

Blatz May be Attorney For Union County

Francis J. Blatz, president of the Plainfield Common Council, is the special choice as a successor to Union County Attorney William R. Codrington. Mr. Blatz's name has been mentioned frequently during the past week, and his friends admit that he is in the running for the \$3,000 office. He has served as Mr. Codrington's assistant during the entire term of the latter and during the actual occurrence of his illness he was the man in charge of county affairs.

OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT

- Mayor Leighton Calkins. Best wishes from and the cooperation of the people of Plainfield for the year 1917.
- Francis J. Blatz. The attorneyship of Union County.
- Thomas J. Hyland. Taxicab rides to his home for a quarter.
- John H. Cose. A grandstand to play to.
- W. R. "Bill" Townsend. A rather bound copy of the local opinion law.
- W. R. "Bill" Townsend. Two or three more secretarships and forty weeks solid booking on the chautauque circuit.
- W. W. Nash Jr. District Court Judgeship.
- Horace Adams. An assistant and a clock.
- Chief Kelly. A cure for speed mania.
- Wm. R. Eymon. A position of public trust his genius deserves.
- Better testimony Monday mornings in police court.
- F. J. Melvin. A bale of napkins.
- Miss H. Bird. Some way of exiling A. E. Hoagland before the new postoffice is completed.
- John P. Owens. A bigger Italian population.
- Robert Newton Crane. A try cases in the District Court.
- Charles H. Frost. No opposition.
- Mayor William L. Smalley. The second coming of Biederwolf and a North Plainfield Sahara.
- Fred W. Bird. The scalp of the parties who purchased the city hall site.
- Wenhamiah John Randolph Ochsner. Space rates for the use of his name.
- John J. Carroll. Credit for his innovations.
- Rosie Rothberg. Quantities and quantities of newspaper space.
- W. A. Oodgington. Another automobile.
- Mary DeMers. A new partner.
- Harry Blinn. A ten cent chance on a thousand gallons of gasoline and a new chauffeur.
- M. L. Shannon. A supply of water proof paint for the roof of his residence.
- Fred W. Hand. A dose of his own medicine.
- Harry C. Van Emburgh. An easy mark at billiards.
- Charles A. Reed. A treatise upon the "gentle art of sarcasm."
- Leslie R. Fort. A newspaper.
- Chief A. D. Jennings. A guarantee that his shadow never grows less.
- J. Henry Crane. Another political campaign.
- Edwin H. Bennett. The address of "Yammie" Meyers.
- George Lühr. An audience for "Where the River Shannon Flows."
- Peter Floersch. Best wishes for continued success and prosperity in his new field.
- Walter C. Dobbins. A few more press agentships.
- Chauncey Blount. Thirteen million circulation in all points north of Sitka Alaska.
- Building Inspector T. O. Doane. A clerk, an automobile, a secretary and official.
- Newton B. Smalley. A lift out of obscurity.
- Thomas J. Hughes. Identity of the income tax dodgers.
- W. J. Whelan. Kibosh on the municipal ownership cry.
- A. E. Hoagland. Democracy forever.
- James Marline. More time off.
- P. T. Wilbur. Another "Week of Sorrow."
- James Buckle. Guardianship of "Ted" Martin.
- Frank H. Smith. More easy marks for cement stock.
- A. E. Force. The marble bust of the original "Circlo."
- Richard A. Claybrook. Better control of his press agent.
- Chas. P. Sunkin. A little bit of Greenrook.
- Andrew J. Gavett. Recognition for his conscientious service.
- Christie Hamilton. A Common Council all his own.
- A. D. Edgar. His salary as to be based on certain First Ward politicians.
- Fredrick S. Outer. Strength to fight his cause.
- William Newcom. A campaign on "mush."
- Percy Stewart. A commutation ticket to Plainfield.
- George York. That Columbia avenue will be admitted to the Union.
- Martin Stutman. A police agency.
- John A. Gaffney. A political office he can't give away.
- "Al" Staate. A hotel in Burgundy.

Elks Will Play Santa to Scores

Scores of youngsters in the city and borough who might otherwise be overlooked by Santa Claus will not lose their share of Christmas joy if the big hearted members of the Plainfield Lodge of Elks can help it. The names of many of the more needy have been secured and to the homes of these will be taken articles of food, clothing and fuel. In addition to this a special performance will be given at the Plainfield Theatre tomorrow morning commencing at 10 o'clock, at which the number of gifts will be distributed to each individual.

Annual Speaking Contest of Y.M.H.A.

Sunday evening, December 24, has been set as the date for the third annual speaking contest of the Y. M. H. A. The affair will be held in the city hall at 8 o'clock, on the street, and is open to young boys and girls not members of the society. The winners of the contest will each receive a set of books and will also be entitled to compete in the State contest, some of the prizes offered in the program follows: Francis Berger, "Benjamin"; Violet Berger, "The Story of the Bible"; Henry Dreier, "Solomon and His Senses"; Pauline Faxon, "The Story of the Bible"; "On the Glory of God"; Pearl Green, "The Story of the Bible"; Eva Kline, "The Story of the Bible"; Morton Kline, "The Story of the Bible"; Norman Kline, "The Story of the Bible"; Harold Livingston, "The Story of the Bible"; Ruth Schwartz, "The Princes and the Rabbi"; Marjorie Solomon, "The Story of the Bible"; "The Jew in Music."

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Record's Auto Awarded to Winner of Race

An avalanche of votes featured the closing hours of the Plainfield Record's big subscription contest Wednesday, when the judges, Robert Newton Crane, Vincent W. Nash Jr., and Assemblyman William M. Runyon, convened for their work yesterday afternoon. The contest, which was a task that required careful consideration for completion, was offered as first prize, was awarded to James Scott; and the second grand prize, \$275 Griffiths, was awarded to James Kelly.

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Who Said Childhood Was Without a Single Care?

There's sadness in the headpiece of the romping juvenile. Where is the joy of the restful day? And where is the happy smile? What great calamity has caused this sorrow so profound? What longens his sweet, chubby face where sunshine are found? For candy, lollipop and push-deed, leading sweet—leading sweet—things have soared in price. That's why you hear his lament.

Oh! have the high price kings no heart? And couldn't they ever spare the candy that is wanted by the child, dress everywhere? No longer will they like to store and purchase lollipops, prize bundles, five-inch lemon cakes and sweet pineapple drops. For candy's too expensive now, and parents can't afford to give their offspring pennies since the cost of sweets has soared.

But, golly! we'll hear more of this, for children won't quit until they put the facts before our weary Press.

Money Mad New York Revels in Babylonian Extravagance

New York is rolling, reveling, rollicking in wealth.

This is a "never-before-in-history" story.

New York banks today held reserves of \$16,784,190 and from every corner of the globe money is pouring in—actual yellow gold by the million, to be changed from the time to reconvert into the coin of the U. S. A.

Wall Street has become a gambling town, only one thing is true, money from the earnings, winnings and savings of Americans and money from the coffers of kings.

While the large majority of New York's six millions are fighting the universal desperate battle with the cost of living, on the surface it appears that everybody has money to spend. They are spending it for necessities and luxuries.

Forty or more blocks in Manhattan are given over entirely to that ancient trio, wine, women and song. Night-time Broadway a new life. Men, whose business it is to take money from spenders, they never were able to take so much of it before.

On the stock exchange million share days have come to be considered the regular thing whereas two and four months ago the shares in King's trading. When, every now and then, the trading reaches 1,600,000 scarcely is it noticed.

Horse Drawn Fire Apparatus Will Soon Be But Memories

Although the new American-LaFrance pumping engine has not been placed in service at the Netherwood firehouse as yet, its practical acceptance by the Common Council has paved the way for Chief A. D. Jennings to rearrange the apparatus in the various quarters. Only three horse drawn vehicles are now remaining in the city department and one of these is to be discarded as soon as the new machine is paid for.

This is the old style horse wagon which has been doing duty for a long time at No. 1 house on West Second street. It carries the apparatus and hand extinguishers and is to be sold to the highest bidder when stripped of every thing but the horse.

The horse now used for this wagon will be retained as they are both young and make one of the best teams in the city.

In addition to this, Captain George Peirce trained them for fast work in getting under the hose and men, both of them proving such apt pupils that they have been the wonder of every visiting fireman who has watched them leap forward at the first tap of the gong.

The chemical and hose wagon which has been stationed at the Netherwood house since the fire engine is to be brought down to No. 1 and will be the "mainstay" of that company until the new machine is available to replace it with a motor vehicle. The Netherwood horses will be transferred to headquarters, where they will sup-

Big Xmas Fir Getting Nearer in City Park

The Community Christmas tree celebration committee, appointed by the Public Recreation Committee, has been very successful in its plans for providing the people of Plainfield with another public Christmas tree. The plan is to place the tree in City Park.

Every effort is being made to have the tree well illuminated and well decorated. Several hundred electric light bulbs have been secured for the occasion. The brilliancy will be turned forth at six o'clock on Christmas Eve.

The Dutch Armada has been secured to furnish music for the singing of old fashioned Christmas carols around the giant tree. The public is invited to join in the singing but those who are willing to unite with the special chorus to lead the singing will please meet at the High School at 5:45 o'clock Sunday evening. Copies of the various of the carols will be distributed among the people and every endeavor made to make this public demonstration most inspiring.

Another phase of the Community Christmas idea is to be carried out about ten o'clock Christmas Eve. Various groups of singers will journey about their respective districts singing carols. Some of these groups will be formed at the Y. W. C. A., the First Methodist church, Truett Court, Home Chapel, etc. It is hoped that many more will be formed so that all the city may be reached in this service of song.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

In observance of their sixteenth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Riberle, of Terrill road, entertained a number of friends from 11 to 12 o'clock Sunday last. Invitations were sent out but each guest was kept in ignorance of the nature of the affair until they arrived at the house. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion and at each table a silver or gold basket was placed with the date 1900-1916 engraved on them. Piano and record selections were enjoyed during the evening and Miss Irene Day, of Watchung avenue, sang several solos.



HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—10 men to work in coal yard. Apply to Joseph Harrison, 40 Somerset street; Phone 1913. 11 3 17

WANTED—Men to buy \$16, \$20, and \$35 Suits and Overcoats at 1-3 price. Guaranteed best bargains in Plainfield. Sample Clothing Store, 23 Somerset street. 11 3 17

WANTED—Miscellaneous. WANTED—Antiques bought and sold; auctions executed; contents of houses for cash; will pay good prices. C. M. Holgate, 208 Watchung avenue; Phone 2692.

