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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Compendium of Important News of the Past Week.

Our Special Correspondent at Harrisburg Writes on Matters of Vital Importance to Every Citizen of the Keystone State.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20, 1897.

It would not be at all surprising if a number of courts of this Commonwealth would soon be compelled to appoint county commissioners to fill the unexpired terms of those officials who have decided to relinquish their berths rather than accept salaries of $500 per annum, instead of $3.30 per day as they have for years. It has been decided that $500 is all they are entitled to under the law, and quite recently large bills for salaries have been cut so as to come within the limit specified. Already a commissioner from an eastern county has resigned, giving as his reason that he could not faithfully serve his constituents and do justice to himself on $500 a year. Just to what extent this matter will go cannot be conjectured, but one thing is positive—the next Legislature will be asked to pass a law that will guarantee to the commissioners of every county a respectable living.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

The wisdom of the remarks made by State Treasurer Haywood and Auditor General Mylin to the last Legislature, in regards to a reduction in appropriations is only now being felt, and Mr. Haywood's annual statement shows conclusively that careful management has had a great deal to do with the present condition of the treasury. Had it not been for the balance of more than $1,000,000 in the treasury at the close of the last fiscal year the state would find itself in a sorry plight, for there has been a considerable decrease in revenues, while appropriations made by the Legislature were not materially reduced. The report for the fiscal year just closed shows receipts of $12,475,070.17 and expenditures of $12,768,515.84, proving that if there had not been a balance at the commencement of the year, there would at present be a deficit of about $300,000. There will be heavy expenses between now and the time the next Legislature convenes and close financiering will be required to tide matters over until then, when it if expected that some relief will be afforded by the passage of more stringent measures. Mr. Haywood has not yet decided whether he will accept the position of cashier tendered him by Treasurer-elect Beacom.

AND STILL ANOTHER.

It is now definitely settled that Auditor General Mylin will make a fight for the Republican nomination for governor. He has secured headquarters at the Lochiel Hotel in this city and several well-known state officials will have charge of his campaign. For the Democrats ex Governor Pattison is being vigorously thrust into the fight and it is altogether likely that he will be that party's candidate. As I said in former letters, none of the aspirants can secure anything like the strength that Col. William A. Stone has already grasped, and the early announcement of his candidacy has indeed proven beneficial to him. Senator Quay has decided to have nothing to do with the fight, and in an interview with State Chairman Elkin I learned that the stories afloat that have been credited to him are fictitious, and that he has not expressed a preference for any candidate.

IMPORTANT LAW POINTS.

An important decision has been handed down by Judge Simonton, of Dauphin county, in which he refuses an injunction applied for by the Consolidated gas company of Pittsburg to restrain the State Department from chartering the Franklin gas company. The court claims the Consolidated does not have an exclusive franchise.

A great conspiracy case was disposed of in the Allegheny courts last week. A manufacturing concern succeeded in having several members of a coal firm who, it is alleged, conspired with gaugers and weighers in the employ of the former to gives short weight coal, convicted. Now civil proceedings for $35,000 are pending, that being the value of the coal that the prosecution claims it did not receive.

War has been declared on the various trading stamp concerns doing business in this state. An act of assembly of 1895 is authority under which the actions are brought. The Supreme Court will be appealed to, no matter what decisions are arrived at by the lower courts.

The pure food law is encountering obstacles. At Pittsburg last week Agent Terry had bills against sixteen persons, who were prosecuted under the criminal clause of the act of 1897, before the grand jury and all were ignored, costs being placed on the county. The commission will make another attempt to convict the same parties.

DEPARTMENT NOTES.

As predicted some time ago, Major John W. Nesbitt, superintendent of the State arsenal, has been appointed pension agent at Pittsburg to succeed Captain Skinner, who has been elected superintendent of the Industrial Training School for soldiers' orphans at Scotland. Major Nesbitt's successor at the arsenal will be Lieutenant W. F. Richardson, quartermaster of the Eighth Regiment, who has been the arsenal foreman for the past three years and who did such effective work during the Hazleton riot.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton has sent letters to Common Pleas judges suggesting that every new highway be thirty-five feet wide and grade be five degrees or not less than three degrees.

