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GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY

STORES THROUGHOUT THE CITY BURDENED WITH HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Merchants Vie With One Another to Win the Patronage of Shoppers—The Brick Trade Promises Busy Holiday Time.

Christmas shoppers can find many points of interest in Plainfield as the holiday season draws near.

One of the big stores which is a credit to the city is the establishment of Joseph A. Gavett and Garret Q. Packer. The stock of handsome furniture which can be found there is a source of great attraction to buyers of Christmas presents. The specialties for the holiday trade are ladies' writing desks, Morris reclining chairs, ladies' sewing tables, gold reception chairs and onyx tables. The display of artistic lamps is also very complete in this store, and other articles to tempt buyers are the stock of Dorflinger's cut-glass, artistic after-dinner sets, chocolate sets, five o'clock tea sets and chafing dishes. The store is beautifully decorated with a profusion of palms which lend the finishing touch to the appearance of the establishment.

The furniture store of Powlson & Jones is another of the places which is attracting buyers of holiday goods. The stock is so arranged that many things can be seen to advantage without entering the store, but those who fail to investigate the inside will gain but a faint idea of the large assortment that is now kept on the two large floors of the establishment. The stock includes special lots of book cases, reclining chairs, ladies' writing desks, couches and china cabinets, as well as a select assortment of pictures. The druggists of the city are not behind other business men in their efforts to meet the demands of the holiday trade. At Leggett's pharmacy the windows have been trimmed in pure white, the effect being exceedingly tasteful. In them is shown a select stock of perfumes and atomizers and fine cut-glass bottles. A specialty of Huyler's candies is made at this store.

At Randolph's pharmacy the windows are also finely decorated and displayed with a fine stock of perfumes and toilet water. The celebrated Roger & Gallet toilet soaps and perfumes are kept in stock here and prove a popular line with buyers. As in former years the patrons of the popular store will find here a complete assortment of celluloid toilet articles.

A full line of Wallace's candies and Wallace's, Whitman's and Allegretti's chocolates are kept in stock at Armstrong's pharmacy. Artistic cut-glass bottles, perfumes and atomizers, and novelties suitable for the season are also being shown. Among the staple goods which are having a large sale are the palm oil soap and the white pine cough cure, manufactured by Mr. Armstrong for his own trade.

At the drug store of Frank Rowley, on Somerset street, can be found a fine holiday assortment of sachet powders, perfumes and cologne waters. A special run is also being made on fine grade writing papers, which are being closed out at remarkably low prices. Toilet articles of various sorts, appropriate for the holiday trade, are also in stock, and the store makes a specialty of its own medical preparations, which have gained a well-deserved popularity.

An assortment of Christmas goods that is attracting buyers is the collection of fine furs to be found in the establishment of H. Kohn, on West Front street. The stock includes fancy fur collars and muffs for misses and children, fur corollaries and neck scarfs, ladies' electric seal capes, and some extra fine specimens of sable and mink capes. The assortment of leopard and angora parlor mats is also very large here.

The store of A. L. and M. D. Gorsline, on West Front street, has assumed an attractive holiday appearance. The stock, which has evidently been selected with care and judgment, includes many fine specimens of art embroidery, linen handkerchiefs with embroidered initials, stamped linens and art calendars.

Cut Down in Her Youth. Mamie Frances Hill, daughter of Alonzo and Jennie Hill, of 519 West Fourth street, died at her home Friday night. She will be greatly missed by her many friends. She was greatly beloved by her parents and all who knew her for her goodness of soul and her lovely disposition. She died trusting in the Master. During her short life she was very devoted to her studies, and would have graduated in about two years.

Edward White will offer a great bargain in silk initial handkerchiefs for men. There are over 1,500 in the lot, all letters, and will be sold at half their real value.

"THE SALOON VICTORY."

Rev. C. E. Herring's Terse Comments on the Liquor License Question.

The following is the substantial part of Rev. C. E. Herring's remarks on "The Saloon Victory" in the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning:

"The saloon problem has been presented to the people for the expression of their desire and they have returned their answer. It appears they wish the continuance of license.

"The late election impresses the lessons of the danger of compromise. There was a time when many good men saw in high license the partial solution of the problem. High license has been weighed in the balance and found wanting,—but once in power, the public find it such a help financially that they are loath to part with it.

"The statement of the issue on the ballot was not an admirable one. It clearly favored the saloon. We never so count ayes and nays in a public meeting. We definitely call for the ayes and then for the nays. In this election every man who did not say was counted as voting aye. It might have been different if the issue had been stated. I disapprove of the present system of license. Why not a separate ballot or such phrasing as would signify for and against.

"This is a city of churches and these churches should be centres of moral influence in our city. The 16,000 saloons in greater New York are centres of political influence and rule the city. The good people of Plainfield are somewhat paralyzed.

"I should like to see, all of our churches combine with more earnestness on this question—Catholic and Protestant. We know the service of Father Matthews—and Father Zuercher says: Catholics and Protestants should forget all other differences and unite in suppressing this one great menace to our institutions."

WRENCHED HIS LEG.

Tried to Jump a Fast Moving Coal Train and Was Thrown.

Robert M. Morley, a machinist, living in this city and employed in one of the Garwood factories, received an injury to the right leg while attempting to board a fast-moving coal train at the Liberty street bridge Saturday night.

Morley is a member of the night gang at Garwood, and was about to leave for his work when the accident occurred. He attempted to steal a ride upon an east bound coal train, and in boarding it slipped and was thrown heavily to the ground, his right leg being badly wrenched by the fall. If Morley had fallen a little nearer to the cars, it is probable that his life would have been lost. He was able to summon assistance, and was taken to his home on West Fourth street, where the injury was attended to.

The Death of Mrs. S. J. Samelson. The Fresno, (Cal.) Republican printed the following about the death of Mrs. S. J. Samelson, of which mention was made in The Press Saturday: "The many friends of Mrs. Agnes Samelson will be pained to hear of her death, which occurred at the residence of her father, James Madden, near Easton, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased was well known in Fresno and Easton, where she was loved by all who knew her for her kind, loving and pleasant disposition. She had been a patient sufferer for three years with consumption."

Favorably Impressed With Sewer Beds. Four residents of Plainfield, two Republicans and two Democrats, paid a visit to the city sewer farm yesterday afternoon. Before they started, three of the number were prejudiced against the present system of sewage disposal. They inspected the sewer beds and the entire plant and were very favorably impressed. They visited the families living in the neighborhood and found the children as healthy as could be wished.

Received a Call.

The many friends in this city of Rev. Garrett M. Conover, of Hawthorne, will be pleased to learn that he has received a unanimous call to the large and flourishing Clarkstown Reformed church, situated at West Nyack, N. Y. It is understood that Mr. Conover will accept.

Good Citizenship Meeting.

Robert Rein, of New York, will lead a temperance and good citizenship meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of Trinity Reformed church, this evening. The meeting will be held in the small hall at the Y. M. C. A. building.

Trolley to Bound Brook.

The officials of the Brunswick Traction Company have announced that the line to Bound Brook from New Brunswick will be opened in about a week. The contractors still have two miles to string trolley and feed wires.

Y. M. C. A. WORKERS DINE

AND TALKED ABOUT CLEARING AWAY THE DEBT ON BUILDING.

Over a Thousand Dollars Was Raised Among Those Present, Which Did Not Represent Any of the Wealthier Class.

A pleasant event of last Saturday evening was the dinner given to the committeemen at the Y. M. C. A. building by the ladies' committee of the association. The dinner was given for the purpose of having a good social time and to hear reports of the association work, and also to consider the debt on the building and devise ways and means to liquidate the same. There were about forty-six members present, comprising the young men who are active in the association work: Stephen Cahoon, who is chairman of the finance committee, presided. He first called on President W. D. Murray, who gave a brief outline of the building project, the cost of the building and grounds. He spoke of the burden resting on the association and of the interest being paid on the debt, which adds much to the general budget.

Brief reports were then given of the religious work by A. C. LaBoiteux; physical work, John Vallant, and Prof. Maxson reported for the entertainment committee. The chairman of the meeting gave a report on the educational work, and Nelson Runyon submitted a report for the committee on rooms. The latter report showed that the building is largely used by religious and philanthropic societies, and that in this way the building is used nearly every day in the year.

