NEW-JERSEY NEWS

THREE SHOT ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

ONE MAN DEAD AT RED BANK AND TWO SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AT LONG BRANCH.

Long Branch, Dec. 26.—There were two shooting affrays in Monmouth County on Christmas. Perry Herbert, a white man, who was shot last night in front of the saloon kept by John Stillwagon, by John Holliday, a colored man, is now in the Memorial Hospital, and the physicians say that he cannot live. The bullet entered Herbert's left breast and lodged near his heart. After the shooting Holliday made his escape and has not yet been caught.

The trouble which led to the tragedy started on Christmas Eve, when there was a raffle in Stillwagon's saloon for a pair of chickens. A white man named John H. Coles had an argument with Holliday about the way of throwing dice. Cole's friends attacked Holliday, and the other colored men in the place went to his assistance. The white men were compelled to retreat from the saloon.

Last night, at 9 o'clock, the two parties again met in the saloon. With Holliday were Lorenze and Jesse Cluff. The white men drove Holliday into an alley and cornered him there. Then he drew a revolver and fired two shots. The first bullet hit Herbert and the second went through the overcoat of James Creighton, but did not hurt him. Holliday then ran away, but the Cluffs were placed under arrest. They were subsequently released.

The second shooting occurred at Red Bank. William Showles, a bareback rider connected with the Barnum & Bailey circus, was showing a revolver to the bartender in the barroom of the Union Hotel, when it went off accidentally and the bullet lodged in the bartender's breast near the heart. The bartender's name is Ansel Croft, and he died from his injuries. Showles surrendered to the police and he was held for manslaughter.

Another shooting occurred in Camden, and as a result Charles Butler, of No. 538 Central-ave., is locked up in the Camden County Jail. The charge against him is that he shot Louis Tinsen, of No. 536 South Eighth-st., in the thigh. Tinsen is in the Cooper Hospital. He says that the shooting was accidental.

JERSEY CITY'S $20,000 FIRE.

Fire shortly after midnight yesterday destroyed two frame buildings, Nos. 626 and 628 Newark-ave. The fire broke out in Klein's drygoods store, No. 626, and spread to No. 628. The firemen were summoned, but could not prevent the destruction of the buildings. The store No. 628 was occupied by Augustus Cohen, a wholesale liquor-dealer. Some of his stock was saved, but the stock of Klein was destroyed. The two upper floors of No. 626 were occupied by Mrs. Patrick Roche, and the building was owned by the Roche estate. The loss to Klein's stock is placed at $10,000, while that of the building is put at $6,000. Cohen's loss is $3,000 on stock, and on the building $5,000.

FUNERAL OF ELIAS S. WARD.

The funeral of Elias S. Ward, one of the best known residents of Newark and a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor at the late Convention, was held from his home, No. 10 South Ninth-st., this afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. Stephen H. Gransberry. The Rev. Dr. Kelly, of Brooklyn, delivered the eulogy. Among those present were Vice-President-elect Garret A. Hobart, Governor John W. Griggs and United States Senators Sewell and Smith.

HUNTERS RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

Elizabeth, Dec. 26.—Two men named Weinrich and Heinze left New-York yesterday to enjoy a day's hunting near this place. They got lost in the woods near Aldene, and last night, while walking on the tracks of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey, with the evident intention of going to the nearest station, a train came upon them. Weinrich was killed, as were the two dogs the men had with them. His body and those of the dogs were found frozen stiff to-day. Heinze was badly hurt. He is at Bank's Hotel, in Roselle, and the remains of Weinrich were removed to the Morgue.

HARRY STEELMAN DEAD.

Woodbury, Dec. 26.—Harry Steelman, a prominent glass manufacturer, died at his home in Clayton this morning of typhoid fever. He was an influential business man, active in church and Masonic circles and well known in Republican politics. He was a member of the Board of Registration and once a member of the Common Council. He was a member of the firm of Moore Brothers, glass manufacturers.

DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Belvidere, Dec. 26.—John Morrison, one of the wealthiest residents of Oxford, died at his home last night from a fractured skull. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Morrison, who weighed about 380 pounds, was out walking and fell on the ice. He struck on his head, and received the injury which caused his death. Mr. Morrison was unmarried, and his lawyer now has charge of his body. He was the principal owner of the Oxford silk mill, and was also the possessor of valuable property in Paterson and other places.

A CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE.

Camden, Dec. 26.—A Christmas tree caught fire here last night, and for a time the home of Lemuel Horner, of Westfield-ave. and Cove Road, was threatened with destruction. Miss Horner attempted to light a candle on the Christmas tree after supper, and set fire to some of the inflammable trimmings. Firemen prevented the blaze from spreading, and the damage amounted to not more than $200.

