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PERSONAL.

T. P. Daniels and Emit Bonn have re-Miss Katherine Van Hatten left last Cleveland, O.

Edward P. Hudbert has returned from

the University of Pennsylvania, is spend-ing the Christmas holidays at the bone of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mc-Grath, of South Washington avenue,

POST OFFICE NOTES.

Two new cancelling and stamping machines have been put in ad the postur-fice. They are the latest and most im-proved thing in that line and are manu-factured by the American Postal Machines company of Boston. Their improvement over the old style machine is in their labor saving qualities. In nating the old machine it was necessary to "face" the letters and then feed thom to the machine. With the new machines one motion does all the work. The leaters as picked up from the estection boxes are dumped in a pile on the assorting table. Instead of picking up each one as re-merly and forming it in a row, the letter is now dropped into the maw of the machine in proper position and the machine does the rest. In this way the letter is handled only once instead of twice as forthe efficiency of the new machines over the old style is easy to see,

A new issue of postal cards is anthis month's postal gual-They are in four styles and are much the same as the present cards, the principal difference being that each style is made slightly smaller than the old card which It is to supplant. The one cent Maxily card has Jefferson's portrait on the atomp and the smaller one content which will be one-sixteenth each way less than 2x4 is adorned with a likeness of John Ad-The two-cent domestic rents card and the four-cost international reply card are made one-fourth of an inco-smaller than formerly the new size being

A bunch of keys and two historical books found in from of the postolike await identification in Postmuster's hip-

A package containing unmaliable mat-er, addressed 'Miss M. Clarke, Castle Maglerath, Lockey posterfice, County Maglerath, Locken postuffice, County Mayo, Ireland," can be reclaimed by the st ider by calling at the postoffice

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LIVELY TIME IN THE THIRTEENTH

Fight For the Controllership Nomination is Bitterly Waged.

MANY SQUABBLES AND AN ARREST

Vote as Announced by Vigilance Committees Gives Mr. Jaynen Majority of Three, but Mr. Jacobs Alleges bregularities and Claims He Was Nominated by One and Possibly Two Majority .- Four Ballots Throws Out in the Pirst District.

The fight in the Thirteenth ward for the Republican numination for the of fice of school controller waged by B. T. Jayne on the one side and Charles S Jacobs, the present incumbent, on the ther, was the hottest primary that ver took place in the ward, and it is among the possibilities that the courts will yet be called upon to decree who

ommittee last night gives Jayne a majority of three, Jacobs, however, claims that there were irregularities in the count, and that when these are set Green Ridge, the object of which is to straight he will have a majority of one. raise money to erect a convent. The the First district, and consisted in the near Sanderson avenue and is very

est against the action, but the vigil-

WILLIAM TRIPP ARRESTED. by districts was as follows;

Piet District-

It was the largest Republican vote ver east at a primary in the ward and in each district the vote was larger than that pelled for the Republican candidate or sherift and in all three districts the ore was within nineteen of the numer east for Pryor, Leach and Okell,

An interesting incident of the voting

tion expired last spring. WHAT JAYNE MEN SAY. The Jayne men say that they do not his fight after the vigilance committee frances its report and makes out the certificate of election conight. If Mr. Jacobs desires to go behind the returns, they say, they are ready to meet him. vening for a visit with her sister in One strong card, they state they will leveland Or play, if it comes to a pass which will make it recessary is to have the whole Princeton university and is spending als vote of the First district thrown out Christmas vacation with his parents on on the grounds that the board was not qualified. When the pells were opened

Herbert McGrath, who is a student at | Charles Piel, one of the viligance commilitee, was not on hand and C. Tecter sat in for him and then when Mr. Piel came around half an hour later, Teeter withdrew in his favor. The election officers chosen in the various

> Pirst district-Judge of election, Charles Nothneker, it spector, Henry Lutz; regis-ter, E. J. Walker. Second district-Judge of election, E. A.