Chairman Cahoon, in his report for the financial committee, stated that the total indebtedness to January 1st, 1898, would be \$8,735, towards which \$9,450 has been raised. An opportunity was then given those present to make their subscriptions towards extinguishing the debt, and in a very short time \$1,095 was subscribed, leaving \$4,285 yet to be raised by January 1st, which the officers hope can be accomplished. An interesting fact concerning the amount of money subscribed Saturday night is that most all of those contributing are young men, who are clerks and working for moderate salaries. The \$1,095 raised does not represent the wealthier class of men in the association. Another fact is that those who contributed Saturday night have given before quite largely of their means, and this is very encouraging to the officers and members of the association. It means much as anyone can see. The officers are very anxious to raise the balance of the debt by January 1st, and they would appreciate speedy assistance on the part of the friends of the association.

The dinner was a very enjoyable feature of the affair and it was served by Mrs. J. W. Gavett, Mrs. L. M. French, Mrs. Roger F. Murray, Mrs. S. R. Struthers, Mrs. J. H. Manning, Miss Carrie Dewey, Miss Adelle Kirby, Mrs. J. O. McKelvey and Miss Mabel Bonnell. Much praise is due the women for the great part they assumed in the affair.

The dinner was given in the small hall and the decorations were very unique. There was displayed a large American flag, while through the use of flowers and several banquet lamps, the room was made to present a charming appearance.

EMBRYO MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

Stevens Institute Students Will Conduct a Test at the Pumping Station.

Walter B. Rittenhouse, of East Sixth street, and his classmate at Stevens Institute, M. P. Walker, are preparing to make a test this week of one of the Worthington high-duty compound duplex pumping engines at the pumping station of the Plainfield Water Supply Company at Netherwood. The engine is the largest of the two at the station. They will also make a test of the battery of three return tubular boilers. The young men are now seniors at Stevens Institute and will make the test the subject of their graduating thesis. They will be assisted by eight of their classmates.

Firemen to Celebrate.

Next Wednesday evening the members of the Exempt Firemen's Association will go to Bayonne to help the association at that place celebrate the initiating of the two hundredth member. Some time ago the Bayonne firemen were guests of the Plainfield association, and they are now going to return the compliment.

A Big Blacksnake.

Wm. H. VanWinkle, the Somerset street grocer, called at The Press office Saturday evening and exhibited a blacksnake five feet four inches in length. Mr. Van Winkle shot the snake near Mt. Bethel last Friday. The snake will be relieved of his skin and the owner will make a walking stick of it.

AFTERMATH OF ELECTION

A REVIEW OF THE CAUSES OF DEFEAT FOR THE REPUBLICANS.

It Was Not the Personal Unpopularity of the G. O. P. Candidates, But Their Identification With Present Law-Makers.

The excitement attendant on the municipal election of last Tuesday has gradually disappeared, and now people are wondering what the new Council will do and what will be the result of the election of five of the Citizens' candidates. The great surprise over the landslide to the Citizens' movement is still a topic of conversation for many.

It has been generally conceded that it was the acts of the last Common Council combined with the enforcement of the Martin Act that so swayed popular opinion against the Republican party and its candidates. Early in the season, some of the wise ones high in power in the G. O. P. declared that the machine must turn down the Council of 1897 that it elected or else meet with defeat. The other leaders were confident in their ability to win out in the fight and five of the Councilmen were nominated to run again. Against four of the five, the Citizens' named candidates, Barrows being the only one to run without opposition. It was not that he was popular with the leaders of the Citizens' movement, far from it, but in the short interval from the inauguration of the movement, it was impossible to find the right man for the place.

All of the leaders of the machine admit that the result of the election was a great surprise to them. They expected a fight but not a rout. G. O. P. politicians not in the Fourth ward conceded that the Citizens' might elect one man there. The Second ward was also pointed out as the battle ground for a close conflict. Until the day of election, however, there were very little thought that the Citizens' had much strength in the First ward. Republicans pook-pooked the idea of Tolles being defeated and declared that he would poll two to three times the number of ballots that Hetfield would. Even at the headquarters of the Citizens' movement, it was admitted that Hetfield was almost certain of defeat. A wonderfully quiet movement, but one of great strength, made its appearance on election day and literally swamped the Republican candidate.

Councilman Frost felt the defeat keenly as he thought that his acts in the Council had been to the best interests of his ward. He says that he is satisfied, however, that he did right and would not change had he the chance. His supporters in the ward were so absolutely sure of re-electing him that the defeat stunned them. There was general rejoicing in Dunellen, Wednesday morning, when the election extra of The Daily Press informed the people there of the defeat of Councilman Frost. Mr. Frost has been particularly unpopular there for reason of his connection with the location of the sewer beds in that vicinity.

There is no doubt but that the Third ward was the important factor in the election. The large majority that it gave to the regular Republican ticket undoubtedly saved the city ticket from defeat. The leaders in the Citizens' movement are now mourning that they did not know in time that John B. Brown would have stood for Councilman against Councilman Barrows. There was considerable opposition to Barrows and they believe that he could have been defeated. As it was, some voters cast Republican ballots with Barrows' name scratched. Had there been a contest for the ward Councilman in that ward, it would have undoubtedly strengthened the rest of the Citizens' ticket and, perhaps, elected it. It was the Third ward, by using J. P. Homan pasters over Councilman Levis' name on the Republican ticket, that gave Homan the election as Councilman at-large and defeated Levis. Had the Citizens' organization made a strong fight, the majority of 150 that the G. O. P. secured, would have been greatly reduced and the general result affected.

Both of the Republican candidates in the Fourth ward were popular men but, as in the First, the people wanted a change and cast their ballots so as to secure one. Councilman Westphal felt his defeat. He had been praised for his actions in the Council and supposed that his party was firm in his support. When he found that the tide had turned against him, he was greatly surprised and hurt. He felt that he had been betrayed.

There was one noticeable feature of the campaign. The machine had plenty of money and the independent party had very little, only that contributed by the candidates themselves.

HELPING THE CHURCH.

Trinity Reformed Little Folks Raised a Sum for a Good Purpose.

The little folks as well as the older members of the Trinity Reformed church Sunday school are to be commended for their efforts in assisting to raise funds wherewith to furnish the Sunday-school room of the church. Last Saturday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holder, 207 West Fifth street, some of the younger folks in the Sunday-school gave a most creditable entertainment under the direction of Bessie Randall, Anna Randall, Anna Holder and Perry Holder. As a result \$2.50 was received for the above-mentioned object. The house was well filled with people who were delighted with the entertainment. The programme was as follows:

Song, "Red, White and Blue;" recitation, "The Crow's Children," Miss Anna Holder; recitation, "How to Make a Shoe," Master Percy Holder; tableau, "Waiting for Mamma;" recitation, "Ready Sympathy," Miss Anna Holder; song, "A Passing Policeman," Anna and Bessie Randall; recitation, "Politeness," Master Percy Holder; tableau, "The Frost Wagon;" recitation, "Orphan Annie," Bessie Randall; reading, "The Decorating Mania," Anna Randall; violin solo, A. Matsuriger; recitation, "Advice," Master Percy Holder; tableau, "Secrets;" recitation, "Miss Caterpillar," Bessie Randall; song, "Farewell."

FOR AGED ENGINEERS.

Central Railroad to Find Easy Berths for Several of Them.

The story that has been going the rounds of the State newspapers during the past week to the effect that on and after January 1st next the Central Railroad of New Jersey will retire all engineers in their employ of the age of fifty-years and over has been declared untrue says the New York Journal. The only ground for the story lies in the fact that a few very old engineers will be affected by an order of the company having for its object the greater efficiency of the service.

About a half-dozen very old engineers, who have performed long and faithful service, will be placed in minor positions where the work will not be so laborious or the hours and duties so exacting. One of these, Steve Winner, the patriarch of the road, is eighty years old. He will be given an easy berth on a shifting engine at the West Fifteenth street, New York, freight transfer station. Engineers "Joe" Case, "Pony" McLaren, John McCall and "Jerry" Goodwin, all of whom are over seventy years of age and have been steadily running passenger locomotives for over a quarter of a century, will be given "bobtails," drilling around the main yard at Jersey City.

CHANGE IN OLD FIRM.

A. A. Marsh Retires From Paint and Wall Paper Business.

A. A. Marsh, one of the members of the well-known firm of Marsh, Ayres & Co., will sever his connection with that firm today and start in a new line. His change of business is made necessary by ill-health. The firm of Marsh & Ayres started on Park avenue in 1887 and continued to 1891, when W. F. Adams was bought out and the firm of Marsh, Ayres & Company formed. They were first established on East Front street but recently moved to their present headquarters at the corner of Park avenue and East Second street. After the departure of Mr. Marsh, the firm will still retain its old name and will continue the business without change.

RANSACKED TWO RESIDENCES.

Burglars Operated in the West End But Took No Booty.

