CHRISTMAS PARCELS.

The Lady Shopper and Her Packages Own the Sidewalks Just Now.

A TRANSVERSE OBSTRUCTIONIST.

She Breaks Through Depot Gates Like an Animated Bundle.

THINGS PERTAINING TO THE HOLIDAYS

Parcels here, there and everywhere. One is not in the swim at this festive season when seen on the street unless laden down with a score of yellow paper packages. It does not matter what they contain—everybody can see the heavily laden man is doing his duty, and that is all that is necessary. People buy things at this time that neither they nor anybody else have any earthly use for. They buy merely from the effects of contagion. Now is the harvest of the express companies, and their doors are overflowing to the sidewalk.

What a medly of articles can be seen in the express offices. Packages and boxes of

Collided With an Earnest Shopper.

every size and shape. Live and dead game, turkeys predominating. Christmas trees, rocking horses, velocipedes and a host of other useful and useless articles. It will be very difficult to navigate through the streets until New Year is over.

She Cuts a Wide Swath.

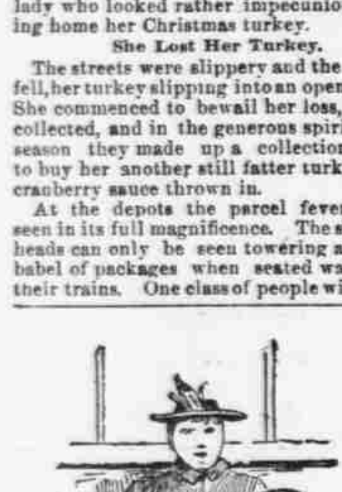
A woman with a score of parcels takes up as much room as she dares without being arrested. There is the shopper who carries transversely a card board box six feet long, whose pathway is marked by objurgations and deposed headgear. Nowhere is the beladen shopper so helpless as when passing through the gateways at the depot. She gets through merely by the force of her will, but no one could guarantee the state of her parcels after storming the fort. Then there are other lady shoppers whose pathway is marked by lost packages. They put spools of thread or some other diminutive package on top of one of their large bundles and expect it to maintain its equilibrium. Consequently some worthy folks miss their Christmas gifts. A man cannot carry half as many packages as a woman. Probably it is woman's pocketless state that has trained her for such feats. Man tries to get everything into his pockets.

Occasionally may be witnessed some comic and pathetic sights in the Christmas season. There was seen yesterday an old lady who looked rather impecunious carrying home her Christmas turkey.

She Lost Her Turkey.

The streets were slippery and the old lady fell, her turkey slipping into an open grating. She commenced to bewail her loss, a crowd collected, and in the generous spirit of the season they made up a collection enough to buy her another still fatter turkey, with cranberry sauce thrown in.

At the depots the parcel fever can be seen in its full magnificence. The shoppers' heads can only be seen towering above the babel of packages when seated waiting for their trains. One class of people will gladly



Carrying Christmas to the Suburbs.

hail the finish of the festive season, and that is the store employes. Christmas is not a merry season for them, but a season of hard, tiring work. There is no class of customers so hard to please as the Christmas shopper. In many cases she has to please herself and the recipient of the gift. A great many of the shopkeepers make it a rule not to exchange Christmas goods during the holiday season. This saves a good deal of time and worry on both sides. People will wonder when the summer is here again why they worried so much about the giving of Christmas presents, and they mentally vow to take things easier next Christmas.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

Two Men Are Killed by Falling Under Trains.

John Woolton was killed at the Lake Erie depot yesterday morning. He was trying to board the train and fell under the wheels.

William Ellsworth, a brakeman on the Panhandle, was killed at the Sligo mill Thursday night. He, too, fell under the wheels.

Wrecked on a Bridge.

A switch engine and some loaded coal cars were wrecked on the Southside Panhandle bridge early yesterday morning. The bridge was badly torn up, but fortunately the train did not go over. The coal fell to Carson street below. Engineer Lowrey and Fireman Brobson stayed on the locomotive and escaped with a few bruises. The Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston tracks were blocked until noon.

EDITOR STEAD interviewed by Carpenter, a feature of THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

New Ft. Wayne Branch.

The Mansfield and Coshocton road, a branch of the Ft. Wayne, will be ready for operation January 1. The road leaves the main line at Loudonville, and runs through a rich coal section. Next spring the line will be extended to Bellaire, and this will connect the Ft. Wayne and Panhandle. The length of the road is 45 miles from Loudonville.

