

CUPID

Was a Busy Sprite

During the Christmas Season.

HIS DARTS

Pierced Many Lovers' Hearts.

Weddings Numerous in Bellefontaine.—Social Notes.

Mr. Roscoe A. Wall, formerly a resident of Bellefontaine, now living in Dayton, Ohio, secured a license here Saturday of Probate Judge W. S. Plum to wed Miss Gladys E. Marquis, of Hantsville.

Mr. Clark Johnson, son of Geo. Johnson, of Evansville street, was united in marriage Saturday afternoon to Miss Loretta Jane Hess, of east Columbus avenue. Rev. Jesse Swank was the officiating minister and the ceremony was solemnized at his home on north Detroit street. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will visit this week with relatives of Mr. Johnson. Upon their return to Bellefontaine they will reside on east Patterson avenue. Mr. Johnson was formerly employed in the Big F-r tin shop, and he and his bride have many friends who wish them much happiness in their married life.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

Will the death penalty always stand in Ohio as a punishment for crime? This is a question that is being seriously considered by many persons. There is a movement on foot in Indiana to secure the passage of a bill to abolish the right to deprive a prisoner of his life in payment for crimes he may have committed. An Indiana legislator, who has served as a prosecuting attorney, is at the head of the movement. He has assisted in the trial of a number of murder cases and has looked into the question of the death penalty for crime so thoroughly that he is convinced that it should be abolished. Among some of the excellent reasons he gives are because it is a relic of barbarism and inhuman; it is legalized murder; it is not punishment; other states and countries have and are abolishing it; it is not a preventive of murder; it does not decrease murder; it removes all chance of saving the life of a man possibly innocent and it fails in its effect to reform criminals, the constitution requiring that reformation should be the basis of our criminal code. There is good reasoning in the Indiana man's argument and it is the opinion of many that while many undesirable criminals are done away with through the workings of the death penalty still many innocent ones suffer and consequently one life unjustly taken through the workings of the law does more harm than can possibly be righted by the execution of many guilty ones. Is there a better way to deal with criminals than to mete out the death penalty?

Rev. Jesse Swank, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, established a new record Saturday evening in the matter of marrying couples, he uniting four couples in marriage in a period of less than five hours. One was a Columbus, Ohio, couple, another Mr. Clark Johnson and Miss Loretta Jane Hess, both of Bellefontaine, another Mr. Oscar Pence, of New Hampshire, Ohio, and Miss Verna Park, of Bellefontaine, and another Pearl F. Corbet and Miss Mollie Miller, of Middleburg. He united each of the couples save Mr. Pence and Miss Park at his home on north Detroit street. The Pence-Park ceremony was performed at the home of the bride at 108 Buckingham avenue.

Mr. Harley M. Terrell, of Spring Hill, Ohio, and Miss Pearl Loffer, of Bellefontaine, were united in marriage Dec. 22, by Rev. George E. Davies, Trinity Episcopal church.

Mr. Otho Strayer and Miss Ada Wortman, both of Bellefontaine, were united in marriage Sunday evening by Rev. T. G. C. McCalla, rector of Trinity Episcopal church.

Mr. Pearl McCormick and Miss Lola Hutchison, of near Waynesfield, Ohio, were united in marriage Saturday by Rev. C. E. Telford, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Hantsville.

The meeting of the ladies of the C. O. E. to be held at the home of Mrs. Vincent Ballinger Thursday was being postponed until later.

The Entertainers club will meet Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Cora Zearing, on north Detroit street.

At Covington, Kentucky, Saturday, December 24, Clarence J. Sandoe, giving his home as Covington, secured a license to wed Miss Bertha Williams, whose home was given as Indianapolis. One report current is that the couple is from Bellefontaine, but when an Index representative called on those said to be the participating parties in the marriage each denied knowing of the marriage and also declared they had not seen in Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wellman entertained 29 relatives at a family reunion Sunday.

