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SANTA CLAUS IS BUSY.

ACTIVITY OF PLAINFIELD MERCHANTS PROVES THIS.

Signs of the Holiday Season Which indicate that the Habit of Christmas Giving is Still a General Rule. A reporter of The Daily Press continued his visit to the leading merchants of the city today, and found on every hand the signs of a busy holiday season.

At Werner's clothing house there is a complete stock of men's, boys' and children's clothing, and an assortment of hats and men's furnishing goods, all new, and appropriate for holiday presents. The stock has a very inviting appearance.

Sebring's store is a point of interest to the buyers of holiday clothing. The specialties here are hats, caps and children's suits, in which some of the most stylish goods are shown. The neckwear department also presents an inviting appearance.

One of the largest and most inviting assortments in the clothing line is that at Weinberger's establishment, in the Stillman Theatre building. There is something here to please even the most fastidious buyers and the holiday trade of this popular store is very brisk.

J. R. Blair, the Park avenue men's furnisher, is making a big holiday run on kid and fur-lined gloves, silk mufflers and fine umbrellas.

Orane & Clark are showing one of the finest lines of men's furnishing goods to be seen in this city. It includes among the articles suitable for holiday gifts, a line of fine neckwear.

A. Hecht, the East Front street merchant tailor, is showing many novelties which are attracting the buyers of fine clothing.

Willett & Son, the Park avenue shoe dealers, are showing an extra attractive line of men's slippers for the holiday trade. They are also giving away a pair of rubbers with each pair of ladies' shoes sold during the holiday season.

An experience of 25 years has taught the shoe firm of Doane & Edsall how to get together an attractive stock, and the line of footwear shown by the firm this year is as fine as usual.

At B. R. Force's store a complete line of rubber footwear is shown in addition to the usual large stock of shoes and slippers for young and old.

Men's and ladies' slippers and the renowned "Storm King" high cut rubber boots for boys are proving the drawing cards at H. M. Sherwin's. Calf lace skating shoes are also a holiday specialty.

Among the well stocked stores of the city which present a fine holiday appearance is the shoe establishment of M. C. VanAredale, on East Front street. Some novelties in felt ladies' slippers, which are shown here are attracting buyers, and there is the usual large assortment of men's, women's and children's footwear.

The shoe store of Flynn Bros. presents an attractive appearance and offers something appropriate and artistic in footwear for every member of the family. The stock has been selected with special regard for the needs of the holiday trade.

Paid a Fraternal Visit.
A delegation from Trinity Commandery, No. 17, K. T., this city, paid a fraternal visit to Morton Commandery, of New York, last evening, and had one of the usual good times. Those in the party from Plainfield were Jacob Kirkner, C. J. Letteli, Edward Nelson, Walter Freeman, Garret Dunham, E. H. Clevely, S. R. Bingham.

A Brilliant Man.
Robert Speer, who will speak at the missionary meeting to be held in the chapel of the Crescent Avenue church tomorrow evening, is a very talented speaker. He is a graduate of Princeton University and when he was graduated it was said that a more brilliant man had not been graduated in ten years previous to that time.

Miss Nettie Goff is seriously ill at her home on Liberty street.

WOMEN IN BLACK FACES.

ODD LADIES APPEARED AS NEGRO CHARACTERS IN A SKETCH.

A Decided Novelty, but an Entertaining One—Miss Try Mattox Impersonated a Colored Politician in a Clever Manner.

The members of Mizpah Lodge, No. 1, U. O. of I. O. L., gave an entertainment last evening in their rooms on West Second street. The affair attracted a large and appreciative audience. The programme opened with a graphophone concert under the direction of Edward Townley, Jr., of Westfield. The number following was a recitation of a comical turn, by Miss Try Mattox. She took the part of a negro politician. This was followed with vocal solos by Ethel Reynolds.

The next part of the programme was the main feature of the evening. It was a negro farce-comedy entitled "Bells in the Kitchen," and was one of those mirth-provoking sketches that always captures an audience. Those who took the several parts were Mrs. Radin, Mrs. Cox, Miss Ethel Kinsey, Miss Mamie Devine, Miss Clara Weber and Miss Mabel Ayres. Each participant's face was blackened. Their make-up was so good that their most intimate friends could hardly recognize them. The sketch was concluded with a comical negro song led by Mrs. Radin, assisted by those who took part in the comedy.

A recitation, entitled "What Biddy Said in Court," by Miss Try Mattox, won hearty applause from all, as did also the vocal solos by Henry Ackerman and John Moran. Interspersing the numbers Mr. Townley gave selections with the graphophone.

After the entertainment all were invited to remain and partake of some refreshments which were provided by the committee in charge, consisting of Mrs. Joseph Randolph, Mrs. Andrew Cox, Mrs. Angelman, Mrs. Page and Mrs. Bird.

BOY HELD UP BY TRAMPS.

Beaten by the Footpads Because He Didn't Have Much Money.

A young Frenchman employed by Paul Reusch, the Dunellen baker, was terribly frightened last Sunday night about 8 o'clock while on his way from his home to the bakery where he works all night. The lad, who is about 16 years old, lives not far from Rock avenue on the south side of the Central Railroad tracks. He is obliged to go back and forth to work through a very lonely portion of the city. He crossed the tracks Sunday night and was nearing Front street when five men, all intoxicated, held him up and demanded money.

The boy was not flush with money and could only give them a small amount. This seemed to anger the infuriated men and they jumped on the lad and began to pound him. He screamed for help, but being some distance from a house, his cries were not heard. When the men secured satisfaction they released the boy and he quickly got away.

The lad's nose and forehead were badly cut with some sharp instrument, and his clothes were almost torn from his body. He carried a fairly good-sized bundle of working clothes with him and these were torn all to pieces. It is considered very lucky that the boy escaped with his life.

After the boy left the men he called at the home of John Richards and to him he told his story. He wanted Mr. Richards to go back with him and see if he could identify any of the men, but as there were five men Mr. Richards considered it wise for him to remain at home. He knew that he could do nothing in such a crowd of drunken men. This racket probably accounts for the story that was circulated yesterday that a dead man was found near Clinton avenue. Investigation proved that there was no truth in the story.

—Ben. Frederikson, of the Walter Scott Printing Machine Works, has returned from a trip down east where he has been erecting printing presses for the above firm.

BRAVE FIREMEN CAUGHT AND LIVES THREATENED.

WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTY BURNING DEBRIS PILED UP AROUND THEM.

Joe Hawkins Pinioned By a Charred Floor Joist, But Was Rescued by Chief Doane—Assistant Chief Martin Had to Turn the Chemical's Hose on Himself to Escape From Being Burned.

Only the charred half-ruined walls now remain to mark the spot where the pleasant home of A. L. Baldwin stood on the outskirts of the city. The house, which is located on Leland avenue, close to Green brook, caught fire last evening in some unknown manner and was completely gutted by the flames. Owing to its isolated location, the flames had uninterrupted sway for nearly an hour when an alarm was sent in.

There was a meeting of the Board of Engineers of the fire department last evening, and besides that there were an unusual number of firemen gathered about the headquarters. It was just past 6:30 o'clock when William Chamberlain burst into the rooms with the intelligence that there was a big fire out Front street. The light was plainly visible from the street but it was impossible to tell how far away it was. A few minutes later Councilman Newman came in breathless with the announcement that there was a big fire near Scotch Plains. The firemen prepared for a run and Chief Doane, Assistant Chief J. W. Murray, Jr., and Driver Bailey went out in the chief's wagon to investigate. When they reached Netherwood avenue and Front street, they saw that the fire was in the city limits. Just at that moment, Theodore French ran up to box 18 at the corner and sent in an alarm.

Owing to some trouble in the mechanism of the whistle only one round of the box number sounded. The apparatus turned out in short order, however, and made the long run in excellent time. Meanwhile the occupants of the chief's wagon were driven to the scene of the fire and found a large three story frame structure almost enveloped in flames. There was no one about and the three firemen went to work to save what they could. The roof was all ablaze when they arrived, and the second story was untenable. They managed at the risk of their own lives to save the contents of two of the rooms on the first floor and they were then driven out by the flames. They had attempted to reach the second floor but the ominous cracking of the stairway made a hurried retreat necessary.

The chemical engine, driven by George Feiring, was the first of the apparatus to reach the scene. Assistant Chief Martin took one of the streams from the chemical engine and attempted to hold the fire in check in the first floor until the steamer should arrive. The falling of a portion of the roof caused a whirl of flames that surrounded him and compelled him to turn the spray on himself. As it was his face was badly burned and his water-soaked helmet charred. He was finally driven into the open air.

The Alert Hose company had the first stream on and the real fight with the fire began. The flames had gained a strong headway and destroyed the interior of the house completely. The efforts of the firemen partially saved the walls. They were badly burned, however, and the house can be considered a total loss.