GENTS' and ladies' fur-top lined gloves at the Louvre, 24 Sixth street, directly opposite Bijou Theater.

OIL OPERATIONS IN OHIO.

Wood County Continues to Be the Banner Producing Region—Some Good Wells and a Few Dusters—Work in McCurdy and Lower McDonald.

NORTH BALTIMORE, O., Dec. 23.—Wood county still continues to be the banner oil producing county in the Buckeye State. The old fields are hanging on with marked tenacity and enough new territory has been developed to keep the talent busy. The Gibsonburg and Woodville fields show the most activity, and will for some time continue to hold the attention of the energetic Ohio operator.

The late operations have not been remarkable for anything in the nature of gushers, but, as a rule, the wells have been of the paying kind, and so long as the Buckeye operator can get fairly remunerative wells, the search for new pools will continue.

At Oil Center, in Bloom township, O. A. Browning & Co. have just completed a nice producer on the C. Hannan farm that is good for 150 barrels a day.

A. Stahl & Co. have finished up their No. 1 on the Stahl farm, located in Perry township, that showed a production of 35 barrels in the first 24 hours after completion.

The Ohio Oil Company's No. 3 on the Henry Deihl farm, in Freedom township, has been completed, and the first 24 hours thereafter showed a production of 90 barrels. The well is located 200 feet from the north line of the farm and is regarded as a test of some importance.

L. D. Langrinoch has completed his test well on the R. W. Porter farm, in Plain township. It is producing 40 barrels a day since it was shot.

Parnell, Zorn & Co. have completed a salt water producer, located on the C. F. Clansing farm, in section No. 2 of Woodville township.

In Middletown township, Marchka & Kerrigan have completed and shot their No. 2 on the G. C. Emmerick farm, and have a 25-barrel producer.

In the same township Harmon & Co. have completed their No. 1 on the Charles Osterhart farm, and it is not good for more than 10 barrels a day.

N. Bowlin has completed and shot his No. 1 on the Cunning farm, located in the same township, that will be good for 25 barrels a day.

In Portage township O. A. Browning & Co. have finished up No. 5 on the S. J. Simmons farm and it is making 35 barrels a day, naturally.

Hughes & Barnum have completed No. 2 on the William Sargent farm, in Liberty township, that is not showing for more than 10 barrels a day.

In Perry township the Ohio Oil Company has finished up and shot a duster on the James Perrine farm. This was the second venture on this farm, the first proving only a light producer.

In the same township M. Schaill completed No. 1 on the J. Wiseman farm yesterday and scored a duster.

The Sun Oil Company has completed and shot its No. 7 on the Frank Blond farm, in section No. 2 of the same township, that is showing for a 40-barrel pumper.

Operations in Sandusky County.

Operations in this county have quieted down. The most important well recently completed, and one that may stimulate operations, was drilled by Jesse Stephens on the Hutchison farm, in Madison township. It was their No. 3 on this farm, and showed a production of 225 barrels the first day after it was completed.

C. J. Green has just completed his No. 4 on the M. A. Wegg farm, in the same township, that is good for 30 barrels a day.

The Sun Oil Company has completed its No. 5 on the T. Rinehart farm, in Jackson township, that proved a rank duster.

No Oil in the Edmundson.

MCCURDY—The Forest Oil Company's No. 1 on the W. E. Edmundson farm was reported last evening to be 15 feet in the fifth sand and showing no oil. The sand, also, was of an inferior quality, although there is yet a fair chance for it to improve.

Guffey & Robison's fourth sand well on the Ewing farm was reported yesterday to be making only six barrels an hour. It is a very strong gasser, and it is the opinion of the operators who have been over the ground that it is located on the edge of the pool and that the oil will all be blown out within a few weeks, unless a stronger pay is found deeper in the sand.

The wells of J. M. Guffey & Co. and the Forest Oil Co. on the Aiken farm will not be in for at least a couple of weeks. The Forest's No. 10 Herron averaged 21 barrels an hour yesterday.

The Wheeling Gas Company's No. 2 Giffin is due early next week. Its No. 4 Gladden was shot in the Gordon Thursday, and increased from 100 to 175 barrels a day. No. 4, on the Moorhead, was shot yesterday afternoon. No. 3 Robbins has been tubed and is ready for pumping. George No. 1 has been cased, and the Woods No. 3 is shut down on account of a shortage in the water supply.

Presented With a Gold Watch.

The employes of the Oakdale division of the Crescent Pipe Line Company presented their superintendent, G. A. Groglode, with a gold watch yesterday.

The Gauges Yesterday.

