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FOR OLD SOLDIERS.

PLACES AS MAIL CARRIERS TO GO TO THREE VETERANS.

POSTMASTER BARNES RETURNS

SUCCEEDED IN HAVING DEMOCRATS MAKE VACANCIES.

Carriers Grinter and Shea, Democrats, Succeeded by Amos Ferguson and Allen Chadwick, Old Soldiers—Another Vet Appointed.

Postmaster Barnes returned yesterday morning from Washington, where he had been for ten days looking after the interests of the local postoffice. He was well paid for his trip, as he succeeded in getting the department to give Kansas City, Kas., two additional mail carriers and also made room for two more old soldiers on the force by securing the removal of Carriers Grinter and Shea, Democrats. In addition to the increase in the force and the removal of two Democrats, three extra men were put to work for the holidays.

The postmaster is highly elated over the treatment extended him at Washington. He took with him an itemized statement showing the wonderful increase in business at the postoffice during the past five months and presented it at the department. No such increase had been reported from any other part of the United States. Mr. Barnes called on the president while in Washington.

Amos Ferguson and Allen Chadwick, both old soldiers and ex-mail carriers, were appointed to fill the vacancies caused by the removal of Grinter and Shea. Fred Crowley, who has been working as a substitute for the past four years, and Fred Dougherty, an old soldier, have been named for the two new positions.

MAYOR MARSHMAN ON BONDS.

He Corrects Misleading Statements Regarding Disposition of the City's Securities.

The following to The Journal was received from Mayor Marshman in regard to the disposition of city bonds:

"I have noticed several articles in the newspapers recently relative to the sale of Kansas City, Kas., bonds which are in some respects misleading. The first offer we received for a 5 per cent refunding bond was from a Kansas City, Mo., broker, instead of a Kansas City, Kas., house. Spitzer & Company have purchased a great many Kansas City, Kas., bonds, and probably made good profits on them, but that should not prejudice any member of this administration against the house. When we have bonds for sale we want to welcome every responsible bidder. Personally I would like to see the Kansas City, Mo., broker, who first gave us the 5 per cent rate, get our bonds, but as a city official I am in favor of the man who will give us the best terms regardless of any prejudice or favoritism.

"R. L. MARSHMAN, Mayor."

WOES OF A "TURKEY" CLUB.

Fattened Birds for Christmas Dinners and Seven Have Died of Cholera.

About three weeks ago a number of neighbors on Everett avenue formed a "turkey" club and bought a dozen fine gobblers. They were distributed among the members of the club and for more than two weeks were given the best food in the market. They began to fatten and a few days ago every indication showed that by Christmas they would be nice and plump.

The members of the "turkey" club were a happy crew and each morning they would examine the turkeys and then discuss the progress made by them with each other. But a deep gloom has fallen over the Everett avenue "turkey" club. Yesterday morning, when the regular morning examination was made, four of the fine, fat gobblers were found dead. By noon three others had died, and there is little hope for the remaining five. A post mortem disclosed the fact that the turkeys died of cholera. A lynching may be averted by the farmer who sold the turkeys securing police protection.

TO ARGUE FOR NEW TRIAL.

Deitz' Attorneys Will Appeal to the Supreme Court Should Third Trial Be Refused.

A motion for a new trial in the Deitz murder case will be argued before Judge Alden, of the district court, this afternoon by Attorney Ben S. Henderson. In the motion filed a few days ago he charges irregularities, misconduct on the part of the jurors and mis-instructions on the part of the court.

In case the motion is overruled sentence will be passed upon Deitz. He has been twice convicted of murder in the second degree, which is punishable by a penitentiary sentence of ten years or more. Should a third trial be refused the young German, it is understood that the case will be carried to the supreme court. Deitz fully realizes his position, and although his friends try to cheer him he refuses to be consoled.

TO GIVE A CHARITY BALL.

Police Matron Sallade Will Arrange for One to Aid the City's Poor.

Police Matron Sallade has abandoned the idea of giving a public entertainment for the benefit of the city's poor, but instead will arrange for a charity ball. The ball will be held at the Fifth Street opera house and the proceeds will be used in organizing a Provident Assosiation for Kansas City, Kas. The Light Guard band has consented to furnish music for the occasion free of charge and the management of the opera house has informed Mrs. Sallade that the opera house is at her disposal for this purpose.

CAUGHT BY FALLEN WIRE.

Gardener Combs' Nose Broken and All His Front Teeth Knocked Out.

T. W. Combs, a gardener, living just west of the city, met with a peculiar accident yesterday afternoon while driving along Minnesota avenue. He was caught by a fallen wire and dragged from his wagon. Striking on his face, his nose was broken in two places and all of his front teeth knocked out. Dr. S. C. Elliott dressed the injuries.

Barred by Statute of Limitations.