Governor Hastings and Attorney General McCormick have arrived home after a ten days' hunting expedition.

The annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture will be held here January 6th.

State Chemist Cochran is preparing a report in which he will dwell particularly on the impurities of certain candies. Proceedings will soon be instituted to suppress the manufacture of candies that are detrimental to the consumers' health.

WILL F. HENDRICKSON.

DECEMBER TERM OF COURT.

Not a Jury Term—Considerable Business Transacted.

The regular term of Court convened Dec. 20 with President Judge G. S. Pardy and Associate Jacob Klaer present.

Constables made returns from the several townships as follows: W. S. Van Auken; Delaware, Jos. D. Brooks; Dingman, J. A. Fisher; Milford Borough, Al Torwilliger; Milford township, Chris. Hermann; Westfall, B. C. Totten; Shohola, G. J. Englehart; Lackawaxen, Frank Kelly; Palmyra, Alvah Quick; Greene, Eugene Butler;

Louisa S. Salignard vs. A Salignard, divorce, publication of notice ordered.

Savaidge vs. Savaidge, notice by publication ordered.

The constable from Blooming Grove returned Henry Shiffler as selling liquor without license and the Court authorized the District Attorney to present a bill of indictment to the next Grand Jury for this violation of the law.

Anna A. Pinney vs. Thomas. M. Pinney Divorce, J. H. Van Etten appointed Commissioner to take evidence. Dec. 21 evidence filed and divorce decreed by the court.

Estate Phoebe Heater, deceased sale of real estate approved and administrator directed to make deed unless exceptions are filed within one week.

Petition of Alfred Marvin, Esq., for admission to the bar of Pike county, presented by J. H. Van-Etten and the court appoints, D. M. Van Auken, C. W. Bull and Hy. T. Baker examining committee. Dec. 21, report of committee filed and Mr. Marvin admitted and duly sworn.

Petition for public road in Shohola from point near the house of Philip Kahn to near the house of Edward Shadler, J. C. Westbrook, Jr., D. McKean and Peter Hess appointed viewers.

Petition for road in Lehman from at or near private road leading to Forest Park to a point on the Shohola road, Frank Schorr, S. L. Schoonover and William Schupp appointed viewers.

Frank Schorr, D. H. Middaugh and Isaac H. Smith appointed viewers on bridge in Delaware at Deep Hollow.

Court order 350 names to be placed in jury wheel for 1898, and venires for March term 1898.

Estate C. Ott deceased, C. W. Bull appointed Auditor.

The accounts of Ann Millott administratrix and A. D. Brown, Trustee confirmed absolutely.

Estate of J. Elwanger, deceased, Hy. T. Baker appointed auditor.

Estate of Jacob Ottenheimer, dec'd, D. M. Van Auken appointed Auditor.

Bridge over Big Bushkill report of viewers confirmed ni. si. and report of viewers of bridge over Blooming Grove creek, absolute.

Bridge at Burcher's Mill, confirmed ni. si. and rule granted on Groton bridge company to show cause etc., why $25 shall not be deducted because not according to contract.

Commonwealth vs. Drillers Rules as to costs granted. Returnable to next Term.

Deeds acknowledged, Sheriff to Chas. W Branch, Timothy Jordon, Geo. E. Hoffman, and Matamoras, Building & Loan Association all in Westfall township.

Use P. A. L. Quick vs. Milford township. Rule to show cause why record shall not be amended. Returnable to next term.

Kipp vs. Wenzel. Rule to show cause why judgment shall not be satisfied. In all commonwealth cases the recognizances were forfeited and respited until next Term.

Commonwealth vs. Thos. Leahy: Frank Driller: John Brierly: Steinmetz: Reasor: Holmes: Nelson and Kelley.

Large Fire in Hawley.

