who were not expected appeared. There being lots of room, they were soon accommodated. A feature of the dinner was the feeding of a thousand boys and girls. They were placed in the north and south ends of the hall. They made so much noise that for a time it was thought they would break up the religious meeting that followed. They hurled pies and every other thing they could lay their hands on at one another, and even at those who waited on them.

General Daniel E. Sickles and his daughter, Miss Mary Sickles, who were among the invited guests, attracted considerable attention. They spent most of the time entertaining the boys. Miss Sickles carrried a Blenheim spaniel in her arms. She called it Bulwer. When the boys set their eyes on Bulwer they began hurling mince pie and turkey at him. Miss Sickles was taken by surprise, and let Bulwer slip from her arms to the floor. Bulwer ran over to where General Sickles was seated. The boys set up a great shout and hurled knives, forks and spoons at him. Then they began cheering and shouting to General Sickles to make a speech. He laughed and said he was not able to do so.

There was an apparent shortage of mince pie for a time, and the youngsters thought that they were being overlooked. They began hurling bread and potatoes at those who waited on them, and said that they did not want turkey, but wanted more pie.

Miss Sickles went into the kitchen, and came out a minute later with her arms laden with pieces of pie. "Three cheers for Mama!" shouted the urchins, and they made a rush to take the pie from her. Miss Sickles pleaded with them to keep quiet and be patient, but they would have none of her advice. One boy, whom another called "Pinkie," upset one of the plates on which were piled a number of pieces of pie, and there was a wild scramble to see who would get the most. Miss Sickles put the other plate of pie on the table and fled in dismay.

After the boys had finished, several mothers, with their children, gathered around Miss Sickles and the old general and told of sick fathers and mothers at home. Miss Sickles whispered something to her father, and he put his hand in his pocket and drew forth a lot of change, which he handed to her. Miss Sickles distributed the money among those about her.

When the diners had appeased their hunger Commander Booth-Tucker went on the platform and led them in singing. Then followed a musical entertainment, a stereopticon exhibition and moving pictures of the Passion Play.

In the morning the army gave away nearly twenty thousand dinners at the Grand Central Palace. Each dinner was in a basket, and was calculated to feed five persons. It was uncooked, and was served in a basket made at the Salvation Army workshops. It consisted of a turkey or chicken, a loaf of bread, some turnips and potatoes, the materials for a fruit pudding, a can of soup, and a copy of the Christmas "War Cry." There were nearly five thousand of these baskets. According to the original programme, the dinners were to be given to those who presented the tickets distributed during the last few weeks by the agents of the army.

About seven hundred persons, mostly women, were awaiting the opening of the doors. More than one hundred policemen, under Roundsmen Graham, Glynn and Kane, were in attendance but there was nothing for them to do but to look on. In the big hall they saw eighteen tables laden with the baskets, and four tables covered with clothing to be given to those who appeared to need it. On the platform five hundred more dinner baskets were held for delivery to those who might come in late who had no tickets.

Somebody told "Dr. Nice, U. S. A.," yesterday, that it was going to snow on Christmas. He took $100 to the bank and got it changed into nickels, and stood with them in a bag at the foot of the stairs leading from the big hall. Whenever he saw any one with thin shoes he presented him or her with carfare and a word of advice as to the need of keeping the feet dry.

At 11 o'clock there were still twelve hundred baskets on hand, and ticket restriction was removed. Word soon reached the street, and for the next hour the baskets went off rapidly. There were only about a hundred left when 1 o'clock came.

AT LYRIC HALL, 700 NEWSBOYS.

Frank Tilford Gives a Much Enjoyed Dinner To Them—Dolls for "Little Mothers."

One of the largest Christmas dinners was that given to nearly seven hundred newsboys at Lyric Hall yesterday afternoon by Frank Tilford. While waiting for their dinner the boys amused themselves by snowballing passersby, until a squad of police were sent to keep order. The boys had about everything to eat that makes up the traditional Christmas dinner, from turkey to cranberry sauce. A band and a Punch and Judy show amused the boys while they were eating. A few boys, who had already had hearty dinners, were discovered making attempts to get a second dinner.

At the West Side Lyceum, No. 201 West Fifty-second-st., Mr. Tilford distributed dolls from a large Christmas tree to the "little mothers" of the neighborhood. They also had a Christmas dinner.

"TIM'S" GUESTS CONSUME COFFEE.