Although greatly handicapped by the lack of water, for the hydrants do not extend so far out of town as that, the firemen did all in their power to save the property. From the start the fire had when they reached it, it is estimated that it had been burning an hour before. The alarm came in at 9:30, and the bright light in the north had been seen half an hour before. There was a barn close to the house which was saved by the arrival of the firemen.

The roof fell early into the seething furnace below and the third and second floors followed at intervals. The debris heaped up on the first floor, which was not strong, some of the supports having been burned away. It was after midnight and there was little fire left. Foreman Joseph Hawkins, of Alerts, James Dawe and Fred Barker were directing the stream from the first floor and Chief Doane stood beside them. William Townley, driver of the Alerts carriage, started to enter the ruined doorway, when suddenly, there was a crash and the four men in front of him disappeared. The floor had given way and precipitated them into the cellar. Dawe and Barker landed on top of the heap and quickly climbed out uninjured. Chief Doane was beneath a heap of charred timbers but, by a great effort, freed himself and crawled out close to the wreck of the old chimney and went to

the assistance of Hawkins. Hawkins had been pinioned by one arm and one leg beneath a heavy floor joist. He managed to free his arm and with the assistance of the Chief, was released from his dangerous position.

Chief Doane's helmet was crushed and his ear was cut. The helmet probably saved his life. Hawkins was able to walk without assistance although badly bruised. The fire was almost out at the time. Had it not been, the results of the accident might have been far more serious.

The house was formerly a part of the Job Male estate. It was last owned by J. A. Parmelee, of New York, who is represented here by George White, of North Plainfield. The house was fully covered by insurance. The loss to the house is estimated at \$2,500. It was occupied by A. L. Baldwin, local agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Mr. Baldwin's family have been visiting out of town for some time and were expected home this week. Last evening at 7 o'clock Mr. Baldwin mounted his wheel and rode down town to mail a letter. He expected to return at once. He met some friends, however, and stopped to talk. It was 10:30 o'clock before he returned. He learned that a house on Leland avenue was on fire, and seeing the light, he hurried on to find that his home had gone up in smoke.

When he left the house, he left a lamp burning in the kitchen and another in the bathroom upstairs. There was a fire in the kitchen stove. From the appearance of the fire at the time of the arrival of Chief Doane, it is supposed that the fire started in the kitchen. How it started will never be known.

The recall was sent in at 1 o'clock. On the return, the truck started to return by the way of Mountain avenue as the street was too narrow to allow it to turn. The road was very muddy and the truck finally became mired near Mountain avenue and it was necessary to send for Frank Hand and secure help to pull the truck out of the mud. It was finally extricated after considerable work.

Mr. Baldwin's household goods were insured through E. C. Mulford for \$800, which will about cover his loss. Very little was saved.

A THRILLING CHASE.

Chief Marshal Wilson Followed an Offender on His Bicycle.

Chief Marshal Wilson, of the borough, had a thrilling chase after John Jerolaman, of Somerset street, yesterday afternoon, because of the latter's inclination for fast driving and refusal to allow the officers to catch him. It was about 3:30 o'clock when Chief Wilson noticed the reckless driving of Jerolaman. He gave chase on his bicycle, but the offender soon became aware of the fact and urged his horse into a faster gait. Jerolaman drove around through the streets of the borough for an hour and a half with the officer in pursuit, but the latter seemed always to be about two blocks away from the man driving the horse.

The chase finally attracted the attention of many people, and small boys cheered the offender and officer as they went trailing by the various points, where the sightseers gathered to witness the fun. Jerolaman had a couple of small boys with him and at frequent intervals they waved their hands at the officer in a defiant and tantalizing manner.

As the smooth streets of the borough were left behind, Jerolaman turned his horse down the unmacadamized roads, and the Chief found wheeling difficult. At last pursuer and pursued emerged on Mountain avenue and went flying in the direction of Scotch Plains. Winded and tired out from the chase, the Chief finally gave up at the borough line and returned home.

The Chief finally decided to have Recorder Thomas issue a warrant for his arrest. At 2 o'clock this morning Marshal Schenck went to the home of Jerolaman and found the offender in bed. He was arrested and placed in the lockup. This morning Recorder Thomas gave the man an opportunity of paying \$10 or going to Somerville for sixty days.

Later in the morning a young man named Smith called at the lockup and offered to buy Jerolaman's rig for \$10 and thus help him out of his trouble. Jerolaman accepted the \$10 and was released from jail at noon.

ONCE SKILLED IN VICE

ROBERT REIN REDEEMED BY THE GRACE OF CHRISTIANITY.

Sketched His Career in the Young Christian Endeavorers and Made Salient Points How to Accomplish Temperance.

The history of a man redeemed from the lowest depths of vice in the Bowery of New York was told by himself at the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of Trinity Reformed church last evening. The man was Robert Rein, now a preacher of the Gospel. The greater part of the meeting was given to Mr. Rein, who made a very interesting and helpful address. His subject was temperance and good citizenship.

He began his address by telling his own story. How he started life in the slums of New York and was brought up in the midst of vice. At the age of fourteen years, twenty-one years ago, he ran away. He had a good voice and managed to pick up a few pennies by singing in some of the dives on the east side. As he grew older he learned the trade of a bar-keeper and supported himself in that capacity by singing at the low resorts in the Bowery. He told how, five years ago, he was led into a mission on the Bowery by hearing a song and how he went frequently after that and at last saw the error of his way and started anew.

He had been brought up, he said, on strong drink, and had always taken it until the time of his conversion. He believed in prohibition, he declared, but he did not think that the methods generally employed to advance it would ever be successful. Men could not be forced to give it up. The only way, he believed, that the power of strong drink could be driven out was to get the men and women converted, and then God would look after the liquor question. That was the only way to settle it, he explained.

He declared that there was a connection between the tobacco and the liquor habit. Eight out of every ten who smoke drink liquor, also, he declared. He closed with an earnest appeal to all to unite in the work of bringing men and women to God.

MADE LITTLE DEFENSE.

Central Railroad Will Fight the Case on Its Appeal.

The case of Brooks Carson, the North Plainfield florist, against the New Jersey Central Railroad Company, to recover the value of a boiler which the plaintiff claimed was injured so as to be wholly worthless, while being conveyed from New York to this city as freight, was tried before Justice Moffett yesterday afternoon, and a judgment was rendered for the plaintiff for \$150 and the costs of the action.

Carson purchased the boiler in New York city last August and intended using it in heating his greenhouses. The damage which he discovered it had received upon reaching this city was a small hole in one end of the boiler. Lawyer Conover, who appeared for the Railroad company, made very little defense, and when the judgment was rendered he at once gave notice that an appeal would be taken.

Arranged for Jersey Delegates.
President E. E. Anthony, of the local union Christian Endeavor, has just returned from Nashville, Tenn., where he was sent by the officials of the State Christian Endeavor Society, to make arrangements for the entertainment of the New Jersey delegates to the National Convention of Endeavorers to be held in that city next June. Mr. Anthony secured full information necessary for the State Endeavorers, and it will be communicated to the proper authorities at the right time.

Guests at the County Jail.
Henry Nolan and Henry Morse, two offenders of the peace and moral code of the borough, were taken to Somerville yesterday, where they will serve a month. Nolan will remain for one month as a guest of Sheriff Wyckoff, while Morse will tarry for ninety days.

PAYFORCOUNTINGVOTES

REGISTRY AND ELECTION BOARDS READY TO FIGHT THE CITY.

The Members Insist That They Are Entitled to the Same Pay in Municipal as in County and State Elections.

The members of the Boards of Registry and Election of the several wards of Plainfield at a meeting held Friday evening last passed a resolution to the effect that they would present their bills for services rendered at the late municipal election to the Common Council at their meeting to be held Dec. 20th, made out for the amount allowed them by the county under a State law. If the Council should fail to pass favorably on the bills it is said that the twenty-eight members comprising the several Election Boards will engage counsel to carry to the Supreme Court and have set aside, if possible, the decision that was rendered by Corporation Counsel Marsh that in municipal elections the election officials shall be paid \$3 a day for their work—eight hours to constitute a day.

In the county and State elections the Boards are paid a lump sum of \$25, \$30 and \$15, respectively, according to the registration of voters, no account being taken of the hours or days in which it takes to do the work. The Boards claim that inasmuch as it is a State law under which the county acts, the same law should hold good in municipal elections. At the charter election held a year ago the same question arose and some of the members of the Boards, it is said, refused to accept the sum offered by the city, declaring they would take the matter to court.

The law under which the election officers base their claim, and which they think is right, is as follows, and can be found on page 133, section 4, of the ballot reform laws of 1897:

The county board of elections and the district boards of registry and election shall at said charter election, or election for municipal officers, perform all the duties required by them to be performed in elections for members of the general assembly; they shall be subject to like penalties and entitled to like compensation.