No other pet or form of sport can compare with racing pigeons, says Country Life in America. The very name seems to cut the air. A bird that can maintain a speed of a mile and a half a minute for 100 miles and that can cover 700 miles between the rising and setting of one sun is a creature to stir the blood and lift the heart. It is gentle, but it endures to the end, and I have seen it come back to the home loft ruffled across its back by the talons of a hawk. The homers enjoy the racing. They are as keen to be out and at it as leashed hounds. There are only about 5,000 fanciers of racing pigeons in America, but Australia and England have several times as many, and the sport there is of national interest. In America the sport is gaining fast.

POLICE COURT.

Saturday evening Mayor Haviland bound Ed Fouty over to court in the sum of \$500. He is charged with attempting to burglarize the Cranston saloon on west Chilliotee avenue. George Fouty, a cousin, charged with being an accessory, pleaded not guilty and will have a hearing before the Mayor Tuesday.

PENSION INCREASE.

The pension of Robert S. Kerr has been increased to \$12 per month from November 3, 1904, through D. J. Huben's Bellefontaine agency.

APPOINTED EXECUTOR.

Probate Judge W. S. Plum Monday appointed Harry Hoffman executor of the will of Irene Hoffman, deceased.

Consigned to Grave

Is Body of Young Asa Wilcox Killed at Sawmill.

New Richmond, Dec. 26.—A fatal accident occurred Friday afternoon at 3:15 at the residence of Mr. S. Watt in New Richmond. One Asa Wilcox son of James Wilcox, the accommodating blacksmith of our village, was running the engine where they were buzzing and had gone to the saw to rest the belt. Asa had been at the buzz saw only five minutes when the belt left the engine pulley. In attempting to get on the belt while the saw was in motion, in some unaccountable way he was caught by the drive belt and his left arm was wound beneath the pulley grinding his arm to a jelly, breaking his neck, mashing his head and nearly dislocating his arm at the shoulder causing instant death. Largely attended funeral services were held at his father's residence at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. Rickel, of Ada, Ohio. Interment was made in the Johnston cemetery.

Jefferson Township.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

The nice winter weather enjoyed by all generally retired and the long wished for rain was welcomed by all.

There was a Christmas entertainment Saturday evening at the New Salem church, the exercises being unusually good, the pastor, Rev. Gilbert, having had the drilling of the children who took part.

School closed for a week's vacation at Jerusalem Friday with appropriate exercises in the afternoon. The schools in the township all have a week's vacation.

The good neighbors in this vicinity and especially members of the Lutheran congregation met last week and cut and hauled wood sufficient for the winter for the Robinson girls, two worthy ladies who have lived in our midst these many years. The Ladies' Aid Society furnished a great, big, good dinner on the occasion, of which 25 or more persons partook.

After a six weeks' visit with relatives, friends and neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beams on Tuesday leave for their home in Pollard, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Beams are Jefferson township people. A worthy young couple who have the good wishes of a host of friends.

Good—we peeped in our cistern this (Saturday) morning and found it nearly full of nice, clean rain water. Mrs. Bankum rejoiced.

Butcher time is usually enjoyed by farmers. It forbodes a good supply of good grub. Just think of the sausage, back bone, spars ribs, pigs feet, scrabble etc., besides the good country ham later on. Then the best of it is, you don't have to buy it. It just grows out in the country.

The Board of Education under the new code met recently and organized, and are ready for business. The members in Jefferson township are Aaron Taylor, Jonathan McAtee, George Antrim, J. L. Downing and John H. Peille.

J. Q. Easton has bought a car load of nice young cattle which he will feed this winter.

We are always sorry when a good man dies, but we are much more sorry when one dies to whom we have always been endeared. To the writer this is true as to the death of our most estimable friend and neighbor, Abram Elliott. Having been intimately acquainted with our lives, we feel as though more than a friend had been taken away. An honest, upright man, a good neighbor and citizen has been taken from a community that will miss him, and much more will be missed by his faithful wife who made their home bright and cheerful, and by the sons and daughters who looked upon him as only children of a faithful and devoted father can look. Our sympathy goes out to the family so bereft of one so truly devoted to those of his own household.

JAPS

Win Splendid Victories.

