THE YEAR'S RECORD

Of The Notable Events In 1897 the World Over.

THE EVER CEASELESS REAPER,

Destruction on Land and Sea—The Menace of War—A Review of Twelve Months Arranged Cronologically—Many Fatal Railway Collisions and Shipwrecks, Destructive Storms and Fires.

With the exception of the short, sharp conflict between Turkey and Greece the year 1897 has been one of peace and quiet throughout the civilized world. A general war over the vexed eastern question was averted by the speedy collapse of Greece. In Cuba, the insurrectionists have persisted, giving rise to many alarms of war between the United States and Spain.

The plan of annexation of Hawaii has reached an advanced stage without a clash with other interested powers.

Commercial prosperity among English speaking peoples has been in the main encouraging. Wheat in America reached the highest price known in over twenty years.

Strikes, riots and political assassinations mar the annals of the year, but they are comparatively free from great national calamities.

JANUARY.

1. Obituary—Rear Admiral Joseph S. Skerrett, U. S. N., retired, in Washington, aged sixty-seven.

3. Fire—In the business portion of Nashville; loss, $600,000.

5. Obituary—General Francis A. Walker, a veteran of the Federal army and a well known economist, in Boston; aged fifty-six.

6. Obituary—Albert S. Willis, U. S. minister to Hawaii, at Honolulu; aged fifty-three.

10. Fires—A $150,000 fire at Danville, Va. A $200,000 fire at Minneapolis.

16. Disaster—Sixteen children burned to death in a fire at the Orphan home, Dallas.

Obituary—Joel T. Headley, the historian, at Newburg, N. Y.; aged eighty-four.

22. Obituary—Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of stenography, in London; aged eighty-four.

23. Fire—Business block destroyed at Sandusky, O.; loss, $250,000.

24. Fires—In Chicago; loss, $300,000. Red Lake Falls, inn., nearly destroyed.

Obituary—Mrs. Hungerford, famous as a novelist under the nom de plume "The Duchess," in Dublin.

25. Miscellaneous—Extreme cold all over the country; mercury dropped 60 degrees.

26. Fires—In Chicago, grain elevator; loss, $350,000. Twenty buildings burned at Pacific Junction, Iowa. In Philadelphia a block of stores; loss, $1,250,000.

30. Disaster—Six deaths in a fire in Ho[illegible] N. J.

31. Obituary—Samuel W. Stone, author of "Wait For the Wagon," at Topeka; aged eighty-four.

FEBRUARY.

2. Fires—The state capitol of Pennsylvania totally destroyed; loss, $600,000. The Scott-Auerbach building at Salt Lake City burned; loss, $300,000.

Obituary—Colonel George Meade, son of General Meade, commander at Gettysburg, in Philadelphia; aged fifty-three.

10. Castelmary died on the stage while singing the role of Tristano in the opera of "Martha" at the Metropolitan opera house, New York.

11. Miscellaneous—Rev. Hosea Vize, a noted Baptist minister, descendant of Pocahontas, died at Macedonia, Ills.; aged eighty-six. Captain Philo Norton McGiffin, hero of the naval battle of the Yalu river, died in New York City by his own hand.

12. Obituary—General Darius Nash Couch, a noted Federal soldier, at Norwalk, Conn.; aged seventy-five.

13. Obituary—John Randolph Tucker, a noted Virginian, at Lexington; aged seventy-four. General Joseph O. Shelby, a noted Confederate leader of the west, at Adrian, Mo.

14. Obituary—William P. St. John, the New York banker, champion of free silver, in New York City.

17. Obituary: Rear Admiral Edward R. Colboun, U. S. N., retired in Washington; aged seventy-five. John I. Baker, "sage of Essex," one of the founders of the Republican party, at Beverly, Mass.; aged eighty-five. General Alfred Pleasanton, a noted federal leader, in Washington; aged seventy-three.

20. Fires: Grain elevator at Toledo; loss, $275,000.

21. Fire: The Syndicate block, Grand Forks, N. D.; loss, $225,000.

MARCH.

2. Obituary: Rev. Dr. Scoville Mallory, editor for The Churchman, in New York city, aged fifty.

3. Obituary: Nelson Wheatcroft, actor, in New York city.

Explosions: Fifty people injured in Boston; six deaths. Two miners killed and thirty injured at Huntingdon, Ark.

