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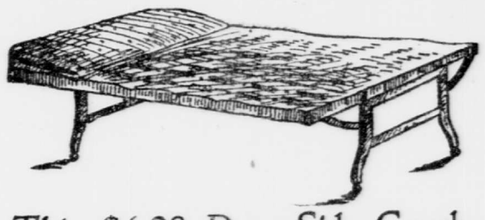

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Cotton, any size, regularly $8.75, at $6.50
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Steel Springs.

$2.50 value ..... $1.69 $3.75 value $2.49
$4.75 value ..... $3.50 $5.98 value $4.50
$9.98 value ..... $7.50 $12.75 value $9.98

Box Springs.

$10.98 value, at $7.98
$12.98 value, at $9.98
$14.98 value, at $12.75
$16.75 value, at $13.98

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Choice of Brass Beds.

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$36.75 value, for $29.98
$42.50 value, for $35.00

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$2.98 value, at $1.98
$3.98 value, at $2.69
$5.75 value, at $4.50
$8.50 value, at $5.98

Box Couches.

Regularly $10.50, at $7.50
Regularly $12.98, at $8.98
Regularly $16.50, at $12.75
Regularly $17.75, at $14.98

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BROOKLYN NEWS

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH

The Post-Christmas Christmas—Not a Drop to Drink.

More than two thousand little boys and girls of Brooklyn had two Christmases, where they were only looking for one this winter. They were the poor youngsters who took part in the Sittig Christmas Tree Society affair. The organization for the last seventeen years has provided Christmas joy for a great number of little ones. The last celebration was to have been held on Christmas at the Fulton Theatre, but there was a hitch in the programme and the affair was postponed until last Wednesday. But the results were worthy of the delay. The children began gathering at the theatre before 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning, garbed in their best. Excitement ran so high that the services of sixty policemen were required to keep order. Captain Becker, of the 157th precinct, was in charge. He had with him the reserves of several stations. The men seemed to enjoy their work. They certainly did not prevent the children from making a noise. At 10:30 o'clock the orchestra struck up and the entertainment began. There were songs, tricks, acrobatic stunts, etc., all of which amused the youngsters greatly. The feature, however, was the appearance of the tree, with Santa Claus on hand in all his regalia.

The tree stood at the rear of the stage, and all about in front were stacks of presents—a sight that brought screams of delight from the expectant crowd. The distribution of the presents was easier than might have seemed possible. The children were marched upon the stage, and as they passed each little girl received a doll, candy, popcorn and a pair of mittens, and each little boy got the same, with the exception that the doll gave place to a present more likely to please the male heart.

Along toward 3 o'clock New Year's morning a man wearing a high hat and otherwise formally garbed got on a Flatbush avenue car at Nevins street. The car was crowded with the merrymakers on their way home from Manhattan and elsewhere. The attention of the crowd was attracted to the new comer by a squabble between him and the conductor, who for some reason or other considered him an undesirable citizen.

"I ain't—hic—intoshicated!" the man declared reproachfully to the conductor and the passengers about him. "Donsherknow, I'm on the worr-wagon."

The conductor finally softened and the undesirable made his way unsteadily into the car, where some one gave him a seat.

Under his arm the newcomer carried a box which appeared to contain a huge salt shaker with a nickel top. As soon as he got settled in his seat he removed the object from the box and it could then be seen to be a handsome tin organ. The man glanced about on his smiling fellow passengers and took a little handle out of his pocket and inserted it in a hole in the side of the tin box.

"Le's have a lil musish," he proposed, solemnly.

He then began to turn the handle. At first only a whirring sound came from the box, then followed the tune. It was "The Old Oaken Bucket." He played it through in silence, and when the verse was ended and the whirring noise began again, he removed the key and put it into his pocket and the organ back into the box.

"Gen'men," he said then, gazing up into the faces about him, "thash my fav'rite shong. Worr, worr everywhere, an' not a drop to drink—hic!"

That there are some people who do not forget favors has been the experience of Justice G. B. Van Wart, of the Gates avenue municipal court, and the clerks under him. Just about four years ago the justice and the clerks raised a subscription to save "Countess" Caroline O. von Schimon Schwandorf-Heckler, who said she was of the Austrian nobility, from being dispossessed from her flat at No. 2116 Fulton street while a heavy snowfall was in progress. The countess said she was the daughter of an Austrian general and a personal friend of the Empress Elizabeth, for whom she was lady in waiting. Her father lost all he had through reckless investments at the time of the Vienna world's fair. He and her mother died soon after, leaving her without funds, as her husband had also died penniless. She refused aid from her relatives and the government and went to work in Vienna as a bookkeeper. Her family and friends considered her conduct disgraceful to herself and to them, and finally she came to America. She began here as a teacher of music, singing, languages and fancy sewing. A couple of years later she got into financial difficulties. It was on December 29 that her landlord asked Justice Van Wart to give him a dispossess warrant for her. When she appeared in court in response to the notice the snow was falling heavily. The woman had with her Maximilian, her son, now her business partner, but then only thirteen years old. The justice and the court clerks were much moved by the woman's plight. Mr. Van Wart headed a subscription for her and the boy, and enough money was raised to satisfy the landlord and to leave some over for the immediate necessities of the pair. Now the countess has a dress-making school at No. 156 Broadway.

A few days ago a crate reached the clerks. Inside was a letter to them and the justice which bore the seal and the coat of arms of the Von Schimon Schwandorf-Hecklers. The letter conveyed the best wishes of the countess. The crate contained a quantity of cake, wine, cigars, etc. The contents were later returned to the donor, not because of a lack of appreciation on the part of the clerks and the justice, but because of the obligation that they are under to accept no gifts, even from those whom they have befriended and even in the Christmas season.

Detective Stats, of the Brooklyn detective bureau, had an experience the other day that made him the butt of the jokers at Police Headquarters for a while. He and Detective Christian were sent out as plain clothes men to run down the overcoat thieves who have been troubling the Fulton street restaurants for the last few weeks. The men sat down at a table in a restaurant near Myrtle avenue. When they got up to go without having seen anything to arouse their suspicions in the actions of any of the patrons, Mr. Stats found that his overcoat was gone. The waitress said that two young men had taken seats at a table on the other side of the hatrack and had gone out hurriedly when they were through, but she had not suspected them of stealing. When the detectives went to the manager, he told them to "tell their troubles to a cop." After he found out that they were "cops" themselves he consoled them by telling them that he had heard of one case where a stolen overcoat had been recovered in a nearby pawnshop a few days after it was taken from a rack in the restaurant.

BROOKLYN SOCIAL CHAT

Personal Paragraphs About Well Known Borough People.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vidand, of No. 161 Joralemon street, gave a dinner at the Hamilton Club on Thursday evening for their daughter, Miss Mary Vidand, who was home from Smith College for the holidays. The table appointments were in red, and covers were laid for sixteen. The guests were Miss Winifred Lotman, Miss Catherine Burrell, Miss Eleanor Ides, Miss Dorothy Abbott, Miss Hilda Chapman, Miss Dorothy Sutphin, Henry Sutphin, Zab Mayhew, Harold Van Nostrand, Dexter Wheeler, Alexander Morris, Timothy Spellman and Erving Vidand. After dinner they adjourned to the Primrose Dance, at the Heights Casino.

The wedding of Miss Mary Ten Eyck Litchfield and Richard Lawrence Walker, jr., took place on Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Litchfield, No. 203 Clinton street, at 8 o'clock. Only relatives and a few close personal friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Dr. C. Campbell Walker. The bridesmaids were Miss A. Madelina Dickie, Miss Sara G. Walker, Miss Florence N. Valentine and Miss Anna C. Smith. Robert L. Walker was the best man, and serving as ushers were Francis A. Westbrook, George H. Roberts, jr., Frank M. Wright, Edmund C. Litchfield, Robert B. Litchfield and Charles Walker. Mr. Walker is the son of R. L. Walker, of No. 52 Cambridge Place.

An engagement announcement of decided interest to a large number is that of Miss Nan Lockwood, daughter of Mrs. Jacob W. Lockwood, of No. 30 South Portland avenue, and James W. Wilson, son of Mrs. John J. Wilson, of No. 1,111 Dean street. Mr. Wilson is a veteran of the Spanish war and one of the oldest members of Squadron C, then Troop C. Miss Lockwood's sister, Miss Isabel Lockwood, a few years ago married Dr. Nathan T. Beers.