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AGENT for Knight Tires, Blackstone Tires, the perfect traction non-skid tread and Silver King tubes, and the Bortler guaranteed Red Tubes, also expert automobile repairing, supplies and storage. The garage that does things right. John H. Cline, 135-145 East Second street; Phone 255.

AUTO TOPS, one-man tops, curtains and covers; seat covers for open cars and in order that the last few upholstery. J. H. De Lay, 34 Somerset street, French's Building. Phone 855. 11 10 17

FOR SALE—50 acre farm, located in the heart of London county's farming district; 9 room house, 2 1/2 acres and 10 outbuildings. For information apply to Plainfield Record office.

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Buy now. We expect prices to go higher. The prices above are for quality shoes.

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During the past year we have made hundreds of new friends and we trust that our policy of fair dealing and fair prices will bring us hundreds of more during 1917.

WE HAVE PROVEN TO THE PUBLIC that Misses' and Women's wearing apparel can be sold at a fair price at the Factory and still be kept from one-half to one-third lower in price than that charged elsewhere. Your friends have taken advantage of our offers and if you have not done so we hope you will join the ranks of the fortunate early next year.

SATISFACTION HAS BEEN OUR MOTTO and will be for all future time. Those who have been our patrons during 1916 new year of this fact and their recommendation of the Factory is sufficient to exploit our policy.

THE COMING YEAR promises to be just as successful for the Factory as the one about to close and our purpose and aim is to give you a percentage of the profits of 1916 by fairly adjusting our 1917 prices on all garments.

THE FACTORY CATER TO THE BEST PEOPLE HAVE YOU BEEN ONE OF THEM?

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A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year Is Extended To All Plainfield and Vicinity

And our thanks for your esteemed patronage for the past years. We came to Plainfield with a new bread, for your approval and our daily increase in sales show we have gained it. Again we thank you, and for the coming year promise the same care in manufacture, cleanliness in our sanitary factory and our guaranteed quality, will be maintained, regardless of the increased cost of materials. We will stop baking bread before we lower the standard of the quality of Zeek's bread. You owe it to the rest of your family that they have this wholesome nutritious bread on the table at every meal.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Several social events have been announced to take place in this city on New Year's Day in connection with the annual appearance here of the Yale Dramatic Association, which will present a comedy play from the pen of Tom Robertson, entitled "The Great Game." The play is a farce and will be given by Mrs. H. H. Stewart at her home on West Eighth street, at which the members of the association will be present. New Year's night, following the play, a dance arranged by the Yale Club of Plainfield, composed of graduates from that university, will be held in the auditorium of the Hartridge School.

Bringing a case that is the best out from Yale in a number of seasons, the association comes to Plainfield with two Plainfield young men as prominent members. S. W. Marks, of Ravine road, who is a senior, is the president of the organization and has the distinction of having taken part in every dramatic production, with one exception, since his entire four years as a student at the college. In the present production, one of the leading roles, G. W. Murray, of West Ninth street, and who in his last year at Yale, is one of the leading members of the association, having been elected president for the present year. He is also literary editor of the "Yale Record," the humorous publication of the college, and together with Mr. Burke is a member of the Elizabethan Club, one of the exclusive organizations of the university. He is secretary of the senior class.

A recital, the proceeds of which will be used by the Plainfield branch of the Belgian Relief Society, will be given by Mrs. Edward MacDowell, wife of the late American composer, at the Congregational church on Friday, December 15. Mrs. MacDowell, under a splendid musical program for the occasion and is being assisted in the arrangements by the following patronesses: Mrs. W. G. Baker, Miss Alice, Mrs. S. S. Varley, Mrs. Arthur H. Harris, Mrs. Caroline T. Lincoln, Mrs. Percy H. Stewart, Mrs. F. W. Wallace and Mrs. Charles W. McCutchen.

Miss Anna Case, a native of Somerville and former soloist singer in the First Presbyterian church, this city,

will appear in the Plainfield High School, on Thursday, January 13, when she will give a concert, the proceeds to be devoted to charity by the Silver Cross Circle, King's Daughters.

Now a soprano soloist at the Metropolitan Opera House, Miss Case is a singer of exceptional ability and will give Plainfield people the first chance to hear her since she left some years ago.

One of the world's greatest pianists, Joseph Hofmann, will make his initial appearance before a local audience on January 23, when he gives a recital in the Plainfield High School for the benefit of the Yarnar Endowment Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boice, of Land avenue, are the parents of a daughter, born to them Sunday morning.

Robert Gow, of Park avenue, who recently returned from Mohlenberg Hospital following an operation for appendicitis, has practically recovered and will shortly be about as usual.

The Misses Reba and Stella Kline are spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lavi C. Kline, of Somerset street. Miss Reba Kline is physical director of the Y. W. C. A. at Manhattan, N. Y., while her sister is engaged in social service work at New London, Conn.

Miss Marion Wean, daughter of George Wean, of Park avenue, is a patient at the Syracuse University infirmary suffering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Edward C. Searing, who has been confined to his home on Park avenue for the past two weeks because of nasal hemorrhages, was able to return to his duties as foreman of the Record composing room yesterday.

Miss Edna Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. T. Smith, of Allen place, is resting comfortably with gradual improvement at the Polytechnic Hospital, New York, where she recently underwent an operation.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Madeline Strader, of East Front street, to Dr. David Thickett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thickett, of Central avenue. The wedding will take place in the near future.

James Moore, known to his friends as "Mickey," has returned to this city after four years' absence in the

South, and is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, of West Fourth street. "Mickey" has spent most of the four years at Washington, D. C., where he now resides, but was also located at Martinsburg, W. Va., and New Orleans, La. He was married a year ago to a Miss Riley, of Virginia, and their home was brightened recently by a baby boy.

The Misses Winifred Stringham, Mabel Finner, Katherine Giddings and Dorothy Chase have returned to their home in this city from Montclair Normal School for their holiday vacation.

Lester Chandler and Frederick Harrington, both of this city, have returned from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Monroe Good and Ebert Fountain, of Plainfield, are home from Colgate for the Christmas holidays.

Daniel McNamee, of Central avenue, has returned from Lafayette for the holidays.

S.P.C.A. Plans Busy Season

Plans launched at a meeting of the Plainfield branch of the S. P. C. A. held Monday are expected by those prominent in the work to result in a great deal of added interest in the city and borough as a part of the renewed activity one of the members of the society has offered to give a prize to be contested for among the students of the Wardlaw School, the one winning the best essay relative to the horse receiving the award, and it is probable that similar arrangements will be made at the various other schools of Plainfield.

Scout Commissioner DeWitt has volunteered to co-operate with the society in furthering the work. He has asked that speakers be secured to lecture to the Boy Scouts on first aid to animals and is to make the knowledge of the treatment of injured horses one of the Scouts' requirements. It is his idea to have the Boy Scouts throughout the city become an auxiliary to the S. P. C. A. in preventing cruelty.

At Monday's meeting a committee was appointed to select candidates for office. The annual election will take place the third week in January.

Change in Postal Rates Anticipated

One-cent postage for local first-class mail deliveries and a new system of rates for second-class matter which is expected to greatly increase the charges for magazines and other periodicals having a nation wide circulation, are provided for in the annual postoffice appropriation bill as virtually completed. The measure, carrying appropriations totaling about \$27,000,000, probably were reported to the House this week.

Under the one-cent postage provision the rate on letters and other mail matter of the first-class, when despatched by express or branch postoffice or letter box or postoffice in the delivery district, for delivery within the limits of the delivery district or rural delivery district, would be cut in half.

A similar proposal for handling newspapers and magazines, which now pay a flat rate of one cent a pound, is regarded as one of the most radical changes in postage rates in years. It divides the country into eight zones, with rates chargeable ranging from one cent for 100 miles to six cents for 1,500 miles or more. The bulk newspapers, the committee believes, will not be affected, because they do not circulate beyond a 100-mile radius.

Among other provisions, the bill increases rates for mail order catalogues from 2 to 4 cents a pound, making them third class matter instead of parcel post; raises the limitations on promotions of clerks and carriers in first and second class post-offices; broadens the Postmaster General's authority to deal with lotteries, drugs and poisons, and increases the rural mail delivery appropriation by \$1,000,000 over the \$49,000,000 recommended by Assistant Postmaster General Blackstone.

Chairman Moon, of the Postoffice Committee, said that the bill still was subject to change before being reported, and that the question of hearings on the proposed pneumatic tube service appropriation was in abeyance.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT
Word has been received in this city of the wedding on December 10 of Miss Helen Caroline Cooke, sister of Harry H. Cooke, of Dupont, to Paul Whitford, of Lenox avenue, and son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitford, of Dunellen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. F. Boone, pastor of the Christian church, Jacksonville, Fla. The young couple will reside in Miami, Fla., where Mr. Whitford is employed.

GORDON PEARSON.

Gordon Pearson, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pearson, of 237 West Third street, was buried in St. Mary's cemetery Monday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the home of his parents.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Mrs. Richard McDonald, of Roosevelt, has announced the engagement of her sister, Miss Elizabeth M. Tourney, to Kasper Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Harris, of 1812 Myrtle avenue. The wedding will take place next month.

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Now that the season for plum plucking is upon us, would it not be well to give consideration to a Republican leader who has proven his worth to the party by actual service? The usual number of hungry office seekers have sprung up from everywhere in general and nowhere in particular and the piousness jobs already have a million or more eligibles seeking recognition.

Would it not be in accordance with party principles to transfer the Union County judgeship honors to the deserving shoulders of Assemblyman William N. Runyon? Has not his two years' service in the New Jersey Legislature qualified him for a slightly more remunerative reward than the mere annual pittance of \$500? Even those in the race for the laurel would find it next to impossible to unearth even the slightest of reasons why the bench honor should not be his?

Before he aspired to legislative office, Mr. Runyon demonstrated adjudicative ability when he presided over the city police court for an even dozen years. We admit that there are major grounds for opposition to his candidacy. He is not a native of the county, but we do claim that services in the former is a stepping stone to efficiency in the latter.