Hawley had another large fire last Sunday night, which destroyed ten buildings, the knitting mill, dry goods store of S. R. Evans, six dwellings and two barns. The fire originated in the loft of the Evans barn, but how is not known. The loss is estimated at $25,000 with an insurance of $12,000

This is the second large fire which has visited that town this year, and there have been several smaller ones. The place is without a fire department and the only dependence is on buckets which are of little avail in a high wind like that which was blowing at the time.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Barret Bridge Company will be held at the toll house of the company in the village of Port Jervis, on Tuesday, January 4th proximo, for the purpose of choosing a board of directors for the next year.

The polls will be open from 3 till 4 o'clock p. m.

FRANCIS MARVIN, Sec'y.

Port Jervis, Dec. 19, 1897.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Montague Church held a chicken pie supper and sale of fancy articles Tuesday evening at which they met with very gratifying success, and wish to thank all those who assisted in any way in bringing about such a result. The net proceeds were about $50.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Lesson For the Week Beginning Dec. 26. Comment by Rev. W. J. Yates, A. M. Topic The Holy Spirit the Sanctifier.

SCRIPTURE READING.—Rom. viii, 8-4; Gal. v, 22-26; Eph. v, 2.

There is nothing in the Bible more simple than santification, There is nothing in the world more needed or delightful. It is the genuineness of goodness in character. Its possession is not too awful as to be repellent. Its acquisition is not so difficult as to be disheartening. Sanctification of spirit is not the resolving to be better. It is not the determined struggle to overcome temptation. It is beyond and after all this. It is the peace of victory after the battle. It is not dedication of itself. It is not consecration, but the fruitage of self sacrifice. It is not emptiness, but fullness. It is the consciousness of peace with God, of joy in His service. It is the being possessed with love of the Master and absorption in His work. It is gladness in knowing Christ and full satisfaction of soul. It is restfulness of heart in His care and sweet contentment in His will.

Ill that he blesses is our good,
And unblessed good is ill,
And all is right that seems most wrong,
It is be His sweet will.

This experience is not given to any except the follower of Jesus Christ. You can search the world over and never find one who has attained true soul rest unless he has found it trusting in the merits and promises of Jesus of Nazareth. It is not the common experience of all Christians. Many who profess to be His followers have never forsaken all for him. Multitudes live in a low spiritual condition on the verge or over the edge into the worldly and sinful life. But the earnest seeker after purity who surrenders all and accepts Christ for his perfect pattern and Saviour may expect to receive and claim the Holy Spirit as his complete sanctifier. He can abide in continual victory over sin and temptation, pure in heart.

Bishop Hedding.

The debt which Methodism owes to her pioneers should never be forgotten. The only way in which it can be preserved in memory is for the young people to familiarize themselves with the story of their toils and privations. One of the most impressive figures in the Methodist Episcopal church is that of Elijah Hedding. Born in 1780 and dying in 1852, his life of Christian activity covered the first half of the century which saw the establishment and trial of the church. After Asbury and Lee and McKendree few men were more abundant in labor for Christ and the church than Hedding. He was in the pastorate, presiding eldership and bishopric, able, tireless, deeply pious and reliable.

The League will do well to spend an evening in the study of the life and times of Bishop Hedding. It will be like a romance to learn the hardships and successes of those days of early Methodism.

BRIEF MENTION.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church will give a Sociable and Entertainment in the lecture room of the church on Thursday evening Dec. 30th. The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock, and a collection will be taken for the benefit of the church.

—The Prior Medicine company has been catering to full houses this week, and giving some fine presents in the shape of silver ware. Tonight Friday a number of Milford amateurs will take part and the audience will vote the best performer a handsome souvenir.

—The resignation of Rev. Dr. Gordon, of Middletown, has been accepted by his congregation to take effect Feb. 12. There have been 383 additions to the church membership and a net gain of 195 during his pastorate of 12 years.—Union.

—The net receipts of the New England Supper given in the Presbyterian church last week were about $48. The provisions were abundant, and of the very best. The "punkin pie" was especially delicious, and of the good old fashioned kind which reminded us of the former days when there were several bites in a slice.

