SOCIETY DAY BY DAY.

These days before Christmas are not fraught with much that is of social import. The opera in the evening serves as a diversion, but it was a bit unfortunate that the first two nights should not have been separated a bit. In comparison to the evening before, the house last night was a wee bit disappointing.

Some of the parterre and some of the second tier boxes were empty. But the orchestra seats and other parts of the house were well filled. It was more of a music lover's than a fashionable night. A number of fashionable women were present, however. There was more variety in the coloring of the gowns, and some handsome jewels were worn.

Among the new visitors were Mrs. Pembroke Jones, who had box No. 2. Mrs. Jones was in a pretty white and black frock, striped silk, with diamonds. Mrs. Oliver Harriman was with her. Miss Leary appeared for the first time in box No. 4. Miss Leary was in white silk, high necked, with diamonds, and a large bow of white ribbon in her hair. Mrs Francis Burrall Hoffman, who was with her, was in black, with pearls Mrs. Frederick Pearson was in white satin, in the same box. Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, in box No. 8, wore a white lace and satin gown with diamonds and a wreath of convolvulus of a light blue.

The Misess Van Alen were in the Van Alen box. Miss Sara Van Alen was in white chiffon, very simple, with a large bunch of white roses. Her hair was worn à la Merode and in it she had a white rose. Miss May Van Alen was in white silk. Mrs. Albert Bierstadt was in white silk and diamonds in box No. 24.

Mrs. Joseph Stickney had several guests with her, among whom was Mrs. Charles Childs. Mrs. Childs was in black tulle. Mrs. Stickney was in pearl panne embroidered in silver. Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs wore a gorgeous costume of white satin with a parure of diamonds and pearls and small tiara of diamonds. She was in box No. 29.

Mrs. Jules Reynal in box No. 11 was in pearl colored brocade with diamonds and a pompon of white feathers. Mrs. H. McK. Twombly was in white satin embroidered in black jet. She wore a lavander pompon of feathers.

Mrs. Charles T. Barney and Miss Barney were in box No. 9. Miss Barney was in white. Mrs. Adolph Ladenburg was in the Astor box. She wore a pretty gown of pale pink satin and some beautiful diamonds. Mrs. Reeve Merritt, in black chiffon, was in box No. 3 with Mrs. W. Emlen Roosevelt. Others in the parterre were Thomas Cushing, Elisha Dyer, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bradish Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Bliss, Mrs. Griswold Gray, Mrs. Richard Irvin, Miss Della E. Gurnee, Mrs. H. F. Dimock, Miss Dimock, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes and Miss Stokes, Miss Morgan, Mrs. E. J. Berwind, Mr. and Mrs. Storrs Wells, Mrs. Dallas B. Pratt and Miss Pratt.

With the exception of the opera, the only diversions of the evening were bridge parties and again dinners. There were no large dances and only a few receptions in the afternoon. Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish's bridge class met in the afternoon, as did also that of Mrs. Pembroke Jones. One of the largest dinners was given by Mrs. James Varnum. The first meeting of the Amusement Club, organized by the Misses Gillet, was held.

The wedding of Miss Gladys M. Whitin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Whitin, and Thomas E. Peters, of Gloucestershire, England, took place yesterday afternoon at Grace Church. There was a large and fashionable congregation present. The bride wore white satin trimmed with lace, and a tulle veil. Her maid of honor and her bridesmaids were in white crepe silk and lace. Miss Caroline Nichols, of Worcester, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Juliette Hubbell, Miss Charlotte Stillman, Miss Cecil Boardman, of this city; Miss Angelica Thompson, of Troy; Miss Louise Weightman, of Philadelphia, and Miss Susan Franklin, of Baltimore. Harry M. Ward was best man. The ushers were Dwight Taylor, Edwin Sands, W. Forbes Morgan, a cousin of the bride; C. Morton Whitman, Templeton Johnson and Stowe Phelps. The Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, rector of Grace Church, performed the ceremony. The vested choir took part. A reception was held afterward at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitin, No. 9 West Fifty-sixth-st. Mr. and Mrs. Peters are to go to India on their wedding trip.

Mrs. Alfred Ely and Miss Ely, of No. 175 Second-ave., held another of their receptions yesterday. Many guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cameron sailed for Europe yesterday. They will remain abroad for some time, and on their trip will visit Mrs. Cameron's brother, Mr. Turnure, at Cairo.

One of the affairs of this evening is a dinner to be given by Peter Marié in honor of Mrs. John W. Mackay. Mrs. Mackay is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay.