Congressman Sullivan Feeds Five Thousand Bowery District Dwellers.

Thousands who were "down on their luck" and many professional "panhandlers" partook of Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan's dinner yesterday at the rooms of his association, No. 207 Bowery. No cards of admission were required. Such of the guests as preferred lager were supplied with a special brew, but, strange to say, the majority of the hungry men preferred coffee. Three thousand gallons of coffee were consumed and less than three kegs of beer. Five thousand men were fed, batches of four hundred and fifty being seated at a time. Sullivan had a handshake as well as a "handout" for everybody, and among his helpers were Alderman Timothy P. Sullivan, Senator John F. Fitzpatrick, Assemblyman Harry E. Oxford and Dr. M. B. Feeney.

The feeding began at 1 p. m. and ended a little after 4 o'clock. It was conducted in regular order, and there was no disorder. In intervals of not more than ten minutes between batches the three tables were cleared and fresh and well filled plates substituted for the things that had been used by the previous crowd.

Among the well known characters that enjoyed the "Big Fellow's" hospitality were "Chuck" Connors, "Mickey" Curran, "Bill" Van Sikelen, "Mayor of the Bowery" and "Finger Nosed Tommy," a living sample of the surgery performed at Bellevue Hospital.

Each diner received a pair of woollen socks and a cap.

DINNERS FOR BROOKLYN POOR.

Several thousand poor children, orphans and those whose parents were unable to provide for them, were made happy in Brooklyn yesterday through the kindness of philanthropic men and women and charitable organizations. Good cheer and goodwill are everywhere prevalent. In addition to useful presents of clothing and the like the children—and in many cases their parents—received bountiful dinners.

Materials for a substantial Christmas dinner were given to about three hundred families by the Brooklyn Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. The Bureau of Charities gave an entertainment and dinner at each one of its nurseries and kindergartens, and more than one hundred families outside were supplied with dinners.

FOR STOMACH DISORDERS, GOUT and DYSPEPSIA
DRINK
VICHY CELESTINS
Best NATURAL Alkaline Water.

GIFTS FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

Christmas Trees and Dinners for Children and Adults in Most Institutions.

At the various hospitals those patients, children and adults, whose condition warranted it, ate the usual Christmas dinner, and in most instances received gifts.

At the Hudson Street Hospital the two governors, Waldron P. Brown and William W. Hoppin, helped in the celebration. Each of the thirty-one patients received a box of candy, a calendar and a Christmas card from Mr. Brown, while Mr. Hoppin contributed the greens, with which the wards were decorated, and a Christmas tree, which was placed in the upper ward.

Some kind hearted person, said to be a member of the Vanderbilt family, supplied every patient in Bellevue with some kind of a Christmas present, besides contributing three large Christmas trees, which were set up, prettily decorated, in the centre of the operating room of the hospital.

Services were conducted in the chapel connected with St. Luke's Hospital, all of the three hundred patients who were able being present.

In Harlem Hospital Christmas trees were placed in all the wards, and presents were distributed from them.

At Roosevelt Hispital the wards were all decorated with holly, and the children's ward was like a flower garden, so many flowers had been sent by friends of the institution. The children had a tree, and each was made happy by a remembrance from Santa Claus. The Russell Minstrels, employes of the hospital, gave a minstrel show in each of the wards of the hospital.

At Fordham Hospital part of an anonymous gift of $500 for the city patients in Bellevue, Fordham and Harlem hospitals provided presents for the patients.

At St. Vincent's and New-York hospitals there were Christmas trees loaded with gifts for the patients, and exercises in keeping with the day.

THE DAY AT BLACKWELL'S.

The Island Has an Air of Contentment—About a Ton of Tobacco Distributed.

On Blackwell's Island yesterday, throughout the almshouses and hospitals, there was an air of contentment, and even of pleasure. The attendants and inmates co-operated to give a suggestion of the Christmas time in the bare, if hygienic, rooms and corridors.

Early yesterday morning James E. Dougherty, the deputy commissioner of charities, visited Blackwell's. It had become known on the island that he was to distribute pipes and tobacco to the men, and when he arrived the men were assembled in the chapel. Nearly a ton of tobacco and several hundred pipes were distributed.

Said Mr. Dougherty to one fellow, as he gave him a pipe and nearly a pound of tobacco:

"Which would you rather have, this or your Christmas dinner?"

It didn't take the man long to decide.

"Yer honor," he said, "Ot t'ink dat we'd like dem bot' best, if youse don't mind."