Ages Must Be Guessed At.

Judge Albright ruled in Monroe at the recent session of the court that a woman need not divulge her age when asked by counsel. Miss Edith Custard was called and the attorney asked: "How old are you," to which she replied: "I may be thirty for all you know. My age has nothing to do with the case and I refuse to tell you." The court held the answer sufficient.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Druggists and General Merchants in Pike County.

OBITUARY.

HERMAN GUMBLE, SR.

This aged and respected citizen of Palmyra passed to his rest Tuesday, Dec. 14. He was born at Hesse Cassel, Germany, about seventy-four years ago and when twenty-five years old came to this country and for several years resided in New York finally coming to the township in which he has since lived. He there purchased a tract of land and made for himself and family a pleasant home. He was a man of industrious habits and won the confidence and esteem of the community. He was twice married but his wives are both dead.

He leaves surviving children as follows: Gertrude, wife of Fred Kreiger, of Greentown; Mary, wife of William Gessner, of Scranton; Conrad, of Paupac; Agnes, wife of George Daumann, Jr., county treasurer, of Milford; Alice, wife of Franz Sommers, of Newfoundland: Emma, wife of Charles Grazer, of Wayne county, and a brother Conrad, of Palmyra, besides several sisters and brothers in the Fatherland.

The funeral was held Thursday and the remains were interred in the Paupac cemetery.

OLIVER HOUCK.

Oliver Houck died at the home of his father, Charles Houck, Jr., in Greene township, Friday Dec. 17 of consumption, aged twenty five years. His health had been for sometime declining and he was on that account obliged to abandon his studies in the University of Pennsylvania where he was taking a course in dentistry. The blow to his family and friends is severe. A young man just entering the bounds of active life with brilliant prospects in view, of good mental powers, with numerous friends and doting relatives having everything for which to live is called away by the inscritable will of One who doeth all things well. In such afflictions the condolence of the community goes out most strongly to the bereaved household and all its members carry with them the sincere and earnest sympathy of friends and neighbors for their bitter grief. The young man is survived by his parents, one brother, Nathan, and three sisters, Anna wife of John Gilpin, Maria and Leah. The deceased was also a nephew of Hon. John D. Houck Associate Judge. The funeral services were held on Monday.

MRS. JENNIE SHENSTONE.

Mrs. Jennie Shenstone died of consumpton at her mothers home early Thursday morning Dec. 23, aged about 45 years. She has been for some time in declining health, and about a year ago was obliged to relinquish her business in Brooklyn that of dressmaking when she came to Milford to reside. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Ryder, four brothers John H. of Milford, James M. of Delaware, William A. of Westfall, Jacob O. of Port Jervis and two sisters, Viola, wife of Edward Beach of Port Jervis and Hennrietta wife of Ira B Case, of Dingman. The time of the funeral services has not yet been decide .

Another Canard.

A silly story has been going the rounds of the local papers to the effect that ex-Coroner Crane received through mistake the shroud intended for Schultz. There are only two difficulties in the yarn, first, there is no such person here as ex-Coroner Crane, and second no shroud was ever sent here for Schultz. However the tale is about as true as many which have been published in connection with the recent hanging.

The East Stroudsburg News says that active preparations are now under way to build a railroad up the valley. Dr. J. B. Lung with his associates, Brown and Pride of New York and Shoemaker of Rush, Pa., are ready to put up $800,000 just as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made as to rights of way. The road may cross the river here and go up through Jersey. It will extend from Port Jervis to Saylorsburg. Let it come gentlemen, we all want it.

Howling Dog Saves Lives.

Benjamin Wesser and his wife of Greene township went visiting to Tobyhanna one day last week remaining over night. They left at home, a hired man and their eight children. Returning they found the dwelling and been burned during the night. The howling of the dog awakened the children who with the man managed to escape from the burning with only their night clothes.