They Have So Reported to Tokio.

THE BESIEGERS

At Port Arthur Drawing Closer

To the Imprisoned Russians in the Doomed City.—War News.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The following report was received yesterday from the besiegers at Port Arthur: "A body of our right wing surprised the enemy at Housanyantun, (Housanyantun?) and Siaofantun (the latter about six and a half miles northwest of Port Arthur) at 10 o'clock Saturday night and occupied the villages, and subsequently dislodging the enemy, occupied the whole of Tallichuan (about five miles northwest of Port Arthur) at 2:55 o'clock Sunday morning.

"Our repeated attacks during the first few days were uniformly successful and now the whole of the enemy's advanced position fronting our right wing is in our hands.

"According to the statement of prisoners captured at Keokwan mountain December 18 and of Russians who surrendered in the vicinity of Elso mountain December 22 during the battle of 202 Metre Hill, Gen. Kondratenko, commander of the Seventh East Siberian rifle division, and Gen. Irman, commander of the Fourth artillery brigade, were killed and Gen. Fock, commanding the Fourth East Siberian division, was wounded."

The general military camp and the scenes of last spring, when the first armies were mobilized and dispatched, are being duplicated. Thousands of recruits and reservists are assembled, drilling and equipping preparatory to taking the field. The field is the center of activity, where infantry, cavalry and artillery are constantly drilling. The batteries fire blank charges for the purpose of breaking in the horses.

The general military preparations are enormous. It is planned to give Field Marshal Oyama a rough total of half a million men, with a heavily indented defense for Formosa, and the southern islands in anticipation of the Russian second Pacific squadron's attempt to seize a base.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Gen. Kuropatkin reports skirmishing December 24 near Tappinlin. The Russian advance posts were driven in by the Japanese, but afterwards advanced again and occupied their former position. The Russian losses were trifling, while those of the Japanese were heavy.

Airship Did Well.

Baldwin's Invention Given a Trial in California.

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—Capt. Baldwin's California Arrow, driven by Roy Knabenshue, of Toledo, made several successful flights in the same machine from the world's fair grounds at St. Louis, was given its first trial in California yesterday and was successful in the single exception of its failure to land at the starting point. A landing was effected half a mile away without damage to the machine and it was safely towed back to its anchorage.

The Arrow started from Chute's park baseball grounds, sailed with the wind northeastward for a distance of between eight and ten miles, thence eastward for two miles and returned in the face of a 12-mile gale to a point directly above the starting place. Owing to the supply of gasoline running short, Knabenshue was unable to effect a landing at exactly the desired spot. From the time the airship departed from the baseball grounds until it was safely anchored at Pico and Stanford streets it was in flight an hour and 13 minutes, and in that time sailed a distance of probably 20 miles.

When flying with the wind the Arrow traveled at a speed of 20 miles an hour and returned directly in the face of the strong southeastern gale was able to make between six and eight miles an hour.

The airship was maneuvered by Knabenshue in every direction, responding readily to its rudder, circles and turning in any direction, sailing directly in the face of the wind or at any angle, and rising and dipping as the operator directed. The Arrow rose at times to a height of probably 3,000 feet.

Tom Lawson may be crazy, as the "Amalgamated" copper people intimate, but he's telling a wonderfully interesting, well-developed and connected story and occasionally adorning a bit of profanity which must be "trying" to the utmost for the "system."—Ex.

Mr. Ed Knight is home to remain until tomorrow. He is employed in the engineering corps of an electric railway company and is working near Kingdon, Ohio.

A Big Coal Fleet Ready to Move.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Pittsburg harbor was a lively place Sunday. River men, in anticipation of a sufficient rise in the river to-day to take a heavy coal shipment to southern points, were busily preparing for it. The coal companies, encouraged by favorable reports from up river points, had steam up all day.

Three People Killed by a Train. Jansenville, Wis., Dec. 26.—While returning from a family reunion near Evansville last night, Mrs. Apple, an aged woman, Miss Lovell and Frank Woods were struck by a Northwestern train while driving in a buggy and were instantly killed.