Holly, inspector, M. W. Finn; register, J. d. Clifford. Third district-ludge of ricction, theorge 2 Halley; Inspector, W. H. Trexerton; egister, O. S. Lutz.

RECEPTION TO THE BROTHERS.

Students of St. Thomas College to Give.It Thursday Afternoon. Thursday afternoon the students of

St. Thomas college will give a Christmas reception to th Christian brothers who are directing the college. The folmerly. When it is stated that it takes as lowing programme will be rendered: long to straighten out letters as it formerly required to stamp them by hand Reception. William Corner Reception. Hymn Recitation John Colliga

Joseph Hanniel MALONEY BUILT A FIRE,

and Union Char

Recitation .

Prompt Action of Sergeant Ridgway Prevented Him From Burning.

Michael Maloney, who escaped from the image department of the Hillside Iome Monday and was picked up by he police in this city was taken back gesterday.

Modoney created a sensation in the police station yesterday meraing by disabing and starting a fire in his cell He had several newspapers in his poeket and these he ignited and then attempted to set fire to his clothes The prempt action of Sergeant Ridgcay prevented Maloney from burning

IT'S JERSEY CITY NOW.

New York Sun Prints an Eastern

Lengue Story. That the Eastern Base Ball league is inxious to secure either Newark or Jersey City as the eighth club instead Scranton becomes more apparent very day. It was learned yesterday that within the past two weeks certain persons identified with baseball at Jersey city have approached President Freedman, of the New York club asking him to give his consent to the OSOOOXXX | asking him to give his consent to the

that city. It is even hinted that they offered a \$5,000 bonus in cash in return for the privilege, but that the offer was refused. Mr. Freedman said yesterday that he had been asked to permit the admission of Jersey City to he Eastern league, under the cele brated "five-mile" territory agreement. but had been unable to see his way clear to do so. He did not deny that

ecompanying the request was a finan

cial offer of the above figure. A minor league club at Jersey City would be a paying venture, so the promoters say, especially as it would be ssible to play Sunday ball at home With similar games at Newark, the lat ter city providing an Eastern league franchis could be obtained, would be valuable addition to the circuit. In spite of the assertion of President Barrow, of the Atlantic league, that Newark will not leave his organization. there is ground for the belief that Ton Burns will join the Eastern league if he receives a chance. If that league could supplant Wilkes-Barre and Scranton with Newark and Jersey City, the circuit would be placed upon a remarkably sound paying basis.-New York Sun.

FAIR AT GREEN RIDGE.

The vote announced by the vigilance | Object is to Raise Funds With Which

to Build a Convent. Thursday evening a fair will open in St. Paul's church hall on Penn avenue, The alleged irregularities occurred in building now used is on Marion street virilance committee, refusing to record inconvenient for the Sisters because four "Jacobs" ballots, which had "Thir- of the distance it is removed from the centh ward. Second district," and the school on Penn avenue of which the names of the Second district villgance have charge. A lot has been at sured mmittee and election officers printed adjoining the school and on this it is proposed to erect a convent as so The Jacobs men made a vigorous pro- as sufficient funds to do it are obtained. With a view to assisting in securing mee committee held that the ballots funds to erect a suitable home for these ere invalid and could not be induced public women who devote their lives to ecount them. After a long wrangle, religion and education, a committee of owev r, the disputed ballots were the women and men of St. Paul's conreligion and education, a committee of placed in the box with the others for gregation have arranged the fair which pers temorrow night. Christmas goods and delicacies will be affered to the public Thursday and Friday but Another vote which the Jacobs men the formal opening of the fair will not elaim was irregular was one cast by take place until Christmas night. The William Tripo in the First district. It fair will be continued nightly for ten as claimed that Tripp lives in Clark's | days or two weeks. Arrangements are unmilt, and he was challenged when being perfected for an entertainment went into the booth. He swore that each night. A "door" prize will be e was qualified and his ballet was re-given nightly on which every purchas-given. Leter he was arrested at the er of a five cent admission ticket will istance of A. B. Stevens, a Jacobs have a chance. There will be a large man, and held to ball in the sum of assertment of valuable articles which \$200 by Alderman Balley, to answer at will be chanced off nd sold. Mr. O'Conourt the charge of making a false nor, the Hawley cut glass manufactur eath to an election board. Common er, yesterday sent two beautiful cut Councilman T. B. Jackson, a Jayne glass vases as his donation to the fair. man, became his bondsman. The vote They are about three feet in height

and exquisitely engraved.