5. Fires: In Worchester, Mass.; loss, $500,000. The Bingham block and other buildings at Rome, N. Y.; loss, $200,000.

7. Fire: In Indianapolis; loss $100,000.

8. Obituary: Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher at Stamford, Conn.; aged eighty-five.

11. Obituary: Professor Henry Drummond, author, at Tunbridge Wells, England; aged forty-six.

12. Fires: In Chicago; loss, $350,000; three killed and two injured in Buffalo.

15. Fires: At St. Louis; loss, $1,000,000. At Elkins, W. Va.; loss, $100,000.

Explosion: Fifteen men killed and many wounded on a Russian turret ship in Cretan waters.

The Fifty-fifth Congress assembled in extra session.

16. The President nominated John Hay and General Horace Porter embassadors to Great Britain and France, respectively.

17. Obituary: Col. Alexander Macomb Mason, in Washington; aged fifty-six.

Sporting: Fitzsimmons won the world's heavyweight championship, defeating Corbett, at Carson City, Nev..

20. Obituary: General Joseph S. Fullerton, a federal veteran, killed in a wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio, near Oakland, Md.; aged sixty-seven.

22. Tornado in Georgia; school demolished; eight children killed and many injured.

27. Obituary: William T. Adams (Oliver Optic), in Boston; aged seventy-five.

28. Obituary: General William R. Terry, Confederate veteran, at Chesterfield, Va. Mrs. Margaret J. Preston, southern poet, in Baltimore.

30. Tornado destroyed the town of Chandler, O. T.; about fifty lives lost and nearly 200 people injured.

APRIL.

1. Obituary: Rear Admiral John H. Russell, U. S. N., retired, in Washington; aged seventy. General Charles A. Carleton, a federal veteran, in New York city; aged sixty-two.

3. Obituary: Johannes Brahms, the well known musical composer, in Vienna; aged sixty-four. Major Edward P. Doherty, Wilkes Booth's captor, in New York city.

6. Obituary: Andrew J. Garvey, one of the Tweed ring, in England.

9. Obituary: Daniel W. Voorhees, formerly senator from Indiana, in Washington; aged seventy.

10. Obituary: The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg Schwerin, at Cannes, France; aged forty-six.

11. Accident: Three killed and nine injured in a railway collision at Harrisburg, N. C.

13. Obituary: Col. D. C. Forney, the newspaper correspondent, in Washington; aged seventy-two. Mrs. Elizabeth R. Tilton, wife of Theodore Tilton, in Brooklyn; aged sixty-two.

16. Obituary: Charles Goode, veteran of the Black Hawk war, in Belmont, Wis.; aged 102.

19. War between Turkey and Greece declared. Obituary: Mines Levick, an old, favorite actor, in New York city; aged sixty-six.

20. Obituary: Billy Birch, the old time minstrel, in New York city; aged sixty-six.

22. King Humbert attacked by a political fanatic.

Obituary: Representative William S. Holman, in Washington; aged seventy-five.

23. Earthquake: Violent earthquakes and great loss of life in the Leeward islands.

24. After a fierce fight at Mati the Greeks retreated from Tyrnavo and Larissa to Pharsala.

26. Obituary: Antonia Maxime Mora, principal in the Spanish claims case, in New York city.

27. Fire: Two piers at Newport News, Va.; a sailing vessel, steamship and a tug burned; loss, $2,000,000.

29. Obituary: Col. Jesse E. Peyton, known as the "father of centennials," in Haddonfield, N. J.; aged eighty-two.

29. Obituary: George W. Biddle, one of Philadelphia's most eminent lawyers, at that city; aged seventy-nine.

30. Turks repulsed at Velestine with enormous loss.

MAY.

2. Miscellaneous: The Greek army in Epirus retired to Arta. Trinity church, New York, celebrated its 200th anniversary.

4. Fire disaster: A charity bazaar in Paris; over 100 deaths and about 200 injured; several ladies of rank among the victims.

Obituary: Admiral Richard W. Meade, U. S. A., retired, in Washington; aged sixty. Joseph Thorne, inventor of the typesetting machine, at Sing Sing; aged seventy-two. Edwin F. Thorne, the actor, in New York City.

7. Obituary—Henri d'Orleans, duc d'Aumale, the fourth son of King Louis Philippe, at Zucca, Sicily; aged seventy-five.

9. Accident—Thirteen lives lost by fire on the Mallory line steamship Leona, at sea.

13. Accident—Ten killed and nine injured in the ore mines at Pinkney, Tenn.

14. Obituary—Robert Kemp, originator of the "olde folkes concert," at Boston; aged seventy-seven. Max Maretzek, the well known operatic manager, on Staten Island; aged seventy-six.

