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DROWNED FROM A SHIP.

HARRY B. WILLIAMS WAS SEASICK AND FELL OVERBOARD.

Was on His Way to Maine With His Brother and Other Friends to Inspect a Mine.—Was Well-known in This City.

This morning's World published the following from Portland, Me.: Harry B. Williams, of Plainfield, N. J., a law student, but until recently a newspaper man, fell from the steamer John Englis on her way from New York, and was drowned. The accident was due to sea-sickness.

Harry and his brother, W. Gordon Williams, of Plainfield, Edgar Chappell and Frank L. Swackhammer were on their way to Maine on a hunting trip and also to examine a vein of mica which Gordon Williams discovered last fall at South Waterford.

Harry Williams evidently became seasick. Several times during the night he went out of his state room for fresh air. At 5:30 this morning, the steamer then being opposite the horse-shoe, on the Nantucket shoals, Williams again went out. He was half leaning over and half reclining on the rail when the went overboard.

Chappell, who happened to see him as he went over, gave the alarm. The vessel was stopped. The search-light was used and a boat was lowered, but a thorough search for half an hour revealed no trace of him. He was not seen after he struck the water.

Harry B. Williams was about twenty-seven years old and lived with his parents at Plainfield. He was at one time connected with the Elizabeth Daily Leader, and later with the Hackensack Leader.

When he was out west last year he met a fortune-teller who said to him: "You will never see 1898." Recently he said to his brother: "I wonder if that prediction will prove true."

S. S. Swackhamer, an uncle of the Williams brothers, received a telegram from Walter G. Williams last evening telling that his brother, Harry, was missing from the steamer. The telegram was from Portland, Me., and Williams said that he would leave there at once for Plainfield. He is expected tonight.

The following item was in type today when the account of Williams' death was received.

Lawyer Walter Williams, Harry Williams and Edgar Chappell, of this city, started Tuesday for Waterford, Me., where they will look after the interests of a mica mine which they recently purchased. They will also make arrangements for its development. The young men took their guns along with them and they may bring back some game. They expect to return home in about a week.

ON EARTH TWO SCORE YEARS.

Former Councilman Frazee Celebrated His Birthday.

Former Councilman Vincent L. Frazee, of West End Park, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his birthday last Tuesday, and in the evening the festive occasion was celebrated in a very pleasant manner, when he entertained a few of his friends at his home. The genial manner of the host and his wife made the event a pleasant one.

The programme, interspersed with both vocal and instrumental music, was complete with enjoyable features. During the evening a delightful spread was served to the guests and all indulged to the health and happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Frazee.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cramer, of Dunellen, Mrs. Kenny, of Greater New York, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hetfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blatz, Miss Louise Keunlin, Miss Lena Keunlin, Mrs. Oller, Miss Addie Weaver, P. V. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Frazee and John Bolsterli.

The Heptasophs Officers.

The following persons have been elected as officers of the Improved Order of Heptasophs: Archon, F. C. Lounsbury; provost, Wm. Westphal; prelate, H. C. Runyon; recording secretary, J. P. D. Kirsh; financial secretary, E. M. Laing; treasurer, Horsely Barker; inspector, J. T. Green; warden, J. Brookline; sentinel, William Sharp; trustees, Samuel Bass, John VanDyke and Bateman Thatcher.

Wild Geese Pay a Visit.

A flock of about sixty wild geese passed over Percy O. Ohl's farm in the southern part of the city yesterday afternoon, and seeing the beautiful sheet of water near his house they settled down into it. It was a beautiful sight to see the geese swimming on the surface of the water. Their stay, however, was only a short one, as they were frightened away by a couple of dogs who chanced to be at large.

Miss Anthony and her niece, of this city, left this morning for Texas, where she will remain for the winter.

A MINISTER TO DEPART.

REV. H. J. JOHNSTON WILL LEAVE GRACE M. E. CHURCH IN APRIL.

He Has Received a Call From Mariner's Harbor, S. I.—Present Charge Has Flourished Under His Pastorate.

The members of Grace M. E. church, as well as the many people in the city and borough who are friends of the church and its pastor, will learn with regret that Rev. H. J. Johnston, the pastor, will conclude his labors in that church with the ending of the church year in April next. This change has been under consideration by the pastor since he received such a flattering call from a church at Mariner's Harbor, S. I., with a much larger salary than he is receiving here. He will also have a parsonage at his disposal, and this will be a great advantage to him and his family.

Mr. Johnston has been associated with Grace M. E. church two years and has made many warm friends. His efforts in the religious field have been rewarded by scores of additions to the membership. The church is at present concluding a series of revival meetings that are giving grand results. It was through Mr. Johnston's labors that the church was led into the revival spirit. All departments of the church are in the best of condition and doing good work.

Last evening after the regular church prayer meeting a meeting of the official board of the church was held, and it was at that time that Mr. Johnston stated that he had received the call and had decided to accept it. The members of the board were somewhat surprised, but accepted the matter philosophically. Resolutions were offered and adopted expressing the sincere regret of the church in its loss, and extending to those with whom he will be associated a grand testimonial as to his usefulness and good Christian qualifications as a pastor and teacher of God's Word.

Mr. Johnston is not desirous of leaving Plainfield nor the church to which he has become very much attached, and says that if he had his way he would remain here. The church to which he is going has a membership of about three hundred and is in a flourishing condition.

CUFID DWELLS NOT HERE.

Young Townsmen Organize a Flourishing Bachelors' Club.

The Bachelors' Club, the proposed organization of which has already been noticed in The Press, was formally organized at the home of Harry Ostermoor, of Belvidere avenue, last evening. The object of the club is to gather together some congenial spirits for an evening of whist and social enjoyment, once a week. The meetings of the club will be held at the homes of the different members. The following officers were elected:—President, Benjamin O. Bowers, Jr.; vice-president, George Proctor Smith; treasurer, Godwin Beard; secretary, Henry W. Brower. The other members of the club are Ostermoor, John Hull, Aubrey Hull, Van R. Schuyler, Arthur Murphy, Morice Dumont, Roy T. Phillips, Albert Finch, Harry Wolman, Carl L. Waltz, Carroll L. Runyon, and Henry Leal.

Second At Home.

The second of Mrs. William E. Lowe's "At Homes," following the large reception given November 26th to introduce her daughter, Miss Lowe, took place yesterday afternoon at her home on Park avenue when a large number of friends availed themselves of the opportunity for calling. Mrs. Lerve was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Charles W. McCutchen and Mrs. A. D. Shepard. Mrs. George Dussee and Miss Elizabeth Cook presided at the tea table. The assistants in the dining room were Misses Waring, Daisy Shepard and Edith Smalley.

Lantern Reservoir Stolen.

Somebody appropriated the reservoir to the bicycle lamp of the wheel of E. Stanley Peck, of Second place, at the Plainfield High School, Monday morning. Peck rode his wheel to school that morning and left it in the cellar with the rest. His lantern was on the wheel. When he returned at the close of school, he found the reservoir gone. Supposing it to be a practical joke, he paid little attention to it. He has seen nothing of it since, however, and now believes that it was stolen.

Repairs on City Jail.

Since it was definitely decided that the city should not have a new jail at present, the repairs ordered by the Board of Health have been started. The building was connected with the sewer and sanitary toilet fixtures are being placed in the building. A new system of drainage is being put in and the plumbing is being all renewed. George J. Tobin has the contract and expects to complete the work this week.

PARING HEALTH FUNDS.

SMALL SIZED WAR CLOUD HOVERING IN BOROUGH OFFICIAL CIRCLES.

Though the Voters Authorized an Appropriation of \$550 the Assessor Only Raised \$400—Who Was Really to Blame?

There is a small-sized war cloud hovering around the municipal affairs of the borough over the failure of the Board of Health to receive the amount of money that was appropriated them by the Republican primary when the budget was made up and afterwards approved by the voters. Though the Board has been very active for the past few years in the attempt to preserve the health of the borough it has been badly handicapped by the lack of funds. The fault has been, it seems, in the failure to fix the tax rate at a percentage sufficient to raise the money appropriated by the voters.

Last spring the voters appropriated \$550 for the use of the Board, but it now comes to light that the health officials will have to get along with about \$400—\$150 less than what they are entitled to. The matter was the subject of some lively remarks at the meeting of the Board of Health last evening.

It was stated that when Assessor Cooley was interrogated as to why the full appropriation was not raised, he said that Borough Clerk Arnold had notified him to raise only \$450 for health purposes and he had taken this information as official. Mr. Arnold was seen, and it is said, declared that he had written a letter to Assessor Cooley naming \$550 to be raised. Then the letter was resurrected, and Secretary Honeyman told a Press reporter this morning it was found that the figure named by Clerk Arnold was only \$450.

At the meeting last night the members of the Board expressed a determination not to drop the matter, since the paring of their appropriations had been going for some years—even sometimes so far that they got nothing when \$500 was voted by the people. The Board authorized Borough Counsel Reed to look into the matter of appropriations and see if there is some way in which the full amount of the appropriation can be secured. Just what the outcome will be remains to be seen.

The only other important business of the Board was the appointment of Secretary Honeyman to go as a delegate to the State Sanitary Association convention to be held in Lakewood tomorrow.

The Library Directors.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Library was held Tuesday evening. There were present Directors Mason W. Tyler, Wm. H. Larrabee, J. B. Dumont, J. Evans Tracy and Wm. M. Stillman. The Library committee reported that they were perfecting arrangements with several of the larger manufacturing establishments for the introduction of books, and that the plan would soon be put in operation. The recommendation that the Library be open on holidays from 2 until 6 p. m., the same as the Sunday hours, was adopted. The art committee reported progress in the matter of shelving for the Cloisonne collection.

Privileges for Factory Men.

It is the intention of the Board of Directors of the Plainfield Public Library to provide special privileges for the employees in the local factories in regard to the circulation of books. The matter was discussed at the meeting of the Directors Tuesday evening and complete details will be made shortly. At the meeting it was decided to have the reading room open on holidays at the same hours as on Sundays, from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Girls Want a Gymnasium.

