

SANTA WILL VISIT SCHOOL TEACHERS

Pupils Disregard Unofficial Frowns of Board of Education at Annual Gifts

"CONSPIRACIES" ON FOOT

There's a conspirator on among several hundred school children in West Philadelphia. They're determined to give Christmas presents to their favorite teachers, although word has gone out quietly that the Board of Education frowns on such plans.

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RAILROADING—THEN AND NOW



The gentleman in the high silk hat is George Johnson as he appeared in '49 at Baldwin's when he was testing engines, silk hat and all. Below is Mr. Johnson today, hale and hearty at ninety-five.

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MASS MEETING

Under Auspices of Pennsylvania Division The Association Against The Prohibition Amendment at the Metropolitan Opera House Broad and Poplar Streets Philadelphia Tuesday Evg., December 20, 1921 8:15 o'Clock MUSIC The Caledonian Pipe Band SPEAKERS To be announced later through the public press

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