20. Obituary—Horatio King, ex-postmaster general, at Washington; aged eighty-six.

Conventions—The one hundred and ninth general assembly of the Presbyterian church began at Winona, Ind. The general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian convention opened at Charlotte, N. C.

31. Earthquake—In the south Atlantic and central western states.

JUNE.

1. Obituary—General Daniel Ruggles, the oldest surviving graduate of West Point, in Fredericksburg, Va.; aged eighty-seven.

Conventions — The semi-centennial meeting of the American Medical Association held in the Academy of Music at Philadelphia.

2. Cabinet crisis in Spain; ministers resigned.

4. A negro lynched by a mob; two men killed and ten pounded in the crowd at Urbana, Ohio.

5. Obituary—Rear Admiral Samuel P. Lee, U. S. N., retired, the last of the commanders of great squadrons in the civil war, in Washington; aged eighty-five.

7. Obituary—Ney Elias, a great explorer and late consul general at Meshed, in London. Eph Morris, the veteran oarsman, at one time world famed, at Pittsburgh; aged forty-eight.

8. Explosion—Twenty-six persons injured by fireworks in Chicago.

Obituary—Mrs. Sarah A. Granger, sister of Stephen A. Douglas, at Clifton Springs, N. Y.; aged eighty-six.

9. Fire—The St. Louis Milling Company's plant in Carlinsville, Ills.; loss, $200,000.

Ocean disaster—Wreck of the steamer Aden on Socotra Island; seventy-eight perished.

12. Obituary—Archbishop Janssens, head of the Roman Catholic diocese of New Orleans, on the steamer Creole, bound for New York.

13. Attempt upon the life of President Faure, of France.

14. Fires—The buildings on Ellis island, New York harbor, destroyed; loss, $800,000.

Obituary—Charlotte Wolter, once known as the "tragedy queen of Germany," in Vienna; aged sixty-three. Barney Barnato, known as the "South African diamond king," leaped overboard while on the way to England.

7. Obituary — The Rev. Father Kneipp, the famous doctor-priest, at Woerishofen, Munich; aged seventy-five.

8. Tornado—Twenty-six persons buried in the ruins of a barn in Lincoln, Logan county, Ills.

Obituary—John H. Francis, senior proprietor and editor in chief of the Troy Times and formerly minister of the United States to Austria, Greece and Portugal, in Troy, N. Y.; aged seventy-four. Juliet Corson, the well known writer and teacher of cookery and dietles, in New York; aged fifty-five.

21. Obituary—Captain Boycott, the first man subjected to the "boycott," in London; aged fifty-five.

22. Miscellaneous—Christian K. Ross, the father of Charles Ross, the abducted boy, died in Germantown, Pa.; aged seventy-four. The eighteenth national saengerfest held in Philadelphia.

24. Tornado—Three persons killed and considerable damage done near Salina, Kan.

25. Obituary—General George W. Harrington, a veteran of the civil war, and former exalted ruler of the Elks, at Kalamazoo, Mich; aged sixty.

Sporting—Cornell won the inter-collegiate boat race at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., defeating Yale and Harvard.

27. Accident—Twenty-seven persons killed and many injured by a train falling through a trestle at Missouri City, Mo.

30. Obituary—Professor George M. Lane, one of the oldest teachers at Harvard college, in New York City; aged seventy-three.

Accident—Three killed, twenty injured, in a rear end collision on the Chicago and Northwestern, at Chicago.

JULY.

2. Cornell defeated Columbia in the shell race at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The Grant mausoleum on Riverside drive, New York, dedicated and formally turned over to the city of New York.

4. Fire—In Akron, O., the shafting department of the Akron Iron and Steel Company's works destroyed; loss, $100,000.

6. The strike order of the national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America was obeyed by 10,000 to 15,000 of the 21,000 miners in the Pittsburgh district.

7. Obituary—Hon. William S. Groesbeck, the distinguished Obloan, in Cincinnati; aged eighty-one.

8. Obituary—Senator Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee, in Washington; aged seventy-nine.

10. Aeronaut Andree's expedition to the north pole; ascent made July 10.

12. Obituary—Nicholas C. Creede, a millionaire mine owner, in Los Angeles; aged fifty-four.

14. Disaster—Eight persons drowned

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SPORT.

BOWLING.

