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**BRAMBLETON WARD.**

Mr. O. B. Mears, of Kempsville, is the guest of Mr. A. B. Walker, of No. 462 Claiborne street.

Rev. Lloyd T. Williams, of Trinity M. E. Church, will preach from the following subjects to-morrow: Morning, "Honesty the Best Policy," evening, "The Trial of Abraham's Faith."

Mrs. J. Lemuel Bradshaw, of Messick, York county, and her sister, Mrs. Florence Phillips, of Hampton, were the guests of the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. C. W. Elliott, of No. 703 West Brambleton avenue, Thursday.

The Epworth League of Trinity M. E. Church will meet for devotional service at 6:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Master Harry Bradshaw, of York county, who has been on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Elliott, of West Highland avenue, has returned home.

Mr. L. E. Jeffers and a party of four gentlemen, residents of the ward, went on a gunning expedition to Princess Anne county yesterday.

The request of the Local Board of Improvement, made at its last meeting, that the Norfolk City Railway Company cause their cars to pass to the right between Clay and Park avenues, on Brambleton avenue, meets with general approval among the residents of the ward. They believe this change will avoid serious accidents in the future.

Miss Jennie Perry, of Fort street, Atlantic City, is the guest of Miss Eva Bradshaw, of No. 703 West Highland avenue.

Mrs. Martin, wife of Police Officer Martin, is seriously ill at the home of her husband, on South Kelly avenue.

**ATLANTIC CITY WARD**

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold an important meeting next Thursday afternoon, at which time arrangements will be perfected for their next entertainment.

The Junior Epworth League of Le-Kies Memorial M. E. Church will meet Sunday afternoon for devotional exercises.

A number of new cases of grip were reported in the ward yesterday.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. An interesting program has been mapped out for the occasion.

Improvements on Second street will be commenced next week.

There were a large number of small oyster vessels anchored in Smith's Creek yesterday, discharging their cargoes.

A masquerade party is being formed in the ward, and will make a number of visits next week.

Mrs. Norton is erecting a very handsome residence on River View avenue, which she will occupy as soon as completed.

**AMUSEMENTS.**

Mr. Gillett's war story, "Secret Service," in four acts, was played at the Academy last night to a well-filled and well-pleased house. The play is styled a romance of the Confederacy, the scene being laid in Richmond, Va., while the Northern forces were entrenched before the city.

The drama is full of thrilling incidents, finely executed, the principal players being frequently applauded to the echo, and there were repeated curtain calls at the close of each act.

The play was presented by Mr. Charles Frohman's New York company of artists, and every detail of the performance was the same as presented in New York and London.

Miss Sara Perry, an Edith Varney, and Miss Hope Ross as Caroline Miford were particularly clever in their respective roles, the former having a very difficult part to perform, but an excellent opportunity for the display of her versatile talent, while the latter, in the comely character, kept the audience in thorough good humor.

Mr. Byron Douglass, chief of the U. S. Secret Service, and Mr. Campbell Gallan, chief of the Confederate Secret Service, were both excellent in their respective parts. The minor characters were also well rendered.

"THE MOTH AND THE FLAME."

The Kelecy-Shannon Company will play their first engagement in this city at the Academy of Music next Monday and Tuesday nights, when they will present a new society drama by Clyde Fitch, entitled "The Moth and the Flame." That they will be greeted by a large and brilliant audience is already an assured fact. Mr. Herbert Kelecy and Miss Edie Shannon, who head the company, represent much of the refinement, dignity and ability that is best in American dramatic art. They have always been associated with the leading theatrical organizations of the country and have won an enviable degree of popularity with the best class of our theatre-goers. They have both been closely associated for years with what are usually termed society plays, and have made their most pronounced successes in them. Seats now on sale. Prices, 25c. to \$1.50.

"THE BRIDE-ELECT."

On February the 1st the management will introduce Mr. John Philip Sousa's new comic opera, "The Bride-Elect," to the amusement-loving public of Norfolk. No work of recent years has excited more lively curiosity than the opera, for which Mr. Sousa has provided both book and music. The scenes of "The Bride-Elect" are laid on the beautiful island of Capri, in the Bay of Naples, where the author-composer has imagined two tiny kingdoms. The story relates the intrigues, passions and marital struggles of two petty potentates, told with fascinating directness and vivacity. Unlike most comic operas, "The Bride-Elect" has a plot worth hearing and seeing. Sale of seats commences Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

THE FARLAND BANJO RECITAL.

