

# Correspondence

Items Gathered by  
**THE CITIZEN STAFF**  
About the County.

**Indian Orchard.**  
DEC. 1st.—On Wednesday evening last Mrs. H. H. Crosby gave her husband a surprise by inviting several of his friends to their beautiful home to celebrate Mr. Crosby's fifty-third birthday. At eight o'clock the guests, Ellery Crosby, Jos. Swartz, W. D. Buckingham, W. H. Marshall, A. M. Henshaw, H. H. Bunnell, S. Saunders, Charles Wagner and J. M. Austin, were invited to partake of a sumptuous repast, consisting of the delicacies of the season, after which all repaired to the sitting room, and enjoyed a smoker. Mr. Saunders favored the company with a speech and a birthday song. At a late hour the guests departed for their several homes, all wishing Mr. Crosby many more happy birthdays.

The oyster supper, held at the Grange Hall, on Saturday evening, Dec. 5th, was a complete success. Brother Bunnell was chief cook, and the ladies admitted he could not be beaten, while Mr. Saunders was at home in the pantry, washing dishes. The chief attraction was an eloquent speech by M. J. Hanlan, of Honesdale, who has a number of good friends at this place. The farmers at this place expect to attend the Farmers' Institute, at Beach Lake. They are looking forth to a good social and profitable time. All should go out and greet the speakers with a full house.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander, of Ateo, were visitors at Joseph Swartz's, on Saturday last.

Nellie Hall spent Saturday and Sunday last with Hawley relatives.

John Spry has purchased his grandfather's farm at this place.

The County Superintendent was a welcome visitor at our school on Monday.

**Bethany.**  
DEC. 7th.—Miss Anna Ross, whose home is with her cousin, Mrs. Charles Pethick, has been spending three weeks with her sister in New York.

Charles Faatz's store is putting on its holiday attire, ready for Christmas shoppers.

Rev. W. B. Signor will commence revival meetings Tuesday evening in the Methodist church, assisted by Mrs. Larkin. The Presbyterian prayer meeting will be omitted and the church closed next Sunday, Dec. 13th, so that all can attend the Methodist meetings.

Charles W. Sutton came down from Hancock, N. Y., to spend Sunday with his wife.

The Union Christmas tree exercises will be held in the Presbyterian church, Christmas eve, and rehearsals will be held Monday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening of this week in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Houser and daughter, Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett and E. W. Gammell and daughter, Ella, attended the anniversary party of Mr. and Mrs. Rush Kimble, Saturday evening, at Pleasant Valley.

William Pethick will celebrate his nineteenth birthday on Monday, Dec. 14th.

The Citizen Publishing Co.'s correspondent, Mary R. Gilchrist, has been authorized to take subscriptions for The Citizen, which offers for 1909 as a premium the monthly magazine, "Human Life," a fine Christmas present, for \$1.50. She will be pleased to send in a subscription for any one.

Mrs. J. B. Cody, Mrs. Herman Harmes and Mrs. James Johns were entertained at luncheon on Tuesday by Mrs. Helen Gilchrist.

**Starrucca.**  
DEC. 3d.—The members of the Starrucca Band had a grand time on Tuesday evening at the Starrucca Valley House. John Woodmansee served an excellent turkey supper which was much appreciated. After the tables were cleared, a smooking concert was held. Dr. J. M. DeKay, Charles Hanbury, Roxbury, and L. E. Smith contributed to the entertainment, their stories and experiences causing roars of laughter. The party broke up at 12 o'clock, unanimous in their opinion that it was one of the best band meetings they had ever attended.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, of the Mountain House, entertained a party of their friends on Tuesday evening.

The Ladies' Aid kindly loaned the dishes of the society to the Order of the Golden Seal together with the necessary cooking apparatus.

**Steens.**  
DEC. 7th.—There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the chapel on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Miss Josephine Perry, Wednesday of last week.

At this writing David Wannacott is slightly improved from his recent illness. Samuel Found is talking of disposing of his span of colts.