Rock candy drips and pure maple syrup at Mitchell's.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 26. Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

Topic.—What message did Christmas bring you?—Isa. liii, 1-12. (A Christmas song service suggested.)

Several hundred years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea the prophet Isaiah not only heralded his coming, but described his life and death, and so graphically and minutely are his last sufferings portrayed in this fifty third chapter that it might have been written the day after Christ's crucifixion. Though at first thought it may seem peculiar that this chapter dealing with the death of Christ, should be selected as a Christmas lesson, yet after all perhaps it is not so inappropriate. Christ's birth prepared the way for His life and death in the world. Bethlehem opened up the way for Calvary, and perhaps we too often forget in our Christmas joys the real purpose and object of Christ's coming into the world.

1. Christmas brings a message of God's love. Christ was born not to live and to enjoy life, but to die. Christ was born not to receive the honor and love of men, but to be despised and rejected by men. God knew all that when the babe of Bethlehem was born into this world and yet He allowed Him to be born. He brought Him into this world for these very purposes, and as we stand over the manger in Bethlehem and realize that God knew all that was before His infant Son we are touched by the infinite love of God. God gave His only begotten Son for the benefit of mankind because He loved men, and the beginning of that giving was at Bethlehem.

2. Christmas brings us a message of duty. To the Christian there comes the duty of telling others of Christ's birth and life. Isaiah did this hundreds of years before Christ was born. How much easier it should be to do it now since Christ has really come, and how much more important it is! Men may not always believe our report. They did not believe Isaiah. He complained that men did not believe, yet he did not stop telling the story. Nor should we. What more fascinating story to tell than the story of the wonderful birth of the Son of God into the world? What more appropriate time in all the year to urge the unsaved to give themselves to God than at the joyous Christmas season? Let us not only accept its joys, but also its duties. But Christmas also has a duty for those who are not Christians. That duty is to believe the report of Christ's birth and death and to give themselves to Him in faith and love When all the world is giving gifts, how fitting a time to give our best gift, ourselves, to Him who gave Himself for us! Will we do it?

Bible Readings—Gen. iii, 15: Isa vii, 14; ix, 6, 7; xi, 1-10; Mic. v, 2; Zech. ix, 9; Mal. iii. 1; iv, 1-6: Math. i, 1-15; Euke i, 26-33;. ii. 1-20; John iii, 16; Rom. v, 6-Rev. xxii, 17.

BRIEF MENTION.

—The PRESS wishes you all a Merry Christmas.

—Lack of space has compelled us to postpone several articles until next week.

—If you have furs to sell note the advertisement of the Pawtucket Fur Company on second page.

Both the Presbyterian and Methodist Sunday schools will hold their Christmas Entertainments Saturday evening.

De Alton Dilliston, of Branchville, courteous and pleasant, cast a ray of sunshine by his presence in our sanctum Tuesday.

—Howells, Scotchtown, Fair Oaks, Mechanictown and New Hampton, five post offices nearest Middletown, N. Y., will be made branches of that place.

—A vein of coal is said to have been discovered under Stroudsburg, and parties have made leases and will begin boring to ascertain its thickness and extent.

—A. D. Brown and son have broken ground for the erection of a handsome residence for Mrs. Margaret J. Hart on her lot, corner of Ann and Third streets.

—Henry L. Canne is building for F. X. Jardon an addition to connect the present annex with the main building. This will give considerable more room in that already spacious house.

—A flue in the Court House between the offices of the treasurer and district attorney became so hot Tuesday as to char the baseboards. The cause was not discovered but was supposed to be the soot in it taking fire.

—The Hudson River Telephone company is preparing to erect an entirely new system in Port Jervis which it is said will be extended to cover this county, and Sussex, and give us long distance connections.

—Calvin Cron will sell at public sale on the A. B. Middaugh farm back of Briscoes in Lehman township Jan. 5th beginning at 10 a. m., a large lot of personal property, including horses, cattle, pigs, farming utensils etc.

Dr. David Kennedy's
Favorite Remedy
CURES ALL KIDNEY, STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Civil Service Rules Matter.