Early in the day the Flower Mission sent over flowers, fruit and jelly for the hospitals.

Just before noon Homer Folks, Commissioner of Charities, made a tour of the buildings, in company with Deputy Commissioner Dougherty, Superintendent Roberts, William B. O'Rourke, superintendent of the Metropolitan Hospital, and Miss Pindell, the superintendent of the training school for nurses.

In the hospital for consumptives the effort made by the patients to observe the day was pathetic. In each ward there were three or four small Christmas trees, decked out with little wads of cotton and Christmas cards sent by friends. Wreaths of green, too, were suspended from the chandeliers. In some of the men's wards much ingenuity was displayed in evolving a Christmas decoration from such unpromising material as absorbent cotton and the blue and white paper in which it comes.

The inmates of the almshouses had an excellent Christmas dinner. Nearly twenty-five hundred of them were fed in the big eating rooms. Formerly the men and women ate from a narrow shelf, all the rows of men facing one way. Now the men eat at long tables, where they face each other. This new scheme lessens to a great extent the former prisonlike effect of the room.

In the afternoon religious services were held in the chapel.

CITY AND COUNTY WARDS CARED FOR.

Prisoners in the Kings County Penitentiary and the Raymond Street Jail, Brooklyn, were permitted to forget to a degree their unfortunate condition by getting three exceptionally good meals yesterday. An entertainment and a lecture were given for the men in the penitentiary.

Patients and inmates in the county hospital and almshouse in Flatbush not only had special food, but also were delighted with Christmas trees that had been bountifully decorated by a group of Flatbush women. At every hospital in the borough there was a special Christmas observance of more or less magnitude.

FEASTS FOR TOMBS COURT PRISONERS.

Prisoners in the jails and prisons in the city, as well as those arraigned in the various courts, fared better yesterday because it was Christmas.

At the Tombs there was a mass in the Catholic Chapel in the morning. No visitors were allowed, but many presents were handed through the grated doors, to be taken by keepers to prisoners. Mrs. G. Stanton Floyd-Jones, chairman of the Association of Catholic Charities, gave oranges for all hands. The St. Vincent de Paul Society gave cigars to prisoners and keepers. The City Missionary Society gave apples and small gifts.

In Yorkville Court low mass was celebrated by Father Albert Zotter, a temporary altar being erected in the corridor of the prison.

At noon the prisoners had a turkey dinner.

Presents of gloves, candies, nuts and fruit were made to the seven hundred and fifty boys and ninety girls in the House of Refuge, on Randall's Island. At noon a turkey dinner was served, and later the inmates gave a programme of songs and recitations.

In Jefferson Market court Magistrate Deuel discharged thirty-six out of thirty-eight prisoners and those held in the court prison attended religious service. Those in the Essex Market court prison had a turkey dinner and Magistrate Crane gave each man three cigars.

Warden Sullivan of Ludlow Street Jail, played Santa Claus for the twenty-three men prisoners in his charge. Each received a gift from him, besides a Christmas dinner.

It was the first Christmas in years that the jail had been without a woman prisoner.

GENERAL MOFFITT'S GENEROSITY.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Dec. 25.—General Stephen Moffitt, of this city, celebrated Christmas Day by having a turkey dinner served to every worthy person desiring it in the city. About six hundred dinners were served in this way at the hotels, and cash prizes were given away, ranging from twenty-five cents up to twenty-dollar gold pieces. Baskets of provisions were also sent to the sick and needy. Car fare and carriages were provided for those who could not walk to the hotels. General Moffitt also distributed a large bag of candy, nuts and oranges to every pupil in the public schools of the city, some twelve hundred in all. In each bag of candy was a piece of money ranging from a penny to a twenty-five-cent piece.

MRS. ISELIN DISTRIBUTES GIFTS.

In New-Rochelle the rich residents celebrated the day by aiding the poor in many ways. Adrian Iselin and Mrs. Delancey Astor Kane distributed charity generously.

To each one of the employes of the New-Rochelle Water Works Company Mr. Iselin gave gold pieces, while he supplied one hundred poor families with turkeys and chickens from his own farm. As a memorial to his deceased wife, Mr. Iselin sent a check for a large sum to the New-Rochelle Hospital for its maintenance. The officers of the institution decline to say just how much the gift was.