Dr. J. K. Lewis' suit against Mrs. Eliza Mulany to recover a doctor's bill of $106 was yesterday decided in favor of the defendant by a jury in the district court. Mrs. Mulancy showed the claim was barred by the statute of limitations, as nothing had been paid on the bill since 1893. Under Judge Alden's instructions the verdict was, therefore, for the defendant.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Three Masonic Lodges Join in Public Exercises, Followed by a Banquet.

Kew lodge, No. 272, A. F. and A. M.; Wyandotte chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons, and Mendias chapter, No. 1, Eastern Star, held a joint public installation of officers last evening in the Masonic building. A banquet, following the exercises, was given by the women of the Eastern Star. The officers installed were:

Wyandotte chapter—J. W. Longfellow, high priest; J. E. Porter, king; Frank Paul, scribe; Charles Hibbard, treasurer; H. P. Ismert, secretary; Thomas Newton, captain of the host; N. J. Saunders, principal sojourner; William Butler, royal arch captain; Charles Wingert, first veil; F. C. Weaver, tyler.

Kaw lodge—William McConnell, worshipful master; M. W. Drisko, senior warden; E. Eubanks, junior warden; Alfred Westgo, treasurer; N. J. Saunders, secretary; W. Swinnerton, senior deacon; W. H. Givens, junior deacon; Joseph Addison, senior steward; Robert Campbell, junior steward; F. C. Weaver, tyler.

Mendias chapter—Mrs. H. A. Cole, worthy matron; Charles N. Hammond, worthy patron; Mrs. Clara Rose, associate matron; Mrs. Lida Cladbourne, secretary; Mrs. Frank Ward, treasurer; Mrs. Abbie Weston, conductress; Mrs. Anna Copeland, associate conductress; Miss Rozella Duer, Adah; Mrs. Myrtle Blum, Ruth; Mrs. Lizzie Van Auken, Esther; Mrs. Kate Shipp, Martha; Mrs. Parish, Electa; Mrs. Harris, warden; F. C. Weaver, sentinel.

INTEREST PAID PRINCIPAL.

Mrs. Campbell Had Paid More Than Face of a Note and Collectible Interest.

A verdict was rendered yesterday in the district court in favor of Mrs. Gladys Campbell. She was the defendant in a suit brought by S. J. Ray to recover on a personal note. Mrs. Campbell borrowed $15.70 from R. A. Garnier on July 12, 1895, and became indebted to him for $25 house rent. Later she borrowed $9 more, making a total indebtedness of $49.70. According to her evidence she had paid $30 on her indebtedness up to January 4, 1897, but she afterwards discovered that the note was still unpaid, or rather it was being held against her, Garnier transferred the note to Ray and he begun suit to recover on it.

The jury in weighing the evidence decided that Mrs. Campbell had paid the principal and more interest than could have been collected according to law and returned a verdict in her favor.

FOR EDITORS' ENTERTAINMENT

President and Secretary of State Association Meet With Local Newspaper Men.

President H. H. Perkins and Secretary J. W. Murphy, of the Kansas Editorial Association, met last night with the newspaper men of Kansas City, Kas., and discussed plans for the entertainment of delegates to the annual meeting of the association to be held in this city on February 7, 8 and 9. Mr. Murphy made a few remarks, after which the local editors and reporters organized and appointed a committee on arrangements. The committee will confer with the board of trade of this city and act with that organization in providing for the entertainment of the visiting delegates.

Assignee Holden Will Appeal.

Topeka, Kas. Dec. 23.—(Special.) The case of Wilson et al against Howard M. Holden, assignee of the Kansas City Safe Deposit and Savings bank, recently decided in favor of the plaintiffs in error by the supreme court, will be taken to the United States supreme court. The attorneys for Assignee Holden gave notice to-day that an appeal would be taken. The attorneys for the other side claim that there is no federal question involved in the suit and that it will be dismissed by the federal supreme court at the proper time.

METROPOLIS MISCELLANY.

Trade at the Up-to-date clothing and shoe store, 550 Minnesota avenue.

Major Cole will hold special services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Grandview Presbyterian church.

The Seventh Street M. E. Sunday school will, this evening, render a Christmas exercise entitled "Christmas Angels." An annual treat will follow.

A. C. Johnson, formerly connected with the city engineer's department of this city, but now of Macomb, Ill., arrived yesterday and will spend the holidays with relatives and friends. He has been engaged in putting in a sewer system at Macomb for the past two months.

Frank Knapp, aged 22 years, and Miss Ellen Hawkins, aged 19 years, were united in marriage last evening at the home of the bride's parents, 541 Barnett avenue, by Rev. Mr. W. H. Comer, pastor of the Seventh Street Methodist church. They will make their future home in this city.

ARMOURDALE.