Of interest to the older residents on the Heights is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Marion Louise Ford, daughter of Mrs. William F. Ford, and Charles Campbell Goffe, of Manhatatn. The Fords formerly lived on Garden Place, but now make their home in Stamford, Conn. Miss Ethel Christmas Ford married George Alston Jenkins, and lives at Shippan Point, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel S. Kelsey, of Flushing, have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Black Kelsey, and William Edward Grohen. It is to be a home ceremony on Tuesday, January 12. Miss Kelsey is a graduate of Packer and Adelphi, and later studied abroad. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Grohen, of Germantown, Penn., and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the T Square, of Philadelphia, of the Beaux Arts Society of New York.

Miss Bessie Marie Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Hopkins, of No. 234 Berkeley Place, was formally presented to society Tuesday afternoon. Christmas greens were used in the decorations, and the table appointments were in red. Mrs. Hopkins was gowned in gray chiffon cloth, and her daughter wore white satin, with silver embroidery. Receiving with them were Mrs. Edward Irving Hopkins, Mrs. Kingsley Swan, née Miller, Miss Mildred Bedford, Miss Marguerita Du Mary, Miss Edith Gaynor, Miss Gertrude Gaynor, Miss Grace Van Campen, Miss Ethel Palmer, Miss Katharine Kennedy, Miss Dorothy Peters, Miss Elsie Young, of Brooklyn; Miss Catherine Purdy and Miss Claire R. Renwick, of Manhattan. A dinner dance followed for the receiving party. The men present were Seneca Eldredge, Edwin Bigelow, Wilmot Smith, Charles Wardell, Preston Ward, Kingsley Swan, Walter McCaffrey, Keith McVaugh, Harry Ernst, and George Harder, of Brooklyn; Irving Eldredge, Brock Hughes and James Putnam, of Manhattan, and Robert Chapin, of Providence.

Only relatives will witness the marriage on Saturday, February 13, of Miss Bertha Wurster, daughter of Frederick H. Wurster, of No. 170 Rodney street, and August Schierenberg, but invitations to the reception following will be more general. Mr. Schierenberg is the son of the late Rudolph Schierenberg, of Bonn, Germany, and lives at the Deutscher Verein clubhouse, in 59th street, Manhattan.

A home wedding on Wednesday evening next will be that of Miss Emily Whitehouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Whitehouse, of No. 43 Hancock street, and Walter Randall. Miss Mary Smith and Miss Edna Burr will attend the bride, and Robert P. McAlarney, of Manhattan, will act as best man.

Miss Dorothy McKee was the guest of honor at a dinner given on Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. Remsen Ditmars, at their home, No. 309 Washington avenue. The other guests were Miss Lillian Scrymser, Miss Mildred Zellhoefer, Miss Edith Smith, Miss Janet DeLong, Percy McKee, James Wooley, Clark Durant, John Watson and Carl Watson.

Mrs. Sidney Lanier Smyth, Miss Smyth and Miss Marian Smyth will be at home on Wednesdays, January 13 and 27, at No. 30 East 39th street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edson Foster, of No. 1911 Avenue L, Manhattan Terrace, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marjory Armitage Foster, to Herbert Foster Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Franklin, of Prospect Park South.

Cards have been issued for Wednesday from 4 until 7 o'clock, by Mrs. Edward L. Eldredge and Miss Melinna Eldredge. Miss Edith Vollmer and Miss Hael Carpenter will receive with them, and assisting will be Mrs. Duane Cooper, Mrs. Henry Burn, Mrs. George Robinson, Miss Gladys Balch, Miss Winona McBride, Miss Lucy Gan, of Brooklyn; Miss Katherine Tupper and Mrs. Waitt, of Manhattan.

At the masquerade ball which Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Swan are to give at the Pouch Gallery on Thursday, January 21, the hostess will be assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. Alvah Miller, Mrs. William Kingsley, Mrs. William N. Dykman, Mrs. William Tyson Hayward, Mrs. Jesse L. Hopkins, Mrs. Frank L. Sniffen, Mrs. William B. Davenport, Mrs. Homer A. Lattin, Mrs. Frederick Haight, Mrs. Cromwell Childe, Mrs. Alfred Thayer, Mrs. Nathaniel Lyon, Mrs. Frederick H. Bedford, Mrs. William J. Taylor, Mrs. Mortimer Snyder and Mrs. Eugene Sutton.

