limited.

House Cleaning Days.

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Popular Songs Die Quickly.

At every music hall from twenty to thirty songs, or even more, will be sung in the course of an evening, and of all these perhaps two or three in the year will catch the popular favor, be played on barrel organs, whistled by street boys, adapted for burlesques and pantomimes, and overrun the entire country in a marvellously short time, until it falls upon the very villagers. Some fifteen years ago, for example, it was impossible to go anywhere in the United Kingdom without hearing a certain song being vocally ajured to make room for his made, writes F. Nisley, the English novelist in Harper's. It would be curious to reconstruct Tommy and his uncle now and see how much success they would obtain with the public of to-day. The tune was irresistibly catching, but it would probably fall on deaf ears now. No superannuated thing is so utterly dead as a song as compared to which, Jonah's gourd was a hardy annual.

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Saturday was a big day for us, and we will continue the low prices for THIS WEEK.

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BECKENHAM WYTHE was a miserable man. It was his free opinion that he was the most miserable man on the face of the earth since the days of old Job. Not that he was troubled with boils, or anything of that sort. Boils would have been blessings to what he was obliged to endure! He said so, and nothing made him more angry than for some kindly unsympathetic person to express a doubt concerning his wretched condition. His troubles were not of a physical nature; he could have endured anything on human being. The source of his misery was a mental character; still it made him excited to tell him it was all in his mind.

Had you met Beckenham Wythe on the street, you would have seen at a glance that he was a miserable man. He did not wear a coat, but he did wear the most dejected countenance ever seen on human being. The passive look in his eyes denoted sorrow, the drooping corners of his mouth denoted melancholy, the downward twist of his short, red mustache denoted woe, the sharp point of his chin denoted a piercing grief, the staggering gait of his thin nose denoted shattered hopes, and the wild disorder of his long hair gave him an aspect of utter despair. Even about his clothes there was an air of misery, and still he was a tailor. He was a man of a mental character; still it made him excited to tell him it was all in his mind.

People carefully turned out for Mr. Wythe upon the street and shivered as he passed, or looked after him with sympathy. People who were laughing stopped with remarkable suddenness when their eyes fell upon him; children avoided him, and—excepting his own wretched crew—when the dogs shied away from him and growled. Whenever he entered a pleasant room, he brought a cloud with him that shut out the sunshine, and it was little short of torture to listen to the melancholy droning of his voice. It was torture if one was forced to endure it a great while.

Mr. Wythe was shunned in the house where he boarded, and Mrs. Spriggs, the landlady, said she would not keep him if he were not such remarkably good pay, and did not stay in his room so much when he was at the house. He seldom spoke of any thing but his own misery, and the most trivial things added to the mountain of woe beneath which he was buried.

Now, Beckenham Wythe was a man who had sored on women as on everything else. It was little wonder, for women are not usually attracted to such woe-bearing beings as Mr. Wythe, and they were not apt to return smiling glances for his sour ones. The women and girls who worked for him, and his little shop usually had as little to say to him as possible, and he repaid them by only speaking to them in an unusually unpleasant manner—as if his customary manner were not bad enough!

Next to Mr. Wythe's boarding-house stood a little white cottage which had been purchased by a widow. The widow seemed to be an exception to the usual run of women, for she sat at the window and smiled at Beckenham as he passed with his dog skulking along at his heels. At first he paid no attention to it, but the widow persisted, and he was obliged to notice her after a time. But he thought she was making sport of him, and he returned her smiles with his most sour glances. Still the widow was not daunted, for she retained her position at the window and continued to smile upon him.

"Homely old thing!" exclaimed Mr. Wythe to himself. "Skinny neck and

greatest concern for the safety of her pet. She looked out at the door, crying shrilly to the dog:

"Go way, sir, go way! Oh, he will kill poor Pansy! Shoo! Go way!"

She picked up a small stone and threw it at the dog, but, with the usual accuracy of a woman, she managed to hit Mr. Wythe on the leg. Beckenham was not a man given to profanity, so he did not swear, but he lifted up his foot and said over something, while he hopped about on the other foot. It was really a comical sight, and it was little wonder that the widow tittered as she apologized. But the injured man made no reply. Calling his dog, he moved away down the street, limping slightly, and looking more miserable and dejected than usual.