Two more burglaries are reported to have occurred at Evona, last Thursday night, at which time an attempt was made to enter the Price residence on Sherman avenue. The house of Daniel Manning, at Evona, was entered by the burglars, who ransacked all the rooms on the lower floor, but departed without having discovered anything which they cared to take away. The house of Mr. Balsem, next door, was also entered and ransacked in a similar manner, but nothing of value was taken. In neither case was the act of the burglars discovered until the next morning, when the families arose for the day. When they departed the invaders left both doors and windows open.

A Little Tot's Birthday.

Charlotte Martin, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Martin, of the West End, celebrated the anniversary of her sixth birthday last Saturday. In honor of the event a number of her young friends assembled at the house and spent the afternoon in a jolly manner. The young hostess received a number of useful presents as reminders of the happy event.

WHAT WILL SOLONS DO?

THE PRESIDENCY OF COMMON COUNCIL NOW FOOD FOR GOSSIP.

Councilmen Barrows and Runyon Are Mentioned for the Honor—Citizens Are Hopeful of Support From One Republican.

There is much conjecture at present on the part of the politicians as to how the new Council will organize. E. T. Barrows and W. N. Runyon are prominently mentioned for the presidency and it is safe to predict that either one of the two will occupy the chair. It all depends as to how the organization is effected, as regards the work to be done during the coming year. It has been intimated that the Citizens' are now counting on the support of a Republican member and that they hope to accomplish much in this way. There has been much talk as to changes, but as yet nothing of a definite character has been given out.

The police department comes in for a share of comment, and it would not be surprising if some radical changes are made. It is certain that all of the members are not satisfied with the department and its management. There has been some talk of cutting expenses, but it is believed that there are good reasons why some things outside of salaries should be cut. One city official wanted to wager that the tax rate next year will be much lower than it is this year. At all events there is good reason to expect that the various departments will be fully organized and up-to-date. In the meantime many are kept on the anxious seat awaiting results. The official that says very little and does his duty is possibly the one who will be thought of most by the next Council.

STRUCK WITH A BRICK.

Henry Nolan Got Too Critical to Suit the Man He Was With.

One of the most disgraceful fights on record in the borough occurred yesterday afternoon on Greenbrook road about 3 o'clock. The principals were Henry Nolan and "ex-Mayor" Ned Kennedy, of Bull Frog City. For some time past the two men have been working at Reed's brick yards, at Netherwood, and have managed to get along fairly well. Yesterday afternoon the two men came down from Netherwood, and while here Nolan commented on some of Kennedy's acts. A lively fight followed, in which Nolan got the worst of it. His head received a cut about two inches long as the result of a brick being thrown at it. Chief Marshal Wilson heard of the disturbance and hastened to the scene of the trouble. When he arrived he found Nolan in the road looking for his adversary. The officer promptly took charge of the offender of the law and locked him up. Later, Dr. Carman was called and he took several stitches in the cut on Nolan's head. This morning Nolan appeared before Recorder Thomas, and he was given his choice between \$10 or thirty days. As yet Nolan has not made up his mind what to do. Kennedy made his escape from the law's hands.

GERMANS HAD A GOOD TIME.

Families and Sweethearts Gathered to Hear an Entertaining Programme.

There was a sort of a family reunion at Saengerbund Hall last evening when the members, their wives and sweethearts, gathered to enjoy the second of a series of Sunday evening entertainments. A very interesting programme, consisting of dialogues, singing, recitations and instrumental music, was rendered. Messrs. Postler, Myer, Dresselt, Keller, Steuermwald and Henry Haurand took the various parts in the dialogues and received hearty commendation. There was vocal music by the singing section under the direction of Prof. Eichhorn. The above programme was interspersed with general sociability and refreshments, and when the happy crowd departed for their homes they all carried with them pleasant remembrances of the occasion.

A Temperance Sermon.

Last evening at the First Church of Christ, the pastor, Rev. Mr. McKane, delivered an appropriate sermon before the members of Howell Division, Sons of Temperance. The discourse was an especially strong one, and the speaker urged all to vote for temperance as well as to talk about it.

Case Was Dismissed.

The case of Mifford against Welch, on contract, which was set for trial in Justice Mosher's court today, was dismissed before coming to trial.

John Wilson and Charles Wilson, of Summit, rode their wheels to Plainfield yesterday and spent the day with their cousin, Chief Marshal Wilson, of the borough.

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MRS. MCKINLEY DEAD

Sleeping Peacefully When Death's Messenger Came.

PRESIDENT'S VIGIL ENDS

Funeral Takes Place To-Morrow at 2 P. M.—Canton in Deep Mourning—Cabinet Officers and Others Will Attend the Services—Sympathy for the President.

Canton, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of President McKinley, died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Her end was beautiful in its peacefulness. Mrs. McKinley seemed to sleep so soundly that it was difficult to tell whether she had yet breathed her last. This condition continued for half an hour. There was no struggle. She seemed to sleep her life away. The President and all of her family were at the bedside. There were no recognitions, however.

Funeral services for Mrs. McKinley will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Interment will follow in West Lawn Cemetery, just west of the city, and on Tuesday evening President McKinley and his wife and officials from Washington who attend the funeral will leave here for the capital, reaching there about noon Wednesday.

Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley was born at New Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1809. Her father was a German by birth and her mother was of Scotch descent. She became the wife of William McKinley, Sr., in 1827. When, on Jan. 29, 1843, the present President of the United States was born, the McKinnleys were living at Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio. The



"MOTHER" MCKINLEY.

father at that time was one of the pioneer iron manufacturers of the Buckeye State.

Of their children William, Jr., was the third. The eldest was David, while the second son, James, died, and the others were Anna, Mary, Helen and Sarah.

When William was 5 years old the McKinnleys moved to Poland, Ohio, where the educational facilities were much better. From the academy there young William McKinley was sent to Allegheny College. He returned to Poland after the close of the war and entered the bar there.

It was in 1858 that the final move of the family was made, this time to Canton, where Mother McKinley has since had her home. It was here that her distinguished son's political career was begun and here she has lived happy in her family ties and beloved by all her neighbors.

Sympathy for the President.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Although the death of Mrs. McKinley has been anticipated for more than a week, the news of the final scene has produced a feeling of sadness in Washington, and the President has the sympathy of the community in his affliction. Nothing is known here as yet of the preparations for the President's return to Washington beyond the fact that he will leave Canton immediately after the interment of the remains at Canton. It is probable that the President will start for Washington about Tuesday or Wednesday.

Of course, the death of the President's mother will necessitate the abandonment of the receptions which had been planned for the coming Winter at the White House, and it is likely that the Cabinet circle will follow the same example. The annual New Year's reception will probably be held, as this reception is more in the nature of an official ceremony than of a social gathering.

TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL.

Many Cabinet Members and Others Start for Canton.

Washington, Dec. 12.—All the members of the Cabinet whose official duties will permit their leaving Washington at this time will start for Canton this evening to attend the funeral of Mrs. McKinley. The party will include Secretaries Alger, Bliss, Wilson and Gary, Attorney-General McKenna and Secretary Sherman, if he is feeling well enough to make the trip. Secretaries Long and Gage are detained in Washington by pressing departmental duties. Vice-President Hobart will also remain here, his presence being necessary as the presiding officer of the Senate.

The ladies of the party will be Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Gary, Mrs. Alger and Mrs. Porter. The arrangements for the journey are being made here by Mr. Porter, secretary to the President.

Barry's Lucky Escape.
London, Dec. 12.—The Coroner's jury has returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of Walter Croot, the English bantam-weight who died on Tuesday morning last from injuries received during the contest for the bantam-weight championship with Jimmy Barry, of Chicago, at the National Sporting Club on the previous night.

According to the medical testimony Croot's skull was fractured at the base, due to a fall after a blow in the twentieth round.

Will Buy Breweries.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 12.—A syndicate of New York men is negotiating for the purchase of Toledo breweries for \$4,000,000. Ex-Gov. James E. Campbell represents the syndicate in the deal.

EMBEZZLER ARRESTED.

Left Shortage of Nearly \$30,000 While Treasurer in Nebraska.

New York, Dec. 12.—Eugene F. Cashman, a foreman in the Street-Cleaning Department, has been arrested on requisition papers issued by Gov. S. A. Holcomb, of Nebraska, and honored by Gov. Black. Cashman was treasurer of Greeley County, Nebraska, until about three years ago, when, it is said, a shortage of more than twenty-five thousand dollars was discovered in his accounts, and he disappeared.