Officers Installed.

Washington Camp, No. 30, Patriotic Sons of America, held a meeting in Red Men's Hall last evening to perfect its reorganization. The attendance of members was large and State Vice-President J. W. Decker, of Newark, and a number of visitors from other camps were present. Eleven new members were initiated by the initiating team of Camp No. 41, of South Plainfield, and the officers for the ensuing year were installed by the State vice-president, assisted by the visiting team. Thirty-three members in all signed the charter.

Easy to Find a Policeman.
A much needed improvement has been made by the police department of this city. An order has just been issued by the Police Board that, beginning tonight, a policeman will always be on duty at the station house between the hours of 11 and 5 at night. Anyone who wants an officer and cannot find one on the regular beats in the city will always be sure of finding one at the station house. He can be reached by telephone. The number of the telephone at the station house is 54 B.

Right of Way to the Plains.
Yesterday Former Sheriff Kyte succeeded in getting enough signatures from Scotch Plains people to guarantee the Plainfield Street Railway Company the right of way from the city limits through to Scotch Plains over the route planned to run through East Second street from Watchung avenue.

Judgment Rendered.
Judgment for \$16 and costs was rendered in the case of Berg against Bunn in Justice Nash's court this morning. Summons were issued in the case of Jackman against Singer, returnable on the 21st.

Mrs. Peter B. Hodge, of Plainfield avenue, is confined to her bed with a severe attack of croup.

The Christmas Press
Will Be Printed
Saturday, Dec. 18th.
IT WILL BE FULL OF READING APPROPRIATE TO
THE YULETIDE SEASON.

The Christmas Press,
Printed on Saturday, Dec. 18th, Will Contain a
Complete History of Trinity Reformed Church.
Illustrations Showing the New Exterior
and Interior.

CIVIL SERVICE CHANGE

Deputy Collectors May Go From the Classified Service.

ADMINISTRATION MAY ACT

Reported Terms of the House Bill to Modify the System—Hard Fight Expected in the Senate Over the Cause.

Washington, Dec. 14.—One of the results of the anti-civil-service conference of Republican Congressmen Saturday is the announcement that perhaps the Administration will act in the matter before Congress. It is rumored at the Treasury Department that an order is contemplated taking the Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue out of the classified service, and that this will be followed by other changes, not only in the Treasury, but in other departments.

So far as Congress is concerned, it is expected that the House Committee on Civil Service, soon after the holidays, will report a bill carrying out the ideas of the more moderate of the opponents of the extended civil-service system, and that a vigorous effort will be made for its consideration by the House. The measure reported will probably, in addition to fixing narrow limits within which the classification shall extend, propose some tenure of office for clerks in the classified service, and will aim to curtail the powers and check the growth of the Civil-Service Commission. The general understanding is that the Democrats will assist the Republicans opposed to the law, provided the proposed modifications do not go too far.

The Census and Civil Service.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Census bill will be before the Senate this week, and a lively fight is expected, especially in regard to whether the new bureau shall be placed under the Civil-Service law or not. It seems, therefore, likely that both Senate and House will discuss civil service reform this week.

The bill, which has been reported to the Senate by the Committee on Census, provides for a permanent Census Commissioner, who shall be assisted by such clerks and statisticians as are deemed necessary to prepare the detailed plan for the twelfth and subsequent censuses. Commissioner of Labor Wright, who completed the last census, believes that there should be some preliminary training for men who are to undertake the work, and the Committee on Census is evidently of the same opinion. It is also proposed to limit the scope of the census in regard to manufactures to show only the total output, the number of men employed and the raw material. It is argued that a permanent Census Bureau would be able to collect biennial statistics which would be far more valuable than reports gathered every ten years. It is also proposed to limit the work regarding population, and several lines of inquiry which were followed in the last census will be omitted.

The Senate, as at present constituted, is strongly in favor of keeping the census out of the classified service, and allowing appointments to be made at the discretion of the director, subject to such examinations as he may prescribe, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

THE DAY IN THE HOUSE.

Legislative Appropriation Bill Reported—Comes Up To-day.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Mr. Bingham (Rep., Pa.), from the Appropriation Committee, reported to the House yesterday the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill, which he gave notice he would call up to-day.

The bill carries a total of \$21,562,425, being \$780,861 less than the estimates. The number of salaries provided for is 10,000, being 198 less than the number estimated for and twenty-five less than the number provided for in the current law.

Mr. Bingham asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a resolution to print 2,000 copies of the testimony of the Civil Service Commission before the Appropriations Committee. The work of the commission was provided for in the appropriation bill, and, as it was the purpose of the committee to allow the widest latitude for debate in the consideration of this item, he thought the House should be in possession of this testimony. There was no objection, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cannon, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, secured unanimous consent for the consideration of an urgent deficiency bill, which he explained carried but three items—\$5,000 for the construction of a building at the Naval Academy, \$30,000 for the payment of the temporary employees of the House and Senate, and \$175,000 for the payment of the mileage of Senators and Representatives. The mileage ordinarily available at the regular session of Congress, he explained, had been used to pay mileage at the extra session. The bill was passed without debate.

Sealing in the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 14.—In the Senate Mr. Davis, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, called up the bill prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the North Pacific Ocean, but upon the suggestion of Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.), who said he desired to offer some amendments, the measure went over until to-day.

A bill was passed for a public building at Durham, N. C., to cost \$125,000. At 2 p. m. the immigration bill was taken up. An agreement has been reached by the Senate to vote on the Immigration bill at 2 o'clock on Jan. 17, and the Senate then adjourned.

A Trust Knocked Out.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—It is reported here that the typewriter trust is on the verge of collapse. One big concern has given notice of withdrawal from the combine in January, and others are expected to follow suit. This will mean a fifty-dollar typewriter. Most of the important patents have expired, and outside makers can now duplicate high-grade machines for a factory price of \$12 and \$15. Trust sales have been cut almost in half.

FLEEING FROM FAMINE

One Thousand Miners Stampede From Dawson City.

ONE-FOURTH MUST PERISH

Scant Relief Came by Late Steamers, and It Was Fled Food or Starve. Dyea Parties Want a Contract for Supplies.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14.—By steamer Topeka, from Dyea, news is received that more than a thousand ill-provisioned men stampeded from Dawson during the latter part of October, and impelled by fears of famine, are now forcing their way over the mountains. Auk, the Indian mail carrier, who brings the report, left the Yukon capital fully ten days after the Dalton party. He says the vanguard of the terror-stricken army is following less than a week behind him. Auk declares that fully 25 per cent. of the stampeding army will never live to recite the horrors of their flight.

The river steamers Bella and Weare, it now appears, did not land more than one hundred tons of provisions on their arrival in Dawson in the early part of October, owing to their having been held up at Circle City.

The only bright view of the situation is that the crossing of the pass above Dyea and Skagway has lately been greatly improved, and within a month will be in excellent condition.

Ready for a Contract.

Dyea parties, headed by George F. Ulmer, propose to go to the relief of the hungry at Dawson. They will make the United States Government an offer to deliver 50,000 pounds of provisions within fifty days after the time of starting for Dawson, for the sum of \$75,000.

They already have 5,000 pounds of provisions cached at Lake Bennett, which they will take in this winter. Ulmer will go south by the next steamer to lay his proposition before the Secretary of War by wire.

It is stated that the material for the proposed railway over Takau Pass has been shipped from the East. They already have 5,000 pounds of provisions cached at Lake Bennett, which they will take in this winter. Ulmer will go south by the next steamer to lay his proposition before the Secretary of War by wire.

Relief by Reindeer Trains.

Washington, Dec. 14.—In answer to a Senate resolution calling for such information as the War Department possesses relative to the means of sending supplies to the Yukon River, Secretary Alger yesterday submitted a letter reciting his action in sending Capt. Ray, Eighth Infantry, to that country to investigate, and inclosing copies of that officer's reports, the features of which have been published.

Insolvent Bank Dividends.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Comptroller of the Currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks, as follows: First dividend, 15 per cent., in favor of creditors of the Keystone National Bank, Erie, Pa., on claims proved amounting to \$368,158.24; second dividend, 10 per cent., in favor of creditors of the Moscow National Bank, Moscow, Idaho, making in all 25 per cent., on claims proved amounting to \$85,260.88; fourth dividend, 7 per cent., in favor of creditors of the Keystone National Bank, Superior, Wis., making in all 47 per cent., on claims proved amounting to \$162,124.46; fourth dividend, 10 per cent., in favor of creditors of the First National Bank, Niagara Falls, N. Y., making in all 75 per cent., on claims proved amounting to \$24,952.39.

