



City Railway Extension.

TWO BRANCHES PROPOSED—WHERE THEY WILL EXTEND.  
The long-talked-of extension of the Wilmington City Passenger Railway is now taking definite shape in an earnest effort for the required stock subscriptions. The amount required for the work is \$25,000, divided into 50,000 shares of \$5 each. This stock, in order to secure the construction of the proposed branches, was to have been subscribed to by January 1st, 1881, but the time will be extended. Mr. E. H. Foster is now soliciting subscriptions, and his mission is assisted and explained by the following circular:

DEAR SIR: The Wilmington City Railway Co. propose to build a city railroad from Market street to Monroe street on Front street, up Monroe street to Fourth street, on Fourth street to Union street, provided sufficient stock is subscribed for that purpose; said stock to be issued at \$5 per share and to participate in the general profits of the company after five years. This offer expires on January 1st. The cost of the road will be from \$25,000 to \$30,000. You, with all other property holders in that section of the city, are interested in this project being carried out, and you are requested to consider the expediency of subscribing a proportionate amount according to your interest. Prompt action will be necessary if the road is to be built.

The stock of the old company is now worth about par, and the new stock will be a bad investment in the end, on the terms offered, which is thought to be a very fair proposal. Please call on one of the following persons, who are a committee to receive subscriptions, and they will make all necessary arrangements:

J. P. R. POLK,  
JAN. BRADFORD,  
PHILIP LUNKETT,  
GEO. W. BUSH,  
M. M. CHILL, Trustee,  
JOSEPH PYLE.

In addition to the extension mentioned in this circular, which is designated as the low line, another, to be called the high line, is also proposed, to commence at Tenth and Market streets and extend out Market street more than one mile. A rumor became current that this line was to run to the Broadway bridge by way of Tenth and King streets whereat people along Market street, who had subscribed to the extension fund, became somewhat worried, and resolved to surrender their subscriptions. The rumor is denied, however, by Mr. James Bradford, President of the Wilmington City Passenger Railway Company, who says that Market street has been selected as the route of the upper extension, and will not be isolated from. So the subscribers along Market street can rest easy on this score.

Mr. Bradford is hopeful that sufficient stock will be subscribed to contract both lines—particularly the lower line. He feels confident they will benefit not only the people in general, but property all along the routes. The cost, he thinks would be about \$1 per foot to property owners on each side of the street, and proposed to surrender their subscriptions. The rumor is denied, however, by Mr. James Bradford, President of the Wilmington City Passenger Railway Company, who says that Market street has been selected as the route of the upper extension, and will not be isolated from. So the subscribers along Market street can rest easy on this score.

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CITY COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION LAST EVENING—COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR—A COLD SUBJECT—ORDINANCE INTRODUCED.  
City Council met last evening in regular session, President Sharpley in the chair. The City Treasurer reported \$17,997.45 in bank to the credit of current expenses. The Chief Engineer of the Water Department reported 29 men in his employ for the week ending, Dec. 25th; pay roll, \$219.73. The Street Commissioner reported \$1 men, 4 double and 1 single teams in his employ for the week ending, Dec. 25th; pay roll, \$146.10.

PEPETIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.  
The following petitions and communications were introduced, read and referred to the proper committees: From His Honor, the Mayor, calling attention to the condition of the streets crossings since the recent snow storms, and suggesting that Council make an extraordinary appropriation in order to have the snow removed. He also suggested that the snow be removed from around the fire plugs, in order that the firemen may have better access to them in case of fire.

He also noted Council that he had reappointed Daniel B. Woodward prison keeper for the year 1881. From Edward Darlington and others asking that some means be taken in order to secure a more prompt removal of ashes, as the contractor had not visited their respective premises for two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS.  
The following new business was introduced and acted upon: Mr. R. H. Taylor introduced an ordinance to amend an ordinance in relation to water contracts, dates and conditions, passed June 21st, 1869. Read a second time by title. Mr. Blake moved that the proper committee be instructed to see that the snow is removed from around the fire plugs at once.

Mr. R. H. Taylor thought the committee should be designated. If the motion passed, as made, there would be trouble, as the Water Committee would say that it was the Street Committee's duty, and the Street Committee would say that it was the duty of the Water Committee. Mr. Taylor moved to amend the motion by making the Street Committee.

This brought Mr. McMenamin to his feet in an instant. He objected to such a motion. He thought the fire plugs belonged to the Water Committee, and they should keep them clear of all obstructions. Mr. Taylor moved to amend the motion by making the Street Committee.

Mr. McMenamin said for years past the Water Committee had been the hardest body to get along with. They never want to do anything they can get out of. They tear up the streets to lay pipes, and then call on the Street Committee to repair them, or if they repair them, the work is done badly that the Street Committee has to do it over again. They try to shift expenses on other committees, and endeavor to cripple their appropriations, while they demand a big salary for themselves.