Miss Nora Pinkney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wall Pinkney, will make her debut on Saturday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 7, at the Pinkney home, No. 199 Harrison street.

Mrs. William Mason and Mrs. Robert Mallory were the joint hostesses at a dance given in honor of Miss Pauline Mason and Miss Eunice Mallory on Tuesday evening. The walls of the tennis court of the Heights Casino were decorated with evergreens, with occasional clumps of poinsettia interspersed. Christmas trees partitioned off a third of the court for a supper room. Receiving with the hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Southwick, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Phillips Colton, Miss Holmes and Miss Corinne Switzer.

Miss Rita Mae Belden and Miss Clara Legg Belden, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Belden, were presented at a dance at their home, No. 109 Eighth avenue, on Friday evening. Ropes of smilax festooned the ceiling and walls of the drawing rooms, and the light was furnished by hundreds of tiny red incandescent bulbs in the foliage. Miss Belden wore white satin and crystal, and Miss Clara Belden was frocked in white net over silver. In the receiving party were Mrs. Alfred Goodwin Belden, jr., née Sweezey; Miss Olga Doughty, Miss Winifred Tate, Miss Catherine Anderson, Miss Ethel Bond, Miss Janet Burns, Miss Adele Jones, Miss Sabel Williams and Miss Elsie Smith.

In compliment to Miss Clara Ellsworth, whose wedding to Chester Adthur Bentley is to take place in St. Matthew's Church, on Thursday, January 14, a tea was given on Wednesday by Miss Adele Stirling Martin, who is to be a bridesmaid, at her home, No. 204 Washington avenue. In the receiving party were Mrs. Martin, Miss Florence Martin, Miss Marguerite Nix, Miss Estelle Conselyea, Miss Louise Simmons, Miss Ruth Crombie, Miss Maria Adams, Miss Minnie Major, Miss Emily Burrows and Mrs. George Ross McKee.

Tuesday, January 12, is the date announced for the annual midwinter dance at the Mansion House.

The annual Christmas tea of the Packer alumnæ was held on Tuesday afternoon. The library was decorated with greens and poinsettia, and the table appointments were in red. Mrs. William H. Ziegler, president of the association; Miss Perkins and Miss Burns, vice-presidents, assisted by a member of each class, received the guests. During the afternoon the Woodman Choral Club, with R. Huntington Woodman at the piano, sang Christmas carols.

An effort is being made by some women in the borough to arouse interest in the work of the Anti-Vivisection Society. To this end Miss Mary Hathaway Baldwin, of No. 397 Clinton avenue, has invited Miss Diana Belais, president of the Manhattan branch, to give an informal talk at her home on Tuesday afternoon, when the purpose of the association will be explained. It is particularly desired that the clergy and physicians of the borough will interest themselves in the movement.

SOUTHAMPTON SOCIAL NOTES.

Southampton, Long Island, Jan. 2 (Special).—New Year's Day brought many visitors to the Meadow Club. Among the club's guests were William Maurice, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Crocker, Sidney L. Smyth, Alfred E. Schermerhorn, O. D. Munn, James G. K. Lawrence and Adrian H. Larkin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Williams spent New Year's Day in Portland, Me.

Francis Burrill Hoffman and son and John W. Kilbreth were patrons of the Claridge.

Frederick Fleitman, who had been hunting at Southampton, has returned to the city.

Miss Dorothy Schieffelin, daughter of Mr. an Mrs. George R. Schieffelin, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Amsinck at their country home, in Summit, N. J.

Mrs. Margaret C. Williamson, of Newark, N. J., has been visiting Mrs. George H. Drew at the Claridge.

SOME ODD FACTS IN GEOGRAPHY.

New York is usually thought of as being directly west from London. It is, however, despite its far more rigorous climate, nine hundred miles nearer the equator than is the British capital. The bleak coast of Labrador is directly west of London. The same line passes the southern part of Hudson Bay and Lake Winnipeg; on the other side of the continent it touches the southern extremity of Alaska, and continues through the centre of the Isthmus of Kamchatka, and Siberia and Russia, to Homburg. It is astonishing, likewise, to reflect on the fact that Montreal, with its winters of great severity, is three hundred and fifty miles nearer the equator than is London. Montreal, indeed, is on the same degree of latitude as Venice. Another illustration of the unexpected in contrasts is found in a comparison of St. John's, Newfoundland, with Paris. Paris has a winter of comparative mildness, while St. John's is a region of bitter cold and fogs, with drifting icebergs along its coast. Yet St. John's is one hundred miles nearer the equator.—Dundee Advertiser.