Mrs. Kane gave money for dinners for the patients in the New-Rochelle Hospital and the children connected with the parochial schools. Mr. Iselin also sent a check for $100 to the Organized Charities Society for charity work.

BOYS ATTACK TURKEYS STRENUOUSLY.

Eighth-st. and Tompkins Square was the scene of much excitement last evening. The occasion of the gathering was the Christmas dinner given to the boys of the Tompkins Square Boys' Lodging House. The gymnasium was decorated and turned into a dining hall. Tables were spread the length of the spacious room, and in a trice, when the doors were opened, every seat was occupied, and a large waiting list looking wistfully at the fellows who had been fortunate enough to gain the first chance. Turkeys disappeared before the attack of the feasters, and vegetables in as short order. The last course consisted of mince pie, ice cream, coffee and oranges. Exercises appropriate to Christmas were held in the reception room after the tables had been cleared.

REMEMBERED AT HEMPSTEAD.

The King's daughters of Hempstead gave a Christmas festival yesterday for the Almshouse and poor of Nassau County. William K. Vanderbilt, jr., gave Christmas presents to the school children of the district school that adjoins his large country home at Lakeville. To each of the children, numbering about one hundred, was given a large box of candy, oranges and apples. A number of the poor children received clothing as well. The principal of the school received a handsome gift from Mr. Vanderbilt. In the little rural district school on Wheatley Hills Mr. and Mrs. Edwin D. Morgan, who have been benefactors of the children for the last five years, again brought happiness to the little ones. Each one received apples, oranges, candy and toys. Clothing also was given to many.

CHANCEL DEDICATED AT GRACE.

Bishop Potter Speaks of Theatrical Churches—Services Elsewhere.

Special services, and in most instances special music, the programmes of which in many cases were printed in The Tribune, marked the observance of Christmas in the churches.

At Grace Church, Eleventh-st. and Broadway, the new chancel and altar which has just been completed were dedicated. The consecration sermon was preached by Bishop Potter, who was formerly the rector of Grace Church, and who was succeeded by the present rector, Dr. Huntington.

The church was bountifully decorated with evergreens and holly, the enormous pillars along the aisles being completely hidden with seasonable decorations.

Bishop Potter in his sermon called attention to the work of improvement that had been going on in the church for the last five or six months, why it had been done, and why it had not been done originally.

"Physical conditions," he said, "made it impossible for the work to be done when the church was first built. We could not buy the land necessary for these improvements. I now rejoice with all my heart, however, that my brother rector has had the courage, the big heartedness and the power to do what he has.

"There is no church on this island of Manhattan that makes one feel as he enters it and say: 'This is truly a church.' There are some churches that we pass upon the street and say to our friends: 'This is a church!' When we enter, however, the interior appearance gives us the idea that we have made a mistake, and that we are in a theatre instead of a church. There are just two churches in New-York that I would keep always as they now are. One is Old Trinity and the other is Grace. It is my earnest prayer to God that the dignified and stately worship now here maintained may ever remain."

Archbishop Farley was the celebrant at the Pontifical high mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, it being the first high mass celebrated by him on Christmas Day since his elevation to the archiepiscopate. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas McCloskey from the Gospel of the day. The cathedral was elaborately decorated with holly and evergreens, and was crowded to the doors. The Rev. M. J. Lavelle, rector of the cathedral, was the assistant priest. The deacons of honor were the Rev. W. J. B. Daly and the Rev. Thomas F. Murphy; the deacon of the mass, the Rev. James Honeyman, and the sub-deacon, the Rev. John J. Byrne.

A high mass was celebrated at 4:30 a. m. and Pontifical vespers were celebrated at 4 p. m.

At Old Trinity there was no especial musical programme. The church was crowded, most of the congregation being old communicants. The Rev. Joseph W. Hill conducted the service, being assisted by the Rev. J. J. R. Spong, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Albert W. Wilson. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Alfred W. Griffin, one of Trinity's curates.

At St. George's Church, Rutherfurd Place and Sixteenth-st., the regular Christmas services were held, the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford preaching the sermon.

A CHRISTMAS GOLDEN WEDDING.

A Brooklyn Couple Born in Germany on the Same Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartung, parents of Dr. Emil F. Hartung, coroner's physician of Brooklyn, were married on Christmas Day, 1852. Yesterday they celebrated their golden wedding in Turn Hall, in Sumpter-st. About one hundred guests were present, including a son, two daughters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartung were born in Germany on the same day—February 1, 1831. He came to Brooklyn at the age of twelve, and she was brought here by her parents when only an infant. They met as children in this city. A short time after their marriage they moved to Brooklyn and Mr. Hartung opened a drug store, which he conducted until he retired, fifteen years ago. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Hartung have lived at No. 358 Sumpter-st.