The estimated production of the McDonald field yesterday was 19,000 barrels, the same as the day before. The Woodland Oil Company's No. 2 Scott was making 30 barrels an hour. The stock in the field was 44,000 barrels.

The runs from the Sistersville field were 15,931 barrels.

Runs and Shipments Thursday.

The National Transit runs were 27,733; shipments, 21,511. Runs of Southwest Pennsylvania from McDonald, 12,421; outside of McDonald, 6,694; total runs, 19,114. Buckeye runs of Macksburg oil, 6,550; shipments, none. Buckeye runs of Lima oil, 43,671; shipments, 44,831. Eureka runs, 16,350; shipments, 2,303. New York Transit shipments, 34,371. Southern Pipe Line shipments, 22,110.

The runs of the Tidewater Pipe Line Company on Thursday were 5,861; total, 98,001; average, 4,455; shipments 17,526; total, 218,975; average, 9,953 barrels.

The runs of the W. L. Mellon Pipe Lines were 6,216; receipts from other lines, none; total receipts, 6,216; shipments, 6,290.

The runs of the Western Atlantic Pipe Line were 2,852, and the shipments 863 barrels.

The Oil Market.

Range of the January option: Opening, 52⅝c; highest, 52⅝c; lowest, 52⅜c; closing, 52⅝c.

Refined oil—New York, 5.45c; London, 4⅛@4⅜d; Antwerp, 12⅝f.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Petroleum was dull and steady. Pennsylvania oil, spot sales, none. January option, sales, 7,000 barrels, at 52⅜@52⅝c, closing at 52⅝c bid. Lima oil, sales none; 18c bid, 19c asked. Total sales, 7,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, Dec. 23.—Opened, 52⅝c; lowest, 52⅝c; highest, 52⅝c; closed, 52⅝c. Sales, 10,000 barrels; clearances, 54,000 barrels; shipments, 105,403 barrels; runs, 86,201 barrels.

Miscellaneous Church Mention.

Aspinwall Union Mission—Special Christmas song service at 3 P. M.

The Presbytery of Monongahela will hold its regular quarterly meeting in Oakland Chapel, Tuesday, December 27, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Hazelwood Christian, J. R. McWane, pastor—Services both morning and evening. Morning subject, "Glad Tidings to Whom Brought."

Bellevue Presbyterian, Rev. Newton Donaldson, pastor—At 10:30 illustrated Christmas sermon; evening service at 7:30. Christmas cantata and treat on Monday evening.

Methodist Episcopal Chapel at Brushton, on the corner of Hamilton avenue and Harriet street, will be dedicated Christmas at 2:30 P. M. Rev. Dr. Miles will have charge of the service and Rev. C. W. Smith, D. D., will preach. Special music has been provided and an interesting service is promised.

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At cost to close out. HENRY BERGER, 642 and 644 Liberty street.

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CHRISTMAS SUBJECTS

Chosen by a Large Number of the Clergymen of the Two Cities

IN THE SERVICES OF TO-MORROW.

A Season When the Churches Are Particularly Close to the People.

THE LIST OF THE TOPICS ANNOUNCED

This is the season of the year when the churches are particularly close to the people. A large number of the clergymen of the two cities have chosen subjects for their sermons to-morrow that are appropriate to Christmas.

In the City Churches.

Liberty Street M. E.—Preaching at 10:45 A. M. by the pastor, Rev. Edward Williams.

First English Lutheran, Grant street—The Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., will preach at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

First U. P., Seventh avenue, William J. Reid, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M., "The Best Time," and at 7:30 P. M., "The End."

Fifth Avenue M. E., Rev. R. B. Mansell, D. D., pastor—10:30 A. M., "And He Called His Name Jesus;" 7:30 P. M., "The Bright and the Morning Star."

Denny M. E., Ligonier and Thirty-fourth streets, James E. Williams, pastor—10:30 A. M., "Gloria in Excelsis;" 7:30 P. M., "Christ's Mission to Earth.

Fifth U. P., Webster avenue—Rev. J. W. Harsha, pastor, will preach at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning, "Thy Kingdom Come;" evening, "God's Times."

Bellefield Presbyterian, Fifth and Bellefield avenues—Christmas sermons by the pastor, Dr. McClelland, at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. on "Jesus" and "Immanuel."

First Cumberland Presbyterian, Wylie avenue and Congress—10:45 A. M., communion; 7:30 P. M., "Watch:" 6:45 P. M., Y. P. S. C. E. S. T. Montgomery, pastor.

