

THE LETTER-CARRIERS.

THREE WHO WILL REMAIN ON THE JOB UNDER MR. GRIEST'S ADMINISTRATION.

A Hundred Men Seek Positions—Many of the Rejected Swearing Vengeance—Something About the Appointees.

The suspense over the appointments of letter-carriers by Postmaster Griest is over at last, and to-day there are more sick, angry and disgraced Republican politicians in town than have been seen in a long time. As announced in Saturday evening's IRRECONCILABLE the appointments of carriers were made this morning. It has been known for several days that a few of the lucky men would be, as they had practically been agreed upon for some time. Several of the other appointees carried a great deal of suspense, and were unable to read, yet they imagined they were qualified. It is believed that there were about one hundred candidates throughout the city. The rejected carriers' positions, so that the number of disappointments is very large. There is howling all along the line to-day, and the postmaster and politicians who are said to be at his back, are being roundly cursed. A number of good men have probably moved, but all could not expect positions.

THE LUCKY ONES. The first ward is in great luck, and of the eleven carriers it gets two. The winners are Alexander W. Long and Elmer C. Greenwalt. The former is the son of John B. Long, a cutter in Myers & Rathvon's store, who is an adherent of the factors.

THE STOCK OF DAVID WOLF VERY BADLY DAMAGED THIS MORNING. There was a destructive fire this morning at the store occupied by David Wolf, No. 60 South Queen street, who deals in the stock of game. The fire was caused by a stove which was burning in the rear of the store. The fire broke out at about one o'clock, and was discovered by the proprietor. He attempted to get down to the store, but when he got to the bottom he found the stairs so full of smoke that he was unable to get out of the door for the fire, and as that was the only stairway which leads to the second floor, he was obliged to go through the window which connects with the next door neighbor's house.

REYNARD DID NOT STOP EVEN FOR A COLLECTOR. There was a great fox chase at Ironville on Saturday afternoon. The attendance was very large, and the fox was dropped by Andy Hershey, one of the best known hunters in the county. Many hunters were on hand and the others present manifested the greatest interest. At 2 o'clock the fox was let go. He ran for some distance, and then he was captured by the fox hunter, and was safely secured in a bag. He was turned over to Mr. Hershey, who had the damages to the window and took the fox.

NOTABLE NECROLOGY. Miss Susan L. Stanwood died in Augusta, Mo., on Saturday, aged 78 years. She is a native of Lancaster, and has lived with the Blaine family for 78 years. Mrs. Robert Tyler, daughter-in-law of President Tyler, who was "lady of the State House" during the first three years of his administration, died on Sunday at Montgomery, Ala., in the 74th year of her age.

TRIED TO KILL HIS FORMER EMPLOYER. Frederick W. Stedefeder, a baker, in Brooklyn, N. Y., reported to the police that a burglar had entered his house early Sunday morning and shot him in the neck. The burglar was identified as Stedefeder, who was arrested and confessed that he did the shooting. He said that he entertained a bitter hatred against Stedefeder, on account of derogatory statements he had made against him while in his employ. He said that if he had failed to shoot Stedefeder he intended to turn on the gas and suffocate the family, which consisted of Stedefeder, his wife and three small children.

DEATH OF MRS. ADAM WEAVER. ELIZABETH WEAVER, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Adam Weaver died at her husband's residence on Saturday at 11 o'clock, after a long illness, most estimable old lady, a kind mother and loving wife. Her death will be sincerely mourned by a host of relatives and friends. A husband and several children survive. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place this morning, services being held at the residence of the deceased and interment in Mt. Tunnel cemetery.

CHU FONG CAPTURED. Chu Fong, a young Chinese merchant, in New York, has been arrested on the charge of swindling a number of persons out of over \$50,000.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A Boy Only 15 Years Old Makes Two Attempts to Hang Himself.

George Taylor is a colored boy only 15 years old, but his equal for badness is not to be found in the city of Lancaster. He has been known for several times for malicious mischief, petty thefts and disorderly conduct, and has been in jail a number of times. He was only released, after serving a thirty days term, a few days ago and went to the home of Leonard Strauss, where he committed a petty theft and ran away from home. His father went before Alderman A. F. Donnelly and made complaint against his son for being incorrigible. A warrant was given to Constable Shamb, but the boy kept out of the constable's reach until he was arrested, when he was taken to the station house.

THE CONSOLE TABLE YOUNG TAYLOR TO THE STATION HOUSE AND LOOKED HIM UP. The boy was in a cell and after several hours his crime could be seen all through the building. Suddenly the crime ceased and an officer went to the cell to see if the boy was still there. He found the boy hanging to the ceiling. He cut him down and with difficulty restored him to consciousness. The boy was tried to hang himself with a pair of suspenders. When asked why he made an attempt on his life he said he would sooner die than go to jail; that he had lived for 15 days in prison and water while in prison and he would sooner be dead than have to go through the same punishment. The suspenders were taken from the boy and he was released, but he would again attempt to take his life. He did, however, using his shirt in the second attempt. He tore it into strips, tied them around his neck and fastened to the grate when he was discovered in his second attempt. He was then removed from the cell and placed in one of the cells of the station house, where he did not make any further attempts to kill himself.

