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CHILDREN'S FESTIVALS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS HOLD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

Music and Recitations Rendered By the Little Folks—Churches Decorated For the Happy Occasion.

Sunday school Christmas celebrations were held in a number of the churches on Thursday evening. At all of them the attendance was large, and interesting programmes had been prepared.

St. John's Lutheran.

At St. John's Lutheran church the following was the programme of exercises: Organ voluntary and anthem, "Peace on Earth," by the choir; prayer, by Rev. Dr. B. F. Alleman; music, by the Sunday school; scripture reading, by the pastor; music, by Choral society; recitation, "Willie's Letter," Charlie Steckman; "Ted's Stocking," Harry De Haven; music, "Clap Your Hands For Joy," Eva Foster, Mary Baker; recitation, "Molly's Dream," Claud Holahan; infant department, songs by Mary and Nellie Oster, Maud Mentzer, Sue Williamson; reading, Katie Haas; music by Choral society; recitation by 14 children; music by Sunday school; address by the pastor; Christmas collection and music by Choral society; recitation, Grace Brosius; distribution of gifts to the children; doxology and benediction.

The music was under the direction of John T. Zimmerman, choir leader, with Prof. F. W. Haas presiding at the organ.

Trinity Lutheran.

The infant department of Trinity Lutheran Sunday school held its Christmas celebration on Thursday afternoon. The programme consisted of recitations, singing, an address by the pastor and presentation to the children of medals, having on them an appropriate scriptural text.

St. John's Episcopal.

At St. John's Episcopal church the programme consisted of a processional singing of the following carols: "Ring out the bells for Christmas," "The holy babe of Bethlehem," "Unto us a child is born," "In Exelsis glory," "Noel, Noel, the Christ is born," "Star of the East," "Hark the angels singing," reading of scripture lessons, singing by the infant school and addresses by Rev. J. E. Pratt, the rector, and distribution of gifts.

During the evening the rector, on behalf of the congregation, presented to Messrs. Wm. B. Hall, musical conductor, Harry Elias, organist, and John Ferrier, janitor, baskets of choice fruit; and Rev. Pratt was also the recipient of fruit; H. W. Hartman making the presentation speech.

At Emmanuel Chapel.

Emmanuel chapel, at Walnut and Pine streets, was handsomely trimmed with evergreens in honor of the Christmas festival. The progamme was made up of recitations, singing of carols, responsive reading and addresses by the pastor, Rev. Haupt and A. B. Burkhurt, superintendent. A feature of the entertainment was the appearance of a star, which made its appearance in the rear of the pulpit, after the lights were extinguished, and as it appeared, a hymn appropriate to the festival celebrated was sung. Miss Mary Salsiger presided at the organ.

Second Evangelical.

The Sunday school of the Second Evangelical church held its Christmas celebration last evening. There was a large attendance. The programme, made up of the usual Christmas carols, singing and recitations, was well rendered. Rev. Lehr in his address returned thanks to the congregation for the substantial gifts he received as their Christmas presents.

Duke Street M. E. Church.

The Duke street church was very prettily trimmed with laurel streamers around the galleries and the columns were also tastefully decorated with greens in honor of the Christmas holidays. The Sunday school entertainment was given on Thursday evening, with a very large attendance. The programme consisted of an anthem by the choir; responsive reading, by Rev. Dr. Vernon; chorus, "Yule Tide," by the school; invocation by the pastor; "Christmas Greeting," by the school; responsive reading by Z. T. Hays; recitation, "From Rome's Imperial Monarch," by Harry I. Evans; recitation, "The Christmas Babe," Harry Leader; chorus, "We Can All Do Good," school; recitation, "Our Parson's Sermon," Milton Vernon; chorus, "God's Wonderful Gift"; scioptican views of the Holy Land, Paris and London and a descriptive lecture by Dr. Vernon.

W. W. Hollinger was the organist, and the orchestra who furnished the music was composed: Menno M. Fry, leader; violins, Harry I. Evans, George Hohein, Melvin P. Long, C. B. Hollinger; cornet, Wm. Bruederly; trombone, Edward D. Eby; bass, F. A. Gilgore.

St. Paul's M. E. Church.

A Sunday school sociable was held at St. Paul's M. E. church on Thursday evening which was largely attended by the children of the Sunday school and their parents. The programme was made up of singing, a few recitations and addresses by Rev. George Gaul, of Columbia, Rev. E. C. Yerkes and Superintendent George W. Killian.

The exercises opened with the singing of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," followed by prayer by Rev. Gaul. Master Ralph Hurst sang a solo, Charles Quade recited, the school sang "Bringing in the Sheaves," Miss Weidle recited and the school sang "Marching 'Neath the Banner of the Cross." The music was under the direction of B. F. W. Urban, chorister of the school.

Two weeks ago the children of the Sunday school were given pennies to trade with, and last evening a large number made report, showing that about $32 have been realized by the children.

SAM JONES' DAUGHTER ELOPES.

She Marries a Young Man Who Was Not the Choice of Her Parents.

Anna C. Jones, daughter of the Rev. Sam Jones, the famous revivalist, was married on Wednesday to his former secretary, William M. Graham, now an official stenographer of the Cherokee (Georgia) circuit. Five years ago Graham, who was then 22 and the girl 15, were in love. Naturally Mr. Jones objected to the intimacy, and the girl was sent away to school at Millersburg, Ky. She did not take very kindly to school discipline. About a year ago Miss Jones returned home. Mr. Graham had become a lawyer, and was subsequently made the official legal stenographer of the Cherokee circuit.