The field of opposition is a mercurial one, but as it is difficult and collectively the other candidates do not measure up to the standard which Mr. Runyon has set. To date he has solicited no outside support in securing the attractive appointment; it is his nature to trust decisions of this character to the one who has the power to make them. He has made no public announcement of his ambitions in this direction; if Governor Elect Walter Evans Edge does not see fit to consider him, Mr. Runyon is willing to accept the slight in the spirit that is his alone. His friends well know, however, that he should figure in the race and they are not fearful of his declining the offer if it comes his way.

Plainfielders know Mr. Runyon as a fearless, earnest and untiring worker for city, county, state and federal welfare. They respect him as a lawyer, statesman and fellow citizen. For he is possessed of every quality that goes to make the ideal in these three classes. He is the type of American to whom public office should come; he is the kind of efforts that should reap their reward.

Mr. Runyon's friends, and by this we mean every man, woman and child in Plainfield and thousands outside of our little city, will be performing a duty by putting their shoulders to the wheel and assisting him to achieve the appointment that rightfully should be his. It will take the form of a glowing testimonial to a man in whom we are willing to trust every public confidence.

WHAT WILL WE DO
FOR THIS FAITHFUL SERVANT?

If the city of Plainfield believes that conscientiousness and efficiency are valuable characteristics in the makeup of a public servant the municipality will have an excellent chance to give due recognition to such an employee on February 11 next, when William Addis Sr. will have completed twenty years in the office of plumbing inspector. Under the law the Board of Health must give him a pension amounting to approximately \$50 a month, but would it not be well to follow up the precedent set in the case of Thaddeus O. Doane, in order that he may receive a fair remuneration?

At the age of seventy-four, he informs the Board of Health that he must retire saying in part: "Owing to my age, I have not the confidence in myself in climbing ladders and walking over beams in new buildings." After twenty years of faithful service he has decided that he is no longer physically able to stand the strain which the conscientious performance of his duties has required and throws himself on the mercy of the Board of Health, trusting this city department to adjust his pension satisfactorily to meet the twentieth century living costs.

William Addis Sr. is the type of public servant who, and to relate, is becoming extinct in these days of "money grabbers" and "municipal office manipulators." When he entered the employ of the Board of Health, at the time of its establishment, two decades ago, he ran the system on a \$1,000 a year appropriation, and in 1916 this budget item had soared to ten times that amount. His salary as a beginner was \$600 a year; today he receives an annual wage of \$1,000; showing an increase of \$400 in twenty years. This figure looms up as a mighty discouraging one to the young man of today, who insists his services in the employ of the city, anticipating an eventual rise to fair money and success. The Board of Health will be doing the right thing by Mr. Addis if it follows the custom established in the Doane case and increases his salary to \$2,000 annually either the first or second month before retirement, and enables him to demand \$1,000, as fifty per cent. of his wages at the time of quitting. His is not a wish for another city office that will bring him an annual revenue; he admits he is too old to longer serve Plainfield, and wants retirement in the true sense of the word.

By efficiency in this man's case we mean a schedule of office hours that have found him at his desk at eight o'clock in the morning, everyone of the working days in the twenty years he has been employed by the city of Plainfield. There has been no limit to the exercise of his energy and time in the performance of his duties,

and frequently circumstances have kept him on the job far into the early hours of the morning. For twenty-five years before enlisting with the Health Board, he was a successful contracting plumber here, and when he took public office he instilled these years of practical experience into his work. It will be difficult to secure a man to fill this important berth, who will measure up to the standard set by the present holder.

TRYING TO "HOOD"
ANOTHER PLUM.

Rumor has it that Elizabeth's Republicans are once again reaching out for a political plum that by every right and reason should come to Plainfield. This time it is the appointment to the Union County Board for Equalization of Taxes which will fall due with the expiration of Judge William A. Coddington's term early next year. The county seat already has one of its citizens holding membership in that body in the person of John Collins while another member is Lloyd Thompson, of Westfield. To appoint another Elizabeth man would not only be an injustice to this city, the second largest taxpaying unit in the county, but a direct slap at the Plainfield Republicans who year after year furnish the majority that brings G. O. P. victory at the polls.

Judge Coddington is a Democrat and with his retirement the way is left open for a Republican. No one doubts for a moment but what a Plainfield man would be the successful candidate and local leaders of the party had practically decided upon Councilman John H. Case as their choice. Mr. Case is eminently qualified to assume the responsibilities of the position. He is a property owner and business man himself, he knows Plainfield valuations as few do and his broad minded tendencies would give to petitioners the courtesy and consideration that has so often been denied them. Nevertheless a few of those partisan workers from the other end of the county whose appetite for office never seems to be satisfied have taken it upon themselves to trot out a man of their own. Plainfield's majority giving is overlooked. It is right to be fair and justice to its children should be political "pup." It is to the credit of Republican leaders here that they have already voiced a protest that will become an absolute demand for decent treatment against the mixing of politics with business to succeed W. A. Coddington.

NAT K'JL TWO BIRDS
WITH THE SAME STONE.

In keeping with its progressive policy the Central Railroad will probably see fit to open the tract of land between the east bound steps on the Watchung avenue side of the depot and the row of brick buildings and convert it into a driveway when it takes over the contract for moving the mail to and from the postoffice. Plainfield's new federal building is within the limit which provides for the railroad taking care of the transfer of mail to and from trains and in order to facilitate the work it will be necessary to make some improvement along this line.

Under present conditions it would be necessary for the mail carrier to wind his way around the Fourth street and Watchung avenue corner and take his vehicle up the driveway facing Sycamore avenue—a trip almost as long as the one from the present postoffice site to the depot. Then, too, the corner mentioned above is one of the most congested in the city around 6 o'clock in the evening and this is one of the busiest times of the day for mail transportation.

The tract of land owned by the railroad on Watchung avenue south of the eastbound stop is wide enough to warrant the construction of a driveway and this improvement would be a great convenience to traffic as well as to the mail service. It would make possible a new set of traffic regulations at the depot, taking in four drives instead of the three now in use. The present exits and entrances are especially crowded upon the arrival and departure of commuter trains in the mornings and evenings and a Watchung avenue driveway has been a need for years past.

MAYOR SHOULD BE
SUPPORTED IN THIS CASE.

Plainfield citizens who have the welfare of the municipality at heart and who are possessed of a certain amount of respect for the sabbath will heartily endorse Mayor Leighton Calkins' decision in the matter of keep stores open next Sunday. He is perfectly right in his contention that there is absolutely no reason for shoppers to postpone their buying until the day before Christmas—tomorrow will serve the purpose just as well. He has ordered Chief Kiely to see that the Sunday closing rule is enforced and it goes without saying that the police department head will exercise extra vigilance on this occasion and law dodgers will be brought to terms.

This is one opportunity in a thousand to impress the meaning of the slogan "shop early" upon the minds of the careless and if they have not finished their shopping by midnight tomorrow they should be deprived of the right to purchase additional articles until after Christmas. It is a pity the city cannot enforce a similar law for Christmas Day.

TWO LOCAL MILITARY
UNITS AT INAUGURATION.

Indications now point to the presence of a National Guard escort at the gubernatorial inauguration ceremonies at Trenton the middle part of January. The committee appointed to take up the matter has decided to call two regiments of infantry and one squadron of cavalry and all that remains for the plans to become a reality is the endorsement of the Legislature which should be forthcoming. Just which units will be designated has not been definitely decided upon but it has been hinted strongly that the Second and Third Regiments, the former including Company K, of Plainfield, and the First Squadron of Cavalry, with Troop D, of this city, are the likely choices.

The selection of these two in preference to the First, Fourth and Fifth Regiments, which did duty at the Mexican border, has not been qualified but it is believed that an attempt is thus being made to smooth over the ruffled feelings of those units who were ignored at mobilization time. That both of the probabilities for the honor are capable of performing the duty in an efficient manner is a foregone conclusion, for even with the training they

received at the international line, the First, Fourth and Fifth are little better than those which stayed at home. The First Squadron of Cavalry is the only eligible for the mounted guard honor.

SNOW ORDINANCE
NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH.

As an aftermath of the recent snowfall, one hundred or more of Plainfield's property owners, individuals in all walks of business and social life, were summoned before the bar of justice yesterday morning to explain why they had ignored Mayor Leighton Calkins' warning regarding the removal of the "beautiful." This is just a collective example of the regard in which the snow ordinance has been previously held and it is safe to predict that a repetition of the offense charged to any of those haled to court yesterday will mean a sentence sufficiently severe to impress upon their minds the fact that the city executives mean business.

The gathering of delinquents is not taken as an indication that the city was in any worse shape after the storm last week than it has been following other snowfalls. On the contrary the walks throughout the town were remarkably well taken care of and appearances indicated that the police department didn't miss many of the offenders in the roundup. One hundred is not a large number, but Mayor Calkins does not even intend to be troubled by this many, and some heavy fines will be substituted for warnings on the next appearance in court.

This is the period of the year when that South Plainfield trolley extension would prove its greatest worth—both to the public and the Public Service Corporation. The several hundred "bus commuters" who are employed at the South Plainfield plant of the Spicer Manufacturing Company have been putting up with severe trials since the snow fell and the plant owners are experiencing difficulty in transporting their employees back and forth to work. This is the time when residents of the neighboring village are practically isolated because of the lack of suitable transportation facilities. It is unfortunate that it is impossible to maintain a schedule through the trackless three miles that separate the two towns and consequently it is a case of walk to the turning point of the trolley line on North Avenue or stay at home. This is only one of a myriad of arguments favoring the continuance of the Arlington avenue trolley tracks to a point advantageous to South Plainfield residents and South Plainfield "commuters." Plainfield would benefit just as much from the improvement as would the suburban town and probably more.

Reports from Plainfield merchants indicate that holiday business has surpassed all expectations. The past week has been a trying one for shoppers and store employees, and as it draws to a close, those interested in the city's business enterprises foresee the shattering of all records for Christmas buying. The storekeepers are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have handled the throngs and upon the stock they have offered for sale at prices rivaling those advertised by the monopolies of the metropolis. Plainfield people have been convinced that buying at home is a profitable proposition and the past week has done more to exploit the "Buy in Plainfield" slogan than any other medium.