Shadow of Herself

Stomach Was Too Weak to Retain Food

A Complete Cure Effected by Hood's Sarsaparilla

Now Enjoying the Best of Health, With Digestion Perfect.

"My mother was subject to sick headaches and indigestion for over a year. She was unable to stand for any length of time, and was obliged to stay in a dark room as she could not bear the light. She had no appetite whatever and her stomach was so weak she could not retain what food she did eat. She also had severe pains in her head. She suffered so much that she became but the shadow of herself. One day I happened to read a testimonial about Hood's Sarsaparilla. It sounded so truthful

I persuaded her to try this medicine. Before finishing the first bottle there was an improvement in her condition. She no longer threw up her food and her headache was not so severe. She took in all four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and several boxes of Hood's Pills and regained her weight. She is now enjoying the best of health. Her digestion is good and she can eat almost anything she wishes. She is 42 years old and says she feels as well as when she was 16. Hood's Sarsaparilla made a complete cure in her case."

MISS MARY MASCARIE, Ironton, Ohio.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills—the best family cathartic, easy to operate. 25c.



Seven Acres of Christmas Presents All Under One Roof!

That's where we stand with gift buyers. From a Baby's Rattle to a Parlor Suit, with prices rising from one cent up to hundreds of dollars, with every conceivable idea, shape, form and fancy to meet the desire of the youngest child to the oldest adult, we have bowed ourselves into Christmastide favor.

Note—Goods purchased now will be held for delivery at the will of the buyer, if desired.

NOTE—Goods delivered free at any railroad station in New Jersey. No extra charge for packing.

Hahne & Co., Newark, N.J.

DO YOU RIDE A WHEEL?— If so you appreciate the value of covering distance quickly and should have a **TELEPHONE** with long distance connection, which you can obtain through **The New York & New Jersey Telephone Co.**, 15 Smith Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 117 North Avenue, Plainfield.

OVERCOATS, ULSTERS,

Men's and Boys' Clothing

infact, everything in the line pertaining to a first-class store—and at reasonable prices.

HATS AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS—ASK FOR COUPONS.

Werner's Clothing House, 206 West Front Street.

Trading Stamps.

The only shoe store in the city where you can get trading stamps. Shoes polished free. Bootblack stand right in the store.

SHERWIN'S, 149 West Front St.



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1897 Taxes

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 23rd, 1897,) at two o'clock p.m., to hear complaints relating to assessments.

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—The Bachelors Club will be entertained at the home of the president, Benjamin O. Bowers, Jr., tomorrow evening.

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.

—The grand officers of the A. O. U. W. will visit the meeting of Columbia Lodge of this city Friday evening. A large time is expected.

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.

—Plainfield was well represented at the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

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—A meeting of the board of directors of the Sabbath Tract Society was held Sunday afternoon. The report of Rev. Dr. A. H. Lewis was received and routine business transacted.

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At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Olagah, Ind. Ter. Chief. This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe, we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by T. S. Armstrong, apothecary, corner Park and North avenues.

—A dance will be given by the young women of Miss Scribner and Miss Green's school on LaGrande avenue, on Thursday, December 30th.

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 Christmas entertainment at the Monroe Avenue church will be held on Tuesday evening, December 28th. Something unusually fine is promised.

Robbed the Grave.
A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at L. W. Randolph's drug store.

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MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY.

Prominent Folk Express Sorrow at Death of Mrs. McKinley.

Canton, O., Dec. 14.—The coffin bearing the body of Nancy Allison McKinley is nearly buried in flowers. All day yesterday express wagons carried loads of floral offerings to the memory of the departed mother of the President. They came to Miss Helen McKinley, the President's sister, who, through all the trials of the last ten days, has scarcely left the bedside of her dying mother. But messages of sympathy and tokens of regard came from greater distances than flowers can carry. The wires and the mails were overloaded with words of condolence.

President Faure of France, American Ambassadors abroad, United States Consuls, the Ambassadors of other countries stationed at Washington, Governors of States, Judges, United States Senators, Congressmen and other public officials, Grand Army posts and friends by the thousands from all parts of the civilized world have sent expressions of their sympathy.

The funeral is to be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of which the deceased woman had long been a member. It was the preference of her relatives to have brief private services at the old McKinley homestead; but, yielding to the urgent request of neighbors, old-time friends and members of the church, they consented to have public services.

Business will practically be suspended in Canton. All the churches will be represented at the services and distinguished men will be present from all parts of the country. The Rev. Dr. Manchester, pastor of the church, will make a brief address, in order to permit other clergymen to express their sentiments.

STOLE FROM GAGE'S BANK.

One of the Knickerbockers Admits That He Embezzled Money.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Herman G. Knickerbocker, a bookkeeper for the First National Bank, of which Secretary Gage was president, was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of embezzlement.

Knickerbocker at first denied the allegation, but later confessed that his accounts were not as they should be. He is about 30 years old and lives with his parents at Naperville, a suburb of this city. He is said to be one of the leaders among the young society folk.

The warrant specifies the amount of the embezzlement at \$1,000, but since the examination of the books was begun a shortage of \$3,000 has been discovered.

Shipment of Cuban Tobacco.
New York, Dec. 14.—The first shipment of Cuban tobacco to reach this port since Weyler's decree of May 16, 1896, forbidding the exportation of leaf tobacco, arrived yesterday on the Ward liner Orizaba, from Havana.

There were only 351 bales in the shipment, but several thousand more bales of the weed are expected on steamships to arrive soon from Cuba.

Weyler's prohibitory edict was directed against the Cuban cigar-makers in the United States, who were contributing \$1 a week each to the Cuban cause. Frequent protests had been made to Madrid by importers of the tobacco in this country against Weyler's edict, but it was not until a week ago that the embargo was raised.

Does Not Oppose Annexation.
Washington, Dec. 14.—The State Department denies that Great Britain has protested against the annexation of Hawaii. Officers of the department cannot understand how such a report originated, in view of the attitude of the British Government since the treaty was negotiated.

No official reference to this has been made by Great Britain, but semi-official explanations appeared in the English press that the Government recognized the right of the United States to annex the Hawaiian Islands as a natural outcome of their geographical situation and in accordance with the policy towards which this country has been tending in the last seventy-five years.

Texas Town Almost Destroyed.
Dallas, Dec. 14.—The town of Boyd, Tex., in the Panhandle country, was almost totally destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire started in a feed store, and was the result of boys smoking cigarettes. There is no organized fire department in the town, and the flames soon got beyond control. Eighteen business houses and a large number of dwellings were destroyed. The loss to business men is estimated at \$50,000, with insurance of only \$10,000.

Armour & Co. Buying Wheat.
Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14.—Armour & Co. agents throughout Nebraska and South Dakota are buying enormous quantities of wheat. It is being shipped East. At one point in South Dakota—Eureka—Armour's agent has purchased 50,000 bushels in the past week. In this State even larger quantities are being sent to Chicago by Armour men. The exact intentions of the firm are bothering other speculators in this territory very much.

Magnates' Big Loss.
New York, Dec. 14.—John D. Rockefeller and J. Pierpont Morgan have received reports that certain Western speculations have failed; that Rockefeller has lost \$3,000,000 by the poverty of his Washington mines, and Morgan is out \$300,000 by the fading away of the assets of the Chicago General Electric Railway. The losses are small in comparison with the wealth of the financiers, but they are a thrust at the pride of these men.

WOMAN PLEADS FOR FOOTBALL.

Bill to Abolish the Game in Virginia Recommended for Passage.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—An earnest fight was made in the Senate Committee yesterday over the Anti-Football bill. A number of young women were present and applauded the speeches favorable to the game, and had to be called to order by the chair. Delegate N. B. Early, two years ago the centre rush on the University of Virginia team, spoke in advocacy of the game, and read a letter from President Eliot of Harvard in its support.

Mrs. Virginia Morgan Robinson, a prominent woman of this city, whose son is an invalid from a football accident at the university, addressed the committee. She denied that her son was injured from over-exercise, and said that he had told her he was struck on the head during the game, but would never tell who hit the blow. She spoke feelingly and wept, breaking down entirely at one time. She said she was not now opposed to the game, and her son was still an advocate of it.

The committee recommended the bill by a vote of 5 to 4, and it comes up as the special order in the Senate today.

EXPECT A SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Bill to Be Pushed Creating the New Department of Commerce.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Officers of the Chicago Business League have received word from Washington that President McKinley will make the proposed Department of Commerce and Industries the subject of a special message to Congress. Immediately after the holidays a delegation of local citizens interested in the new Cabinet departments will go to the capital to have the bill introduced in Congress.

Many letters from Senators and Representatives at Washington have been received by the secretary of the Chicago Business League, in which the writers all agree to support the bill and appeal to commercial and mercantile bodies all over the country to instruct their representatives to vote in favor of the bill.