Levi P. Morton and the Misses Helen and Alice Morton sailed yesterday to join Mrs. Morton and her daughters, who are abroad. Mrs. Morton has been lately at Biarritz. Her health is much improved. Mrs. Horace Porter, wife of the Ambassador to France, has sailed also for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry will give their annual reception and dance on January 24. Mr. Gerry is at present giving a series of dinners.

Among the recent dinner cards received are those of Dr. and Mrs. William Seward Webb, for January 9, for a dinner of young people in honor of Miss Frederica Webb, and of Mr. and Mrs. Francis McNeil Bacon, No. 20 West Tenth-st., for Thursday, December 27. Besides the dinner mentioned, Dr. and Mrs. W. Seward Webb will give a reception on the afternoon of January 5 for Miss Webb, and two dances, one on January 16 and another on January 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Dyer and Miss Laura Swan will sail for Europe on January 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mortimer have taken the Glover house, Madison-ave. and Fifty-fourth-st., for the season. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Smith will occupy Lady Strafford's house, in West Sixteenth-st., this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waterbury have taken a house in Park-ave.

The first of a series of private concerts by the Morgan String Orchestra quartet took place yesterday at the house of Mrs. J. West Roosevelt, No. 119 East Thirty-first-st. Emil Paur played, and several numbers were given by the quartet. Among those interested in these concerts are Mrs. Lindley Hoffman Chapin, Mrs. Stanley Mortimer, Mrs. Henry Marquand, Mrs. Stanford White, Mrs. Prescott Hall Butler and Mrs. Emlen Roosevelt.

The Amusement Club, organized by the Misses Gillet, met last evening at the Misses Gillet's house, No. 13 East Twenty-fourth-st., where a dance took place. The cotillon was led by George W. Hodges.

Mrs. John Wolfe and Mrs. Grenville Kane will give the last of two receptions this afternoon at their house, No. 11 East Thirtieth-st., for Miss Sybil Kane.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan's youngest grandson, Laurens Hamilton, was christened on Sunday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pierson Hamilton. Miss Anna Morgan and Miss Ursula Morgan were his godmothers.

Mrs. Dexter Hawkins gave a dinner party last night at her home, No. 5 West Thirty-fourth-st.

Mrs. Edward Beadle and Miss Alice Harland have organized private theatricals, which will take place this evening at the Berkeley Lyceum for the benefit of Southern missions. Those who will take part in the performance include Miss Harland, Miss Catherine Johnson and Miss Janet de Kay. The pieces presented are to be "The Three Miss Biddles," "Cups and Saucers" and "Gentleman Jim."

Dinner parties will be given this evening by Mrs. Warren C. Beach, No. 585 Fifth-ave., in honor of Miss Elisa Strong, and her fiancée, William V. B. Kip; by Mrs. William A. Street, No. 43 Park-ave.; by Mrs. Edward Lyman Short, No. 20 West Thirty-seventh-st., and by Mrs. J. Allen Townsend, No. 237 Madison-ave.

The first of the Cinderella dances at Sherry's will take place to-night under the patronage of Mrs. Stanford White, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, Mrs. J. Kennedy Tod, Mrs. Stephen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Charles T. Barney, Mrs. Frederick de Peyster, Mrs. John S. Barnes and others.

Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis have taken a house at Washington for the winter. Mrs. Eustis will be remembered as Miss Edith Morton, daughter of Levi P. Morton.

A large number of dinner parties will be given on Saturday. Besides that of Mrs. Astor, which has already been announced in these columns, invitations have been issued for that day by Miss Elizabetwh Remsen and by Mrs. I. Townsend Burden. Miss Remsen's dinner will be in honor of Mme. Sembrich.

Among the forthcoming receptions announced is one by Mrs. James Wilson Clark, of No. 40 East Fifty-third-st., who gives at homes on Tuesdays, January 8 and 15. Mrs. Samuel P. Hinckley has issued cards for January 8 and 17. Mrs. Payson Merrill, of No. 41 East Sixty-seventh-st., will be at home on Thursdays in January. Mrs. Henry Ashton Crosby, of No. 20 Washington Square West, has cards out for Fridays in January, while Mrs. Charles Boyd Curtis, of No. 9 East Fifty-fourth-st., has issued invitations for at homes on January 8 and 15.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, jr., has entirely recovered, and was present at one of the theatres on Monday night. Preparations are being made for the christening of her little daughter by Father Murphy, of the Cathedral, who, it may be remembered, likewise officiated at Mrs. Vanderbilt's wedding.