There is nothing else for the Plainfield Record to do but to again use the much worn phrase "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to all its friends; for in these seven short and significant words are carried the true spirit of the season. Needless to say the Record appreciates the support given it during its initial three months of existence and holds out bright hope for what a year hence may bring forth. Dame Fortune has played a prominent part in helping to place the Record on a rock bottom basis and the citizens of Plainfield and North Plainfield as a whole have rallied nobly to the support of a year-end demand—a live wire news chronicle dedicated to the welfare of the two municipalities.

Those who have had occasion to pass the window of the city tax collector during the past few days were given cause to doubt the rumored scarcity of cold cash by the flood of gold, silver and "long greens" that passed continually from the hands of last minute tax payers into the city treasury. We accept the explanation of Collector William R. Townsend, however, to the effect that this happens during but a single week in the year and relieve our minds of the strain of solving the issue long enough to meditate on the number of carpets and mattresses that have been ripped apart during the last few days by the taxes who believe in private banking.

Those New York newspaper men who take particular delight in poking fun at what they call "Jersey justice" have noticeably refrained from any special comment on the Metropolitan magistrate who held a man in \$500 bail because he chafed gun in court. The same justice haled a patrolman into court because he refused to stop traffic on a busy street to let the modern "Dodge" cross over, but the erudite pen of paraphraser ran out of ink before this subject for sarcastic wit was reached. We refer these wise scribbles of Gotham to that portion of the sermon on the Mount which runs: "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thine brother's eye."

Will the young woman who gave Tax Collector William R. Townsend two gold dollars in payment of her taxes please make her identity known? Bill has caused the rumor to be circulated that he wants to return the gold pieces since learning that they are worth \$1.75 each and we're afraid his activity will not be crowned with success.

Mails by aeroplane to Chicago in six hours is the postoffice plan. Wouldn't it be well to provide an aerial station on the roof of the new federal building while the construction work is in progress? This aeroplane delivery will probably have passed the experimental stages by the time the Plainfield office is completed.

THE WEEK'S REVUE

Comparisons are odious. But—

Record, Dec. 15.—Negotiations that have been under way for several months ended today in one of the most important realty deals of the present season when John Cory, owner of the three-story business building at the southwest corner of Park Avenue and Front street, sold the property to a New York business man. The deal was made through Isaac E. Giles, of Grove street, and final papers were signed in the office of Charles L. Moffett.

Courier-News, Dec. 16.—A report was current today that the Cory building, at the corner of West Front street and Park Avenue, had been sold, but inquiry from interested parties failed to confirm or deny it. The statement was made that negotiations were going on for a sale.

Courier-News, Dec. 18.—Further information about the sale of the Cory building at the corner of West Front street and Park Avenue was gained today. The sale was made by Isaac E. Giles and Charles W. DeGraw to Brooklyn parties, whose names were not given out.

It was the immortal Cicero who once said "There is no honor so great as to merit well of the commonwealth." If there is any truth in the statement of the famous Roman, that greatest of all honors was conferred upon Richard A. Claybrook, of Grant Avenue, last night, when 200 men representing all shades of political opinion and religious belief, and drawn from every strata of society, tendered him a testimonial dinner in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A.—Courier-News.

Goah ding it, Jack, why waste time around here!

You have heard about those ships coming in with millions of gold on board? Yes.

You have heard about the many new millionaires created during the war? Yes.

You have heard the Democratic slogan about the country enjoying the greatest prosperity of years? Yes. You have heard that money was better or plentiful as it is now? Yes.

All right, then, walk down Park Avenue and try to see a few spots just about now.

It's a mighty good thing that those students of the Columbia School of Journalism went on strike because they had too much work. They demonstrated to the faculty that they lacked the first essential of a good newspaper man and by finding it out early a lot of time was saved by students and teachers alike.

Sing out your praises, you redheads. The carrot top has been knighted with the accolade of brilliancy of mind, as well as of spectrum. A Milwaukee firm advertised for a bright red-headed office boy and followed it by the announcement that the firm wanted a red-headed one because that kind is quicker and readier to learn than his brunette brothers.

The new Nott fire engine is now in service at the Nottwood fire house—news item in another paper. Yes, it is "Nott." It happens to be the "new La- France engine."

We're willing to bet that last year's Christmas present against an out-of-season hat that the only thing that won't be delayed in the rush of holiday mail will be those January 1 bills.

New Brunswick Home News tells of a woman being blown fifty feet through the side of a brick building in a South Amboy powder explosion. Wonder how they knew it was a human being!

"Student who weds declares he is a student at Yale," reads a headline. We might have guessed it but we pause to wonder why so many of these Eli schoolboys have been driven to matrimony of late.

The Record's health hints conveyed the information last week that "Friction from a coarse towel is good for cold and clammy feet." We mention this fact for the benefit of Kaiser Wilhelm.

The fighting front, reckoning the battle alignment in all the theatres of the European war, extends in length about 2,500 miles.

Let's see, that must be about from Dunellen to Paoli, Kan.

To be buried in her own private cemetery in a corner of her farm near the graves of her five husbands was the last wish of a Wisconsin woman. She was faithful to all even unto death.

Legislator brought to Washington this week a bill providing for the abolishment of newspaper advertising by candidates seeking political office. Wonder what newspaper stepped on his corns.

The prevailing price of gasoline didn't lay up half as many automobiles as that foot of the "beautiful" which fell last Friday.

Have you noticed the Fords lined along Front street and Park Avenue these days snuggling up to big cars trying to keep warm?

Boston woman insists on having \$3,000 cash paid down before wedding a persistent suitor. Not saying how much she will draw for pin money after the knot is tied.

If Santa Claus wants to make himself solid with us this year he will substitute potatoes and eggs for the usual tree decorations.

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Theatre Patrons

Xmas day's attraction at the Plainfield Theatre will be the "Great Star and Garter" show, who are this season presenting a program of musical comedy, vaudeville and modernized burlesque which is described as being refreshingly new from start to finish. This season the progressive management have endeavored to eliminate burlesque into a plane which were favorable comparison with Broadway musical comedy productions, and from all reports, it is quite evident they have succeeded in their purpose. As in "At The Mardi Gras" and "All Aboard" will be found the most pretentious offering ever seen with an attraction of similar class, comically produced, lavishly costumed, their result is reached wherein the "Great Star and Garter" show presents a performance of which the patrons may well feel proud. This season's musical farce is divided into two big sections, the first of which comprises at Lena Park, and the second along the Boulevard of ever gay "Paris" during which, there is a vast of color, song, fun and spectacle that is continuous. In this season's register of artists in this show, are prominent favorites as Don Clark, Bert Rose, Jas. Couglin, Walter Wolf, the sparkling prima donna, Mrs. Margaret Lee, Jacqueline Tallman, The Burlington Four, and the "Great Star and Garter" contingent of chorus chorines. There are over twenty big musical numbers, vaudeville features and special surprises offered throughout the big double bill program, which includes "The Great Deluge," the most elaborate living picture ever produced, by popular request.

XMAS AT THE "HIP."
Charles Dillingham's gorgeous spectacle "The Big Show" at the Hippodrome, where matinees are given daily is again the headquarters for Christmas shoppers as well as the merry delight of the children during the holiday period. For the comfort of the former, a large rest room has been provided with ample desks and benches and for the kiddies a Hippodrome Alphabet Book is being prepared, as a souvenir to recall their visit to this house of wonders. As is the custom Charles Dillingham is here presenting numerous special features which are timely and important. By request Anna Pavlova will have in her ballet portion of the "The Nutcracker" one of her favorite dances, and she will also retain the famous "The Swan Lake" which has been a feature calculated to amuse the children in an ingenious automobile society just completed and added.

tional scenes for Toto and the other clowns. Nowhere in New York can you find so much real amusement to be found on one stupendous program.

"OLD LADY 31"
There is being presented at the 39th Street Theatre, New York, a play that has aroused more comment than any production seen on Broadway in many years. It is "Old Lady 31," a burlesque comedy by Rachel Crothers, in which Emma Dunn is the star. The play opens with a prologue in which there are only two characters: one is Angie (played by Emma Dunn), who is sweet and trusting and kind and gently "manning," and her husband, Abe (played by Reginald Barlow). They are saying good-bye to the home over whose doorbell has carried her as a bride. They have lost their all and are on their way to the old ladies' home, where Angie is to be housed in "luxury," because she demands it, and then Abe is going his way to the poor farm—alone. A few of the old ladies are on the porch of the old ladies' home when the curtain rises on the second act. They are excited over the coming of Angie. One of them suggests that they offer her a home with them, and she does it, entering Abe hastily as old lady 31 on the books of the home. On the third act there is a comedy of the popularity of Brother Abe. Even the old grand dame, who can scarcely stagger around, she is so kind to him. Inevitably jealousy develops and if it were not for the appearance of the sweetheart of one of the youngest there might have been civil or uncivil war in the home. Luckily, however, the old woman thinks better of their determination to send Abe away, and she still still blind the bride is borne away.

Abe falls sick. No one knows just what is the matter, but it is probably Mike, the woman-hating caretaker was right when he said, "What you need, Abe, is a bit of a spouse." So Abe goes off with the bridegroom who came to visit him, and returns after much worry to Angie, to find that an old investment of his old lady has really won him independence. But Abe and Angie forego their delirious to bring the boy whom they long wished to adopt into the happiness of winning the girl whom he loves. As Angie says to her when the curtain falls, "It's love—love—love!"

The play abounds in laughs, there being 108 by actual count. Matinees are given on Wednesday and Saturday at 2:25 p. m. Evenings at 8:25 p. m.

Holiday Feature
For Movie Goers

An excellent program of photo plays will be offered for the holiday week, commencing Monday, at Proctor's Theatre.

On Monday a double program is to be presented including Lillian Walker in "The Dollar and the Law," a Vitaphone drama dealing with a picture ever taken of the actual making of money; also Sir Herbert Beerbaum Tree in "The Old Folks at Home," a Triangle drama of tense interest.

On Tuesday, Lillian Glash will be presented in a Triangle drama of children, as they figure in divorce courts, entitled "The Children Pay." On Wednesday, the popular little star, June Caprice, in "The Chief Maker," with comedy and pathos as only this little star can play them, and Vitaphone's great story of the Southland in Civil War times, with Antonio Moreno, entitled "Rose of the South," Thursday, Yva, a feature, "The Devil's Double" and the third episode of "Pearl of the East," and Saturday, "The Paramount's sweet little star, Blanche Sweet, in "The Dups," and Saturday, Donald Brinn, in "The Bunch."