WALKED FAR TO PEER IN WINDOW.

Destitute Man Lingered Outside House He Could Not Enter.

A case of destitution which caused the police and the court attachés, as well as Magistrate Barlow, in the Morrisania district, to become deeply interested and lend willing aid, was found on Wednesday night, which had a sequel in the Morrisania police court yesterday.

On Wednesday night a young man walked into the Morrisania station and asked Sergeant Magan that he be allowed to sleep there. He said he was William Leusch, with no home. He had no money and wore a thin suit. He was told that to sleep in the station he must first become a prisoner. He was lodged.

Leusch said he had walked from Fourth-st. to Morrisania. He had been promised work at 6 a. m. to-day. His parents, he said, were well to do in Germany, and he came here about a year ago and started in the embroidery business. His partner's name he refused to divulge, but he said he lived at Boston Road and One-hundred-and-sixty-third-st. While in business he lived with his partner. Last July they separated, and his partner sent him to Philadelphia, saying he would send him money. The money, according to Leusch, never came, and he returned to this city, after pawning all his personal effects.

Magistrate Barlow asked Leusch why he walked from Fourth-st. to Morrisania.

"Last Christmas I lived with my partner," he explained, "and we had a beautiful Christmas tree for the little ones. I could not keep away, and walked up here to peek in the window and see the one this year. But I could not go in."

Leusch cried bitterly. The magistrate pressed a greenback into the man's hand and told him that if the promised work did not materialize he would care for him.

"When did you have breakfast this morning?" inquired the magistrate.

"Breakfast!" ejaculated Leusch. "I haven't eaten since Monday noon."

He was discharged and taken by policemen to a restaurant for a Christmas dinner.

TOYS AND FOOD FOR DESTITUTE.

William R. Hearst distributed to several thousand families in the XIth Congress District yesterday bags of toys and provisions. The families were destitute. Each package of groceries weighed fifty pounds and contained flour, coffee, tea, sugar, beans and a leg of lamb. In several cases where families were about to be evicted because of failure to pay rent a month's rent was paid, and where children's feet were on the ground shoes were given.

MISS GOULD FURNISHES TREE.

The snowstorm kept many wealthy New-Yorkers from celebrating Christmas at their country homes in Westchester County, and as a result there were few house parties. Toward evening sleighing parties became popular, and until midnight the Ardsley Casino was crowded with those who drove there from this city for dinner.

Miss Helen M. Gould did not visit her estate at Irvington-on-the-Hudson. At Kirkside, her mountain home at Roxbury, twenty crippled boys whom she is educating had a Christmas tree loaded with presents. A friend acted as Santa Claus and distributed the gifts among her proteges. The boys, who are learning manual training, sent Miss Gould a basket which one of them had woven. It was filled with wreaths of holly.

TREE AT LEWIS CASS LEDYARD'S.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cass Ledyard, at No. 271 Lexington-ave., assisted by Mrs. Romulus R. Colgate, gave a Christmas tree and entertainment for two hundred children of the Forty-fourth Street and Phelps schools of the Children's Aid Society, yesterday afternoon. Each child received several toys, with other suitable gifts, and after the distribution enjoyed a bountiful supply of ice cream and cake. The Phelps School is at No. 314 East Thirty-fifth-st. In the last year 782 children were enrolled, and, through the generosity of Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, 11,458 meals were provided.

The Forty-fourth Street School, at Forty-fourth-st. and Second-ave., has an enrolment of 523. It has given 34,053 meals.

These schools of the Children's Aid Society are attended by children too poor to go to the public schools, who, in addition to being fed and educated, are taught to do manual training work in all its branches—basketry, iron work, cooking and sewing. More than 8,000 children are now instructed daily by the society.

FOR THE MULBERRY BEND CHILDREN.

The Sunday kindergarten, No. 71 Mulberry st., gave a Christmas festival for one hundred children of the Mulberry Bend section yesterday afternoon. Ice cream, cake, candies, books and cut-glass ornaments were given the children.

A large Twelfth Night party is to be held for these children on the afternoon of January 7, in the Washington Room of Fraunces' Tavern. There will be talks over patriotic subjects.