Last Tuesday night the lover sought the aid of two friends, Prof. L. B. Robeson and Dr. J. E. Mayes, in eluding the viligance of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, both of whom opposed the marriage on account of the youth of their daughter. Dr. Mayes came to Chattanooga to arrange the preliminaries, and Mr. Graham and Miss Jones joined a riding party at Cartersville, Ga., Jones' home. The plot was carried out. The young couple on their arrival were met by the professor, and taken to the study of the Rev. Dr. Bachman, of the First Presbyterian church, who, getting a hint from a reporter, refused to perform the ceremony unless a Southern Methodist clergyman assisted.

Then a visit was made to Dr. Drumbell, who upon being being told that the groom belonged to the Episcopal church, made the twain one flesh. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Graham telegraphed the news to the new father-in-law. They will go back to Cartersville to-day.

Threatened Their Neighbor.

Byron Doutrich and his son Jacob, living near Williamstown, have been complained against before Alderman Halbach for surety of the peace. George Rowe, a neighbor, is the prosecutor. His statement is that on the night before Christmas he had business at the village store, and Byron Doutrich and three of his sons followed him there, threatened to lay in wait for him and kill him. He remained at the store until some of his neighbors were ready to accompany him home.

On the road home Doutrich and his sons were seen secreted as if waiting for Rowe. There has been a difficulty existing between Doutrich and Rowe for some time, and Rowe was obliged some time ago to have them bound over to keep the peace. Officers went to Williamstown to-day to arrest the Doutrichs.

HE WAS A LOVER OF CHRISTMAS.

Tribute to Dr. Higbee, by Mr. McCaskey, At the Christmas Entertainment Of the High Schools.

At the Christmas exercises of the high schools Principal McCaskey delivered the following address:

I want to talk with you a little while of a man whose presence was familiar to you all; a man who loved the Christmastide; the pervading atmosphere of whose life was the Christmas spirit that finds its highest enjoyment in helping others, and especially those who need help; a man who was himself beyond question, as I think, more universally beloved throughout the length and breadth of this broad commonwealth than any other man in Pennsylvania—nor is there any other in whose death would be experienced such wide-spread feeling of personal loss. This results—the man being capable of arousing such feeling of personal affection—from the peculiar relation which he bore to the tens of thousands of teachers, superintendents, directors, and friends of education throughout the state.

He met all the leaders of our educational work in all their varied fields of labor, and everywhere he impressed them as a man of unusual type and of extraordinary attainments; he came into contact, upon the institute platform and otherwise, with all the teachers of their respective counties and of all the cities of the commonwealth, with the single exception of Philadelphia; looked into their eyes, addressed their intelligence, impressed their hearts, revealing a deeper purpose in their work and constantly challenging their attention to the transcendent importance, from its spiritual side, of the relation between teacher and pupil; he spoke to directors everywhere, to citizens everywhere; he led in prayer anywhere, everywhere, for Divine aid and guidance; he preached with ringing utterance from many a pulpit, and from many a platform that was not a pulpit, the unfailing gospel of righteousness; with the pen of the editor and in his official papers, he addressed the school men of the state constantly and with all the power of a master purpose; until men and women who came under the spell of his intense personality everywhere recognized in him an educator of the first rank, a man of the purest and best type; helpful to the uttermost, generous to a fault. And knowing him thus, they came to trust him, to love him because of that self-same Christian spirit which was the animating, informing spirit both of his official and private life.

My dear old friend, Dr. Higbee! One week ago to-day I stood beside his open grave in Mountain View cemetery, at Emmitsburg, Maryland, an attractive spot to which in his frequent visits to this little town among the hills—where live some of the friends he loved best on earth—he would often resort for the varied beauty of the landscape and that invigoration of soul which comes from the "strength of the hills." We saw the walls of his tomb rising somewhat above the coffin lid, covered with broad slabs of native limestone rock to form the roof of that low chamber in which his mortal remains may rest apart from other earth for a thousand years, and turned away to see that loved face no more on earth in any light save that of memory.

With others, and alone, I had stood beside his coffin again and again, as he lay in quiet sleep from which it seemed a touch might wake him,—and tears were stayed, for the peaceful calm of the sleeper had diffused itself to those about him in death, as it has done in life. I saw in this delightful home of his young manhood—whither he always went back with glad heart to a warm welcome—and in the community around, the abiding reverence which love inspires, I knew again the enduring value of a noble Christian life; and came away from Emmitsburg with a feeling that I had been permitted to read another chapter of fascinating interest in the life of the most remarkable man it has ever been my privilege to know on terms of close personal intimacy. "In this room," said one—it was a spacious parlor with all the appointments of comfort, taste and elegance—"we had our Christmas tree for a dozen successive years, and Dr. Higbee was always the life of our party." It seemed as if his genial presence still pervaded the place—perhaps it did, who can tell?—though his mortal form lay in the silent majesty of death in a room upon the same floor, just beyond the broad hallway of the house.

Christmas day is a birth day—and why do I speak of death at Christmas time? Well, I think of death very pleasantly, and take pleasure too in knowing and thinking of people like Dr. Higbee, who regard it as only another birth day—into the life immortal. And Dr. Higbee we all knew so well! You have heard him speak from this spot; you have seen him and enjoyed him here, and that enjoyment was mutual, for he has been glad to be here. Besides other reasons, he had an especial interest in the school where he had once taught. He came and went as if at home here. He left the school in 1854, after one year's service as teacher; and I remember well the morning in 1881, twenty-seven years later, when, after appointment to his late office, Mr. Hensel brought him in to introduce him to one of his old pupils. We had both changed so much in the interval that otherwise we would hardly have recognized each other. The last time he was here was on a friendly errand, to give me a book that he had brought from Emmitsburg, containing some music of which he had spoken, and which he knew I wished to see.

