

DIED FIGHTING FIRE.

ALBERT DRAKE OF DUNELLEN  
KILLED BY EXCITEMENT.

He went out to Quench a Brush  
Fire and two hours later was  
found by a Neighbor—Heard  
Cause Supposed to Have been the  
Cause of Death.

Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock  
some boys wanted to start a fire in the  
dry grass and underbrush in the rear of Mr.  
Drake's barn on the outskirts of  
Dunellen. Mr. Drake, seeing the flames  
extending in every direction and realizing  
his barn and stock would be de-  
stroyed, hastily drew two pails of water  
and started to fight back the fast-spreading  
flames.

He went into a neighbor called and  
asked to see Mr. Drake. Mr. Drake told  
him he was the barn.

The neighbor told Mr. Drake lying  
the barn was on his face, dead. The  
two pails were upset by his side. Heart  
broken, brought on by the excitement, it  
is supposed, caused his sudden death.

Drake was about 55 years of age, a  
brother to Daniel Drake who formerly  
resided in Plainfield.

He was married to a woman and had  
three children, two sons and a mar-  
ried daughter, the latter the wife of  
David Brown.

PERSONAL.

His Louisa Love of New York city is  
visiting her cousin Miss Stevie of Frank-  
lin place.

Frederick Willett of Craig place is  
visiting relatives and friends in Mid-  
dletown, N.Y.

The Rev. Dr. Barnes, the new pastor of  
the M. E. Church, will be tendered a  
reception in Vincent chapel in night.

Mrs. Charles A. Reed of North Plainfield  
is spending a few days with her  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Clark of  
Somerville.

Mrs. James L. Stevie of Franklin place  
is spending the month of April in  
Miami, Ohio. Having gone there on a  
visit to her sister, Mrs. Crother.

John P. Emmons, the builder, has  
broken ground for Mr. A. D. Coe's new  
dwelling to be erected on East Seventh  
street, adjoining the property of Dr.  
Estlin.

Mr. Bellington Booth expects to be  
the guest of Mr. Samuel Milliken on  
Central avenue during his short visit.  
Mr. Milliken will be glad to see any of  
the friends of Mr. Booth during the lat-  
ter's stay.

The third of the series of "Six Even-  
ings with Whittier," at All Souls' church,  
look place last evening. "Whittier in  
the West" was the subject of the first  
subject. A paper was read by Mrs. Florence  
Howell Hall.

The death occurred, yesterday, of Mrs.  
Elizabeth Pickard in the 72nd year of  
age. She was the youngest daughter of the  
late James Brooks. Funeral services  
will be held to-morrow afternoon, at  
her late residence, No. 10 Grove street.

Mr. A. E. Kenney has resigned the po-  
sition of assistant agent and cashier at  
the Central Railroad freight office in this  
city, and has accepted a position with  
the Catholic Benevolent Legion, and will  
travel in the Order's interest. Mr. Ken-  
ney has held several positions of trust in  
this city, and has held the place he now  
occupies for three years.

A Chance to Meet Dr. Barnes.

There will be a reception at Vincent  
chapel this evening, Dr. Barnes, the  
new minister of the Methodist church,  
will be the distinguished guest of the  
evening. He is a very able and popular  
man, and is expected to meet all the  
members and their friends. His invita-  
tion to children who recognize him as  
"Uncle Sam" and "Uncle John," do not  
forget to bring your Smith's pen and  
pencil.

He will doubtless meet many "Peter  
Barnes" to-night.

The ladies of the church have been to  
great trouble preparing suitable refresh-  
ments for all who call.

Scarlet Fever in City and Borough.

There is one case of scarlet fever in  
the city and two in the borough, that  
have been reported to the health author-  
ities.

Mrs. Lawrence Kane of West Third  
street is ill with the disease. She is a  
widow, and has eight children. The  
disease is very contagious. The two  
cases in the borough are in the families  
of Mr. Smith on Manning avenue, and  
Mr. Sullivan on Greenbrook road. Both  
the houses are quarantined.

Mock Trial at Washingtonville.