THAT'S THE IDEA.

From The Detroit Free Press.

"How energetically they play!" said Mrs. Hojack, who was watching a football game with her husband.

"Yes," added Mr. Hojack. "They kick while the gridiron is hot."

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

REMOVAL OF THE SNOW.

Contractor Aided by Railway Companies—Delay in Traffic.

The Christmas snowstorm that began at 4:15 a. m. and covered the city with a white mantle before it stopped, at 11 a. m., caused much trouble on the elevated roads. Although the snow was light and dry enough to be brushed off the third rails easily, the steel brushes attached to the cars of the electric trains did not seem to accomplish the work satisfactorily, and the contact between the motor ploughs and the rail was broken so much by the layer of snow that there were serious delays in traffic. The worst trouble was on the Sixth-ave. line, where trains were being run at infrequent intervals in the early morning hours. The progress of every train was marked by vivid flashes of light along the third rail, a flash occurring every time a motor plough struck a lump of snow. The road was lighted up for blocks at a time by these electric pyrotechnics, the rail spitting out flame in a way that looked alarming. The trains crept along slowly, and for a time they seemed to stop altogether.

On the Second-ave. line there was almost as much trouble as in Sixth-ave. The trains in Third-ave. were delayed considerably, but they continued to run at frequent intervals. The train service on all lines was increased before 9 a. m., and after that hour the trains made fairly good time. Traffic on all the lines was light in the rush hours, fortunately, on account of the holiday. Three-car trains were run on the Sixth-ave. line while the storm continued, and for some hours later. Longer trains were run on the Third-ave. line. In the afternoon and evening the train service on all the elevated lines seemed to be adequate.

The new snow ploughs of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company kept the tracks of the surface cars comparatively clear while the storm lasted. It was noticed, however, that the company was running fewer cars than usual on all the lines. The traffic in the city was so much lighter than usual, however, that not many cars were crowded. The main trouble was that people had to stand waiting in the snow for cars to come along until they were cold.

Complaints were heard yesterday about the lack of heat in cars of the elevated roads on Wednesday night. Some of the cars were left without heat, apparently because employes of the roads had been ordered not to turn the current on the electric heaters. Health Department officials said yesterday that the company would be compelled to heat the cars in cold weather.

As usual, the traffic by trolley cars in Jerome-ave. was stopped by the snow for a time, and it was not until the storm was over that cars were run with any regularity on the line. People waited near the Central Bridge for Jerome-ave. cars until their patience was exhausted. Then they sought other lines of travel into The Bronx district.

Most of the work of removing snow from the streets yesterday was performed by the railroad companies. By their contracts which they had to sign before permits for the use of snow ploughs were issued to them, the railroad companies have to clear away the snow from several important streets and avenues this winter, and they were doing the work yesterday in a manner that pleased Snow Inspector Bouton. Broadway, from Vesey-st. to the Battery, was cleaned by the railroad companies yesterday afternoon, and the work of removing the snow was being pushed vigorously along other lines.

William Bradley, the new snow contractor, was having his first experience under the new form of contract, but he could not get nearly as many men as he wanted to employ in the work of shovelling snow. Thousands of men who would have been clamoring for the work on other days did not want to work on Christmas Day. The best Mr. Bradley could do was to keep a few hundred men at work last evening, and most of them were scattered along Broadway, between Vesey-st. and Long Acre Square. He hopes to have a large number of men at work to-day. The more streets he can clear of snow before the present snowfall melts the more money he will make.

Under the new contract Mr. Bradley gets 25 cents a cubic yard for all the snow that falls on the streets or portions of streets which he clears of snow. The measurement is from house line to house line, although the snow from the sidewalks has to be cleared by house owners. Half the snow that fell in the downtown streets melted yesterday, but wherever Mr. Bradley clears snow from a street he will get pay for the snow that melted as well as for the snow he removes. He has to accept in the calculation of the snowfall the official figures of the Weather Bureau.

Officials at the Weather Bureau said last evening that the snowfall yesterday was three and a half inches. Of the snow that fell in Broadway, between Vesey-st. and Chambers-st., about two-thirds melted before Mr. Bradley's carts could remove any of it. For that part of Broadway he will be able to collect from the city about $295, although if he were paid for the snow actually removed he would get less than $100.

THE BROOKLYN CHRISTMAS TREE.

Borough President Swanstrom Takes Part in the Exercises.