Cashman is accused of misappropriating county funds, which he used, it is said, to make loans to farmers to tide them over financial difficulties. Then the crops failed, and the farmers were unable to meet their obligations to Cashman. Under the circumstances an exposure of his alleged methods was inevitable and he fled. An investigation followed, and it is said that discrepancies were discovered in his accounts aggregating between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The affair created great excitement in the county, but the treasurer's bondsmen, it is asserted, made good the alleged shortage. They are the plaintiffs against Cashman now. He will be taken back to Nebraska to-day.

THE BIG WIRE TRUST.

Appraisers Appointed to Fix the Selling Prices.

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—The announcement of the names of the three appraisers who are to fix the selling price of the properties of the constituent companies of the great wire combination has revived gossip concerning the formation of the company.

S. T. Wellman is one of the most famous rolling-mill engineers in the country. Julian Kennedy is a blast-furnace expert of Pittsburgh, and Robert Forsythe was vice-president of the Illinois Steel Company and superintendent of the erection of several of its plants.

It is proposed to divide the country into districts, to each of which one of the appraisers will be assigned. They are expected to complete their work as quickly as possible, for the reason that the options taken upon various properties will expire March 1.

The American Steel and Wire Company is to be the name of the new corporation, which will be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, and it will have a capital, it is now said, of \$70,000,000. It is believed to be certain that Harry W. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, will be president of the company.

WOULD KILL ALL THE SEALS

A Representative Has a Sure Way of Settling All Future Disputes.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Johnson, of North Dakota, is preparing a bill providing for the complete extermination of the seal herd of Behring Sea. It is on the lines of the bill proposed last year by Representative Dingley, but is much more brief and makes the extermination as an alternative if pelagic sealing was not stopped.

Mr. Johnson says the recent Behring Sea negotiations demonstrated the impossibility of stopping seal poaching. The seals are yielding the Government nothing, he says, as the exclusive privilege of taking seals granted by the Government has yielded only a few thousand dollars since 1890.

In the meantime, Mr. Johnson points out, the Government has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in commissions and in maintaining a patrol of ships in Behring Sea. He says it has been amply demonstrated that the seals are a worthless asset, and that their extermination will be in the interest of peace among nations and of economy for the United States.

JUSTICE CAME QUICK.

Negro Killed by Relative of Woman He Assaulted.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Dec. 12.—Bill Underwood, a negro recently released from the penitentiary, on Friday night called at the home of the Christian Pabst, a farmer, living four miles southwest of here, and demanded money. Pabst refused to give him any, and Underwood drew a revolver and made him lie down on the floor.

He then pressed the revolver against Mrs. Pabst's temple and compelled her to bind her husband's arms and feet with twine. The man then assaulted her. Yesterday morning she managed to elude him and ran to the house of her brother-in-law, Louis Pabst, a mile distant.

Louis returned with a shotgun and killed the negro.

Klondike Ship Lost.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.—The greatest anxiety is felt here for the Cleveland, formerly one of the North American Transportation and Trading Company's Klondike treasure ships, which sailed from San Francisco for Seattle one week ago.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's Umatilla, which left San Francisco Tuesday, has arrived here, but she saw nothing of the Cleveland. It is believed here that the Cleveland encountered the storm which raged Monday night with such violence off Cape Flattery, and was driven on the coast of Vancouver Island and either sunk or disabled.

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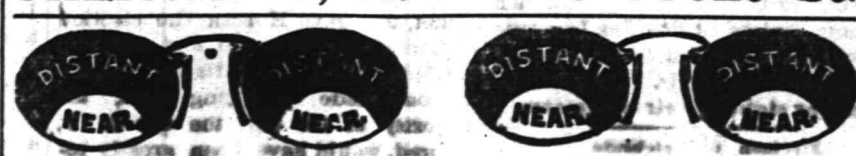
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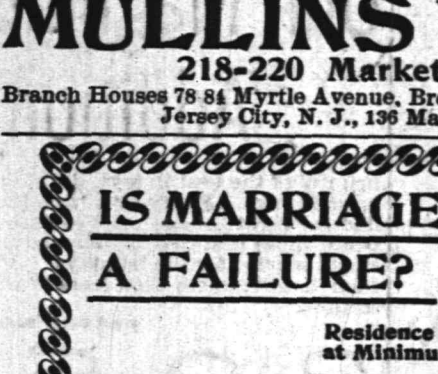
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PARTICULAR MENTION.
Dr. Carman and Miss Carman, of Franklin place, were among those who witnessed the conclusion of the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, Saturday evening.

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Miss Stella Shotwell, of College place, and Miss Priscilla Beatrice Emmons, of Prospect place, visited friends in New York Saturday.

Mr. C. M. Dixon, a well known merchant, of Pleasant Ridge, Fulton Co., Pa., has a little girl who is frequently threatened with croup, but when the first symptoms appear, his wife gives her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which always affords prompt relief. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by T. S. Armstrong, apothecary, corner Park and North avenues.

Miss Gertrude Snodgrass, of Central avenue, returns from the Women's College at Baltimore, this week to spend her Christmas vacation at home. 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.

Raymond A. McGee, of Orchard avenue, will go with the Yale Glee Club on its western trip to Denver during the Christmas vacation.

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The governors of the Park Club will hold a regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening.

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The literary evening of the Epworth League of the First M. E. church, which was to be held next Friday evening, has been postponed.

The Discovery of the Day.
Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at L. W. Randolph's Drug Store.

The boys' branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will hold a meeting this evening at Grace P. E. church.

MILLER RODE 2,093 MILES.
Conclusion of the Great Six-Day Bicycle Race.
New York, Dec. 13.—Charles W. Miller, of Chicago, is the new hero of the bicycle track—the world's champion six-day racer! So he was acclaimed Saturday night when he finished the great race many miles ahead of the world's record made by Teddy Hale, of Ireland, in the last great race. The following was the score at the end of the race:

	Miles.	Laps.
Miller	2,093	4
Edwards	2,023	4
Schneider	2,000	4
Hale	1,929	4
Waller	1,883	4
Pierce	1,828	4
Golden	1,778	4
Gannon	1,769	4
Enterman	1,753	4
Riviere (out)	1,746	4
Elkes	1,730	4
Kling	1,616	4
Julius	1,568	4
Beacom	1,550	4
Johnson	1,278	4
Gray	1,229	4

Miller in the 142 hours rode 183 miles more than Hale's championship record of last year, which was 1,910 miles. But if the track is short, as has been stated, his record will be at least a hundred miles less than the official figures.

From start to finish the race was the most entrancingly interesting one witnessed by mortal man, and it is doubtful if ever again so much interest will follow an endurance contest. Truly, it was a great affair, and stands unprecedented in athletic history in all details. It has been an absorbing topic for the public of the entire country, and one of the greatest crowds that ever filled Madison Square Garden witnessed the closing scenes Saturday night.

Thousands upon thousands poured into the place day after day and night after night, until it is safe to say that close on to 10,000 people have seen the remarkable race. The gate receipts will reach \$60,000, leaving the management a good profit.

With the exception of Rice, Enterman, Miller and Schneider, none of the men seemed to have suffered any mental effects from their long ride. All of the men named had to be given narcotics to quiet them. Physically all of the riders were in as good condition as could be expected.

Miller, in winning the six-day race, has earned, after deducting his expenses, a little more than a dollar for each mile he traveled, not taking into account the arrangement made last night with the managers for a share of the gate money. He will receive:

First prize	\$1,200
Prize for breaking record	250
Bonus from manufacturer of tires	500
Bonus for wheel	250
Bonus for saddle	250
Bonus for handle bars	250
Engagement at Proctor's	1,000
Total	\$3,500

As against this, Miller's training expenses and race expenses are roughly estimated at \$800.

Joe Rice's share of the purse will be \$500, while Schneider will get \$500. Teddy Hale will receive \$350 and "Dutch" Waller \$50 less.

Pierce gets \$200, Golden \$150, Gannon \$125, Enterman and Riviere \$100 each, and Elkes \$75.

All the riders who covered 1,350 miles will receive a prize, probably \$50 apiece.

HIBERNIANS REUNITED.
Factions Accept the Decision of Bishop McPaul, the Arbitrator.
Trenton, N. J., Dec. 12.—At last there has been a settlement of the differences between the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America and the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the United States of America, in affiliation with the international association of the Board of Erin. This understanding was brought about through a decision rendered Saturday by the Right Rev. James A. McPaul, Bishop of Trenton.

The split among the Hibernians came about in 1884. One of the principal questions to arise at the time of the disunion was the question of the descent. The Hibernians thought that one Irish parent was sufficient to entitle a person to membership in their ranks, but the Board of Erin stuck to the rigid rule of admitting only those applicants who were of direct Irish descent.