He has not been at any of our Christmas entertainments, but he has told me how he has wished to be with us, for your singing and our instrumental music always gave him much pleasure. But your Arbor Day entertainments he especially enjoyed. On this spot he inaugurated the first Arbor Day observance with a formal paper, entitled "Arbor Day with the Children." He lived to see this day observed ten times, and to know of hundreds of thousands of trees planted, because of its appointment, —which is not the least of his many good works.

But the kindly presence that we knew so well we will see no more; the voice is hushed that spoke so cheerily its "Christmas all year long," emphasizing it all the more at the happy Christmastide. Let us, like him, follow the Star with the Wise Men, through darksome night and desert way, until it stand over the manager of Bethlehem, and, entering with them, in reverent adoration lay our best treasure as gifts at the feet of the Child. With the shepherds on the Judean hillside, we, like him, may hear the angel voice proclaim its message to the listening earth, may hear sweet angel voices resound the matchless song of "peace on earth, good-will to men"; with him may hear the music of their harps celestial, and see the wondrous light that else hath never been on earthly sea or shore.

Christmas was a holiday and a holy day to him. We remember how some years since he discouraged the holding of the county institutes during this week, many of them having been appointed for this time. At his wish other dates were thereafter appointed, so that Christmas week might again be given back to church and home as their chief festival occasion.

But I have talked too long. Let me emphasize this thought, once more illustrated in the eminently successful life of Dr. Higbee: The only life worth living is a life of goodness, with every energy of mind and heart trained and directed to this sole end of human existence; and the only perfect ideal after which such life may be lived is that of Him who was born at Bethlehem, the world believes, on Christmas Day so long ago.

Speaking for Dr. Higbee, then, as well as for myself—for I am glad to believe that we are still in quick sympathy in all things glad and good—I wish you, with all my heart, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Children's Entertainment.

The children of the Lancaster Mænnerchor will hold their annual entertainment on Tuesday evening next. All the choruses and instrumental parts will be executed entirely by children, and there is no doubt that the affair will be a big success, as it always is.

Dr. Lyte Suggested.

The Pottsville *Miners' Journal* names Professor E. O. Lyte, superintendent of the Millersville State Normal school, as a suitable successor to the late Dr. Higbee.

WEDDED TO A WARRIOR.

THE NUPTIALS OF MISS MITCHELL AND LIEUTENANT CHARLES J. CRANE.

Presbyterian, Dignified and Beautiful, Was the Marriage of a Fair Maid of Lancaster to a Soldier From Texas.

From platform to gallery the Presbyterian church was crowded on Thursday evening with friends admitted by card to the wedding of Miss Martha G. Mitchell, the second daughter of Rev. Dr. J. Y. Mitchell, the pastor, and Lieutenant Chas. I. Crane, of the Twenty-third U. S. infantry. The mass of green foliage and palms within the chancel seemed in harmony with the spring weather. The full dress of a portion of the throng and the merry Christmas look of all of it gave gay and cheerful thoughts full swing. The half dozen specimens of veterans and vigorous warriors in gold lace gleamed with a brilliancy that charmed away all fears for the future of a soldier's wife and the trials of campaigning. A hush of the expectant throng and then the wedding music, and the bridal party came up the long aisle in dignified procession. First the brothers of the bride, Dr. James Mitchell, of Philadelphia, and Warren Mitchell, of Lancaster, now attending the University of Wisconsin; the ushers, Redmond Conyngham, of New York, and L. C. Michler, of Easton, Lieut. Harry Taylor, corps of engineers, U. S. A., Lieut. S. Freeman, 10th U. S. cavalry; bridesmaids, Miss Nellie Calder, Miss Nettie Mitchell; the bride walking between her father and mother. When the lines separated at the chancel the bride was met by the groom and his best man, Lieut. Charles R. Noyes, of the 9th U. S. infantry, and Rev. Dr. Mitchell took position facing them as the officiating clergyman. The ceremony was brief, dignified and beautiful and enlivened by occasional cheers from "infantry" in a front pew. When the bride, with her veil thrown back, took the arm of her soldierly husband to lead the column down the aisle again the couple carried with them hearty good wishes of more value than the advantage won by charge of any column of the size on any battlefield. During the ceremony the following classical selections were rendered by Organist Krebs: "Chacone," by Durand, Op. 62; "Pastorale," by Kimball; "Nocturne," by Chopin, Op. 37; "Nocturne Leuto," by Leybach; "Bridal March," Lohengrin; "Bride's Song," by Jensen, Op. 45.

The officers in uniform in the audience were General Hambright, Dr. Messersmith and Paymaster Reah Frazer. After the wedding a few friends and relatives assembled at the home of the bride, where refreshments were served, the wedding cake cut and the many presents admired.

The following guests from other cities were present besides those already mentioned. Mrs. Martha Graham, of Philadelphia, for whom the bride was named; Francis Michler and wife, Miss Fannie Michler and Miss Lulu Michler, of Easton; Mrs. T. D. Conyngham and Miss Edith Conyngham, of New York; Miss Wright, of Philadelphia, and Miss Espy, of Harrisburg; Captain Frank Michler, of the 5th U. S. cavalry, and Dr. R. M. C. Michler, of the U. S. geological survey, of Washington. In addition to the ushers named Lieut. D. L. Tate and Lieut. W. C. Brown, both of the 1st U. S. cavalry, were to have served, but their duties would not permit them to be present.

COMMONER KAVANAGH DEAD.

Wonderfully Brilliant Career of a Man Born Without Arms or Legs.

