

MERCHANTS TAKE THE REST THEY HAVE EARNED.

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Many visitors. The railroads centering in the city carried hundreds of shoppers from surrounding towns into the city.

On the whole business men say trade was fully up to last year.

At the postoffice. The postoffice has experienced a rush than has never been exceeded.

It is all over, and to-day, the greatest of all days in Christendom, is here.

Violins, Guitars, Banjos, Music Rolls, Accordions, Fifes, Piano Stools and Covers, Stands and Music Cabinets to-day at EXACTLY HALF PRICE.

LARGE assortment of Ladies' Fancy Rings at the lowest figures, at H. E. Hillman & Co's.

25 cent Hooks, Files and Blotters, 15 cents. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

FULL line of Music Boxes, Talking Machines and Records, at BAUMER'S.

H. E. HILLMAN & CO. wants everyone to call and get their prices before buying elsewhere.

50 cent Hooks, Files, Tooth and Nail Brushes, 25 cents and Music Cabinets to-day at EXACTLY HALF PRICE.

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..POLITICS..

This morning the Intelligencer prints cards from three defeated candidates for nominations on the Republican ticket.

The new Republican city executive committee will meet to-morrow evening at the office of the board of public works to effect its organization.

Mr. Wolfe's Card. To the Editor of the Intelligencer. SIR:—I desire to heartily thank my friends who showed me many favors during my canvass for the Republican nomination for city clerk.

Mr. Geiger in Line. To the Editor of the Intelligencer. SIR:—I am sincerely grateful to my friends who so kindly assisted me in my candidacy for mayor.

Christmas Greetings. The Equitable Industrial Insurance Company, of Washington, D. C. again remembered their employees of the Wheeling staff by presenting each married man with a turkey.

A Manly Expression. To the Editor of the Intelligencer. SIR:—I desire to thank my friends for the hearty support they extended at the late Republican primary election.

In Clerk Robertson's Office. Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's office, the following were recorded:

Deed made December 17, 1900, by H. F. Behrens and wife to Sophia Hoffmeister; consideration, \$400; transfers lot No. 8, in Behrens & Speldel's addition.

Deed made January 1, 1895, by L. C. McWilliams and wife to J. C. McCutcheon; consideration, \$550; transfers 13.83 acres of land in Triadelphia district.

Deed made March 25, 1893, by Isaac Linton and wife to W. A. Cracraft; consideration, \$1,175; transfers a lot at Elm Grove.

Deed made October 3, 1900, by C. A. Klein, to James E. Soles; consideration, \$200; transfers lot No. 77, at Echo Point.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following: Charles Best, aged thirty-eight, and Sarah Simpson, aged thirty-two, of Toledo, Ohio.

Clarence Armstrong, aged twenty-one, and Eliza Clark, aged nineteen, of McMechen.

Carl Pithan, aged twenty-one, and Jeanette Kerne, aged twenty-one, of Washington, Pa.

John Keith, aged twenty-one, and Elsie Pearl Coss, aged eighteen, of Yorkville, Ohio.

Holly H. Sayre, aged twenty-four, of New Martinsville, and Lillian May Adams, aged nineteen, of Wheeling.

Phineas J. Wood, aged twenty-two, and Nellie Burkman, aged nineteen, of Wheeling.

Charles Yuncke, aged twenty-two, and Mary E. Reynolds, aged twenty, of Wheeling.

A power of attorney from Kemble Mills, of Pittsburgh, to T. M. Garvin.

ELABORATE CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

Will be in Evidence at the Episcopal and Catholic Churches To-day.

SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Will be very Attractive, and Include a Representation of Christ's Birthplace.

Christmas Day in Wheeling will be the occasion of elaborate services at the Episcopal and Catholic churches.

Last night there were innumerable Christmas Eve entertainments, both at home residences and in the churches under the auspices of Sunday schools.

St. Luke's P. E. Church. At St. Luke's P. E. church, on the Island, the rector, Rev. Jacob Brittingham, will deliver a sermon especially appropriate for Christmas at the 10:30 service.

St. Matthew's P. E. Church. At St. Matthew's P. E. church, holy communion will be observed at 8 a. m., and the Christmas service at 10:30 a. m., with a sermon by the rector, Rev. D. W. Howard, appropriate to the occasion.

St. Andrew's. At St. Andrew's P. E. church, South Side, to-night, the Christmas tree will be in evidence and the young people of that congregation will be there in force.

First Baptist Church. At the First Baptist church a very interesting programme has been arranged for the Christmas Sunday school entertainment to-night.

- Organ Voluntary. Carol—Herald Angels. School Prayer. Carol—Glory in the Highest. School Greeting. J. W. Amick, of Freeport, Me. Anthem—Christmas is Glad Time. Responsive Scripture Reading. Hymn—Joy to the World. Pastor's Prayer. School and Congregation Christmas Greeting. Philipp Henry Row Recitation—The Little Market Woman. Solo—The Herald Angels. Helen Buck Solo—The Herald Angels. Annie Adams Recitation—Two Cents and a Prayer. Ethel Moore Responsive Scripture Reading. Carol—The Old Story. School Recitation—A Christmas Gift for Jesus. Recitation—Once on a Time. Nine Girls Recitation—Glorious Tidings. Five Girls Recitation—A Song—Christmas Fairies. Motion Song—The Secret of the Stars. Primary Department Song—The Secret of the Stars. Carol—While Shepherds Watched. School Hammer and Saw. By Boys Address—Christmas Prayer. Pastor Address—Christmas Prayer. Good-night and Christmas. Twelve Girls

St. Joseph's Cathedral. At St. Joseph's Cathedral early mass at 5:30 will be observed, as usual followed by services every half hour until 9 o'clock.