THE SECOND CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONGREGATION OF ST. JAMES' PARISH. Christmas entertainments were given in the First Reformed and St. Stephen's Lutheran churches on Sunday evening, and at St. James' on Saturday (Holy Innocent's Day) Children's even song was given. An account of the celebrations will be found below.

THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS. The second Christmas entertainment by the Sunday school and congregation of St. James' parish was held on Saturday evening, with a large attendance. The exercises opened with a prelude on the organ by Samuel Meister, the boy organist, after which the Christmas cantata, of which Rev. Meister is the author, was rendered by the Sunday school, Bible class and congregation, each having a part to play. The cantata was followed by several anthems by the choir, duets by Miss Lizzie Peters and Miss Annie Johns and Misses Augusta and Lizzie Wall, of Market street, and a solo by Rev. Meister, and a distribution of a box of fine candy to each child. The collection lifted, a handsome amount, in for the benefit of the Sunday school. St. James' Parish.

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APPROVED BY THE COURT.

NEW YORK'S SUPREME TRIBUNAL GIVES DECISION IN THE KEMMLER APPEAL.

The New Mode of Executing Murderers in That State Lawful—Electricity Causes Instant Death.

ROCKAWAY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The general term of the supreme court this morning handed down a decision in the case of Kemmler, the murderer condemned to death under the new law providing for the execution of criminals by electricity. The decision holds the new law to be constitutional. Proceedings were sometimes made instituted by a writ of habeas corpus, alleging that Kemmler was sentenced to undergo a cruel and unusual punishment, contrary to the constitution of the state of New York and of the United States. The court, after exhaustive examinations of the subject, dismissed the writ, and the supreme court to-day sustains the lower court and declares the new law constitutional. In the course of a long opinion Judge Dwight says scientific evidence shows that the passage of a strong current of electricity through vital parts of the body must result in instant death.

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ELEVEN BURNED TO DEATH.

A Whole Family Perish in a Burning House.

A terrible calamity occurred at 5 o'clock this morning at the residence of a family named Gross, consisting of the parents and eight children, with a visitor, who were consumed in a burning dwelling. The house was situated on the corner of the street near by at 3 o'clock. At 5:30 a son, Theodore, Jr., returned from the Huron Street mill, where he is employed. He went to the house, and found the place near by at 3 o'clock. At 5:30 a son, Theodore, Jr., returned from the Huron Street mill, where he is employed. He went to the house, and found the place near by at 3 o'clock. At 5:30 a son, Theodore, Jr., returned from the Huron Street mill, where he is employed. He went to the house, and found the place near by at 3 o'clock.

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QUAKERS SNEEZING.

A HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS IN THE BIG CITY SUFFERING FROM GRIP.

Many Victims Among the Unfortunates. Many Police-men Victims of the Epidemic—Gotham Officers Laid Up.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—"La grippe" has got Philadelphia by the clutches with a strong grasp. Some estimates place the number of persons in the city suffering from the disease at one hundred thousand. Mayor Fitter was to-day attacked, and obliged to remain at his home. Director of Public Works Stokley, Superintendent of Police Lamson, Chief of Detectives Wood, and 125 members of the police force are also laid up with "the grippe."

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—According to the official records 300 policemen are laid up with la grippe. This number includes Inspector Steers. A number of sergeants and detectives are also laid up, while several captains are mentioned on the sick list. The fear is that an epidemic has seized upon the force.

MRS. MOORE RELEASED. The woman whom it was Alleged Had Killed a School Teacher. COLUMBIA, Dec. 30.—The Sunday school of St. Paul's E. church held their Christmas festival on Saturday evening in the parish building. A large tree was erected, and the decorations were very pretty. The programme consisted of singing Christmas carols and other appropriate features, with a gift to every member of the school.

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ISRAELITE AND HIND INDIAN.

An Interesting Paper Prepared by Colonel Mallory, of the Smithsonian Institution.

A despatch from Washington says: "Colonel Patrick Mallory, of the Smithsonian Institution, has recognized the authority on Indian traditions, languages and languages, has just completed a contribution to science that is likely to cause considerable interest in the scientific circles. It is entitled 'Israelite and Indian; a Parallel in Planes of Culture,'" and was written for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he is the vice president and chief of the anthropological section.

Colonel Mallory reports that after years of investigation into the traditions of all the North American tribes, representing fifty-eight linguistic stocks and including 300 languages, he has been forced to the conclusion that the aborigines had no such belief in a single overruling 'Great Spirit,' or any being that corresponded to the Christian conception of God. But I freely admit that the aborigines, and therefore found evidence of one principle, and that was the belief in their own enthusiasm.

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BLIZZARDS IN SEVERAL STATES DEPENDENT.