Mr. Kavanagh, formerly a representative of Carlow, in the British House of Commons, is dead.

Arthur McMurrough Kavanagh, whose death is announced, was born in Ireland in 1831. He was a member of a wealthy family, but his lack of arms and legs and other physical deformities rendered him an object of aversion to his own immediate relatives. His father and mother both died, leaving him to the control of two elder brothers, who are said to have secluded him at their country home from the sight of mankind.

After he had reached manhood both his brothers died, and he was left the absolute control of a very large landed estate. He then emerged from his library, a man of rare cultivation and brilliant attainments. He won for his wife a beautiful and charming woman, and became the father of a family of bright and handsome children, one of whom, a daughter, was recently married. Mr. Kavanagh also achieved a reputation as a hunter, and rode after the hounds with the greatest energy and daring, using a peculiar saddle of his own invention.

Over thirty years ago Mr. Kavanagh entered upon public life, becoming a county magistrate at the start, high sheriff for Kilkenny county in 1855, and for County Carlow in 1857. In 1866 he was returned to the House of Commons for the borough of Wexford as a Conservative, being returned for County Carlow in 1868, and for the same county again in 1874.

A NATIVE OF LANCASTER COUNTY.

The Proprietor of the Idlewild Hotel, Pittsburg, Dies Suddenly.

Mr. W. S. Jackson, the proprietor of the Idlewild Cottage hotel, Pittsburg, died suddenly on Wednesday evening at his home. While sitting in a chair about 6:30 he was attacked with paralysis of the heart and expired almost instantly.

Mr. Jackson was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1829, and therefore was 60 years old. In 1849 he crossed the mountains on horseback, going to Pittsburg, where he settled. At that time he was a practicing veterinary surgeon. Soon after reaching there he opened a livery stable on Fourth avenue, where the Oil Exchange now stands. This stable he conducted for a number of years, afterwards selling out and opening another on Third avenue. During the time he was conducting these two stables he was also engaged in the harness and saddlery business on Wood street. He also operated coal mines and building stone quarries to some extent.

He leaves a wife and three sons, the latter being Dr. Chevalier Q. Jackson, of Sixth avenue; Mr. M. Standford Jackson, manager of the Idlewild hotel, and Shirles B. Jackson, who has just returned from Jefferson Medical college, of Philadelphia, where he has been taking a medical course.

A SLIGHT FIRE

At George Norbeck's Carriage Shop—A Floor Catches From a Pipe.

This morning there was a small fire in the coach shop at Vine and Duke streets, which is owned by John Faegley and operated by George S. Norbeck. The floor between the first and second stories caught fire from the pipe which runs from the blacksmith shop through the wood shop in the second floor to the roof. One of the boys made the fire in the blacksmith shop about half-past six o'clock, and it soon became so warm that the floor took fire. It was discovered by some men in the shop and Mr. Norbeck, upon being informed of it, went quickly and struck an alarm from box 7, at Duke and East King streets. The firemen responded quickly and with the men in the shop they succeeded in extinguishing the flames with buckets of water. The boards and joists of the floor were pretty well scorched, but the damage will not be great. The pipe is rather dangerous in the condition that it is now.

While at work assisting to cut up the floor to put out the fire, Chief Vondersmith accidentally struck himself on the foot with the pointed part of a fire axe, causing a painful wound.

The Death Machine Tested.

On Thursday the electrical execution machines at Sing Sing prison were tested by a committee of electricians for the state of New York. The tests showed that the dynamos were even more deadly than had been represented. When run at less than their ordinary number of revolutions per minute, the electrical pressure was found to exceed 1,600 volts instead of being only 1,000. This proves that about 300 times a second the pressure runs 2,000 volts.

A ST. LOUIS SENSATION.

Alfred H. Plant, a Wealthy Society Man, Married While on a Big Spree.

Alfred H. Plant is 38 years old and is a son of George J. Plant, a millionaire miller of St. Louis. According to his parents he is periodically subject to mental aberration, though this fact was never known before, even to his most intimate friends. Two weeks ago he drew $3,800 from the firm and began drinking heavily. He wound up in a low den presided over by Mollie Murphy, who is well known to the police. She took entire possession of the man and his money and jewelry. She plied him with strong drink until he was irresponsible.

Last Wednesday the woman ordered a carriage and, taking the helpless Plant with her, drove to the recorder's office and secured a marriage license. The clerk did not know Plant, and as he was suffering from the effects of drugs, it caused some comment. The woman, who was equally unknown, explained that he was sick and that he insisted on a marriage so that she could nurse him. The license was issued. Then she drove to Justice Sheehan's office, where the marriage ceremony was performed.

Meanwhile Plant's friends heard that he was associating with disreputable people and instituted a search for him. He was found Saturday in the Murphy house and taken in custody by a detective. After an examination by physicians at police headquarters he was pronounced insane and committed to St. Vincent's insane asylum, where he is now under treatment. The escapade will cause a big sensation in commercial and society circles, where Plant was well known and popular.

Justice of the Peace Jerry Ryan, who performed the ceremony, says he knew neither of the parties. He was summoned and went to the woman's house, where Plant answered all the necessary questions. He was under the influence of liquor, but not more so than other men whom he had married. The police learned that the cab-driver who brought the justice to the house was paid $100.

PRINTERS AT A BANQUET.

The Proprietors of the "Examiner" Entertain Their Employes.