G. H. Harris, of St. Paul street, is quite ill.

D. W. Wright is visiting friends at Lawrence, Kas.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas, of 207 Kansas avenue, a son.

John Davidson will leave to-day for a visit to Leonardsville, Kas.

Mrs. S. Reynolds and family have gone to St. Joseph, Mo., on a visit.

C. Grimes and wife have gone to Greenwood, Mo., to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. O. Milner is entertaining her brother, Drury Fisher, of Chicago.

Miss Stella Dugan, of South First street, has gone to Atchison, Kas., to visit friends.

Leave all news items and complaints at Lleninger's book store, 505 Kansas avenue, or at O. Q. Claflin's drug store, 823 Osage avenue.

Joseph Cortlander, who was tried yesterday in Judge Fischer's court, was bound over in the sum of $500 to the common pleas court.

The case of Frank, Maud, Dennis and Dora Nealy, charged with being implicated in the murder of Anyon Gold, is set for trial December 30.

The case of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Weinberg, charged with receiving stolen goods, was continued yesterday in Judge Fischer's court until January 6.

A Klondike ball will be given at McLean & McAnany's hall this evening. The participants are supposed to wear old clothes and a prize is offered for the worst looking costume.

ARGENTINE.

John Parker has gone to Edina, Mo., for a visit.

F. J. Payne has been awarded ice contracts by the Memphis road.

The Argentine Horse League will give a masquerade ball Friday night.

Gerton Woodruff will leave to-day for Tecumseh, Neb., to visit relatives.

The 4-year-old daughter of William Stevenson died Wednesday night at Morris station.

Mrs. John R. Hale, of Bethany, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Middlekauff.

Miss Hattie Brewster and Herbert Woodruff, of this city, will be married to-night at Tecumseh, Neb.

High mass will be said at St. John's Catholic church Christmas morning. Services will also be held in the evening.

Lost—Ladies' gold watch and chain. "Lizzie" engraved on case. Return to G. W. Simmons & Sons' livery stable. Liberal reward. LIZZIE L. SIMMONS.

Miss Iva Brown, daughter of T. V. Brown, aged 16 years, died of pneumonia at her home on Fourth street yesterday morning. The funeral will be held next Sunday at 2 p. m. from the Methodist church.

The women of the G. A. R. Circle will give a New Year's dinner and supper for the benefit of Cautain Kingscott post. A campfire with music, recitations and addresses will be held in the evening in Metropolitan hall and there will probably be a social dance from 9 to 12 p. m.

ROSEDALE.

The meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah has been postponed from next Saturday until January 15.

A Christmas tree will be a feature of an entertainment to be given at the Walnut Street M. E. church to-night at 8 o'clock.

The Twenty-ninth Street M. E. church and the Plymouth Congregational church will have a Christmas tree and entertainment.

The Sunday school of the Henning Avenue M. E. church will have a Christmas tree and a literary entertainment at 8 o'clock this evening.

A farewell reception was given to Rev. Mr. J. T. Proctor and wife at the Baptist church Wednesday night. Mr. Proctor was formerly the pastor of the Baptist church in this city. Mrs. Proctor was formerly Miss Nellie Burt, a well known young Christian worker of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor left for San Francisco yesterday morning and will sail for Hou Chou, 110 miles distant from Shanghai, China, where they will engage in missionary work.

A cantata to be given at the Baptist church to-night is entitled "Santa Claus on Time." Following is the cast of characters:

Vivian ..... Anna Love
Pearl ..... Jessie Hampton
Lorna ..... Allie Holsinger
Zora ..... Maud Wohlforth
May ..... Kate Bell
Belle ..... Carrie Wohlforth
Vashti ..... Emma Harris
Zoar ..... Dottie Robinson
Superintendent ..... Mrs. Newton
Teacher ..... Miss May Burt
Tom ..... John Love
Sam ..... Sammie Hobins
Joe ..... Robert Robinson
Will ..... Dave Rosser
Frank ..... Dick Rushton
Kneo ..... Wallace Bell
Velee ..... Ed Bowen

Grumblers—Morvudd Reece, Maud Sibert, Flora Cox, Anna Craine.

Tinkers—Harry Holsinger, Cecil Bell, Paul Luther.

Fairies—Ruth Schemel, Laura Schemel, Ida Smith, Nellie Wheatly.

INDEPENDENCE.

Christmas Entertainments Will Be Held This Afternoon and Evening at Various Churches.

Christmas entertainments will be held at the various churches this afternoon and evening. A "snow house" will be an attraction at the Delaware Street M. E. church. At the Cumberland Presbyterian church there will be a Christmas tree and during the evening Santa Claus will appear. The Sunday school will also render a programme. At the First Presbyterian church this afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock the little people and their elders will have a reunion. Light refreshments will be served. To-night at the Westminster Presbyterian church there will be a Christmas tree and a musical entertainment.