MANY DEGREES WITHIN A FEW HOURS.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 30.—Advices here seem to indicate that the great snow storm of Saturday night raged over a very extensive area. Rumors were rife in the newspapers that many wires west of here were down and travel much delayed. The centre of the disturbance appears to have been at Huron, S. D., where the wind veered to the north and the storm increased until it became a veritable blizzard, blowing 50 miles an hour. The remarkable experience of two years ago prevented people from unduly exposing themselves on the prairies and no bad results are anticipated.

The storm has been marked in places by singular phenomena. At Winona, Minn., rain descended in great sheets, and the whole city was flooded. When the rain stopped the mercury fell thirty degrees in three hours. People can skate to business this morning. At other points electrical disturbances preceded the fall of snow. Duluth was visited with a severe blizzard, snowing in the heaviest snow fall of the season. Much damage has been done in the city, and street cars are blocked. Trains are delayed early in the day and delayed in places. The wires are down at Calgary, and Lieut. Walsh, of the U. S. signal service, reports that a cold wave started from that region forty hours ago and moved this way.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—A violent wind storm prevailed in Kansas and Missouri yesterday accompanied by a heavy fall of snow. The temperature dropped in the temperature. The thermometer fell to near the zero point, but about noon the weather cleared, and the high winds continued. But the damage was caused by the wind.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Chicago is experiencing its first touch of winter so far this year. A severe blizzard yesterday morning the temperature was at 20 degrees below zero, and it was at 25 and this morning it was at 18, showing a perpendicular plunge of over 40 degrees in 24 hours.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—Mr. Parnell has written a letter to the Freeman's Journal in which he says that he has received no notice of having been made a co-respondent in the suit brought by Capt. O'Shea against his wife for divorce. Mr. Parnell also says that since 1850 he has resided at O'Shea's house at Elyham. He was frequently there when Capt. O'Shea was present, but the captain was cognizant of his being there. He declares that Mr. Houston, secretary of the Loyal and Patriotic Union, invited Capt. O'Shea to institute proceedings for a divorce in order to clear up the damages which may be awarded to Mr. Parnell in his libel suit against the Freeman's Journal.

KILLED BY A DEPENDANT. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 30.—News has been received here that a desperado named Jack Gregory, a country dancer in Mo. Donald county, southwest of here, a few days since, became involved in an altercation with Norman Hagar at whom he fired a shot. The bullet missed Hagar and struck Adolphus Griffiths near the heart. Griffiths, who was a highly respected young man, spoke only a few words before he died. Gregory mounted a horse and made good his escape. The murder has created intense excitement in the county.

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS. Advice from Tadjurah on the east coast of Africa say that two French missionaries and their escort of eight Greeks were all murdered by natives. The employees of Carnegie's Homestead steel works at Pittsburg have been advised of an advance of 11 cents a ton to take effect on Tuesday.

ANOTHER ECONOMIC DIE. PRITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 30.—Arthur Regan, granddaughter of George Regan, the founder of the Economic society, died at Economy last evening, aged 81 years. John Wirth, another member, aged 70 years, was stricken with paralysis and is not expected to recover. The death of Miss Rapp reduces the membership of the society to twenty-nine.

MORE STORES TO CLOSE. The following grocers of Lancaster city have agreed to close their business on New Year's Day at 12 o'clock: People's Tea Co., J. Frank Reist, Gt. A. & F. Tea Co., Reist's, E. Reist, and Duba Sam & Co. The store of John E. Weaver, J. H. Seacrist, W. H. Hull, Pinkerton Detectives to Stop Hitting. AKRON, Pa., Dec. 30.—Three out of four of Pinkerton detectives were shot through the chest after for Watson, a mining town six miles from Painesville, Pa., where it is said trouble is feared from striking miners.

THREE ASPHYXIATED. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Erwin and her daughters Mary and Beulah, from Benton county, Mo., were found asphyxiated in their room in the hotel at Oakland yesterday morning. They were not accustomed to the use of gas, and it is supposed blew it out on retiring to bed.

WILL RETURN HOME. William J. Fordney, who started on a trip to the Northwest a month and a half ago, writes that he will return home at once. At Tacoma he was taken very ill and he thought rather than be in that condition among strangers he would return to Lancaster. He had intended going to Alaska, but the boat did not start running there until May.

THE LITTS WALKING MATCH. The walking match closed at Lidits on Saturday evening. George Kaufman was making 200 miles to 250 of Abraham Yelton. The walkers do not think the time is too fast for these men. Efforts are being made to have a big race here shortly.

A GOOD PRESENT. On Christmas Joel Miller, of Williams station, received from his son William E. Miller, who lives in Dixon, Illinois, a fine Christmas present. It was a walking stick with a little silver pipe and a walking stick. This gave the family quite a shock, which was held on Saturday, and a man of 100 years of age.

WEATHER FORECASTS. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair; until Wednesday; colder; northwesterly winds with a cold wave.