Next Monday being the day before Christmas, Mr. Bagby's next musical morning will take place at the Waldorf-Astoria on Thursday, December 27, when Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and David Bispham will be among the star attractions.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Townsend, of No. 224 West Fifty-second-st., will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding by a dinner given to a few friends at their home on Sunday. Mr. Townsend is the creator of "The Townsend Library of the Civil War," which was forty years in preparation. It has been purchased and presented to Columbia University. He is also the author of "Honors of the Empire State," a work devoted to a detailed description of the part taken by New-York in the War of the Rebellion, and of "From Columbus to Lincoln: Crises in American History." Mr. Townsend enjoys a vigorous old age, and is at present engaged in completing the final volume of his "Library."

A NEW "BOSS" IN TOWN.

WHY MR. STRAUS RESIGNED

HE SAYS PURPOSES FOR WHICH HE HAD RESUMED TURKISH MISSION HAD REACHED "LOGICAL CONCLUSION."

Oscar S. Straus, ex-Minister to Turkey, who recently resigned his diplomatic post and was succeeded by Mr. Leishman, when see at his home, No. 27 West Seventy-fourth-st., last night, and asked about the status of affairs when he reliquished his office, said:

When I was asked by the President two and a half years ago to again take up the mission to Turkey, it was because matters had come to a standstill, and no attention was paid to American affairs. We had tried for three years to have our Consul who was appointed to Erzeroum recognized, but had failed. Within thirty days after my arrival this matter was carried through. A number of our missionaries who had left their posts in the interior of Asia were prevented from returning. I insisted upon the rights of American citizens under our treaties to travel wherever they pleased in Turkey, and the result was that for both English and Americans and foreigners generally I succeeded in obtaining what is generally characterized as the open door.

Shortly before my appointment the Turkish Government sent a reply to our Government denying all responsibility for the destruction of American missionary property during the Armenian troubles which occurred in 1895, and refused to permit the rebuilding of the American school and college buildings which were destroyed during the troubles. I took the whole matter up anew and argued the question from the standpoint of international law. They met the arguments and endeavored to controvert them by citing against me the position of the United States Government in troubles that arose in Florida against some Cubans and also the massacre of some Chinese in the far West and also the lynching of some Italians in New-Orleans some ten years ago, and citing that our Government had denied all liabilities in these cases. These cases had not escaped me in the original argument, and I was not surprised that they were brought up. I then showed them that while we did not admit strictly our liability in each case, yet from a spirit of equity and in order to preserve the good relations between the countries we made pecuniary compensation.

I then turned to the books and gave them the evidence. This had the effect of completely changing their attitude. I next, under my instructions, informed them that I would insist upon the demand for an arbitration if they continued to deny liability, and pointed out to them that if they accepted we would certainly defeat them upon the international law of the question, and at the same time such an arbitration would necessarily bring up all the questions and all their connection with the Armenian massacres; that if they refused, it would be notice to other nations having like claims, some of them much larger than ours, like England, France and Italy, that they declined the only just and equitable way for nations to come to an agreement upon so important a matter of difference. The result was that in December, 1898, in an audience had with the Sultan for that purpose, he agreed to the indemnity. This promise was subsequently repeated by him to me at intervals of twelve months. In other words, the principle was won

We had practically obtained judgment upon our claim, and subsequently we succeeded in obtaining the permit for the rebuilding of those schools and colleges which had been destroyed. Upon my return to this country and under the guidance of Secretary Hay we continued the negotiations, and now we have arrived at a satisfactory stage, and as the purposes for which I had again taken up the mission had reached their logical conclusion, I was permitted a few days ago to resign.

Regarding the present status of the negotiations I do not feel justified in going into details. This much I think I may say, that I have received from the President and from Secretary Hay such a generous appreciation of the work that has been performed that I feel fully compensated for whatever personal sacrifices it may have cost me for having again resumed my mission. They have also recognized that I have earned the right in view of what had been accomplished to return to private life. This much I desire to add, that under the guidance of a wise, able and experienced a diplomat and statesman as Secretary Hay the task of performing one's duties, even at Constantiople, is made as easy as possible for it to be. I speak from an experience of service under three Administrations. I am sure the Government understands that I have not permitted private interests to prevent my performing a public duty and that I did not resign until I could do so without detriment to the public service, for I certainly hold, and will ever hold, that duty to country comes first.

Mr. Straus will to-day deliver an address at Harvard on "American Citizenship and Expatriation."

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

The seventh reception of the Actors' Church Alliance will be held at All Souls' Hall this evening. There will be a musical and literary programme and addresses by the Rev. Dr. R. Heber Newton, honorary vice-president; William H. Crane and the Rev. W. D. P. Bliss.

The management of the American Theatre is making preparations for a production next Monday night of "Faust." It will be an elaborate and costly revival, with new scenery, costumes and electric lights.