Moses Thorp butchered two spring pigs last week that averaged 245 pounds each, beating the record here by about 6 pounds.

**Waymart.**  
DEC. 7th.—Rev. A. L. Whittaker, of Grace church, Honesdale, held services in the Presbyterian church, on Sunday. An unusually large congregation greeted him.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will hold their annual fair this week. On Wednesday evening there will be a Dutch supper; on Thursday evening a pig roast, and on Friday evening a variety supper. Fancy articles, dolls, home-made garments, etc., will be on sale on the afternoons and evenings of these days. Come every one and patronize these ladies!

Ruth Inch leaves this morning to spend the winter with her sister, in North Carolina.

W. W. Pierson, who has been visiting New Jersey relatives, has returned home.

Joseph Dink spent Sunday in Honesdale.

Dr. and Mrs. Leroy Perkins and son, of Forest City, spent Sunday at the home of G. R. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailes and son, of Uniondale, visited over Sunday at the parsonage.

**WATERLOO.**  
MENNER & CO. will close out their winter stock of Ladies' cloaks and suits at cut prices. 41e17

**Two Ways.**  
"When winter comes with its ice and snow, I'll sit in the house and dream," said Jo.  
"I'll poke the fire till it blazes bright, And fill the room with a cheery light. And then as the sparks fly up and glow, I'll think I'm out where the daisies grow Flat on my back in the long, soft grass, Watching the cloud ships swiftly pass, To dream it's almost as nice, you know, As to have things happen," quoth lazy Jo.  
"When it's cold and snowy," said Master Ned, "I'm going to work in the barn and shed; I'll help my father fix up the plow, 'Tis broken so he can't use it now. The teeth of the harrow I'll help to mend, And lots of time on the tools I'll spend. It's good for muscles and blood to be At work with hammer and mallet," said he.  
"And then when the bluebirds begin to sing, Father and I will be ready for spring. 'Tis a great deal better to work in the shed Than loaf around in the house," quoth Ned.  
—From December FARM JOURNAL.

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**CUBA'S NEW CABINET.**  
President Gomez Makes Velez His Secretary of State.  
Havana, Dec. 8.—The new cabinet of President Elect Jose Miguel Gomez is announced as follows:  
Secretary of state, Justo Garcia Velez; secretary of justice, Pelayo Garcia; secretary of the treasury, Marcelino Diaz de Villegas; secretary of government, Dr. Eusebio Hernandez; secretary of agriculture, Orestilio Pollo; secretary of public instruction, Gamon Mesa; secretary of public works, Benito Laguarda; secretary of sanitation, Dr. Nicolas Alberdi.  
A committee of prominent women of Havana sent a petition to Governor Magoon requesting that he issue a decree forbidding the employment of women in the government offices. The petition declares that such employment is demoralizing to women and demands that all the places now filled by women be given to men.

**Weather Probabilities.**  
Fair and colder; light west winds.

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**A FEW SUGGESTIONS:**

**Dr. McCosh Dies of Injuries.**  
New York, Dec. 8.—Dr. Andrew J. McCosh, well known surgeon and son of the late president of Princeton university, who was injured in a runaway accident, died in the Presbyterian hospital.

**Leading Architect Dies.**  
New York, Dec. 8.—William Martin Aiken, supervising architect of the treasury department under the Cleveland administration and one of the foremost architects in the country, died after an operation.

**Books MISSING, SAYS RECEIVER**  
Many Seminaries, Colleges, Priests and Nuns Suffer by Collapse of the Fidelity Funding Company.  
New York, Dec. 8.—That the affairs of the Fidelity Funding company, which was organized to finance the building operations of Catholic churches and allied institutions, are in an exceedingly tangled condition is asserted by the receiver, Thomas F. Gilroy, Jr. P. J. Kieran, up to a short time ago president of the company, could not be seen when sought for a statement in connection with the company's affairs and was said to be out of the city.

