

29 OF CITY'S MOST PROMINENT MEN HAVE DIED IN YEAR

Mitchell and Reyburn, Baer, Justice and Fels, Among Those Who Have Passed Away in 1914.

Twenty-nine leading citizens of Philadelphia have been claimed by death in 1914. In January a former Mayor of the city, a noted physician and the head of a large financial institution died.



STEWART W. GISRIEL

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE AIM OF Y. M. C. A. BUREAU

West Branch Will Widen Scope of Operations With New Year. Final preparations for enlarging the scope of the Vocational Guidance Bureau of the West Branch Y. M. C. A. at 53d and Sansom streets, are being made by Stewart W. Gisriel, the educational director of the institution, who says that on January 1 the bureau will become the dominating feature of the institution.

"I am convinced," said Mr. Gisriel today, "that improper vocational education of boys materially affects their future, and that no waste of valuable possessions is so reckless as that which results from the distribution of living force by chance methods, instead of examining how work and workmen can fit one another."

DELAWARE'S POLITICAL STIR

Saulsbury's Attempt to Oust U. S. Marshal Opposed in Both Parties. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 25.—United States Senator Willard Saulsbury appears to have stirred up a hornet's nest by his efforts to oust United States Marshal George L. Townsend in order to make room for Chauncey P. Holcomb, his political ally.

300 Children From Shot Tower Playground Entertained

Two hundred children from the Shot Tower Playground, 3d and Christian streets, were the guests of the Parents' Association of the Sherwood Recreation Centre at 5th and Christian streets, this afternoon. The children came in special cars from 3d and Christian streets and were then taken to the recreation building on the grounds.

AFTER OPIUM SMUGGLERS

Federal Sleuths on Lookout for Woman Believed to Head Band. Unlike New York there is no smuggling of opium through this port on a large scale, according to Philadelphia custom officials, although the opium surreptitiously enters at the metropolis eventually finds its way to the Chinese of Race street.

FOUR HURT WHEN ENGINE RUNS WILD

ATCHESON, Kan., Dec. 25.—Four men were injured and a half dozen passengers were roughly shaken up early today when a Missouri Pacific engine ran wild from the roundhouse at Omaha Junction and collided head on with an Omaha-Kansas City passenger train. The light engine was demolished and fell over on its side, but the passenger train remained on the rails.

CHRISTMAS WAS MOST WONDERFUL IN CITY'S HISTORY

No Person Went Hungry and Thousands Were Fed. Skating on the Lakes in Fairmount Park.

The most wonderful Christmas Day Philadelphia has ever experienced has gone into history, but the glad carols of the Yuletide still sound today. They will continue to sound until after the first day of the New Year in nearly every home in the city, and in thousands of hearts the joy this Christmas brought will live forever.

Philadelphia surpassed itself this year in giving. After the supreme effort of supplying three ships with food for the starving Belgians, the city turned its face toward home and did more for its own poor and unfortunate than at any previous time.

COLLINS-DAY PARTY SAILS

Members of Expedition Will Explore South American Wilds. The Collins-Day trans-South American expedition left New York today on the United Fruit steamer Matapan for the most remote unexplored parts of the Southern Continent.

CITY PAID OUT \$24,408,000 FOR GIFTS

Continued from Page One proved capable enough an allied enemy to overcome the great big spirit of generous Christmas giving.

LEAPS FROM WINDOW INTO ICY CANAL AND SAVES MAN

Athletic Greek Calls His Deed "Really Nothing." A little thing like jumping out of a second-floor window into an ice-coated canal to rescue an aged man from drowning is a mere trifle in the mind of B. I. Evans, an athletic Greek.

WEDDING AT ELKTON

Fifteen Couples Visit Maryland's Gretna Green Today. ELKTON, Md., Dec. 25.—Thirty young persons from Pennsylvania and New Jersey came to Elkton on the morning trains today and were married. They were: Warren B. Snow and Elizabeth D. Campbell, Herbert Whitehead and Mary L. Hughes, Donald W. Banford and Louise C. Davidson, Robert Steele, Jr., and Josephine Barkoll and Thomas R. Courtney and Minnie Fleming, all of Philadelphia; Leland S. Hubbell and Ethel P. Hubbell, Chester; Irvin McCreary and Geraldine Heberling, Northumberland; Gordon R. Hunter, Millville, and Beatrice Somers, Bridgeton, N. J.; Robert J. Diehl, South Bethlehem, and Mamie C. Seigrist, Allentown; Walter McClyment and Mary A. Elliott, Chester; Harry H. Pyott, Jr. and Eva M. Spohn, Boyertown; Harry C. Riley and Mary E. Bearfoss, Trenton, N. J.; Grant A. Zaring and Alva Leichter, Shamokin; Harry D. Undercuffer and Annie Thompson, Norristown; Eugene W. Robbins and Helen R. Cole, Millville, N. J.