SPEAKER REED'S PLANS
He Hopes to Make the Present Session Brief.
MAY GET THROUGH APRIL 1

Appropriation Bills Ordered to Be Hurdled in—Cuba's Friends May Block the Speaker's Schemes—The Civil-Service Fight.

Washington, Dec. 12.—It is given out upon the authority of members very close to Speaker Reed that all the appropriation bills, save two—the Sundry Civil and Deficiency bills—will be put through the House before the 15th and possibly before the 1st of April. The chairman of the several committees having charge of the annual appropriation bills besides the Committee on Appropriations have been notified by Speaker Reed to prepare and report their bills not later than Feb. 1. The Speaker is determined to beat the record of short sessions if possible, and as the House rules effectively choke off filibustering there is the best of reasons to believe that he will succeed in carrying out his policy so far as the House is concerned. There will, of course, be a sharp contest over the River and Harbor bill, and in spite of the Speaker's efforts the bill reported from the committee, of which Mr. Hooker, of New York, is chairman, will be loaded down in the Committee of the Whole and further increased in the Senate. The terms of several Senators expire with this Congress, and they will, it is believed, "pool their issues," and as usual secure large increases for rivers and harbors in their respective States, most of which will disappear in conference, for the bill, as it reaches the Senate, will greatly exceed a prudent and proper limit.

The extra session called by President Cleveland Aug. 7, 1893, did not adjourn until Nov. 3, while the second, or what is known as the regular or "long" session, which commenced on Dec. 4, did not terminate until Aug. 28, 1894. Several of the leading Senators have expressed the opinion that Congress will certainly remain in session a part of the Summer and that there is little likelihood of an adjournment before Aug. 1. The Senate, however, will determine the time of adjournment, as it has nearly always done.

If the opposition, which includes the Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans, shall decide to push the currency question forward and also to hold up two or three of the more important appropriation bills until a vote has been reached in the House on the Cuban question, then it is certain that Speaker Reed's policy of an early adjournment will come to grief. The Speaker is said to urge very earnestly the argument that an early adjournment means less appropriations as well as less trouble for the Administration, though it is given out that the Speaker will antagonize the President on the question of the annexation of Hawaii.

ANNEXATION IN THE SENATE.
Supporters of the Bill Will Consider It in Executive Session.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The supporters of Hawaiian annexation have definitely decided to consider the question in executive session of the Senate. In order to do this it will be necessary for them to take up the annexation treaty rather than a joint resolution providing for annexation. Some few of those who support Hawaii in this matter were at first inclined to believe that unless it became evident that the two-thirds vote necessary to secure the ratification of the treaty was assured from the beginning it would be a waste of time to take the matter up at all upon the basis of the treaty, but they appear to have changed their minds, and to be at least disposed to defer to the opinions of the majority, who oppose this course. It is now stated on behalf of the pro-annexationists that to abandon the treaty at the present time would create the impression that they had surrendered the fight entirely.

The staunchest friends of annexation admit that it will be well nigh impossible to secure the two-thirds vote necessary to ratify the treaty, but they contend that they will come very near reaching the necessary number.

The House bill to prevent the free use of timber on the public lands for commercial purposes is being considered by the House Committee on Public Lands. The bill was passed by the House heretofore, but killed in the Senate. Mr. McRae, of Arkansas, the author of the bill, is confident of its passage in the House, and believes that the recent aggressions on the Government's timber in the Western States will tend to secure favorable action in the Senate.

ATTACK CIVIL SERVICE.

Republican Congressmen Deviating Means to Alter the Present Law.
Washington, Dec. 12.—A meeting of Republican Representatives in Congress was held Saturday night at the River and Harbor Committee rooms to devise means for securing a change in the present civil-service law. About sixty members were present, representing most of the States having Republican delegations in Congress. It was noticeable, however, that Speaker Reed, Mr. Dingley and other leaders of the House did not attend. Representative Hepburn acted as chairman. The discussion took a wide range. The main speakers were Grosvenor, Connolly, Evans, Faris, Mahoney and Darr.

It was determined to name a committee to "examine the bills pending before the Committee on Reform of the Civil Service and report to a subsequent meeting of this conference by bill or otherwise."

Mr. Grosvenor is chairman of the committee. The advisability of attacking the civil-service items in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill, which will come before the House this week, was discussed, but opinion was against that course.

Representative Brosius, who is chairman of the Committee on Reform of the Civil Service, said yesterday morning that the law would not be modified to any appreciable extent, and he doubted if any legislation would be enacted on the subject of civil service at this session. Other leaders, including Dingley, of Maine; Cannon, of Illinois; and Johnston, of Indiana, expressed the same opinion.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

(Furnished by Weather Observer Neagle.)
Threatening With Rain Tonight and Tuesday; Stationary Temperature.
At 3 o'clock the Thermometer at Leggett's Pharmacy Registered 63 Degrees.

PUBLISHING THE LAWS.

The issue of printing the laws in the State newspapers is coming up again. There is no more reason for abolishing the publication of the public laws in the people's newspapers than there would be in abolishing the publication of Sheriff's sales, Surrogate's notices, etc. This does not assume that all the laws, with all their verbiage, should be printed in all papers and all be paid alike; but that an intelligible, official summary of each law enacted should be published wherever such law is operative there can be no reasonable doubt. The facts are, however, that the newspapers are themselves largely to blame for the ridiculous and unjust system that obtained until grounds were created for abolishing the whole system. All official public doings, of what Legislature or executive body soever, should be made public officially, and not by the grace of newspaper enterprises. The public have never yet grumbled over any reasonable expense whereby they were made acquainted with the acts of their official servants, but the servants themselves—and notably the Republicans—have conspired to deprive the people of this information, ostensibly in the interests of economy. Following the State's example, there are numerous other inferior bodies that now refuse to publish in the newspapers full reports or even condensed reports of what they do. This is not only unjust, it is unsafe. The State, and every official body in the State, should get back to a reasonable system of publishing its acts in the newspapers.—The Elizabeth Journal.

"If advertising does not pay why is it that the Youth's Companion gets over \$800 a year for one inch space in each issue? How is it that the Ladies' Home Journal gets \$4,000 for a page 'ad'? Why do four advertisers pay \$6,000 each for a quarter-page 'ad' on the back cover of Munsey's Magazine? Are the advertisers throwing away money like this, or does it really pay them?"—Advertising Sense.

A woman has applied for a position as motorman on the Port Jervis street railway. But we do not see how any woman could properly attend to the duties of such an exacting job and keep her hat on straight at the same time, remarks an exchange.

On a question of license or no license the voters of Plainfield voted two to one in favor of license. If a vote were taken in New Brunswick the vote would probably be even greater for license.—Home News.

PASSING COMMENT.

Some of the prominent society women who compose the City Improvement Society of New Brunswick, are seriously contemplating the emulation of their sisters in Rahway by making an attempt to provide a theatre building for New Brunswick. A year ago the opera house was destroyed, and although several projects of forming a stock company to rebuild the theatre have been talked of, nothing has resulted.

The unusually fine display which the merchants of Plainfield are making in holiday goods this year should make it unnecessary for the people of this city to endure the loss of time and temper which is involved in a shopping trip to New York. A fallacy has long existed that the finest goods and the best bargains must needs be shopped for in the metropolis, and this was perhaps true once upon a time. In the present year of grace, however, it is a real fallacy, thanks to the intelligence and enterprise of Plainfield merchants.

What Farm Land Brings.

The following farms have recently been sold by Auctioneer W. K. Hope, of Somerville. The VanHorn farm, 86 acres, north of Whitehouse Station, \$3,300; farm of the late David K. Auten, 120 acres, near South Somerville, \$4,300; house and lot, near same, \$1,800; farm of the late Mr. Biggs, at Burnt Mills, was withdrawn at a bid of \$1,726. It contains 43 acres.

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.

—The T. A. B. Association will hold its regular meeting this evening.

—A meeting of the Ministers' Association will be held this afternoon.

—A meeting of the Grocers' Protective Association will be held tonight.

—A meeting of the Plainfield Camera Club will be held this evening.

—Mispah Lodge, U. O. of I. O. L., will hold a regular meeting this evening.

—Don't forget the antique furniture sale at Musgrave's, 315 West Front street.

—A week from tonight the City Council will meet in adjourned session.

—The regular meeting of Plainfield Council, Royal Arcanum, will be held this evening.

—A new stone crosswalk has been laid across West Front street in front of the postoffice.

—Get your rubbers free with every pair of ladies' shoes sold you. Get rubbers free at Willett's.

—Special Forefathers Day services were held in the Congregational church yesterday morning.

—A. Kane has the contract to lay 4,000 feet of sidewalk about the Daniel property on West Eighth street.