OLD LANDMARK TO GO.

Catholic Church of the Assumption to Make Way for Bridge Approach.

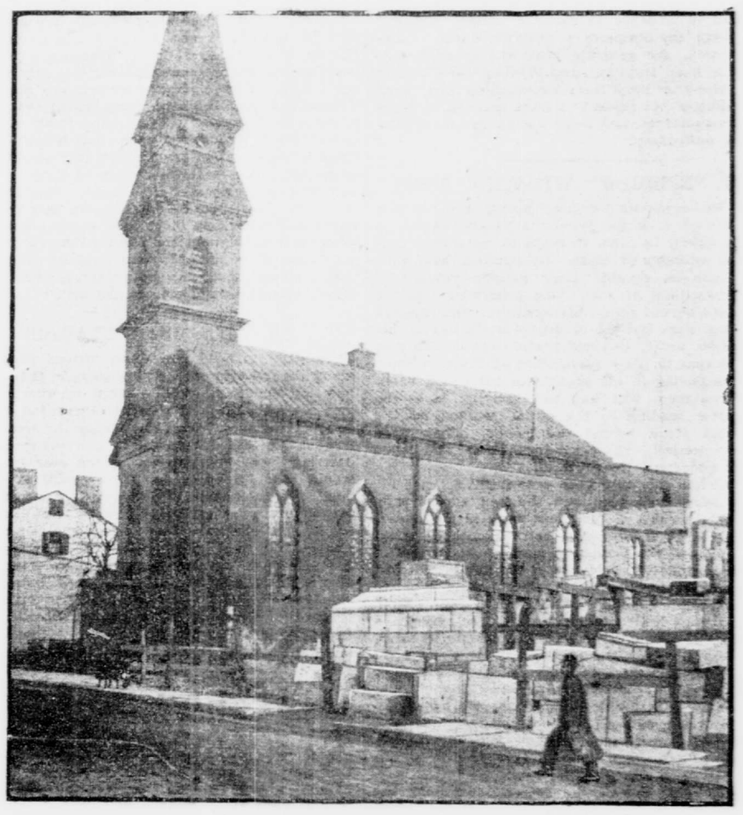
In a few months Brooklyn will lose another old landmark, in the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption, York and Jay streets, which is to be razed to make way for the approach of the new Manhattan Bridge. The building was erected in 1842 and is the fourth oldest Catholic church in the borough. The older churches are the Most Holy Trinity, German, in Montrose avenue, built in 1841, the St. James Pro-Cathedral in Jay street, built in 1822, and the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, in Wythe avenue, built in 1837.

The cornerstone of the new Church of the Assumption, which is to be erected at a cost of $150,000, in Cranberry street, near Hicks street, and running through to Middagh street, was laid a couple of weeks ago. The property of the old church is free from debt and is valued at $150,000. Only part of the plot will be taken by the city, but the property will be spoiled in so far as its present uses go by the new plaza. At present the parish has fifty-five hundred parishioners. It is presided over by Father W. J. Donaldson and two assistants. The building can accommodate one thousand persons. The rector and his assistants live in a building at No. 50 Prospect street.

The new site cost $50,000. Facing Cranberry street, the church will be built, and to the rear and facing Middagh street the rectory will be put up. The excavation for the foundations of the new church began last July and, it is expected, the new buildings will be ready for use next July. The architect is F. J. Berlenbach, jr., and the John H. Parker Company has the contract.

The new buildings will be of white brick, with stone and terra cotta trimmings. They will be in the style of the Italian Renaissance. The church building will be 65 feet wide and 150 feet deep. It will be surmounted by two towers. There will be three front entrances and an entrance on the yard at each side. The woodwork will be of oak. The altar will be of marble. In the basement there will be an auditorium with seats for one thousand persons. It will be used by the Sunday school and for meetings.

The rectory will be 41 feet wide by 63 feet deep and three stories high.



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NATIONAL GUARD NEWS.