Last night Messrs. T. B. & H. B. Cochran, proprietors of the *Examiner*, gave a complimentary supper to their employes at the Stevens house. Every man and boy connected with the establishment, from the cellar imp, who smears himself with ink to look like a printer, to the wise looking men who write editorials, were in attendance. About forty sat down to the table, which had been spread in the large dining room of the hotel, at 9 o'clock, and they did not leave it until after 11. Ample justice was done to the many good things which was on the following bill of fare:

OYSTERS.
Raw Fried. Escaloped.
COLD MEATS.
Turkey Ham. Tongue
Potato Croquettes.
Chicken Salad, Boned Turkey, Aspic Jelly
Saratoga Potatoes.
RELISHES.
Queen Olives. Celery, Pickles. Horseradish,
Worcestershire Sauce.
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.
ICES.
Vanilla. Roman Punch
Assorted Cakes.
FRUITS.
Oranges. Bananas, Grapes.
Tea. Coffee.
Cheese.

After the appetites of all had been appeased speeches were made by the Messrs. Cochran, R. B. Risk, C. C. Carpenter, W. F. Gorrecht, H. W. Buckins, D. C. Haverstick, H. C. Miller, Edward Kauffman, Charlie Sener, Harry Bowman, and Chester Cummings. Walter Kieffer read a very appropriate poem, written by himself, in which he introduced the names of all the people connected with the *Examiner*. It was a late hour until the pleasant affair was over and it will be remembered for years to come by those who participated.

A Miser Killed by a Train.

Simpson Spohn, 53 years old, while picking coal on the Reading railroad at Reading, was run over on Thursday and had both legs cut off. He was taken to the Reading hospital, where he died. Spohn was a well known character. He dressed in a shabby manner, and was always regarded as a miser. Several years ago he owned considerable of an estate, consisting of houses and lots, in different sections of the city. He occupied but one room in one of his houses, lived very sparingly, and it is not known as yet what became of his property if it is no longer in his name. He had no intimate friends. He spent his days in such public places as the court room, City hall and hotel rooms, in order to save coal, and was picking coal for his own room when he was run over. He wore the same heavy clothing year in and year out, summer and winter. A sister of Spohn lives in Ephrata, and she went to arrange for the funeral.

A Painful Accident.

On Thursday afternoon John F. Shenk, a leading young farmer who resides between Quarryville and New Providence, met with a serious and ugly accident. He was assisting his hired man, Thad. Lefevre, to saw wood with a circular saw, which was propelled with a double horse power. Mr. Shenk had put on a small stick which was cut through in an instant, and so quickly, that before he could realize it his hand was caught and terribly mangled. He was immediately taken to the drug store of Dr. Rohrer, and his wounds were taken care of. It was found necessary to amputate his front finger, which operation was performed by Drs. Rohrer and Wentz. The balance of the hand is badly torn, but can be saved. Mr. Shenk is a member of the Republican county committee and a son of John M. Shenk.

Prosecuted for Conspiracy.

Addison Eby, of Mt. Joy township, and Jacob Drace have been prosecuted before Alderman Halbach for conspiracy to defraud. Jacob Suade appears as the prosecutor, and he alleges that the above named defendants conspired to cheat and defraud the estate of Barbara Drace by putting on record a fraudulent deed. Eby was arrested and gave bail for a hearing. Drace is a fugitive and is supposed to be in Kansas.

"The Shanty Queen."

At the opera house, last evening, "The Shanty Queen" was presented to a rather small house. The attraction had about as many to see it as it deserved, however. The play is poor, although at times the gallery seemed to enjoy it. Miss Gracie Emmett, a rather lively sombrette, played the part of *Lillian Strathmore* and sang a number of songs acceptably. The company will remain the rest of the week.

Held For Court.

Herman L. Bollinger, the man who was arrested here for stealing a lot of jewelry of Clayton F. G. Miller, of Clay, had a hearing before Alderman Deen this morning. The evidence showed that he raised the window and crawled into the house. He went to Mrs. Miller's room, from which he stole the jewelry. He was held for court to answer the charges of larceny and felonious entry.

The Dakotas Need Funds.

Governor Melette says that South Dakota will be obliged to close up some of her institutions. The receipts of the state will fall short of the expenses, and there is apparently no other alternative.

In North Dakota, Governor Melette says, the conditions are more favorable. Governor Miller, in his message to the Legislature, estimated the deficiency for the first year at $155,870. Subsequent developments and figures show that the governor understated the probable deficiency.

Judgments In Favor of A. Bitner.

A. B. Hambright, sole arbitrator in two suits of Abram Bitner vs. the Keystone Standard Watch company, for royalty, heard the cases on Thursday afternoon. The watch company nor its counsel did not appear before the arbitrator. He found in favor of Mr. Bitner for $142.30 on the one suit, and $316.15 on the second. There will be an appeal filed to the court of common pleas.

CAUSING MANY DEATHS.

HUNDREDS OF PARISIANS CARRIED OFF BY INFLUENZA IN A DAY.

Gravest Apprehension Aroused By the Ravages Of the Disease In That City—Vienna Hospitals Crowded.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The large number of deaths resulting from influenza in this city is exciting gravest apprehension. It is reported this morning that 580 deaths from the disease have occurred within 24 hours. Papers print this report, but some of them doubt the figures, claiming that they are too high.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The czar is making favorable progress toward recovery from his attack of influenza. He has never been in a critical condition and no fears have been felt as to outcome of his illness.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—The hospitals in the city are crowded with sufferers from influenza, accompanied by inflammation of the lungs, pleurisy and peritonitis. There are over one hundred cases of influenza in Prague.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Countess of Flanders, sister-in-law of King Leopold, of Belgium, Prince Baudouin, eldest son of Countess and the Queen of Roumania are suffering from influenza.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—For some days past there have been a few sporadic cases of influenza at Koenigsberg, but the disease has not become epidemic, and some of the cases are of a most serious nature.