J. Wesley Rosenquest has just secured from Eugene Presbrey his new play, "New-England Folks," and will give it an elaborate production next season at the Fourteenth Street Theatre. The play is in four acts. There are no sensations, no horses, no cows, no hens and no pigs.

TAX ON H. W. WEBB'S WILL.

AN ESTATE VALUED AT $673,725 GOES TO THE WIDOW WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN OIL PAINTING.

Anson Baldwin, of Yonkers, yesterday filed in Westchester County his report as transfer tax appraiser for the estate of Henry Walter Webb, who was vice-president of the New-York Central Railroad. The report shows that the personal property is valued at $555,725 and the real estate at $118,000. The State will receive $5,557 as a transfer tax. The will of Mr. Webb consisted of only one hundred words. It leaves to his widow, Leila Howard Webb, the entire estate, with the exception of a large oil painting of his father, James Watson Webb, which is bequeathed to G. Creighton Webb, a brother, as a token of his sympathy and devotion during the testator's illness. The portrait has been appraised at $1,000.

The report further shows that the property of the decedent at Scarboro-on-the-Hudson is valued at $110,000, and that he carried a life insurance of $144,170.

A codicil provides for the care of his two sons in the event of his widow dying without leaving a will. He directs that the United States Trust Company shall have charge of all of the estate, and that if the children are still minors at their mother's death the trust company shall pay to each son $12,500 annually for his support and education.

NEW THEATRE AT THE CIRCLE.

THE STRUCTURE TO INCLUDE A HOTEL—OTHER RUMORS OF THEATRES.

Detroit, Dec. 19.—A contract was signed here today by E. D. Stair, part owner of the Stair circuit of theatrical enterprises, by which the Pabst Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, agrees to erect a hotel and theatre on the Circle, in New-York City, at a cost of $700,000. The contract embraces a lease of the theatre to E. D. Stair, who will operate the same as a popular priced theatre. The building will be 100 by 140 feet in size. The entrance to the theatre will be opposite the Columbus monument on the Circle. The hotel will be operated on the European plan. It is said that C. J. Whitney, of this city, may be associated with Mr. Stair in the management of the theatre.

The theatre mentioned in this dispatch is to front in the Circle, at the southwest corner of Central Park, a short distance west of Eighth-ave. It will run through to Fifty-eighth-st. The hotel mentioned will, it is understood, occupy the space bounded by the theatre on the west, Eighth-ave. on the east, Fifty-eighth-st. on the south and the Circle on the north. The Circle has been the grave of theatre-building reputations, much as South Africa has been the grave of military reputations. Several have been projected before, one of them having been intended for this very spot. Last summer a harmless, necessary music hall was actually fitted up on the Circle, a little way north of the present site, and when it was all done the managers were unable to get a license, and it is still unopened. It is understood that the new theatre is to be finished in time to open next October.

Reports of the building of new theatres are a little feverish just now. It was announced a few days ago that land had been secured on the north side of Forty-sixth-st., just west of Longacre Square, for the theatre to be built for David Belasco, and there is another story of a theatre to occupy the whole block between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth sts., on the west side of Longacre Square. It is said that this is for the theatre to be managed by George W. Lederer, of which some mention has heretofore been made. This report has been denied, but some still believe it.

CHANGES IN LINCOLN NATIONAL.

JAMES STILLMAN AND WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER ELECTED DIRECTORS OF THE BANK IN FORTY-SECOND-ST.

James Stillman, president of the National City Bank, and William Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Company, were yesterday elected members of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln National Bank. Mr. Stillman last summer increased his holdings of the stock of the bank, and it is said that both he and Mr. Rockefeller have since then acquired additional stock. The Lincoln National, which is in Forty-second-st., opposite the Grand Central Station, has been regarded as a Vanderbilt institution; but the entrance of Messrs. Stillman and Rockefeller into its directorate is taken in Wall Street to mean that the National City Bank interests will in future control the Lincoln as they now control the Second National Bank, at Fifth-ave. and Twenty-third-st., of which Mr. Stillman is president.

It was reported yesterday that this control may cause some changes in the management of the Lincoln Bank, the retirement of Thomas L. James, the president, being among the possibilities. An effort was made last night to communicate with Mr. James at his home, at Englewood, but without success.

Directors of the Lincoln National Bank, exclusive of Messrs. Rockefeller and Stillman, are Thomas L. James, William R. Grace, M. C. D. Borden, Charles C. Clarke, F. W. Vanderbilt, Marcellus Hartley, James D. Layng and E. V. Rossiter. The capital of the bank is $300,000, and the stock is quoted at 500 bid. It pays 18 per cent a year dividends.