An effort, it is said, will be made by delegates from this city to the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Nashville to commit that body in favor of the bill.

SORE AGAINST UNCLE SAM.

Hartl Thinks We Should Have Intervened in German Trouble.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Official confirmation has reached here of the resignation of the Haytian Cabinet. Advises show that the feeling of resentment against the United States is very bitter in the black republic, because President McKinley did not intervene his good offices to prevent the humiliation by Germany. The feeling is declared to be stronger against the United States than against Germany, and material injury to our interests is feared.

The new Cabinet is expected to be radically anti-American in sentiment. Commander McCalla, of the Marblehead, has therefore been instructed to keep his vessel at Port au Prince for fear of unfavorable developments.

Assassinated in a Hotel.

Amite City, La., Dec. 14.—In the full glare of the hotel lights, S. B. Mullen, brother of Judge Mullen of Beauregard, Miss., was shot to death in the hotel gallery from behind. There were two shots fired, one of which penetrated the brain. Sheriff Edwards was notified, and organized a posse. Bloodhounds were placed on the trail.

Why Mullen was killed is as yet a mystery. He is an entire stranger here and could hardly have had any connection with any of the murders in the Tangipara parish feud. Some people are under the impression that the man had enemies at his home who followed him here and murdered him. Others say that he was a detective and came here for the purpose of working up a case.

Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed as follows:

New Jersey—Cranbury, Middlesex, Frank A. Brown.

New York—Naumburg, Lewis, Charles S. Squire; Northampton, Fulton, Robert Humphrey; Mendon, Monroe, Vernon E. Taylor; Pope Mills, St. Lawrence, C. M. Woodworth; Wassala, Dutchess, Noah L. Bishop.

Pennsylvania—Dudley, Huntingdon, Rachel Morgan; Great Belt, Butler, Louis Hartenstein; James Creek, Huntingdon, Andrew B. Garner; Mapleton Depot, Huntingdon, Julia B. Dell; Manor, Huntingdon, R. A. Crowner.

An Interesting Rumor.

Washington, Dec. 14.—News comes to Washington that Hon. James B. Eustis, former United States Senator from Louisiana, and former Ambassador to France, may be appointed Corporation Counsel for Greater New York. The rumor is interesting to the many friends of Mr. Eustis in Washington. The former Ambassador, since his retirement from the diplomatic service, has been practicing law in New York City. During the Mayoralty campaign he took a leading part as a Tammany adherent, and did good service for Van Wyck.

Shot in a Fight with a Marshal.

Glasgow, Ky., Dec. 14.—Deputy City Marshal Bailey yesterday morning shot and fatally wounded Alexander Lasley. Lasley and several others had stolen a lot of whiskey and brandy from a wholesale house in the night, and had become intoxicated. Lasley beat his wife into insensibility and cut his son in the throat, seriously injuring him. Marshal Bailey appeared, and Lasley rushed on him with an ax handle. Bailey shot him through the head.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

(Furnished by Weather Observer Neagle.)

Rain Tonight; Rain Followed by Clearing Weather Wednesday; Stationary Temperature.
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PROBLEM FOR BUSINESS MEN.

A conservative business man of this city estimates that at least \$7,000 is paid every month by Plainfielders to out-of-town organizations which practically does not benefit the city, inasmuch as a very small percentage of that sum ever returns here to be invested in homes or business and thus contribute to the general prosperity of the community. The authority for the statement deposes such a condition and declares that it behooves the business men of Plainfield to devise some plan whereby small investors can put their spare money into a profitable channel at home and at the same time add materially to the growth and standing of the town.

It is a matter of fact that there is scarcely a loan association or real estate enterprise between New York and Philadelphia but what is liberally represented in Plainfield, and it will be conceded that beyond the small return that the investors may get for the amount they have advanced, the town is not one whit better by such business practices.

That condition exists because there are not sufficient opportunities for small investors in local institutions. True, there are several safe and profitable enterprises of local birth and management, but with the competition that they encounter in the constant importunities of agents representing outside organizations a large amount of capital is diverted from the channels that in the spirit of local pride and desire to see the town progress argues should be otherwise.

What is needed most is a thorough and aggressive organization of local business men who will bend their energies to the effort of providing more and better investments for those who have either small or large sums to spare. An active Board of Trade could accomplish much in this direction.

SEVEN TIMES A TREASURER.

Honor and Confidence Bestowed on D. W. Littell in Royal Arcanum.

Plainfield Council, No. 711, Royal Arcanum, last night elected officers for the coming year. There seemed to be a renewed interest evidenced on the part of the members and no doubt the coming year will be one of the best in the history of the council. Last year, under the direction of Regent M. L. Bullock, the council thrived and made an excellent record, and he was efficiently supported by all of the other officers. The newly-elected officers have the interest of the council at heart and there will undoubtedly be a unit in making the year a banner one.

The new officers are as follows: Regent, Lawrence B. Bromfield; vice-regent, A. I. Littell; orator, S. C. Baker; past regent, M. L. Bullock; collector, Elliott Burr; treasurer, D. W. Littell; chaplain, Rev. Edward Love; guide, Herbert Buxton; warden, W. E. Townsend; sentry, A. W. Winkler; trustees, three years, L. B. Woolston; representative to Great Council, H. C. Adams.

A fact worthy of note is that D. W. Littell was re-elected treasurer last evening for the seventh consecutive year, showing that he is appreciated very much by his fellows in the council. During the evening three propositions were received for membership.

Prize Choiristers.

The prize choiristers of Grace P. E. church for the month of November were Douglass Murphy, Augustus Feiring, Raymond Cohen, the Misses Eva Noe, Clara Woodward, Mary Collier, Eleanor T. VanDeventer and Sarah Ball. Blanchard Fosgate received the Grace church cross and Miss Mabelle Smith the prayer book and hymnal which the rector has offered as a prize to follow the cross.

Doubt a Murder.

Prosecutor Hayhurst, of Hunterdon county, is now somewhat doubtful that Captain George Farley, of Woodglan, was murdered. Despite the verdict of the Coroner's jury to the effect that Farley was a victim of foul play, the Prosecutor thinks he may have been accidentally killed. Amelia Sutton has confessed that she took the man's pocketbook.

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.
—Work was started yesterday laying the white brick at the Stillman building.

—The employees of the Plainfield Street Railway are planning to give a dance Feb. 21st.

—Miss Mary Browers will give a party at her home in Samptown next Friday evening.

—A watch night service will be held at Monroe Avenue church Friday evening, December 31st.

—A crosswalk has been laid across Somerset street, opposite Regent street. It was much needed.

—Mrs. Hangan's house, corner of Somerset street and Craig place, is being treated to a coat of paint.

—The Christmas entertainment at the First Baptist church will be held between Christmas and New Year's.

—Marsh, Ayres & Co. are completing the exterior decoration of Edwin B. Day's residence on Central avenue.

—A new crosswalk has been laid across West Front street, opposite the main entrance to the Babcock building.

—Regular routine business was transacted at the meeting of Miantonomoh Tribe of Red Men Friday evening.

—A flagstone sidewalk is to be laid at once on the Watchung avenue side of the lot surrounding St. Joseph's church.

—The members of the First Church of Christ will hold a business meeting next Friday evening after the prayer meeting.

—Miantonomoh Tribe of Red Men will nominate officers Friday, Dec. 24th, and will elect them the Friday following.

—The annual election of officers in Jerusalem Lodge, No. 26, F. and A. M., will take place on the evening of December 21st.

—The usual watch-night service will be held this year at the First M. E. church, and a programme of interest is being arranged.

—The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet on Friday, December 17th, from 2 until 5 p. m.

—The members of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium classes will have a dinner in the gymnasium on Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

—Sergeant Kiely has had rubber soles and heels placed on his shoes to assist him in detecting the slightest noise during the night.

—In the suit of Hisey against O'Keefe, in the Union County Court, William Newcorn has been retained to represent the defendant.

—This evening Anchor Lodge, No. 149, F. and A. M., will hold a regular communication and officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

—The three houses on West Front street near the corner of Washington avenue are being painted, and the appearance of them thereby changed.

—Mrs. Lindsley Woolley, of New street, is assisting during the holidays at the fancy goods store owned by the Misses Gorsline, on West Front street.

—The St. Cecilia Club has rented the Y. M. C. A. hall for weekly rehearsals and for the concert which will be given soon under its auspices.

—John Wolf has secured the contract to lower the hill near Isaac Moore's residence, near Washingtonville, and he will commence work very soon.

—Sunday evening, January 2d, is the time set for Rev. J. W. Richardson, of the Park Avenue Baptist church, to preach a sermon to the Plainfield firemen.

—Constable George Steward, of Washingtonville, entertained a few friends at his home Sunday afternoon. A feature of the gathering was the music furnished by Nathan Guttman.