The Aber-Nit club, an organization whose fame as an entertainer has become a household word on the South Side, danced the old year out and the new year in last night at the Pythian Castle. There was a large crowd in attendance, and Mayer's orchestra furnished the music. The Aber-Nits were out in strength, and from President Frank Walther and Officer Bero to the rank and file did all in their power to make their friends enjoy themselves, and they succeeded. The Aber-Nits lead the race as entertainers, and make up that way for repulses at Fette's.

NEW YEAR'S HANDICAP.

There will be a New Year's handicap to-night at the Musee alleys, with two men out of each club in the Musee league contesting. The players are:

Nationals—Stevenson and Brown.
Promos—W. Falcke and Alexander.
Off Again—Drayer and Armstrong.
Duquesnes—Merge and Evans.
Auroras—Bickmier and Uselton.
Klondike—Prouser and Wood.
The Club—Henning and White.
Concordia—Clator and Planke.

MUSEE LEAGUE.

Last night's games in the Musee league resulted as follows:

AURORAS.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total
Marschner	116	135	124	375
Bickmeyer	133	166	128	427
Horstman	130	106	142	378
Bowlin	117	118	105	340
Blind	125	129	168	422
Totals	621	654	667	1942

CONCORDIA.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total
Discher	139	109	128	376
Jacobs	130	156	105	391
Jones	153	187	153	493
Gaelker	146	127	144	417
Blind	110	107	160	317
Totals	678	686	630	1994

Scorers—Rader and McCabe. Umpire—Flading.

THE PARSON SPEAKS OUT.

Will not Agree to a weight Limit for Choynski Against McCoy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Parson Davies, manager for Joe Choynski, the heavyweight pugilist, to-day issued the following ultimatum in answer to Kid McCoy's announcement that he would meet the Californian at 162 pounds.

"Joe Choynski will fight "Kid" McCoy at catch weights at any place and at any time for a purse of $5,000. He will agree to no particular weight."

Prospects for a meeting between the two pugilists therefore are not very bright at paresent. McCoy's first proposition to Choynski was a meeting at 158 pounds. He afterward agreed to allow Choynski to enter the ring at 162 pounds, but Parson Davies will not listen to any proposition limiting the weight of Choynski.

"Heretofore the question of weight does not seem to have bothered McCoy so much," said he to-day. "Why is he so particular in this instance? He fought Creedon at catch weights and Dick O'Brien, and when he promised me a match with Joe after the Long Island City match he said nothing about 162 pounds. We will not agree to pull the fight off at Carson City just to please Dan Stuart. That is too far away. And we won't postpone the match until next summer, either, just to please McCoy and Dan Stuart."

W. A. C. vs. the Weather.

Several months from now the W. A. C. will play a football game. That fact is assured, the club at an informal meeting yesterday, coming to that conclusion. There could be a game to-day if football could be played on skates or snow-shoes, but the local team isn't up to that kind of snuff. Trying to pull off the Washington game in winter has been an expensive experiment, and the club's energy has been poorly repaid by the weather man. It shows, however, that W. A. C. has the right sort of ambition, and fortune, it is hoped, will smile on the next event under the club's auspices.

Baker to Meet Bruner.

Yesterday Manager Simcoe arranged a glove contest between Joe Bruner and "Kid" Baker, of this city, as a preliminary to the Bezenah-Gardner bout, January 11. Young Baker is very clever with the mitts and will put up a star showing. The Cincinnati sports are taking great interest in the outcome of the battle between Oscar Gardner, of that city, and Eugene Bezenah, of Covington, Ky., and a delegation from there will occupy seats at the Fulton arena.

SPRINGFIELD PLAYERS SIGNED.

Manager Lew Whistler, of the Springfield team, has signed a number of new men for the team the coming season, but most of them will not be announced until after February 1, in order to prevent drafting by some of the larger leagues. The following are a few of those signed: Eddie Mazena, of Chattanooga, who was second baseman with the Bay City (Mich.) team last season; Wells, pitcher, from Towanda, Pa., who last season was in the New England league; Hobright, outfielder, of Wheeling, who was in the Texas league last year.

The valor displayed by the soldier, who leads his men into the midst of the carnage of a great battle, is recognized as heroic, and arouses admiration. The unnecessary recklessness of the man who courts death through some insidious disease is pitiable, but not admirable. That dread disease, consumption, slays more men and women than are slain by war, famine and pestilence combined. It is an utterly unnecessary slaughter.

Consumption is curable. One of the most eminent specialists in the world, Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y., so pronounces it. He declares that thirty years ago he discovered a medicine that cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption. In his great medical work, "The Common Sense Medical Adviser," the names, addresses, experiences and photographs of innumerable consumptives who have recovered are given. This wonderful medicine is known as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the greatest of all known blood-makers and flesh-builders. It gives edge to the appetite, makes digestion and assimilation perfect, renders the liver and kidneys active, makes the blood pure and fills it with the life-giving elements that build new and healthy tissue. It strengthens the muscular system, tones the nerves, pumps rich, red, healthy blood into every vital organ, and acting directly on the lungs drives out all impurities and disease germs. Thousands have testified to its marvelous merits. An honest dealer will not try to persuade you to take a worthless substitute for the sake of a little added profit.

When baby is sick the mother needs to own a copy of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. It tells the home-treatment of all the ordinary ills of life. For a paper-covered copy send 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing *only*, to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. For cloth binding 31 stamps.

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What does A stand for? When some friend suggests that your blood needs A sarsaparilla treatment, remember that A stands for AYER'S. The first letter in the alphabet stands for the first of sarsaparillas; first in origin, first in record, first in the favor of the family. For nearly half a century

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has been curing all forms of blood diseases—scrofula, eczema, tetter, rheumatism, erysipelas, blood poisoning, etc. There's a book about these cures—"Ayer's Curebook, a story of cures told by the cured,"—which is sent free on request, by Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass. The book will interest you if you are sick or weak, because it tells not what it is claimed the remedy will do, but what your neighbors and fellows testify that it has done. Will it cure you? It has cured thousands like you. Why not you?

BENWOOD.

News Items from the Lively Industrial Town.

There is an agitation springing up which may lead the county commissioners to join hands with the Benwood Southern in fixing up the road-bed at the "Narrows." The road at this point has always been a Jonah, and it has been a problem for years, but it is thought by many that if the road was paved with brick the trouble would cease. An eleven foot driveway paved with brick, would of course, cost some money, but it would make an almost permanent road, ensuring a good road for driving between Moundsville and Wheeling, and since the street car company is disposed to spend a considerable sum on its improvement, an appropriation from the county commissioners added to this sum, would foot the bill. A man in a position to know says that three-fourths of a mile of the "Narrows" could be paved for $5,000. This would be a step in the direction of economy, as the cost of clearing the road after slips would be slight, the dirt being easily shoveled off the brick surface; while under the present system, the stones put on the road are swept off with the dirt, thus providing good ballast for the Baltimore & Ohio, and the road after a rain is as bad as before stones were put on.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Gates will spend New Year's at Powhatan. Mr. Gates yesterday severed his connection with Schick's pharmacy, where as prescription clerk, for over four years, he formed a wide circle of friends, and if he starts up in the drug business here he is assured a liberal patronage.

Complaint is frequently made of the loafers in the city building at nights, especially since the cold weather set in. The crowd at nights is so thick around the stove that an officer hasn't room to answer the telephone.

Miss Mary Dixon, who is spending the holidays at her home here, will return to her studies at New Concord, Ohio, next Tuesday.

Yesterday was pay day at the Wheeling steel works. It will close down this evening for repairs, and be off all next week.

The congregation of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will enjoy a New Year's social at the city hall Monday evening.

The revival meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church in charge of Rev. J. S. Robinson, will be continued next week.

Officer Geary is on Officer Brannen's beat, owing to the latter's illness, and Charles Sprouts is acting as substitute.

Miss Emma Houston, of Pittsburgh, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Houston, of South Marshall street.

Lawrence Juergens, who has been visiting friends here, returns to-day to the soldiers' home, at Dayton.

Misses Carrie and Alta Vance, of Niles, Ohio, are visitors at the home of Charles Vance.

Dr. Wigg, of Video, Pa., was visiting Dr. Alley yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Havey has returned from Proctor.

MOUNDSVILLE.

A Miscellaneous Melange of Minor Matters from Marshall's Metropolis.

Little Prince Lodge No. 79, K. of P., elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: J. L. Ganin, C. C.; T. S. Riggs, V. C.; A. C. Scroggins, prelate; Will Donley, master at arms; Charles Clegg, M. of W.; J. E. Roberts, K. of R. & S.; J. W. Martin, M. of F.; C. S. Riggs, M. of E.; O. C. Kerns, I. G.; J. A. Ewing, O. G.; J. F. Vauth and B. E. McCuskey, trustees. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

The Epworth League social at the home of Mrs. Mike Catlett last night, was quite a success. Many were kept away on account of the heavy snow, but a fair crowd was present and all spent a very pleasant evening. The crowd stayed and watched the old year out and the new year in.