FUNERAL OF MRS. CALVIN S. BRICE.

Lima, Ohio, Dec 19.—The funeral of Mrs. Calvin S. Brice took place at the West Market Street Presbyterian Church here to-day. The services were conducted by the Rev. Robert J. Thomson, pastor of the church, assisted by Dr. Thomson, formerly president of Miami University, who delivered an address at the funeral of Senator Brice.

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY ELECTION.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Medico-Legal Society was held last night at the Hotel St. Andrew, Seventy-second-st. and Broadway. Clark Bell was re-elected as president; George S. Porter, first vice-president; F. D. Crothers, second vice-president; H. G. Chapin, secretary; M. Ellinger, corresponding secretary; Dr. F. B. Downes, pathologist; Miss Caroline F. Taylor, treasurer; Professor Charles H. Doremus, chemist; Dr. J. Mount Bleyer, curator; Professor W. B. McVey, toxicologist; F. L. Hoffman, librarian; F. G. Frost, assistant librarian; B. G. Demoise, bacteriologist; Dr. E. J. Lederle, microscopist; Judge A. J. Dittenhoefer, legal trustee; Dr. G. S. Heft, medical trustee; F. E. Crane, legal counsellor; Dr. G. Chaffe, medical counsellor; Permanent Commission, L. A. Emory, legal, and George L. Porter, medical.

MR. CLEVELAND'S REMEDY.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY MUST REJECT FREE SILVER AND POPULISM, WHICH BETRAYED IT.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Former President Grover Cleveland contributes to this week's issue of "The Saturday Evening Post," of Philadelphia, an extended article on the plight of the Democracy and the remedy. Mr. Cleveland begins by reviewing the history of the party, and he discusses its defeats since 1864 in detail. In taking up the question of the present condition of the Democracy, he says that the success of the party in 1892 was so decisive and overwhelming that a long continuance of its supremacy was anticipated. Then came "the fallacy of" free silver and Populism. Mr. Cleveland proceeds as follows:

The culmination of Democratic woe was reached when its compact with these un-Democratic forces was complete, and when our rank and file were summoned to do battle under banners which bore strange symbols and were held aloft in unfamiliar hands. The result of such a betrayal was foredoomed. This abandonment of the principles of true Democracy, this contemptuous disobedience of its traditions and this deliberate violation of the law of its strength and vigor were, by a decree as inexorable as the decrees of fate, followed by the inevitable punishment of stunning, staggering defeat.

The disaster of 1872, invited by similar mad adventure, was quickly followed by a return to the professions and practices of sane Democracy. But the extent and persistency of our wanderings in 1896 is illustrated in a most astounding way by the command—issued on the day of our rout and discomfiture—that a second battle should be fought on the same field, with the same false war cries and the same leadership that had brought us to the surrounding gloom of defeat.

Again he says:

Thus in 1900 the lesson of 1896 was contemptuously rejected, and every hope of Democratic success was wilfully cast aside. Again our long suffering rank and file, whose loyalty and obedience deserved better things, were sacrificed in a cause theirs only in name; and again it was demonstrated, but more clearly than ever before, that the only forces that can win Democratic success are adhesion to recognized Democratic principles and reliance upon Democratic councils and leadership.

Why should we not return to these and in their name again achieve victories no less glorious and renowned than were ours in the days of courageous advocacy of our time honored faith? Are our principles so shopworn or antiquated as to require renovation, or their displacement by others more fashionable? There is not an honest Democrat in this broad land that will concede these things, nor is there one who would not hail the proclamation of the old faith with that fighting enthusiasm that foretokens Democratic triumph. As new conditions arise, our principles must be applied to them; but in the creed that has guided us through a century of party existence we shall find the key to every such application; nor shall we need the lexicon of Populism to aid us in interpreting this creed.

Mr. Cleveland touches in turn on free silver and the Federal courts, and believes that true Democrats are against condemning "the general Government for protecting itself in the exercise of its functions against violent obstruction within a State."

Further on he declares:

I believe no Democrat will have the hardihood to deny that we have fought our last two campaigns in alliance with un-Democratic forces, and that this alliance was immensely costly in defeat. Is there not good reason to suppose that even in success such an alliance would have proved unprofitable and dangerous?

He preaches the return of Democracy to its old faith, saying:

Sincere Democrats of every condition and in every part of the land realize that the situation of the party needs repair. Reorganization is not necessary, but a return from our wandering is absolutely essential. Let us be frank with ourselves, and candidly acknowledge the futility of attempting to gain Democratic victories except in the Democratic cause and through Democratic methods. Recrimination is worse than useless, and the arrogation of superior party virtue will breed only mischief. This is a time for sober thought, tolerant language and fraternal counsels. We are dealing with the condition of a party that cannot be destroyed by external foes; and since its ruin can be wrought only from within it should be imperishable. Above all things, there should be a manly renunciation and avoidance of undue sectional control. Democracy will not operate efficiently on sectional lines.