—A poorly lighted section of the city is between Front street on Washington avenue and the bridge. It is very dark between these two points and walking is rather dangerous.

—The work of flagging and curbing Sycamore avenue on the city side is about completed. There yet remains a small space to lay flagging and curbing. The new street certainly presents a fine appearance.

—The members of the Exempt Firemen's Association will go to Bayonne Wednesday evening, where they will be the guests of the Exempts of that city. Judge V. W. Nash, E. A. Laing and W. A. Woodruff are a committee to secure a souvenir to present to the Bayonne Association.

—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.

The United States Government will not buy baking powders containing alum at any price.

The Government does buy Cleveland's baking powder, which speaks volumes in its favor.

Cleveland's is a pure cream of tartar powder.

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

Alonzo McNabb, of Bound Brook, spent yesterday in Plainfield.

Frank Hedden, of Central avenue, is out again after a short illness.

Mrs. Baldwin, of Dunellen, was a guest of Plainfield friends yesterday.

Mrs. W. C. Ayres, of West Second street, has gone to Newark to spend a week.

Herbert Moore, of Grove street, has been the guest of Joseph Yates, of Brooklyn.

Benjamin Schenck, of East Fifth street, spent Sunday with friends in Somerville.

J. C. Dunham and D. Dunham, of West Third street, visited friends in Newark Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Long, of Somerville, has returned home after a visit with relatives in Plainfield.

Miss Fenner, of Pluckamin, is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley Woolley, of New street.

Edward Nelson, ticket agent at the North Avenue station, spent Sunday in Brooklyn with friends.

Miss Madeline Day, of Mercer avenue, has returned to Orange after spending a few days at home.

Mrs. L. M. Atkinson, of New York, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. B. Robinson, of West Second street.

Mrs. F. A. Pope, of 420 Park avenue, was called to Philadelphia yesterday by the illness of her mother.

Dr. Samuel Ayres, of New York, was the guest of his father, Wm. C. Ayres, of West Second street, Sunday.

Mrs. A. D. Pope, of Lincoln place, is being entertained by her sister, Mrs. Francis Clark, of High street, Newark.

Clarence L. Murphy and Francis J. Blatz, the well-known lawyers, drove over to Madison yesterday on legal business.

Oscar Campbell, who attends college in the south, is spending a short vacation at the home of his parents in this city.

Miss Charlotte Messersmith, of Washington street, will entertain the Sixteen Social Sisters at her home this evening.

David Morning, of Manson place, goes to the Muhlenberg Hospital this week to have a serious operation performed on his liver.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, of West Seventh street, is reported as being much worse. He has been very ill for sometime past.

Clarence Sutphen, of West Second street, who went to Muhlenberg Hospital to have an operation performed on his throat, is much improved, the operation having proved successful.

THEATRICAL.

Laughter will be in order when Henshaw & TenBroeck come with their new collection of laughables in "Dodge's Trip to New York." There's always fun when they strike town and they leave a smile when they depart.

This season their manager promises many new features and also announces it as the best tour of Henshaw & TenBroeck as farceurs. With the present company will be seen all new faces, including a number of well-known comedians, new songs, new dances and new specialties will make up a pot pourri that will please any audience. They will be here again Monday evening, Dec. 20th. It is said that the new farce comedy is better than "The Nabobs," which was such a hit here last season.

Andrew Mack has found favor at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, New York, in Ramsay Morris' new play, "An Irish Gentleman," and is received with enthusiasm by large audiences. His singing also a feature, and his songs are encored at every performance.

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 Lox 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.

Remember, ours is the cheapest place in Plainfield—no other store can give you the same goods for less than three times the above prices.

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M. Weinberger, Manager.

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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.

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Full of good goods,
full of sunshine,
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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 or C. R. R. of N. J., come in carriage, on bicycle or horseback, it will pay you to look at the wonders.

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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

SEBRING, The Clothier,
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BOEHM'S

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 time. 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.

BOEHM'S!
109, 111 and 113 WEST FRONT ST.

Van Arsdale's Sensible Shoe Store
Everybody Is Wondering

just now what they are going to get for a Christmas gift, others are pondering over what they shall give. Shoes, slippers, rubber boots, etc., are sensible things to give, because they are useful; we're right here for business.

MORRIS C. VAN ARSDALE,
127 E. FRONT STREET.

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

HOLIDAYS AT WOODHULL & MARTIN'S.

In addition to the usual full lines of Staple Dry Goods, Notions, Carpets and Housefurnishings, we have a most attractive assortment of Holiday Goods. The little folks always receive first attention and our display of Toys of all kinds, attracts old and young alike. But we have not forgotten the older people, and have many desirable goods eminently suitable for Christmas Presents. We shall make no attempt to enumerate articles or quote prices; suffice it to say, that our best judgement is always used in making selections, and our prices are always reasonable. We have some of last year's holiday goods (remainder of Edsall stock) which we offer at ridiculously low prices to close.

We Give the Newark Trading Stamp Co.'s Stamps.
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You are cordially invited to visit our establishment. Spend as much time with us as you can, and buy only what pleases you. Very truly yours,

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GOLD IN THE VATICAN

KLONDIKERICHES NOT COMPARABLE WITH THE POPE'S WEALTH.

Sublime Gifts a Fortune-Keeper of the House of the Oldest Dynasty in Christendom, Who Has No Thought Except for the Poor and Suffering.

There is one place in the world where more gold is to be found than has so far come out of the Klondike. And, stranger still, in the same place there are more diamonds and other gems than the total output of the South African diamond fields. This spot, rich as the mythical wealth of Aladdin's palace, is the home of a childless old man, Pope Leo, whose feeble life is creeping daily to its imminent close.

It would be difficult to estimate precisely the total weight of gold in the Vatican, but it is safe to say that there are at least thirty tons of it, worth in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000 at the present market price of the unwrought metal. Of this huge amount of gold, there is probably not a single pound of the metal that remains in its virgin state. Nearly every ounce of it has passed through the hands of skilled artisans, who have worked it into countless forms, thus adding perhaps a third or a quarter more to its value. Nor does the alloy that is usually employed by the goldsmith to give a durable quality to objects made of the precious metal enter at all into the composition of the treasures of the Vatican, which, being almost entirely native offerings to the Sovereign Pontiff, are literally of solid gold.

The Vatican treasures may be practically considered as the personal estate of the Pope. He inherited many of them when he was elected to the Holy See. He is required to give an account of his stewardship at his pleasure. To a large proportion of these treasures his personal right is indisputable, for to him, Leo XIII., were presented at various times, and more particularly on the occasion of his jubilee in 1888, enough gifts of pure gold to ransom a kingdom.

The Pontificate of the present venerable Prelate has added inestimably to the treasures of the Vatican. Jan. 1, 1888, Leo recited the Mass in St. Peter's in Rome, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest. The preliminary ceremonies of his Golden Jubilee began about a week earlier, and continued for more than a month in the new year, during which time an exposition was opened in the vast Pontifical palace for the display of the presents that had been sent to the head of the Christian Church from every corner of the world.

Before the exposition was opened upon tons of gold poured into the Vatican, beginning early in December, of 1897, and continuing without intermission until after the exposition had been closed in March of the following year.

At the Jubilee Mass alone \$3,000,000 in gold, the most part in coined money, were presented to His Holiness. There were audiences of pilgrims from the various countries, and those from France alone presented to the Pope \$100,000 in gold coin, besides many other objects in wrought gold.

The Duke of Norfolk, Envoy Extraordinary from Queen Victoria, presented to His Holiness on behalf of the Catholics of England, a massive basin and ewer of solid gold. Her British Majesty personally presented an altar ornament of gold worth many thousands of dollars. The Emperor of Russia sent a mammoth crozier of solid gold, inlaid with precious stones, and the Emperor William of Germany a gold mitre that blazed with diamonds and rubies.

One set of vestments alone was said to have cost \$20,000. The total value of the Golden Jubilee gifts to the Pope was estimated at \$14,800,000, of which \$2,800,000 were in gold coin.

Leo XIII. is said to have distributed the bulk of the money gifts sent to him on his jubilee in fostering the foreign missions of his church, in aiding poor dioceses at home and abroad, in improving the condition of the poor throughout the world, and in general for the benefit of humanity, but he did not, of course, dispose of the wrought gifts that were sent to him by the various nations, nor convert the value of such gifts into cash in promotion of his charitable intentions. These things are still treasured in the Vatican—and this is why the palace of the oldest dynasty in Christendom is still richer than the frozen gold fields of the North, to which men are rushing in swarms these days in a quest for the yellow metal.—New York Journal.

President of Twenty Banks.