A Keystone Comedy every day in addition to regular program.

On Saturday each child attending the matinee will be presented with a handsome Xmas gift.

STANDARD PROGRAM.
The Christmas week program at the Strand Theatre, New York, is an exceptionally pleasing and timely one and compiled by manager, Eda with the object of creating a distinct holiday spirit. The principal film feature is an adaptation of the beloved Grimm fairy tale "Snow White," in which Adolphe Brumm presents the popular and diminutive Marguerite Clark, who appeared in the same role for two years on the stage of Winthrop Ames' Little Theatre. The introduction of "Snow White" is a novel one. Santa Claus is seen coming down the chimney making his way to the Christmas tree from where he takes a number of dolls. The dolls come to life and take their places as characters in the play. The Famous Players Film Company, the producers, have given the play elaborate settings and surrounded the star with a capable cast including Cleghton Hale, Dorothy G. Cummins, Lionel Gribbon and Alice Washburn.

Other interesting film attractions to be shown are "Odellies" in Film "York," another chapter of Dillman's Living Book of Nature, which this week contains some intimate studies of Reindeers, and a Bud Fisher comedy cartoon entitled "The Promoters" featuring Muli and Jeff.

The musical program is declared by the management of the Strand to be the most elaborate ever presented at this theatre. The soloists who will be heard are Madeline Dora, the Russian prima-donna, Grace Hoffman, coloratura soprano, Mabel Tedesco, contralto, Enrico Arnesen, tenor, and Alfred Wiedersheim, bass-baritone. The concert orchestra will play sweeps "Fidelio" and other selections from "Rigoletto" as an overture and also render appropriate incidental music to the various film themes. Carl Edwards will direct with his usual mastery and artistic finish.

CAPTAIN KID, JR.
Listen dear reader, do you know that there are any number of people in this world who go to the theatre solely to show themselves off and let others know it? It is a fact. You can always pick them out of the crowd because they invariably arrive late, and then the early on to have to stand up to let them pass by. They make all sorts of excuses and that's the idea, it's great fun for the audience, but...

On the other hand, there are many people who go to the theatre purely for entertainment and in search of laughter, and when they find a real good show that excites mirth and makes them forget their cares, they are so grateful that they refrain from sneering under their breath at the "birds of paradise"—other words the late comers—sweep by. They want to cheer, but the play they are witnessing is so full of optimism and the joy of living that they have caught its spirit and so they just laugh.

There is a play being presented in New York right now that has this effect on theatregoers. It is at the Cohan and Harris Theatre in West 124 street and they call it Captain Kid, Jr., a farcical adventure by Rida Johnson Young, and, say, honestly, it is such good play and you'll have so much fun watching it that you'll want to tell your neighbor all about it. The four neighbor will come in and turn tell his or her neighbor and in that way an endless chain of praise will be turned loose and before you know it the whole nation will be talking about this wonderful comedy which is sure to fill the Cohan and Harris Theatre with laughter all winter and way into next summer. Let us see the possibilities, don't you?

Well then, the idea is to do your Christmas laughing early. Go right now and see Captain Kid, Jr. you'll love it; you'll love the lovers in it; you'll like the play and you'll adore the fun of the quartet characters that people the cast of this, the most unusual comedy New York has seen for a long time.

"BEN-HUR"
Ben-Hur will begin the seventh week of its prosperous engagement at the Manhattan Opera House next Monday night. This play has been the greatest production of a dramatic order on the stage today.

Look at it from any point of view—as a serious drama, gorgeous spectacle, mechanical exhibit of the best modern stage craft, it is distinctive and distinguished. Kiaw & Bringer are to be commended especially for their admirable enterprise in starting Ben-Hur. They not only have given a gorgeous frame to the acting episodes of the novel, but they have provided an Oriental richness for every detail, which is in the atmosphere of time and place and lends powerfully to the enjoyment of the performance. Besides a sufficient acting cast headed by that sterling leading man, A. H. Van Duren, there is a fine chorus of singers and a large number of graceful dancers, both of which are blended artistically and convincingly in the pictorial scenes representing the Grove of Daphne, the Fountain of Castalia, and the thrilling episode of the chariot race.

The music is of the highest fine quality and was written especially to fit the dramatic incidents and situation of the play. It is the work of Prof. Edgar Stillman Kelley, who has written an authority in the Roman plays, and the music here amazes the whole of the audience, and wins the race just as the Roman chariot races beneath the hoofs of his excited horses.

Ben-Hur has played to larger relief and more popular than any theatrical production, either here or abroad.

The performances of Ben-Hur begin promptly at 8 o'clock at the Wednesday and Saturday matinees and 8 o'clock in the evening. Special holiday matinees will be given on Christmas and New Year's.

All orders for seats for any of the performances accompanied by check or money order payable to the Manhattan Opera House, in the order of their receipt.

Church News In Brief
Heavenly Rest
Church Plans

HOLY CROSS CHURCH.
Rev. H. St. O. Burritt will be in charge of the regular service at the Church of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Jan. 7. At 7:30 Holy Communion will be celebrated by the pastor, at 8:15 the Sunday School and Bible Classes will meet, followed by the morning service at 10 o'clock. The usual evening service will be celebrated and instead a mid-night Christmas Eve service will be held at which there will be Holy Communion and carols sung. On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion and morning service at 10:30. At that service B. F. Tallman will sing (Gounod's "Nativity" accompanied by the church choir. At 8 o'clock the morning of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week Holy Communion will be celebrated by the pastor.

SPECIAL XMAS SERVICE.
Arrangements for the holding of special Christmas services in the First Presbyterian church are being made to be conducted on Sunday, December 24. Special musical numbers will be rendered at both morning and evening services with the church choir and quartet taking part. In the evening the cantata, "The Master of Trane," will be sung with various parts to be taken by the following: Mrs. Donald Pessall; tenor, Clyde Doane; contralto, Mrs. P. A. Moffett; and bass, F. B. Moffett. Herbert J. Harold is directing the presentation.

MONROE M. R. CHURCH.
The Sunday School of the Monroe Avenue Church will join with the congregation Sunday morning at the 10:45 service, at which time the pastor will preach an appropriate Christmas sermon. No meeting of the Sunday School will be held in the afternoon. At 7:45 the choir will render special music and the pastor will preach on "The Nativity." The annual Christmas festival will be held in the church on Friday night, December 29, at which time an appropriate program will be rendered by the children.

HOPE CHAPEL PROGRAM.
The Christmas exercises of the Hope Chapel of Hope church will be held on Thursday evening, December 28. A program of songs and recitations, with a Christmas tree and added features, will be enjoyed by the youngsters.

RELIEF COMMITTEE.
The relief committee of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church is at the church for the entire day to receive donations of groceries or anything else that can be sent to the poor of the congregation.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

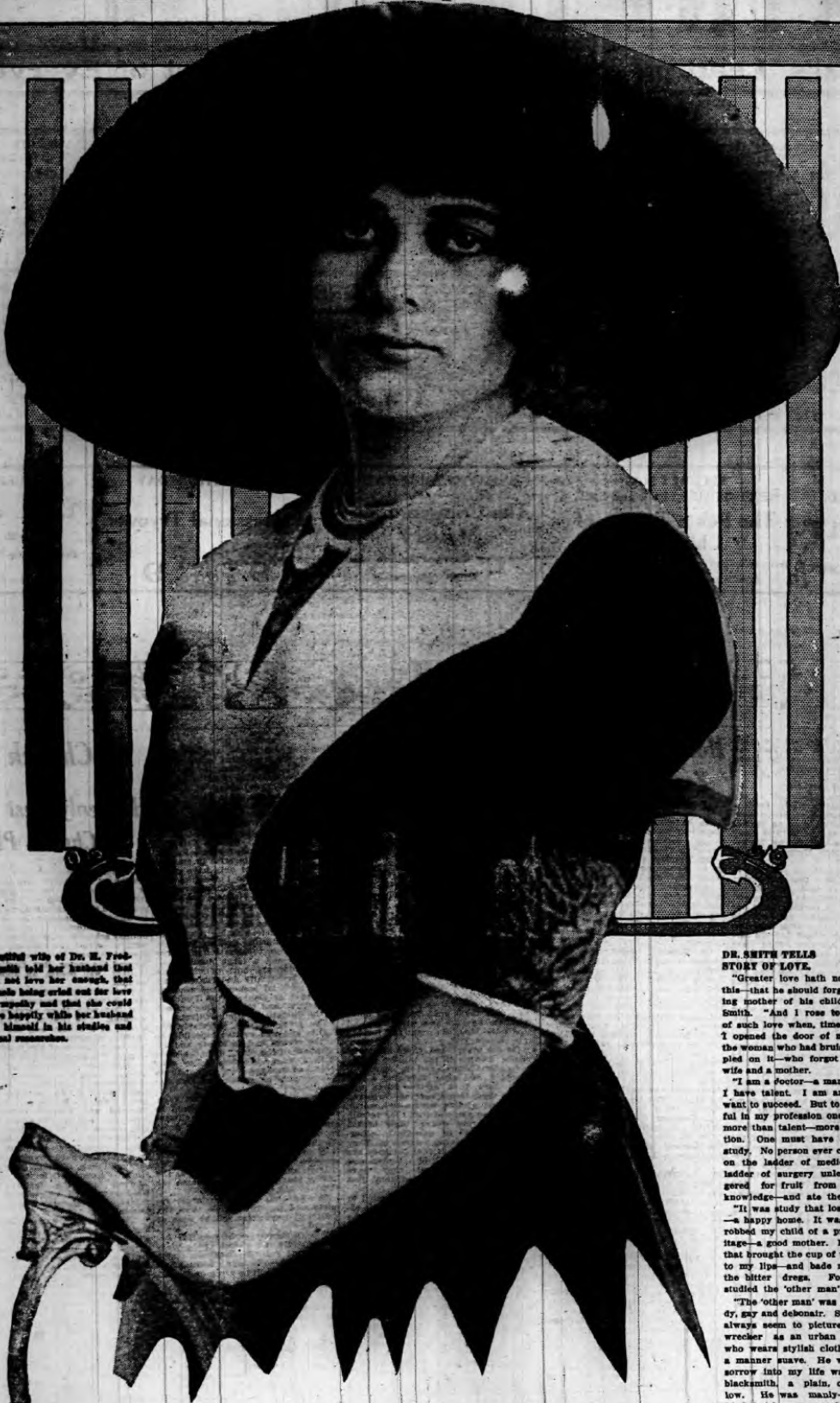
A special Christmas Eve service will be conducted at Grace church on Sunday, December 24, and a New Year's service will be conducted on Sunday, December 31. The vested choir will render special music at each service and the program will be appropriate to the holiday season.