Senator Hanna in Ohio—Reforms in the Patent Office—The Sealing Business—Relief for Klondikers — McKenna's Confirmation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1897.

President McKinley will, according to trustworthy though unofficial information, shortly meet the objections that exist, in and out of Congress, against present conditions in the civil service, by issuing an executive order making material modifications in the blanket extensions of the civil service rules made by Mr. Cleveland during his last year in office. While the opposition on the part of Republicans in Congress doubtless was a factor in this matter, it is well known that the President has had it in mind ever since his election. It will be remembered that he said in his annual message: "There are places now in the classified service which ought to be exempt and others are not classified, may properly be included. I shall not hesitate to exempt cases which I think have been improperly included in the classified service." Just when this order will be issued or the full extent of the modification has not been fully determined, but it will not be surprising should the order be issued before the reassembling of Congress, on Jan. 5.

Senator Hanna has gone to Ohio, to remain until the legislature elects his successor. Just before leaving Washington, he said: "The stories sent from Ohio that a number of the Republican members of the general assembly will desert me if I am not successful on the first ballot seem to me absurd. Every Republican county but four has instructed its legislators for me; the party is pledged to me through the action of the Republican State Convention at Toledo, and I am unable to see what can stand in the way of my election."

Notwithstanding the numerous reforms brought about in the practice before the United States Patent Office, as a result of the long investigation conducted by Acting Commissing Greeley with such striking ability, there are some abuses connected more or less directly associated with it in the minds of many people, and William of [illegible] out every ten persons who know of them, which have not yet been reached. But Mr. Greeley is more than anxious to do so, and is now investigating numerous complaints against patent solicitors, who have obtained money from inventors under the pretense of getting foreign patents for them and selling them, knowing that no valid foreign patents could be obtained for them, and that there would therefore be nothing to sell.

Uncle Sam rubbed it in on John Bull in the bill dealing with open sea sealing, which has passed both branches of Congress and only needs the President's signature to become a law, and that it will probably get. Canada, backed by England, has played the hog right through in this sealing business, by refusing to join the United States in efforts to prevent the speedy destruction of all the seals by agreeing to a cessation of open sea sealing for even a limited time, and the Canadians doubtless chuckled with joy, when this bill which prohibits open sea sealing by the citizens of the United States was introduced in the Senate, because of their belief that it would leave them a monopoly of the taking of seals in the open sea. But they will not chuckle, nor will their English supporters, when they learn the purport of a section of the bill that was kept quiet while the measure was pending before Congress. That section absolutely prohibits the bringing of the seal skins into the United States from any source. When it is remembered that the United States furnishes the largest and best market in the world for seal skins and that the business of supplying that market has been partially monopolized as to raw skins by Canada, and entirely as to dyed skins by England, the full significance of what Uncle Sam has done to John Bull becomes apparent.

The act for the relief of those Americans who are in the Klondike gold regions, and who, it is believed, will be in pressing need of food before spring, was as promptly signed by President McKinley as it was passed by Congress, and it now only remains to get the relief to the sufferers in order to make it effective. This is in the hands of Secretary Alger, and if success is possible, he will achieve it, as his sympathy for the Klondikers is of the active kind—so active that he offered weeks ago to advance the money out of his own pocket to send relief if any practical way of doing so could be pointed out. Secretary Alger will go to Ottawa to secure the cooperation of the Canadian authorities in relief operations.

The fact that the Senate did not act upon Attorney General McKenna's nomination to the bench of the Supreme Court before the recess hasn't the significance some persons are trying to give it; in fact, it has no significance. The nomination did not go to the Senate until two days before the recess and there was no time for the judiciary committee, which never acts hurriedly upon nominations of the Supreme Court to consider it. The nomination will be confirmed, and tge smallness of the vote against confirmation will be another proof of how poorly informed some newspapers are about sentiments entertained by senators.

PERSONAL.

W. A. H. Mitchell is visiting in Milford for a few days.

E. Mellville Huggins of Lehigh University is visiting friends in Milford.

Hon. John A. Kipp spent a few days in town this week attending to legal business.