Mr. Merris Taylor said that if it was the duty of the Street Committee to remove the snow from one place it was their duty to remove it all, but as the notion only referred to the fire plugs he thought that it was the duty of the Water Committee to see that the plugs were ready for use. Mr. Bailey thought there should not be much trouble about the matter; if it was not too cold the plugs could be opened and the snow washed away.

This ended the discussion, and Mr. Taylor's amendment was lost. On motion of Mr. McMenamin Chief Engineer of the Water Department was instructed to have the snow removed. Mr. Merris Taylor had read twice an ordinance making appropriations for the year 1881. On motion of Mr. Merris Taylor when Council adjourned it was to meet on Tuesday evening next, in order to consider a number of bills prepared by the Legislative Committee to be presented to the Legislature.

FEASTING THE CHILDREN.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS IN VARIOUS CHURCHES LAST EVENING—PLEASANT TIMES FOR OLD AND YOUNG.  
Despite the cold last night a number of the schools held what is termed Christmas entertainments. The entertainments were all well attended and the occasions will be long remembered no doubt by those who participated in them. The schools of Trinity Chapel and Old Swedes Church met in the latter edifice, to the number of about one hundred and fifty.

The building was very tastefully trimmed with evergreens. Thirty large arches were erected in front of the edifice, one of which contained the word "Immanuel" and the other "Bethlehem." The walls were festooned to a point above the old sounding board, and surrounded by a gold star. The decorations were done by Mr. Charles Card.

The exercises opened by the school singing the Christmas carols and canticles, followed by an address by Dr. Frost. At the conclusion of the address about seventy five Bibles were presented to the larger scholars, and the smaller ones were presented with a handsome box of mixtures. Dr. Frost was assisted in the exercises by Rev. T. G. Littell and E. C. Alloom. W. J. Parry presided at the organ and W. J. Fisher led the singing. The children were highly pleased with their presents.

The Sunday School room of the Central Presbyterian Church, presented a beautiful sight last night. The many lighted gas jets shed their lights upon a sea of happy and expectant faces of little ones, who had gathered to receive their presents. The room was most tastefully decorated and reflected great credit upon those having it in charge.

The exercises opened with prayer by the Superintendent, W. K. Crosby. Then followed singing by the school, and readings by Rev. Dr. Nixon, pastor of the Church and Edwin H. Gayley. At the conclusion of the literary exercises the children were feasted with ice cream, cake and candy. At a seasonable hour the gathering dispersed.

The infant scholars of Asbury M. E. Sunday school also held their Christmas festival last evening, the attendance being a large and happy one. The entertainment opened with singing by the schools, followed with prayer by the Superintendent, William T. Houtt. The programme embraced a score of pieces, musical and literary. "Little Boy," by Reba Townsend; "Singing Slowly," by Charles Wood; "Don't Fret," by Earl Mills; and "The Boy That Laughs," by Warner Smith, were particularly good.

A large tree had been erected in the room, which was filled with pretty presents for the little ones. Well lit candles had been closed, the children were presented with candy and oranges. The audience was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. Charles Hill.

Over the church was crowded last evening with the officers, teachers and scholars of the Sunday school, for the Christmas Christmas entertainment. For the opening exercise the choir sang a Christmas carol, after which the pastor, Rev. C. P. Mallory read the Scriptural account of the birth of Christ, offered up a prayer, and delivered a short address. Several choice selections were rendered by the choir, an original poem read by the authoress Miss Maggie E. Carpenter. When the literary exercises had closed, it was announced to the scholars that Santa Claus was unable to be present on account of sickness, but that his wife had come in his place. Mrs. Santa Claus designated a large table that was completely loaded down with bags containing candies. The sweet meats were then distributed by Superintendent Morrison and the Committee of Arrangements. The entertainment closed at 9 o'clock.

WHO WERE VACCINATED.  
During the year 1880 Dr. Howard Ogle, City Vaccine Physician for the Eastern District, vaccinated the following cases: Males—adults, 2, minors, 56. Females—minors, 40; total, 117. Dr. G. T. Maxwell, of the Western District, having removed from the city, Dr. Ogle also vaccinated the following in his district: Males—adults, 3, minors, 10. Females—minors, 30; total, 47. Total in both districts, 174.

RECENT ARMY CHANGES.

WHY GENERAL McDOWELL WAS NOT RETIRED—A DEMOCRATIC EXPLANATION.  
The Washington Post has the following: It seems that General McDowell is not quite so much of a patriot and soldier as he had been cracked up to be. Last fall he came from San Francisco to New York, with a great flourish of trumpets, to cast his vote for Garfield and Arthur. The newspapers gushed to degrees about the striking attention to political duty displayed by General McDowell. It now appears that the General did the voting, and the Government paid the expense. He obtained an order for himself and an aide to come East. The mileage and allowance for the trip cost Uncle Sam in the neighborhood of \$1,200. This was shortly before the time that General Ord, since retired, paid out of his own pocket for the little despatch sent to General Hancock.

When the President was discussing the question of retirements, General Sherman, it will be remembered, objected to the retirement of General Ord unless General McDowell, who is his senior in age, was also retired. Hearing of General Sherman's position, General McDowell wrote a long letter to Mr. Hayes, protesting against his retirement, and mentioning, incidentally, the great sacrifice he had made in coming East to vote for General Garfield. It appears, also, that the influence of the President-elect was exerted in General McDowell's behalf. A son of General Garfield's was fortunately named Irwin McDowell Garfield. This peculiar combination of fortuitous circumstances proved successful. General McDowell was retained and General Ord was retired.

General News.  
It is said that Captain Joseph W. Collins of the United States Fish Commission, has accepted an offer from the Swedish Government to establish a fishery in Lapland.

The Ponca chiefs left Washington for Carlisle, Pa., to visit the Ponca children at the Indian Industrial School there. To day the chiefs will leave Carlisle for their reservation in the Indian Territory.

A. S. Logan, a lineal descendant of the famous Logan, Indian Chief of the Six Nations, has been appointed to a position in the Interior Department.

The yellow fever is reported to be disappearing from Guayaquil, Ecuador. During the height of the epidemic the deaths are said to have been 80 per day.

The West Indian man of war Haytien, from Port Royal for Philadelphia passed inside the Capes of the Chesapeake yesterday.

The French bark Siam was lost on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, America, on December 11th. All on board except the mate and one sailor were lost.

Brigadier General Marcy, Inspector General of the United States Army, and Colonel John G. Barnard, of the Engineer Corps, were yesterday placed on the retired list, their retirement to date from Jan. 2d.

SECOND EDITION

GOOD SKATING IN SOUTH CAROLINA.  
COLUMBIA, Dec. 30, 1880.  
The 4th of February, 1883, is referred to in the Columbia weather records, which go back more than seventy-five years, as the coldest day ever known here, the thermometer on that occasion falling as low as 7 degrees above zero. But to-day has far surpassed that and will probably be remembered for many years to come as the coldest day ever known in this region. Last night, at eleven o'clock, the mercury marked 17 degrees above zero, and continued falling until day-break, when it recorded 1 degree below zero. All the ponds in the vicinity of Columbia are frozen, and if the cold continues there will be good skating to-morrow. To-night the cold is intense, and the indications are that it will be even severer than last night.

THE ARCTIC WAVE IN THE WEST.  
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 30, 1880.  
The Ohio River closed here at five o'clock this morning, and news received indicates that it is frozen over solid for quite a distance below. The thermometer at noon registered 20 degrees above zero.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30, 1880.  
The cold spell has been more severe and lasting than any for eight years, but it has been singularly free from casualties. The railroad trains were arriving quite late on all the roads, being in some cases, six hours behind time. Considerable difficulty is experienced in handling freight and live stock, so that the receipts have materially decreased at the stock yards.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30, 1880.  
The river was gorged some miles below the city last night or early this morning, and the ice stopped running in this harbor about half-past ten A. M. The weather is much milder to-day.

THE DELAWARE CLOSED.  
BORDENTOWN, Dec. 30, 1880.  
This is the coldest day experienced here this winter. The thermometer ranges from 8 degrees above to 10 degrees below zero. The Delaware River is again closed tight from shore. This morning men were crossing from Pennsylvania to New Jersey. They report that the snow back on the highway is eight feet in depth in some places where it is in drifts.

ICE IN THE MISSISSIPPI.  
SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 30, 1880.  
The weather is very cold and ice is running in the river.

COLD NEAR THE TROPICS.  
COLUMBIA, Ga., Dec. 30, 1880.  
The present is the coldest weather on record in this section. The thermometer in this city stood at 4 degrees above zero to-day and on the Alabama hills it was at zero. The snowfall of yesterday virtually suspended business.

KENTUCKY TREATED TO AN ICE CROP.  
LOUISVILLE, Dec. 30, 1880.  
The Signal Office reports that the temperature here yesterday morning stood at 7 degrees below zero, and at no time during the day got higher than 5 degrees below. At midnight it was at 2 degrees below, with a brisk southwest wind and clear weather.

AWAY DOWN IN TENNESSEE.  
CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 30, 1880.  
The mercury fell last night to 3 degrees below zero in this city, the coldest weather here for four years. The ground is covered with snow to the depth of four inches.

NEBRASKA SHOWS THE LARGEST INCREASE OF POPULATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The population of the State of Nebraska, according to the schedules returned to the Census Office by the enumerators, is 452,482. Of this number, 249,376 are males and 203,107 females, 355,043 native and 97,390 foreign born, 449,806 are white, 2,627 are colored. "Indians not taxed"—that is, Indians in tribal relations under the care of the Government—are not included in above.

Mr. Howard M. Jenkins, editor of the West Chester Village Record, is named for Assistant Clerk of the Senate. He is an able and upright man, unswerving in his Republicanism, and worth a better place in view of his services to the party.—Press.

A CARD.  
All who are suffering from the cold and indications of youth, nervousness, early decay, loss of manhood, I will send a recipe that will cure you. It is called "The Great Remedy," discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. Joseph T. Lusk, Station 2, New York City. Mails—codday.

NOTICE—DISSOLUTION.  
The co-partnership heretofore existing between Chas. W. Talley and Thos. J. Talley under the firm name of Talley & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

CHAS. W. TALLEY,  
THOMAS J. TALLEY.  
The saw and planing mill as well as the bent pipe business will be continued at the old stand, Orange street, below Water, by the undersigned who alone is authorized to settle the business of the late firm.

WANTED—A cook. Apply at 118 Market street.

ENTIRELY NEW FOR LADIES.  
A private room for the sale of TRUSSES, BRACES, SUPPORTERS, ELASTIC STOCKINGS, SYRINGES.

Of all kinds and other private appliances which for variety of stock and excellence of materials are unsurpassed.

LADIES' PRIVATE ENTRANCE  
AT NO. 1 WEST SIXTH ST.  
A LADY ATTENDANT.  
Z. JAMES BELT,  
APOTHECARY,  
Sixth and Market Sts., WILMINGTON, DEL.  
THE NORMAL CLASS OF THE ACADEMY  
Will begin its half year's work, Monday, Jan. 3, 1881.

AMUSEMENTS.

"ACADEMY OF THE STATE."  
Probably one of the best plays that have been presented in this city is "The Academy of the State," which will be presented to-morrow evening at the Opera House. The drama has been produced in all the large cities, where it has run four to six weeks to crowds of thousands. The play was written by Henry and translated by Mr. George.

They have been equal to the task of making the play a success, and of organizing a company to present it. To the Opera House, where it was first presented, it formed a traveling company of excellent actors, and at the beginning of the present season placed "A Child of the Opera House" on the stage. We are glad to see that the venture has prospered beyond even the sanguine expectations of the managers. The play, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has run from time to time reproduced the success of its presentation, all of which has been the most exuberant character of the country, and some of the best artists in the country, exclusive of the author and of the theatrical season may be expected.

"REVELS."  
On Monday evening our citizens will have an opportunity of revelling in "Revels" at the Opera House, the occasion being the second appearance in this city of the famous "Revels" company. This is what the Philadelphia Record says of their appearance in the Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, in August last: "It is difficult to conceive of entertainment more enjoyable than the truly extraordinary success of the 'Revels' public Surprise Party, and the last night of the company's tour, the popularity of the troupe had reached its highest point, and most distinguished audience in the country, exclusive of the author and of the theatrical season may be expected."

On Wednesday night at Dover, Wm. S. McNair, Assistant Adjutant General of this Department, instituted Major Wm. F. Smith Post No. 6, G. A. R., with the following officers: Commander—Joshua Hodge. Sr. Vice-Commander—John D. Hayes. Jr. Vice-Commander—Peter Griffin. Adjutant—Charles G. Patton. Quartermaster—Noah Sharp. Surgeon—Andrew J. Matson. Chaplain—Charles White. Officers of the Day—Wm. B. Downs. Officers of the Guard—James F. Fisher. Sentinel—Joshua Gibbs.

Comrade McNair then presented the Post with a magnificent banner, the gift of a distinguished citizen of this State. It was received on behalf of the Post by Chaplain Hammond of Post 5, and a resolution of thanks tendered the generous donor.

In a recent interview between a member of Smyth Post and Bishop Becker, the latter asked: "What must we do to be a soldier in the Grand Army?"

On being told that many doubted whether he would approve it or that it would receive the approval of the church he replied: "I have no objection whatever, and it is not opposed by the church."

On being asked the privilege of using his words, he further said: "I have no objection to your using my words."

COL. INGERSOLL.  
Tuesday evening next, Col. Robert G. Ingersoll will deliver his new lecture "What Must We Do to be a Soldier in the Grand Army?" and wherever he delivered the lecture he has been received with large and enthusiastic audiences.

"MY PARTNER."  
On Monday evening, January 10th, Adelphi & Parthenon with an excellent company will appear in "My Partner."

WILMINGTON, DEL.

THE DELAWARE TRADING COMPANY.  
The Delaware Trading Company, which has been in business for many years, has just received a large stock of goods, and is now offering them at a great discount. The goods are of the best quality, and are well suited for the winter season. The company is located at No. 100 North Market Street, and is open from 10 o'clock to 6 o'clock.

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