The promoters of the Farland Banjo Recital desire to notify the public that the price of seats will be advanced to 75 cents on February 1st. Subscribers can have seats reserved at Y. M. C. A. office on that date; non-subscribers two days later. Mr. Farland has never appeared in our city, but judging by the press notices from other cities he gives a marvelous performance.

**A Youth in Trouble.**

Albert E. Owens, alias William Smith, who was arrested in Mathews county, this State, and taken to Old Point by United States Marshal Morgan Treat, on the charge of robbing a postoffice in that county, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner J. C. Tucker yesterday and sent on to await the action of the Federal Court, which convenes in this city in May.

The government charges that Owens entered a postoffice in Mathews county, where he had reason to believe another person expected a letter containing a check, impersonated the rightful owner, secured the letter and the check it contained. It is also charged that Owens went to Cape Charles, and after ordering a pair of pants and receiving them, tendered the check, which was for \$68, in payment.

Owens is a young man just 19 years old, but looks much older owing to his having moustache and beard. He was indicted for his appearance before the Federal Court in this city in the sum of \$1,000, with his stepfather and a friend from Mathews county as surety.

**Purely Personal.**

The last issue of Laurel Leaves, from Lakewood, contains the following personals:

Mrs. A. W. Archer, of Richmond, Va., is making a mid-winter visit to the Laurel House.

Mrs. Raymond H. Perry, of Bristol, R. I., is making a first visit to the Laurel House.

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Governor Stanley, of Kansas, was recently made the victim of an exasperating practical joke. He went hunting with a party of friends, but notwithstanding the fact that he is an expert marksman, he failed to bring anything down. On the way home, with his bag empty after a hard day's work, he stepped up within thirty feet of a bird and fired. The bird gave a startled chirp and flew away unharmed. What the Governor said need not be repeated, but he was somewhat mollified when his companions, unable longer to restrain their mirth, informed him that all his cartridges had been loaded with popcorn instead of shot.

**CASTORIA**  
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It appears that some of the speech-makers at the dinner recently given by the Republican Club of New York to Chauncey M. Depew came near to making some comparisons in their compliments to the Senator-elect. Thus Colonel Charles F. Homer said: "We have had enough of silent Senators," and ex-Mayor Strong said: "At last we have a United States Senator who will probably, intelligently and ably represent the State of New York." These remarks and others were made without apparent intention of giving offense, but Senator Platt is not represented as having loudly applauded them.

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**St. Anne's Benefit Society.**  
Financial report of St. Anne's Society for the year ending December 31, 1898:

Balance in treasury	\$ 1 05
Donations	84 50
Monthly collections	172 25
Lawn party of little girls of West End	7 01
Entertainment and concert	112 25
Memento offering, Nov. 24, of Sacred Heart congregation	29 50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$370 56</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

For wood and coal	\$216 40
For groceries	152 50
Janitor	1 05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$370 25</b>

The basket sales amounted to \$24.25, which was spent for shoes for the poor. Thanks are returned to several parties for generous donations.

**Gospel Temperance Meeting.**  
A gospel temperance meeting will be held at Centenary M. E. Church, corner of Queen and Boush streets, on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The address will be made by Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., of Epworth Church, and the choir of Centenary will furnish some choice selections in music. A collection will be taken up for the benefit of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to be used in supplying ice for the water fountain on Commercial Place next summer. The public is invited to attend.

**Heard at the Station.**  
Twenty negro women and four men were arrested on warrants last night by a squad of police, under Sergeant Stevens. The charge was maintaining a nuisance at Reid's lane and Bull's court, and the warrants were sworn out at the suggestion of the Board of Health, the negroes refusing to prop-

erty clean their residences when ordered so to do.

Joe Thee, a negro boy, was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with shooting at some other boys with a pistol.

**Very Ill.**  
The many friends in this city of Mrs. A. C. Fine will regret to learn that she is very ill at her home, No. 416 Bute street.

