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Thermometer Record.

The thermometer at Schnepf's drug store, Opera House corner, yeterday, registered as follows:

7 a. m.	30	3 p. m.	55
9 a. m.	38	7 p. m.	46
12 m.	52	Weather—Fair.	

Weather Indications.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—For West Virginia, fair, slightly warmer, followed Tuesday night by rain and cooler southerly winds. For Western Pennsylvania, rain, preceded by fair weather in the interior, cooler winds, becoming westerly.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

CHRISTMAS balls abound.

MATINEES at both theatres to-day.

THE GRAND this evening—"Prince Methusalem."

OPERA HOUSE this evening—"A Hole in the Ground."

THE express companies did a rushing business yesterday.

THE gas has not been lighted in the Capitol clock for several nights.

MARKET was held in the Fifth ward last evening instead of this morning.

THIS is Council's regular night to meet, but "you bet your sweet life she won't meet."

THE letter-carriers have about all they can manage with the Christmas cards and parcels.

THE last will and testament of Velia Troy, deceased, was yesterday admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

MARGARET A. GEYER, has been granted a divorce from Dana Geyer, and restored to her maiden name, Margaret A. Exley.

ELEVEN cases paid up in the Police Court yesterday. Nell Martin paid $20 and costs, and the raid on her house netted the city $112 20.

THE mills and factories all took at least one day off for Christmas, and the boys do not consider it a hardship that they do not get a longer rest.

ANDREW MURPHY, a native of Ireland, was yesterday made a full-fledged citizen of the United States, receiving his second papers from Part II of the Circuit Court.

PAT FLANAGAN was discharged by Squire Arkle yesterday on both charges against him—assault and threatening to kill. The whole matter grew out of a jealous brother-in-law's temper.

THERE was a slight fire at the house of Mr. Wallace, on Eighteenth street, before daylight yesterday morning. The Atlantic engine was called out by a still alarm and put out the blaze without much damage.

LOTS of nice Christmas trees were sold in Wheeling this year, and it is a striking fact that most of them were shipped here from Massachusetts, although West Virginia is full of trees beautifully suited for the purpose.

JOHN MCNAMARA was yesterday released from jail, his father becoming his bondsman in the sum of $100. Jennie McAdams was also released from jail, her son becoming her bondsman. She swore off from drinking for one year.

CLERK HOOK yesterday admitted to record a deed made December 21 by Anna, widow of Henry Hess, to William McLaughlin, in consideration of $2,525, for the east half of lot 2 in square 22 in the Bellaire addition, on the north side of Fourteenth street.

IT is rumored that the Wheeling Steel Company has purchased, or at least is endeavoring to purchase, the new factory of the Benwood Nail Company, with the intention of extending the table of the blooming train and making other needed improvements.

HENRY ALLENGSWORTH was before Justice Davis on a warrant sworn out by Andrew McFee, charging him with using profane language to his wife. Allengsworth entered a plea of guilty, and paid his fine and costs. Henry Allengsworth then swore out a warrant before Justice Davis last night, charging Catherine McFee with using profane language. This case will be disposed of to-day.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling People Abroad.

Mr. George Whittaker is home from college for the holidays.

Hoyt's "Hole in the Ground" company are at the Hotel Windsor.

Mrs. Joseph Gerken is visiting relatives at Grafton during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kotzebue, of Ravenswood, were registered at the Stamm yesterday.

Blanche Chapman and Arthur H. Bell, two of the principals of the Kimball Opera Comprny, are at the Hotel Windsor.

Mr. Whiting Allen, a well-known newspaper man, now the advance manager of the "Among the Pines" company, is at the McLure house.

Capt. and Mrs. Basil T. Bowers and Mrs. Henry Koontz, of New Martinsville, were registered at the Stamm yesterday. They were here doing some Christmas shopping.

Mr. W. S. McCafferty, of East Liverpool, formerly with the Webster Wagon Company, at Moundsville, is spending Christmas among his numerous Wheeling friends.

Mr. Charles List, who is attending the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, is home for the holidays. His welcome from his many friends is, as usual, a warm one.