Grace Memorial Presbyterian, Arthur street, Rev. J. H. Boyden, pastor—10:45, "Gratitude to God for the Blessings of the Year;" 7:30, "A Divine Christmas Gift."

Eighth Street Reformed Presbyterian, Rev. D. McAllister, pastor—At 10:30, "Returning From Captivity;" at 3, "The Good and the Evil of the Modern Christmas."

Seventh U. P., Forty-fourth street; service conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Sands—Morning: Christmas sermon. Evening: "Thoughts Suggested by the Closing Year."

Central Christian, corner Pride and Colwell streets, C. L. Thurgood, evangelist—10:30 A. M., "Christ in Modern Mangers;" 7:30 P. M., "Four Great Witnesses." Seats all free.

Fourth Avenue Baptist, corner Ross street, H. C. Applegarth, pastor—At 10:30 A. M., "The Announcement of the Angel." At 7:30 P. M., a special sermon by request on, "The New Birth."

First Unitarian, hall of Union Veteran Legion, No. 77 Sixth avenue, near Grant street, Rev. C. E. St. John, pastor—Sunday service, 10:45 A. M.; subject, "Christmas Gifts."

Methodist Episcopal, Smithfield, Rev. A. C. Ellis, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject, "Guide Boards to Bethlehem;" evening, "Power of the Child of the Manger."

First Reformed Presbyterian, Grant street, Rev. Nevin Woodside, pastor, will preach at 10:30 and 3 P. M. Morning, "The Ornamented Church of Christ;" afternoon, "The Easy Yoke."

First Universalist, Curry University Hall, Sixth street, the Rev. J. L. Andrew, pastor—Morning service, "Religion and the World's Progress." Children's concert at 7:30 P. M. Admission free.

Sixth Presbyterian, Franklin and Townsend streets, Rev. J. F. Patterson, pastor—At 10:30 A. M., "The Angels' Christmas Song;" at 7:30 P. M., closing services of the sixth year of the present pastorate.

Thirty-third Street U. P., Rev. J. McD. Hervey, pastor—At 10:30 A. M., Rev. J. H. Leiper, Field Secretary of the Pennsylvania Sabbath Association, will occupy the pulpit; the pastor will preach at 7:30 P. M.

Seventh Presbyterian, Herron avenue, Rev. C. S. McClelland, pastor—10:30 A. M., "The Wise Men Seeking the Infant Saviour;" 7:30 P. M., "His Name Wonderful." Christmas music at all the services.

Oakland Baptist, Bates and Atwood streets, William Ward West, pastor—Morning, 10:45, "The Birth of Christ and the Fatherhood of God;" evening, 7:45, Gospel service, "Representative Wise Men."

Third Presbyterian, Sixth avenue, Rev. E. P. Cowan, D. D., pastor—Services 10:45 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.; evening subject, "A Greater Than Solomon Is Here." Special Christmas music morning and evening by the choir.

Wylie Avenue A. M. E., Rev. Cornelius Asbury, D. D., pastor—Preaching to-morrow at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject, "The Son of God Is Come;" evening, "A Wonderful Scene on a Mountain." Sunday school at 2 P. M.

Christ Methodist Episcopal, Pittsburg, corner of Liberty and Center avenues. Preaching at 11 A. M. by the Rev. G. W. Izer, D. D. Christmas discourse. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. by the Rev. A. H. Norcross, D. D. Sunday school at 10 A. M.

Second Presbyterian, corner Penn avenue and Seventh street, Rev. J. R. Sutherland, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Subject in the morning, "The Four-Fold Record;" in the evening, "The Parting of the Ways." Christmas music by the choir.

Mt. Olivet Evangelical, Fulton street, E. W. Rishel, pastor—Theme at 10:30 A. M., "The Incarnation;" at 2 P. M., to children, "Word Pictures From the Boyhood of Jesus," at 7:30 P. M., "The Sun of Righteousness." Sunday school Christmas service Monday evening, December 26.

St. John's, Rev. F. P. Bossart, pastor, will celebrate the Christmas festival in the new chapel, corner Forbes and Jumonville streets, at 6 A. M. "Matins," conducted by the pastor, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., will preach at 7:30 P. M. The annual Christmas celebration by the Sunday School.

St. Andrews', corner Colwell and Stevenson, Rev. A. W. Myer, pastor—Children's services Saturday evening 7:30. A carefully prepared programme. First service of the kind in the new church. All equally welcome. Christmas services with special programme Sunday morning at 10:30. Subject: "God's Gift of Love to the World."

