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We've been preparing for this annual white goods sale for months past. Case after case has arrived, but at this writing the line is not quite complete, but will be in a day or so. To patrons of our former sales of this kind we will say that the assortments are larger, and the prices smaller than at any sale we have ever before held. In addition to this we offer you choice, whether you want a 5c corset cover or one of the finest gowns at \$10.00, one-fifth of the purchase is refunded to you.

MAN MUST CHOOSE

His Future Course as he is free to do, Says Rev. Mr. Buck

IN HIS NEW YEARS DISCOURSE

On "The Parting of the Ways," at the First Baptist Church Last Night. The Present an Opportune time to Decide—New Year's Reception today at Y. M. C. A.—Other Observances of the Holiday.

At the First Baptist church last night the pastor, Rev. Martin W. Buck, delivered an effective New Year's discourse from his theme, "The Parting of the Ways." The discourse was in the main an appeal for the choosing of a better life in the future and an argument in support of the doctrine of the free moral agency of man.

We have come to the parting of the ways, began Rev. Mr. Buck, at the beginning of the new year. There are two ways, the safe and the unsafe, the broad and the narrow, in life. In looking back over the old year, a man might pertinently ask himself whether he has been true to the trust God imposed. Man, said the speaker, is a free moral agent. He is not a plaything of fate, nor a machine. He is a free moral agent, and he knows it and feels it. He may try to excuse his sins and vices by saying he can't help them because he is a creature of fate, but God created man a free, moral agent. The speaker frankly confessed his ignorance why God didn't create a man who wouldn't sin. The answer must come from the All-wise Ruler. But man is free to act as he chooses and wills, and is not an automaton.

This freedom it is which exalts man above the rest of the animal kingdom and clothes him with the dignity of manhood. He has first the power of thinking, and next the power of free moral agency. An automaton, such as a watch, for instance, is not accountable for its acts, but men and women are accountable for their acts. They may do as they please but also must stand the responsibility.

Man must choose his future existence, continued Rev. Mr. Buck, it isn't optional with him. God sets before him the way of life and the way of death, and the man in choosing one rejects the other. If he chooses debauchery, gambling and kindred vices he rejects a life of purity, and if on the other hand, he chooses the path of purity he turns aside from the way which leads to destruction.

But a man was only free as he was governed by his higher nature, but was a slave when he couldn't resist the baser nature. Every man hears the voices of two natures, the better and the baser. He is called upon to choose—the way of death or the way of life. It is the privilege and the duty of a man, as a free moral agent, to choose God's way, because in choosing the other way he rejects the way of life. The present was an opportune time to choose, the new year may be the last on earth for many. Rev. Mr. Buck concluded by urging his hearers to shake off sinful habits and start the new year determined to live as close to God as possible.

New Year's Receptions.

Miss Frances Wheat will receive at the home of her father, Mr. George K. Wheat, 569 Main street, assisted by Mrs. A. Allen Wheat, Miss Elizabeth List,

Miss Lydia Good, Miss Blanche Haase, the Misses Brown and others.

Formal New Year's receptions will be held to-day at the home of Mr. J. N. Vance, North Main street; Mr. W. A. Wilson, North Main street, and Mr. Joseph Spedel, Chapline street, while informal receiving will occur at the homes where house guests are being entertained this week.

MILITARY MASS.

Celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral Yesterday.

Military mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral yesterday morning, with Rev. Bishop Donahue as celebrant. The members of the congregation attended in large numbers, many being compelled to stand. An elaborate musical programme was rendered, with orchestral accompaniment. The Cathedral High School Cadets attended as a body, and made a fine appearance.

The reverend bishop preached a lengthy discourse, in which he dwelt on the necessity of religious education. He referred to the decadence of modern education as compared to the extensive learning of the ancients and the mind-culture derived from a study of Greek and Latin. The Cathedral high school, he said, is an ideal institution of learning for the Catholic youth; one which offers every educational advantage.

In closing the bishop prophesied a bright future for the state of West Virginia. He advised the boys to study; with a good education fortune and prosperity are within reach in their home state.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Will be Observed as Usual—Events That are Stated. New Year's Day will be given its legal observance in Wheeling to-day. The banks will be closed throughout the day, and many of the retail stores will also observe the day. At the post-office holiday hours will be observed.

At the Y. M. C. A. the annual New Year's reception will take place, followed by the annual election of officers. Socially, the day will be one of enjoyment, receptions being announced at many homes.

There will be matinee performances at both the theatres, "What Happened to Jones" being the Opera House attraction, while the King Dramatic Company holds forth at the Grand.

Treat and Entertainment

At the Third Presbyterian church tonight the annual treat and entertainment for the Sabbath school will be given. No admission fee will be charged, and all are invited. Prizes for perfect attendance will be awarded. The school is one of the largest in the city.