Rev. Grimes, of Clarksburg, arrived in the city yesterday. He will have charge of the funeral services of Mrs. I. B. Wilson this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. L. Ash, of the M. E. church, and Rev. W. A. Williams, of the Presbyterian church, will assist in the services.

The oyster supper given by Independent hose company No. 2, in the Smith building last night, was a great success. The citizens are beginning to appreciate the importance of our fire department.

W. T. Griffith, of Ohio, is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, who is confined to her room with fever.

W. M. Riggs and wife have reutrned from a ten days' visit with friends and relatives in Pittsburgh and vicinity.

A. J. McElroy, the news dealer and fire chief, is on the sick list.

Knit Goods Firm Assigns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Henry H. Ball's Sons Co., manufacturers of knit goods, elderdown garments and smoking jackets, to-day assigned for the benefit of creditors. At the office of the attorney of the company it was said liabilities would amount to over $100,000.

IMPOSSIBLE to foresee an accident. Not impossible to be prepared for it. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Monarch over pain. 2

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

The city council at the regular meeting next Tuesday evening will probably instruct the city solicitor to begin quo warranto proceedings in the supreme court of Ohio to oust the Wheeling Railway Company from the city of Martin's Ferry. It is said that every member of council is in favor of this action as soon as possible. The railway company says it is willing to extend the line to the upper end of Martin's Ferry and pay its share of the street paving north of Walnut street and do this in advance. The Martin's Ferry councilmen are unanimous in their belief that the company has no legal right in Martin's Ferry and hence their determination to require the railway people to pay the bill of $2,200 for street paving done under the former ownership of the road. The street railway people insist that they do not owe the bill for street paving and that they will not pay this unless the court decides that they shall.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

Considering the weather and the different attractions last night, the concert given at Scheehle's hall by the Martin's Ferry Choral Society was largely attended. The local society was assisted by the Bellaire Choral Club and a number of vocalists of note and judging from the applause it was certain that everybody was highly pleased with the entertainment. The chorus, quartette, trio, duet and vocal and instrumental solos were all good and the concert deserved a larger audience and reflects much credit upon the organization. The audience was a most cultured and appreciative one.

THE VIGILANT ELECTS.

The Vigilant Hose Company has elected the following officers: Jacob Kaiser, captain; D. D. Parks, first lieutenant; Walter Larkins, secretary; William E. Thomas, treasurer; Patrick Moore, trustee; Thomas H. Green, fire warden. The newly elected officers will set up a turkey supper to the members of the Vigilants to-night, for which two large turkeys have been purchased.

EVENTS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST.

Among the events in Martin's Ferry on the last night of the old year, were the following: Choral Society concert at Scheehle's hall; watch meeting at the Methodist Episcopal church; treat to Sunday school pupils at the Baptist church; Red Men's banquet, after initiation; Maennerchor masquerade ball; entertainment of friends by Mrs. James Kerr and daughter; Shakespeare Club meeting at the home of Miss Bertie Blackford; Orbis Club meeting at the home of Miss Jennie Lytle, and a number of small social gatherings.

MARTIN'S FERRY BRIEFS.

The Red Men last night elected the following officers: Jacob Diehle, sachem; Joseph Hartsell, senior sagamore; Benjamin Wrixon, chief of records; James Miskell, keeper of wampum; Charles Ellis, collector; C. H. Irwin, representative to grand lodge; Charles Horther, alternate; Thomas J. Irwin, Hugh McGlumphy and Lewis Smith, trustees.

One hundred and forty pieces of property in Martin's Ferry are advertised in the delinquent tax list. Much of this will be paid before the day of the sale and not a little of it has already been paid.

The weather the last day of the year was too much for the different gangs at work on the new tin plate mill except the carpenters.

A splendid crayon portrait of the late James H. Drennen, the work of Miss M. C. Wood, is on exhibition in Hoge's drug store.

The Martin's Ferry and Bridgeport barbers have decided to keep open their shops all day to-day and until 12 o'clock to-night.

Thomas Pugh, secretary of the water board, will receive water rents to-day, this being the first day they are due.

Charles Thomas, of Buffalo, N. Y., who has been visiting his brother, W. E. Thomas, will return on Monday.