For several days after this, Beckenham did not glance toward the widow's cottage as he passed, but when he did venture to steal a look toward it, he found the widow at the window smiling upon him as before. However, he fancied there was a regretful sadness about her smile.

"She's not such a very bad-looking woman after all," he told himself. "Indeed, the more I see of her the better she looks. She has a plump figure, for all that thin neck. She might make a good wife for some man, but a man with so many troubles as fall to my wretched lot has no right to get married."

And for several days after arriving at this decision, he was still more dejected than ever, if such a thing were possible. One day as he was passing the cottage, the widow came running round the corner and caught him by the arm in the greatest excitement.

"Oh, sir, do come quick!" she cried. "She has fallen into the water and is drowning! You must save her! Quick, or it will be too late!"

"Some one drowning?" exclaimed Beckenham, the natural chivalry of his nature aroused. "Lead the way! I will save her, or perish in the attempt!" He followed the widow around the cottage till they came to a hoghead, half sunken in the ground, and used for the purpose of catching rain-water to use for washing purposes. The hoghead was half full of water, and in the water the widow's pet kitten was swimming round and round, vainly seeking to escape.

Beckenham uttered an exclamation of amazement and disgust.

"Is that what you want me to rescue?" he demanded.

"Oh, yes, yes!" replied the widow, clasping her hands in agony, and looking at him appealingly. "Save her, and I will do any thing in my power to repay you—any thing!"

He could not resist such an appeal as that, so he leaped himself over the side of the hoghead and reached down for the kitten. In some way he lost his balance and fell into the water head first. Then



"H-H-HERE 'SHORE-C-O-CONFOUNDED CAT!"

the widow showed her heroism, for she caught him by the heels and dragged him out. He had seized the unfortunate kitten, and clung to the nearly drowned creature as he stood up, gasping for breath, looking more miserable than ever before in all his life. Finally he managed to gurgle:

"H-h-here 'shore-c-o-confounded cat!"

She clasped the dripping kitten to her breast, and thanked him again and again so effusively, and expressed such regret for what had happened, that his anger disappeared, and he came nearer smiling than he had for ten years.

It was about two weeks after this that Mr. Wythe acted so strangely that his assistant cutter ventured to ask him what the matter was. Beckenham drew him aside and whispered in a very confidential manner, but loud enough for every one in the shop to hear him, that he was engaged to be married. This proved a thunderbolt for those who knew him, and they wondered who it could be he was going to marry, but he made no bones of telling she was a widow, and a very plump and handsome one at that. For all of the happy prospect, Beckenham did not lose his air of melancholy, although his appearance of dejection seemed to pass away in a measure.

At length the wedding occurred, but the very next morning after the event Beckenham appeared at the shop, looking ten-fold more miserable and wretched than ever before in all his life. When his cutter asked him the cause of the sudden and unexpected change, he confided to him that his "plump and handsome" wife had literally "taken herself all to pieces," from her false teeth and hair, to the padding that gave her the plump appearance. The shock had quite unnerved him, and he was tortured by the suspicion that she had thrown the kitten into the hoghead of water for the express purpose of telling him into her clever matrimonial trap, which she had baited with smiles.

"He is happy again," said the cutter, aside, "for he has now acquired a genuine misery that will be continually with him."—Yankee Blade.

—That Was Why He Left—Trivet—"Are you still boarding at Widow Small's?" Dier—"No, I have left." Trivet—"Is that so?" I thought you said she promised to treat you as one of the family." Dier—"That was the trouble. She did."—Inter Ocean.

AROUND THE GLOBE.

The Eskimo call seals to them by lying down on the ice and whistling. Voltaire is but eleven years old and it is said that 5,000,000 people are able to use it.

A woman has arisen who says that the world will be densely overcrowded before it is two hundred years older.

It is estimated that nearly 10,000 pickers have been taken so far this winter from Long Meadow pond, near Waterbury, Conn.

The highest church-spire in the world has just been completed. It is that of the cathedral at Olm, Wurtemberg, and is 530 feet high.

Mrs. H. McDowell, of Oskaloosa, Ia., began about a year and a half ago to save dimes. A few days ago her bank was opened and the sum total was \$118.70.