There was a mock trial at the Wash-  
ingtonville school house last night. The  
case was for \$500 damages, which com-  
plaintant alleged were done him from the  
defendant, who ran his "hot" in plaintiff's  
house. The jury brought in a verdict in  
favor of the plaintiff for "six cents  
damages, plus costs of suit."

Allison's Stage Upsets Again.

A front wheel of Allison's stage came off,  
and the stage was making for the top of  
the mountain to the depot, late yester-  
day afternoon, causing the vehicle to  
turn over. Two passengers were in it at  
the time, but were unhurt. This is the  
second time that within nearly a year ago  
when a lady was injured.

SHREVEPORT.

"Our Stratagist" to-night at Music  
Hall.

The City Council will hold a  
special meeting to-night.

Frank Converse was arrested for being  
drunk last night by Marshal Parsons.

The dock case of O'Brien vs. Walpole is  
being tried before Justice Nash this af-  
ternoon.

The "Two Days of Pentecost" meet-  
ing began at day at the Salvation Army  
barracks, on West Second street.

The Spring Conference of the Union  
Christian League will be held in Shreveport  
this week.

The second half of the scheduled  
game in the two-men tournament of the  
Catholic Young Men's League will begin  
next week.

The regular meeting of the Young  
Ladies' Music Society will be held on  
Friday afternoon, at two o'clock in the  
lecture-room.

To-morrow night's bowlers in the  
Crescent League head pin tournament  
announced are: Buckle, Wood, Wool-  
son and Van Dyke.

District Deputy Andrew J. Stiglitz  
and staff will go to Elizabeth to-morrow  
night to institute O'Brien, Trade, Inde-  
pendent order of Red Men.

The case of Henry R. Newhall against  
Joseph B. Moore was settled this morn-  
ing by the defendant paying to plaintiff  
the full amount of judgment \$100.

The suits ordered last night by the  
Plainfield Lyceum Officers, are to be a  
casket gray, trimmed with black, and the  
color of "P. L. C." on them are to be of  
silver color.

Judge Magie will be at the Court  
House, Somerville, Monday, when an  
order for re-count of the ballots cast at  
the election in North Plainfield  
township will be asked for.

Frank Linke was granted a license for  
his saloon on Somerset street, by the  
Somerset Board of Health.

Gustave Sutterlin of Greenbrook road  
was granted a wholesale liquor license.

The plans and specifications of the  
proposed extension to the North Plain-  
field public school may be seen and are  
examined at the school house, on Somerset  
street daily from nine a. m. to four p. m.  
also to receive orders for the school.

The Overseer of the Poor of Franklin  
Township recently committed to the  
Somerset County Poor Farm a colored  
man, who had been in the township for  
day and night to a child. Mother and  
child are doing well. The father is a  
bumpy head, thirty years of age.

Mr. J. Carey and his youngest son  
Harry have started a flourishing store  
corner of Mulholland place and South  
Second street, New and second hand  
goods to be sold.

Alva Carey has charge of the auction  
business on West Front street.

The annual meeting of the Plainfield  
Board of Health will be held in the  
club house, to-morrow evening at  
eight o'clock. The important matter of  
the introduction of manual training into  
the school will be discussed.

George Towley was arrested last  
night by Officer Frederickson for riding  
a bicycle without a light. He had a light  
on, but his light had gone out. Judge  
Coddington discharged him this morn-  
ing. The accused said he was going to  
dark, and his light is when the officer  
stopped him.

Young people of Bound Brook were  
social at the Watchung House, last  
night, when they were joined by a  
young people from Bound Brook, Som-  
erville and Plainfield. A very enjoyable  
time was had, and the party danced until  
late in the evening.

Brother John, the new American  
player which William H. Crane has made  
so popular, closed his season at the Star  
Theatre, New York, on April 29th.

Handy has been most successful since  
he first produced, a short time ago, and  
has become well known to all theatre-  
goers. The last few days of his transla-  
tion by actor George H. Crane, the  
company are marked by crowded houses  
and it is quite probable that there will  
be many who will regret having missed  
it through want of the money.

The first and last acts is that of "Brother  
John's" country home and is not a bit  
gay. The scenery in the second and  
third acts is very beautiful. The scene of  
the Long Branch villa, is very handsome  
and artistic, and the moonlight that plays  
on the ocean waves most realistic.