One of the largest, merriest and most successful celebrations of Christmas was given in the Orpheum Theatre, Brooklyn, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Christmas Tree Society, of which Mrs. Frank Sittig is the head. Percy G. Williams, proprietor of the theatre, not only gave the use of his house, but also provided five hundred dolls. There were several large Christmas trees on the stage, which were groaning, so to say, under the weight of presents of many kinds.

A part of the stage was left free, and while the presents were being taken from the tree by Borough President Swanstrom and distributed by Harry Stevens, the children were entertained by several songs, a performance of trained seals and selections by Creatore's Band.

Only children holding tickets, which had been judiciously distributed in the last few weeks, were admitted to the theatre, and, indeed, there was room for no more, although many poor children waited in the streets for an hour, in the vain hope that in some way or other they might squeeze in and get a portion of the happiness for themselves.

In the Eastern District another Christmas tree society furnished good cheer and substantial happiness to a thousand children in Payton's Theatre.

FINDS FATHER AFTER LONG SEARCH.

Woman Who Never Saw Him Thinks He Is in Chicago.

A search of twenty-one years for a father seems to have come to an end for Katrina Hattmansburger, who has spent the greater part of her life in active search for him in Europe and America. She lives with an aunt, Mrs. Herman Neukrantz, at No. 102 West One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st., and she thinks her father is Philip Hattmansburger, of No. 645 West Harrison-st., Chicago. She has written to him, asking him a number of questions about her mother and their relatives, so she may be sure the man is her father, she never having seen him, as he left Germany before she was born.

The family lived in Neuhofen, Bavaria. The father came to America. Her mother died, leaving as her only legacy an injunction to Katrina to find her father.

She first started working her way through Germany, and then visited other European countries. She found no traces of her father. Last spring she reached here, and informed the police of various cities of her quest. The Chicago police informed her several days ago that they thought a man living there of the same name as her own was her father.

She wrote to Hattmansburger and received a reply, in which he said that he was her father, and that he would be glad to welcome her to his home. He said he had married again. He had not known, he said, that he had a daughter, and he had been led by the police to believe his wife had died.

TOY SNAKES FRIGHTEN ITALIANS.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—A practical joke which nearly resulted in serious consequences to fifty Italians was played on an incoming train at New-Orleans it is reported here. The Italians were in an immigrant coach. When the train came to a stop before the draw of the long Bay St. Louis bridge, which spans an inlet of the Gulf, a newsboy entered the coach with several toy snakes wound about his arms. The Italians became frightened and gathered in the further end of the compartment. The newsboy pursued them, and a stampede ensued.

Bursting through the door, the panic-stricken immigrants overflowed the platform and leaped off on the bridge. With the greatest difficulty the crew got the Italians back on board and started the train. Many of them were badly bruised.

B. Altman & Co.

Announce that, as heretofore, commencing this day, December 26th, and until further notice, their store will be opened at 8:30 A. M. and closed at 5 P. M.

Eighteenth Street, Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue, N. Y.

WANT TO LYNCH NEGRO.

Pursued By Crowd After Threatening To Shoot Snowballers.

While passing along Columbus-ave., at Sixty-second-st., yesterday, William Garry, a negro, of No. 235 West Fifty-third-st., encountered a band of small boys who were enjoying themselves by snowballing truckmen and pedestrians. Garry's appearance was hailed with delight by the boys, and immediately a shower of snowballs greeted him.

He started to chastise two of his assailants, but the rest of the crowd surrounded him and pelted him at close quarters. Garry then drew a revolver and threatened to shoot some of the boys. Several men had stopped to see the fun, and they ordered the negro to put up his weapon. He turned it on them, and declared he would shoot any one who molested him.

A crowd of over a hundred men and boys had gathered by this time, and they rushed Garry. His decision to shoot failed him, and he set off up Columbus-ave. as fast as he could run. The crowd chased him, yelling, "Lynch the nigger!" Garry ran through Sixty-fifth-st. to Broadway, where he fell into the arms of Policeman Thomas Cahill, of the West Sixty-eighth-st. station. He was glad to reach the policeman in safety, for the latter drove the threatening crowd of angry men back. Garry was locked up, charged with carrying a revolver.

CHOPPED OUT OF ELEVATED PLATFORM

Drunken Passenger Suffers Only Bruises After Being Dragged by Car.