PAVLOVA'S CALENDAR.
Anna Pavlova has designed and created a handsome calendar for 1917 which is illustrated with a striking portrait of herself in five colors in a Russian peasant costume. Every calendar bears Pavlova's signature and the entire expenditure for producing this artistic souvenir is paid for by her personally. They have been placed on sale at the Hippodrome and at the principal hotels and the gross receipts will go for the relief of Russian war sufferers.

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Magazine Feature Section

The Love Letters of a Blacksmith



Was a village blacksmith, hard-working, God-fearing, home-loving, to see a physician for alleviating the affections of his pretty wife, the black world would sit back, smile a knowing smile, and declare that the young smith should have kept a better eye on her. Nothing unusual in the case—nothing at all.

But—
Now that a physician, lawyer, and blacksmith have court and charge him with violating the love of his attractive wife, the black world seems to be eyebrows, like its lower lip and ponders. Does a blacksmith for a first time? Who ever heard of such a thing? Proprietors! And in lieu of a better understanding of this strange occurrence the majority lay it to the fact that anything is liable to happen in this day and age. A day and age that gave us the physician, Dr. Frederick Cook and the peace pipe.

WAT BREAK
"WAT BREAK"

The physician, who is plaintiff in a "divorce" action, is Dr. H. Frederick Smith, a resident of Galena, Ill., and well-known throughout that section of the state. He values his wife's affections at \$10,000, and though he does not believe that he shall recover that amount when he tells the story to a jury, he hopes to be given a substantial judgment. For, it is said, the blacksmith who he charges with writing "mad with love" letters to Mrs. Smith has a "mad eye" in one of the eyes.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Smith were seated at the filing of the suit—especially a suit of such a nature—though they have known for some time that the domestic affairs of the couple have been in a tangled state. Recently named are the friends of J. M. Waterphal, the blacksmith, who lives at Augusta, Wis.

HEAVENS THE NOISE
HE HEARS.

The affectionate mixture on which Dr. Smith depends to win his case—the mixture which his lawyers declare has been identified by handwriting experts as the penmanship of the village blacksmith—follows:

"Dear Friend:

"I am thinking of you every day—and dream of you most every night. Why is it? Am you ill—or has something happened? I simply must know how you are and where you are."

"Why shouldn't I know?

"Why? I shouldn't."

"I have a comfortable home and a good business, but still there is something lacking. As a carburetor is the heart of an automobile, so is love the heart of a home and happiness; and that love and heart that was given me was stolen. Yes, I was robbed—robbed of everything I ever owned in this world."

"So I have started life anew, as it is only the tenderfoot that will give up. Is the first heat of a battle. Things are going pretty good, and I have a purse of about \$5,000 in value, but what is that when the whole world is missing?"

"Is, God how my heart bleeds when I think of you gone by. I am so mad, yes, mad with love. For love is the greatest of all in the world."

"I play you if you agree and there for love as I do, but may God forgive and protect us both, we need. I am sure going to M.L. and Chl.

The beautiful wife of Dr. H. Frederick Smith told her husband that he did not love her enough, that her whole being cried out for love and sympathy and that she could not live happily while her husband looked himself in his studies and chemical researches.

In the spring, and if nothing else steps in the way I shall see Galena, Ill., on the trip or any place within reach that you may be—so please let me hear from you, 'cause I want to know where you are all the time.

"One never knows what may happen. We have always shared each other's troubles, and who knows but we may share (our own) each other's troubles together. True love never dies."

"Yours, starving for love, 'DOC.'
"Doc is a nickname by which the Augustus smithy is known to many friends.
Though the Galena physician is loath to discuss the strange legal ac-

tion which he has brought in the courts of Wisconsin, he has made a statement which, he declares, explains as much of the three-cornered heart affair as the public should know at this time.

DR. SMITH TELLS
STORY OF LOVE.
"Greater love hath no man than this—that he should forgive the erring mother of his child," said Dr. Smith. "And I rose to the height of such love when, time after time, I opened the door of my heart to the woman who had bruised it, trampled on it—who forgot she was a wife and a mother."
"I am a doctor—a man of science. I have talent. I am ambitious. I want to succeed. But to be successful in my profession one must have more than talent—more than ambition. One must have a desire to study. No person ever climbed high on the ladder of medicine or the ladder of surgery unless he hungered for fruit from the tree of knowledge—and ate thereof."
"It was study that lost me a wife—a happy home. It was study that robbed my child of a precious heritage—a good mother. It was study that brought the cup of unhappiness to my lips—and bade me drink to the bitter draught. For while I studied the 'other man' came."
"The 'other man' was no city dandy, gay and debonair. Somehow, we always seem to picture the home-wrecker as an urban gentleman, who wears stylish clothes and has a manner suave. He who brought sorrow into my life was a village blacksmith, a plain, ordinary fellow. He was manly-looking, the kind that has an appeal to most women."

CONFESSIONS
MEN FAULT.

"Mrs. Smith met him when she visited in Augusta. Soon afterward I ran across a letter. It was in the

handwriting of the blacksmith. "What does this mean?" I asked. "It means that you are a bookworm," replied my wife. "You bury yourself in your studies and leave me to a lonely life. You do not show me that you love me. I must have more love. My whole being cries out for affectionate sympathy."
"We came to an understanding. For a time everything went along smoothly, and then—well, I found another letter. I upbraided my wife. She begged me for forgiveness and promised never again to correspond with the blacksmith whose mistresses breathed with love and tender sentiments. And for the sake of our child I did forgive, even though I could not forget."

ADmits LOVERS
VIRTY.

"Time and again she deceived me by receiving letters, and once she admitted that Waterphal had visited her at her home while I was away. Some time ago I told her once and for all that if I ever learned of that she communicated with him again, or allowed him to call on her, I would be forced to seek a separation. She promised faithfully to break off any relations she might have had with him."

"Naturally, I mistrusted her still, or all that had transpired and kept my eyes open. In November of last year the mail carrier who had been delivering mail to our home regularly was laid off, and the new one was not up to the tricks of my wife, I guess, for—well, I got hold of the letter, which I hope will convince a jury that some one has stolen the affections of my wife. The sender one is Waterphal, the blacksmith, and my handwriting expert will prove the letters. Mrs. Smith has nothing to say except that "the whole thing is too silly and foolish for words."

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How Dust of Your Feet Is Useful

Nothing is so useless as dust, you say. The old burial ritual, "Dust unto dust," typifies the total absence of value considered to be in the particles of earth.
But this dust that you kick and regard as an annoyance is really as dispensable as well as ornamental. It beautifies Nature, since it, swirling in the air, is responsible for the blue of the sky. Without it there would be no beautiful sunset or sunrise. Deserts and mountains would be colorless without it to break up the light rays in the atmosphere. Wallace, the naturalist, says: "One-half the beauty in the world would vanish with the absence of dust."
So much for its picturesque qualities. Far more important is its characteristic of giving us diffused daylight. Without dust the sky would appear to be completely black and the stars on the sides of the sun would be shining brightly.
The tiny particles flying in the air halt and scatter the solid light rays of the sun and spread them over a wide territory. There would be painful scorching light in the direct rays of the sun and blackness everywhere else. In the front yards there would be glaring sun and inside the house midnight blackness. Our lives would be totally different were there no dust. We should have by necessity given up different out-belong. Plants and animals would be in nothing like their present form. The instant the sun made there would be total blackness. Twilight and dawn would have never been known, and the most useful and scorching periods of the day would be let out.

Two Local Boys In Yale Show

Seasoned veterans, to borrow a phrase from the sports writers, will make up the cast of "Ours, Tom," a play, which appears at the Yale Theatre on New Year's night.

B. W. Durke, of Plainfield, who is the leading part, has appeared in every play the Dramatic Association has given since he came to college. His merit was recognized last year by the Elizabethan Club, Yale's most exclusive literary organization, and he was elected to membership in it.

The composer, of "Good Night, Harvard," a popular football song, is also in the cast. He is D. G. Moore, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is continuing his studies in the Yale Music School. He played the leading feminine role in "An Ideal Husband" last winter.

A. C. Crunden, of St. Louis, Mo., was the ideal husband of Oscar Wilde's play. He has taken a prominent part in every production that has been given while he has been in college. In the Yale production of "Ours, Tom," he played the part of Achilles. When he isn't acting, he studies or exercises on the University Wrestling Team.

The girls' parts are all played by freshmen, who have had experience in preparatory school dramatics. Other prominent men in the cast are: G. G. Dewey, of Buffalo, N. Y., member of the Yale Daily News board; R. A. Lovett, of New York City, a member of Phi Delta Kappa, and the second highest stand man in his class; G. M. Murray, of Plainfield, N. J., editor of the "Yale Review," and secretary of the Yale Athletic Union; K. K. O'Brien, of New York City, member of Freshman Baseball team, member of Junior Football team, member of Junior Football team; A. Healy, of Chicago, Ill.; H. Donohoe, of Seattle, Wash.

Plainfield Man to be Ordained

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, Wednesday morning, Bryant Gray Hugh Harmon, son of J. F. Harmon, of West Eighth street, was consecrated as a deacon in the Holy Catholic church. He was one of a class registered by Cardinal Farley, who officiated at the ceremony. Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in St. John's Hall, College Mr. Harmon will be ordained as a priest by Bishop O'Connor, of the Newark diocese. A number of Plainfield friends will be in attendance.

Christmas Week Program Planned

Owing to the Christmas vacation week, several activities of the Recreation Committee will be omitted during next week.

There will be no Municipal Dance in the Washington school until Saturday, January 1.

The ladies' public swimming class will not meet again until Friday, January 5.

Weekly Calendar: Monday evening—Dinner, Dance and game room, Washington school. Tuesday, All Day—Athletic games, Bryant school. Sunday, 10 P. M.—Community Christmas Tree, City Park. Tuesday afternoon—Athletic games, Bryant school. Wednesday evening—Athletic games, Bryant school. Thursday evening—Athletic games, Bryant school. Friday afternoon—Athletic games, Washington school. Saturday afternoon—Athletic games, Washington school. Sunday evening—Men's Gym, games, basketball, high school gym. Monday evening—Athletic games, Washington school. Tuesday evening—Men's Gym, games, basketball, high school gym. Wednesday evening—Athletic games, Washington school. Thursday evening—Athletic games, Washington school. Friday afternoon—Athletic games, Washington school. Saturday afternoon—Athletic games, Washington school. Sunday evening—Men's Gym, games, basketball, high school gym.

Chairmen Named For Soldiers Annual Fair

Plans are now beginning to take shape in regard to the annual fair of the Company K, which will be held in the West Front street hall from February 17 to 24. With the announcement of the various committee heads, active work has been started and indications point to the most successful season since the fair became an annual feature.

The chairman of the committee, who will select their assistants, are: Floor Committee—First Sergeant George A. Anger. Printing and Advertising—Quartermaster Sergeant A. R. Tranchand. Refreshments—Sergeant LeRoy DeCamp. Check and Clock Room—Former Sergeant O. R. Pearson and Corporal Carman. Booths—Sergeant George Howell. Donations—Corporal Clark. Door—Corporal Oltor. Decorating—Private John Miller. Novelties—Privates Miller and Ward.

Last Work of Veteran Editor

John J. Loidy, the veteran Newark editor, who passed away last week contributed the following to the collection of the Newark Sunday Call while lying on his death bed as his final literary effort mentioning the community and of the Plainfield Trust Company:

"In no former year in this country and in no year in any other country was there anything like the contributions by corporations, financial and other agencies, large employers and Christmas clubs to Christmas festivities and expenses. One of the most important parts in the nation's history approaches its end with an exhibition of Christmas spirit that is most extraordinary. As for the Christmas clubs, organized at the beginning of the year for the saving of small sums with interest, to be divided at Christmas time, it is computed that the total of these distributed amounts to more than \$200,000,000. New Jersey's share being upwards of 10,000,000. Four banks alone in Jersey City, Trenton and Newark have more than 1,000,000 to distribute.

"Many great corporations have already set apart vast sums as Christmas payments to their employees, and many others are to be announced. The New York Stock exchange, representative people of Plainfield this year, will make munificent gifts to its thousands of employees; banks and insurance and other large financial institutions will show the same spirit. The present of the Christmas Club estimates the total of \$50,000,000 as the distribution of all the clubs in the United States. If the average given by corporations and other large employers is added, probably the grand total would amount to \$150,000,000, or possibly many millions more.

"What this enormous bounty has reference only to Christmas. Consider the vast sums that have been conceded by capital to labor since the present year began. This was prompted by three principal facts, namely, the great prosperity of the country, the demand for labor of all kinds and the consequent upward of the living. To a very large extent the increased wages have simply been compensation for the increased cost of living. It is the highest wages do not exceed this increase the wage earner is no better off than before. But in what other respect is the laborer in this or any other country has there been on the part of employers such a just recognition of economic conditions and such a generous disposition to equalize them?"

WILL REPEAT PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

The concert rendered by the Community Orchestra and Chorus in the Plainfield High School last Monday will be repeated on Christmas Eve under the leadership of Mr. W. D. Anderson. The program is a unique one and will include orchestral numbers, part songs and Dudley Buck's cantata, "The Coming of the King."

With approximately five hundred members, the Community Chorus is enjoying the best season since its formation and includes many of the representative people of Plainfield. Officers of the organization are: President, P. T. Dickerson; first vice president, H. Cole; second vice president, John Lewis; secretary, Florence Hawkins; treasurer, W. D. Anderson; Harriet E. Elmer, secretary of the entertainment committee, S. Elia Haybert; active membership committee, Frederick E. Cutler, and associate, Aubrey Eaton.

Schools Hold Their Usual Xmas Closing

Both the city and borough schools and the private institutions closed today for the annual holiday vacation and will not reopen until the Monday following New Year's. Following the yearly custom, exercises of an appropriate nature were held in the various schools under the direction of the students and the principals of honor worn during the year were made.

Plainfield High School. The auditorium of the Plainfield High School was crowded with students and teachers for the exercises held there this morning. The program was as follows: March, "The Little Town of Bethlehem"; songs: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "The Christmas Carol," "The Christmas Carol," "The Christmas Carol." The exercises closed the exercises by playing a Christmas carol.

ROGER MELLOCK Will Take Bride

Mrs. Daniel Frederick Glina, of Watching avenue, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Catherine Whiting Glina, to Roger Mellock, son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Mellock, of East Seventh street. No date has yet been set for the wedding.

Miss Glina attended Miss Hall's school in Plainfield, Mass., and is a debutante of three seasons ago. She is a daughter of the late Daniel Glina and a granddaughter of the late George P. Mellock. Mr. Mellock is a member of the New York Stock Exchange and of the New York City Police Department. He was a sergeant in Troop D, last June.

WED IN GOLDEN STATE

Word has been received here of the marriage at Oakland, Cal., of Miss Christina Rohde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rohde, of this city, to Leroy Adams, formerly of this city, the ceremony being performed in that city on December 2 before a few intimate friends. Mr. Adams is a son of A. N. Adams, of Newburgh, N. Y., who was married to the West a year ago. He and his bride are now living in Oakland.

GOODBYE TO SPARROWS

To the Editor of the Plainfield Record: The New Jersey Audubon Society, notified the Governors of several States to designate a week for destroying destructive nests by Boy Scouts and others. A sure way to get rid of them is to soak grain in rum and eat it. The birds are so stupid they will soon get helplessly drunk. Then cook and eat them.

All who try this method will be delighted at the pleasant and profitable result. The birds taste good, the nests vanish and in their place some of the recent birds may be heard.

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HAS MADE FORTUNE POLISHING BOOTS IN LAST 8 YEARS

After eight years in the United States, all of which were spent in Plainfield, Cos. Constantine, a Greek, came to this country after the ending of the European conflict, went back to the land of his birth, and after a few days of idleness, he came to the feller of Midvale Island, a province of Greece. Known to his fellow countrymen and others in Plainfield as "Hersey," the shoe-shine magnate, he earned enough during his first year's polishing footwear to establish the most successful shoe cleaning and manufacturing factory in this vicinity located on Park avenue and today enjoys an income "that would be the envy of many a college educated American." His aim is to keep his trip to his native country, which was made in genuine third class style, by a return voyage with every first class convenience.

When twenty years of age Constantine had a fond farewell to home and became one of a throng of foreigners crowded into a compartment of an ocean vessel bound for American shores. Greek employment agencies in New York sent him to Plainfield where he secured work shining shoes at \$15 a month with

room and board included. Thrift was Constantine's chief characteristic. He was a hard worker, a man that entitled him to replace his worn and faded suit of Greek tailorship with a new one. After a few days of labor, found in the morning until 9:30 at night. Besides his regular work, he took on the shoe-shine parlors are rented for the use of his own shoe-shine parlors. He is paid \$45 a month and their room and board, instead of the \$15 he first received.

Little more than a year was required for this energetic immigrant to accumulate sufficient cash to open a shoe-shine establishment of his own and it was not long before he had filed a request with the New York agency for help and the next morning from Greece who had a knowledge of shoe-shine business referred to him. From that day until this he has prospered to a degree which he himself never anticipated and at this time he is the president and chief stockholder in a company that owns Plainfield's three shoe-shine shops and one hat making and cleaning factory. He is fond of native attire, speaks excellent English and

has become thoroughly Americanized in sports, current events and daily life.

Constantine's four stores in Plainfield represent a monthly rent of \$275, and his "shoe-shine parlors" never fail under \$500 a month. The three shoe-shine parlors are rented for the use of his own shoe-shine parlors. He is paid \$45 a month and their room and board, instead of the \$15 he first received.

Although most of the other shoe-shine establishments in the State charge ten cents for black shoes, he rates at five cents for this kind and ten cents for the russet.

Summertime is the busiest season in his hat cleaning factory, but the business throughout the year is brisk. During the three liveliest

months of the summer just passed 3,000 hats were cleaned by Constantine's employees at a return of more than \$5,000. After closing time in his shoe parlors he summited his employees to the hat factory during these busy months and put them to work on cleaning straw and Panama hats.

Constantine's parlors are not the common nook in the wall, but are all located in a substantial and commodious quarters that are inviting to the best custom. He has brought many Greeks to Plainfield and each one of them has exercised a thrift that has made him prosperous and helped to pile up a bank roll. All of the dark skinned Greeks have but one object in view and that is to accumulate a small fortune and return to their native land.

Constantine sees to it that all of his men have the advantages to enable them to study the English language and they have all displayed a wonderful aptness in mastering the foreign tongue. His employees live in a house he has provided and are interested students of the war on the other side.

AMERICANIZED GREEK WILL BE "ROCKEFELLER OF MIDELENE ISLAND"

Summarized, this shoe-shine magnate's eight years in America have been characterized by strides of advancement that are little short of phenomenal and at the age of twenty-eight he is comfortably "fixed" for life. Quiet, unassuming, but sharp of eye and keen of thought, Constantine has gained a large circle of acquaintance and has the respect of the business community. He is willing to give Plainfield and America a lion's share of the credit for his success and is greatly concerned in seeing to it that the Greeks he has brought here are started well on the ladder of fortune. He has had no time to think of smoking, drinking or gambling; he has been a life of hard work during the eight years in America. Like other men of his race he labors the major portion of the twenty-four hours of each day, seven days a week and \$65 days a year.

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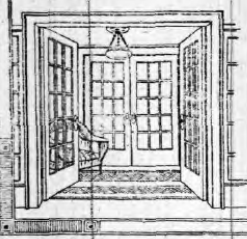
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OBITUARY

William Kelley Dies Suddenly

Word came to Plainfield by telephone, Wednesday of the death of William C. Kelley, a life-long resident of Oak Tree and one of the best known men in this vicinity. It had been his custom to spend the winter in the "Flower" state at his home in his daughter, Mrs. J. Harry Campbell, and he left with the family for the South this morning during the winter. It was apparent then that his health was not of the best but it was thought the change of climate would result beneficially. Complications developed, however, and for the last week he had been under the care of a physician and attending nurse. A few days before the end came it was realized his condition was hopeless. The funeral service was held at Crescent City, because of the illness of Mrs. Campbell prohibiting her taking the journey back North. The body will reach Plainfield today and it to be placed in the receiving vault at Hillside cemetery pending final arrangements for interment in the family plot.

Kelley was born at Oak Tree, twenty-nine years ago and though he had been an extensive traveler he was a native of the place of his birth was "the garden spot of the world." The old family homestead occupied a site on a prominent hill which commands a wonderful view of the surrounding country and which Kelley took great pleasure in bringing to the attention of his friends. The rolling landscape presented to the eye a picture of panoramas in this part of New Jersey, glimpses of Plainfield, Rahway, Elizabeth and New Brunswick being a part of the picture. The house in which Mr. Kelley was born was replaced a few years ago with a modern mansion, embodying all the comforts of the city with the natural surroundings and advantages of the country. The Kelley farm at Oak Tree is familiar to thousands of people in the nearby country, being one of the largest desirable tracts of ground in this end of Middlesex county. Mr. Kelley wanted Oak Tree to be as well known as whatever point he registered when away from home he wrote after his name in the holder letters sent by the size of the book "Oak Tree, N. J." It was his contention that travelers had the habit of dining in New York as they abiding place for purposes of prestige when among strangers but he wanted everyone to understand that his little village was just as good as any big town on earth.

Like many of the members of his parents' family, the deceased took up farming after completing his education. When a young man he followed the example other youths of his age and went to the promising West. He had been located in Illinois for several years when he met Miss Helen Kelley, the Plainfield girl, a wealthy wheat grower, whom he afterward married. Soon after Mr. Kelley came to Oak Tree, settling on the homestead place. Mrs. Kelley's father visited them later and impressed with the country that he removed his family to a farm near Rahway. The Plainfield place was sold to many Plainfielders, although a daughter-in-law is the only survivor of the original owner.

In the middle years of his life Mr. Kelley engaged in the lumber business in Ashbury Park. In this capacity he became associated with James A. Bradley in the development of the popular coast resort and also had much to do with the founding of Bradley Beach. At the time of his death he had large real estate holdings in both places. He had no religious affiliations or took any active part in political affairs. He placed his home life above everything else and had been even more retired than ever since the death of his wife about three years ago.

besides his daughter, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Kelley's only near surviving relatives are one brother and two sisters. These are the Misses Elizabeth and Rachel Kelley and Oliver Kelley, all of whom reside at the family residence in Oak Tree.

MRS. MARY WENZEL

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Wenzel, wife of William Wenzel, of Manassas place, were held yesterday morning from the late home and later from St. Mary's church, interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery. Her religious affiliations were with the

for some time and her death came after a long illness.

The deceased was a native of Ireland, coming to Plainfield about twenty years ago. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and enjoyed a large circle of friends. Besides her husband, her surviving relatives are seven children, a sister, Miss Alice Wallace, of Westfield, and two brothers living here.

Youthful Operator Buried by Comrades

The home of Mrs. Edith Schick, at 695 West Third street, was filled with relatives and friends Tuesday afternoon, in attendance at the funeral of her twenty-one year old son, Frank Schick, who met with a tragic death Saturday afternoon while performing his duties as moving picture operator at Proctor's Theatre.

He was in charge of Rev. John Sheridan Zella, pastor of the Crescent Avenue church, who was officiating before a wealth of floral tributes indicated the sympathetic expressions of friends. The family who had been deeply shocked at the young man's untimely end. Among the set pieces was a large flow from the Proctor Theatre employees. Burial was in Hillside cemetery, the pall-bearers being Otto Richter, Jr., Herman Thiel, Paul Richter and Charles F. Meyer, Jr., four close friends and Harry Allen and Henry Brinkley, representing the Proctor staff.

The fatal accident to Mr. Schick occurred late on Saturday afternoon while the performance was in progress. A motion picture was being shown when the focus suddenly shifted from the screen to the operator. The young man was suddenly motionless as the prosecution motions danced about the prosecution audience for so long that the spectators grew impatient. Their laughing and whistling attracted the attention of Manager John Hogan, who sounded the buzzer used for the purpose to centre the attention of the operator.

Falling to receive any response to the signal, Hogan hurried to the operator's booth, situated on the second floor of the theatre in the rear of the balcony. There he found Schick's body in a recumbent position, his nervous hands still tightly clutched about the controls of the machine. It was apparent that he had been in the act of adjusting some slight defect when shocked by a voltage sufficient to cause death. The removal of a protecting hood at the point where the hands held that gave rise to this supposition.

Dr. A. H. Dindon reached the theatre a few minutes after receiving a hurry call and declared on examination that the young operator had died almost instantly. The physician expressed the belief that the lad had been afflicted with a weak heart, the force of the current supplying the machine was not more than two hundred volts. Operations frequently receive a charge of this kind without suffering any ill effects. The body was removed to a shoe store as an establishment and later to the home of his widowed mother. He was the youngest of five children and was his principal means of support. Previous to taking a steady position at Proctor's theatre, he had followed the trade of plumber with D. W. Little & Son. He was educated at the grammar school for nearly two years he had acted as night assistant for Henry Rydzynski, the Proctor chief operator. The lad was born in this city, his father being the late Jacob Schick, who for many years conducted a shoe store at South Second street and Muhlenberg place. Besides his mother, sister and brothers, he is survived by his grandfather, Mrs. Henrietta Galko, of West Third street.

MRS. H. L. VANDERKENT

Mrs. Hannah Leander Vanderkent, wife of Augustus Vanderkent, died Tuesday morning at her home on Myrtle Avenue after a long illness with grip and pneumonia. The funeral service was held yesterday afternoon in charge of Rev. St. St. Burial, rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, and was private. Burial was in the family plot in the Bound Brook cemetery.

Mrs. Vanderkent was a native of the late Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Vanderkent, whose home for many years was on West coach street, just off Park avenue, the property now forming part of the Plainfield Trust Company site. She always made her home here and enjoyed a wide acquaintance. Her religious affiliations were with the

Church of the Holy Cross, where she was active for a long time in the work of the Women's Guild. Besides her husband, she was survived by three daughters and one son. These are Miss Hannah Vanderkent, of New York, Mr. William Vanderkent, Jr., who reside at the parental home, and Mrs. O. L. Wainwright, of Baltimore, Md. The deceased also leaves one brother, Benjamin R. Force, of East Fifth street, and the following sisters: Mrs. James Davis, of Cambridge, N. Y., and Mrs. John Burnett, of New York City; Mrs. Charles C. Burnett, of New York City; Mrs. Ida and Emma Force, of this city.

MRS. RACHEL INGRAHAM

Mrs. Rachel Ingraham, widow of Charles Ingraham, died in the Muhlenberg hospital at 1:15 Monday morning following a brief illness with pneumonia. She was seventy-four years old and resided on Church street. Mrs. Ingraham came to Plainfield from Millbrook, Dutchess County, N. Y., twenty-two years ago. The funeral and interment being held in the latter place yesterday. She was born in New York City.

Mrs. Ingraham is survived by four sons and one daughter. These are Albert, of Grangeville, N. Y.; Frank, of New York City; John, of Millbrook, and Frank, of New York City. Mrs. Ingraham is a member of the local Fire Department, doing duty at headquarters. The deceased also leaves a sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Westpal, of this city.

National Guard's Exhibit on the Border a "Tragedy"

Compulsory military training is a subject in legislative circles. Hearing has been held before the Senate Committee and Military Affairs on the Chamberlain bill. Mr. Leonard Wood, Secretary of the Interior in the Taft Administration, has spoken in opposition to the idea, advocating a vocational education and training as the best method of preparing the youth of the country for the military life.

Mr. Fisher says the need of the hour was for perpetration. Gen. Scott declared that 2,000,000 fully equipped troops should be available within ninety days after the outbreak of any war involving this country.

Both Gen. Scott and Gen. Wood went ten Nations Guard had proved a failure in the most recent test—that involving the police of the border. Gen. Wood declared that the exhibit of the militia had been nothing short of "tragedy." He said that he spoke for more than half the men on the border who came directly under his department and the mobilization of whom for the border service was carried out under his direction.

Gen. Scott affirmed the verdict of Gen. Wood, saying all the information he had received from the officers stationed in the field of the National Guard on the border bore out the statement that they were not a proper relation to the situation. The arguments of both experts were for some more dependable force than the militia in the event of a war. Major-Gen. Wood told the committee he believed in a plan of universal military training that would combine the best features of the Chamberlain bill with that of the General Staff of the army. The former provided for the training of youths between the ages of 18 and 21.

Gen. Wood took issue with Mr. Fisher on the success or relative importance of vocational instruction. If that were to be insisted upon as a part of universal plan of military training, it would concentrate the addition of six months to the term prescribed for military training. Gen. Wood would not be in favor of crediting any college course of military instruction with more than three months to be served under the instruction of the army.

The General said that with a proper reserve army built up by compulsory military training.

The Dullness of Routine.

It is remarkable how few events of crises there are in our histories; how little exercised we have been in our minds; how few experiences we have had. I would fain be assured that I am growing spare and frisky, though my very green youth this dull equanimity-things it was with struggle through long, dark, murky nights of sadness of grief. It would be well if all our lives were a divine comedy instead of this trivial comedy or farce. When at rare intervals some thought or impulse breaks in upon the monotony of the routine, it is as if by without his hearing them. But soon by some inextinguishable law our lives pass by and the career returns.—Thorstein

The Famous Rene.

Catherine de' Medici when she went to Paris to marry Henry II. took with her a famous Florentine performer named Rene, and from that time France made great progress in the fragment art.

Exkimo Lamps.

It is believed that the Eskimo lamp was invented before the first immigrants from their original home which was probably farther south and near the seacoast. But the form of the lamp becomes more specialized the higher the latitude. The lamp of southern Alaska has a wide base two inches, while those of Point Barrow and northern Greenland have wick signs of seventeen to thirty-six inches. The lamp is employed for melting snow and ice to obtain drinking water, for cooking, lighting, warming, drying skins and furs. It is also a social factor and the sign of the family unit, each head of the family having his lamp.

In and Out.

"I bear you into a fortune." "So I did, but some lawyers, armed tampering with my deceased uncle's will, and the first thing I knew one of them was saying to me, 'This way out.'—Birmingham Age-Herald.