There is much for us to do, and the future is full of Democratic duty and opportunity. Our fighting forces will respond listlessly and falteringly if summoned to a third defeat in a strange cause; but if they hear the rallying call of true Democracy they will rather for battles with old time Democratic enthusiasm and courage.

If I should attempt to epitomize what I have written, by suggesting a plan for the rehabilitation and restoration of true Democracy, I should embody it in these words "Give the rank and file a chance."

THE TRIER AT THE AZORES DISABLED.

Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands, Dec. 19.—The North German Lloyd steamer Trier, Captain Meyerheine, which sailed from Bremen, December 1, for New-York, has put in here with her machinery out of order. She has 630 passengers on board.

The circulating pump valves of the Trier are out of order, her steering gear is disabled and she is short of coal.

It was said at the office of the North German Lloyd Line, which owns the Trier, yesterday, that no direct information had been received regarding the steamer. She was due here on Monday. Besides her steerage passengers, she had about twenty in the cabin.

IRISH M. P. BRINGS LIBEL SUIT.

Dublin, Dec. 19.—Timothy Harrington, Nationalist Member of Parliament for the Harbor Division of Dublin, will sue "The Freeman's Journal" for libel in having intimated that his vote in the Dublin Corporation was influenced by pecuniary considerations. He demands £3,000 as compensation.

KAISERIN'S BANKER IN TROUBLE.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The banking house of Anhalt & Wagener is in difficulties owing to its connection with the Prussian Hypotheken Aktien Bank and the Deutsche Grundschuld Bank, and is asking for a moratorium. The proprietor, Herr Schmidt, is the Kaiserin's private banker and president of the Board of Overseers of the two embarrassed banks.

SUBSIDY FOR A CANADIAN LINE.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—It is announced to-day that the Government has decided to grant the Franco-Canadian Steamship Line, which runs from Montreal to Havre, a yearly subsidy of $50,000 for five years, provided it runs a biweekly service in summer and a monthly service in winter. The general manager has gone to France to arrange for the building of four new boats.

THE PASSING THRONG.

James Turner, of Idaho, speaking yesterday at the Hoffman House of the mining outlook in his State, said:

SAYS WESTERN MINES NEED MONEY.

"All the signs at present point to a great boom in mining in the West, and particularly in Idaho, in the near future; but it will of necessity come more or less gradually. It takes not only a great deal of money to develop a mine, but much time as well. We have the mines and time in the West, but the capital for new development work must come from the East or elsewhere, as all that we have is being used to the last cent. There are abundant fields for good investment in our country. As yet the surface of the great Northwest has only been scratched, and below that surface we know that untold wealth lies. No one knows or realizes just what the country is capable of, but no experiment with it has ever discovered it to be wanting. Personally I am mining in what is known as the Buffalo Hump country, a territory lying some two or three hundred miles south of the famous Cœur d'Alene. The Buffalo Hump mining region covers an area a trifle smaller than Cripple Creek. The mineral has been found in a strip of land some ten miles long by two miles wide. We have gold, silver, lead and a small amount of copper in our ore, and regard the outlook for the Hump country as of the very best. Indeed, we hope in time to take as much from it as has been taken from the famous Cœur d'Alene itself. The Hump country, however, well illustrates the necessary slowness of mining. We have been at work for some time, nearly two years, and our returns as yet are nil, while our outlay has been very large both in time and money."

LACK OF TRANSPORTATION A DRAWBACK.

"At the same time we are very well content with the progress we have made and that the future of our properties is assured. We will still, however, have a long time to wait before we will see the money invested come back, as lack of transportation hampers seriously our development. Last year we were more than a hundred miles from the railroads, and, while they are reaching in our direction, it is still sixty-five miles from the Hump to the nearest point on any railroad. You will appreciate how difficult it is to ship our concentrates by animal power, as well as how slow. The railroad will ultimately get to us, but until it does we must wait the greater returns. The developments of our camp in the last year, however, have been such that we confidently expect the railroad to come to us in the near future. Our concentrates run high—$1,200 to $1,300 to the ton—and my tests show that we lose 13 per cent, at that. I have been looking into a new process to-day. The inventor claims he can save the larger part of this 13 per cent wastage, and his process makes it seem feasible. The development and economy of mining process is simply wonderful. Ore can be taken out at a profit to-day that could not be mined at all a few years ago. Take the great Le Roi mine, for instance, in British Columbia, which was sold by its American owners to the Gooderham-Blackstock Canadian syndicate for about $6,500,000. When the mine was in the hands of the Americans they took out a large amount of ore running $6 a ton. At that time it would have cost more to treat it than they would have obtained, and so they simply threw the ore on the dump. Improvements in mining have enabled the Canadians to treat this ore, and they are to-day getting $1.70 a ton profit from the same ore that only a few years ago the former owners were obliged to throw on the dump as useless. I thoroughly believe that there is a great and remunerative era in mining setting in, but it will come gradually and call for the investment of a large amount of capital."

DENIAL ABOUT G. A. FULLER'S WILL.

H. S. Black, son-in-law of the late George A. Fuller, when seen at the Plaza Hotel last night, denied the recent stories regarding Mr. Fuller's will. Mr. Black said that it was true that a will dated five years ago had been produced in Chicago, as reported, but, he explained, the estate, which amounted to between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000, was put in trust a little less than two years ago.

About two years ago Mr. Fuller had realized that his health was failing, and by his own desire and at the request of his family John C. Fleming and W. A. Alexander, of Chicago, had been appointed trustees of his estate. Provision had been made that at Mr. Fuller's death the estate should be divided as follows: One-third to his widow, one-third to Mrs. H. S. Black, his daughter, and one-third to Fuller Chenery, his grandson. A few minor bequests were made to other relatives. This division was substantially the same as the will, with the exception that the portion given to the grandson was in the will given to Mrs. Chenery.

Mr. Black denied that Mr. Fuller was ever committed to an asylum, and said that he was aware of his daughter's death.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

YESTERDAY'S RECORD AND TO-DAY'S FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The disturbance noted Tuesday night over Southern Texas has moved to Southern Mississippi with increasing intensity, and rains have resulted in the Middle and West Gulf States and Tennessee; elsewhere east of the Rocky Mountains the weather has been generally fair. Temperatures have fallen from 6 to 22 degrees in the West Gulf States, the upper Ohio Valley, and have risen proportionately in New-England, the eastern portion of the Middle Atlantic States and Montana. The disurbance on the North Pacific Coast still remains there, with increased intensity, and rains have continued over that district and the northern plateau; elsewhere west of the Rocky Mountains fair weather continues. The Southern storm will move east-northeastward, causing rain Thursday in the East Gulf and South Atlantic States, extending Thursday night through the Middle Atlantic States. In New-England fair weather Thursday will be followed by rain or snow Friday; elsewhere throughout the country generally fair weather is indicated. It will be colder Thursday in the Middle Gulf States and colder Friday in the South Atlantic States. On the New-England Coast fresh westerly winds will become variable. On the Middle Atlantic Coast they will be variable, and on the South Atlantic Coast fresh east to south, becoming northwest Friday.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND FRIDAY.

For New-England, fair to-day; Friday rain or snow; fresh south to west winds, becoming variable.

For Eastern New-York, fair to-day; rain in southern, snow or rain in northern portion late at night and Friday; variable winds.

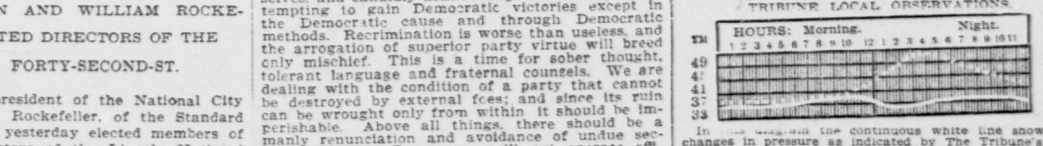
For Eastern Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, fair to-day; rain at night and Friday; variable winds.

For District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, partly cloudy to-day; rain in the afternoon or evening and Friday; light southerly winds, becoming variable.

For Western New-York, fair to-day; Friday fair in western, probably rain or snow in eastern portion; fresh westerly winds.

For Western Pennsylvania, generally fair to-day and Friday; fresh westerly winds.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.



In the diagram the continuous white line shows the changes in pressure as indicated by The Tribune's self-recording barometer. The dotted line shows the temperature as recorded at Perry's Pharmacy.

Tribune Office, Dec. 20, 1 a. m.—The weather yesterday was fair and mild. The temperature ranged between 33 and 48 degrees, the average (39½) being 9¾ degrees higher than that of Tuesday and 7 degrees lower than that of the corresponding date of last year.

The weather to-day will be fair, with rain to-night.

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MARRIED.