Another election will be held shortly for a lieutenant colonel of the 69th Regiment, and at this time, unless one of the candidates receives the number of votes necessary to elect, the result of the ballot must be reported to the Governor, who will then make an appointment. According to the military law, a candidate to be elected must have a majority of the votes cast. None of the four candidates had the required majority at the last election. There is considerable speculation as to whether any of the candidates will withdraw from the field, but it is said to be certain that Lieutenant Conolly, of the 69th, and Lieutenant H. H. Rogers, jr., of the First Brigade staff, will remain in the field and make increased efforts for the majority. It is also said that a dark horse may appear in the field from the regiment.

A review of the 22d Regiment will be held in the armory on Monday evening, January 18. The occasion will be known as "Veterans' Night," when the members of the Defendum Association, which is composed of former members of the 22d, will review the active command. Quartermaster Sergeant Bobo, of Company C, has won the medals offered by the National Rifle Association for armory shooting. He has also won the first prize in the consolation match. Colonel Hotchkin has appointed Lieutenant Fred S. Callahan, of Company H, acting adjutant of the M Battalion.

Sir Henry M. Pellatt, commanding the Queen's Own Rifles, of Toronto, has accepted the invitation of Colonel Stokes, of the 23d Regiment, to review the command on Saturday night, January 16. The review promises to be one of unusual interest.

Non-commissioned officers of the 12th Regiment have perfected their arrangements for the ball to be held at the armory on Saturday night, January 30. There will be a promenade band of thirty pieces and a band playing dance music of twenty-five pieces. The armory is to be specially decorated and there will be a military march at midnight. The committee in charge includes Commissary Sergeant F. J. Loughlin, First Sergeant J. B. Corrigan, First Sergeant Fred Meek and Drum Major W. Martin.

There is a movement on foot in the 47th Regiment looking toward the participation of the regiment in the inaugural parade in Washington on March 4. A canvass is to be made among the members to find out how many can be relied upon to go, provided the expense is not more than $7.50 a man. The regiment can obtain the use of the armory of the 5th Regiment of Baltimore, in which to remain on the night of March 3, and this will save a great deal of expense and reduce the cost of the trip to the members of the 47th.

A review of the 7th Regiment will be held some time in the present month and the date will be officially announced in a few days. The Veteran and Active League elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Robert McLean; first vice-president, F. W. Drake; second vice-president, Robert F. Ferguson; secretary, Wilbur F. Brown, and treasurer, John D. Hoffmire.

Now that Major James T. Ashley, of the 13th Regiment, has been unanimously elected lieutenant colonel the next election of special interest will be that for major, made vacant by his advancement. For this office it is expected that Captain Sidney Grant will be the choice.

WEDDING CUSTOMS.

The custom of throwing a shower of rice over newly wedded couples comes to us from India, and originated in the idea that rice was an emblem of fecundity. The Hindu bridegroom, at the close of the marriage ceremony, throws three handfuls of rice over the bride, and she replies by throwing the same over him. With us the rice is thrown by outsiders. The "old shoe" custom is generally supposed to come from the Hebrews, and is supposed to have originally implied that the parents of the bride gave up all authority over her. The Germans had long a custom, which perhaps they have not wholly given up even now, of putting the groom's shoe on the pillow of he bridal bed; and in Anglo-Saxon marriages the father gave a shoe of the bride to the bridegroom, who touched her on the head with it to remind her who was now master. The wedding ring was used among the ancient Hebrews primarily with the idea that the delivery of a ring conferred power on the recipient, and thus the wife, wearing her husband's ring, shared his authority. The ring in the Roman espousals was a pledge of loyalty, and the idea that it should be worn on the third finger of the left hand because "a nerve connects this finger with the heart" originated with the Romans. Orange blossoms were worn by brides among the Saracens because they were held to symbolize fruitfulness; the very general use of these flowers in Europe and America for bridal adornment is comparatively a modern custom. The use of a bridal veil is a relic of the far-off time when the husband was not allowed to see his bride's face till after marriage.

It is said to be a curious fact that the wedding cake, that elaborate, indigestible compound so indispensable at the modern marriage ceremony, is the direct descendant of a cake made of water, flour and salt, of which, at the Roman high-class weddings, the married couple and the witnesses partook as the time of the signing of the contract.—The Housekeeper.