Captain George Newland and Lieutenant George Morningstar, of the United States Army, arrived yesterday over the Panhandle Railroad to spend Christmas with their families. Their many friends will be glad to welcome them in their midst.

Mr. Sam D. Campbell, of Cincinnati, arrived here yesterday and is quartered at the McLure. The last "Curly's" many Wheeling friends heard of him he was laid up in a hospital very near death's door with necrosis of the hip. It was thought that his leg would have to be amputated and that he could not even then recover, but skillful treatment has brought him around, and though he has to go about on crutches, he still has his old and cheery smile and pleasant greeting.

An Interesting Letter.

ARCTIC HEIGHTS, Nov. 2, '88.

Superintendent Zane Street Sunday School:

DEAR SIR:—Your letter inviting me to visit your school received. I have so many engagements, but will promise to be with you on Wednesday evening. Will bring Mrs. Santa Claus and Cudgiwinkle with me. Have all the boys and girls there early. Yours,
SANTA CLAUS.

Santa will be at the Opera House on to-morrow evening at the entertainment of the Zane Street Sunday School.

Van Baker's Case Again.

The Baker case will again come before the courts, a motion for a new trial being argued by counsel before Judge Jacobs at Wellsburg on Wednesday. The motion will hardly prevail this time, as the last jury had no Spivey to set aside their finding by his misconduct. The case will probably be passed upon by the Supreme Court of Appeals, before the prisoner is consigned to the Moundsville Penitentiary for life.

That Rarest of Combinations.

True delicacy of flavor with true efficacy of action has been attained in the famous California liquid fruit remedy, Syrup of Figs. Its pleasant taste and beneficial effects have rendered it immensely popular. It cleanses the System, cures Costiveness, etc. For sale in 50 cts and $1.00 bottles by Logan & Co., Anton P. Hess, R. B. Burt and C. Menkemeller.

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COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR.

When it Comes it Brings Good Cheer--and it's Here.

THIS IS CHRISTMAS DAY

And the Wheeling Merchants are Short on Goods and Long on Cash, While Everybody's Happy. Observance of the Day.

An American holiday without noise would be an anamoly, if it is not indeed an impossibility. So it was that early last evening the boys began to put off fire-crackers. This feature, however, was not as prominent as on the eve of the ordinary holiday; and there was a scarcity pleasant to observe of that other almost universal accompaniment of the American holiday, drunkenness. There is morally certain to be more or less of it to-day, but so far it has been notably an exception in this respect to the average of Christmas seasons. It is said that Christmas brings good cheer, and this year there seems to prevail more of the fitting good humor, good cheer and good spirits than usual. Part of this is doubtless due to the general prosperity that prevails. Judging from the freedom with which money has been spent, the times in Wheeling and its tributary section are unusually bright. There never was a time when so much money was spent for holiday presents, nor when so many buyers helped to spend it. Everybody seemed to be purchasing, and purchasing liberally. Everything was in demand, and all branches of trade profited.

WHEELING'S STREET FAIR.

Yesterday the streets were thronged as the oldest resident never saw them before on a similar occasion. From far and near the people flocked, taking advantage of the cheap railroad rates. All trains coming into the city were crowded, and everybody returning home carried from one parcel to a clothes basket full of bulky bundles.

Added to these people from out of town was apparently all the population of the city, and the effect was as if there were a big street fair in progress. All the stores were crowded, and the streets scarcely passable.

This was a great good thing for the city and her merchants. People to whom a man's stock is all new would just as lief buy goods left over from last season as those just in. It enables a merchant to clear out his shelves as he otherwise never could; it sets loose in the channels of local trade money which would otherwise never reach them, and it familiarizes the country people with the ease and facility with which they can reach Wheeling and return home, as well as the aduantages of coming here to purchase.

More Wheeling people made all their purchases at home than ever before. As the retail establishments of the city progress and improve, they present all the attractions of style, variety and abundance of stock to be found anywhere, and the wise man saves railroad fare and buys of his neighbor.