Miss Verne Clark entertained her Sunday school class on Thursday night at her home on Fourth street.

Mrs. J. R. Scott returned to Mingo Junction yesterday accompanied by her sister, Miss Anna Carmichael.

The banks closed yesterday afternoon until Monday. The postoffice will observe holiday hours to-day.

The hot mills at the Laughlin tin plate works will shut down to-day to make the usual inventory.

Miss Pearl Stewart, of Boweston, who has been visiting her brother Harry, returned yesterday.

Mrs. Holliday and Mrs. Harden, who have been visiting Mrs. Fred Muggee, have returned.

Miss Retta Wright, who has been visiting relatives at Bealisville, returned yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Noble are entertaining Mr. Noble's brother, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Alfred Meeker and Miss Minnie Custer will be married to-morrow.

Ben Watkins, of Chicago, is calling on old friends in Martin's Ferry.

City Engineer E. J. Millar returned last night from Sistersville.

Mrs. Thellacker will return from Germany in March.

He Must Have Been.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 30.—Adam Pfeffer, who had second class transportation from New Ulm, Minn., to Hamburg, Germany, jumped through a car window of the Atlantic express east in the vicinity of South Fork this morning and was instantly killed. Pfeffer was demented.

A Square "Deacon"

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Stephen V. White, who failed in the financial panic of 1893, was reinstated to full membership in the New York Stock Exchange to-day, by the unanimous vote of the committee on admissions. "Deacon" White has settled all his obligations with interest.

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MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

The city council at the regular meeting next Tuesday evening will probably instruct the city solicitor to begin quo warranto proceedings in the supreme court of Ohio to oust the Wheeling Railway Company from the city of Martin's Ferry. It is said that every member of council is in favor of this action as soon as possible. The railway company says it is willing to extend the line to the upper end of Martin's Ferry and pay its share of the street paving north of Walnut street and do this in advance. The Martin's Ferry councilmen are unanimous in their belief that the company has no legal right in Martin's Ferry and hence their determination to require the railway people to pay the bill of $2,200 for street paving done under the former ownership of the road. The street railway people insist that they do not owe the bill for street paving and that they will not pay this unless the court decides that they shall.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

Considering the weather and the different attractions last night, the concert given at Scheehle's hall by the Martin's Ferry Choral Society was largely attended. The local society was assisted by the Bellaire Choral Club and a number of vocalists of note and judging from the applause it was certain that everybody was highly pleased with the entertainment. The chorus, quartette, trio, duet and vocal and instrumental solos were all good and the concert deserved a larger audience and reflects much credit upon the organization. The audience was a most cultured and appreciative one.

THE VIGILANT ELECTS.

The Vigilant Hose Company has elected the following officers: Jacob Kaiser, captain; D. D. Parks, first lieutenant; Walter Larkins, secretary; William E. Thomas, treasurer; Patrick Moore, trustee; Thomas H. Green, fire warden. The newly elected officers will set up a turkey supper to the members of the Vigilants to-night, for which two large turkeys have been purchased.

EVENTS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST.

Among the events in Martin's Ferry on the last night of the old year, were the following: Choral Society concert at Scheehle's hall; watch meeting at the Methodist Episcopal church; treat to Sunday school pupils at the Baptist church; Red Men's banquet, after initiation; Maennerchor masquerade ball; entertainment of friends by Mrs. James Kerr and daughter; Shakespeare Club meeting at the home of Miss Bertie Blackford; Orbis Club meeting at the home of Miss Jennie Lytle, and a number of small social gatherings.

MARTIN'S FERRY BRIEFS.

The Red Men last night elected the following officers: Jacob Diehle, sachem; Joseph Hartsell, senior sagamore; Benjamin Wrixon, chief of records; James Miskell, keeper of wampum; Charles Ellis, collector; C. H. Irwin, representative to grand lodge; Charles Horther, alternate; Thomas J. Irwin, Hugh McGlumphy and Lewis Smith, trustees.

One hundred and forty pieces of property in Martin's Ferry are advertised in the delinquent tax list. Much of this will be paid before the day of the sale and not a little of it has already been paid.

The weather the last day of the year was too much for the different gangs at work on the new tin plate mill except the carpenters.

A splendid crayon portrait of the late James H. Drennen, the work of Miss M. C. Wood, is on exhibition in Hoge's drug store.

The Martin's Ferry and Bridgeport barbers have decided to keep open their shops all day to-day and until 12 o'clock to-night.