ROBBED THE CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Liquor caused Robert Lowry, of 23d street and Ridge avenue, to rob the refrigerator and Christmas stockings of the family of Andrew Burkbalch, of 21st and Dauphin streets, yesterday, according to the man's statement before Magistrate Morris in the 24th and York streets station this morning. Upon his promise to pay for the damage he did, Lowry received the minimum sentence of five days in the House of Correction.

SAUNTERED INTO CELL

When William Duffy, 53d and Market streets, is sleepy he is not particular as to where he rests, but he was warned today by a police station as a lodging house. Duffy sauntered into the 51st and Thompson streets station late on Christmas night and casually dropped in a cell to have a nap. A sergeant passing the cell later saw him asleep and noticed the cell door was unlocked. When he reprimanded the turkey for not locking the door the latter was surprised to learn that he had a prisoner.

GLENSIDE BLAZE THROWS HUNDRED MEN OUT OF WORK

Two Families Homeless—Rebuilding Plans Made by Employers. Two families are homeless today and 120 men are out of employment following a Christmas Day fire which swept the lumber yards of Frank C. Justice and the buildings and stables of Morris W. Wolf, contractor, at Glenside, and caused a loss of about \$125,000. Thirteen fire companies from northern suburban towns and a steamer company were called to fight the flames, while thousands of spectators from every town north of City Line flocked to Glenside.

SAILORS OBSERVE DAY

Special observance of the day was held on nearly every ship at anchor in the port of Philadelphia, or at the sailor's mission houses. At League Island the Y. M. C. A. had a vaudeville entertainment after the big Christmas dinner for those unable to get leave of absence to go home for the day.

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ALL HAVE EQUAL CHANCE TO VISIT FAR WEST FREE

Evening Ledger - Public Ledger Contest Offers Fine Opportunity to Attend Big Expositions.

Requests for information concerning the Evening Ledger-Public Ledger plan to send 50 persons to the Panama-Pacfic and San Diego Expositions free of charge are beginning to pile up today in the office of the contest editor. Philadelphia apparently are going to get hard at work on the contest now that Christmas is over.

Under the point system of keeping records to be used by the contest editor, no favoritism can be shown and each contestant has an equal chance with others to be among the fortunate in Only employees of the Public Ledger and Evening Ledger and members of their families are barred from participating in the contest.

May, 1915, will see the end of the contest, and that means just five months are available for those who wish to see the two wonderful expositions of all time and the natural marvels of the West at the same time, all without cost. Those who take the trip will be the guests at the Evening Ledger and Public Ledger. Everything will be provided for them. They will not have to spend a penny on the trip, and there will be the best of everything.

Full information as to the details of the contest may be obtained from the contest editor. Every day of delay may mean that some one else gets the lucky 50. The work required in the contest is pleasant, and it is work that may be undertaken by any self-respecting man or woman. It is a pure business proposition, one that may be put up to level-headed business men successfully. All that is needed to get this trip to the Pacific coast and back again free of charge is a little ambition. The newspapers will do the rest.

DISCHARGE OF PICKPOCKETS AROUSES DETECTIVES

Magistrates Are Unable to Hold Suspects Pending Investigations. Difficulty is being experienced by the Detective Bureau in getting Magistrates to hold men arrested as thieves and pickpockets. Detectives Scanlon and McCarthy today complained that the law regarding this matter did not enable them to obtain the proper evidence for the conviction of many men who prey upon the public in the streets and particularly on street cars.

According to these detectives and Lieutenant Wood, many pickpocket suspects were brought up before Magistrate Ranshaw in the Central Police Station during the past few days whom the Magistrate refused to hold on the ground the detectives did not have sufficient evidence. Detectives McCarthy and Scanlon say that in instances where pickpockets cooperate it is easy for them to conceal their records in a manner which does not justify their conviction.

"The only way in which we can get evidence or show reasonable ground for the conviction and holding of pickpockets is to look up their records. To do this we must have some time, but the Magistrate is obliged to discharge them under the law."

Lieutenant Wood recommended as a remedy that the proper authorities, particularly the District Attorney's office, should try to have the law amended in a manner which would permit the Magistrate to hold pickpocket suspects and give the Detective Bureau or the police a chance to produce the evidence against them.

THE CANDY OF EXCELLENCE. We wish to extend the season's greetings to our patrons and also to express our most sincere thanks for the patronage and support so generously shown to us in the past and most successful year of our organization. 101 S. THIRTEENTH STREET PHILADELPHIA

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