The members of the Girls' Athletic Club of the Plainfield High School will give an entertainment this winter to raise funds to equip the upper floor of the Whittier building as a gymnasium. While it has been decided to have an entertainment, the exact character is still to be settled. It will probably be held some time during February.

Meeting of Probationers.

At Grace M. E. church this evening there will be a meeting of probationers at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be of interest as the pastor is to assign each one to a class and present them with a certificate of membership.

Will Not Move Wires Till Next Spring.

The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company will not attempt to do anything in the way of placing their wires under ground in this city this winter. Next spring the work will be done.

May Be Council President.

It is rumored about the city that Councilman Wm. N. Runyon is likely to be chosen president of the Council next year.

MONEY AND CYCLE GONE.

BURGLARS ARE AGAIN PROWLING ABOUT THE CITY.

A Private House Looted Tuesday Night—Last Night Rogers' Sea Food Market Was Invaded and Ransacked.

The fish market of David W. Rogers, at West Second street and Madison avenue, was entered by thieves last night and a bicycle and a small amount in cash were carried away.

At 6 o'clock this morning Burnett Rogers went to open the market, as usual, and discovered that the door at the rear was unlocked and standing open. He at once commenced an investigation, and had not continued this long before he discovered that a Crawford bicycle which is kept about the market was missing.

It was stated to a Daily Press reporter this morning that the bicycle had been left on the sidewalk in front of the market all night. The amount of cash taken from the money drawer was about a \$1.50. No attempt was made to force the safe open, and this along with other indications point to the theory that the thieves were amateurs.

It is thought that the robbery was committed last night about 10 o'clock, as at that time some of the ladies in Mr. Rogers' house heard a noise about the market. Later on it ceased, and the incident was forgotten until this morning when the fact of the robbery became known.

The home of the Misses Dunlap on East Fifth street was entered by burglars yesterday morning about 1 o'clock and \$53 in money was taken from a spare room over the front porch. The money was drawn from the bank Tuesday by Miss Lizzie Dunlap and she placed it in the room from which it was taken. There is every indication that the person or persons who stole the money knew all about the location of it, and that it was their intention of taking nothing but the money. There was considerable jewelry in the room, but that was not disturbed in the least.

The Misses Dunlap retired early in the evening and they do not remember having heard any noises about the house. Between 12 and 1 o'clock Miss Lizzie Dunlap was awakened from her sleep by a toothache and she got out of bed to get some medicine to stop the pain. She thinks that while she was about the house the burglars were frightened away. Benjamin Schenck, who boards at the house, came home about 12 o'clock but he saw nothing unusual to attract his attention. The supposition is that the thieves secured a ladder and placed it against the side of the house whereby they were able to reach the roof of the porch and were then able to get in the room mentioned above. The lock on the window was found pushed back. There was in all about \$75 in the room, but the thieves in taking the money dropped all but the \$53 which they took with them. The rest of the money was found later. Miss Dunlap did not miss the money until she happened to think of a bill which she wanted to pay. She then went to the room for the money and found the \$53 missing. The burglary was reported to the police and they are now investigating it. There are some suspicions as to who took the money, but as yet no arrests have been made.

Ladies, a Word to the Wise is Sufficient.

If it is not your paper secure a copy before they are all sold as it will entitle you to a reserved seat in Washington Hall tonight and enable you to see the hypnotic performance of the wonderful Sevengala Brothers, who are said to be the monarchs of all others in their particular lines. Ladies can attend these exhibitions as nothing will be introduced to offend anybody and must be quite interesting according to the following: "The performance given by 'Sevengala' is funnier than any farce comedy that has visited this city and should be seen to be appreciated."—Binghamton, N. Y., Herald.

The Foot Bridge Removed.

The small foot bridge that served temporarily in connecting Watchung avenue from the borough to the city over Green brook has been removed by Freeholder John Tier. It will soon be placed in position so as to provide a means of reaching Mr. Tier's ice cream pavilion from Watchung avenue. It will be a great improvement for Freeholder Tier.

Bridge in Position.

The new hand rails for the new Watchung avenue bridge arrived yesterday, and are now being placed in position at the sides of the foot-paths on the bridge. The structure will then be complete, and there will be no fear that pedestrians will tumble off into the brook.

—The Philharmonic Club concert will be held in the Casino this evening.

COCK FIGHT AT GARWOOD.

ENDED IN A FREE SCRAP AMONG THE SPORTS WHO WERE PRESENT.

The Elizabeth Faction Did Not Like a Decision Favoring Rahway and a Blow Was Struck—Then a General Mixup.

An old barn in the neighborhood of Garwood was the scene of a lively time last night. The evening opened with a cock fight between birds from Rahway and Elizabeth. The fight had been heralded among the sporting class in all the towns in the vicinity and a choice collection of sporting men from Plainfield, Westfield, Elizabeth and Rahway were on hand to see the fun. The old barn was crowded with those who came to see the fun.

All went well during the first few matches and the excitement heightened by their closeness. The honors were about evenly divided and both sides became more and more excited as time went on and no decided advantage was gained by the birds of either city.

One match was particularly close and both sides claimed it. The referee decided in favor of the Rahway men and the Elizabeth faction immediately raised a howl that they were being cheated. High words followed and then one enthusiast forgot himself so far as to punch one of the other faction in the jaw. That was the signal for a free fight and blows were given and returned without delay.

The owner of the barn and promoter of the fight was in a quandary fearing that the disturbance would attract the attention of the authorities. As the fight had reached its height, some one in the rear of the barn raised the cry of "Police." There was a sudden cessation in the hostilities and everybody made a rush for the door. The entrance was small and those in the rear could make no way. Some jumped through the windows and others fled up the ladder to hide away in the hay in the loft. The crowd soon scattered and the barn was empty. No police showed up, however, and the owners of the birds returned and gathered their property together and departed.

DIDN'T APPEAR AT HEARING.

Bodenheimer's Bondsman Worried, but Former Finally Came Around.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Bodenheimer, of the borough, appeared before Recorder Thomas and made a complaint against her husband, charging him with being abusive and coming home in an intoxicated condition. The Recorder issued a warrant for the arrest of Bodenheimer, and he was taken before the Recorder Tuesday evening. George Hummer was his bondsman. The time for the hearing was set for 8 o'clock yesterday morning, but at that time the defendant failed to appear, and a search was made for him. At first it was thought that the bondsman would have to forfeit the money. Later in the day Bodenheimer returned and the matter was adjusted in a satisfactory manner. Recorder Thomas set the time for the hearing at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Bowling in Netherwood.

With the approach of winter, interest in bowling grows apace. A number of the young people living in and near Netherwood are considering the organization of a bowling club. They have secured the promise of the use of the old alleys in the rear of the Hotel Hunterston, which they can use if they place them in condition and provide them with the necessary pin boy. They are preparing to make the changes and open up the alleys to the members of the club for use every evening. The club will contain both young women and young men.

Dinner of the Princeton Club.

The first annual dinner of the Princeton Club, of Union county, will be given in the Casino of the Union County Country Club tomorrow evening. Chief Justice Magie will preside, and there will be speeches by Dean Murray, of Princeton; Rev. Dr. W. C. Roberts and Senator Foster M. Voorhees, of Elizabeth; Wm. R. Wilder, of New York; Wm. N. Runyon, of Plainfield, and others. Several old gladiators will be present to lead the singing.

Good Interest in Revivals.

The revival meetings at the Seventh Day Baptist church are still being continued. The meetings are held every evening under the direction of Evangelist E. B. Saunders, of Wisconsin. The attendance has been good and the meeting will probably be continued for several weeks longer.

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—E. C. Morse, of Post No. 73, G. A. R., is prominently mentioned as a possibility for the office of Commander in the Post.

CHASED BY A POLICEMAN.

PATROLMAN M'CUE SUCCEEDED IN CATCHING HIS MEN.

Mike Finnerty Took a Pair of Shoes Surprisingly and Louis Hedemark Wouldn't Pay For the Drinks Which He Ordered.

Patrolman McCue was the hero of two exciting chases, yesterday afternoon, that finally resulted in the capture of two offenders against the peace of the city. Michael Finnerty went into Abram's shoe store on West Front street, yesterday afternoon, and looked over the shoes on exhibition there. At last he picked out a pair that suited him and walked out of the store. The proprietor thought it a rather one-sided game and yelled for the police. Patrolman McCue was in the distance and he began to run. So did Finnerty. Finnerty ran up Madison avenue and sought refuge in an outhouse at the coal yard of E. H. Holmes from whence he was dragged by McCue and taken to jail.

Louis C. Hedemark walked into Smith's saloon on West Front street yesterday afternoon and asked for drinks. He treated two friends and then walked out without paying. He came in again and treated. When the barkeeper suggested that he ought to settle his account, he offered to settle the bill for 5 cents, which, he said, was all he had. Then, it is alleged, Hedemark began to swear and raise a disturbance and Patrolman McCue was called in to take him to the lock-up. Hedemark went peacefully enough until he reached the jail and while McCue was unlocking the door, Hedemark took to his heels. Then the policeman followed and captured the prisoner after a short run.

Hedemark objected to being searched but the policeman finally ransacked his pockets and found a revolver and \$1.30 in change. He was released on bail to await trial.

This morning both offenders were arraigned before City Judge DeMeza in the city court room. Finnerty told his story and pleaded guilty. The Judge sentenced him to pay a fine of \$8 or go to jail for twenty days.

Hedemark explained that it was all a mistake. Mr. Smith appeared against him and told his side of the case. Councilman-elect Walter L. Hetfield represented Hedemark. The Judge reserved sentence in his case until Saturday morning and held him on bail to appear for sentence on that occasion.

Decided in the Negative.