—There will be a candidate to be initiated at the meeting of Queen City Lodge, I. O. O. F., this evening.

—The election of officers in Plainfield Council, Royal Arcanum, will be held at the meeting this evening.

—Tomorrow evening Winfield Scott Post, No. 73, G. A. R., will meet and elect officers for the ensuing year.

—The choir of the First Presbyterian church will give a concert in the chapel Thursday evening of this week.

—Borough Recorder Thomas has had a telephone placed in his office on Somerset street. The number is 225 I.

—A meeting of the advisory board of the Plainfield High School Athletic Association will be held this afternoon.

—A woman's prayer meeting will be held in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—The regular monthly meeting of Zephyr Hook and Ladder Company will be held in the company rooms this evening.

—Tomorrow afternoon at 3:30, the corner stone for the new East Third Street mission will be laid with appropriate ceremonies.

—Putnam & DeGraw have an elegant line of holiday pocketbooks at very low prices. See them before you make your purchases elsewhere.

—A Christmas entertainment is being arranged by the officers of the Sunday-school of the First M. E. church for Tuesday, December 29th.

—The Ladies' Sewing Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Searing, on Westervelt avenue.

—Infant baptism was celebrated in Trinity Reformed church yesterday morning, and Edward H., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weaver, was baptized.

—T. S. Armstrong, the pharmacist, is making a specialty of Palm Oil soap of his own brand. There is a handsome display of the soap in his show-windows.

—The quarterly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will be held in the chapel of the church tomorrow afternoon at 3:30.

—Tomorrow evening in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church Rev. W. E. Davis, of Lebanon, will address the Christian Endeavorers of Plainfield on the subject of "Good Citizenship."

—A profitable service was held in the East Third Street mission last evening. The meeting was led by A. C. LaBoiteaux, who made a short address. Miss M. G. Morse sang two solos, accompanying herself on the autoharp.

—Next Thursday evening Rev. Dr. Swaffield, the eloquent pastor of the Summit Avenue Baptist church, Jersey City, will preach in the Park Avenue Baptist church. Topic: "The Fullness of the Spirit; Its Need, Promise and Results."

—The mid-week meeting at the Congregational church Wednesday evening will be a Forefathers Day service, and those present are requested to tell something of the achievements of the Forefathers of New Jersey.

It is better to take Hood's Sarsaparilla than to experiment with unknown and untried preparations. We know Hood's Sarsaparilla actually and permanently cures.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, biliousness, 25c.

If you have never tried Cleveland's baking powder you do not know what the best cake tastes like.

You may be a good cook, but without Cleveland's baking powder you are at a disadvantage.

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.

NO MONEY FOR BURIALS.

Red Men's Funeral Benefit Association Winds Up Its Business.

The Funeral Benefit Association connected with the Improved Order of Red Men in New Jersey has collapsed. The association fund has been declared insolvent, and the liabilities for unpaid death claims amount to \$3,000. The claims will be presented for the consideration of the Great Council of the State in February.

General interest has been awakened in the order and among fraternal insurance orders conducted on the same plan.

The fund flourished for several months. Then the death rate took a jump and the trouble began. Triple assessments were made and desertions became general. There were no restrictions or penalty for withdrawal.

The final blow came when the Camden members withdrew, and President Douglass convened the board and issued an insolvency notice.

The Great Council has approved of a bond issue to pay obligations, but a number of the tribes who held aloof from the fund decline to be bound by the council's decree, as part of the obligation to pay off the bonds would fall upon them.

They talk of appealing to the Great Incumbent, the supreme representative in the United States.

The claims will be held in abeyance pending a decision.

—The members of the Twilight Social Club are making great preparations for their tenth grand ball, to be held in the Crescent Rink on New Year's Eve.

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 \$178 cash or \$198 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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Nothing but a local

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Get a well-known

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remedy.

Ely's Cream Balm

CATARRH

It is quickly absorbed

Gives Relief at once

Opens and cleanses

the Nasal Passages.

Alleviates Inflammation,

Heals and Protects

the Membrane. Restores the Senses of Taste

and Smell. No Cocain, No Mercury, No Injurious

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ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York.

Holiday Goods--
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' Japenette 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.

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SPECIAL SALE OF
OVERCOATS,
ULSTERS
AND
REEFERS

FOR THIS WEEK ONLY!

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 freeze 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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SPECIAL SALE OF TROUSERS.

\$1.45	WORTH	\$2.00
\$1.95	"	\$3.00
\$2.50	"	\$3.50
\$3.00	"	\$4.00

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202 West Front St.

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To start Holiday Trade with a rush, we begin today an

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 50 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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Everybody Is Wondering

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P. S. We sell the celebrated Alfred Dudge all wool felt slippers.

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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.

WOODHULL & MARTIN,
Babcock Building. Telephone 204 B.

A RURAL LYRIC.

Talk about your city life—what is it to the hills
Of sunshine gleaming, dreaming on the valleys
And the hills?
What is it to the river banks where honey
Suckles swing—
To the peach fields where the mocking birds
Are primping up for spring?

Talk about your city life—what is it to the hills
That is tangled in the woodlands, where the
Purple and the white
Of springtime's earliest blossoms seem blowing
Into you,
With the ruffled maples bending and blowing
"Howdy-do!"

Oh, the brightest light is beaming from
Wilder, sweeter sod
Where the dew-wet violets dreaming send
Messages to God!

—F. L. S. in Atlanta Constitution.

PUNISHED BY A LION.

We had come down off the mountains near Fremont's Peak—the six of us who had been prospecting for three months—and we had scarcely struck the trail when we ran upon a mountain outfit. There were three white men, two half-breeds, a Mexican, and a negro, and the party had six pack mules with them. They had just gone into camp for the night, and after hearty greetings all around we pitched our tents alongside and cooked our suppers at the same campfire. The strangers were bound up to Little Squaw Mountain, on a hunt for gold. The leader was Jim Williams.

There would have been no trouble between the two outfits, but for the cards which were introduced after supper. And as it was, only a portion of the men cared to play, as the day had been a tiresome one to all. Our chief, Frank Johnson of Nevada, sat down with Williams, and both were in great good nature as I wrapped myself up in my blanket and fell asleep. I had slept for two hours when aroused by the sounds of a quarrel. I was the last man of the thirteen to roll out, and I found every one of the twelve with a gun in his hand. It seemed that the two leaders had begun playing for money, and luck being with our man he had won heavily. Then there came a dispute as to some point, the lie was passed, and the men of both outfits were ready to open fire on each other. It was the other crowd which backed down. Williams realized that he could not depend upon the Mexican and the negro, and was therefore overmatched. After a moment he flung down his gun and said to Johnson:

"The crowd has nothing to do with this row, and I reckon we are men enough to settle it between ourselves."

"In any way you choose," replied Johnson.

"Well, then, I'll tell you my plan in the morning. One of us has got to go under for what has passed, but tomorrow will be a long day. Let's call it off for to-night."

The men of both camps slept peacefully during the remainder of the night, and as we prepared and ate breakfast nobody had a word to say about the trouble of the night before. The two leaders gave each other "good morning" and chatted about the weather, and I would have wagered myself all that the hard words had been forgotten and forgiven. I was looking for the order to pack up and move on as soon as breakfast was over when Williams took a seat beside Johnson and quietly observed:

"You are in no great hurry, I take it, and a day or two will make no difference to our men."

"We can stop here a week as well as not," was the reply.

"Just ahead of us, to the north, is Jackson's Basin."

"Aye! I've passed through it," said Johnson. "It is a natural sink, which was once the bed of a lake, but is now grown up with a perfect tangle. Now's your plan?"

"One of us is to leave here at 9 o'clock. It will take him an hour to reach the far side. At 10 o'clock the other will leave. We will hunt for each other in the basin. The one who lives to get out will return here and notify the camps. Do you understand?"

"Perfectly. We are to hunt for each other in the basin, and to shoot on sight. One of us will be left there. The one who goes first turns on his trail and returns. We can stick to the trail or take to the woods. We may be hunting each other for half a day or half a week."

"That's the idea, and now we'll toss up to see who goes first. Is it heads or tails?"

"Heads," said our leader.

The coin which Williams tossed into the air fell tail up, and he rose up and said:

"It's for me to go first. Boys, you all understand this matter. Only one of us is to come back, and there's to be no hard feelings about it. If I'm left behind you'll push on with Bill here for your leader. What I've got in my packs you are welcome to divide between you. I've got fifteen minutes to get ready in."