Three contests have been arranged The one in which the greatest interest centers is between Miss Agnes Callaban and Miss Nellie Flynn of this city, and Miss Mary Dunn, of Stroudsburg for a diamond ring. Frank Grattan and Thomas Brock will contest for a boy's bleyele and Miss Mary Loftus and Miss Marguerite Kearney for a doll.

CITY CONVENTION ON JAN. 11.

Object of it is to Nominate Candidates For School Directors.

In response to a call issued by ex-Sheriff A. B. Stevens, chairman of the Republican city committee, a number of the members of that committee gathered last night in the rooms of the Central Republican club and decided to hold a city convention on Jan. 11 as the election of Henry Luiz as insector in the First district. His term directors. These candidates will be primaries will be held on Jan. 8. The officers of the city committee will se lect a place for holding the convention The committee last night considered the matter carefully and came to the conclusion that since there is a possibillty that the local courts will declare the present board of control illegat steps should be taken so that a

ticket may be nominated in time in case it becomes necessary for the city to elect a board of six. In the event of such a board having charge of the affairs of the school district of its members will be chosen

secretary and another treasurer, ENTERTAINMENT BY PUPILS.

It Will Be Given Tonight in College Hatt. The Christmas entertainment of the

pupils of St. Cecilia's academy will take place this evening at 7.30 in College Hall. Following is the pro-Entrance March...St. Cecilia's Orchestra

Chorus, "Bortly Treading". Meyorbeer "Santa Claus Is Coming". Marguerite Boys of Primary Department. Cantata, "The Christmas Pift"..Rosabel Pupils of Intermediate Department, "A Christmas Night Vision."

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The Petitions are Formally Withdrawn and the Cases Discontinued.

BY LEAVE OF JUDGE GUNSTER.

Attorney F. J. Fitzsimmons and O'Brien and Kelly Go Before Court Clerk of Courts Thomas to Strike Off the Contests, Which Mr. Thomas Hired Help is Paid Off.

Matthew Norton yesterday discontinued the contests for the offices of sheriff, district attorney and prothonotary, respectively, and with leave of court,

withdrew, the petitions, Colonel F. J. Fitzsimmons and O'Brien & Kelly went before Judge Gunster yesterday afternoon and made formal request for permission to withdraw the petitions filed in all three ases. Type-written orders of discontinuance were presented in each case, and were signed by Judge Gunster, after which an order was issued to Clerk

The paper read as follows: In re-contested election of C. E. Pryor to the office of sheriff of Lackawana

withdraw the petitions.

Now, 21st day of December, 1897, counsel for petitioners is permitted to with-liaw the petitions heretofore filed in above case, and are also allowed to discontinue the proceedings heretofore in-

dituted in the same.
(Signed) F. W. Gunster, A. L. J. Now 21st December, 1897, in accordance with leave of ccurt the petition in above case is withdrawn and proceedings dis-

F. J. Fitzsimmons, O'Brien & Kelly To John H. Thomas, Clerk of the Courts, The Horn withdrawal was signed by F. J. Fitzsimmons, T. F. Wells, W. A. Wilcox and O'Erlen & Kelly. Norton's paper was signed by F. J. Fitzsimmons

ind O'Brien & Kelly. The attorneys, clerks and stenog-raphers engaged in tabulating the returns for the contestants and preparing the preliminary work of the con-tests were paid off during the day,

A HOLLY WEDDING.