The Plainfield Debating Society met Tuesday evening in Murphy's & Blatz's law office and had a debate "whether liquor license is a value to the city of Plainfield or a disadvantage." For the affirmative were W. Sweeney, H. Linbarger, S. Mosher, H. DeMeza and E. Baker; for the negative were W. Swalm, W. Nash, Jr., Chas. Dunlap, R. Larew and G. Neilson. The judge was Chas. Doliver and he decided that the negative side was the winner of the debate. The Society decided to have a mock trial next Tuesday and the subject will be "That one of the members stole a hat and coat from another member." For the prosecution H. Linbarger, and W. Sweeney will act as the defendant lawyer. The judge will be one the lawyers of this city.

Lehigh Trackmen's Time Out.

The Lehigh Valley trackmen are complaining because of the reduction of time along the entire road. All the trackmen who had previously worked full time will only be allowed to work eight hours a day and three days of the week for 11 cents an hour. Many of the men are married and have large families to support.

Homes for Silk Mill Operators.

The last cottage of the twelve that have been built by the Sterling Silk Manufacturing Company is now rapidly nearing completion. There were not enough cottages for rent in Sterling to accommodate the employees of the company, so the company had twelve cottages built on Essex avenue.

Called to a Chicago Pulpit.

Rev. Dr. E. T. Tomlinson, who for the last ten years has had charge of the Central Baptist church in Elizabeth, has recently returned from a visit to Chicago, and has under advisement a call to a church in that city at an annual salary of \$7,000, and it is thought that he will accept it.

Dr. Stearns Married.

Dr. D. M. Stearns, who conducts a bible class in Y. M. C. A. hall every other Monday night and is well known in this city, was married to Miss May Brodhead, of Delaware Water Gap, at Parkesburg, Pa., on November 25. The wedding was a very quiet one.

—The springs on the fire department gig used by Chief Doane are worn out and the wagon has been taken to French's carriage repository for repairs.

CUBA IN THE SENATE

Senator Allen of Nebraska Springs a New Resolution.

WANTS CUBA RECOGNIZED

He Declares That the Commercial Spirit of the United States Is Preventing Action—House Holds a Fifteen-Minute Session.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Mr. Allen (Pop., Neb.), introduced in the Senate yesterday a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that Congress should, with all due convenient speed, acknowledge the independence of Cuba. He followed it with a speech, declaring that the commercial spirit of the United States was preventing action.

He said that he had long urged recognition of the independence of the Cubans. He would not be content with the recognition of belligerency, but would insist upon the acknowledgment of absolute political liberty. He was satisfied that the people would not be content with the course advised by the Administration. Inasmuch as the Cubans, for more than two years, on many battlefields, had demonstrated their valor and love for liberty, he felt that they had earned a recognition of their political liberty, and that it ought to be accorded to them without further temporizing. If necessary, this recognition should be backed by a fleet of American vessels in Cuban waters. He expressed a belief that the owners of Spanish bonds in this country, American citizens holding property in Cuba which had been injured or destroyed by the insurgents, and the carrying trade of the country, which might be affected by such a step, had joined to prevent the recognition of Cuba's independence.

Mr. Allen said that he believed that President McKinley's statement in his message that the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents is now unwise and therefore inadmissible, would be a great disappointment to the Republicans throughout the United States. The national convention of that party had declared in favor of the independence of Cuba, going farther than the simple recognition of the belligerency. He thought that the President was under obligations to carry out the pledge which his party had made—a pledge which had been made to seventy-three millions of people. The President, Mr. Allen thought, had been lulled to sleep by the declaration of Spain that she would give Cuba a semi-political existence. He expressed the belief that the President's neglect to take such action as would insure the political independence of Cuba was an exhibition of "rank hypocrisy" and a "flagrant neglect of public duty," which would be corrected by the "all-ruling power in His own good time."

Mr. Davis (Minn.), reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, a bill prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the North Pacific Ocean. He asked immediate consideration for the bill, but Mr. Hale (Maine), objected on the ground of the importance of the measure and asked that the bill be printed. Senator Gear introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to enter a bid for the United States on bond-aided railroads and to clear off liens paramount to those of the United States and appropriating the amount necessary for this purpose. The bill is understood to have been framed by the Attorney General, and it is intended to open the way to settlement of the Kansas Pacific debt.

SHORT SESSION OF THE HOUSE.

Pension Appropriation Bill Reported and Adjournment Taken.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The session of the House yesterday lasted only fifteen minutes. W. A. Stone (Rep., Pa.), reported the pension appropriation bill, the first of the appropriation bills, and gave notice that he would call it up immediately after the reading of the Journal to-morrow. The Committee on Election and Currency were given leave to sit during the sessions of the House. At 12:15 the House adjourned.

To Consider the House Rules.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Committee of the Rules of the House, of which Speaker Reed is chairman, will get together during the holidays to consider such change of the House rules as has shown to be desirable. It is not expected that these will touch any vital points, but will be rather in the nature of routine changes to facilitate the dispatch of business.

The three House committees on elections are beginning to map out their work with a view to determining contested-election cases at the earliest possible day. There are twenty-one of these contests pending. Some of these will require extended hearings, but quite a number can be disposed of without House delay. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs will hold its first meeting to-day, when Chairman Hitt will name the sub-committees which will consider the several questions of Cuba, Hawaii, etc. Thus far there has been no consultation on the general line of operation on the numerous foreign subjects before the committee.

France Is Aroused.

London, Dec. 9.—A special dispatch just received from Paris says that the French cruisers Jean Bart, Isly, Alger and Pascal have been ordered to be prepared for immediate dispatch to China. It is thought here that Germany's action in seizing Kiao Chou Bay has something to do with the sudden naval movement.

1,000 Troops Reported Lost.

Halifax, Dec. 9.—A startling rumor is afloat here, but it cannot be confirmed, that the British troopship Avoca, from Jamaica for Cape Town, had foundered. She had 1,000 troops on board. Before sailing she was docked and cleaned.

Big Hardware Failure.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Wholesale hardware dealers, 172-174 Lake street, have assigned to the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank. The assets are \$300,000 and the liabilities \$210,000.

MONETARY COMMISSION.

Former Secretary Fairchild Says the Report Will Be Ready Soon.

New York, Dec. 9.—Former Secretary of the Treasury Fairchild stated to a reporter that the Monetary Commission, of which he is a member, will undoubtedly complete its report and recommendation on currency reform within a few days after it reconvenes next Wednesday.

"Our report," said he, "will go to Chairman Hanna, of the Executive Committee of the Indianapolis convention, and I presume that he will call the committee together at a convenient date to pass upon the subject finally. Of course, I cannot say what shape this report will ultimately take or to what extent the commission will differ in its recommendations from the views expressed in the President's message as to the steps to be taken towards reorganizing our national finances. President McKinley has started in the proper direction, and if he keeps right on something sound and beneficial will undoubtedly eventuate. He has not gone as far as some of us believe he should, but it is a long step forward when one of President McKinley's belongings and antecedents takes such a pronounced attitude in favor of safeguarding our finances, as is shown by his effort to have greenbacks offered for redemption kept in the Treasury unless gold is given the Government in exchange for them."

"I do not care to discuss now the probable line of suggestion to be made by the Monetary Commission," continued Mr. Fairchild, "but it is to be borne in mind, when comparing its recommendations with those of the Administration, that one is dealing with the monetary problem as a whole, while the other is dealing with Congress. One is seeking to determine what must be done to solve the entire problem, while the other is confining itself to that which may possibly be accomplished under present conditions, for that evidently is what President McKinley has in mind. No one can tell, you know, what this Senate will do, even with the one suggestion the President makes."

PENSION LEAK MAY BE STOPPED.

Action Against Young Women Who Marry Old Soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The House Committee on Invalid Pensions yesterday took action to correct the abuse of young women marrying old soldiers and sailors for the purpose of securing their pensions as widows. The practice was brought to light by a recent investigation of the pension rolls for the war of 1812, which showed that while there were but three survivors on the rolls, more than 3,000 widows were drawing pensions.

The committee authorized Chairman Ray to obtain from the Committee on Rules an order permitting an amendment to the Pension Appropriation bill, providing that no pension shall hereafter be granted to the widow of a soldier or other person who is married to such soldier or other person after the passage of this act, excepting, however, all soldiers, sailors, officers, etc., now in or who may hereafter enter the military or naval service of the United States.

The matter has aroused much interest among members of Congress, and many who would not vote to investigate or correct any other form of pension abuse are ready to aid in the fight against what Senator Wilson, of Washington, calls the "widow business."

A MILLION ON HIS LIFE.

The Largest Policy Ever Written for One Man.

New York, Dec. 9.—The largest life insurance policy ever issued by any company in the world has just been issued to George W. Vanderbilt by the Mutual Life Insurance Company. The policy is in the straight life, twenty-year class, and amounts to \$1,000,000. Mr. Vanderbilt is to pay an annual premium of \$35,000.

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Mrs. S. S. Taylor and Mrs. Wm. J. Browning, of Camden, are visiting Dr. Browning, of East Fifth street.

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Mrs. E. C. Varney, of 23 Duer street, is still suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by T. S. Armstrong, apothecary, corner Park and North avenues.

That genial personage, Editor Hugh Boyd, of the New Brunswick Home News, was a caller at The Press office yesterday.

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Miss Edith DuBois, of Park avenue, is visiting at White House.

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MILLER IN THE LEAD.

Plucky Cyclists Keep Up the Struggle in the Six-Day Race.

New York, Dec. 9.—Only eighteen of the original contestants are left in the great six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. Miller is a far-and-away leader of the big race. Rice, the Wilkesbarre favorite, is in second place, but his rivals, Riviere and Schinner, keep up their heart-breaking record and are crowding him closely for second position.

The marvelous work of Miller can only be fully appreciated when the fact is considered that after fifty-nine hours of riding he could take nine hours' rest and still remain in advance of the previous world's records, for he had then covered 1,028 miles, whereas Schock's best on record for sixty-eight hours was only 1,022 miles.

It may be interesting to note in connection with this contest that the greatest distance ever covered by man on foot in 142 hours is 662 miles. There seems every probability that with the aid of the bicycle a record of little less than four times this distance will be established.

Of all the eighteen men still left in the race only Gray, the colored youth, and the Frenchman, Stephane, show the smallest signs of serious distress. Waller, who went all to pieces Tuesday, after capturing many records and setting the pace which has made this race exceptional, was out again last night apparently as strong as ever. He is still confident of being in the van at the finish.

MURDERER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

His Attorneys Get a Writ of Error Just in Time to Prevent Hanging.

Pittsburg, Dec. 9.—Philip Hill, a negro, was to have been hanged here yesterday for the murder of George Lawrence at Unity Camp on April 27.

He was not hanged, as a writ of error was taken out by his attorneys, and the Sheriff's attorney at 11.45 o'clock decided that it stayed the execution of the sentence till after Oct. 1, 1898, when the writ is returnable.

Hill's attorneys made a desperate effort to find George Hastings in time to secure a respite for the condemned man. The Governor is in Hot Springs, Va. The prisoner's mother sent a petition to Harrisburg asking for a respite of ninety days, that the case might be laid before the State Board of Pardons in an application for a commutation of the sentence to imprisonment for life.

On learning that the Governor was in Virginia, Hill's lawyers begged the Sheriff to put off the hanging till 12 o'clock, the legal limit. They went to the jail at 10.10 o'clock yesterday morning, however, and announced that they had given up all hope of reaching the Governor.

EXCITEMENT IN HAYTI.

Public is Bitter Over the Government's Surrender to Germany.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 9.—Count Schwerin, the German Minister, was received by the President yesterday afternoon. The public mind continues agitated, and all the regulars and the National Guard are in readiness.

Shortly before 2 o'clock the President issued a proclamation to the people of Hayti, saying that for the second time Hayti had yielded to German force, contrary to its rights. The Government, according to the proclamation, had decided to resist even to the last, but owing to the lack of promised moral influence, the character of which is not indicated in the proclamation, it was obliged to accept the ultimatum. The proclamation invited the Haytian people to stop internal quarrels and to labor for the raising up again of the nation.

DURRANT'S LAST HOPE GONE.

Supreme Court Dismisses His Appeal and Orders Resentence.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Late yesterday afternoon the Supreme Court dispelled the last hope of W. H. T. Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, by disposing in a summary manner of his two appeals. In a written opinion from the pen of Chief Justice Beatty, which is concurred in by all but one of his associates, the court affirms the judgment of Judge Bakers in remanding the prisoner to San Quentin until the date set for his execution, but reverses the sentencing of Durrant to be hanged on Nov. 11, and remands the case to the Superior Court with instructions to proceed according to law.

As the remittitur was ordered issued forthwith and the court holds that execution can only be stayed now by the issuance of a certificate of probable cause, it only remains to resentence the condemned murderer, which probably will be done to-day.

For a Greater Postoffice.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Postmaster General Gary will wait for Congress to take the first step in the matter of the proposed consolidation of the post-offices in Greater New York under one head. He has caused data bearing on the feasibility of the scheme to be gathered for the guidance of Congress, and this will be transmitted to either house as soon as a resolution is adopted calling for it.

Girl and \$30,000 Missing.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 9.—Nothing has yet been heard of Maggie Kirkpatrick, of Philadelphia, who disappeared from a boarding house here on Sunday with \$30,000 in Government bonds sewed in her clothing. She is believed, however, to have gone to her home. Since her brother's death in April last the young woman has acted strangely.

OUTLOOK FOR HAWAII

Friends of the Annexation Treaty Encouraged.

OPPOSITION'S PROGRAMME

Think They Can Defeat the Measure if It Is Discussed in Open Senate. Reed Said to Be Opposed to the Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 9.—There is to be a spirited fight against the annexation of Hawaii. The Democrats have been rated almost unanimously against the treaty. A large number of Republicans are also opposed to annexation. Speaker Reed is said to be one of them. He is credited with the statement that the islands would be a source of weakness to the country. Because of the opposition there is talk of substituting for the treaty now pending in the Senate a bill that would require only a majority vote. It takes a two-thirds vote to ratify a treaty.

The opponents of the treaty acknowledge that, while they have gained a vote or two on the Republican side, they have lost on the Democratic. The announcement that Gorman and Pettus are with Morgan for annexation is followed by the announcement that Turpie is also inclined that way. The statement that Senator Hoar was against the treaty is qualified by the announcement that the Massachusetts Senator has not declared himself and will not until after the discussion.

Plan of the Opposition.

The plan of the opponents of the treaty is to have it discussed in open session. They claim that if this is done they can get their arguments against annexation before the country and bring pressure to bear on the Senate against the treaty. The leaders of the opposition state that if the treaty is discussed in executive session it can be ratified in one month, but if it is discussed openly it will be killed. It is their plan to prevent the treaty's ratification and have the Morgan bill for annexation reported and taken up by both branches of Congress, thus securing an open debate.

The friends of the treaty, while acknowledging that they have not yet secured a two-thirds vote, state that they have every prospect of getting it by the time it is needed. The poll of the Senate shows 54 votes in favor of the treaty, 19 against it and 16 uncertain. From this it will be seen that the treaty needs only six of the doubtful votes for ratification.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee did not consider Hawaii yesterday.

The fact that the committee did not even discuss Hawaii indicates that the friends of the islands are going to postpone action for a short time. The Senators in charge of the treaty have concluded not to bring the matter up until next week, although Senator Davis intended to ask the Senate to consider it yesterday. The delay is to gain time so that the friends of the treaty can work on the doubtful Senators.

It is also stated that many Republicans favoring the treaty think that if by next week the two-thirds is not secured, it will be best to abandon the treaty and take up the Morgan bill for annexation. This bill was introduced on June 23 and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. It provides for annexation in the same manner as the treaty, and thus secures all that could be gained by the ratification of that agreement.

SUFFERING AT KLONDIKE.

Forebode a Pen Picture of the Awful Condition of Affairs There.

New York, Dec. 9.—In the course of a letter to James R. Keene, the well-known broker, an expert mining engineer, who was sent to the Klondike region in the Fall to investigate, reports a frightful condition of affairs there. The letter is written from Dawson City, and is dated Oct. 3. In the course of the letter the writer says:

"Our steamer had barely tied up to her landing, when she was boarded and taken possession of by fifty armed men, who demanded all her stores and supplies for the starving people living in the vicinity of Circle City, some 150 miners. The list they presented called for all the delicacies of the season, but all case goods having been left at Fort Yukon, likewise wines, liquors and cigars, they only found staple articles, namely, flour, bacon, butter, ham and lard.

"They took about thirty tons of ham, bacon, butter, beans, potatoes—practically all that there was of these articles—and about two hundred sacks of flour. Private property was respected, otherwise we would have had a shooting match on the boat. After cleaning up the vessel armed guards were put on board by the miners, as well as on shore, to prevent any further robbery, though there was really nothing else to take, unless it was private property.

"Five-cent cigars cost 50 cents each, and flour, outside of the company's contracts, \$125 for a 50-pound sack, candles, 11 apiece. Seventy-five dollars is paid for a five-gallon can of coal oil. In fact, none is for sale. Sugar is 24 cents and tea \$1 a pound. Coffee, \$1 a pound, and not fit for dogs. Ordinary dog meat, which means dried fish, \$1 a pound. No man works for less than \$15 for nine hours, and confers a very great favor upon you even at that rate. Cordwood, sawed and split, is \$4 a cord in the yard."

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PLAINFIELD, N. J., DEC. 9, 1897

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

(Furnished by Weather Observer Neagle.)
Probably Fair Tonight and Friday;
Warmer Tonight.
At 3 o'clock the Thermometer at Leggett's Pharmacy Registered 60 Degrees.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

The credit for Mr. Frost's defeat lies with the Netherwood people. Netherwood has come to the front in the past. The downtown end of the ward was a long time in offering recognition to the residents of that end of the ward. It will not be forgotten that some years ago Karl Polak was elected by the aid of the Republicans in Netherwood by four votes, and again two years later Mr. Spangenberg received a majority of 27 votes. In this election the Netherwood candidate, Mr. vanHerwerden, comes to the front with a majority of 10 votes. It may be well to state that the majority of the Netherwood people are Republicans, and when 75 voted the Citizens ticket the Republican majority of the ward is decreased 150 votes. The Republican party should by this time have learned its lesson.

THE PRESS ELECTION SPECIAL.

The special election edition of The Daily Press issued yesterday morning shortly after 4 o'clock was as complete in every department as though printed at the usual time. The story of the election and the tabulated forms of the vote were especially correct and concise. The demand for papers was not confined to the morning hours alone but all through the day papers were sold steadily to those anxious to know the exact results. Nearly 1,500 extra copies were printed and they were all sold—an ample expression of appreciation by the public.

LOOKING FOR THE PLUMS.

The contest for Speaker of the House of the Assembly remains unchanged. If anything, it looks more favorable to Mr. Watkins than ever. Ex-Assemblyman Charles N. Coddling is a new candidate for clerk of the House. Ex-Assemblyman Hopkins has withdrawn as a candidate for engrossing clerk, and now wants to be assistant clerk of the House.

Mr. Voorhees will not sit in the Senate after he assumes the functions of the Acting Governorship. A presidential pro tem will be elected and Union county will practically be without representation in the Senate. Union is willing to stand that deprivation under the circumstances. From a political point of view the only effect will be to deprive the Republicans of a two-thirds majority.—Tribune.

County Trolley Committee.

The following gentlemen have been appointed on the committees authorized at the Citizens' meeting held at the court house on the 30th of November to consider the matter of constructing a trolley road from Elizabeth to Plainfield. On the committee to confer with the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Messrs. A. B. Carlton, J. C. Hunt, James T. Pierson, George Kite and F. A. Dunham. On the committee to promote the passage of the bill, Messrs. B. A. Vail, John C. Rankin, A. B. Carlton, Charles N. Coddling, James E. Martine, H. G. Runkle. To this committee Mr. West was added by resolution of the meeting.

An Old Hatter Dead.

John Bromfield, an aged resident of this section, died at his home in Bernardsville Monday morning. He was a hatter by trade, and was for many years employed in the shop of William Coriell in this city. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Mendham. The attendance of relatives and friends was very large, and included a number from this city.

A Y. M. C. A. Dinner.

The Y. M. C. A. will give a dinner to the members of its committees in the small hall of the Y. M. C. A. building Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock. There will be a discussion of some phases of association work.

The Allis Football Association is organizing a hockey team.

A new shipment of gold chairs has just been received at Packer's furniture store.

Neuman Bros., the Watchung avenue grocers, have just received an importation of the choicest grade of olive oil, equal to the Barton & Sustler brand, and they are selling it in full quart bottles for 65 cents.

ITEMS BRIEF AND BRIGHT

GATHERED ALL ABOUT THE TOWN BY ALERT PRESS REPORTERS.

News in Short Paragraphs That are Interesting to (Read) During the Spare Moments of Many Busy Plainfielders.

—Rev. G. W. Smith, of this city, will preach at Paterson next Sunday.

—Patrolman James Totten is now doing duty in the business part of the city.

—A handsome vestibule has been erected at the entrance to the cafe at the City Hotel.

—Denton's, on Prospect Hill, is the place to get your Christmas decorations, plants, etc.

—An important meeting of Franklin Council, No. 41, Jr. O. U. A. M., will be held this evening.

—Tomorrow evening the members of the Woman's Relief Corps will meet and elect officers for the coming year.

—Stevens Institute closes for the holidays on Wednesday, December 15th. The vacation lasts for three weeks.

—Tomorrow evening a meeting of interest will be held by the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Baptist church.

—The graduating class at the Seminary is preparing to give a dance to their friends during the Christmas holidays.

—The members of the First Church of Christ are planning to give their pastor, Rev. Mr. McKane, a reception very soon.

—The choir of the First M. E. church is now practicing special music for the Christmas service at that church.

—A household bazaar will be held in Bethel chapel this evening under the direction of the Earnest Workers of the chapel.

—A Bible class for men has been started in the Sunday-school of the First M. E. church with S. S. Swackhamer as teacher.

—The Women's Association of the Congregational church will entertain their friends in a social manner in the church parlors this evening.

—Elaborate preparations are being made for the reception of Lucretia Council, Daughters of Liberty, at Washington Hall, December 31st.

—Several members of Martha Washington Council, No. 23, D. of A., Jr. O. U. A. M., were the guests of Good Intent Council, of Newark, last evening.

—The annual dinner of the Union County Princeton Alumni Association will be held in the Casino tomorrow evening. Judge Magie, of Elizabeth, will preside.

—A Christmas sale opens this afternoon in the Unitarian church on Park avenue. It will be continued this evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

—It is quite likely that the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans will hold a joint installation in January in accordance with the custom of previous years.

—The Christian and Missionary Alliance meets at the W. C. T. U. rooms, corner of Fourth street and Watchung avenue, for prayer and praise, tonight at 7:45 p. m. All are invited.

—A. D. Thompson has decided to build another fine dwelling house on Fairview avenue, between Somerset street and Allen place, and James C. Manning has the contract and will commence the work at once.

—One of the prettiest places in White's store is the picture department. It is situated opposite the elevator and all day yesterday it was crowded with delighted customers admiring the beautiful pictures.

—The regular meeting of Plainfield Council, No. 711, Royal Arcanum, will be held next Monday evening in Exempt Firemen's Hall, at which time the election of officers and other important matters will be transacted.

—The first concert of the series by the New York Philharmonic Club will be given in the Casino this evening. Tickets for this series only may still be had at Armstrong's and also at Hall's pharmacies, as well as at the door.

—An entertainment will be held in the North Plainfield public school on Thursday evening, December 16th. The proceeds will go toward the library and decorations for the school rooms. The state contributes \$20 if the school can raise the same sum.

—Edward White will place on sale tomorrow over a thousand dozen hair brushes, tooth brushes, hand and toilet brushes at remarkably low prices. Mr. White bought the goods at his price and will sell them at yours. A description of the lot will be found in his advertisement.

Catarrh in the head, that troublesome and disgusting disease, may be entirely cured by a thorough course of Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists, 25c.

Good cake can be made in half a dozen ways; the best cake only by using Cleveland's baking powder.

If you can make good cake, you are the one to appreciate Cleveland's baking powder.

It makes just that delicate, dainty kind that expert cake-makers strive for.

Guarantee.

Grocers are authorized to give back your money if you do not find Cleveland's the best baking powder you have ever used.

Cleveland Baking Powder Co., N.Y.

THEATRICAL.

Next Saturday night at Stillman Music Hall, will be a red letter occasion, the event being the presentation of "A Stranger in New York," the newest work of Charles Hoyt, the popular writer of farce comedies. The new piece was produced late last season, and the unanimous verdict of all the critics was that "A Stranger in New York" was by far the best effort of this clever playwright. From all accounts, as a success it begun where the famous "Chinatown" left off.

—The Philharmonic Club concert will be held in the Casino this evening.

—Should you be in doubt as to what would be a suitable gift at this season call at Swain's, 317 West Front street, and look at his stock of oil and water color paintings, etchings, photographs and etc. It is very likely that you will find something that will suit and at a reasonable price, not forgetting his Christmas cards and calendars also.

It May Be

that the "cheap" worthless boxes that are offered by many dealers make you skeptical as to the real worth of those HONEST PIANOS we are offering at \$175 cash or \$195 on easy time payments. If you are, we ask you to look at these. They are thoroughly good Pianos that we know will give satisfaction. All colors of wood. All improvements. Exchanged if not satisfactory. Made by one of the best known manufacturers in the country.

The proof of their popularity is shown by the imitators they have called forth. Contrast them with the Pianos(?) you are offered at other stores at around the same price. An equally good Piano would cost \$275 anywhere else.

Fifty dollars mark-down on all regular lines, good till end of year.

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NEWARK, N. J.
(899 Broad St.)

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Latest Novelties.

This store's showing of Holiday Goods far surpasses any previous attempt. A most comprehensive selection of beautiful novelties. The assortment is so large and varied that you are almost sure to be pleased. The entire stock is new, you'll notice that there is nothing old or uninteresting to be seen and every thing is priced to your liking. We invite an early inspection.

The Handkerchief Show.

The most beautiful and extensive handkerchief assortment the store has ever known. Thousands of handkerchiefs here to please everyone. Aside from our regular stock are these

Three Great Specials for This Week's Selling.

100 doz Embroidered handkerchiefs, 90c doz., worth 10-12½c
150 doz Hemstitched handkerchiefs at 30c doz., worth 60c.
50 doz Gents' Japanette handkerchiefs, silk initial, at 12½c each, worth 18c.

A Kid Glove Bargain.

25 doz Ladies' kid gloves, all leading shades, at the ridiculous price of 79c; sold everywhere at \$1.

Umbrella Bargain.

5 doz Gents' umbrellas, "Gloria," steel rod, close roll and case, at the ridiculous price of 26 inch, \$1; 28 inch, \$1.10.

I. Lederer.

MUSIC HALL.

SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 11th.
A GALA EVENT! HOYT'S
A Stranger in NEW YORK!

Interpreted by a specially selected cast from Hoyt's Theatre, New York, under the personal supervision of the author, and
DIRECTION OF HOYT & McKEE
New songs by Mr. Hoyt, music by Richard Stahl. Special scenery by Voegtlin, of Hoyt's Theatre. The Beginning New York Success.
Prices 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1. Reserved seats now on sale.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13-14, and Tuesday, Matinee at 2:15.

The Marvel of the Age!
EDISON'S LATEST AND GREATEST
Moving Picture Machine!

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Admission 25c. Reserved Seats 50c. 12 9 4

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MATINEE Saturday Only.

Special Engagement of the Sensational and Original

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Hypnotist and Mind Readers

The greatest performance of the kind ever given. Change of programme every performance. MORE FUN THAN A CIRCUS. See Sevengala place a subject into a Hypnotic sleep for 24 hours. Friday evening and awaken him Saturday evening.

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PLAINFIELD, N. J.

To Old Point Comfort, Dec. 28; European Vacation Tour, to British Isles and Norway, June 23d, 1898. Office, 181 North Ave.

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To clear: New Model 45 (1897 Guaranteed) Columbia, \$50; Used 1897 Columbia, \$35; 1896, \$25; 1895, \$20. Cash only.

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Full of good goods,
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You are not asked to buy building lots, your own judgement tells you what to do. It is a sight to see the marvelous work that has been done in so short a time. Take a train on C. & N. J., come in carriage, on bicycle or horseback, it will pay you to look at the wonders.

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We have just received our new

Fall Suitings and Trouserings.

Trousers to order, \$5, \$6 and \$7.

Business Suits to order, \$15 and \$20.

SEBRING'S, 202 West Front Street.

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ADVANCE SALE OF HOLIDAY GOODS

which will be a most emphatic evidence of commercial supremacy. During its progress we shall offer values in holiday merchandise that will completely cast in the shade any other attempts of this or past seasons.

Our Magnificent New
Addition and Basement

brimful of the best in toys, dolls, games, sleds, etc., will be resplendent in bargain trim. Every age, from the tender tot to the aged grandparent, will find the right holiday articles here at prices that mean from 25 to 60 per cent below those that are usually advertised elsewhere as GREAT BARGAINS. Rapid service for the holidays. Facilities for quick delivery of parcels are such as will enable customers to buy with least expenditure of time and trouble.

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WE CALL
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Free Graphoscope Exhibition.

In Music Hall, Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 13 & 14.

The Graphoscope is one of Edison's latest improved moving picture machines, and this entertainment will be wonderfully interesting, highly edifying and ridiculously funny. We shall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday give FREE TICKETS of admission with each cash sale of 49c. Trading stamps given just the same. Number of Free Tickets limited to 600.

Demonstration.

The N. K. Fairbanks Co., of New York, will on Thursday, Dec. 9

place on sale a special Toilet and Bath soap of superior quality at a special price in order to advertise same. Elegant Art Calendars given away in connection with this sale. A lady demonstration in charge. Every one in Plainfield invited to call.

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BRANDY FARMERS.

A Paying Business for Peasants Who Often Become Wealthy Therefrom.

The brandy farmers of Charente are a distinct class. Every one of them, even if he owns a patch of no more than six or seven acres, has his own still and manufactures his own spirits. Most of the stills which I saw were mere shanties of the most primitive type, like Highland bothies or the rude huts in which illicit "potheen" used to be, and I dare say even now is, manufactured in some wild parts of Ireland. The apparatus is of the simplest kind—just a boiler, with receiver and the "worm" or serpentine, a mere tube thrust into a big cylinder of cold water. There are usually two of these humble stills in operation, and wood is generally used as fuel. When the farmer commences making his brandy he continues working his stills day and night until he has converted all his wine into spirit. The brandy at this stage is perfectly colorless, and contains the whole of the essential oil, which subsequently has to be removed by a drastic process of filtration. This, however, the farmer leaves to the merchant to whom he brings his brandy for sale.

Many of these brandy farmers are very wealthy. I was told of one worth £100,000, another £80,000, a third £60,000, and a considerable number with £30,000 and £20,000 apiece—sums which figure out magnificently in francs. But to look at them you would never guess that they possess as many pence as they have pounds. For, however rich they may be, they still retain the dress and style of peasants. They make no attempt to ape the manners and fashions of those above them. Each generation is content to live as its predecessor did—a frugal, hard-working life, with its occasional holidays and junketings, and the exercise of that thrift which is a French peasant's highest pleasure.—Chamber's Journal.

TOY MAKING.

America Makes Playthings by Machinery, and Germany by Hand.

A great many toys are now made in this country, including many mechanical devices. Many toys are still imported. Such things as woolly sheep and dogs, now as highly prized by children as ever, come from Germany. So do the skin-covered horses. They could be made here, but they can be produced cheaper abroad.

As a rule, whatever can be made by machinery is made here, while toys made by hand are mostly imported. The minute a thing is brought within the reach of machinery, American manufacturers can pay their higher prices for labor and still beat the world. With the low prices of labor in foreign countries, hand-made productions can be made cheaper in this. As a result of this there are toys of some kinds which in their completed state are partly American and partly foreign. Among these are toy vehicles with horses attached. The vehicles and everything in and about them may be the product of American machinery, while the horse standing between the shafts may be from Germany.—New York Sun.

NO FAKIRS NEED APPLY.

Managers Compelled in Mexico to Live Up to Their Promises.

One Mexican trait that might be profitably imitated by Americans is their uncompromising antagonism toward amusement fakirs. In that country a showman must do what he promises to or go to jail, if a circus management does not faithfully reproduce all the features glowingly depicted on the show bills, the manager finds himself in the hands of the officers after the show is over. The result is that circuses and other amusement enterprises visiting that country have an entirely distinct set of show bills made and it goes without saying that they are much more modest than are those displayed on this side of the Rio Grande.

Seeing and Feeling.

West Side Urchin.—My pop's a scorcher. You'd ought to see his wheel.

East Side Urchin.—Huh! My pop's a scorcher. You'd ought to see his slipper.—Truth.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

Instead of an engagement ring, the Japanese lover gives his sweetheart a piece of beautiful silk for her hair. Travelers in the wilds of Africa will do well to take a plentiful supply of umbrellas with them, according to Professor Pechuel-Loesche, the German explorer. He says they are the best protection against the wild beasts, tigers and lions especially being afraid of them when suddenly opened.—New York Tribune.

Panjaschkovtzi is the name of a new religious sect that has started up in the Russian province of Saratov, and is called after its founder. They believe that while the soul is immortal the body belongs to the devil, and should be neglected. They therefore never wash nor shave nor cut their nails or hair, never change their clothes nor clean their houses. They also leave the flesh to its own wicked courses.

A writer in a magazine has made the prophecy that in 300 years from now the world will know only three languages—English, Russian and Chinese. The English language will be spoken all over North and South America, in Australia, India, Africa, New Zealand and the islands of Australia and the Pacific. The Russian tongue will have conquered all Europe except Great Britain, and all Asia except India. Chinese will hold sway over the rest of the world.

THE RICHEST BABY IN THE WORLD.

The Little Lady's Wealth is Beyond the Dream of Avarice.

The greatest heiress in the world is the baby Grand Duchess Olga, daughter of the Czar and Czarina of Russia. Already she is one of the richest persons in the world and what she will inherit is beyond computation.

The Czar's will is the only law in Russia and he has absolute control of all the money that can be extracted by taxation or otherwise from his vast empire. But he has also what is called private property. This consists of the Crown domains, including more than a million square miles of cultivated lands and forests, besides gold and other mines in Siberia, all of which produce a vast revenue. The actual amount of this is unknown, as no reference to the subject is made in the budget or finance account, the Crown domains being considered the private property of the imperial family.

The Grand Duchess Olga was born November 3, 1895, and is the older of two daughters, the Czar as yet having no sons. The week she was born \$5,000,000 were settled on her. This sum was invested in British, French and other foreign securities, as the Czar, like other monarchs, is not absolutely certain of the future, and does not wish the family to be in need at any time of the necessities of life.

The imperial infant has been inundated with costly presents from all the monarchs of the world and from the wealthy noblemen and barbarous chieftains, who rule, under the Czar, some of the great countries in his empire. These presents alone are worth millions of dollars.

Her bassinet is studded with precious stones and she has a doll whose dress is ornamented with priceless emeralds. Every pin used to fasten her imperial garments is made of pure gold.

If the Czar shall have no son it is possible that he will make his little daughter heir to the throne. In any case she will inherit a large share of his incalculable private fortune. Beside her wealth that of a Vanderbilt or a Rockefeller becomes absolutely insignificant.

CLOSELY RELATED SENSES.

It is Proved that Cinnamon has No Flavor Except Through the Nostrils.

The senses of taste and smell are so closely allied, it's almost impossible to say where one ends and the other begins. Some articles of food have taste and no smell; some have both; some have smell only. For instance, cinnamon belongs to the latter class, and has smell only and no taste. Absurd, you say! Very well, just put it to the test.

Take a small piece of cinnamon, hold your nose tightly, rather high up, between thumb and finger, and begin chewing. You will find yourself chewing an absolutely tasteless bit of bark. Then let go your nose. Immediately you will find it "tastes" strongly, though it is really only the perfume which rises to the smelling-chamber of the nose.

One thing you may remember, for your comfort. Nature has given to every poisonous leaf, fruit or nut, an unpleasant taste of some sort—acid or bitter. Thus the tongue warns us against poison; and so it is that savages and animals rarely die from indulgence in the many poisonous plants which surround them.—Golden Days.

Lynched the Sparrow.

A successful lynching took place on a farm in Michigan, the other day. In the barn a swallow's nest was seen clinging to the side of a beam, from which was suspended an English sparrow, hung by the neck with a hair from a horse's tail. While two men were sitting in the barn they noticed a sparrow go into the swallow's nest, from which he began pitching the young birds. Three swallows, attracted by their outcry, immediately pounced upon the intruder. After confining him to the nest for a few minutes, they threw him out. He dropped about a foot, there was a jerk, and Mr. Sparrow was hanged as nicely as though an expert hangman had been in charge. The hair was wound around his neck several times, and, after a few ineffectual struggles, he kicked his last.—Grand Rapids Herald.

A Sad Accusation.

Some Japanese seem to fear Christianity. The Yoroazu Ohoho, Tokio, says: "In the long history of Christendom we know of not a single country saved by it. With Montezuma's Mexico and the Inca's Peruvian empire, the course of Christendom was absorption, destruction, annihilation. It has killed India, politically, at least. It has killed Burma and Annam. It has killed Hawaii, after keeping it alive some forty years. It has killed Madagascar, and it will yet kill Abyssinia, Egypt and Morocco. What security have we that Christendom will not kill China, Korea, and even Japan, if the opportunity offers? Christendom does its destructive work not only by guns and bayonets, but by means much more formidable. It kills non-Christian countries by its rums and its whiskeys and by its foul diseases."

To Show His Skill.

"So you are the music teacher that answered my advertisement?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, sit down there and play a couple of duets, so I can see what you can do."—Harper's Bazar.

The Queen is Considerate.

"I see where the Queen of England has sixty pianos, and doesn't play any of them."

"That's a good girl. I know a woman who has only one piano, but she plays like sixty."—Cincinnati Tribune.

HOW ONE WOMAN GREW RICH.

A Mere Treasury Clerk, She Bought a Fine House and Rode in Her Carriage.

The case of Thomas Martin, the Treasurer employee who was arrested on a charge of substituting lead slugs for silver in the Treasury's bullion, recalls that of a woman clerk years ago who became rich by theft and escaped punishment when detected. She was employed in counting bank notes sent in for redemption and destruction.

A bunch containing a certain number of bills of a given denomination all showing the effect of long and rough usage would be given her to count. She would begin at the top of the stack and, after turning over the first few would tear an inch or so off a bill.

In a few seconds she would tear two or three inches off another bill and paste on this the small piece torn from the first bill. By this process of tearing and pasting she would soon have a whole bill abstracted and in its place a number of shortened notes, but none so mutilated as to attract attention. The bunch as counted would be correct in every detail.

It was estimated that in this manner she abstracted one note in every ten that she handled. The woman became rich, bought a fine residence and drove to the department each morning in her private carriage. Her sumptuous mode of living was her undoing. Her house was searched and a large sum in bills found. However, all the bills she had mutilated had long before been macerated, and not the slightest bit of evidence could be found on which to base a criminal charge. After making restitution of what cash had been recovered she was permitted to go free.

The idea on which she based her thefts and the manner of its execution are to this day the admiration of Treasury officials and experts.—New York World.

ORIENTAL SALUTES.

In Siam the Inferior is Liable to Get Kicked for His Impoliteness.

The people of the Orient salute one another in many queer and amusing ways. One of them is called the salam, or salaam, which is a very low bow, accompanied by a horizontal movement of the arms toward the person saluted until the extended hands meet edge to edge. Another form is a low bow, with the palm of the right hand to the brow. In Persia the subject salutes the monarch by throwing himself on the ground and kissing his feet.

In China, says the Philadelphia Times, an inferior on horseback, on meeting a superior, dismounts and waits until the superior has passed. In Japan an inferior removes his sandals when he meets a superior, places his right hand in his sleeve, thus crossing his arms, and rocking himself to and fro, cries: "Don't hurt me! Don't hurt me!"

They have a very funny fashion in Siam. When an inferior comes into the presence of a superior he throws himself upon the ground. Then the superior sends one of his attendants forward to see whether the prostrate man has been eating anything or has any offensive odor about him. If he be blameless in this respect, the attendant raises him from the ground, but if he be guilty, the attendant straightway kicks him out.

Some of the Indian tribes have a way of saluting one another by rubbing their noses together. This is also the form in the Friendly and Society Islands, after which each man takes the other's hand and rubs it upon his own nose and mouth.

Philadelphia's Horse Policeman.

A mounted policeman of the Twenty-ninth district of Philadelphia, rides a handsome horse, who is known on the force as Jags. It was during a raid on a gang of tramps early one morning that Jags covered himself with glory. The scene of the raid was Fifty-ninth street and the Pennsylvania Railroad, where about twenty of the hoboes had camped out. The policeman had dismounted and Jags, who was standing near, noticed one of the tramps sinking behind a freight car. The horse commenced neighing, and it was thought something was wrong. Finally, Jags, seeing that his neighing was not noticed, went after the escaping man and seized the prisoner firmly by the collar until his master came up and placed him in handcuffs. The man was somewhat relieved when the officer released him from Jags's grasp.—Philadelphia Record.

Fox a Queer Character.

Henry Stephen Fox, one of the earliest English ministers at Washington, was so eccentric as to make himself the laughing stock of the whole town. He generally did not arise until other people were almost ready to go to bed. When duty compelled him to rise earlier, he was like an owl in the daytime. "How strange," said he to Mme. Caldon, one morning at a state "function"—"how strange we look to each other by daylight." His debt compelled him to economy, and he rarely gave dinners. He once invited a large party to his house—Mr. Clay, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Webster and all the giants—and when they were all assembled, he said: "Gentlemen, now be good enough to put on your hats and follow me." And then he led them into a neighboring eating house.—Ohio State Journal.

Taking Her Literally.

"Edward, what do I hear—that you have disobeyed your grandmother, who told you just now not to jump down those steps?"

"Grandma didn't tell us not to, papa. She only came to the door and said, 'I wouldn't jump down those steps, boys,' and I shouldn't think she would—an old—v like her."

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED IN UP-TO-DATE LAUNDRY WORK.

We run the laundry and take care of all details, but you "boss" it. We do what you tell us to do. It may give you a new sensation to find that you get a domestic finish when you ask for it, and to discover that your collars are actually ironed in the way that the maker intended them to be ironed.

We are running a laundry with the most improved methods and appliances. We use pure water and good soap. We are using two things that are not commonly used in laundries—care and intelligence. If you have found a laundry that pleases you perfectly, we have nothing to say to you. If you have any reason to be dissatisfied, we would like to give you a practical demonstration of our way of running a laundry.

Tell us where and when to call for your work, when you want it delivered, and let us know any particular thing that you would like to have done with it. We want you to understand that we are running this laundry for you, and that your wishes are to be regarded in every particular. We will give you just exactly what you want, if we can find out what that is. Perhaps you believe that it is impossible to have your laundry well handled without irritation and annoyance to you. We are sure that you are mistaken. May we have an opportunity of demonstrating it?

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NOTICE is hereby given to the tax-payers of the City of Plainfield that the taxes assessed in said City for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven are now due and payable, and that if said taxes be not paid before the

20th Day of December

next, the names of the defaulters with their respective taxes, will be returned to the City Judge for prosecution. The Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation in and for the said City will meet at the Council Chamber, No. 109 Park Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., on the

4th Tuesday of November

next (November 22nd, 1897), at two o'clock p.m. to hear complaints relating to assessments.

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PARTICULAR MENTION.

PERSONAL GOSSIP OF INTEREST TO CITY AND BOROUGH.

In Brief are Told the Daily Doings of Many Residents and Visitors Who Go and Come in a Social and Business Way.

A. H. Atterbury, of this city, went south on business today.

Miss Edith DuBois, of Park avenue, is visiting relatives in White House.

Mrs. A. M. Borden, of Third place, has returned after a visit with out-of-town friends.

Rev. George W. Smith, of this city, will preach in his former church at Paterson Sunday.

Dr. Jones, of Grove street, is no better and is gradually growing worse. His death is expected at any time.

Israel Jones, janitor at the Park Club, is seriously ill at his home with pneumonia. Dr. Zeglio is in attendance.

Mrs. Liefke, wife of Councilman-elect Henry Liefke, of West End Park, is detained at home by a severe illness.

Mrs. Blackwell, of Pennington, formerly of Plainfield, is visiting at the home of Mr. Woolston, of Fairview avenue.

Councilman George H. Frost, of Watchung avenue, may go to Europe next February for a trip of pleasure and business combined.

Patrick O'Keeffe went on the excursion of the Red Umbrella Club, of Elizabeth, yesterday, to Reading, Pa., where a big time was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Storr, of 708 West Front street, entertained a few friends at their home last Tuesday evening. An evening of sociability was passed, after which refreshments were served.

Miss Adrienne Allison, formerly of the borough, and well known there, now of Brooklyn, was married to Jos. D. Burrill, a real estate broker in New York, at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. C. A. Obitz, of Brooklyn, Wednesday, Dec. 8th.

E. B. Clark and daughter, Miss Bertha Clark, of Crescent avenue, returned Tuesday on the steamship Augusta Victoria from Europe, where they have been spending a few months. Miss Mary Bushnell, daughter of Frank Bushnell, of Madison avenue, who accompanied them, returned with them.

AN IMPOSITION, MR. PHILLIPS SAYS:

City Will Now Pay \$70 Instead of \$4 as First Asked.

To the Editor of The Daily Press:—I see in last night's issue of your paper by a report made at the last meeting of the School Board that trouble had been experienced in connection with the scholars and the switches for the electric lights in the new Whittier School building, and that a proposition had been made by the electrical contractor to place the switches in switch boxes for the sum of \$70. This I consider an imposition on the taxpayers of Plainfield, inasmuch as my estimate for this work covered whatever was necessary to keep the switches away from the scholars' hands, and was only \$4 over the amount given to another contractor, and for which he now wants \$70 to do, almost the entire amount of original contract. He should be made to complete his contract.

A. D. Phillips.

Wants Her Insurance Money.

Several months ago the house of Madame Louise Mungot, a wealthy resident of Martinville, was destroyed by fire. The house was insured by the Niagara Fire Insurance Company, of New York, to the amount of \$3,000. The cause of the fire was not exactly known and the insurance company investigated. The claim was sent in, but they refused to pay the insurance. Madame Mungot has been represented in the matter by her lawyer, City Judge George W. DeMeza, who has now brought suit for her in the New Jersey Supreme Court for \$3,000 against the Niagara Fire Insurance Company, of New York.

Want an Employee to Pay \$4,000 Damage.

The Plainfield Sanitary Company has filed a counter-suit against its former engineer, Edw. L. Clark, in the Union County Circuit Court. The suit is for \$4,000, the amount of the alleged damages that Clark has done to the company. It is claimed that he misrepresented his abilities and damaged the company to a large extent by his inefficiency. The suit was brought by Codington & Swackhamer, attorneys for the company. City Judge DeMeza represents the defendant. The papers in the case were served today.

A routine business meeting of Warren Engine Company was held last evening, after which a supper was enjoyed by the members.

Last Tuesday evening a business meeting of the Warren chapel Christian Endeavor Society was held and Miss Squires was made chairman of the prayer meeting committee in place of the flower committee. Otherwise only business of routine nature was considered.

JOTTINGS OF THE DAY.

ENTERPRISINGLY GATHERED AND CONCISELY TOLD BY REPORTERS.

Newspaper Notes of More or Less Importance Bunched Together for the Ready Reference of Press Readers.

—There was a big pigeon shoot at Three Bridges, yesterday, at which a number of Plainfielders were present.

—Jerusalem Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M., will meet this evening and receive an official visit from the Grand Lodge officers.

—Simon Kuhne, seventy years of age, one of the city's charges, died at his rooms on West Second street this morning.

—At the corner of Somerset street and Linden avenue a new stone walk is being laid, much to the gratification of people who live in that vicinity.

—The Boys' Club held a meeting last evening, and adopted their new constitution. The by-laws will be considered at the meeting next week.

—A handsome new sign is being painted on the windows of the Eldridge Bicycle Company's salesrooms on Park avenue. Another large sign is being painted on the side of the store.

—Scheur & Co., the cut-price cash grocers of West Front street, again ask you to read their special advertisement in today's Press. They certainly offer bargains and if you are a close buyer you will save money by purchasing at their store.

—Suit has been brought in the New Jersey Supreme Court against James E. Townsend, the Somerset street marble dealer, by the Columbian Marble Company through their New Jersey attorney, City Judge DeMeza, for \$2,000 for goods alleged to be sold and delivered.

—This is the time when heavy clothing is necessary, and all intending purchasers should not fail to give Jaquett a call. His store must be vacated by December 19th, and he is selling goods regardless of cost in order to dispose of his stock before the above date.

—A. M. Griffin is agent for something new in the line of bicycle lanterns. It is called the Calcium King. The light is a very white intense flame caused by the combustion of gas generated in a reservoir below. The lamp is the size of a regular oil lamp and is a handsome affair.