# CHURCHES LOSE. New York at The Present.

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According to Receiver Gilroy, the company's liabilities will aggregate not less than \$4,500,000, with practically no assets. Its creditors include fifty churches, seminaries, colleges and hundreds of priests and nuns. These are located all over the country, from the New England states to Oregon. Chief among the company's creditors is St. Mary's academy of Nauvoo, Ill., which is involved for at least \$500,000.

The heads of convents and parishes are spending anxious hours, wondering what will be the outcome of their hazy placed mortgages and notes with Kieran.

"Some of the most important books and papers are missing," said Receiver Gilroy. "I understand that Mr. Kieran claimed them as his personal property. His lawyer has promised to produce these books and papers."

As explained by the receiver, most of the Fidelity Funding company's loans were to run for twenty years. In addition to these loans, the company also issued life insurance against the lives of priests and nuns.

The Fidelity Funding company also sold its bonds to representatives of the Catholic church. These are secured, according to the receiver, by mortgages on property, but how much may be recovered from this source it is as yet impossible to say.

In addition to the Fidelity Funding company, Kieran also conducted a number of subsidiary companies. All these, Receiver Gilroy declares, were financed by funds from the Fidelity Funding company.

The authorized capital of the Fidelity Funding company was \$5,000,000 and \$2,500,000 surplus, the buyers of the stock being for the most part priests and nuns. Former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw is down on the company's books as having made a loan of \$500,000 to Kieran. This is secured. Mr. Shaw also purchased \$10,000 of the company's stock. St. Vincent's college of Chicago gave notes aggregating \$300,000 over and above a mortgage for \$200,000, and the St. Thomas Aquinas church of Cleveland, the largest and finest Roman Catholic church in that city, is involved to the extent of \$125,000.

The present head of the company is Duncan H. Hill, and among its former directors were Father Lanigan, vicar general of the Buffalo diocese, and Father Fletcher, pastor of the Baltimore cathedral.

The receiver declares that he contemplates bringing suits aggregating \$500,000 against a number of banks and financial institutions on the ground that heavy bonuses were charged for loans made to the Fidelity Funding company.

The receiver also announced his intention to proceed against other banks which, he alleges, loaned sums of money to Kieran on collateral which belonged to the company.

**MRS. FOXHALL KEENE SUES.**  
**Asks For Separation From Husband, Who Was Noted Rider.**  
New York, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Foxhall Keene filed a suit for separation from her husband before Justice Marean in the Mineola supreme court.

Mr. and Mrs. Keene separated about three years ago. At the time they were living at their handsome summer home, Rosemont, Wheatley Hills, N. Y. At the time of the separation Colonel Lawrence, Mrs. Keene's father, while admitting that his daughter and her husband had decided to live apart, asserted that he did not know the cause of their difficulties.

Mrs. Keene was formerly Mrs. Frank W. White. She was married to Foxhall Keene on Dec. 10, 1902.

Mr. Keene for twenty years has been famous as a cross country rider and all round sportsman. In recent years he has become an enthusiastic motorist and has driven cars in many big races.

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# New York at The Present.

**A Demolished Picture Hat—The Lobster Still With Us—Landlord and Tenant—The Inventive Press Agent.**

[From Our New York Correspondent.]  
ALTHOUGH the big hat craze is far less virulent than it was formerly, it prevails still to a moderate degree, and its victims are yet numbered by the hundreds. The latest to its discredit is the holding up of the crowd at a subway station for a period of twenty-five minutes. It happened, too, between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, when everybody is due either up town or down town and a fallure to "show up" is likely to develop curiosity.

Israel Cohen, a good looking boy entrusted with the safe delivery of an immense pasteboard box which harbored a picture hat ordered by a young woman who expected to be a bride somewhat later in the day, entered the station, proceeded to the ticket seller's window and tendered a nickel for his fare.

"Here's yer ticket," said the man behind the window, "but we don't carry no planners on this road."

"This ain't no piano," responded Israel promptly, but, with no further explanation, moving off toward the ticket chopper.

"Can't git through here with that six room cottage," interposed that official emphatically.

Israel was not a whit disturbed by this subterranean pleasantry. He deposited his ticket in the proper receptacle and was just about to pass the gate when he was seized by the rear by a station guard and landed, box and all, far outside the gate rails.