Pound Dead in Bed.

Miss Mollie Randolph, died suddenly  
last night, at the residence of Mr. George  
Randolph, Duane street, North Plainfield.  
She returned as usual last night and was  
found dead in bed this morning. Miss  
Randolph had been troubled a great  
deal with heart disease and it is sup-  
posed that was the cause of death. De-  
ceased was married to the late George  
Randolph of Short Hills and was the  
wife of Mr. Frank French of Somerset street.

Willard Said to be Dying.

Frederick Willard, of this city, nine-  
teen years old, an inmate of the county  
jail, is said to be dying.

Every day he has several spasms, and  
now is so weak he cannot eat. One day  
last week he had twenty fits in  
twelve hours. He was tried for robbing  
the Galien News Company in this city.

RAILROAD EXTENSIONS.

THE CENTRAL AND PENNSYLVANIA IN  
VADING EACH OTHERS' TERRITORY.

The Central to Build a Branch from  
Bound Brook to Perth Amboy—The  
Pennsylvania Will Retain by  
Coming to Plainfield.

The Central Railroad Company of New  
Jersey has begun work upon a branch to  
run from Perth Amboy to Bound Brook.  
The preliminary survey was completed a  
short time ago. The new branch leaves  
the Central tracks just north of Erie  
river, crosses a bridge and follows the north  
side of the river to New Brunswick,  
thence to Bound Brook. The new route  
will shorten the Central time between  
Philadelphia and the above about forty  
minutes.

As the Pennsylvania has been the  
monopoly in that region.

The Central was led to this course by  
the threats of the Pennsylvania Railroad  
to take the Central's extension on the  
basis that the Pennsylvania's new exten-  
sion to Plainfield and adjoining territory  
is practically determined upon.

Plainfield is one of the Central's best  
paying districts, and the only reason  
why the Pennsylvania has not focused  
upon the Central route has been a  
mutual understanding not to trespass  
upon each other's grounds.

As the New has stated before the pro-  
posed extension to Bound Brook will  
doubtless pass along the edge of the moun-  
tain.

In a very short time there will be  
evidence of the abolishment of the moun-  
tain in the shape of actual construction.  
Besides a line to Plainfield a road to the  
Oranges has been planned.

Went will become of the Erie  
road, extending from New Brunswick to  
South Amboy, is a question of interest.  
It has been the Central's policy to  
Pennsylvania, but neither company  
seems to have been satisfied with the  
prior. It is thought by some that before  
the Central gets its line to the  
Marion River road will be cheaper.

McCready Sykes One of the Orators.

The Faculty of Princeton University  
at a meeting last evening announced  
that as a result of the contest held in  
the two halls, White and Gold, the fol-  
lowing men had been appointed to take  
part in the annual junior oratorical con-  
test to be held on Wednesday evening of  
commencement week:

From Wing Hall—James Melville Broad-  
ent of Mason, Tenn.; Herbert Everett  
Fisher of Peoria, Ill.; Ernest Farrell  
Kraigh of Wilmington, Del.; and Ed-  
ward Reed Langdon of Pittsburgh, Penn-  
sylvania.

From White Hall—George Stewart Mc-  
Cague of Omaha, Neb.; Benjamin Will-  
iam McCready Sykes of Scotch Plains, N. J.; and Edward W. Jones of New York.

These men were chosen from  
forty-two contestants.

Mr. Chase Protects Himself.

Certain discharged employees of Mr.  
Richard F. M. Chase of Somerset  
street, who had been discharged by  
bringing suit and claiming a large  
amount of money, when in fact they  
were indebted to him, Mr. Chase  
is not the least bit disturbed in his  
position of this character. He retained  
Craig A. Marsh to defend the action with  
Chase's debtors.

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WORK OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Delegates Appointed and Other Busi-  
ness Done.

Rev. Mr. Newell, the new moderator  
of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, pre-  
sided at the meeting.

Rev. W. C. Carrington, the temporary  
clerk, read the minutes of the previous  
meeting, which were approved.

The report of the state of the church  
was then read by Rev. J. M. Rouse of  
the Madison Avenue church, at New  
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