Most men find that acquiring one bank to manage is as much as they can accomplish, but W. S. Witham, of Atlanta, Ga., holds twenty in the palm of his hand, so to speak, and runs them successfully. His banks are in the country towns of Georgia, and their principal business is making small loans to farmers. None of them is capitalized beyond \$100,000, and all of their cashiers have to be bonded for more money than they have access to. The institutions are so successfully managed that one of them once paid a dividend of 40 per cent, and all of them pay from 8 to 15 per cent, regularly.—New York Journal.

He Had Nine.

"A child in the house," said the Thoughtful Chap, "is a joy forever." "Yes," remarked the Nonsensical Guy, somewhat sadly, "and I know people who are overjoyed."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

What an immense amount of business there is going on by the name of poor health.—Ram's Horn.

HOW GENE FIELD GOT CREDIT.

By an Ingenious Trick He Was Tricked for a New Pair of Shoes.

"Gene Field made this old town hum when he was here," said an old timer to a Denver Times man. "You never knew when he would play some practical joke on his friends. The story of his pranks with the stuffed man, which he threw out of a Tribune window, has often been told, but the little jokes in his life are cherished in the memory of all who knew him. Of course, the pace made by Field, Skiff, Rothacker and the others was a fast one, and each and all were hopelessly in debt to every merchant in the city. One day Skiff said to Field: 'Gene, you're looking pretty shabby from your boot tops down. Why don't you get a new pair of shoes? I'll bet a new hat you can't buy a pair on credit in the town.'"

"'S that so?" says 'Gene. 'Well, we'll see,' and away he went. The crowd followed him and were looking in the windows of Alkire's while 'Gene was working his graft. He tried on one shoe, and it seemed all right, and then the other, and then he arose to see how they looked.

In the old days the store's floors were muddy—paved streets were then only a dream—and the crowd outside were surprised to see Field walk about, stamping his feet in all the mud he could find. When they were thoroughly dirty he walked to the door and said: "They'll do, Alkire. Field—Tribune, and with that he joined the waiting gang.

"Then he went to Clayton's and got a new hat, which Skiff paid for."

Grammatical Brakemen.

Apropos of a recent order that brakemen shall speak grammatically and distinctly, an official of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad says: "We wish our men to use good language. It makes a great difference with us whether a man uses good grammar or speaks as though he had never attended even a district school. In order that there may be no confusion, we have ordered conductors to tell brakemen to say, 'The next station is Chicago.' Our brakemen do not make many mistakes in grammar, but we cannot help it if a man is a foreigner and makes a mistake in pronunciation. The trainmen understand that their services are appreciated more when they know how to announce stations properly."—New York Tribune.

A Novel Proposal.

"The Youth's Companion" recalls a characteristic anecdote of the Rev. Lorenzo Dow, the itinerant Methodist preacher. When he was a widower he said to the congregation one day at the close of his sermon: "I am a candidate for matrimony, and if there is any woman in this audience who is willing to marry me I would thank her to rise." A woman rose very near the pulpit, and another in a distant part of the house. Mr. Dow paused a moment, then said: "There are two; I think this one near me rose first; at any rate, I will have her for my wife." The woman was in good standing and possessed of considerable property. Very soon after this eccentric wooing she became Mrs. Dow.

Cooking School for Boys.

Cincinnati wives of the future will be either a very happy or a very unhappy class. For Cincinnati men of the future will know all about the noble art of cookery. They will not talk merely about the "pie that mother uses to make" and the doughnuts that rendered Aunt Sarah famous. They will speak of "my ragouts" and "my biscuits."

For the Cincinnati boys are learning to cook in the high school.

They wear caps and aprons, the young masculine cooks, in their school basement kitchen. They are taught the simpler of the chemical processes involved in cooking.—New York Journal.

Remarkable Telegraph.

Among the most remarkable works in Australia is the overland telegraph from Port Darwin to the south of the continent, which was completed in 1872. Almost the whole 2,000 miles of its length was through uninhabited country—much of it a waterless desert. The wooden poles were prepared at the nearest available places, but some had to be carried 350 miles, while the iron poles were taken an average distance of 400 miles by land. Over 2,000 tons of material had to be carried into the interior, and the total cost was \$1,850,000.

Forage Plants.

Most people know the tall, striped, Japanese grass (Eulalia variegata) so largely grown for ornamental purposes. It has recently been discovered that this grass is splendid forage for horses, which are very fond of it, and will eat it in preference to almost any other kind of food. The growing of it for forage purposes is being largely discussed in agricultural circles; and if it should come into use, our English fields will be enriched with a new crop, whose appearance in full growth should be very beautiful.

Four Renowned Sisters.

California has added many to the list of renowned women, and among them are the Klumpke sisters. There are four of them—Dorothea, who is one of the chief workers of the Paris Observatory; Anna, a portrait painter in Boston; Augusta, a physician in Paris, and Julia, one of the most brilliant pupils of Ysaye, the violinist.—Indianapolis News.

Brown-Jones—He is wedded to his bottle.

Jones-Brown—Yes, he calls it his spirit wife.—Truth.

Three Boys Burned to Death.

Warren, Pa., Dec. 14.—At Auguston, about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. E. R. Fredericks, wife of an employee of the sawmill, started the kitchen fire with kerosene. An explosion followed, throwing the burning oil over the kitchen. Fredericks started out to alarm the neighbors, overlooking in his excitement his three sleeping boys, aged 8, 6 and 4 years respectively, in the upper part of the house. The mother succeeded in escaping with her baby, though both were badly burned. The latter was probably fatally burned. The fire was extinguished and the bodies of the three boys found burned beyond recognition.

German Ships to Leave Hayti.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The German schoolships Charlotte and Stein, which were engaged in the recent demonstration against Hayti, will leave Port au Prince to-day, the former going to San Domingo and the latter sailing for Havana.

The Charlotte and the Stein are the German vessels which on Monday last presented the ultimatum of Germany to Hayti, collected the indemnity demanded as a result of the imprisonment of Herr Emil Lueders, a German subject, and received the salute of the German flag, in full satisfaction for the outrage complained of by Germany.

To Fight Glucose Trust.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—A determined effort is under way here to form an opposition glucose company to fight the Glucose Trust, which is in the control of the Sugar Trust. The movement is led by the old superintendent of the Chicago Sugar Refining Company, who is credited with much of the success of that corporation.

Wouldn't Wait for Sure Death.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 14.—Peter Hogg, a harness maker, 39 years old, of No. 151 Academy street, shot himself in the head yesterday morning. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital, where he died. He had consumption, and frequently threatened that he would not let the disease kill him.

New Plan to Save Luetgert.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Attorneys Harmon and Rice, in their defense of A. L. Luetgert, have decided to base a strong fight on the point of the corpus delicti. They have been making a special study of the law governing this point. They will contend for the principle of common law enumerated years and years ago by Lord Hale, that a man cannot be convicted where the corpus delicti and the offence are both proved by circumstantial evidence. Either the body must be produced, or the murder proved to have been committed and proved by direct testimony.

Tornado Tears up a Town.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 14.—A disastrous tornado struck the little town of Pointe a la Hache, the parish seat of Plaquemines parish, at an early hour yesterday morning. St. Patrick's Church and the priest's house were destroyed. Father Colle and a widow named Mrs. Joseph Martin were injured. Twenty-five buildings were damaged badly. A lugger moored opposite the town was capsized and sunk, and one of the crew was drowned.

Lavigne to Box Griffo.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—It is stated that the opposition in the City Council to the issuance of boxing permits has been overcome. The Griffo-Lavigne fight will take place before Christmas.

Great Educator Dead.

New York, Dec. 14.—Charles Butler, LL.D., president of the Council of the New York University for half a century, died of old age at his home in this city yesterday. He was in his 97th year, and was one of the first members of the New York University. He was the author of several books, the most notable being "Lawyers and Clients."

Five Big Breweries Sold.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Five leading breweries of this city have been sold to New York capitalists for \$3,750,000. A consolidated corporation with a capital of \$5,000,000 will be formed.

Fall River Wage Crisis.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 14.—The Manufacturers' Committee in charge of the pending situation of the wages of mill operatives will recommend that the salaries of the treasurers, overseers and others be reduced on the same proportion as the wages of the employees. About twenty-five thousand operatives are affected by the reduction.

Wheat Crop Report.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The special wheat investigation instituted by the Department of Agriculture indicates a crop of 530,000,000 bushels. These figures are subject to slight modification in the final report.

WIT AND HUMOR.

"Did you tell that young man not to call here any more?" asked Mabel's father, severely.

"N—no."

"Why not?"

"I didn't think that it was necessary. I don't see how he could call any more now. He calls seven times a week."—Washington Star.

Wife—You saw Mrs. Bowser last evening.

Husband—Yes; but not to speak to her.

Wife—What a story! I heard you were sitting with her for more than two hours.

Husband—That's so; but it was she who did the talking.—Up to Date.