Forty-third Street Presbyterian, Rev. H. H. Stiles, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning sermon on "Circumstances Attending the Birth of Christ." Sunday school entertainment on Monday evening at 7:30, Gabriel's cantata, "Toy-Makers of Wonderland," will be tendered by a chorus of 50 voices.

St. James' Episcopal, Penn avenue and Sixteenth street. Christmas services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject for the morning, "The World's Peace." In the evening a Sunday School carol service will be held in the church. Subject of the address: "The First Christmas Carol." The church will be beautifully decorated. On Thursday evening, December 29, the Sunday school treat will be given in the chapel.

Grace Reformed Church, corner Grant street and Webster avenue, Rev. John H. Prugh, pastor—10:30, "The Herald Angels Sing;" 7:30, "The Child." At the morning service Mrs. Pauline Lemmer-Stuckey will sing several Christmas selections, and at the evening service a skilled orchestra will accompany the congregation in singing the Christmas carols, besides rendering several beautiful sacred selections.

Butler Street M. E., corner Fortieth street, W. F. Oldham, D. D., pastor—10:30 A. M., Christmas service of song, with sermonette by pastor and sermon by Rev. S. A. Keen, D. D.; 1:45 P. M., Sunday school Christmas and missionary service, led by the Superintendent, S. Hamilton; 7:30 P. M., revival meetings. S. A. Keen, D. D., and G. Hillis, soloist. Revival meetings each evening of the week, led by Messrs. S. A. Keen, D. D., and G. Hollis. Bible readings at 2:30 P. M. each day except Monday.

Trinity Church, Sixth avenue, Alfred W. Arundel, rector—Christmas Day, the first service will commence at midnight on Saturday, consisting of the holy communion and a short address. A second celebration will be held at 7:30 A. M. The usual midday service will be held at 10:30 instead of 10:45. After a short sermon by the rector there will be a third celebration; subject of sermon, "Some Christmas Lessons." The evening service will be held at 7:30; subject of sermon, "The Universal Christmas." Next Sunday, January 1, the rite of confirmation will be administered to a class of 12. On Wednesday, December 28 (Holy Innocents), a Christmas tree will be provided for the children of the Sunday school. The children's festival will be under the direction of Mr. H. G. Hale, for over 30 years the superintendent of the school.

Throughout the East End.

Highland Avenue U. P., Rev. O. B. Milligan, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.

Christian Church, H. K. Pendleton, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning subject, "The Song of the Angels."

Shadyside U. P., Center avenue and Cypress street, Rev. J. K. McClurkin, D. D., pastor—10:30 subject, "The Tent of Meeting;" 7:45, "Jesus' First Sermon."

Mt. Olive Presbyterian, corner Shady and Phillips avenues—Services at 10:45 and 7:30, by Rev. G. E. Fisher. Morning subject: "The Sages and the Savior." Christmas entertainment on Monday evening.

Shady Avenue Cumberland Presbyterian, J. W. McKay, pastor—11 A. M., "Christmas' Meaning and Mission;" 7:30 P. M., Christmas service, addressed by Messrs. Tohnizer, Rush, Gorber, Brown and McKay.

Bethany Lutheran, corner Highland avenue and Kirkwood street, Rev. John Weidley, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning subject, "A Christmas Study;" evening subject, "Christ Came to Save Sinners."

Sixth United Presbyterian, Collins avenue and Station street, Rev. R. M. Russell, pastor—11 A. M., "The Advent of the Son of God;" 7:45 P. M., sermon by Rev. Frank Getty, associate pastor of the First Church, Allegheny.

St. Mark's Memorial Reformed, North Highland avenue and Harvard street, Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, pastor—Morning service, 11 o'clock, "The Word Made Flesh;" evening service, at 7 o'clock, will be a children's Christmas service.

Shady Avenue Baptist, between Fifth and Penn avenues, W. A. Stanton, D. D., pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject, "A Christmas Story," by the pastor; bring the children. Evening subject, "The Condition of the World at the Birth of Christ."

Christmas services at Christ Lutheran, Sheridan avenue, East End, Rev. J. L. Smith, pastor—Subject at 10:45 A. M., "The Fullness of Time in the Birth of Christ." The choir will sing the anthem, "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem;" at 7:30 P. M., "Christ in the Fashion of a Man."

Park Avenue Presbyterian, George W. Chalfant, pastor—11 A. M., "The Right to Be the Children of God the Gift of Our Incarnate Lord;" 7:45 P. M., "Our Lord's Last Words to the Unconverted." Sunday school treat Monday evening. Special musical programme by the children.