Programme:

- Song—"Merry Bells".....Ten Girls Recitation.....Lida Fette Solo.....William Clemans Recitation.....Amy Zimmer Motion Song.....Eight Girls Recitation.....Rea Steele Bobolink Song.....Seven Girls Recitation.....Frank Knabe Recitation.....Clara Pette Dialogue.....Five Girls Recitation.....Essie Elsworth Solo.....William Clemans Address.....Pastor Presentation of awards.....Mr. Fulton

association to-day. The reception will begin at 3 o'clock, and all young men are invited to enjoy the good cheer and hospitality of the association. Refreshments will be served to callers, as usual. There will be music, hand ball, bowling and various amusements in the afternoon. The entertainment will begin promptly at 8 o'clock in the evening.

NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY

Was a Day of Zeroic Weather—Six Degrees Above This Morning.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. 7 a. m. 11 4 p. m. 22 8 a. m. 15 5 p. m. 20 9 a. m. 16 6 p. m. 19 10 a. m. 18 7 p. m. 18 11 a. m. 19 8 p. m. 16 Noon 21 9 p. m. 14 1 p. m. 22 10 p. m. 12 2 p. m. 23 11 p. m. 11 3 p. m. 23 Midnight 9

The new year began business yesterday by giving the good people of Wheeling a taste of old-fashioned winter weather. At 7 o'clock a. m. the thermometer showed 19 degrees above zero. In the afternoon the temperature had gone up to 23 degrees above, but in the evening the mercury again began a sliding scale performance that sent chills down the backs of people who were not able to hug the cheerfulness and warmth of their firesides. At midnight the thermometer showed 9 degrees above zero.

At 2:30 this morning the Schnepp thermometer registered 6 degrees above zero—"the coldest weather of the year."

INCREASED THEIR BID.

Baer Sons Grocer Company's Business Purchased by Horkheimer Brothers, Acting on Behalf of the Baers. The Creditors Get Sixty-four Cents on the Dollar.

The property and business of the Baer Sons Grocer Company was disposed of Saturday, at the session of the Federal court held in Clarksburg, Judge Nathan Goff presiding, to Horkheimer Bros. The consideration in toto was \$275,000, which includes the assumption of a mortgage of \$35,000. As the liabilities were \$550,000, the creditors will get a fraction over sixty-four cents on the dollar.

There were other bids received by Receiver Hazlett. Sealed bids were first considered. Mr. Joseph Spedel offered to assume the mortgage of \$35,000 and give \$150,000. Joseph F. Paul, acting for a syndicate composed of the Bank of Wheeling, Joseph Spedel and Allan Brock, offered \$150,000 and a rental of the property at \$200 per month for a period not to exceed six months. The syndicate's bid was under the second section of the receiver's articles, the other bids being made on the fourth section. Horkheimer Bros' first offer was \$200,112.50 and the assumption of the mortgage.

These bids being rejected, the court was about to order a sale by auction by the receiver, but after a recess, the attorneys decided to accept a compromise, which resulted in the Horkheimer increasing their original bid to \$275,000. The purchase price is to be paid in cash next Wednesday.

The company will be conducted by the Baers. The purchase was made on behalf of the Baers.

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A SUDDEN DEATH

Was that of Edward Peoples, of Held's Restaurant, Which Occurred Yesterday Afternoon—Was in Only ten Minutes.

Very sudden and entirely unexpected was the death of Edward Peoples, a veteran cook who died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at C. F. Held's restaurant on Market street.

Mr. Peoples complained about ten minutes before his death of a pain in the region of the heart. He was forced to leave his work in the kitchen, and was assisted up-stairs to his room. At the head of the stairs he fell back in the arms of Harry Paradise and expired. A physician had been called, but did not arrive until too late.

Mr. Peoples was about sixty-three years of age, and came to Wheeling last March from his home at Port Homer, Ohio, where he is survived by his wife and a son and a daughter, both grown. He was a native of Steubenville, Ohio. For many years he was a steamboat cook on the Ohio river.

Mrs. Peoples was informed of the sudden death of her husband. The funeral arrangements will be deferred until she is heard from.

In Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. James A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexico, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days, against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy, as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.' For sale by druggists.

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DIED.

BAIRD—At her home, No. 1137 Chapline street, on Friday, December 26, 1898, at 1:25 a. m., LAURA REBECCA UPDEGRAFF, wife of Dr. R. M. Baird.

Funeral at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning from her late residence, No. 1137 Chapline street. Friends of the family are invited to attend. Interment private at Greenwood cemetery.

MELBY—On Sunday, January 1, 1899, EMILY W., daughter of Emma and the late Thomas J. Mears, aged 11 years and 2 months.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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