Funeral of Mrs. H. G. Henley.

The funeral of Mrs. Harry G. Henley will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Maple Avenue M. E. church. Rev. Mr. E. P. Ryland will conduct the services. The remains will be interred at the city cemetery. Mrs. Fish, mother of the deceased, arrived yesterday from Burlingame, Kas. Mr. and Mrs. Henley had arranged to spend the holidays with Mrs. Fish at Burlingame and were to have left to-day.

Isaac Out on Parole.

Isaac Jones was arrested yesterday at the instigation of his wife on a charge of vagrancy. The real cause seems to have been that Isaac had been drinking and insisted on celebrating the fact while his wife wanted to sleep. Isaac, after promising Justice Loar to refrain from disorder, was allowed to go home on parole.

Independence News Notes.

Louis Prewitt is the guest of his brother, J. Allen Prewitt, of South Liberty street.

The Rev. Mr. Y. Abe, of Japan, is the guest of Rev. Mr. Worley, at his home on North Main street.

Mrs. S. R. Berg and son left yesterday for Clinton, Mo., weher they will spend the holidays.

Miss Nellie Nichol will spend the holidays with friends in Washington, D. C.

G. W. Miles and M. Leonard have bought the grocery store of E. D. Taylor. Mr. Miles has been in business here for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Tucker are entertaining a baby girl at their home on West Electric street.

The public schools closed yesterday for the holidays. They will reopen the Monday following New Year's.

The finishing touches on the Maple avenue improvement were made yesterday. At the next meeting of the council arrangements will be made to issue tax bills.

THE NEWS AT LEAVENWORTH.

Governor Leedy Trying to Harmonize the Populists—Farmer Shot by His Son.

From the strong effort being made to placate the disgruntled wing of the Populist party, in this city, it is clearly evident that Governor Leedy intends to seek a renomination. It was with this object in view that W. W. Trew was removed from his position as city jailer and the place given to George H. Hewitt. Trew, who was an administration Populist, had proven a good man for the place, which, owing to the recent death of his wife, he badly needed. Hewitt was an applicant for a position on the police force when Leedy's first board was appointed. He was turned down and from then on waged a bitter war upon the administration. He was foremost in every move made against the governor and his former board, and waged a relentless fight upon Thomas G. McGuire, the former secretary. He blamed McGuire for his not securing an appointment, and, although efforts were made to conciliate him, he would not listen to them.

It was necessary that the faction led by Hewitt should be won over, but McGuire would not agree to the terms, so McGuire had to step down and out. Arthur Clark, the high priest of the administration, after numerous conferences with Hewitt, laid the matter before the governor, and the result was a change, Hewitt giving up his position as check weighman at the Home-Riverside mine and going on duty as keeper of the city bastile.

Other members of the antis are not wholly satisfied, and it is probable that one or two other changes will have to be made before everything is serene for his excellency.

Shot His Father.

Mart Pattee, a farmer residing near Jarbalo, had a narrow escape from death at the hands of his son, who mistook him for a burglar. Pattee, Sr., had been to the village, and returned home late at night after everyone in the house had gone to bed. Without awakening anyone he put his team away, and, taking off his boots, lay down on the floor beside the stove to warm himself. His head rested on his arm, when he dropped asleep. His son suddenly awakened, and seeing the sleeping form, thought it was a burglar. Quickly seizing a revolver, he called out, "Throw up your hands!" firing at the same time. The bullet grazed the old man's temple and passed through his arm, burying itself in the floor. No bone was struck, and no serious consequence will follow. Several houses in that neighborhood had been recently burglarized, and this had caused the young man to prepare for a nocturnal visitor.

New Gas Plant.

The projectors of the new gas company have received so much encouragement that it is safe to say that the enterprise is an assured fact. The company is to be organized on plans similar to the old Home Mining Company, the stock to be taken up by popular subscription. A charter will be secured from the secretary of state within a few days, after which an office and books will be opened. This will necessitate the erection of a new plant, and its construction will furnish employment for a large force of workmen. The site for the new plant has not been announced, but it will be on Choctaw street, between Third and Fourth streets, opposite the plant of the Leavenworth Light and Heating Company. A canvass has been made among the business and residence districts, and enough have signified their intention to assist the company that it will start out on a profitable basis. The new company promises to furnish gas at $1 per 1,000 feet, while $1.50 is charged by the old company.

Merchants Kicking.

Leavenworth merchants are justly kicking over the fact that their trade is being drawn away by traveling grocers, who contribute nothing toward the expenses of the city. Several weeks ago canvassers appeared in the city, going from house to house, soliciting orders for groceries, which were to be shipped in. Prices were named on some articles lower than they could be purchased at the home stores, and as a consequence a large number of orders were secured. Yesterday the groceries arrived over the Missouri Pacific railway and are now being delivered from a freight car at the depot.