KILLED BY AN EXPRESS TRAIN.

Camden, Dec. 26.—Giuseppe Faralis, seventy-two years old, of No. 1,854 South Sixth-st., was instantly killed near Ferry-ave. last evening by the Atlantic City express train.

CHARGED WITH MISAPPROPRIATION.

New-Brunswick, Dec. 26.—Former Freeholder Frank Mulvey, of Middlesex County, was to-day arraigned before County Judge Strong to plead to an indictment returned against him by the Grand Jury for misappropriating county funds. The specific charge against him is that he charged $30 for taking John Curren and James Curren, lunatics, to the Trenton Asylum. He pleaded not guilty, and the Court said he would fix a date later for the hearing.

MAY LOSE HIS FOOT.

Elizabeth, Dec. 26.—A shaft fell on Thomas McAuliffe, in the Singer Sewing Machine Works, at Elizabethport, this afternoon. His foot was crushed and will have to be amputated. He is at the Alexian Brothers' Hospital.

REASONS FOR RUMORS EXPLAINED.

Superintendent Young of the Consolidated Traction Company said yesterday that there was no truth in the report that a reduction was to be made in the number of the company's employes. He said there had been a meeting of the division superintendents on Thursday last, at which it was decided to discontinue for a time the work of construction on the various branches. The men now employed on the work of construction would be transferred to other departments of the road.

CAPTAIN JOHN HANAWAY MISSING.

Captain John Hanaway, a wealthy coal-barge owner, sixty years old, has been missing from his home, on the Boulevard, near Communipaw, since December 12 last. He left home on that date in response to a telegram he had received, and has not been heard from since. As he was in the habit of carrying a large amount of money on his person, it is feared that he has met with foul play. He is well known among the coal merchants of Liberty-st., New-York.

THE PEOPLE TIRED OF THEM.

From The Jersey City Journal.

The Freeholders act like a lot of boys. They are wearing out the patience of the people. There is no doubt that the question of abolishing the Board would, if submitted to the people, be carried by an overwhelming majority.

SUFFERING FOR IT NOW.

From The Camden Telegram.

Sympathy expressed for Hudson County tax-payers is sheer waste. They know what they want and are determined to have it. They elected the man for Sheriff they desired last November, and with him a Board of Chosen Freeholders, the majority of the latter being chosen on the Republican ticket, but it embodies "the same old gang" who have been plundering the county for years, no better and no worse. Little "Bob" Davis, the same old boss, is in full command of both the Sheriff's office and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, with the tax-payers' full consent. The Legislature should not, and probably will not, interfere with the domestic affairs of Hudson.

HAS PRODUCED EXCELLENT RESULTS.

From The Metuchen Recorder.

The system of school savings banks introduced in South Jersey about two years ago has brought excellent results. Savings to the amount of $27,322 12 have been laid up by 3,612 depositors. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is urging the extension of the system. It is a familiar saying that he who does not learn to save while young never will. By all means let the plan be put in force by the teachers of Raritan Township.

PLAINFIELD.

FEW ENTERTAINMENTS IN CHRISTMAS WEEK—THE Y. M. C. A.'S NEW YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

Preparations for Christmas giving have monopolized the attention of all classes alike in Plainfield during the week just passed, and there have been few society functions of any consequence. Next week promises to be a lively one in circles here, for young people from colleges and seminaries are at home and eager for good times.

The Christmas exercises in the Plainfield High School were much more elaborate this year than for several years past. They were held on Wednesday morning, and included in addition to reading and recitations by the scholars, and an address by the Rev. J. O. McKelvey, a solo by Charles Lewis, of the Crescent Avenue Church choir.

The reception given on Monday evening by Mrs. Talmage and Mrs. Ege for the Central Avenue Euchre Club, was a slight diversion from the usual set programme. The euchre party was enjoyed first, and Mrs. F. O. Herring and Mr. Duxbury won first honors. The feature of the evening was the Christmas tree. The gifts were all intended for little children and there was a great deal of genuine fun in distributing the gifts. Those present as guests of the club were Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Herring, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Van Vliet, Mrs. Phiser, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Duxbury, Mr. Middledith, Mr. Gilbert, the Misses Anthony, of Plainfield; Miss Worthingham, of New-York.

The Loyal Additional Benefit Association of the Royal Arcanum met on Monday night and elected officers as follows: Councillor, E. W. Conklin; vice-councillor, S. C. Baker; past councillor, A. W. Rand; orator, H. E. Lavell; collector, A. I. Littell; treasurer, D. W. Littell; recorder, F. J. Pope; chaplain, F. S. Green; marshal, Robert Lowry; guide, E. T. Van Winkle; sentry, H. M. Demarest; trustee, three years, D. W. Littell. The officers will be installed January 3.