FOR ALLEGED FRAUDS.

COLORADO REPUBLICANS NOW PLAN TO THROW OUT VOTES OF 1,800 PRECINCTS.

IN ORDER TO SEAT GOV. PEABODY.

Legislature May Appoint a Special Committee to Consider the Evidence Against Republicans Oppose the Plan.

Denver, Col. Dec. 26.—If the fifteenth general assembly of Colorado which is to meet on Wednesday, January 4, shall effectuate the plans formulated by the managers of the republican post-election campaign, Gov. James H. Peabody may serve as chief executive of this state for two years more, despite the fact that Alva Adams still has nearly 10,000 plurality since the votes of five Denver precincts were thrown out by order of the supreme court in consequence of frauds exposed in contempt proceedings against election officials.

There will be a republican majority of 30 or more in the general assembly which will canvass the vote for state officers. It is proposed to have the general assembly appoint a special committee of from nine to 12 members, to which will be submitted the evidence of wholesale election frauds in Denver, and possibly some other counties, which evidence the republican committee have been collecting since the election. The republican managers maintain that with the fraudulent vote of Denver eliminated Gov. Peabody will have at least 7,000 plurality in this county and 2,000 in the state.

The republicans say they do not intend that the legal votes shall be sifted from the illegal votes and then counted, or that the legislature shall reject the action of the supreme court, but they propose that about 1,800 democratic precincts in the state shall be thrown out on the ground of alleged frauds and that the votes of the republican precincts shall be counted. They assert that the supreme court has established a precedent for such procedure.

This radical program is opposed by some conservative republican leaders and until the legislature meets and takes action it cannot be known certainly whether Peabody or Adams will be governor for the next two years. The democratic leaders are preparing to contest vigorously the attempt to repeal Peabody.

The democratic managers declare there is a monstrous conspiracy behind the disclosures of fraud shown in contempt proceedings before the supreme court. They say that the boxes in a number of precincts, all in one handwriting, found in the boxes from different precincts could not have been placed in the boxes on election day without having been observed by the watchers, and they say that the boxes had been tampered with since election, legal votes being abstracted and spurious ballots substituted therefor.

Attorney Samuel Belford has drawn up a writ to be presented to the United States supreme court in the application for a writ of habeas corpus for Michael Dowd, one of the 30 election officials who have been sentenced to jail by the supreme court on charges of contempt based on their actions at the polls.

The brief questions the authority of the supreme court to take jurisdiction of an election. It lays stress on the fact that the ground for action taken by the justices is still a secret because no opinion has been handed down by the court. It declares that the remedy sought by the petitioners in this original case was purely political and that the state constitution expressly prohibits the courts from interfering with such cases.

A Sheriff is Murdered on a Train. Sherman, Tex., Dec. 26.—Sheriff Russell, of Hugo, I. T., was shot and killed and Sheriff Russell, of Grayson county, Texas, who was with him, was severely wounded in the head by two men under arrest on the train, being taken back to Sherman to undergo a burglary charge. They seized a pistol on the train and opened fire, killing the Indian Territory sheriff at the first shot. They leaped from the train and escaped.

Strike Breakers Were Mobbed. Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—Following up an attempt to blow up the Newport Foundry and Machine Co.'s plant Friday night, five of the strike breakers were attacked by a large crowd of union sympathizers Saturday night. Martin Bauries, one of the non-union men, was beaten into insensibility and one of the strike sympathizers was cut with a knife.

A Fire on Shipboard. Baltimore, Dec. 26.—Fire destroyed a portion of the cargo of the North German Lloyd steamer Brandenburg yesterday. Two hundred bales of cotton were thrown overboard and a number of hogheads of tobacco were also thrown into the harbor. The vessel sailed for Bremen after the fire had been extinguished.

Plans to Spend \$30,000,000 in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 26.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. is prepared to spend \$30,000,000 in the construction of a new railway station in Chicago. Two-thirds of this sum will be spent in acquiring land adjoining the present Union depot and \$10,000,000 will be spent in buildings. Plans for a most elaborate group of structures devoted to railway purposes have already been completed. The site of the new terminal as planned by the architect and engineers of the Pennsylvania Co. will occupy seven square blocks of territory.