Last night many of those stores which had been best supplied looked as if they had been raided by a predatory band and all that was worth it carried off. Merchants did better than they expected to. They have been adding to their supplies by telegraphic orders for a week.

KEEPING THE DAY.

Christmas is always the most generally observed of holidays, and to-day will be no exception. All the banks and public offices will be closed, and private business will be suspended for the main part of the day. There is always more or less trade in certain lines on Christmas morning—forgotten presents to buy, unsuitable or duplicated articles to exchange, candy and nuts and fire crackers to be sold to little ones for the pennies they find in their stockings. But this afternoon will be devoted to pleasure.

Christmas day will be observed at the Postoffice. One delivery will be made at 8 a. m. by the carriers. There will be general collections at 5:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. and a business collection at 11:30 a. m. The general delivery window will be open from 8:30 to 10 a. m., and the carriers' window will be closed after 8 a. m. The registry and money order divisions will both be closed the entire day, and Fulton, station A, closed after 12 o'clock noon.

It is a foregone conclusion that both theatres will be crowded this afternoon and evening. They always are, and this time both have great attractions—so great that last night both houses had good audiences, although Christmas eve is put down by managers as the worst night in the year.

Then the balls will draw well, as they did last night; and the Sunday School treats and entertainments will attract the children and their parents. It is one of those times when the American boy wishes he were twins, so's he could be two places at once, and hold twice as much.

The railroads will very generally observe the day by taking off the freight trains, though the passenger travel will of course be heavier than usual.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Pleasant Presentation at the McLure House Last Evening.

There took place at the McLure House last evening one of the pleasantest and most deserved Christmas presentations that the press of this city has been called upon to chronicle for many seasons past. Col. Sam B. Harrison, the veteran (in point of service) head clerk, was made the happy recipient of a superbly handsome gift from the boarders and proprietors of the house, who had concluded that after the many years of faithful and satisfactory service the Colonel had rendered them, it was time to set a watch upon his person and chain him to them even more firmly than the chains of friendship and esteem already bound them.

It all came about in this wise: Yesterday at dinner one of the oldest boarders in the house, as he sat at dinner, noticed the well known and popular clerk enter the dining room and at the same time remembered that to-day was Christmas; and at almost the same instant the thought struck him that there was no one to whom the boarders of the house could more appropriately show an evidence of their esteem and appreciation of many kindnesses than to Harrison. The idea was mentioned to one or two others and enthusiastically received. In less than an hour a good sized purse had been made up with an alacrity that testified most forcibly to the pleasure the donors felt in giving, and one of the finest gold hunting-case watches in I. G. Dillon & Co.'s establishment purchased. About this time Messrs. McLure and Stamm got on to the project and asked to be allowed to assist in making the testimonial one worthy the recipient. As a chain was lacking their request was timely and readily granted; they procured a beautiful chain and made the handsome present complete.

As Colonel Harrison came out of the dining room after supper, he was waylaid and escorted to the parlor, where the boarders and many others of his friends had gathered. Judge Thayer Melvin, who has been a boarder at the hotel for the longest period, was chosen to make the presentation speech, which he did in a very apt and pleasing manner. Dr. John L. Dickey was called on to respond and did so gracefully. Both speakers paid deserved tributes to the somewhat frightened recipient, whose proverbial hotel nerve all but forsook him, so surpised and overcome was he. The present was procured so hurriedly that there was no time to have it appropriately engraved, which will be done later. It is safe to say that there will be none in town who will find to-day a merrier Christmas than Harrison, nor one who will answer with better grace questions asked him concerning the time of the day, or night either.

Colonel Harrison has been in almost continuous service behind the McLure House desk for nearly twelve years. He is known to the travelers from the lakes to the gulf and from ocean to ocean. His friends are legion, and his few faults are faults lost sight of, including a mania for puns and poetry, in the contemplation of his many virtues and kindnesses of heart. He is always helping others to the best of his ability in time of affliction. A notable example of this was shown at the time of the big flood of February, '84, when he ollected at the hotel desk nearly $1,000 to relieve the sufferers.

City Clerk Bowers Surprised.