Will Have a Hoodlum Wagon.

Governor Rowland, of the Soldiers' home, has placed an order with Bayer Bros., of this city, for the manufacture of a hoodlum wagon. The wagon is to be of the same style as that used by the metropolitan police, except that it will be painted blue. It is the intention of the governor that when an old soldier gets drunk in the city to have the officials here telephone to him, when the wagon will be sent in after them. After being taken to the home they will be punished under the home rules.

Fort and Soldiers' Home.

Christmas will be observed at the fort by the cessation of all work and duty, except that which is absolutely necessary, and the men will be given all the latitude the discipline allows. Lieutenant Day, who has charge of the mess hall, has arranged to give the men an extra dinner, which will be served at the usual hour. Saturday being the regular day for the cleaning up of the federal prison, no change will be made, but Christmas will be observed on Sunday.

Governor Rowland and a committee of the old veterans will leave the home this evening for Atchison, well laden with presents for the children of the Soldiers' Orphans' home. Among the list of presents is a full set of band instruments, consisting of fourteen pieces, purchased by the old veterans.

Chaplain J. B. McCleery, U. S. A., of Fort McIntosh, Tex., is visiting his daughter, the wife of Lieutenant Alvord, post adjutant.

Theodore Eads, formerly captain of Garracks at the Soldiers' home, has been dishonorably discharged.

Lieutenant E. T. Winston, Nineteenth infantry, has been admitted to the post hospital for treatment.

Major Prichard, of the home, left yesterday for a two weeks' visit with relatives in Ohio.

The hop given by the officers in Pope hall last night was an enjoyable affair and was attended by a number from the city.

The old quartermaster's storehouse, near the Missouri Pacific depot at the post, was torn down several months ago and its stone foundation is now being cleared away. The building was erected about fifty years ago.

Brief Mention.

Two more chattel mortgages for $200 each, in favor of J. F. Flynn, have been filed against the stock of D. M. Leonard, who failed yesterday.

Timothy Downing, the old soldier struck by a Santa Fe train near the Soldiers' home, was still alive yesterday, although his life was despaired of.

Mrs. W. W. Roberts, who was visiting her sick daughter, Mrs. J. S. Olund, on West Seventh street, has returned to her home in Kansas City.

Fire broke out in the Little Bonanza saloon about 4 o'clock yesterday morning and speedily ruined the interior and contents. The saloon was managed by Fred Zimmerman, who valued the fixtures and contents at $1,000. The building was owned by H. J. Helmers, and was damaged to the extent of about $150. A boy sleeping upstairs narrowly escaped suffocation. A small insurance was carried on the building and contents.

The Turner Society will give its forty-first Sylvester ball on New Year's eve.

Fred Braeg has received a letter from the City of Mexico, stating that the shipment of game chickens arrived all right. He was requested to make another shipment, sending all that could be spared.

Many farmers came to the city with corn and hay yesterday. Corn sold at 27 cents per bushel and hay at $7 per ton.

M. J. Senhausen arrived from Little Rock, Ark., yesterday, to spend Christmas with relatives.

The late Mathew Ryan, Jr., carried life insurance to the amount of $25,000. Yesterday checks from some of the companies arrived, in payment of the claim.

W. H. Stone, insurance commissioner of Kentucky, is here to spend the holidays with his uncle, J. C. Stone, Jr.

William Goldwaith, as executor, has replevined the Leonard stock of groceries, seized by the sheriff on attachment proceedings.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Frank Sterritt, aged 29, and Augusta C. Post, aged 28. The couple were married by the probate judge.

Petitions in error in the cases of Guy Bennett and Charles Kirkham in the case against H. H. Carr were filed in the district court yesterday.

Local officers have been notified by the Travelers' Accident Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., to discontinue business, as the company has withdrawn from the state.

A cocking main for a purse of $300 took place last night. Birds from Leavenworth, Kansas City, Odessa and St. Joseph, Mo., and Topeka and other Kansas points, participated. A main of thirteen battles was fought, after which backfighting set in, and kept up until a late hour this morning.

There was no quorum of the city council Wednesday night, consequently the street commissioner ordinance was not acted on.

J. W. Campion, of this city, has been appointed aide on the staff of General Gobin, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

Contractors began cutting and storing ice for the Soldiers' home yesterday. It is being taken from Lake Jeannette, in the home grounds.

The Knights Templar will attend religious services in the Masonic temple at 11 o'clock to-morrow. Master Masons, their wives and daughters are invited to attend.

BEAR IN HANNIBAL YARDS.

Employes of the Pacific Express Company Go on an Unwilling Hunt for Big Game.

A big black bear escaped from its cage on the Union depot platform last night and a genuine panic among the people who were there at the time resulted. The bear, with its companion, was brought to this city on the Missouri Pacific train from Omaha at 10:45, and escaped while the express men were transferring it to the Pacific express office at the lower end of the depot annex.

The brute was surly and growled fiercely when taken from the car. After being loaded onto the truck it seized the wooden bars of the cage, crushed them, and sprang out onto the platform. Express handlers, depot officials and others fled in all directions. Barring the door of the depot, they peered cautiously through the windows. They expected the bear to charge on the place at once.

The bear growled and sniffed about for a few minutes, and seeing no signs of life anywhere ambled slowly across the platform and over into the Hannibal yards. A night switch crew was making up a freight train as the bear meandered slowly across the network of tracks. A switchman was riding the pilot of the engine when he was startled by an angry growl as the engine slowly rolled past the bear. As the crew went back past the spot where they saw the bear the rate was near sixty miles an hour and the brakeman was on top of the tender with a coal pick in his hands.

As soon as the frightened express handlers realized the situation, they organized a searching party and began an exploration of the Hannibal yards. They were armed with all sorts of weapons and made their weary way slowly about the cars and shadows of the yard. They peered into empty cars, searched about the platforms and prepared all sorts of plans to get the bear back into his cage—when they found him. All agreed the best thing to be done was to find the bear.

Shortly after midnight the bear's retreat was discovered under an empty box car not far from the depot. Just about the time he was discovered and the men were preparing to trap him he decided to go out and look about for his mate. The crate with his mate in it was pushed out on the platform. Soon the one in captivity was growling savagely at the cold and shortly thereafter was answered by the escaped one.

The men at the depot telephoned the escape of Bruin to Depot Agent Griffin, who instructed them to keep a close watch on the bear and get him back in his cage.

FREE SOUP IN DEMAND.

Women and Children Among Those Who Ate Forty Gallons at Volunteers' Kitchen Yesterday.

A man who landed in Kansas City two weeks ago, with no capital except $2 and his faith in the Lord, fed ninety-nine hungry poor people yesterday, and expects to keep right on feeding as many as come to him. He is James Mayfield, captain of a post of the American Volunteers at 415 East Twelfth street.

"I came here with only $2," he said last night, "and I have paid a month's rent in advance for this hall, paid for the stove and benches, and opened the Lord's soup kitchen in the rear."

"Where did you raise the wind?"

"The Lord sent it to me. I'm going to feed all that come here. That is, all that deserve it. Of course, I won't encourage anyone in idleness, but there are more deserving people out of work and hungry than you'd think. You ought to have seen the women and children eating soup here to-day. I fed out forty gallons of soup and about forty pounds of meat. I expect I'll have 150 to feed to-morrow, and I've the stuff to feed them. I got a bushel of beans to-day, and meat to go with them, so we'll have bean soup to-morrow."

"Do you intend to ladle out free soup here all winter?"

"Yes, sir—free salvation and free soup."

"What if you run out of provisions?"

"But we won't run out. The Lord will send it. He has promised that if we ask we will receive and we will ask as long as we need. I want to serve a little something extra to the poor for Christmas dinner and I hope the Lord will send in what we need for that."

Captain Mayfield says that at every meeting since he opened the mission someone has been converted. At one meeting four were saved.

Trouble in the Parker Family.

From Town Topics.

Willis—"Parker's salary was doubled a short time ago, so I hear."

Wallace—"Yes, it was; but it got him in lots of trouble."

Willis—"How's that?"

Wallace—"His wife found it out."

Street Cars Delayed Thirty Minutes.

Traffic on the Ninth street line of the Metropolitan system was stopped for almost thirty minutes just before midnight last night by a new grip shank on one of the cars becoming wedged in the cable slot, near the Junction.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

After an absence of several seasons the Bostonians, the leading comic opera organization of this country, opened a brief engagement at the Coates opera house last night, and were welcomed by perhaps the largest audience that has assembled in this theater this season. The prestige of the past, the long absence of the singers, and the announcement of a new opera, serve to concentrate unusual interest upon the four performances to which the present engagement is limited. The advance sale has been remarkably large, but it was given out last night by the management that there are still seats left for each of the remaining presentations.

In general average the company and the production do not differ materially from those to which the public has been accustomed through former offerings by the Bostonians. Of the old members of the company, Mr. Barnabee, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Frothingham, Mr. Cowles, Mrs. Davis and Miss Bartlett remain, and with the exception of Mr. Frothingham, who had a severe cold last night, all of these old favorites sing as well as when they last appeared on the local stage.