The Young Men's Christian Association of this city will hold "open house" on New Year's Day. There will be a literary entertainment in the hall, and the visitors will also be entertained in the gymnasium. There will probably be a drill and some work on the different apparatus. There will also be several contests open to the members of the association. There will probably be the running high jump, putting the shot and the running board jump. A basket ball game between the teams from the evening classes and the business men's class will be played. The hours will be from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock.

MATAWAN.

Glenwood Institute and the graded school have closed until the first Monday in January.

The Friday Whist Club was entertained on Friday afternoon of last week by Mrs. H. H. Longstreet, at her home in Main-st.

Fifteen young women of the Glenwood Mission Band, of this place, will give a fan drill in the Presbyterian Church at Keyport on Tuesday evening next.

The cantata "Santa Claus's Reception" was given in the Methodist Church on Christmas night by the scholars of the Sunday-school.

The Christmas entertainment of the First Baptist Church Sunday-school will be held on Monday evening next.

JOHN M. MORSE DIES OF PNEUMONIA.

John M. Morse, secretary of the Police Mutual Aid Association, and who for over a quarter of a century has been a member of the Newark Police Department, died of pneumonia at his home, No. 117 Thirteenth-ave., Newark, this morning. Of late years Morse was doorman at Police Headquarters. He was fifty-seven years old, a veteran of the war and prominent in K. of H. circles.

A GIRL PROBABLY FATALLY BURNED.

Sadie Bowen, sixteen years old, was probably fatally burned yesterday. She was employed as a domestic by Mrs. Louis Goodman, of No. 259 Monticello-ave., Jersey City, and while working in the kitchen her dress caught fire. Her mistress seized a quilt and smothered the flames. The unfortunate girl was taken to the City Hospital.

FELL AND BROKE HER NECK.

Bordentown, Dec. 26.—Mary Stewart, eighty-five years old, living alone at Bridgeboro, Burlington County, fell down stairs in her home last night with a lighted lamp in her hands. She struck on her head, broke her neck and died instantly. The lamp set fire to the house, but the fire was put out before much damage was done.

FERRY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE.

Officials of the Hoboken Ferry Company made public the statement yesterday that the company had consolidated with the New-York and New-Jersey Ferry Company under the corporate title of the former company, and with the Hoboken Ferry Company's old staff of officers, as follows: Roswell Eldridge, president; Garret A. Hobart, vice-president; Lewis A. Eldridge, secretary, and H. K. Knapp, treasurer.

VOLUNTEERS ANXIOUS TO HELP CUBA.

Morristown, Dec. 26.—Residents of this city have formed a company of volunteers ready to go to Cuba and help the patriots to free themselves from Spain. Robert Williams, a Justice of the Peace, and a veteran of the Civil War, is the prime mover in the organization, and has been selected as the commander of the company. Ninety young men have signed the roll and are eager to begin the artillery drill, with Mr. Williams as instructor.

AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

St. Louis correspondence of The Baltimore Sun.

An original copy of the first printed "Rules for the Society of the People Called Methodists" was found to-day in this city. It was published by John and Charles Wesley over their own signatures in 1743, and contains the nucleus of the literature of the Methodist Church.

The circular is of four pages and is falling to pieces from age and handling. The paper is yellow and the print is unreadable in places from the stains of time. The first paragraphs are as follows:

"First—In the latter end of the year 1739 eight or ten persons came to London, who appeared to be deeply convinced of sin and earnestly groaning for redemption. They desired (as did two or three more the next day) that I would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads. That we might have more time for this great work, I appointed a day when they might all come together, which from thenceforward they did every week, viz., On Thursday, in the evening. To these and as many as desired to join with them (for their number increased daily) I gave those advices from time to time which I judged most needful for them, and we always concluded our meetings with prayer suitable to their several necessities.

"Second—This was the rise of the United Society, first in London and then in other places. Such a society is none other than a company of men having the form and seeking the power of godliness; united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love that they may help each other to work out their salvation.

"Third—That it may be more easily discerned whether they are indeed working out their own salvation each society is divided into smaller companies, called classes, according to their respective places of abode. There are about twelve persons in every class, one of whom is styled the leader."

The rules for the use of these leaders are then set forth, together with a list of the occasions of temptation that beset mankind. Prominent among the latter is "drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity." The exhortation warns the members of the society against "doing what we know is not for the glory of God—as the putting on of gold or costly apparel; the singing of those songs or reading of those books that do not tend to the knowledge or love of God; softness and needless self-indulgence; laying up treasures on earth; borrowing without a probability of paying."

Although most of the pronouns in the document are in the first person singular, it is signed "J. and C. Wesley"; the date is May 1, 1743, and at the bottom is the imprint, "Printed by T. Cordeaux, 14 City Road, London."

It was just about this date that the "Society of People Called Methodists" obtained possession of their first house of worship. It was an old cannon foundry, near the present site of Finsbury Square, in London, and the Wesleys lived in an old house in the rear of it. They conducted a sort of religious book store in one of the rooms of the foundry. The church was always known as "The Foundry," and was never more pretentious than a bare-walled, comfortless room, with rough wooden benches, upon which sat the congregation in separate groups of men and women.

THE UNKNOWN NORTH.

From The Minneapolis Journal.

J. B. Tyrell, of the Dominion Geological Survey Department, lately returned from the unknown north, where he has been making explorations. He left Selkirk on June 24. Taking canoes at Grand Rapids, he, with Indian guides, proceeded to Norway House, and descended the Nelson River 160 miles to the Pine River, which they ascended to the Wolf River. All this territory has practically never before been entered by white men. Reaching the Nelson, they again descended it for about seventy-five miles, and followed the Burntwood to a remote Hudson Bay Company post.

"This large section of the country," says Mr. Tyrell, "is not a wilderness of rocks such as lies to the east of here, and has been described by many of the men who have pretended to have a knowledge of the region. I found a well-wooded country, interspersed with stretches of prairie; a soil of rich clay loam, with clay subsoil. Great stretches that were a few years ago heavily timbered with spruce have felt the deadly effects of fire, and are now a blackened stubble of dead trees.

"There are large areas of rich, cultivable lands west of the Nelson, and, though wheat is not grown, simply because it would be of no value, all varieties of vegetables are produced in the gardens of the Hudson Bay Company posts and proved hardy. Large stretches of prairie also occur, and I have stood on the banks of the Burntwood River and gazed on just such rich stretches as might have been seen on the Saskatchewan or Assiniboine—land that will be good for agricultural purposes and excellent for stock-raising some time, though now it is practically inaccessible.

"All this country is but a continuation of the Red River Valley. It is all the deposit of a great lake, of which Lake Winnipeg is the sunken representative, which stretches from a short distance east of the Red to the Pembina Mountains on the west, and from Grand Forks on the south to a point further north than was reached this trip.

"Except for the climate, that great country to the west of the Nelson River has been as richly blessed by Providence as the far-famed Red River Valley."

IN THE ORANGES.

THE UNITY CLUB'S ENTERTAINMENT.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE DAY NURSERY'S VAUDEVILLE PERFORMANCE—SMOKING CONCERT AT THE SOUTH ORANGE FIELD CLUB—INTERESTING GOSSIP OF SOCIETY.

The amateur performance that is to be given in Music Hall on Tuesday, January 19, for the benefit of the Day Nursery is attracting considerable attention. The affair is a novel one, and will consist of a vaudeville entertainment, in continuous performance, from 3 to 11 p. m. It will open with acts mainly for the entertainment of children, and the regular programme will follow directly after this. In the upper hall there will be a roof garden, where a bevy of young women will act as waitresses and entertain. Here will be served a substantial supper for all who choose to attend. Other novel features are under consideration, but the full list of attractions has not yet been decided on. The affair is in charge of Miss Belle Ward, Miss Katharine Farnsworth, Miss Caro Gallison and Miss Florence Davis.

The Unity Club, of the First Unitarian Church of Orange, gave a pleasant entertainment in the church parlors last evening, when the farce-comedy "Tom Cobb" was excellently rendered by a number of the young people of the church. The cast was the following: Colonel O'Fipp, Benjamin Chandler; Tom Cobb, Joseph C. D. Hitch; Whipple, Victor D. Baldwin; Matilda O'Fipp, Miss Nettie Watkins; Mr. Effingham, Samuel Yardley; Mrs. Effingham, Miss Susie Chandler; Bulstrode Effingham, Edward Aborn; Caroline Effingham, Miss Belle Ward. The evening closed with a social dance.

The Orange Valley Young Men's Christian Association has been given up, and the Board of Directors has decided to reorganize the work on broader lines, much on the plan of the People's Palace in Jersey City. The committee having the matter under advisement consists of Clinton E. Brush, Henry H. Truman, Dr. Henry A. Mandeville, John McKeon and W. C. Powell, with an Advisory Committee consisting of the Rev. Charles A. Savage, of the Orange Valley Congregational Church, and the Rev. Stanley White, of the Hillside Presbyterian Church. The committee has appealed for aid to the old subscribers to the Young Men's Christian Association fund.

A most enjoyable smoking concert was held in the clubhouse of the South Orange Field Club on Tuesday night, at which there were some excellent vocal and instrumental music, sleight-of-hand performances and humorous recitations by members of the club and others.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lucy May Blackman, daughter of E. B. Blackman, of Elm-st., to Harry S. Way, jr., of Newark.

The second of a series of subscription dances in Berkeley Hall, East Orange, took place on Thursday night, when about 125 of the younger society set were present. The dance was given under the patronage of Mrs. Charles Betts, Mrs. Robert Dun Douglass, Mrs. William B. Dillon, Mrs. David De Bevoise, Mrs. Alfred B. Farnsworth, Mrs. Louis C. Gillespie, Mrs. Robert W. Hawkesworth, Mrs. Henry G. T. Martin, Mrs. Abraham H. Ryan, Mrs. Franklin Webster and Mrs. Frederick Worth.

Miss Maud Ackerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ackerman, of No. 36 Lake-st., East Orange, was married on Thursday evening to Uzal Henry Corby, of Millburn. A large number of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony.

The Orange Cycle Club gave a select dance in Bray's Hall on Monday evening, at which about 100 guests were present.

WESTFIELD.

The devotees of checkers and chess have, under the direction of the Chess Club, started a series of games to continue during the coming week. The players will soon have a cosey clubhouse in which to entertain their friends.

The Social Club will hold its fourth annual reception in their rooms on New Year's Eve, and preparations are being made for a large number of guests. The committee on management intends to eclipse all previous receptions.

The members of the Exempt Firemen's Association elected to membership a large number of old timers at a meeting last week, among whom were L. C. Theis, M. M. Scudder, J. K. Polk, C. H. French, L. G. Venn and John D. Gluck.

The sale of fancy articles and entertainment held by the young women of the Episcopal Church last week was made a success through the efforts of a committee consisting of Miss Nellie Ingraham, Miss Georgie Bogert, Miss Hattie Hale, Miss Mabel Holcomb, Miss Grace Harden, Miss Della Bogert and Miss Katherine Peabody.

At the regular communication of Atlas Lodge, F. and A. M., the officers elected for the coming year were: Worshipful master, J. B. Green; senior warden, W. J. Kennedy; junior warden, R. S. Fisher; warder, C. D. Ross; secretary, F. R. Pennington; chaplain, A. S. Clark; senior deacon, W. W. Gilby; junior deacon, G. L. Colgate, jr.; tyler, C. H. Finch; trustee, J. F. Dorvall; proxy to Grand Lodge, A. S. Clark.

A week of prayer will be observed by the churches with union meetings, which will begin on Tuesday evening in the Baptist Church.

An entertainment was given on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Eustice, of North Side. A large number of friends from out of town attended, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jennings, G. E. Harris, Miss Lulu Harris, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. True, Miss True, E. F. Giles, M. T. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Alberts, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brandon, Miss Ella Corse, Miss Hattie Clark, Mrs. G. E. Miller, Miss Ada Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Kline, Charles S. Denton and Andrew Martin.

BLOOMFIELD.

The Madrigal Society gave one of its enjoyable concerts in the First Presbyterian Church on Monday night. The accompanists were Miss Laura P. Ward and Wenham Smith. Louis J. Minier was organist. The soloists were Lewis Williams and Miss Frances Miller.

To-night the members of Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, F. and A. M., will attend Christ Episcopal Church in a body, when the rector, the Rev. E. A. White, will preach a sermon on "The Relationship Between Masonry and the Church.

The Bloomfield and Montclair branch of the Police Benevolent Association will hold a ball on February 11.

Mrs. J. Smith Chitterling has issued invitations for an "at home" on Wednesday next, from 4 to 7 o'clock, at her home in Woodland-ave. Mrs. Chitterling will be assisted by Mrs. E. E. Bond and Mrs. Nelson M. Chitterling.

The members of Essex Hook and Ladder Company will keep open house on New Year's Day.

The Sunday-school of the Park Methodist Church held its Christmas festival on Thursday night.

HOBOKEN.

The Amphion Glee Club will give its tenth annual concert in Quartet Club Hall on January 19.

Hoboken Lodge, No. 508, Trainmen's Brotherhood, gave its fourth annual ball in Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening.

The wives and daughters of the members of the Christian Woerner Camp, Sons of Veterans, were present at the meeting of the camp held in Odd Fellows' Hall on Tuesday evening, and organized themselves into an auxiliary of the camp to be known as the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Woerner Camp, S. of V., No. 1. The officers are: President, Mrs. R. Woerner; vice-president, Mrs. G. W. Payne; treasurer, Miss Beaver; chaplain, Miss Cline; guide, Miss E. Gunderdorf; assistant guide, Miss E. Glock; inner guard, Miss L. Gundersdorf; outer guard, Miss Lulu Gundersdorf. A supper followed the business meeting.

At the regular meeting of Euclid Lodge No. 138, F. and A. M., Monday evening, these officers were elected: C. W. Boehr, Worshipful Master; Philip Steurwald, Senior Warden; William C. Brandt, Junior Warden; Alexander C. Manship, Senior Deacon; J. C. Allen, Junior Deacon; William N. Parsow, Treasurer; Henry Vanderbilt, Secretary; Rev. G. C. Houghton, Chaplain, and C. F. Guth, Henry Hattkiss, August Grassmann, trustees. Oscar Frommel was chosen to act as proxy to the Grand Lodge and District Deputy Benjamin F. Wakefield installed the new officers.

ROSELLE.

The Parks, of the Plainfield Bowling League, met defeat at the hands of the Casino bowlers on Tuesday, when they contested for the prize in the League games. This is the third game to the credit of the home team.

The Cribside Hospital is in need of clothing for women and children, and a committee, consisting of Mrs. M. W. Mulford and Mrs. R. C. Blancke, is endeavoring to obtain the necessary supplies.

Miss Laura Faulkner has sent out invitations for a dance to be held at her home on New Year's evening, at which time Miss Dora Rollins, of Baltimore, will be introduced to her friends.

An authors' reception will be given by the Dorcas Society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips on Thursday evening.

The return of the Rev. A. C. McCrea from Carlisle, Penn., where he was married to Miss Josephine Mediller, was the occasion of a reception to the bride and groom at the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, the members of the congregation extending a cordial welcome to the pastor and his wife.

The Debating Society held a meeting at the Union schoolhouse on Tuesday evening. J. B. Bonnell read an essay on "Labor." The subject for debate was the Mississippi River resources, and was taken in the affirmative by A. B. Headly and Frank Brown, and in the negative by E. C. Townly and Fred Haeder. The judges were A. B. Kline, J. B. Bonnell, with Howard B. Kline, critic.

SOUTH AMBOY.

The Christmas festivals of the Baptist and Methodist Sunday-schools were held on Christmas night.

The public schools closed on Thursday, and will open again on January 4.

Miss Ethel Pearse, of the St. John Baptist School, New-York, is a guest at Christ Church rectory.

St. Stephen's Association held a reception in the clubroom on Saturday night.

PATERSON.

A RECEPTION BY THE WORKING GIRLS' SOCIETY.

MISS KEELY'S RECEPTION—MARRIAGE OF MISS DOLPHIN AND MR. TAYLOR—SOCIETY GOSSIP OF INTEREST.

The members of the Working Girls' Society entertained their patronesses and guests with a delightful afternoon chocolate, of which fine music, beautiful floral decorations and the Japanese costumes of the hostesses were pleasing features. Among those present were Mrs. William H. Williams, president of the society; Miss Reed, honorary president; Miss Lillie Smith, vice-president; Miss Fannie Johnston, secretary; Mrs. Robert Healy, treasurer; Miss Keeler, Miss Kinne, Miss Tynan, Miss Ryle, Miss Agnew, Miss Butler, Miss Murray, Miss Salter, Miss Anderson, Miss Barbour, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. T. Y. Kinne, Mrs. George McCarter, Mrs. William I. Lewis, Mrs. Joseph Tynan, Mrs. Joseph Bergen and Mrs. Samuel Smith.

Miss Mabel Douglass and Edward J. Waters were married on Monday afternoon. The affair was absolutely private. After their return from their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Waters will give a large reception, for which cards are out, at their home in Park-ave.

Henry B. Crosby and a party of friends, consisting of Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. J. C. Allen, Mrs. A. C. Newton, Miss Florence Crosby, Miss Maud Allen and Miss Josephine Newton, will leave on Tuesday for Mr. Crosby's cottage in Winter Park, Florida.

Suitable closing exercises, previous to the holiday vacation, were pleasantly held on Thursday forenoon in all the public schools, which are closed until January 4. On Thursday or Friday evening Christmas programmes were given in nearly all the churches.

Miss Elizabeth Keely, of Park-ave., entertained a party of young people, mostly graduates of the class of '95, Paterson High School, and her pupils at that time, at her home on Wednesday night. They included Misses Florence Crowell, Florence Nathan, Myra Seddon, Mattie Van Fleet, Etta Van Fleet, Maggie Graham, Annie Keely, Annie Cronin, Miss Johnston; Messrs. Harkness Bonoman, Charles Howe, Albert Smyth, Edward Tuers, Ernest Meding, William Close, Vernon Royle, Gordon Walton, Frank White and Lewis White.

A large family party gathered at the home, in Warren-st., of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kriger, on Monday night, to celebrate the eightieth birthday of their host.

Miss Annie Dolphin and Chauncey Taylor were married on Wednesday night at the home of the bride's mother in Godwin-st. The Rev. E. F. King, of the Paterson Avenue Church, performed the ceremony. Miss Ida Dolphin and Wesley Lutton attending.

The marriage of Miss Louise Jennings and Thomas G. Hughes took place on Monday evening at the Fourth Baptist Church, the Rev. Joseph Sullivan officiating. Miss May Hughes and William Hughes were in attendance. A reception followed at the bride's home in East Twenty-fourth-st.

The Rev. Dr. T. E. Miller, of the First Presbyterian Church, married Albert O. Jones and Miss Bertha Murray on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Mabey Meyers and Sydney Jones were in waiting.

ELIZABETH.

There was a pretty wedding on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, in Hampton Place. The bride was Miss Susie M. Doyle, their daughter, and the bridegroom was Merchant Meeker, the eldest son of Captain William H. Meeker, of Morris-ave. Only intimate friends of the two families were present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. A. Owen, pastor of St. James's Methodist Episcopal Church.

Miss Lulu Winans was married to Ward Collins, of Bayonne, on Wednesday evening, at No. 100 Orchard-st., the home of Aaron B. Winans, father of the bride. The bride wore a dress of white satin and organdie, with tulle veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Anna Cheeseman, of Metuchen, and Miss May Culver, of Elizabeth. They carried bouquets of white carnations. The flower girl was Miss Eveline Winans, youngest sister of the bride. The best man was Harry Updyke. The wedding march was played by Miss Lillian Winans. The Rev. J. A. Owen, of St. James's Methodist Episcopal Church, officiated. Guests were present from Metuchen, Bayonne, Elizabeth and New-York.

State Commander Colonel E. C. Stahl, of Trenton, will visit Elizabeth on Saturday evening next and will publicly install the newly elected officers of Judson Kilpatrick Post, G. A. R. They are: Commander, Joseph Cameon; senior vice-commander, James Houston; junior vice-commander, Edwin Marsh; officer of the day, James Decker; quartermaster, Julius Lambert; surgeon, Frank Douglas; adjutant, Dr. Pickett.

The pupils of the Misses Vail Deane's select school gave a pleasing Christmas entertainment on Wednesday at the school. The programme consisted of recitations, violin and piano solos, followed by a play, entitled "The Three Sombre Maids," in which the eight characters were well sustained.

The Sunday-school of the Central Baptist Church will hold its Christmas tree exercises on Tuesday afternoon next.

MONTCLAIR.

A charming reception was given on Tuesday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Dexter N. Force, at their home in Fullerton-ave., to introduce their eldest daughter, Miss Agnes Force. Mrs. and Miss Force were assisted in receiving by Mrs. John R. Emery, Mrs. Joel Jenkins, Mrs. E. A. Bradley, Mrs. E. G. Burgess and Mrs. Theodore Wallace.

Miss Mary Worth has issued cards for an informal tea at her home in Park-st. on Thursday afternoon. Miss Crevier, Miss Haskall and Miss Stockwell will assist in receiving.

Montclair Hose Company No. 1 elected these officers at the annual meeting: President, Dr. James McDonough; vice-president, A. F. Smith; treasurer, D. M. Caro; foreman, William Carson; assistant foreman, Alexander McGregor; fire police, J. Gardner and John J. Kaveny.

The Young Men's Christian Association will hold open house on New Year's Day, and the Ladies' Auxiliary will be present to act as a Reception Committee.

A subscription dance will be given in the Club Hall on Friday evening, January 8, under the patronage of Mrs. Hiland Porter, Mrs. Rodney A. Ward, Mrs. J. Soutle Porter, Mrs. William Radford, Mrs. Frederick M. Harrison and Mrs. Henry C. Meyer, jr.

The High School Alumni Association held its semi-annual meeting in the High School assembly-room yesterday evening. After the routine business was transacted, there was speaking and music, followed by a dance.

The Wednesday Afternoon Club met last week at the home of Mrs. A. S. Swenarton, in Union-st., the afternoon being devoted to the discussion of "Trusts and Syndicates."

On Tuesday evening Miss Anna Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Meyers, and Jean Claude Victor Reynal, all of Montclair, will be married in the first Congregational Church. There will be no reception after the ceremony.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

Sousa's band will give a concert in Columbia Hall on Tuesday evening next.

A complimentary dance will be given in Hart's dancing parlor on Wednesday evening by a number of young women. The active committee consists of Misses Mabel Dixon, Clara Ross and Margaret Auten.

Three new members were elected at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association on Monday evening. They are Theodore Runyon, Charles Parker Wilber and Francis Edward Wilber.

A musical for the benefit of the Second Presbyterian Church will be given at the home of Judge Woodbridge Strong on Thursday evening.