City Clerk Frank Bowers got out after a tedious spell of quinsy yesterday, just in time to receive a pleasant surprise. In these days of political conferences and the like it is not difficult to persuade one as interested as Mr. Bowers is in the good of his party to take a little walk to see some of his friends. Yesterday some of the politicians at the City Building proposed a little walk out to the city gas works to see the boys. When there City Receiver Dunaway took the floor, and on behalf of the employes of the works, presesented Mr. Bowers with an elegant gold pen as a token of their friendship and esteem. Mr. Dunaway's speech was brief, and a model. It would be flattery to say that Clerk Bowers responded as gracefully, but his words served the purpose, and made the boys feel that the gift and the feelings which prompted it were appreciated fully.

Caned by His Employes.

Mr. William Schwertfeger, the well known saddler and harness and trunk manufacturer, was last evening presented with a very pretty gold headed walking stick by his employes, with whom he has always had the most pleasant relations. The presentation was followed by an enjoyable little lunch, spread by the order of Mr. Schwertfeger.

BEFORE JUSTICE DAVIS.

A Singular Horse Case Yesterday—An Ohio Farmer Arrested.

On the 31st day of January, 1888, a farmer from Harrison county, Ohio, came over to Wheeling and while here sold a black horse to Col. Thomas P. Shallcross for the sum of $130. He gave a written guarantee to Col. Shallcross that the horse was perfectly sound in every respect, and it was because of this written guarantee that Col. Shallcross bought the horse. A short time was only necessary to discover to Col. Shallcross that he had been victimized and swindled out of his money by the Ohio farmer. The Colonel was not slow in writing to the farmer and informing him about the horse he had palmed off on him. George J. Webster is the name of the Ohio farmer; he never showed up until last night in this city since the day of his sale of the horse, but when he did turn up the Colonel was ready for him in two ways, one with a criminal warrant for getting his $130 under false pretenses, under which warrant he was arrested last night by Officer Dunlap. He gave bail for his appearance before Justice Davis, who issued the warrant, at 2 p. m., December 24.

An attachment was issued by the same justice and directed to William A. Love, constable, who levied on and took possession of Mr. Webster's horse in Dusch's stables last night. It is a complicated case, involving important legal questions, and before it is settled the legal profession will doubtless be called into requisition. Mr. Webster is a well-to-do farmer.

Tommie Rogers's Funeral.

The bright little boy Tommie Rogers, whose sad ending has been noticed, was only eight years old, instead of ten. All who knew him loved him. His late home on Sunday last was crowded so that many tearful eyes were deprived by the throng of the privilege of viewing him the last time. The little body was surrounded in profusion with choice flowers from his numerous friends.

The evening before his death he remarked that he would not spend his Christmas money for candy but buy some poor children in his neighborhood stockings to keep their feet warm. Such was his nature, which accounts for his many friends, for whom he always had a pleasant greeting. All noted the kind affection his school and Sunday School teachers and classmates showed him, and it was highly appreciated by his sorrow-stricken parents.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses were yesterday issued to the following named parties:

John L. Moore, aged 26, a native of Moundsville and resident of this city, and Miss Lizzie Serig, aged 24, a native and resident of Wheeling.

Houston T. Wood, aged 29, and Annie McNamee, aged 24, both natives of Ohio and residents of Wheeling.

Fred Hartmann, aged 29, a native of Cumberland, Md., and resident of Pittsburgh, and Fannie Dorsey, aged 24, a native of Morgantown and resident of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Louis Joseph Armama, aged 27, a native of Holland and resident of Connellsville, Pa., and Maria Join, aged 25, a native and resident of this city.

Charged With a Serious Offense.

George H. Weisend was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Forbes yesterday charge with unlawfully retaining a check for $24, pension money, sent through the mail from the department in care of Weisend to a colored man named John Bonner. Weisend claims he lent Bonner money to be paid with the check. He signed Bonner's name after opening the letter. The case was taken under advisement. Capt. Dovener represented the prosecution and Alfred Caldwell the defense. Weisend is under $2,000 bond.

The Kull Assignments.