The new opera, "The Serenade," with music by Victor Herbert and book by Harry B. Smith, is the most meritorious work the Bostonians have brought out since "Robin Hood" was produced, and, from the orthodox standpoint, Mr. Herbert's score is decidedly superior to that of Mr. DeKoven. Indeed, Mr. Herbert has demonstrated that it is quite feasible to employ dignified and strictly musical methods even with a rather trifling theme. We have been so long accustomed to the merest trash in the way of so-called light opera that it is pleasant to have a reminder of what comic opera should be as distinguished from opera bouffe and operatic burlesque. Mr. Herbert's orchestration, which was played last night by a goodly number of musicians under the direction of competent Mr. Studley, is exceedingly rich in effects that have been beyond the reach or beyond the regard of most of our comic opera writers of recent years. While he does not hesitate to illustrate a triviality or a bit of burlesque by appropriate digressions from his accustomed sincerity, he preserves a high order of musical treatment throughout his score. Several of his choruses are especially effective, and he has written three or four melodies, a duet, and one sextette of striking beauty.

It has been a long time since Mr. Smith has done himself so much credit as in writing this libretto. His subject is a good one for comic opera treatment, and he has followed it with superior wit, rarely descending to the cheap style of comedy that has been doled out to our operatic stars with such extravagance. His general work is of such high order that the few "topical" verses that find place in the opera, although they meet with favor, seem distinctively incongruous.

We no longer expect Mr. Barnabee to delight us with the admirable voice that served him and helped to popularize him in the old days, but we do expect him to be continuously amusing when he occupies the stage, and in this expectation there is no inconsistency, for, like Joseph Jefferson, so long as he chooses to play a part he can make us laugh. Years are telling on his voice and features, but they do not dull his keen sense of humor nor mar his inimitable drollery in expressing it.

Mr. MacDonald is singing better than when he last sang on the Coates stage, even if his voice has lost the ring of ten years ago. One of the best numbers of the opera, the postillion's song, falls to his lot.

There was a particularly hearty welcome for Mr. Cowles, whose first number, with chorus, a spirited song, full of dash and color, is a particularly happy medium for the display of his splendid voice and healthy style. There is no other American basso in light opera who possibilities so interesting as those ahead of this singer, if he chooses to extend his studies and round himself into the requirements of grand opera. That he should have been so long content with his present field has long been a surprise to his admirers, for he ought to be a great artist, singing great music.

Mrs. Davis is another member of this interesting organization who might have climbed the heights. Mrs. Davis overtops the requirements of light opera, and while it is always a delight to hear her superb voice in the popular bills of the Bostonians, there is the somewhat disappointing reflection that she might have been a second Scalchi if she had had the plodding energy of Nordica, for example. She has a good share of the best things in the new opera, the gem of her songs being "The Angelus," in the second act.

Mr. Frothingham has a low comedy part that suits him well and he gets the biggest laugh in the opera when, disguised as the mother superior, in a moment of spirited expostulation against the frowning presence of an old flintlock pistol, he orders the "damned thing" away. Miss Bartlett has a very small part in the new opera.

But in estimating the strength of the present engagement of the Bostonians, one must take into consideration the presence in the cast of Miss Alice Nielsen, the new prima donna soprano, who is a Kansas Cityan, coming home in triumph, as it were. Miss Nielsen has not been heard in Kansas City since she sang in the amateur presentation of "Mandalene," an opera written by an amateur composer and an amateur librettist. Since then she has had fruitful experience with an operatic stock company and with the Bostonians, and has a repertory of well nigh a hundred operas, and has become a capable singer and a charming actress. Her voice is not strong, but it is sweet, clear and musical and she uses it with good method. She made a particular hit last night in her song "Cupid and I," in which she carried a difficult cadenza, with flute obligato, in a way to make considerable claim to artistic attainment. She was given a most enthusiastic reception. Another new singer of promise is Mr. W. E. Philip, the tenor, whose opportunities are limited, but sufficient to display a very sweet, though not very strong, voice, which would be more effective if less wavering. Harry Brown, who has done some delightful comedy work in days past, but who has not been seen in Kansas City since he appeared in "Tangled Up," has a skit in the first act that makes a good deal of it.

"The Serenade" is handsomely staged, both as to scenery and costuming. The new opera will be sung to-night and to-morrow night. Christmas matinee the bill will be "Robin Hood." AUSTIN LATCHAW.

NEGRO MURDERER CAUGHT.

James Brown, Who Killed Henry Prather Last April, in Jail at Quincy, Ill.

James Brown, a Kansas City, Kas., negro, who shot and killed Henry Prather, another negro, who was employed at Armour's, on Wednesday night, April 10, 1896, in Kansas City, and escaped, has been arrested at Quincy, Ill., and wants to come back to Kansas City for trial without requisition papers. Chief Hayes received a telegram from Chief of Police Ahern, of Quincy, announcing Brown's arrest yesterday afternoon.

The shooting of Prather by Brown occurred at the home of Henry Williams, "King of Kerry Patch," 1619 West Eighth street, about 5 o'clock in the evening. Both men had become enamored of Williams' wife and watched their turn to pay her homage. Prather was single, but Brown had a wife and family in Kansas City, Kas. On the night of the shooting Brown called at the Williams home and found Prather there. They quarreled and Brown shot Prather in the side. The latter wrested the weapon away from Brown and ran after him to Ninth and Wyoming streets, trying to shoot him. The weapon would not work, however, and Prather, exhausted from the loss of blood, fell on the street and died before assistance reached him. Brown escaped.

Brown was arrested in Quincy last week for vagrancy. He promised, if released, to give Chief Ahern, of Quincy, some valuable information which might lead to the capture of a murderer wanted in Kansas City. Ahern held Brown and wrote the local police department about the negro. The letter arrived yesterday morning, and Chief Hayes at once wired that Brown was wanted here for the murder of Prather. Lieutenant Bray will be sent for him to-day.

WHITE WINGS UNDO WORK.

Flush the Streets in Freezing Weather and Then Have to Scatter Sand Broadcast.

The street department yesterday afternoon, notwithstanding it was freezing weather, flushed the streets in the business portion of the city. The result was they were quickly coated with ice and were exceedingly slippery and dangerous for pedestrians and teams. Early last evening the stupid work was undone as far as possible by scattering several wagonloads of sand along Main, Walnut and Eleventh streets.

The Engineer's Wreck.

From the London News.

Hansen, the engineer of the excursion train that was wrecked near Copenhagen last summer, having been held responsible for the disaster, has been sentenced to four months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 44,875 crowns, or $12,026.50.

"The Best Pill I ever used" is the frequent remark of purchasers of Carter's Little Liver Pills. When you try them you will say the same.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

We Have No Christmas Oratorio, Says Harper's Weekly, and We Need One.

We have a vast deal of music at Christmastide, and we cannot have too much at the joyous festival. Only at Easter are the church choirs in such fine practice and thrown into so fine a pother, the choirmaster so anxious and autocratic. Up in the many early English and other sorts of steeples sweet bells are jangled in tune and out of tune as they are not set ageing even in Easter's spring-warmed air. But all this suitable singing and timely playing on everything from a cabinet organ to a carillon reminds us each year more decidedly of a lack. We need a Christmas oratorio. We have none. We have one imperfect, dearly beloved, and far from happy substitute.

Each Christmas finds Handel's "The Messiah" brought forward, like a last year's balance. Duly and laboriously is that ancient work presented. It is strong in the affections of thousands of musical people, and a firm foundation is under it in the sentiment of tens of thousands of people who never go to any other concert in the whole twelvemonth. Owners of ears that cannot tell the Prize song in Wagner's "Mastersingers" from the "Marseillaise," consider it the finest and most spiritual work ever composed.

Really it is curious that even the fringe of self-satisfied philistia will not be a little more introspective as to "The Messiah"—to say nothing of such musical auditors as ought to know and feel, "The Messiah" is not particularly an oratorio for Christmas. Its references to the Advent are in passing. It is really a work quite as much for Passion Week, for Good Friday; perhaps even more so. It was not composed as a specifically Christmastime English oratorio nor speedily became quasi such a thing. It does duty, therefore, as a venerable old makeshift. Its text is solemnly and nobly Biblical, but it is full of Handel's perfectly secular musical ideas. His "Saul" is a far finer oratorio in much. "The Messiah," indeed, jigs and warbles and countermarches along, full of Handelian formalisms and of empty and old-fashioned musical ornament, as if the subject were quite of the world worldly. Its really lofty and sacred-sounding episodes do not redeem its manner of musical utterance.

The birth in Bethlehem and the shepherds are soon left behind, and thenceforward it pursues as topics a Passionistic course, and casts dogmas and theology into rhythms and part-writing. No, we cannot much longer accept "The Messiah" as a substitute for a true Christmas oratorio, and we need one badly. Mendelssohn doubtless could have written exactly the desired Christmas article, but the author of "Elijah" did not live to do so. Perhaps we shall have it from one of our own American composers. There are at least two or three from whose recent work in the oratorio field we might look for a strong effort to supply the long-continued lack. In France, Cesar Franck's remarkable Christmastide score is taking a high place; and there are other aspiring modern compositions for the occasion that should be better known here than they seem to be. But the Continental composer is not to the manner born when it comes to English oratorio, as we wish it. The contemporary British musician is dully correct at it. Meantime "The Messiah" has its usual free course and glorification, sung at the hallowed and gracious time to the most unmusical audiences of the year, who flock to it and sit through it under a musical misapprehension. That error will only be broken by a new, really beautiful and lofty oratorio on the most beautiful and lofty central theme open to a contemporary musician's heart and hand.

ANCIENT PLACERS IN MEXICO.

An English Traveler's Idea as to a Group of Curious Ruins.

Dr. T. S. Bulmer, a learned Englishman, who has trave