LISBON, Dec. 27.—The number of cases of influenza in this city and Oporto is increasing.

CANTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—Thomas Smith, aged 25, of this town, died this morning. He had been ill with "la grippe," and ventured out before he had entirely recovered. His illness developed into pneumonia, with the stated result.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Thirty odd of the local postoffice clerks and letter-carriers are suffering from influenza and unable to work. Numerous other local cases of la grippe are also reported.

WILL OBSERVE NEW YEAR.

The Merchants Who Will Close Their Stores Next Wednesday.

Last New Year, for the first time, the merchants of this city kept their places of business closed. The day is a legal holiday and the following firms have agreed to keep closed this year. It will be seen that the list includes a large number of the most prominent store keepers, and little business will be done here on that day:

Myers & Rathfon, High & Martin, Chas. H. Frey, Watt & Shand, Hoar & McNabb, Geo. F. Rathvon, W. D. Sprecher, Son & Co., R. E. Fahnestock, Williamson & Foster, G. L. Fon Dersmith, A. Rhoads, Lane & Co., J. Harry Stamm, Chas. Haberbush, Shaub & Burns, H. M. Shreiner, L. Gansman & Bro., McGrann & Nowlen, Trout & Shank, Flinn & Breneman, Walter C. Herr, L. B. Herr, Chas. Stamm, Ernest Zahm, Edw. Kreckel, jr., D. P. Stackhouse, W. D. Stauffer & Co., J. B. Martin & Co., Metzger & Haughman, P. C. Snyder & Bro., Chas. S. Gill, Hager & Bro., Astrich Bros., Chas. H. Barr, Martin Bros., H. Z. Rhoads & Son, Chas. H. Amer, H. L. Boas, Reilly Bros. & Raub, John Baer's Sons, Isaac Diller & Sons, Marshall & Rengier, Jno. F. Heinitsh.

DROWNED IN THE CANAL.

The Body of William Kurtz Found at the Lock of Collins Station.

The dead body of William Kurtz, a resident of Conoy township, was found floating in the Pennsylvania canal, just below the lock at Collins station, on Christmas morning. On Tuesday Mr. Kurtz went to Middletown to purchase some Christmas presents for his family. He returned to Collins in the evening with some friends and went into the station store. Kurtz placed his packet on a counter and then walked back through the building, behind which the locks are. That was the last time he was seen alive, and his body was found the next morning. Deputy Coroner M. W. Smith was notified of the occurrence and he summoned a jury. An inquest was held and a verdict of accidental drowning rendered. The remains were then taken to the home of the deceased, on the Pine road, and the funeral took place to-day.

Mr. Kurtz was over 60 years of age. He followed the canal as a boatman for many years and was well known all along its line. He was in comfortable circumstances and leaves a family of several children.

The coroner's jury on the body was composed of J. D. Kauffman, Ephraim Good, Fred Welty, David Rutherford, Fred. Orendorf and George T. Weseman.

Another Fox Chase.

At the hotel of George Kaffrath, in the village of Rothsville, there was a great fox chase on Thursday afternoon. The day after Christmas is something of a holiday in sections of the county, and Rothsville is one of them. Any sporting event in the neighborhood is liable to draw a crowd on that day, and the fox chase was just what was wanted. The attendance was very great, and among those present were quite a number of Lancaster hunters. Among those from other places were the Millers and Isaac Yost, of Oregon; Ives Bair, Wayne Landis, of Rothsville, Carpenter of West Earl, and others. At a quarter past three o'clock the fox was dropped, and shortly afterwards a pack of fifty dogs were put upon his trail. He ran in the direction of Brownstown, near which place he was caught after a rather exciting chase.

To-morrow Andy Hershey, a well known hunter, of Ironville, will drop a fox and have a private chase.

Death Takes Her Children.

The house of Mrs. Lena Schip, in Omaha, caught fire on Thursday and three children, a boy of 7 years, a girl of 4 and a six-months-old baby perished in the flames. Mrs. Schip's husband deserted her eight months ago and she has since then been earning a living for herself and children by taking in washing. In the morning, after starting the kitchen fire, she locked the door and went out for clothes. During her absence the fatal fire broke out.

Remembered on Christmas.

Friends of St. Joseph's hospital kindly remembered the inmates of that institution on Christmas day. Four fine turkeys and other substantials were donated and an elegant dinner was served. The sisters desire to return thanks to their friends.

Court Crier Joseph C. Snyder was presented on Christmas with a handsome cane. It was the gift of his old friend Dr. Jacob Long.

"Santa Claus" Fatally Burned.

Samuel Beardsley was enacting the part of Santa Claus at a Christmas festival in Bourbon, Illinois, on Tuesday night, and was dressed in a costume composed largely of raw cotton and other inflammable material. The cotton accidentally caught fire, and Beardsley, in an attempt to reach the open air, plunged into a crowd of women and children and a panic ensued, during which quite a number were injured. Beardsley was fatally burned.

The Delaware River Railroad.

The surveying corps of the Delaware River & Lancaster railroad is at work in the eastern end of the county. The road as laid out follows the Conestoga creek from the Berks county line to Brownstown. Many property owners are donating their land and paying the company for running through it.

Went to the Almshouse.

James McCauley and Philip Coslin, two men who claimed that they would work if they could get it, asked for permits to the almshouse at Alderman Barr's office today. They were accommodated.

QUAY AIDING THE DEMOCRACY.

A Warren County Man's View of the Political Situation in the State.

From the New York Star.

John Lawrence, a prominent Democrat from Warren county, Pa., is in the city with his family, spending the holidays. I met him at an uptown hotel last night, and in a conversation we had about political matters in the Keystone state he told me some interesting facts concerning the situation.