Rogers Council, No. 203, Catholic Benevolent Legion, will hold their annual banquet on Tuesday evening, January 12. The new officers will be installed.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association was held on Tuesday evening. The officers elected are: President, Joseph H. March; vice-president, Robert W. Helm; secretary and treasurer, Robert Hoagland; directors, E. A. Yaning, Joan F. Moore, Ellis N. Bedford, Dr. Harvey Iredell and Loyal T. Ives.

George Lammertz gave a dinner to a number of his friends on Monday evening. Those present were William M. Van Nuis, Dr. F. A. Shannon, ex-Mayor William Strong, Captain John Virgus, Stephen Goddard, John Willis, Henry Staats, Loren Bragdon and John Boulger, of New-York.

Miss Grace Bauer, of this city, and Joan N. Suydam, of Stelton, were married by the Rev. Linn E. Wheeler on Monday evening.

RUTHERFORD.

Christmas celebrations for the Sunday-schools of all the churches are the chief entertainments of the week. The Methodists led off on Thursday night, and on Tuesday night a celebration will be held at the First Presbyterian, Grace Episcopal and Rutherford Baptist churches. The Christmas tree festival of the Church of Our Father was held on Christmas night.

The annual reception at the Union Club will be held on Thursday night next. The committee in charge consists of President Carl von Hartz and the following ex-presidents of the club: Mayor E. J. Turner, Collector Charles Burrows, Major C. E. Waters and M. W. Hawes.

It is announced that Miss Katharine B. Koster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Koster, is engaged to Horace Somers Ward, of Hamilton, Bermuda.

The formal installation of the Rev. W. W. Case as pastor of the Rutherford Baptist Church took place on Tuesday evening.

The Borough Council met for the last time in 1896 on Tuesday, and Mayor Turner entertained his colleagues officials at a dinner afterward.

NEWARK.

ENTERTAINMENTS OF A WEEK.

MARRIAGE OF MISS VIRTUE AND MR. TOUZALIN—A RECEPTION FOR MR. AND MRS. ANTHONY KUSER.

All Newark society is interested in the coming production by society amateurs of "The Road to Ruin," and great interest is taken in the rehearsals. The proceeds are to go to the Woman's Exchange for woman's work.

Invitations have been sent out by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Dryden to a ball to be given in honor of Colonel and Mrs. Anthony R. Kuser, at their home in Broad-st., for Tuesday evening, January 5. The large room added to their home previous to the recent wedding of their daughter, Mrs. Kuser, will be used as the ballroom.

The Paragraph Club, a morning literary club composed of a number of society ladies, will hold its first meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Borcheling on Wednesday morning next. The subject will be "Louis XII of France."

Miss May Kate Virtue and Charles Hayden Touzalin, of Chicago, were married in Wickliffe Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening. There were six bridesmaids, a maid of honor, a best man and six ushers. The Rev. J. Gardner Hammer, jr., performed the ceremony, and the bride was given away by Charles W. Dowers, of Elizabeth, a cousin. The church was decorated with palms. A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Catherine S. Virtue, at No. 125 Littleton-ave.

A home wedding took place on Wednesday night at the house of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Price, No. 96 Mount Prospect-ave., when their daughter, Miss Libbie, was married to Joseph Grott, jr., by the Rev. Dr. French.

An exhibition of the work done by the industrial classes of the Young Women's Christian Association was given on Wednesday night at No. 104 Court-st.

At the men's mass-meeting to be held in Association Hall this afternoon the superintendent of the Jerry McAuley Mission of New-York City, S. H. Hadley, will tell of his work of rescue in "Darkest New-York." Duets will be sung by Miss Lottie Townley and R. Newton Salter. An orchestra will lead the singing. A song service will be held in the parlors to-morrow night.

The County Republican Society has engaged William Barry to produce his comedy, "The Rising Generation," for the benefit of the society, at the Newark Theatre on February 8.

The Assembly ball will take place to-morrow night in Oraton Hall.

Mrs. Benjamin Atha and Mrs. Henry Gurney Atha will give a tea on Monday from 4 to 7 o'clock at their home, No. 756 High-st.

Mrs. David A. Depue has sent out cards for a tea to be given in honor of Miss Jessie Halsey on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Depue home, No. 24 Park-st.

Superintendent Gilbert, of the public schools, will suggest proper supplemental literature for the schools. He has found that the children do poorer work in reading than in any other study, and attributes their backwardness in great measure to the lack of good reading material. He is of the opinion that there should be a large increase in the list of supplemental reading books, of which there is a great variety far superior to the reading books in use. The superintendent has also been instructed by the Textbook Committee to investigate the course of study in all the schools and report within three months.

Mrs. Cummings gave a small dinner