—P. Ludwig Conde, Jr., young son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Ludwig Conde, of Watchung avenue, is confined to the house with a light attack of scarlet fever. Dr. Davis is in attendance. Acting on the advice of the attending physician, Mr. Conde is now living at 142 East Fifth street, where he is now prepared to meet all of his pupils, as usual.

—The election board of the first district of the Fourth ward was treated to an elaborate supper on election night by the owner of Washington Hall, where the polling place was situated. The counting of the ballots was stopped at 11 o'clock and all the board adjourned to the large hall to discuss the eatables. At 3 o'clock, when the work of counting the ballots was finished, a second dinner was enjoyed.

—An entertainment was given at Monroe Avenue church last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. A programme consisting of vocal solos by Mrs. Westphal, piano solos by Richard Menzel and Stephen Haff and character songs by Ethel Reynolds were greatly enjoyed by all. The feature of the evening was the sleight-of-hand performance of Prof. Henderson, of New York.

—\$6 for \$2.50.—If you send only \$2.50 to the Poultry Keeper Co., Box A. A. Parkersburg, Pa., you will receive American Agriculturist (\$1), Christian Herald (\$2.50), N. Y. Weekly Tribune (\$1), Poultry Keeper (50 cents), each one year, American Agriculturist Year Book (\$1) and the four great Poultry Keeper Illustrators (25 cents each), being \$6 worth of the best periodicals and books published. Send to their office for a free sample copy of the Poultry Keeper with other wonderful offers.

A Captivating Speaker.

Miss Shaw, in her lecture on Tuesday night, captivated her entire audience, and held it spell-bound on the subject of "The Fate of Republics." Her speech was interspersed with wit, boundless sarcasm, considerable wisdom and oceans of eloquence. She is a complete bundle of natural and acquired niceties of intellectual development. The Home Weekly ever hopes she may have abundant success in the field in which she has chosen her life's work.—Home Weekly. Miss Shaw is soon to speak in this city.

Washingtonville Surprise.

A surprise was tendered to George Bowers, of Washingtonville, Tuesday evening, and there was a large number of people present from North Plainfield and this city. A feature of the affair was the vocal solos by Edward Clark. The surprise was managed by Henry Rogers, and was in every way a success.

SPORTS

THE TIME TO LIGHT UP.

San Elias 7:12 a. m.
San Gato 4:32 p. m.
Bicycle lanterns must be lighted at 5:32 p. m.

CYCLING COMMENT.

Among the local wheelmen who have regularly attended the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden is F. L. C. Martin.

There are at present 6,830 members of the League of American Wheelmen in New Jersey. Essex is the banner county in the State with 908 members. Union county is fifth with 202 members. Elizabeth has 69, Summit, 23; Plainfield, 22; Union Hill, 18; Cranford, 17; Rahway, 14; Westfield, 12; Roselle, 10, and eight other towns, 10. Somerset county is way down in the list with only 33 members.

The term of office of the present Press committee of the New Jersey Division of the L. A. W. has nearly expired. The committee has done great work during the past year in spreading the record of the acts and doctrines of the League to most of New Jersey's newspapers. Dr. A. J. Wright, of Montclair, is the chairman of the committee and has this district in charge. During the year, he has sent out 3,650 columns of special items to 50 papers, truly a great work for any man.

STRIKES AND SPARES.

The Park Club will roll its first game in the Central Journal Bowling League at Roselle this evening.

The Westfield Club bowling team rolled its first games in the Journal bowling league series with the Elizabeth A. C. team on the Westfield Club alleys, last evening, and succeeded in capturing two out of the three games. The score of 916 by which Westfield won the first game, is the highest that has yet been scored in the league.

BASKET BALL.

The first basket ball team of the Y. M. C. A. will go to Newark, tomorrow evening, to play the Newark Academy team. They will leave this city at 6:40 o'clock.

The Barry-Croft Affair.

London, Dec. 9.—The Daily Chronicle editorially demands a thorough sifting of the Barry-Croft affair. It admits that the proceedings of the National Sporting Club are "always conducted with propriety," but fails to see the difference between these fights and the old-time prize fights. The Daily News whose editorial comments are in the same strain, says: "We hope this scandal will put an end to the National Sporting Club."

Safe.
"May I kiss you, Miss Tenspot?" asked young Mr. Higgins.
"Have you ever kissed a girl before?" asked the young woman.
"Never!" asserted the young man.
"Then you may kiss me. I draw the line at men who kiss and tell—Life.

—The members of the Boys' Club have adopted a constitution and by-laws which will govern them in the future, and their meetings hereafter will be conducted according to parliamentary rules.

Sleighs! Sleighs! Sleighs!
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Don't Fail to Get a Sleigh this Week Free With 1 Pound of 50c Tea.

Specials for Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

In Our Meat Department.

Choice Spring Chickens, 14c lb
Choice Spring Ducks, 14c lb
Legs of Choice Lamb, 12c lb
Fresh Pork Sausages, 7c lb
Small Cal. Hams, 8c lb
Lamb Chops (Shoulder), 8c lb
Lean Salt Pork, 8c lb
Fresh Jersey Pork, (Chops or Ribs), 10c lb

1 lb R. & R. Plum Pudding, 19c lb
1 lb Royal Mince Meat, 7c pkg
5 lbs Mince Meat, 39c pkg
3 lbs Apple Butter, 17c jar
3 lb can Bartlett Pears, 8c can
Broken Mixed Candy, 8c lb
Sweet Corn, 8c can
24 lbs XXXX Flour, 73c bag
3 lbs Prepared Buckwheat, 10c pkg

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

The French Senate unanimously sustained the Government in its refusal to reopen the Dreyfus case.

Ex-Gov. Waite, of Colorado, has moved to Decatur County, Iowa, where he contemplates a colonization scheme. Anti-Hebrew riots in Bohemia continue. At Pribram the mobs smashed the windows of the synagogue and houses inhabited by Hebrews.

It is authoritatively announced in London that the British Government does not expect any further trouble with France on the Upper Nile.

Chief Justice Conway, of the Wyoming Supreme Court, died yesterday. He had been sick three weeks. He was elected in 1890 at the first State election.

Miss Bradley Accepts.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary of the Navy Long has received a letter from Miss Christine Bradley, daughter of the Governor of Kentucky, accepting his invitation to christen the battleship Kentucky. In this letter she says: "Kindly accept my sincere thanks for the honor with which you have clothed an unpretentious but ardent Kentucky girl, who loves her State second only to her country. It will give me much pleasure to assist in the ceremonies of the occasion, which should serve, if possible, to bind the sympathies of every citizen of Kentucky more closely to the nation."

German Anti-Burglar Device.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In a report to the State Department from Leipzig, Germany, United States Consul Warner describes a novel German anti-burglar device. This consists of flexible safety curtains made of hardened steel tubes, properly connected, which are invulnerable to the ordinary burglar's tools, for the reason that the tubes revolve freely, and the centric or other tool can find no purchase or hold.

World's Gold Production.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Mint Director Preston's official estimate of the world's production of gold for 1896 puts the total at \$203,000,000, of which \$53,100,000 was from the United States. Mr. Preston estimates the production for 1897 at \$238,000,000, of which the United States will furnish \$60,000,000.

Football in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9.—The House of Representatives lacked ten votes of passing the Anti-Football bill over Gov. Atkinson's veto. The vote was 107 to 45 in a total of 175 members, but as a two-thirds vote is necessary to override a veto the bill was lost.

End is Near at Canton.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 9.—The President's mother is reported to be much weaker than she was twenty-four hours ago. She has lain in an unconscious state all night, seemingly in a natural sleep. She has received no nourishment since Monday noon.

The President will remain in Canton until there is a decisive change in the condition of his mother.

A relative who has been in attendance on Mrs. McKinley ever since she was stricken says that he fears she will not survive the day.

Cotton Spinners' Wages Go Down.

Fall River, Dec. 9.—The Fall River cotton manufacturers at a special meeting held yesterday afternoon voted to reduce the wages of the operatives. The cut will not be less than 10 per cent, and will affect about 25,000 employees. The cause of the reduction is the depressed condition of the cotton market, which does not enable print cloth to be manufactured for the price now prevailing, which is the lowest on record.

Steamers for Alaska.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 9.—Between twenty and thirty river steamers are to be built here this winter, including a steel steamer, which will operate on the Stickeen, and two vessels for which the Hudson Bay Company are calling for tenders.

What Is Low Tariff?

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Ladies' Baltic Seal Muff	98c	Cloth Kersey Jackets.....	3.98
Water Mink Tail Boa.....	2.25	Parisian Velvet Trimmed Hats.....	3.50
Astrachan Collarette.....	4.98	Baby Carriage Robes, 2 yards long....	2.50

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We are now prepared to show a fine assortment of slippers for ladies and gentlemen—attractive not only because of low prices, but also because of styles and quality superior to anything ever offered for the money.

Infants' and children's hand made worsted slippers, 50c a pair.

Men's tan and black imitation alligator slippers, 75c.

Men's tan and black goat slippers \$1.

Men's various shades, still better grade, \$1.25.

Men's Remoos in tan and black, \$1.25.

And last but not least, men's imitation alligator and silk embroidered slippers, very fine, 50c.

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Men's elegant winter overcoat, worth \$10, at \$4.50; Men's melton, rough edge, clay lining, worth \$14, at \$5.25; Men's English kersey silk lined overcoats, worth \$18, at \$7.25; Men's English box overcoat in any color, worth \$20, \$7.90; Men's fine overcoats, the best in Plainfield, worth \$25, \$9.90; Men's ulsters in rumbo chinchilla, extra long, worth \$18, \$8.50; Men's Irish freese ulsters, heavy lining, worth \$16, \$6.50; very fine dress ulster, worth \$19, \$6.90; Men's ulsters, very heavy, worth \$9, \$3.

Very large stock of boys' and youths' ulsters will be sold at special low prices. Children's reefers from 90c to as good as you want them.

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