The only preference made in the deeds of assignment of D. Kull, jr., and D. Kull, jr., & Co., mentioned yesterday, are the notes for $5,100 in favor of D. Kull, sr., to protect which, it is explained, judgment was entered in the Municipal court by mistake for $8,600; and the debt due the Cook Carriage Company, of Chicago, for $1,200 72, with the expenses of the trust. Other claims are to be paid *pro rata*. The assignment covers all the property of Mr. Kull and the firm, real and personal, except what is exempt by law.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING comes out in a rich Christmas number, and any one who is puzzled to know "what to do for Christmas" will find nearly every possible question answered in it. The number is one of the best the publishers have sent out.

GENTLEMEN'S Cork Sole Shoes.
J. W. AMICK & Co.

BOTTOM prices on a full and complete line of Hardware and Mechanics' Tools at 1054 Market street. Buy now while the stock is complete.
J. B. SOMMERVILLE, Assignee.

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Thackeray's Novels, Count Talstoi's Works, Macaulay's England, Humes' England, Gibbon's Rome, and other standard works in single volumes, at
JOHN W. HEISKELL'S,
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SUPPLY your Christmas table with Conner & Snedeker's delicacies.

ABOUT CITY POLITICS.

Republicans Generally do not Want to Run,

BUT STILL A GOOD TICKET

And one that will Knock Out the Democrats, will be Named Next Monday—The Latest Names Mentioned.

The approaching Republican convention is now the uppermost topic. The Democrats are naturally anxious to know how badly they will be beaten, and the Republicans anxious that no mistakes shall be made in choosing the men who will make the strongest candidates and the best officers. Mr. Ed Reid says he is not a candidate for Mayor. In spite of this announcement many of his warm friends will insist on supporting him. He would be a source of strength to the ticket and would fill the office with dignity. Other men spoken of for the position are Dr. R. W. Hazlett, Mr. Louis Bayha, Mr. G. Ed Mendel, Mr. W. B. Simpson and Mr. James McAdams. None of them is a candidate; all of them have strong supporters. It is only when one gets to canvassing the eligible names that the abundant good material in the party is realized. This shows the wisdom of having a convention instead of leaving the nomination to a scramble at the primaries.

Mr. Frank Bowers says he is not a candidate for City Sergeant, City Clerk or any other position, but that he will do all he can to elect the ticket. There is still talk of John Cummins for Sergeant, and Will McCormack is also insisted upon as a good man, though he does not want it.

For Clerk, Ed Charnock, Albert Mader, Jack Wright, E. W. Dunaway, W. B. Fisher and W. Stucke have been named. Any one of them would make a good run.

Dr. Stathers, of the Eighth ward, suggested Saturday night, refuses to run for Council from that ward.

TWO CITY ORDINANCES

Before the Circuit Court—The Police and Fire Board.

Yesterday Judge Jacob rendered his decision as to one of the questions at issue in the case to test the validity of the ordinance creating the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners. He sustained the demurrer of the city to the petition of Gregory Warner and others, holding that to annul the ordinance as they requested would be to usurp a legislative function, and virtually repeal an ordinance of the City Council.

The proceedings in *quo warranto* to require the members of the Police and Fire Board to appear as individuals and show by what authority they act in that capacity remains *in statu quo*.

The petition of the Attorney General of the State and certain citizens of Wheeling to prevent the enforcement of the new ordinance changing certain ward boundaries and reapportioning the members of the Second branch of Council to the wards, was then argued by Col. Robert White and E. E. McKennon for the petitioners and by City Solicitor Caldwell for the city. The argument was not finished when the court got enough and quit till another time.

So far all this litigation has accomplished is to take cold cash out of the city treasury for fees and costs.

THE GLENN REWARD.