Col. John Baldwin and wife of New York are registered at the Crissman House.

J. Howard Brink and wife are spending a few days visiting relatives in Scranton.

Mrs. R. G. Barckley, of Glenside, has been entertaining Mrs. Stanton, of Honesdale, this week.

Robert Neeson, who has just arrived from the South, is visiting his family on Harford street.

Samuel G. Peters, of Bushkill, smiling and affable as usual, was a visitor in Milford last week.

James Mollineaux went to the City of Brotherly Love where he expects to spend the winter with his son George.

Hon. J. D. Houck was detained at home by the funeral of his nephew and was not present at court until Tuesday.

Dr. Von der Heyde is spending the Holidays in Philadelphia and the Dental rooms will be closed until his return Jan. 3, 1898.

W. Frank Finger, of Trenton, N. J., arrived here last week with the remains of one of his children for reinterment in the Milford cemetery.

Hon. Charles H. Winfield, Prosecutor of the Pleas for Hudson Co., N. J., is quite ill but no great fears are yet entertained as to any fatal results. His age is 68 years.

John Wood, Esq., of Chicago who has been a successful lawyer and newspaper man in Kansas, and who is now visiting his parents at Woodtown, called in town Monday.

Washington Roloson aged about 78 years died at the home of his son Milton at Notch, Wednesday Dec. 15 and was buried at Kimbles last Saturday. Three sons survive, Edwin of White Mills, Milton with Kimbles Pa.

Robert Strathers accompanied by Vivian and Effie are spending the holiday vacation in town. Mr. Strathers will remain for a month but Vivian will return shortly to business in which he has been highly successful and Miss Effie to school where she ranked mong the most brilliant in her class.

Louis Rudolph, of Milford, a first-class salesman for the well-known paper and printing house of Matthias Plum, Newark, N. J., returned from a successful business trip in South Jersey to spend a two weeks' vacation at home. "Louie" is an obliging and accommodating young man and a business talk with him would be a pleasure.

Among those who have returned to spend their Holiday vacations in Milford with parents and friends, are Fraley Baker, of Stevens Institute, Brooklyn; Miss Blanche Cross, of Blair Hall; Miss Louie Klaer, of the Normal East Stroudsburg; Miss Linda Klaer from New York, Theo. F. Baker of Glen Ridge: Geo. R. Bull of the U. P., and Fred Klear of Amherst; Harry Reed of Pratts Institute and Miss Bertha Reed of the same school.

Music Recital.

On Saturday afternoon the music pupils of Mrs. J. H. Van Etten gave a piano recital at her home. The following programme was rendered:

Piano Solo ..."O Happy Day."... G. Lange.
Miss Hattie Horton.
Essay on "Mozart." Millicent Crissman.
Piano Solo ....."Gavotte."..... Holt.
Helen Langshantin.
Recitation ......"Music."..... Pope.
Edna Langshantin.
Piano Solo. "Une Petite Fleur."... Voss.
Millicent Crissman.
Essay on "Beethoven."
Helen Langshantin.
Essay on "Blind Tom."
Edna Langchantin.
Piano Duet and Violin Obligata... "Quadrille."..... Wm. Iucho.
Millicent Crissman. Helen Langshantin.
Jeannette Mott.
Pinao Solo ..."Last Hope."... Gottschalk.
Mrs. J. H. Van Etten.

"Articles in the Etude," a musical paper, were read and discussed. As this was the first recital given by the class, the audience was small and select consisting only of school friends of the members.

It is Mrs. Van Etten's intention to hold a recital every three weeks in order to accustom her pupils to playing with ease before an audience.

THE COMPLIMENTS of the Season will be most gracefully conveyed if "my ladys" table on Christmas morn shows added beauty and brightness with a Perfume Atomizer a Toilet set, an Elegant Vase, a Handsome Bottle or Box of Perfume or some Imported Christmas novelty from Armstrongs Pharmacy.