"Senator Quay," he said, "is materially aiding the Democrats over there, and if he is spared and retains his present characteristics and methods for another year I think he will make our fight. He is determined to force the candidacy of Delamater for governor upon the Republicans, and if he does it will be what the Folger campaign was in this state in '82. Delamater is a shrewd, crafty young politician, whom the Standard Oil people would like to see elected, but he is highly distateful to the people in the oil country of Western and Northwestern Pennsylvania, because of his underhanded opposition to the Billingsley bill, a perfectly fair measure of relief which the independent oil producers of the state tried to put through against the Standard, but which was lost. He will be opposed by Chris Magee and his big following from Allegheny county and several other sections of the state, because they will not wear Quay's collar. Congressman Dalzell, though a loyal Republican, will not support Delamater. Congressman Culbertson, of Erie, has thrown off the collar. James McDevitt, of Lancaster, is with Magee always, and McManes and a big gang of Philadelphia Republicans refuse to recognize the Beaver county statesman as dictator.

"Every one of them will be against Delamater in the convention and in the field, for Quay is pledged to nominate him, and it would be a worse defeat to not nominate him now than to have him beaten. The opposition will stand for Adjutant General Hastings, a big, good-natured fellow, with considerable personal popularity, but not a very strong man politically. The fight between those people is so bitter owing to Quay's high-handed dictatorship shown in a hundred instances, that they will knife the senator's candidate, no matter whom he may be. I don't know who the Democratic candidate will be, but with a strong man we can do next year what we did in '82 unless Quay bends, and he is not one of the bending kind. The next election in Pennsylvania is going to surprise people as much as Ohio and Iowa did in the last."

FIENDISH WORK.

Alleged Attempts to Wreck Trains on the Norristown Railroad.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

As the 41:35 train for Norristown from Ninth and Green streets, on Wednesday night, was running at an unusually slow rate between the Falls and School Lane stations of the Norristown branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, Engineer Irvin Sterly discerned an obstruction on the track a short distance ahead, and at once reversed the engine and applied the air brakes, bringing the engine to a stop when within a few feet of a railroad tie that had been placed across the tracks, one end of which was securely fastened to one of the rails. The engineer and his fireman and conductor, E. McEwen, had difficulty in removing the tie. The place where the obstruction was found on the track was about half way between the two stations.

The train was made up of 13 cars, all crowded with people returning to their homes from the city. The number is estimated at about 1,100. Had the train been running at the usual speed, it is thought it would have been wrecked and many lives lost.

When the 12:15 train, Conductor Charles Woffinger, for Norristown, was in about the same location, the engineer discovered a tie on the track, but was unable to stop before his engine had knocked it from the rail. It had only been laid across the tracks and not fastened down.

A short distance above, where the ties were found, is a siding leading into Powers & Weightman's laboratory. Here another attempt at train-wrecking is said to have been made, by breaking the switch lock, opening the switch and filling the space between the rails with dirt and stones, which had to be dug out with a pick before the switch could be closed. The open switch was discovered yesterday morning by the engineer of the 5:30 train from Norristown.

Dr. Higbee's successor.

From the Scranton Republican.

It is evident that there is going to be a lively contest for the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Higbee in the office of superintendent of public instruction. The candidates are multiplying and their respective friends are already beginning to besiege the governor. A dozen county superintendents are already in the field and the number will be more then doubled within a week if the appointment be not made before the expiration of that time. Perhaps the wisest course for the governor to pursue would be to quietly make a selection on his own account. The office rises so far above mere political considerations that the governor will certainly not listen to any suggestions relative to making an appointment on the ground of party advantage. A thorough educator, a man of practical common sense views, one who is conversant with our system of public education, and withal a friend of that system, should be called to the office of superintendent of public instruction. The governor knows what qualities are required in the office; if he can lay his hand on the man who comes up to the standard, the sooner he appoints him the better and put an end to the growing contest.

A Jealous Husband's Crime.

Further particulars as to the tragedy at Larchwood, Iowa, in which Dr. Abel Munroe shot his wife and then killed himself, go to show that domestic difficulties had caused the pair to separate, the wife keeping the 5-year-old son. An action for divorce was pending, brought by the doctor, who accused his wife of infidelity. On Tuesday Munroe was arrested for threatening to kill a merchant named Miller, who had sued him for debt. After his anger had cooled he was allowed his freedom.

He went to his wife's house, accused her of being untrue, and finally grew angry and told her to "prepare to meet her God." At the same time he drew a revolver and fired, the ball missing her. She ran into the bedroom, where her son was sleeping, and he followed, placed the revolver to her breast, and sent a ball through her lungs. She then ran outdoors, and he fired two more shots without effect.

He watched his wife until she fell and then went back into the house, walked to a looking-glass and, taking a physician's small lance from his pocket, cut a gash not over an inch long, severing the jugular vein and dying almost instantly. The wife may recover.

A Dickinson College Change.

Dr. Aaron Rittenhouse, professor of English literature and history in Dickinson college, Carlisle, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on the 1st of January. Prof. Rittenhouse has been elected secretary of the Pennsylvania Sunday School association, with headquarters at Philadelphia. It is thought Prof. Charles Little, of Syracuse, will be tendered the place.

A Woman's Mysterious Death.

Mrs. Martha Walters was found dead in a path leading to a spring near Anthony, N. J., on Thursday. Her hair was disheveled and her shoes, mittens, hood, and skirt were scattered on either side of the path from eight to eighteen feet from the body. Her face was drawn as if with pain. An investigation is being made.

Broke the Axle.