Richard A. Meredith, of No. 49 Watts-st., had a narrow escape from death at the Ninth-ave elevated road station at Cortlandt-st. yesterday. Meredith was a passenger on a southbound train, and his Christmas cheer was so objectionable that the guard, Richard Schneider, of No. 461 West One-hundred-and-forty-eighth-st., ejected him when the Cortlandt-st. station was reached.

As the train started Meredith staggered up to the gate and tried to get aboard. The motion of the train drew him in between the moving cars and the platform. The greatest excitement prevailed among the passengers as they saw Meredith being dragged along.

The guard stopped the train. Meredith was so tightly wedged between the car and the platform that an axe had to be used to extricate him. An ambulance call was sent to the Hudson Street Hospital and Dr. Clox responded. Much to his surprise, he found that Meredith had suffered only slight abrasions of the knee.

RAILROAD COMPANY INDICTED.

Hackensack, Dec. 25 (Special).—The West Shore Railroad Company, now controlled by the New-York Central Company, has been indicted by the Bergen County grand jury at Hackensack, for its neglect in properly guarding its grade crossings at Bogota and Dumont. A boy was killed at the Dumont crossing three months ago, and last month Louisa Clauson, twelve years old, was killed at the Bogota crossing, and four of her schoolmates narrowly escaped the same fate at that time.

B., R. AND P. MEN GET 7 PER CENT RAISE.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—Employes of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad have received a 7 per cent increase in wages, effective December 1. The company employs about 12,000 men, most of whom will benefit by the raise.

PLANNING NEW ORIENTAL SERVICE.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—J. S. Vanburen, general manager of the China Commercial Steamship Company, who has arrived here, says that he hopes to establish a regular steamship service between Hong Kong and places in Mexico and on the Pacific Coast, beginning on April 1, 1903. He is negotiating with ship owners in London in reference to chartering four or five steamships for the company's use.

The route of the steamships will be from Hong Kong to Japanese ports, thence to Mazatlan, and from there to some Pacific Coast port, probably this city. If the line is successful it is the intention of the company to build its own steamers.

RESTRICTION OF OUTPUT BY UNIONS.

From Cassier's Magazine for January.

While almost every trades union official is up in protest the moment you state what every one knows to be true, the restriction of output in almost every shop where union workmen are employed is systematically practised through the loafing of the men, examples by the score are available to prove it. A very good one was supplied recently by Mr. Marcus M. Marks, the president of the National Association of Clothing Manufacturers of the United States, in an address made to the National Civic Federation at New-York. Mr. Marks told of a certain establishment where the men for a comparatively long time had been earning regularly $4 a day. They were employed on piecework, but they had evidently agreed among themselves, as subsequent events proved, that none of them should try to earn more than that.

At a certain time, for some reason without any bearing on the matter of wages, the men went on strike, and their places were filled by new men, comparatively inexperienced in that particular branch of manufacture. These new men also were paid by the piece, but because of their supposed lack of proficiency were paid 25 per cent less per piece than the old hands. At the end of a week's time the startling fact presented itself to the employer that the new men were earning, on an average, $9 a day. The conclusion that his former employes had willingly idled away more than half their time was inevitable.

It was a bit amusing to hear on the same occasion, within the succeeding half hour, the dramatically uttered statement by the president of the American Federation of Labor that the great trouble with the workingman at the present time was that he worked entirely too hard. The resulting laughter that swept over the audience must have sounded unpleasantly derisive to the ears of the attending representatives of organized labor.

FRENCHMAN'S VISUAL TELEPHONE.

Paris correspondence of The London Express.

A new discovery of apparently remarkable value was submitted to-day to the French Academy of Sciences. It relates to the possibility of seeing the reflection of persons to whom one is talking through the telephone.

It is not possible, says the secretary of the academy, to pronounce upon the real value of the discovery at this early stage, but it has been submitted to the examination of a technical committee. The information publicly given on the subject is that a fresh contribution on the solution of the problem of vision through obstacles has been submitted to the academy by an inventor whose name would only be made known after the report of the committee on the practicability of the invention.

The inventor proposes to solve the problem by means of electricity, and suggests the utilization of the known electrical response of selenium to the action of light.

It may be mentioned that it is known that several persons are working at the solution of this problem of vision through the telephone.

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From The Chicago News.

"I think, my dear," said the proud mother, as the daughter sat at the piano and let a few thrilling thrills escape, "we should send Mabel abroad to have her voice cultivated."

"All right," replied the husband and father, "and the further abroad she cultivates it the better."