I had heard every word of the above as had every other man in camp, but it was hard for me to realize that the men were in sober earnest. It was to be a man-hunt to the death, and they had talked it over as coolly as if the subject of discussion was a bear or deer. Williams took with him a rifle, a revolver, a knife, fifty extra cartridges, and some bread and meat. When ready to go he shook hands with the two white men of his party, nodded to the others and to us, and said to Johnson:

"In an hour I shall reach the far side and be ready to turn back. Sorry the earth isn't big enough for both of us, but we happen to be built that way. It's a fair show for both, and there's be nothing to kick over."

During the hour allowed him Johnson cleaned his firearms, overhauled

his pack, and gave some instructions as to what should be done with certain interests in case he did not return. When the hour was up he shook hands all around, had a word with the men of the other camp, and he was whistling as he disappeared from view.

When Williams had crossed the basin he turned and headed back to the south, but not on the trail. He knew Johnson too well to suppose that he would make his way to the centre of the basin on the trail. He entered the woods on his right, and made his way along through the tangle and over the boulders with the stealth of an Indian. As our leader entered the basin he also entered the woods to his right. The two men thus made a half circle, and were as far away from each other as the limits allowed. The basin contained about 500 acres of land, and was walled in on every side. The trees were not large, but the undergrowth was very thick, and there were also many great boulders lying about.

As Williams circled to the south and Johnson to the north, each made a half circle before finding the other's trail. The distance covered by this half circle was about two miles, and such was the caution with which the men moved that it was afternoon before they came upon "signs." Each one's plan was now plain to the other, and both at once changed. That is, each returned over his own trail, or within reaching distance of it. This change simply prevented a meeting. When one had reached the north end of the trail the other was back at the south end, and it was 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Then each took the trail and held it to a point within 200 feet of the centre, and Williams left it for the woods to his left and Johnson for the woods to his right. Without suspecting each other's presence they crept carefully forward until only fifty feet separated them. Then a wolf dashing out from the space between them gave both men the cue, and each began to work for a shot. Johnson had before him three or four vine-covered boulders, and he crept under the vines and was so well hidden that even the eyes of a fox could not have made him out. Half an hour passed, and it was growing dark in the forest, when Williams rose up alongside a tree and began peering about. His uprisings were like that of a shadow, and for ten minutes he did not expose a finger as a target. Then he either became impatient or figured that Johnson was not at hand, and his head left the shelter of the tree to get a better look. It was too dark for Johnson to take accurate aim, and the bullet meant for William's eye passed through and knocked the cap off his head. In a second Williams had fired in return, taking a snap shot at the flash, and his bullet tore through the cloth on Johnson's shoulder.

Those were the first and best shots fired. Each man drew away after firing, and they were probably a mile and a half apart as they made camp for the night. As the sun came up the hunt was on again. They were now east and west of the trail and more than a mile apart. They seemed to locate each other by intuition, and one moved to the right and the other to the left to make a rear approach. At 11 o'clock, as Johnson crept forward on hands and knees and started to lift himself up beside a tree, he came face to face with Williams, who was about to do the same thing from the opposite direction. Both sprang up and began firing. The range was too close, and the sudden encounter had also upset them. Each man fired five or six bullets, each had his clothing perforated, and then each retreated.

Taking the tree as a common centre they began circling around it and must have passed each other at least twice. Then the circle was broadened until the tree was half a mile from its outer edge, and it took in a mass of rock which both men had marked for a strong position.

At about 1 o'clock in the afternoon Johnson was creeping toward the rocks from one direction and Williams from another, but Williams gained the shelter first. Johnson caught a glimpse of him as he crouched among the shadow of the rocks, but waited to get a better view before firing. He lay on his stomach, his rifle over a stick on the earth and his eye at the sights, and he felt sure of his man. Let Williams but move a foot one way or the other and a bullet would find him. For ten minutes stillness reigned throughout the basin. Then, as sudden as a thunderclap there was an angry scream from a wild beast, and Johnson saw some object cross his line of vision and descend upon the crouching man. It took him a full half minute to understand what was happening and that it was no trick of his adversary. There were growls, shouts and screams, with two bodies rolling over and over in the undergrowth, and Johnson at length made out that a mountain lion had sprung upon the man who was watching and waiting for him. As soon as this became clear he dashed forward, got in two shots, and then flung away his rifle and attacked the lion with his knife. The beast had received seven stabs from Williams' and two bullets from Johnson, and yet the latter was severely clawed before the beast gave up its hold on life. In lighting upon its victim it had seized him by the throat, and though the man had made a wonderful fight of it he was dead ere Johnson had finished the lion.

Half an hour before dusk our leader came staggering into camp, his clothing in rags and his body bleeding from a dozen wounds. We rushed forward for an explanation, and bracing his back against a tree he said:

"It was a mountain lion. He killed Williams and almost did for me. Thank God, I am no murderer!"—New York Sun.

A BARGAIN SALE IN ENGLAND.

The Eager Hunters Gather at the Doors as Early as 5:45 O'clock.

A bargain sale is a pretty serious business in England. The Newcastle Chronicle recently contained the following item: A remarkable fatality occurred in Mare street, Hackney, on Saturday. A sale at a local draper's was announced to begin in the morning, and a large crowd of women assembled long before the doors were opened. Some were there as early as 5:45 o'clock. Among them was an old lady who succeeded in getting into the shop and fell fainting at a counter while making a small purchase. With the assistance of the police she was got out and a doctor sent for, but life was found to be extinct. The body was removed to the Mortuary. A large force of police was on duty throughout the day to control the crowds, and at intervals it became necessary to close the doors. The excitement did not subside until the place was finally shut up at 11 o'clock on Saturday night. Some persons declared that such scenes were never before witnessed at a sale.

A Little Story with a Big Moral.

Here is a very old story that has been told time and time again, but that will bear telling again:

A man asked his neighbor why he was so careful to save a certain old horseshoe. The neighbor replied:

"I may find the other three shoes."

"And what then?"

"I may then find the horse which cast them?"

"And what will you do then?"

"Why, I will build a stable for him."

"No, you won't. Your horse might kick my children, and so I won't have a stable near my house."

"Yes you will, if I choose to build one."

"No I won't."

"Yes you will."

And then they began to fight like cats and dogs.—Golden Days.

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20th Day of December

next, the names of the delinquent with their respective taxes, will be returned to the City for collection. The Commissioners of the City of Plainfield, in and for the said City, will meet at the Council Chamber, No. 100 Park Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., on the

4th Tuesday of November

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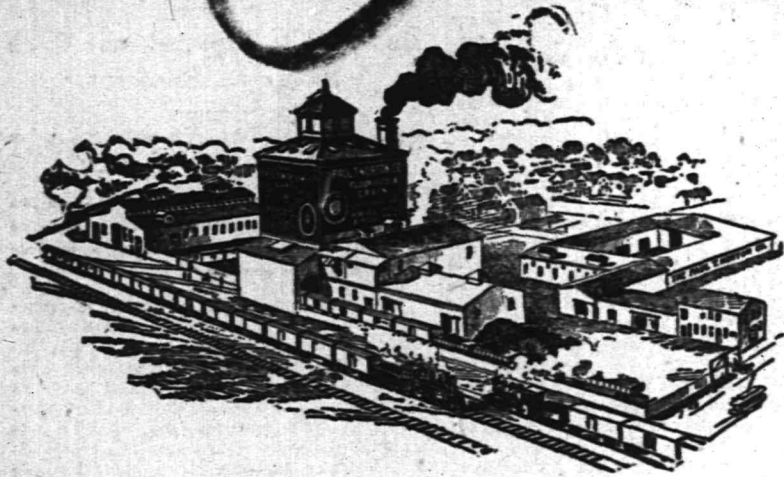
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Bicycle lanterns must be lighted at 5:33 p. m.

THEATRICAL.

It will be the presentment of such pieces as "A Stranger in New York" that Manager Edwards will gain the good will and appreciation of Plainfield theatregoers. The production Saturday night was in every sense as good as the one now running at Hoyt's theatre in New York and more than pleased the large and cultured audience that was present.

The graphoscope, which is Edison's latest invention, is claimed to be the steadiest of all these machines, and is constructed in such a manner as to throw a very clear and sharp picture. The graphoscope will be seen at Music Hall tonight and tomorrow night.

"Darkest America" will be presented at Music Hall Tuesday, Dec. 21st.

Henshaw & TenBroeck are always popular with a Plainfield audience, and their appearance here next week in "Dodge's Trip to New York" will doubtless attract a large audience.