Elaborate decorations have been placed through the auditorium and the floral arrangements present a beautiful appearance.

Among the musical selections that will be rendered by the choir will be the famous pastoral mass by Lambert.

Evening services will be held at the St. Alphonsus church, Right Rev. Bishop Donahue officiating.

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TURMOIL IN LEYTE.

Clashes on the West Coast, but Quiet in the Eastern Section—An Atrocious Murder at Capiz—Formation of the Autonomist Party.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—Advices to the Associated Press from the Island of Leyte said that there is still considerable turmoil on the west coast, but that the east coast is quiet, the leaders having retired to the mountains.

The Federal party has decided upon a new organization, and to-day published in the Spanish Filipino evening papers an address to the Filipinos.

"The number of Filipinos who are convinced that the time for peace has come increases daily," says the address. "The object of the Federal party is the reunion of all Filipinos who truly wish for peace and are disposed to work for it."

"We call ourselves the Federal party because, under American sovereignty, the righteous aspirations of the Philippines will be to form a part of the American federation as states of the union."

The executive committee has called President McKinley announcing that the organization has been perfected, and tendering an expression of good will.

The new paragraph in the platform declaring for American recognition of the legality of some acts done by the authorities of the insurgent government is in conformity with precedents established during the reconstruction period following the civil war in the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—News has been received at the war department of a peculiarly atrocious murder in the Philippines, the circumstances of which were developed at the trial of six natives before a military commission at Capiz, Panay, P. I.

It appears from the testimony that two of the persons were responsible for the death of the wife of one of their neighbors.

With seven or eight other men they went to the house of a native named Victor Perez, and forcibly took him and his wife to the Panay river, where they bound their hands behind them and told them that their "last day had come."

The woman was struck with a bolo, and her dead body thrown into the river. Her husband witnessed her murder, and, anticipating similar treatment, sprang into the river, and notwithstanding his arms were plied, managed to reach the opposite shore.

According to the witnesses, the motive for the crime was a superstitious belief that the murdered woman was a witch possessed of occult powers, whereby she in some mysterious way had brought about the death of a neighbor's child.

The two men were sentenced to be hanged, but General MacArthur mitigated the sentence in each case to confinement at hard labor for twenty years out of consideration for the exceedingly low order of intelligence and blind superstition of the accused.

Jr. O. U. A. M. Loyalists Won. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The National Judiciary of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, which heard evidence to determine which of the two factions in this state is entitled to recognition by the national body, to-day made public its decision, in which what is termed the "loyalist" faction is upheld.

The difficulty arose over the refusal of the "insurgent" faction to pay the national council per capita tax under the present system of representation. The contest between the two factions is now pending in the state courts.

Jessie Morrison Released. ELDORADO, Kas., Dec. 24.—Jessie Morrison was released this evening on \$2000 bonds. Miss Morrison has not yet made known her plans for the immediate future.

WITH all the reduction H. E. Hillman & Co.'s prices on Diamonds, Watches, Fine Jewelry, Clocks, etc., are the lowest in the city.

You can cure your cold in 24 Hours with Hill's Cascara Bromide Quinine. (Tablets) You can cure LaGrippe in three days with HILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE. THE W. H. HILL COMPANY, Detroit, Mich.

AMUSEMENTS.

Creston Clarke and Miss Adelaide Prince will constitute the Christmas Day attraction at the Opera House. The mere announcement of the coming of these popular artists has aroused an unusual degree of interest among local theatre-goers.

Fashionable Vaudeville. Fashionable vaudeville is to-day the rage and most popular form of amusement, and as Manager Charles A. Feinler is always trying to please his patrons and on the lookout for novelties, he has secured for his Opera House, The Great Lafayette Show, said to be America's grandest array of vaudeville artists.

Along the Landing. To-day's Cincinnati packet is the Virginia at 8 a. m. The marks at 6 p. m. Monday showed 5 feet 5 inches and stationary.

Capt. "Dode" Berry Dead. In the death of Captain "Dode" Berry, one of the most noted rivermen of this section has passed away.

McFADDEN'S NOTICE.

McFadden's Store Will be Closed All Day Christmas.

that society of Wheeling will turn out to welcome this marvelous vaudevillian and his grand company.

RIVER NEWS.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Parkersburg, CITY OF WHEELING, noon. Parkersburg, BEN HUR, 10 p. m.

TO-MORROW'S DEPARTURES. Cincinnati, VIRGINIA, 8 a. m. Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

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Phonograph Records. Immense line of new records just received at F. W. BAUMER CO'S.

Foster & Watkins "The Furniture Men." BARGAIN SALE EXTRAORDINARY. Beginning to-morrow morning, December 26, and lasting until the night of December 31, 1900, we offer our Entire Line of China, Fancy Goods and Novelties, bought for the Christmas trade, at a DISCOUNT OF 50 PER CENT, and all other goods at 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT.