

AN ACRE OF RUINS.
THE MOST DRASTIC FIRE IN THE HISTORY OF WESTFIELD.
Early this morning almost two blocks of business buildings were destroyed—both the Newspaper Office, Burned-A Man Killed—Under-A Falling Wall-The Fire Supposed to be of incendiary origin.

The weather promises to be warmer and generally from fair to partly cloudy.
BRITANNIA.
The new City Council will hold its first meeting this evening.
The work of prayer is being observed in the evangelical churches.
The public school received today \$100 for the holiday vacation.
Yankee-King White advertisement today their regular annual clearing sale.

Three men were fined for drunkenness by City Judge Costigan, Saturday.
The bookkeeping and penmanship classes will meet to-night at the Y. M. C. A.
The reflection from the Westfield gas this morning could be plainly seen in the city.

Meers, Deane & Van Ardell, give good advice concerning the grip in their advertisement today.
Now is the time the wide-awake merchant prepares for the "first-of-the-holiday" bargain season.
The list of donations to the Muhlenberg Hospital for the past six months is as follows:—

The funeral of the late John Laine, was held at his late residence, Laing Street, to-morrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock.
The funeral services over the late Wesley Reed, took place from noon to-day. Interment was made at Flatgarden.

The members of the Church of Social Service, will give a social service at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, 10 East Front Street, Nelson Kynyon, Secretary.
A special meeting of the managers of the City Auxiliary will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Jan. 5th, at 11:30 a. m. A full attendance is desired.

The funeral of the late Lydia A. Conant took place from her late residence No. 6 West second street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services were attended by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.
The funeral services over the late Mary Elizabeth Brooks, took place from the Y. M. C. A. Hall, North Front Street, at 2 o'clock.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Ellen Gohs took place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. P. M. Demarest of Third place, North Front Street, at 2 o'clock.
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There was quite a snow-squall Saturday afternoon and another this morning. Neither, however, left much snow to be seen. The weather is becoming clearer, but so far this has been a most remarkable winter, in the absence of snow at least.

Several of our out-of-town members were thoroughly delighted that the meeting members of the one which has been held for the past two years so wonderfully well. The subject was "The Bible Normal Class," and never was a Council more welcomed than the one which will expire to-night. They start to the will of the great majority of the people.

The number of visitors to the library, building on New Year's day was 60. This is an increase of 10, over the same day of the previous year. The total number of visitors for the year ending Dec. 31, 1891, was 27,000. There has been an increase of 10,000 over the last average is a little over 100. The largest number present in one day was 150, the smallest, 35.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL.
The Rev. Father Smith, the pastor of St. Mary's church, is convalescent from a severe attack of the grip.
Mrs. L. L. Compton, widow of the late L. L. Compton, the confectioner, was broken with grief this morning. Her recovery is doubtful.

The engagement of Miss Annie Black, of First street, to Mr. William Black, of East Front street, is among the latest announcements.
Mr. Wm. H. Sampson, of East Fifth street, who is just recovering from a severe attack of the "grippe," started for Lakewood, N. J. He will return as soon as he has fully recuperated, and his friends hope it will be very soon.

Mr. A. E. Fennell, the editor of the Union County Standard at Westfield, will leave for San Francisco Wednesday to attend the convention of the National Press Club, which is to be held here. Mr. E. E. Fennell, his brother, will have charge of the Standard during his absence.

The statement of Mr. Wm. E. Mac-Coy of Washington avenue and Miss Miss, near West of Mr. Lemuel H. Black, of First street, is the subject of much conversation and the weekly friends of both parties, who are engaged socially in both Plainfield and Westfield. Mr. Mac-Coy is the organist at the First Baptist church, and is a wonderfully talented musician.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., "THE COLORADO OF THE EAST," MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1892.
OBITUARY.
Mrs. A. M. Smith, a former resident of North Plainfield, died at her home at Flatgarden, N. J., Dec. 26th.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.
A Visit to Hope Chapel.
To the Editors of the News:—On "New Year's Day" it was my privilege to visit "Hope Chapel," which has grown to be such a large building that I did not realize in the old building. After surveying the outside, I entered, and looking at the tables with their beautiful, costly, turkey, cranberry sauce, celery, bread, cake fruit and coffee, I did not wonder why it was that so many boys and girls were anxiously waiting for the doors to open.

At two o'clock the doors were opened, and from then until the time I was compelled to go, I ascertained that by actual count 500 had been fed and sent by the Lady Workers of Hope Chapel. Do not think when I mention "boys and girls waiting at the door" I meant that they were all young because there were many older ones among them. The Rev. C. E. Jewell came riding up on a bicycle that Santa Claus presented to him last Wednesday evening. Mr. Stewart, who is always on hand, was there as happy as a lark. I understood that Santa Claus visited him the same evening. The three hundred or more scholars told me and heard him the same evening with his beautiful supper for them. I would advise any one who does not go either to church or chapel on the Sabbath to call at Hope Chapel. They will receive a hearty welcome; wishing you a Happy New Year, I am as ever, your co-worker for the "Master."

TOURN BY A DOG.
Little Charley Ritter Battered Mangled While at Play With a Canine.
Charles Ritter, aged twelve years, and a companion, both residents of Panwood, were playing with a Newfoundland dog Saturday afternoon. The dog belonged to the boy's father and it is thought that the young man was injured.

The dog seized young Ritter by the pantaloons and began tugging at them. Ritter's companion tried to pull the animal away, whereupon it caught hold of the fleshy portion of the boy's leg and so it happened that the dog was badly torn and lacerated. Dr. Allen of this city was immediately summoned and he cautioned young Ritter's wounds. The doctor says he does not think the dog was hurt, although it was shot shortly afterward.

The Ritter family have only been residents of Panwood for three months, but they are already well known. Mr. Ritter owned another dog, but he parted with it immediately after the accident, because he had no further use for dogs.

FELL INTO A CELLAR.
Mr. Vroom's Collar Bone Badly Fractured by a Fall.
At about eight o'clock Saturday evening, Mr. Theodore Vroom, the well-known electrician, met with a painful accident. He made some purchases in Brainerd's store at the corner of Somerset street and was returning home when he fell into the cellar of the store to get a package which he had left there earlier in the day. He stepped on a stone wall which his foot caught and fell to the cellar below, a distance of about twenty feet.

Mr. Vroom struck on his shoulder. Mr. Brainerd heard the noise and after securing a lantern went to Mr. Vroom's assistance. The unfortunate man was carried to his home and Dr. Boone was called. The examination revealed the fact that the collar bone had been badly fractured. It required nearly two hours to properly set the bone. Mr. Vroom will be disabled for six or seven weeks.

THE RAILROAD AND EXPRESS COMPANIES MOVED.
The Assistant Station Agent at Evans' Missing, as is also Considerable Money.
For some time past Fred Fleckenstein, a lad aged about eighteen years, has been missing from the office at the Evans' station. Mrs. Meader is the agent. Fleckenstein has been missing from his office since the 1st of December. A considerable money belonging to both the Central Railroad and United States Express Companies. The assistant agent is suspected of theft.

The exact amount of money taken is not known. The robbery was not made public until today.
New Year at the Y. M. C. A.
The New Year was welcomed in by the Young Men's Christian Association which held a very large and successful reception of receiving all its friends upon New Year's day. The rooms were prettily decorated and for about six hours were crowded with friends who were cordially greeted by the members of the Reception Committee who had charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Emma Mary, with the piano and Mr. and Mrs. Meacham with the harp and saxophone furnished the entertainment and were warmly applauded.

An informal programme consisting of vocal solos, college songs, recitations and a musical entertainment. The always efficient "Ladies Nine" had supervision of the refreshments, which were served to the guests.

The Germans were Happy.
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A Passenger Coach Wrecked.
While driving engine No. 200 was drifting over at the main depot in this city at about half-past four o'clock Thursday evening, the engine collided with a passenger coach which was standing on the main track and badly wrecked. The engine was making a flying switch at the time.

Horaby's Oats.
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MATT'S BAD MISTAKE.

John to Repudiate Her Minister's Saucy Reply.

WASHINGTON IS READY FOR WAR.

Preparation for Possible Hostilities Made by Congress, and Whether Her Majesty's Government Will or Not.

The Charge for the Day.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

Andrew Carnegie has donated \$100,000 for the erection of a public library at Fairbury, S. D. The text of the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Salvador has been made public by presidential proclamation. The arrangement will go into effect Feb. 1, 1901.

THE CENTRAL'S BLOCK SIGNALS.

President DeWitt says the Road Will Be Fully Equipped. The Central's block signals are being installed. The Central's block signals are being installed. The Central's block signals are being installed. The Central's block signals are being installed.

Mistake America's Bad Break.

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Carnegie Working Hard.

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