SONGS

Of the New Born King

Fill the Churches of the City.

GLAD CAROLS

Ascend From Many Happy Hearts.

Notes Gathered From the Various Church Services on Christmas Day.

The Lutheran choir assisted by other local singers rendered the cantata "King of Kings," at the evening hour Sunday. The church was filled and the sweet music pleased every hearer and impressed more deeply upon their minds the beautiful story of the babe of Bethlehem. The singers are to be congratulated upon their success in rendering the cantata. Many compliments were heard upon all sides at the close of the service. The pastor, Rev. S. E. Greenawalt, after a few remarks appropriate to the season asked for a Christmas offering and a general response was given. Those who took part in the singing were Mesdames Mannix, Plessner, Haviland, Myers, the Misses Horn and Emma and Messrs. Horn, Rutter, Kaylor and Smith.

The Christmas collection at the M. E. Sunday school Sunday amounted to \$50.

Rev. J. A. Hoffman, pastor of the Paulding M. E. church, delivered an excellent sermon in the M. E. church here, Sunday evening.

Mr. Gerald Smith sang a solo at the morning service at the M. E. church Sunday.

At the Methodist church Sabbath evening Mr. Herman B. Keller sang a pleasing solo.

The Lutheran Sunday school entertainment was held at 10 Sunday morning instead of the regular service. Rev. S. E. Greenawalt made some appropriate remarks.

Was Kidnapped by Detectives.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—George E. Letcher, of San Jose, who is wanted by the Ohio authorities on the charge of arson, alleged to have been committed in that state 25 years ago, and who has been resisting extradition, has been kidnapped by detectives and taken in a launch to Martins, where the eastern overland train was boarded. Letcher is now out of the jurisdiction of the courts of this state.

A Riot in a Russian Town.

Razom, Russian Poland, Dec. 26.—After the midnight mass at the Roman Catholic cathedral a crowd of workmen paraded the streets, carrying red flags. The military authorities in trying to disperse it were received with shots and a serious encounter followed, in which the commander of the Twenty-sixth regiment was killed and a gendarme was wounded. One of the demonstrators was killed.

Conductor and Brakeman Killed.

Charleston, Ill., Dec. 26.—In a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Clover Leaf railway 20 miles west of here yesterday Walter Lee, of Charleston, conductor on the east-bound train, and Brakeman Hobbles was killed.

Ship Disabled by a Storm.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The steamer Afric can Prince, from Japanese ports, came up the harbor yesterday with her propeller shaft twisted, steering gear damaged, boiler hot and portions of her deck torn up by a storm encountered in mid-Atlantic. After the steering gear was damaged the vessel was tossed for two days in the trough of the sea, unable to proceed until repairs had been made. A large number of the crew were Mohammedans, who, anticipating death, threw their prayer mats on the deck and sang the Moslem death chant.

Dead Deer Hunters.

The deer-hunting season in Wisconsin is closed, with 16 quonera fewer than it had at the beginning. It looks as if the deer have the laugh on their pursuers.—Baltimore Sun.

His Angel.

Figg (pointing)—That woman saved my fortune for me once.
Trigg—How?
"Jilted me."—Judge.

Same Old Thing.

"What is a scenic railroad, pop?"
"A scenic railroad, my son, is one where the scenery never changes."—Yonkers Statesman.

Tons of Toys.

Germany exported 34,717 tons of toys, valued at £2,786,274 sterling, in 1903, says the London Board of Trade Journal.

Russian Deserters.

Hundreds of Russian deserters have found refuge in London lately. Most of them have taken to the law's trade.

Proper Caution.

The careful man extends the glad hand, but keeps the other one doubled up in case of emergency.—N. Y. Times.

Children Need Models.

Children have more need of models than critics.—Joubert.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

Eight men were seriously burned by an explosion in furnace No. 2 of the Carnegie Steel Co. at Rankin, Pa. All will recover.