"Ye can't travel on this subway with that furniture van," declared the bouncer firmly.

"I've got to," maintained Israel. "I've t'rown in me ticket."

It was growing interesting. No one was taking a train, and the station was filling up. The crowd ranged itself on the boy's side, and several self constituted spokesmen declared their intention of "seeing him through." Finally the police were called, and a general melee ensued. Several arrests were made, and the picture hat was wrecked. Altogether it was twenty-five minutes before that station resumed its normal uninteresting appearance. I don't know what became of Israel, but I am convinced that there was a postponed wedding.

Next to the uncertainty which has been engendered by the peculiar love-making of the young man who, if all signs do not fail, is trying to win Steve Elkins for a father-in-law the reported failure of the lobster crisp has been most disquieting to the average adult Gothamite. For several years the lobster experts have been prophesying that unless something "stepped in" to improve the situation the crustacean held in such high esteem in this region would become extinct. The prospect of existence on Manhattan Island without the co-operation of the lobster was indeed formidable, and it has resulted in a careful investigation of the matter.

The result has just been announced, and it is to the effect that something has "stepped in." Never before have so many of the toothsome creatures assembled in their favored haunts along the coast. Had it been agreed in lobsterdom that the time had come for a monster demonstration to establish the vitality of the species nothing more convincing could have been accomplished. Lobsters are to be more plentiful, cheaper and bigger than ever before. Neither the lobster nor the lobster butcher is in any danger of becoming extinct.

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The very best thing I have ever known of Jacobus Damm in spite of his Knickerbocker blood is that he does not approve of race suicide. I met him recently at a song recital in Mendelssohn hall, a concert room which excludes no one who has the price or a complimentary ticket, no matter how flamboyant he may be. A charming young soprano was doing a ballad of the new American school of song writers with such rare intelligence and beauty of expression that I was practically lost to all external impressions when Jacobus plumped himself into the vacant seat at my left and in that rancorous sibilation which does not lose force at the distance of a city block ejaculated, "Stuy, they've gone and done it!"

"Who has done what?" I was betrayed by his assault into asking.

"The dastard railroads!" declared Jacobus with such emphasis that an elderly lady on my right raised her lorgnette and availed herself of her vinaigrette.

"Mr. Damm," I said desperately—I wanted to hear the song; it was one of McDowell's best—"If you have anything to say against the railroads that hasn't been said please say it."

"They've abolished the sale of school tickets to the children of suburbanites. Hereafter children coming to the city to be instructed must pay full commutation rates. Doesn't that look like trying to exterminate the race?"

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**BAILED HER LORGNETTE.**  
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**KEEPING A RECORD OF THE THERMOMETER.**  
device consisted in announcing an ultimatum as to the temperature to be maintained during the winter season, keeping a faithful record of the thermometer suspended in a prominent place in the apartment and declining to pay rent when the telltale instrument had been experienced. A new ruling in the appellate court has interfered with this practice so satisfactory from a tenant's viewpoint. Hereafter a tenant who is cold must either put on an extra suit of underwear or move. He may do the latter even though he has contracted to remain. The only way by which his landlord can hold him to his agreement to stay still further is to steam up right cheerily.

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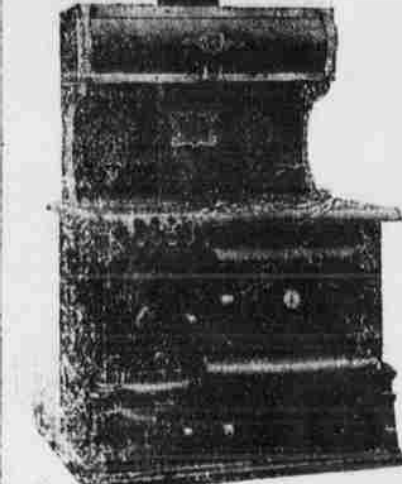
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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION,**  
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JOSEPH A. ROLLIE, Executor.



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