MARSHALL BOOTH gives this succinct statement of the salvation methods: "Scrabology and soapology, instead of theology, in dealing with the submerged twentieth of society."

THORNDIKE RICE is said to have once won \$100,000 at draw poker at a single sitting. It may be true and again it may not, but there were no such "hands" among the brie-a-brac which he left behind him.

AS acres of bananas will support twenty-five times as many persons as an acre of wheat. One thousand square feet of land, growing bananas, will produce four thousand pounds of nutritious substance. The same space, devoted to wheat or potatoes, will produce only thirty-three pounds of wheat, or ninety-nine pounds of potatoes.

EUROPEAN ARMY NOTES.

The American saddle is being used by the British mounted infantry.

Generals Gibbon and Benet are soon to be retired from the army, having both reached the age limit.

The British army costs \$177,000,000 a year. This is \$18,000,000 more than Germany pays for the support of her soldiery.

The armies of the Central Asiatic States under the protection of the Czar will be officered hereafter by Russians from Russia's European army.

The German navy will have thirty-seven more vessels in active service this year than last. The total number to be assigned to duties lasting from three to ten months is ninety-six.

Cannons shot will not be used in the French army in future. The shells are filled with an explosive made of chrysotile and a substance kept secret, and every battery has seventy-five rounds of these projectiles.

The list of pensioned officers in the German army has swelled noticeably since the accession to the throne of Emperor William II. The number of pensioned Generals of cavalry and infantry has increased from 58 to 84; of Lieutenants-Generals, from 103 to 349; and of Colonels, from 385 to 698.

EDMUND WILLIAMS' announcement that he will attend the Imperial Bavarian maneuvers of 40,000 troops near Munich next fall has created a considerable sensation in the "State's rights" press of South Germany. Vatterland, a clerical paper, protests that "Bavaria has a regent, has a king, but has not an emperor, and therefore 'imperial maneuvers' are out of the question."

WHERE JUSTICE REIGNS.

A Wisconsin judge has decided that a dentist can not legally pull a tooth on Sunday.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature of Indiana providing that any man who shall be proven guilty of whipping a wife shall himself receive sixty lashes, and that the public shall be admitted to the jail yard to see him whipped.

"TAKE any twenty-five tall, lean men," said an old court officer to a reporter, "and you can secure a jury in a murder case. They have no conscientious scruples against the death penalty. As a rule, short, thick men have doubted this point."

In Towson, Md., Mr. Johnson bit off Mr. O'Brien's ear during a scuffle, and was indicted for mayhem. A demurrer was sustained upon the ground that the indictment read, "bit off a piece of ear," instead of the strict wording of the law, "bit off an ear," and the case was dismissed.

CHIEF JUSTICE DAILY, of the court of common pleas, New York City, had summoned to appear before him on another day 242 men who had been drawn for jury duty and who had failed to respond. He fined fourteen who failed to appear to offer any explanation \$110 each, and accepted the excuse of fifty.

"Ich verstehe kein Englisch," was the reply of a coal-black negro who was asked his name in a New York police court recently, and the court interpreter found that the only language the man knew was German. His name was Joseph Steinmetz and he has lived all his life in Berlin, where he was brought from the Congo in babyhood.

GATHERED FROM CALIFORNIA.

The total assessed valuation of California is \$1,000,300,391.

A CALIFORNIA man has started into the business of raising half-bred buffalo.

L. E. BLOCHMAN, of Cat Canyon, Cal., has a perfume farm containing over 3,000 lavender plants.

CALIFORNIA now has six ostrich farms. This country spends about \$3,000,000 a year for ostrich feathers.

The petrified body of a man, which was found in a cave near Fresno, Cal., has been sold for \$10,000. It is to be exhibited.

The great show piece of the recent fruit fair held at Marysville, Cal., was an exact copy of Sutter's famous fort, built entirely of oranges.

TERAMA COUNTY, Cal., paid out \$750 for scalps in December. The lot included five lions, one hundred and eight coyotes, sixty-three wildcats, nineteen hundred and fifty-two rabbits, twenty-three crows, ten bears and two eagles.

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"It can't be helped now," replied the boy, moodily, "but I wish you had consulted me, for if we had arranged for you to be a bridegroom, I could have been the gentleman myself."—Texas Sittings.

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