Andrew Carnegie has presented the Braddock (Pa.) Carnegie library and the Homestead (Pa.) Carnegie library with \$35,000 each as a Christmas present.

Russia is on the eve of abolishing the passport system. The matter has already been decided in principle by the commission which is investigating the passport question.

Sixty-two Colorado miners have arrived in St. Louis after being driven out of the state by deputy sheriffs. Most of them left their wives and families at Cripple Creek.

Eight prisoners dug out of the county jail at Charleston, W. Va., and escaped. All are white men charged with felonies. This makes 30 prisoners that have escaped from this jail within the past year.

Fire at Chicago damaged a West Side apartment building \$50,000 and caused a loss of \$20,000 to tenants of the building. Three of the tenants were badly burned. Firemen rescued eight persons by means of ladders.

The new tunnel which has been constructed under Boston harbor from the mainland to East Boston by the city of Boston has been leased to the Boston Elevated Railroad Co. for 25 years. The tunnel is about a mile long.

National officers of the United Mine Workers have discovered that there are on the rolls 10,000 or 12,000 more paid up members than have been reported to them. This discovery explained the apparent loss of many members.

The total loss by the recent fire in the business section of Sioux City, Ia., is \$2,500,000 and the insurance about \$1,600,000. The loss of the bank, who jumped from the fourth story of a building, missed the life net and was instantly killed.

After having been exhibited for more than 40 years, during which time he visited nearly every principal city of the United States and Europe, William Conner, known as "The Irish Giant," has been sent to the almshouse in New York City.

W. H. Hainline, aged 25, a pool room and restaurant proprietor at Colonia, Pa., was found murdered at his place of business. He was bound and gagged and his head was bruised in several places. The gas was turned on causing death from asphyxiation.

The Montana supreme court has dismissed proceedings begun by Attorney General Donovan against the International Harvester Co. and four Chicago packing houses to restrain them from carrying on business in the state on the ground that they were violating the anti-trust laws of Montana.

A Battle on a Train.

Gallipolis, O., Dec. 26.—An exciting battle occurred at Evergreen, five miles from Gallipolis, Saturday evening on a Hocking Valley passenger train. Conductor James McBride was shot through the arm and shoulder and Brakeman Harry Spencer was shot through the breast and ankle by Edgar Grover. Grover and a colored porter, James James, became belligerent on the train and, drawing revolvers, attempted to intimidate the trainmen and terrorize the passengers. McBride and Spencer grappled with the two men and threw Grover from the train. Grover fired seven shots and dangerously wounded both his opponents. Grover and James escaped.

Haytian Bootlers are Sentenced.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 26.—In accordance with the verdict of the jury in the trial of the fraudulent bond case, the court has pronounced judgment as follows: James Beaudry, treasurer of the Hayti government, and two high officials; condemns Vilbrun Guillaume, ex-minister of war, to penal servitude for life; the high officials of the National Bank of Hayti are sentenced to four years' imprisonment and two sons of ex-President Sam M. Gedeon, a former minister, and Saint Victor, ex-minister of foreign affairs, to three years' imprisonment. Judgment against those persons who are in contumacy will be pronounced later.

Does Not Want Two Salaries.

Brocton, Mass., Dec. 26.—A rearrangement of the most important positions on the staff of Gov.-elect William L. Douglas has been decided upon. Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A. (retired), instead of being made adjutant general will be appointed inspector general and will act as the military adviser of the governor. The change of plans was made at the request of Gen. Miles, who does not wish to draw two salaries, one from the nation and the other from this state, as he would be entitled to do if he were to draw two salaries in this state by the war department and subsequently made adjutant general.

A Double Tragedy.

Mansfield, O., Dec. 26.—Herbert Strang shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Meda Mills at the boarding house kept by the woman and her mother on Saturday and then committed suicide. Strang's home is at Fredericktown, O., where he has a mother and sister living. He is about 35 years of age and has been a resident of the city for about a year. Strang, it is said, was in love with Mrs. Mills.