The street car track got in its work again yesterday. Two countrymen were driving along North Queen street, in a buggy, and when near Lemon they attempted to cross the track. The axle of their buggy snapped right in two and some carriage man was made happy.

Willed $1,500,000.

The will of the late Samuel E. Sawyer, of Gloucester, Mass., bequeaths $1,500,000 to New England charitable, art and educational institutions.

LEFT WIFE AND CHILDREN

HIS FAMILY OF THIRTEEN THOUGHT MICHAEL BOLAND DROWNED.

Instead of Meeting Death He Met a Sixteen-Year-Old Girl and They Marry. Divorce Now Sought By No. 1.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Michael Boland, the husband of a St. Louis wife and the father of 12 St. Louis children, has been located at Bright Star, Ark., spending a second honeymoon with a 16-year-old bride.

Several months ago Boland, who is a laborer, left this city to go to Bright Star and work on the levee. Shortly after his arrival there his wife ceased to hear from him and about three weeks ago she received a letter from a man signing himself "Brown," and claiming to be a sheriff, saying that her husband had got into a quarrel while in a skiff on the Arkansas river and was killed. She did not think of doubting the letter and put in a claim for $150 insurance on his life carried in the Prudential company. The company proceeded to investigate and strange to say a letter written there brought another from Sheriff Brown saying that Boland had been knocked out of the skiff and floated down stream where he was picked up by a steamer and taken to New Orleans, dying there in the hospital. The New Orleans authorities were communicated with. They replied that no such patient had been received there at any time. The wife's suspicions were aroused, and she called on the St. Louis police, who began a search for the truant spouse. They finally located him at Bright Star, from which place he had never departed, basking in the smile of a young bride. Mrs. Roland will sue for a divorce and the old man will be prosecuted for bigamy.

TO REVISE THE SCALE.

Western Iron Manufacturers Agree to Confer With the Eastern Association.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—B. F. Jones, president of the Western Iron association, has been notified by letter that at the day meeting of the Eastern Iron assoc. held in Philadelphia, a committee has been appointed to meet with a similar committee to be appointed by the Western association and consider a revision of the card of extras now in use by the two bodies. The idea has met with favor in Pittsburg, and it is very probable that a conference will be arranged.

Secretary Weeks, of the association, has been instructed to take necessary steps to have the meeting. The card of extras is based on the common two cent card and calls for higher prices for products requiring extra cost and labor. The meeting will probably be held in Philadelphia. It is a question now whether the joint committee can so revise the scale as to make it suitable to both parties. The card rate has never been respected, and if such an arrangement cannot be made individual firms threaten to cut loose from the association and formulate a list of their own.

Four Killed While Sleigh Riding.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 27.—A terrible accident occurred on Frazier river road yesterday. Six young men out sleigh riding were driving along the road when a tree fell, crushing the sleigh, killing four of the occupants and horses. The names of the dead are: James Lawson, C. D. Campbell, Joseph Locke and J. V. Bodwell. The other two escaped with severe bruises.

An Austrian Count's Sudden End.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—Count Aloys Karolyi De Nagy-Karoly, formerly Austrian ambassador to Great Britain and Germany, died suddenly while hunting on his estate at Pressburg, Hungary.

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS.

The House ways and means committee to-day heard arguments by those likely to be affected by the proposed tariff. Some favored increased and others decreased duties on the articles in which they are interested.

No further troubles have occurred at Jessup, Ga., and affairs are resuming their usual status.

The secretary of the navy has ordered that after July 1, 1891, the stars of the flag and the Union Jack of the navy shall be arranged in a rectangular design.

The New York grand jury has indicted for manslaughter C. W. Pierce, superintendent of the Brush Electric light company whose wire killed Salesman Harris by touching a show-case he was moving. They suggest that the Legislature should investigate the distribution of electricity and discover the kind of legislation needed for public safety.

Death of a College Professor.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 27.—Joseph Fox, A. M., professor of civil topographical engineering at Lafayette college, died suddenly last night from paralysis, aged 57. He had held the position since 1872.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair; colder to-day; warmer on Saturday; westerly winds.

Taken to York for Larceny.

Detective Patterson, of York, came to Lancaster last evening with a warrant for George Lutz, who is wanted in that town to answer the charge of larceny. Lutz is a young man who at times works for the telephone company and at other times is a sort of fakir, and sells different kinds of goods. While on a "faking" trip in York, about a month ago, he is said to have stolen a watch belonging to a boarder at the Marshall house. Patterson left with his prisoner for York in the evening.

Fell on His Arm.

Joseph Hindon, who works for C. G. Herr, undertaker, of North Queen street, had a painful accident befall him yesterday. He tried to jump out of the wagon, which he was driving, when he stumbled and fell. He struck heavily upon his arm, and although it was not broken it was very painfully injured.

They are Improving.

Frederick Hoefel, the well known contractor and builder of this city, has been very ill for some time past at his home on East Walnut street. This morning some one started the report that he had died, but his friends will be glad to know that he was considerably better this morning and there are good hopes that he will continue improving.

For a week past Jacob Zortman, of the P. R. R. station restaurant, has been laid up with something like la grippe, but he is now greatly improving.

Will Go to Virginia.

W. R. Knox, of this city, who has been connected with the Pennsylvania railroad engineering corps of W. T. Bowles, has accepted a position with the Louisville & Nashville railroad. His headquarters will be at Big Stone, Virginia, and in order to reach that place he will have to travel a considerable distance by horse back. He will leave for his new home on Monday.

Gen. Thomas' Widow Dies.

The widow of General George H. Thomas died suddenly on Wednesday night, at her residence in Washington, D. C.