Prominent among the many novelties for this week at Proctor's theatre, Twenty-third street, is W. A. Brady's grand production of "The Cat and the Cherub," a twenty-five minute Chinese episode, by Chester Bailey Fernald. Another big feature of the bill is Clara Morris, the great emotional actress, who will be seen in Kenneth Lee's "Blind Justice," in which she will be assisted by F. C. Harriott. New displays are introduced in the series of Living Pictures, which are now in their eleventh week, and which show no signs of losing favor with the public. Maxwell and Simpson, the kings of illustrated song, with their latest hits; Hugh Stanton and Pauline Willard, in a new humorous satire, "A Bargain Fiend."

Danish services will be held in the German Lutheran church on Grove street tonight at 8 o'clock.

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Signature of *Dr. H. H. H. H.*

THE BOARD NOT TO BLAME.

They Had Nothing to Do With Allen Laing's Electrical Contract.

To the Editor of The Daily Press:—My attention having been called by several taxpayers to the letter of A. D. Phillips in Thursday night's Press, I am constrained to make public reply to the same. Usually charges of this nature are rather vague and phantom-like, but here is one which is tangible. The taxpayers have been imposed upon to the tune of \$70, and a disappointed contractor seeks to score his successful rival, and also the Board of Education by exposing the same.

There are two defenses to this accusation:

First—The estimate for putting in the additional switch asked for is \$17 and not \$70, as Mr. Phillips has it. A cautious man never takes newspaper figures for his own, if they chance to be wrong, they put him in a bad position when in cold type over his signature; this disposes of fifty-three-seventieths (53.70) of Mr. Phillips' imposition and as he states, he was \$4 higher originally, we now have only thirteen-seventieths (13.70) of the imposition left.

Second—Neither Mr. Phillips nor any other electrician ever furnished the Board of Education any estimate of any kind for the electrical work in the Whittier building. The committee obtained estimates on the main contracts and J. A. Hubbard submitted an estimate, accompanied by detailed plans and specifications, made to conform to the wishes of the committee, in which he agreed to take the entire contract at a price which meant a saving of many hundred dollars to the city. Knowing Mr. Hubbard to be thoroughly reliable the Board gave him the contract, and the work was done not only to the letter but to the spirit of the agreement. It was none of our business who did the electrical work, so long as it conformed to our specifications (which it did) and was approved by the proper authorities. The entire contract was a most desirable one for the taxpayers, and in the large amount saved on the same the thirteen-seventieths (13.70) of Mr. Phillips' alleged imposition disappears like dew before the morning sun.

We lay no claim to perfection; we all make mistakes, and the Board of Education is no exception to the rule, but if the impositions on the taxpayers of Plainfield, will only continue to be of this nature then shall we be most fortunate. Fred C. Lounsbury, Chairman Committee on Buildings and Repairs.

HUNGRY BURGLARS.

After Ransacking for Valuables They Ate a Roast Chicken.

The home of Mr. Chapot in Dunellen was entered last night by a hungry set of burglars. They entered the dwelling by prying open a kitchen window and then ransacked the dining room and stole a gold ring and a few other articles of slight value. After turning things topsy turvy they went into the pantry and brought forth a roast chicken and sat down and devoured it, together with other edibles they found.

Before leaving the depredators went into the cellar and carried off a dozen jars of fruit preserves. None of the family were aroused from their slumbers by the movements of the burglars and had no knowledge of the invasion till they arose this morning. The police believe that it was the work of tramps who were more hungry than anxious to find valuable booty.

Justice Moffett's Court.

The case of Brooks Carson, the North Plainfield florist, against the Central Railroad Company, to recover the value of a boiler which is said to have been damaged in transit, is being tried in Justice Moffett's court this afternoon.

A summons was issued from Justice Moffett's court today in the landlord and tenant case of Andrew Love against Augustus Hoagland, for the possession of premises. The case will be tried Saturday afternoon.

Quiet Sunday Wedding.

Miss Minnie Bechtie and John Wirth, both of North Plainfield, were married by Rev. George Hauser, pastor of the German Reformed church, at the parsonage on Duer street, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Utzinger and Frederick Bechtie, Jr., a brother of the bride, stood up with the couple. They will make their home with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bechtie, at 183 Duer street.

For Better Music.

It is thought that there will be some improvements made in the musical service at the Monroe Avenue church, shortly. Among the contemplated additions will be violin and cornet accompanists for the Sunday evening meetings.

Justice Crooley's Court.

Justice Crooley has issued summons in the case of Peter E. See against George W. Nuce, and Peter E. See against Thomas J. Hughes. Both cases are on contract and will be tried next Monday.

EARLY INTELLIGENCE.

—The sacrament of infant baptism was administered in the Church of the Holy Cross yesterday, by the rector, immediately after the morning service.

—The Press acknowledges the receipt of a pretty calendar for 1898 from R. H. Dawson, local superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

—A poster tea will be held at the home of Mrs. L. W. Serrell, Jr., 134 Crescent avenue, Friday afternoon, Dec. 17th, from 3 to 6 o'clock. The proceeds will be given to the Woman's Exchange.

—Tomorrow is the last day of Doane & Edsall's "special" sale on men's and women's fine shoes. Some of the best bargains are not to be closed out yet. They are now offering a splendid line of the "Alfred Dolge Felt" slippers for Christmas presents.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Mrs. C. G. Hedge and her daughters, Saidee and Sophie Hedge, formerly residents of Sandford avenue, now residing at 489 Green avenue, Brooklyn, visited this city Saturday for the first time since they left it five years ago.

Mrs. T. W. Powell gave a pleasant sociable to the members of her Sunday-school class of the First Methodist church, at her home on Grandview avenue last evening. The time was passed in singing and the playing of games, and during the evening Miss W. Vroom, of Jackson avenue, sang a number of solos.

Contracts Filed.

The following contracts have been filed in County Clerk Howard's office during the current week: W. M. Stillman and George B. Cobb & Co., steam heating works, building corner West Front street and Madison avenue, Plainfield, \$1,146 00; the trustees of the East Third Street Baptist Society of Plainfield, and Pearson & Gayle, new building west side of Third street, Plainfield, \$2,856; W. M. Stillman and Woolston & Buckle, painting building west corner of West Front street and Madison avenue, Plainfield, \$700; W. M. Stillman and W. T. Kirk, iron work building west corner of Madison avenue and West Front street, Plainfield, \$1,989.

Married a Week Ago.

Miss Maggie Fitzgerald and Fred Smith, both of Scotch Plains, were married in North Plainfield Sunday, December 5th, by Rev. Father Miller, of St. Joseph's church. The bride-maid was Miss Belle McGrath, and James Fitzgerald, a brother of the bride, acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will take charge of the South Plainfield Hotel on January 1st.

An Apron Sale.

The Women's Friendly Society of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Clinton avenue, will hold an apron sale and reception in the parish house, Thursday, December 16th, from 2 until 10 p. m. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Gage's Plan Criticized.

London, Dec. 12.—The Manchester Guardian adversely criticizes Secretary Gage's currency scheme, which, it says, would saddle the United States with another \$200,000,000 of avoidable debt, and, while substituting bank notes for greenbacks, would leave to the Government the responsibility of providing gold reserves.

Cats for a Department Store.

Waterville, Me., Dec. 12.—A \$1,200 shipment of cats has just been made to a Philadelphia merchant who has contracted to place them on sale in a big department store in that city. The shipment included one hundred kittens, and they are of all kinds and colors, the Angora variety predominating.

HE MAKES IT RAIN.

St. Swithin, the Saint Who Brings Rain—Who He Is and Why It Rains.

St. Swithin was a venerable old saint with a local habitation and a name. He was tutor to the great King Alfred, and accompanied him to Rome. In A. D. 852 he was consecrated Bishop of Winchester. William of Malmsbury, in his chronicles, says Bishop Swithin built several churches and always travelled through his diocese on foot to avoid the appearance of ostentation.

Swithin died on July 2, A. D. 862, and was buried, according to his own desire, outside the Cathedral, for he had declared that he was not worthy to find a sepulchre within the sacred edifice. But a century later he was canonized by the Pope of Rome, and the monks of Winchester then determined to exhume his body and bury it within the cathedral.

The removal of the body was fixed to take place on July 15, but was delayed in consequence of a heavy fall of rain, which continued without intermission for forty days. And it is from this circumstance that the current belief regarding St. Swithin's Day prevails.—New York Journal.

Siamese Army Elephant Corps.

An English newspaper, in an article on the Siamese army, says: "In one respect the Siamese army is superior to every other, and that is in its elephant corps. Eight hundred of these animals, which are stronger, though smaller, than those of India, are organized into a special corps, commanded by a retired Anglo-Indian officer, and their heads, trunks and other vulnerable parts are protected against bullets by India rubber armor."

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