The Money Equitably Divided by the County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session yesterday to decide upon the proper disposition of the $1,500 reward offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Policeman Joe Glenn. After reading the testimony as recorded by Stenographer Rheinstrom, they decided that the right way to settle the dispute was to divide the money. Accordingly Officer John Shorts was allowed $20 for expenses in obtaining witnesses from down the river, City Engineer F. L. Hoge $18.40 for surveys made for use on the trial of Kelly and Christie, and the remainder of the money was divided into five equal parts and the first part awarded to Keller & Son, the Newark pawnbrokers, and the others to Marshal Rickenpaugh and Deputy Marshal Meredith, of Newark, Sheriff Handlan and Chief of Police Smith, respectively. The vote on this proposition was unanimous.

Several newly elected justices of the peace filed their bonds.

The ordinance governing salaries was amended so that a circuit judge who does not reside in Ohio county, but has an office here, shall receive $1,000 a year. Heretofore the ordinance required him to reside here.

Points About the River.

The river continues to fall at this point. At dusk last evening the levee gauge indicated a depth in the channel of eight feet seven inches. To-day being Christmas, the steamers Abner O'Neal and Telegram will not run in their respective Steubenville and Clarington trades, but will lay up at their home ports and allow the crews the pleasure of spending Christmas with families and friends. The Andes arrived from Cincinnati at 5 o'clock last evening, and will leave for that point on her return trip at 3 o'clock this afternoon. She had a big trip to this point. Capt. Muhleman is in command as usual and Clerk Noll still does the honors in the office. All who patronize the Andes are sure to be pleased. There is not a boat on the Upper Ohio better known nor more popular. The Hudson is due up and the Katie Stockdale down, both at early hours this morning, in the Pittsburgh-Cincinnati trade. The Ben Hur passed down at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon enroute to Parkersburg on her return from her regular Sunday trip to Pittsburgh.

His Fifteenth Christmas.

For the fifteenth Christmas Mr. Martin Thorton, proprietor of the Brunswick hotel, wishes his patrons a Merry Christmas and all the joy of this festal season. The Brunswick windows have recently showed with what bounty mine host Martin has provided for his guests to-day, and persons who cannot dine at the family board will find nowhere more of the good cheer and good fare of Christmas than in the Brunswick dining room. Mr. Thornton returns thanks for the steady and increasing patronage of the public in the closing year, and no assurance is needed by Wheeling people that he will do all in his power to justify the good opinion of him that has been manifested in the past years of his career as a caterer.

Syrup of Figs

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The Queen's Ex-Remembrancer Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Sir William Frederick Pollock, formerly Queen's Remembrancer, is dead.

"A HOLE IN THE GROUND."

Hoyt's Funniest Comedy Given at the Opera House.

There has not been a performance in Wheeling for a long time so thoroughly enjoyable in every respect as Hoyt's "A Hole in the Ground," which was given at the Opera House last evening and will be repeated this afternoon and evening. The comedy is characteristically Hoyt-ian, but it is crowded fuller of pure, irresistible fun than any of his other concoctions. There is a hearty laugh in every minute of its progress. The company is larger, and better, than the average of those seen in his plays. The singing is fine, and the dancing artistic. The chorus is strong, well balanced and well trained. The stage setting is first rate, and the close, hard hits at the bad points about modern railroad station management often provoke hearty applause. Mr. Richards, as the *Stranger*, is everywhere and all the time the life of the farce. Miss Lyford, who presides at a lunch counter, but knows too much to eat her own victuals, is pretty and acts her part exceedingly well. The three tailor made girls and the two "terriers," with the station agent, who whistles like a bird, the drummers, the station boy, the telegraph operator, the stranded base ball umpire and the hotel runners, make up a company which fits the piece so well that it looks as though the company was first gotten together and the play cut out to fit. The laughter engendered by it will help to digest your Christmas dinner and put you in a good humor for the remainder of '88. The house was surprisingly large for so busy a night.

OPERA AT THE GRAND.

The Kimball Company in "Prince Methusalem" Last Night.