CHAPMAN—SALISBURY—At the home of the bride's parents, No. 295 Washington-ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., December 18, 1900, by the Rev. St. Clair Hester, Jane Kenyon Salisbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Romeyn A. Salisbury, to Harold Winchester Chapman, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

SEQUEIRA—YAEGER—On Wednesday, December 19, 1900, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Hattie Yaeger to Albert J. Sequeira.

DIED.

Adee, Ellen L.
Brower, John.
Clarke, Charlotte A.
Crane, Aaron G.
Dickerson, Maria E. K.
Elmendorf, J. D.
Fruitnight, J. H.
Gifting, William C.
Gross, J. Louis, jr.
Higgins, Lurania B.
Littell, Julia S.
Ludlow, George C.
Melcher, John L.
Meyer, F. W.
Otto, Mary S.
Parker, Montgomery D.
Watson, Caroline M.

ADEE—On December 18, at her residence, Edgewater, West Chester, N. Y., in the 81st year of her age, Ellen Louise, widow of George Townsend Adee and daughter of the late Philip Henry.
Funeral services at St. Peter's Church, West Chester, on Friday, December 21, at 3 o'clock.
Train leaves 129th-st. and 3d-ave., via Harlem River Branch of N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R., at 2:45.
Carriages will be in waiting at West Chester station.

BROWER—On Tuesday, December 18, 1900, at his residence, No. 11 New-England Terrace, Orange, N. J., John Brower, in the 62d year of his age, son of the late John L. Brower, of New-York City.
Funeral service will be held at his late residence, Thursday, December 20, at 4:30 p. m., on arrival of train leaving New-York at 3:30 p. m., D., L. and W. R. R. (Highland-ave. station).

CLARKE—On Wednesday morning, December 19, Charlotte A., daughter of the late Stephen T. and Charlotte A. Clarke.
Friends are invited to attend the funeral services at her residence, No. 21 First Place, on Saturday, December 22, at 2 o'clock.
Kindly omit flowers.

CRANE—At Orange, N. J., Wednesday, December 19, Aaron G. Crane, in the 87th year of his age.
Funeral services at the residence of his son, Thomas S. Crane, No. 24 Reynolds Terrace, on Saturday, December 22, at 11:15 o'clock.
Take 10 o'clock train on the D., L. and W. R. R.
Interment at convenience of the family.

DIED.

DICKERSON—At Paterson, N. J., on Tuesday, December 18, 1900, Maria Eleanor Kirby, widow of the late John H. Dickerson.
Funeral services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Paterson, N. J., on Thursday, December 20, 1900, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.
Interment at the convenience of family.

ELMENDORF—At Phœnix, Ariz., on Wednesday, December 19, J. Duryea Elmendorf, son of Mary S. and the late James H. Elmendorf, M. D., in the 33d year of his age.
Interment at Spokane, Wash.

FRUITNIGHT—On Tuesday, December 18, Dr. J. Henry Fruitnight.
Funeral service at his late residence, No. 161 West 57th-st., on Friday, December 21, at 4 o'clock p. m.
Interment at convenience of family.
Please omit flowers.

GIFFING—At New-Rochelle, N. Y., on Tuesday, December 18, 1900, William C., son of John C. and the late Harriet E. Gifting, in his 52d year.
Funeral services from the First Presbyterian Church, New-Rochelle, on Friday, December 21, at 2 p. m.

GROSS—On Wednesday, December 19, at his residence, No. 100 East 17th-st., J. Louis Gross, jr., son of the late John L. Gross.
Notice of funeral hereafter.

HIGGINS—On December 18, 1900, Lurania B. Higgins, widow of the late Albion P. Higgins.
Friends are invited to attend the funeral services at her late residence, No. 183 Lafayette-ave., Brooklyn, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

LITTELL—Suddenly, at Summit, N. J., on December 18, Julia Smith, only daughter of the late William and Mehetabel Bonnel Littell.
Funeral services from her late residence, No. 38 Elm-st., on Thursday, December 20, on arrival of train leaving New-York at 12:50 p. m., Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

LUDLOW—On December 18, 1900, at his residence, in New-Brunswick, N. J., suddenly, after a short illness, Justice George Craig Ludlow, of the Supreme Court of New-Jersey, in the 71st year of his age.
Funeral services on Friday, December 21, 1900, at the First Presbyterian Church, New-Brunswick, N. J., at 2:30 p. m.
Please omit flowers.

MELCHER—Suddenly, on December 19, 1900, of angina pectoris, John Lowell Melcher, in the 78th year of his age.
Funeral services will be held at his late residence, No. 30 West 21st-st., New-York City, on Friday, December 21, at 10 a. m.
It is requested that no flowers be sent.

MEYER—On Wednesday