Thomas Pugh, secretary of the water board, will receive water rents to-day, this being the first day they are due.

Charles Thomas, of Buffalo, N. Y., who has been visiting his brother, W. E. Thomas, will return on Monday.

Miss Verne Clark entertained her Sunday school class on Thursday night at her home on Fourth street.

Mrs. J. R. Scott returned to Mingo Junction yesterday accompanied by her sister, Miss Anna Carmichael.

The banks closed yesterday afternoon until Monday. The postoffice will observe holiday hours to-day.

The hot mills at the Laughlin tin plate works will shut down to-day to make the usual inventory.

Miss Pearl Stewart, of Boweston, who has been visiting her brother Harry, returned yesterday.

Mrs. Holliday and Mrs. Harden, who have been visiting Mrs. Fred Muggee, have returned.

Miss Retta Wright, who has been visiting relatives at Bealisville, returned yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Noble are entertaining Mr. Noble's brother, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Alfred Meeker and Miss Minnie Custer will be married to-morrow.

Ben Watkins, of Chicago, is calling on old friends in Martin's Ferry.

City Engineer E. J. Millar returned last night from Sistersville.

Mrs. Thellacker will return from Germany in March.

He Must Have Been.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 30.—Adam Pfeffer, who had second class transportation from New Ulm, Minn., to Hamburg, Germany, jumped through a car window of the Atlantic express east in the vicinity of South Fork this morning and was instantly killed. Pfeffer was demented.

A Square "Deacon"

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Stephen V. White, who failed in the financial panic of 1893, was reinstated to full membership in the New York Stock Exchange to-day, by the unanimous vote of the committee on admissions. "Deacon" White has settled all his obligations with interest.

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ONE IN EVERY FOUR.

One Person in Every Four Suffers From Piles.

About one person in every four suffers from some form of rectal disease. The most common and annoying is itching piles, indicated by warmth, slight moisture and intense, uncontrollable itching in the parts affected.

The usual treatment has been some simple ointment or salve which sometimes give temporary relief, but nothing like a permanent cure can be expected from such superficial treatment.

The only permanent cure for itching piles yet discovered is the Pyramid Pile Cure, not only for itching piles, but for every other form of piles, blind, bleeding or protruding. The first application gives instant relief and the continued use for a short time causes a permanent removal of the tumors or the small parasites which cause the intense itching and discomfort of itching piles.

Many physicians for a long time supposed that the remarkable relief afforded by the Pyramid Pile Cure was because it was supposed to contain cocaine, opium or similar drugs, but such is not the case. A recent careful analysis of the remedy showed it to be absolutely free from any cocaine, opium, or in fact any poisonous, injurious drugs whatever. Sold by druggists at 50 cents per package.

Send to Pyramid Co., Marshall, Mich., for free book on cause and cure of piles.

BELLAIRE.

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

The Christian church was packed last night, the occasion being the annual New Year's concert. The choruses were sung by about fifty of the pupils of the Sunday school with pleasing effect, especially was this true of the "New Year Prayer Song," written and arranged by Mr. G. E. Hopkins, chorister of the school. Many features brought the warmest applause from the audience, notably the selections by Miss Lina Hennig, the popular Wheeling elocutionist, the solos by Miss Inez Blackburn and Miss Alice Bolen, and the solos and duetts by Mr. Bert Hopkins and Miss Kunkle. Miss Lena Archer also rendered a captivating solo entitled "Cotton Dolly," in negro dialect with good effect.

The over-the-river officers arrested a Bellaire man while he was at work yesterday, but finding they had gotten hold of the wrong man put up a bluff worse than the one put up in the Martin's Ferry case and there was little excuse for their mistake, but they let the man go again when they found he had never even been in New York.

The Belmont County Teachers' Association will hold its annual meeting in this city next week. Superintendents Van Cleve and Barnes and Miss Julia Faupel, the executive committee, have prepared are attractive programme.

Mrs. M. A. Sanders entertained the Gravel Hill Literary and Social Club last evening, in a very pleasant manner, at her home on North Belmont street. The club watched the old year out and the new one in.

Two of the glass factories will be closed next week to make needed repairs, but they will not be shut down longer than necessary to finish the repair work. All other industries will run as usual.

The dance given by the Arlington Division of Knights of Pythias last evening in Armory hall was well attended and an enjoyable time was had by all present.

The Catholic bazaar in progress at Turner hall has been fairly successful. They