The Grand was well filled last night, considering it was Christmas eve, when everybody is too busy buying presents to think of going to a show. The Kimball Opera Company opened its week's engagement, the opera being "Prince Methusalem," the first presentation in Wheeling of this popular work of Johann Strauss's. The opera is tuneful and charming, and the company worthy of the opera. The staging does credit to Mrs. Kimball, whose care for the mounting of a piece is well known, and the costuming is unusually fine and attractive. Of the company it is not too much to say that on the whole a more pleasing one was never seen here. The chorus is a brilliant feature of it, and the soloists all artists. Miss Chapman as the *Prince* increased her popularity; Miss Lukie as *Pulcinello* and Miss Arnold as *Sophistica* won the audience at once. Mr. Bell is a fine comedian, and his efforts were appreciated heartily. The march in the last act is as fine a thing in its way as was ever done on a Wheeling stage, and the opening performance went with a vim and met with a response which assures the most brilliant week of the season. The same opera at the matinee today and this evening.

A NOVEL REHEARSAL

The Kimball Company Gets an Extra "Call" Last Night.

Last week the Kimball Opera Company, which opened under such auspicious circumstances at the Grand last evening, appeared in Cincinnati, and during the week gave fourteen regular performances and had to respond to five calls for rehearsals. The company was laboring under the impression that it had been working some the past week and fully earning its salary, and was delighted with the idea of striking Wheeling, a town where the Christmas matinee would be the only one outside of the regular ones, on Wednesday and Saturday, that they would be forced to play. In other words, after the experience they had had in Cincinnati, the nine regular performances in Wheeling and a rehearsal or two made this a very desirable point. Imagine the dismay of the company therefore when on reaching the theatre last evening they found a call, which commenced as follows:

"Having just received word from the management that we are not working this company hard enough, and being desirous of keeping in the good graces of our employers, we have decided to call rehearsals at night. Knowing that none of our people are in the habit of retiring before 1 o'clock, we think it wise to employ this valuable time beneficially, both to themselves and their employers."

Up to this period there were blank faces; then as the call went on to state how the signers, Kirkland Calhoun, the stage manager, and Fred Perkins, the musical director, had made themselves "solid" with the caterer at McLaughlin & McGinley's, and that every member of the company was ordered to report promptly at 11 o'clock, the look of rebellion that had clouded faces gave way to smiles, and as they read, "Nothing short of death will be accepted as an excuse. Any one coming late will be fined one week's salary for every five minutes; any one showing the slighest disposition to shirk their work while there will be instantly discharged, or in other words, fired bodily," there was an unanimous response of "We'll be there," and they were there.

Those who think that theatrical people don't enjoy Christmas as well as other people are mistaken. The supper provided by Messrs. Calhoun and Perkins was a great success and was much enjoyed by the company, which was present in force. There are other Christmas festivities in store for the company, and their stay in Wheeling bids fair to be a very pleasant one.

A GREAT PLAY COMING.

"Among the Pines," the New Year's Attraction at the Opera House.

The Opera House will be vacant after to-night until next Monday night, when Manager Riester will present, as his New Year's attraction, "Among the Pines," by M. R. and J. P. Wilson. It is a new candidate for public favor here, but it comes with such endorsements from the New York, Boston and Philadelphia press that it is already assured of success here. It is a story of the great north woods of Maine, and vividly illustrates the life and scenes in the famous pine lumber camps. It embraces a novelty in stage mechanism in the shape of an old muley saw mill run by an old-style overfall water wheel. It is in actual operation, the wheel and saw in motion and a log sawed lengthwise in twain. There is also a backwoods schoolroom, wherein many will receive reminders of where their young ideas were first taught to shoot. The company is one of exceptional strength. Among its members are Atkins Lawrence, long the leading support of Mary Anderson; T. J. Herndon, regarded by many as even a better delineator of the old Down-East Yankee than Denman Thompson; John F. Ward, for several seasons past a star in Irish comedy; Katharine Coleman, well-known emotional actress; Rene Howard, who has sung and danced herself into the hearts of the larger cities, and several others almost equally well-known. The scenery is described as unusually realistic and is carried by the company. In addition to the interest in the story the play contains no end of fun. Altogether its coming offers a pleasing prospect for those who desire to lay aside the cares of the year that is past and begin the new one in a pleasant manner. Monday evening and Tuesday matinee and evening of next week is the date.

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MARTIN'S FERRY.