Got a Christmas Pardon.

Columbus, O., Dec. 26.—Joseph J. Levo, a life prisoner from Cincinnati, received a pardon at the Ohio penitentiary yesterday. Levo was a clerk in a railroad office when, in a fit of passion, he shot and killed a young woman who had jilted him. He has served 12 years of the 20 years he was granted because of Levo's exemplary conduct in prison.

Will Go Out in Two Sections.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Admiral Birleff is quoted as saying that all the ships in the Baltic are working day and night and that the third squadron will go out in two sections. The admiral pledges himself to have the first section ready by February and the second a little later.

City's Water Supply was Shut Off.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—As the result of an accident to the 26-inch water main at the south end of the Sharpburg bridge, where the mains enter the city, the entire city's water supply was cut off Saturday night from 10 o'clock until long after midnight.

VOID

Transfers Held by Court.

Stockholders in the Failed

SIDNEY BANK

Declared Bankrupts Friday

By Reason of Judgment in Case Heard in United States Court.

Another judgment in the case of the German American Bank of Sidney, O., rendered in the United States Court yesterday, places several more of the stockholders in bankruptcy. These are John H. Wagner, Frank D. Reed and Mary A. Reed the reason being that they made transfers of their property to creditors just before the bank went into the hands of a receiver.

The debts and liabilities of the bank are now known to be about \$700,000, while the value of the property it holds, as estimated by appraisers, is but \$241,288. This condition, the court says, renders not only the bank insolvent, but also all those who were partners in it.

The bankruptcy of the bank puts into the hands of its present administrator the individual estates of all the partners, whether they are adjudicated bankrupts or not, and John E. Bush, George A. Blake, Jacob Epler and Walker Sedwell are ordered to file the schedules of their debts and property at once.

The same rule will be applied to all the other partners, all of whose property will go to meet the claims of creditors.

The court holds that Harry G. Wagner, by giving a mortgage on his property to his mother-in-law, Christine Schwind, to protect her as surety on his note for \$5,000, committed an act of bankruptcy and he is made a bankrupt.—Commercial Tribune, Saturday, Dec. 24.

SPECIALS.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Antonio Amodei, temporary musical censor of the organization recently formed among Italian organ grinders to elevate the public standard for street music, has added to his blacklist six new songs. The new pieces, all added by request, are: "Hiswatha," "Bedella," "In the 'hood Old Summer Time," "Hot Time in the Old Town," "Down Where the Warzberger Flows" and "Under the Anheuser Bush."

The "Old Oaken Bucket" Antonio has put back on the "good" list, owing to the demand for the public.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Venezuela has been notified that she must make better explanation of the expulsion of an American citizen or other action may be taken by the United States.

Columbus, O., Dec. 23.—Drawing of fees under illegal ordinances in the state goes merrily on. Today the report of the State Bureau of Accounting was made on the examination of Wellston. It shows that the mayor has drawn \$2632 in fees and the chief of police \$1647, in the face of the fact that the municipal code prohibits drawing of fees by any municipal officer in addition to a salary provided under the code.

Marysville, O., Dec. 23.—Charles H. Knight, proprietor of the Knight & Smith circus of Danville, went into voluntary bankruptcy this morning. Liabilities not known. Assets are the entire stock, consisting of horses, wagons, tents, etc.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Dec. 24.—By the generosity of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, every pupil in the Cove Neck public school, which was attended by some of the younger children of the president, received a Christmas gift today. Mrs. Roosevelt sent two barrels of candy to the school house.

Washington, Dec. 24.—That the further interchange of views, preparatory to the formulating of a program for another peace conference at The Hague, be effected through the international bureau under the control of the permanent administrative council of the Hague, is the suggestion offered by Secretary Hay, in a second circular note to the powers made public at the state department today. The note was dispatched a week ago, but its publication was withheld until it had recalled the various American embassies and legations abroad.

Having taken the initial step the secretary says the president feels that he has gone as far as he appropriately can and that with the general acceptance of his invitation in principle, "the future conduct of the affair may fitly follow its normal channels."

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.