Brilliant Event at the Green Ridge Presbyterian f hurch Last Night,

A holly wedding is an appropriate and terse description of the beautiful ceremony which last evening united in the holy bonds of wedlock Arthur Dunn, of Marion street, and Miss Augusta Pratt Fordham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Ferdham, of 1534 Capouse avenue.

It was a ceremony as pretty and picturesque as its novel characteristic cas opportune, A congregation that filled the Green Ridge Presbyterian church and one that was representalive of the city's most prominent famflies witnessed the nuptials. The officiating elergyman was Rev. John Dunn, of the Second Presbyterian church, a brother of the groom. Harry Miner, of Norfolk, Va., was

sest man and Miss Sarah Fordham. sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The ushers were Lucius Kennedy, Scrafton; Nicholas Stahl, Princeton; Louis Robertson, Dunmore; Walter Fordham, brother of the bride: Charle Evans, of Towards, and Alan Claphane, of Washington, D. C. The bridesmaids were Miss Anna Wells, Scranon: Miss Brisbin, of Boston: Miss Frances Pratt, Scranton; Miss Florence Williams, Baltimore; Miss Marion Carbondale: Miss Margaret Weed, Havanna, N. Y., and Miss Fordham, sister of the bride.

The processions and grouping at the chancel were very pretty sights. Holly white-gowned maids each carried a granch of holly and the ushers were a sprig of it for a boutonniere. Three of the maids were sashes of red and white and the remaining three wore green and white, colors typical of the all-prevading favor.

departure. Her gown of cream-white was a beautiful creation in silk and mouselin de soi. She wore a tuile vell, caught up with diamonds, and also were diamonds at the threat. Her ouquet was of white roses. The maid of honor's costume was distinguished from those of the bridesmaids by its eing figured silk, while the bridesmaids' were plain white, with the sefore referred to.

Holly also formed the main feature of the decorations of the bride's home. here a brilliant reception was held. following the ceremony. The newlymarried couple left at midnight for a southern trip.

The groom is a prominent young member of the Lackawanna bar. His bride is a charming young lady and a leader in Green Ridge society. marriage unites two of the most prominent families of the North End.

THE DOOR BOY WILL GO.

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baulage routes will be filled with this appliance and the door boy, or "nipper"

must go. A similar appliance has been in operation for sometime on a tail rope planer in the Taylor mines, at Taylor, perated by the same company, and has given complete satisfaction. This owever, is used on a place where mules are not used, and the one to be introduced at the Oxford, will be placed on the roads traveled by mules.

The appliance would have already been in use but for the failure of all the parts to arrive. A firm in Indiana are the manufacturers and their representative is now in Wilkes-Harre, and Securing Permission Direct with a view of equipping other collierics thereabouts with his firm's auto matic door opening device.

Does -- Copy of Order of Court. FAIR OF HOLY CROSS CONGREGATION.

Doors Will Be Thrown Open to the Public on Christmas Day.

Charles Schadt, George S. Horn and On Christmas Day the fair of the ongregation of the church of the Holy Cross will open in the hall at Broadway and Fifth avenue. There will be four booths in charge of Mrs. John Quinn, Mrs. W. A. Grady, Mrs. John O'Hara, Mrs. Thomas DeLacy, Mrs. J. . O'Mailey, Miss Mary Doyle, Mrs. r'.

J. Higgins, Miss B. Walsh. A contest in connection with the fair s now under way between Rev. J. J. O'Toole, of Providence, and Rev. John Loughran, of Bellevue. The contest has a special interest for the reason that each of these gentlemen and their of the Courts Thomas directing him to friends are working for the interest of their own congregations. The money received by Rev. Father O'Toole will go for the benefit of Holy Rosary church fund, while Rev. Father Lough ran and his friends are working in the interest of the new church of the Holy

PETER WILLIAMSON OFFICERS.

Installed Last Night and Afterwards Banqueted.

In the absence of District Deputy Thomas F. Wells, Major T. F. Penman, past master, installed the newlyelected officers of Peter Williamson lodge, No. 223, F. and A. M., at Masonic hall last night.

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