Christmas Entertainments—Personal Gossip and All Sorts of News.

Water rents are due January 1.

Bent Riley, of Fostoria, is visiting friends in this city.

Squire R. E. Roberts, of Emerson, was in town yesterday.

Miss Ethel Clark, of Cleveland, is the guest of S. F. Dean.

Grant Henderson came home yesterday from Pittsburgh.

Joseph Maywood is expected home from Omaha to-day.

Charles Hoyle is home from school at Oberlin for the holidays.

Mr. J. C. Hanes is home from Mansfield to spend the holidays.

The collection at the M. E. church next Sunday will be for mission work.

There was a great demand in town yesterday for poultry. It was rather scarce.

The Hibernians have adopted a uniform consisting of silk hats, badges and canes.

Yesterday Benjamin Davis buried a six-months-old child in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith have decided not to locate in the West, and returned yesterday.

Mrs. T. A. Scott died yesterday morning of consumption at their residence on Fifth street.

Mortimer Williams returned home yesterday from Southern Utah, where he built a flour mill.

An unusually large number of country people were in town yesterday buying Christmas presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Arbothuot, of East Liverpool, are spending Christmas with Mr. J. B. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Scott, of Mingo Junction, are the guests of Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carmichael.

David Jones, of New Castle, formerly shearman at the Standard Iron Works, is spending Christmas here with his family.

Mrs. Squire Humphreville returned to Mt. Pleasant yesterday after a pleasant visit with her son, Mr. W. H. Humphreville.

The Ætna mill will resume the day after New Year's. The Standard will run the remainder of this week and lay off next week.

The ferryboat Climax will run down to the Wheeling wharf to-night to accommodate all who wish to attend the Opera House.

Yesterday the Golden Eagle Fishing Club sent an elegant gold headed cane to Mr. Gray J. Kimbolton for entertaining them so hospitably while out last summer.

"Nevada" at Lafayette Opera House next Saturday night by home talent promises to be a success. The rehearsals are progressing finely. One was held yesterday afternoon.

In the postoffice the money order business was far ahead of last year, and the number of packages considerably less. The express business was about the same as last year.

The Methodist Sunday School will have its Christmas treat this morning at 9 o'clock, and the Presbyterian, United Presbyterian and German Lutheran will each have an entertainment and treat to-night. The Baptist will have a treat to-night, and the Mission Sunday School in Clark's addition will have one this afternoon. At the Episcopal Church there was a treat last night. The usual entertainments and distribution of candies will take place at the colored Sunday schools this evening.

Bridgeport.

Frank Morrow, of Brilliant, is visiting relatives here.

The postoffice hours to-day are from 8 to 9 o'clock a. m.

Rev. and Mrs. Rogers and daughter Retta are visiting at Toronto.

G. W. Cusick and son William, of Smithfield, were in town yesterday.

L. C. Calvert is spending the holidays at his old home, near Richmond, Va.

Thomas Morton and wife, of Pittsburgh, are the guests of G. W. Bartholomew.

J. E. Clark, who has been confined to his room for the past three weeks, is somewhat better.

John Topping, secretary of the Ætna Iron and Steel Company, returned yesterday from a western trip.

All business in the freight departments of the Pennsylvania Company and C., L. & W. railroad will be suspended to-day.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company observes to-day as a legal holiday and freight trains are annulled, and freight depots closed.

Mrs. A. J. Halstead, of Brainerd, Minn., was in town yesterday calling on friends. Mrs. Halstead is spending the holidays at her former home in Burlington.

L. S. Good sells dry goods the cheapest.

BELLAIRE.

All Sorts of Local News and Gossip from the Glass City.

The Windsor Club danced last night.

Grant Mansell has gone on a visit to Cumberland, Md.

John D. and Grant Baker, of Findlay, are here for Christmas.

An extra train ran with live stock for East Liberty yesterday.

The fire department turned out to the funeral of George F. Anderson.

Welby Crimmell, of Columbus, is here among friends for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Riley, of St. Paul, Minn., are the guests of their parents here.

A Bellaire man filled up on