Point Breeze Presbyterian—Morning service, 11 o'clock, Christmas sermon; evening service, 7:45 o'clock, fifth sermon of the series on Bible mountains, subject, "Moriah." Services conducted by the pastor, Rev. DeWitt M. Beham. Christmas treat for Sabbath school Monday night, December 26, at 6 o'clock.

Southside Services.

Eighth Presbyterian, Rev. E. R. Donehoo, pastor—10:45 A. M., "Immanuel;" 7:00 P. M., "None Other Name."

Mt. Washington Baptist, George T. Street, pastor—Morning, "Applied Christianity—Good Will to Men;" evening, "The Closing year."

Trinity Church, Sidney street—Christmas services Sunday evening 7:30; children's services Monday evening. The Rev. A. W. Meyer will speak on both occasions.

Bingham Street M. E., J. A. Ballantyne, pastor—Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject, "Good Tidings." Sabbath school at 1:45 P. M. Special music at all the services.

Mt. Washington United Presbyterian, R. H. Hood, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. "The First Christmas Gift in a Manger" (intended especially for children); and 7:30 P. M., "The Closing Hours of Another Year."

Southside Presbyterian, corner Twentieth and Sarah streets, Rev. F. R. Farrand, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Evening subject, "Echoes of Bethlehem's Holy Night." A special Christmas musical programme will be rendered at each service.

Union Baptist, South Nineteenth street, the Rev. J. W. Riddle, pastor—At 11:30 A. M. Christmas sermon on "The Worship of the Wise Men;" at 7:30 P. M. Christmas service, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E., with special music by the choir at both services. Special Christmas exercises also in the Sunday school at 2 P. M.

Duquesne Heights M. E., Rev. W. N. Rodenbaugh, pastor—Morning, "The Star in the East," the ordinance of baptism preceding the Christmas sermon; evening, Christmas service by choir and some of the members of the Sunday school. The Sunday school will treat Christmas Eve. Special Christmas services by the Epworth League at 6:30 P. M.

Mt. Washington Methodist Protestant, Virginia avenue and Bigham street, S. F. Crowther, pastor—Christmas service programme, 10:30 A. M., "The Incarnation a Source of Great Joy, Peace and Glory;" 2 P. M., Sabbath School Xmas service; 6:30 P. M., "The Testimony of Saved Ones," Y. P. S. C. E.; 7:30 P. M., "The Object and Importance of Christ's Advent." Special Sabbath School Christmas service and treat Monday evening at 7:30. Something New and Good. Everybody welcome.

Topics in Allegheny.

Second U. P., Rev. W. H. McMillan, D. D., pastor—10:30 A. M., "God With Us;" 7:30 P. M., "Ministering Spirits."

Providence Presbyterian, Madison avenue and Liberty street, Rev. W. A. Kinter, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.

Eighth United Presbyterian, Observatory Hill, W. T. Wishart, pastor—Morning, "The Child in the Midst;" evening, "Obligation to God."

First Congregational, Rev. S. W. McCorkle, pastor—At 10:30 A. M., sermon appropriate to Christmas. Preaching also at 7:30 P. M.

North Avenue M. E., Rev. J. A. Story, pastor—Preaching 10:30 A. M. subject, "Unto Bethlehem;" 7:30 P. M., "Christmas Praise Service."

McClure Avenue Presbyterian, Rev. S. J. Glass, pastor—11 A. M., "The Model Life;" at 7:30 P. M., "No Room for Christ, yet Room in Christ."

North Presbyterian, Lincoln avenue—11 A. M. (children's service,) and 7:45 P. M., the pastor, Rev. John Fox, D. D., will preach. Hospital Sunday collection.

Maple Avenue M. E. Church, Rev. W. D. Lockard, pastor—Sunday school 4 P. M.; 7:30 P. M., Union Christmas Praise Service at North Avenue M. E. Church.

Sixth U. P., corner Franklin and Chartiers streets, D. F. McGill, pastor—10:30 A. M., "The Oracle;" 7:30 P. M., "Room for the Gift and the Giver." Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 P. M.

Bethel Presbyterian, Taggart and Gallagher streets, Rev. Wilson E. Donalson; pastor. 10:30 A. M., "A Christmas Sermon;" 7:30 P. M., "The New Commandment."

Central Allegheny R. P., Sandusky, south of Ohio, J. W. Sproull, pastor—10:30 A. M., "The Secret of Christ's Power;" 3 P. M., "He That Hath Ears to Hear, Let Him Hear."