Handel Barr—Yes, other things being equal, the larger the wheel the greater the speed.

Little Johnny—Well, then, Pa, why don't the hind wheel of a wagon go faster than the front one?—New York World.

Grocer—Well, little one, what can I do for you?

Jenny—Please, sir, mamma says to change a dollar for her an' she'll give you the dollar to-morrow.—Truth.

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

I. Lederer.

Advertised Letters.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 13, '97.
Atkinson Mrs Eva
Banks Mr Thos J
Burns John
Baumgartner Johanna
Brown Mrs M G
Carroll Miss Sarah
Cuff Lena
Covogrove Kate
Dunn Mrs Bob
Farroah Miss L
Fowler Tessie B
Fleming Elvira
Fletcher Mrs J B
Goetz Mr James
Gale Miss Susie
Gahlan Boss
Houghton Miss B L
Henrich Miss Susie
Eart Prof Henry
Hickey Miss Maggie
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Administrator's Settlement.

Notice is hereby given. That the account of the subscriber, Administrator with the will annexed of Thomas Blackwell, deceased, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate, and reported for settlement to the Orphan's Court of the County of Union, on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of December next, at 10 o'clock A. M.
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Dated, October 23d, 1897. 10 25 o a w 101u

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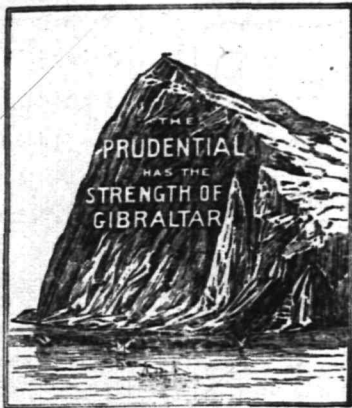
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THE TIME TO LIGHT UP.

Sun Glass 7:16 a. m.
Sun Sets 4:53 p. m.
Bicycle lanterns must be lighted at 5:33 p. m.

SPORTS

WHIST.

The compass whist at the Park Club last evening was as successful as the week before. It was well attended and the lovers of the game found the evening a very pleasant one. Much interest was shown and the new players made a good showing against the veterans. The score of the game was as follows:

	Plus.	Minus.
Corwin and Rogers.....	7	
DeGraff and Grace.....	2	
Perkins and McCutchen.....	2	
Reed and Matthews.....	1	
Wolfe and Wells.....		1
Howell and Townsend.....		2
Freeman and Freeman.....		3
Richardson and Hibbard.....		6

BASKET BALL.

An exciting basket ball game will be played in this city Friday evening, when the team from Newark Academy will meet the Plainfield Y. M. C. A. at the latter's gymnasium.

The girls of the Senior Class at the Plainfield High School were invited to attend the gymnasium class conducted by Miss MacMartin in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, yesterday afternoon. Several were present.

UNION COUNTY APPOINTMENTS.

Politicians Say Cross is Slated for Judge and Vail for Prosecutor.

It is said in political circles that the slate has been made for Judge of Union county and Prosecutor of the Pleas to succeed Judge Thomas F. McCormick and Prosecutor Fred O. Marsh, both Democrats.

The knowing ones claim that former Speaker Joseph Cross, who at one time was District Court Judge, has been decided upon as Judge, and that former Senator Benjamin A. Vail, of Rahway, will be the next County Prosecutor. Mr. Vail is at present City Attorney of Rahway, and, if he had his choice, would like to be Judge, but it is said that whether the appointment is made by Governor Briggs or by acting Governor Voorhees, Mr. Cross is certain of getting the plum.

With the filling of the above appointments the Republicans, for the first time since Union county was created in 1857, will be in possession of every county office.

Writ of Attachment Issued.

Justice Nash has issued a writ of attachment in the suit of Mrs. Julia Rogers against George Willey. The writ was placed in the hands of Constable Moffett to be served. City Judge DeMeza is the attorney for the plaintiff. The claim is for an alleged board bill.

Laying of Corner Stone Postponed.

The laying of the corner stone of the East Third Street Baptist chapel was to occur this afternoon at 3:30, but on account of the rainy weather it was thought advisable to postpone the services until tomorrow afternoon at the same hour.

William Gray, of East Fourth street, has been awarded two second prizes for his nun pigeons at the Poultry and Pigeon Show at Washington, D. C.

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For Infants and Children.

The Little
Squirt
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WILL REVISE RECORDS.

ADVISORY BOARD OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEET.

The Board Organized With Prof. Meredith as President—Will Make Numerous Recommendations to the Association. Athletics have been steadily advancing among the boys of the Plainfield High School during the last few years. Not only have the athletes of the school been doing much better work, but they have had the advantage of better opportunities to do good work and distinguish themselves. The changes in the constitution of the Athletic Association of the High School has put the control of athletics on a far more substantial basis than ever before. One of the features of the new constitution is an advisory board to exercise a restraining and guiding influence over all the important acts of the society. Yesterday afternoon the board, which is composed of one faculty member, Prof. A. B. Meredith, and two alumni members, Thomas A. Cumming, '93, and Charles B. Morse, '95, met and organized.

Prof. Meredith was elected president of the board and presided at the meeting. The affairs of the society were discussed and the board was unanimously in favor of the proposed entertainment for the benefit of the association this winter, and agreed to do all in their power to assist the association in arranging for it.

After some discussion the board decided to recommend that the association adopt a set of standard records, consisting of those usually included in scholastic games, and that the old records of the association in those events be revised to date. The following events were selected as the best for the standard events of the association: One hundred yards dash; two hundred and twenty yards dash; four hundred and forty yards run; one mile run; two hundred and twenty yard hurdle race; one third mile walk; putting the shot; throwing the hammer; throwing the discus; pole vault; running high jump; running broad jump and standing broad jump.

Two sets of bicycle records were decided upon, one consisting of competition records made from standing start at any regularly sanctioned event, and the other made from flying start at any trial against time, with or without pacemakers. The distances for the records are one third mile, one mile and two miles.

All records in other events besides the cycle contests, may be made either at any regularly sanctioned games or in the presence of three witnesses, one of whom shall be a member of the advisory board or their representative, and duly timed by three competent time-keepers with stop watches, if it be a track event, or duly measured by three competent measurers if it be a field event.

All claims for records are to be made to the board and duly attested by the proper officials and witnesses. These recommendations will be presented to the association at the next meeting, after which the board will probably take charge of the compiling of the revised set of records.

EARLY INTELLIGENCE.

—The Third Street Mission Band will hold a meeting tonight at Salvation Army Hall.

—Christmas afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the usual celebration will be held at Muhlenberg Hospital.

—Next Monday night Howell Division, Sons of Temperance, will elect officers for the ensuing year.

—This morning occurred the death of Lillian M., daughter of the late John N. and Mary Steiner, of Somerset street.

—The Watchung Tribe of Red Men, of Lincoln, will give a ball on the second floor of the Lincoln Steel Works December 23d.

—A fine specimen of a petrified tree at the granite works of Manning & Son, on West Front street, is attracting considerable interest.

—Contractor Patrick Christmas started the work of laying new sewer pipes on Plainfield avenue, corner of Eighth street, yesterday. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

—One hundred cases of extra fancy sifted early June peas will be placed on sale at Neuman Bros. tomorrow. Although this quality of goods has never been sold for less than 18 cents a can, this lot will be closed out, two cans for 25 cents. Special price by the dozen cans.

Appointed a Great Deputy.

Mrs. James Radin, of North avenue, an active worker in the Degree of Pocahontas, has just been appointed Great Deputy for District No. 8, including Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Rahway, Plainfield and Carteret. The appointment was made by the Great Council of the order and is considered a highly important one.

The marriage of Miss Black, of Newark, and William Pope, of 148 Duer street, will take place tomorrow at the home of the bride in Newark.



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Differences that did not appear are now seen. The unaltered figures are shiny, because ink is oxidized; the new ones are of a duller black. In some angles of the light one does not see the original figures at all, but the added ones plainly. They are then dampened with alcohol, to make the paper transparent. The difference of character between what was first written and what was added is thus brought out more distinctly. A magnifying glass is next used. Tremors of the hand, skillful scratchings and alterations of figures are made manifest. On the wrong side of the numbers being lightly brushed with plumbago, the new figures stand out in stronger relief than the old. The final operation is "the wash" of the debenture. It is first washed with a camel's-hair brush dipped in a mixture of one part of castor oil to six parts of alcohol, at a heat of 95 degrees. The primitive figures now appear more distinctly than the added ones. The second wash is of soda and water, in the proportion of 2 to 100. The added ink, if at all fresh, disappears, and the original number stands out clearly. If notice has been given of the loss of a bond, with the original number, it will go hard with the person who has presented the "cooked" one, unless he can show that it was thus when his broker conveyed it to him.—London Truth.

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