Christ Episcopalian, corner North Diamond and Union avenue, Rev. Robert Meach, pastor—Special Christmas service at 10:30 A. M.; children's service at 4:00 P. M. Good music.

Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian, corner Sandusky and North Diamond streets, Rev. W. J. Coleman, pastor—Subject 10:30 A. M., "God's Covenant;" 3 P. M., "The Apostolic Salutation."

Nixon Street Baptist, J. S. Hutson, pastor—Morning 10:30; "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh;" evening 7:30, Gospel services followed by baptisms. Sunday school treat Monday evening 7:30.

Sandusky Street Baptist Church, Cyclorama Hall, Irwin avenue, B. F. Woodburn, pastor—10:30 A. M., "Wells of Salvation;" 7:30 P. M., "The Supreme Good." Christmas entertainment Monday at 2:30 P. M.

Central Presbyterian, corner Anderson and Lacock streets, Rev. S. B. McCormick, pastor—Subject 10:45 A. M., "The Star of Bethlehem;" 7:45 P. M., "What Think Ye of Christ?" Special Christmas music at both services.

Calvary, Western Theological Seminary chapel, Ridge and Irwin avenues—Preaching at 11 A. M. by the Rev. A. H. Norcross, D. D. Christmas discourse. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. by the Rev. G. W. Izer, D.D. Sunday school at 10 A. M.

Riverside M. E. Church, Kerr street off Preble avenue, H. S. Free, pastor. 10:45 A. M., "The Prince of Peace;" 7:30 P. M., Young People's Service by the Epworth League instead of the regular public service. A good program. Let all come and enjoy the service.

First Christian, corner Arch street and Montgomery avenue—At 10:30 A. M., Rev. Morton Adams, missionary to India; at 7:30 P. M., Robert A. Cutler, subject, "The Fullness of Time." Rev. C. S. Lucas, of Maysville, Ky., the pastor-elect, will enter upon his duties on the first Sunday in January.

The New Jerusalem Church, Sandusky and Isabella streets. Services on Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock. Subject, "The Birth of the Lord in Bethlehem, and Its Spiritual Signification in Application to the Regeneration of Man." The sacrament of the Holy Supper will be administered after the service. The evening lectures are omitted for two weeks.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

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A GREAT TRIUMPH FOR MEDICAL SCIENCE.

Particulars of One of the Most Remarkable Cures on Record Described by the Detroit News—A Story Worth a Careful Perusal.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 23.—A case has just come to light here, the particulars of which are published in the *Evening News*, which will be read with considerable interest, as it records the remarkable achievement of a medical discovery, which has already won great and enduring fame. The story is told by the *News* as follows:

The following paragraph, which appeared in the *News* a short time ago, furnished the basis of this information—a case that was so wonderfully remarkable that it demanded further explanation. It is of sufficient importance to the *News'* readers to report it to them fully. It was so important then that it attracted considerable attention at the time. The following is the paragraph in question:

"C. B. Northrop, for 28 years one of the best known merchants on Woodward avenue, who was supposed to be dying last spring of locomotor ataxia, or creeping paralysis, has secured a new lease of life and returned to work at his store. The disease has always been supposed to be incurable, but Mr. Northrop's condition is greatly improved, and it looks now as if the grave would be cheated of its prey."

Since that time Mr. Northrop has steadily improved, not only in looks, but in condition, till he has regained his old-time strength.

It had been hinted to the writer of this article, who was acquainted with Mr. Northrop, that this miraculous change had been wrought by a very simple remedy called Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. When asked about it Mr. Northrop fully verified the statement, and not only so, but he had taken pains to inform any one who was suffering in a similar manner when he heard of any such case. Mr. Northrop was enthusiastic at the result in his own case of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It was a remedy that he had heard of after he had tried everything he could hope to give him relief. He had been in the care of the best physicians who did all they could to alleviate this terrible malady, but without any avail. He had given up hope, when a friend in Lockport, N. Y., wrote him of the case of a person there who had been cured in similar circumstances by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The person cured at Lockport had obtained his information respecting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills from an article published in the Hamilton, Ont., *Times*. The case was called "The Hamilton Miracle," and told the story of a man in that city who, after almost incredible suffering, was pronounced by the most eminent physicians to be incurable and permanently disabled. He had spent hundreds of dollars in all sorts of treatment and appliances only to be told in the end that there was no hope for him, and that cure was impossible. The person alluded to (Mr. John Marshall, of 25 Little William street, Hamilton, Ont.,) was a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance, and after having been pronounced permanently disabled and incurable by the physicians, was paid the $1,000 disability insurance provided by the order for its members in such cases. For years Mr. Marshall had been utterly helpless, and was barely able to drag himself around his house with the aid of crutches. His agonies were almost unbearable and life was a burden to him, when at last relief came. Some months after he had been paid the disability claim he heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and was induced to try them. The result was miraculous; almost from the outset an improvement was noticed, and in a few months the man whom medical experts had said was incurable, was going about the city healthier and stronger than before. Mr. Marshall was so well known in Hamilton that all the city newspapers wrote up his wonderful recovery in detail, and it was thus as before stated, that Mr. Northrop came into possession of the information that led to his equally marvelous recovery. One could scarcely conceive a case more hopeless than that of Mr. Northrop. His injury came about in this way: One day nearly four years ago, he stumbled and fell the complete length of a steep flight of stairs which were at the rear of his store. His head and spine were severely injured. He was picked up and taken to his home. Creeping paralysis very soon developed itself, and in spite of the most strenuous efforts of friends and physicians the terrible affliction fastened itself upon him. For nearly two years he was perfectly helpless. He could do nothing to support his strength in the least effort. He had to be wheeled about in an invalid's chair. He was weak, pale and fast sinking when this timely information came that veritably snatched his life from the jaws of death. Those who at that time saw a feeble old man wheeled into his store on an invalid's chair would not recognize the man now, so great is the change that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have wrought. When Mr. Northrop learned of the remedy that had cured Mr. Marshall in Hamilton, and the person in Lockport, he procured a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through Messrs. Bassett & L'Hommedieu, 95 Woodward avenue, and from the outset found an improvement. He faithfully adhered to the use of the remedy until now he is completely restored. Mr. Northrop declares that there can be no doubt as to Pink Pills being the cause of his restoration to health, as all other remedies and medical treatment left him in a condition rapidly going from bad to worse, until at last it was declared there was no hope for him and he was pronounced incurable. He was in this terrible condition when he began to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and they have restored him to health.

Mr. Northrop was asked what was claimed for this wonderful remedy, and replied that he understood the proprietors claim it to be a blood builder and nerve restorer, supplying in a condensed form all the elements necessary to enrich the blood, restore shattered nerves and drive out disease. It is claimed by the proprietors that Pink Pills will cure paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, palpitation of the heart, headache and all diseases peculiar to females, loss of appetite, dizziness, sleeplessness, loss of memory and all diseases arising from overwork, mental worry, loss of vital force, etc.

"I want to say," said Mr. Northrop, "that I don't have much faith in patent medicines, but I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The proprietors, however, claim that they are not a patent medicine in the sense in which that term is used, but a highly scientific preparation, the result of years of careful study and experiment on the part of the proprietors, and the pills were successfully used in private practice for years before being placed for general sale. Mr. Northrop declares that he is a living example that there is nothing to equal these pills as a cure for nerve diseases. On inquiry the writer found that these pills were manufactured by Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., and Brockville, Ont., and the pills are sold in boxes (never in bulk by the hundred) at 50 cents a box, and may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., from either above addresses. The price at which these pills are sold makes a course of treatment with them comparatively inexpensive as compared with other remedies or medical treatment. The case is one of the most remarkable on record, and as it is one right here in Detroit and not a thousand miles away, it can be easily verified. Mr. Northrop is very well known to the people in Detroit, and he says he is only too glad to testify of the marvelous good wrought in his case. He says he considers it his duty to help all who are similarly afflicted by any word he can say in behalf of the wonderful efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. If any of the *News* readers want any further information, we feel sure Mr. Northrop would willingly oblige them, as he has the writer in relating these facts to him.

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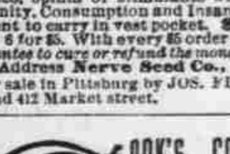

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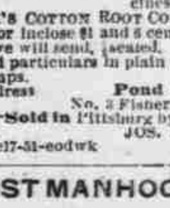

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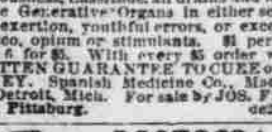

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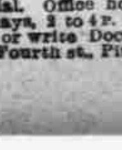

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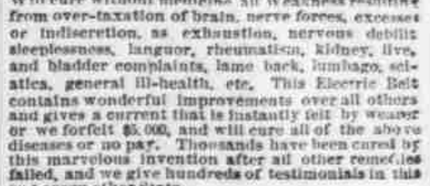

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