**MATTERS IN CUBA**

**Dr. Castillo to Confer With General Gomez.**

**Cuban Independence Party to Be Formed to Terminate Military Occupation of Island - Fitzhugh Lee's Idea.**

(By Telegraph to Virginia-Pilot.)  
Havana, Jan. 27.—Dr. Castillo is going to Remedios, in order to confer with General Maximo Gomez regarding the formation of the projected Cuban independence party. The plan has been discussed at small meetings here of notable Cubans.

The platform has one idea, the termination of the military occupation of the island as soon as possible. The Spaniards have been invited to join in the movement and will be given proportionate representation on the committees. The general purpose is to draw into the party the educated and wealthy and not to allow the military element to control it.

**FITZ LEE'S PROPOSITION.**

Major General Lee proposes to recommend to Washington, as one step in hastening pacification and the restoration of order in the provinces the formation of one thousand picked Cuban soldiers to be used as a provincial constabulary. As a second step he will recommend the establishment by the military government of banks that would loan at a moderate rate of interest on land security, so as to enable land-owners for themselves or their tenants to get a yoke of oxen, twenty chickens, a couple of pigs and about fifty cents a day until a crop could be raised.

It is reported that a quantity of dressed beef brought here by the United States transport Michigan and hung up on the decks last night, was found in a slimy condition this morning. It is also reported that a quantity of canned beef, which has been issued to Cuban officers, was canned for the Japanese army in the Japanese-China war.

**AN ORDER REVOKED.**

Washington, Jan. 27.—The War Department order of the 7th instant, providing that the Spanish Bank of Havana shall collect the taxes in Cuba for the fiscal year ending June 30th next, was to-day revoked by the Secretary of War and the bond returned to Dr. Jover Antonio, and by him accepted. General Brooke at the same time was cabled to establish a system for the collection of the taxes, introduced such machinery as in his judgment may be necessary for the purpose.

**QUAY GAINS ONE VOTE.**

**SENATORSHIP NOT YET WITHIN HIS GRASP.**

(By Telegraph to Virginia-Pilot.)  
Harrisburg, Pa., January 27.—Senator Quay gained a vote to-day by the absence, without a pair, of Senator Higgins, of Schuylkill (Dem.), who is ill with pneumonia at the Harrisburg Hospital. Representative Harroll, of Beaver, was present and voted for Senator Quay. Mr. Higgins was the only absentee without a pair. No person having received a majority of all the votes cast, Lieutenant-Governor Gobin announced that there had been no election and the convention adjourned. The only change in the vote was that of Stradling, of Philadelphia, who changed from Widener to Irvin.

**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.**

A caucus of the Democratic Senators and Representatives was held this afternoon, at which it was decided to remain from to-morrow and Monday's session of the joint Assembly. Many of the legislators have business to attend to and to prevent an election of a United States Senator by the Republicans they have decided to absent themselves from the convention. The anti-Quay Republicans have taken similar action.

**REWARDS FOR BRIBERS.**

Philadelphia, Pa., January 27.—The Business Men's League to-day offered rewards aggregating \$25,000 for information leading to the discovery of purchase or attempt to purchase the vote or influence of members of the Pennsylvania Legislature in the interest of any legislation, and the conviction of the perpetrators.

**IS IT CURABLE?**

**A Question Often Asked by Those Afflicted With Piles.**

Is a strained joint curable? Is local inflammation curable? of course, if properly treated. So is piles.

People often become afflicted with piles and use some oil "brandy" who have at last secured relief by the use of treatment and naturally discard it as a remedy, telling themselves that their case is hopeless.

They return, discouraged, others, and think a disease that can in every case be cured by careful and skillful handling is allowed to sap the energy of thousands who might free themselves of the trouble in a few days.

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This remedy is no longer an experiment, but a medical certainty. It is manufactured by the Pyramid Drug Co., of Marshall, Mich.

Druggists sell it at 50 cents per box. It is becoming the most popular pile cure this country has ever known and druggists everywhere are ordering it for their customers.

**DEATH DEALING BULLETS**

**A Dynamite Cartridge Full of Slaughter.**

**Forts and Ships and Fighting Men May Be Made to Vanish Into the Air—Explodes Only When Mark is Hit.**

(From New York Herald.)

Captain John L. Brewer asserts that he is now prepared to put these United States in a position to defy all the nations of the earth, singly or in a bunch. If we want to expand we can seize any fair possession we happen to fancy, he declares, and laugh in derision at those powers which would seek to prevent us from working our will. All we would have to do would be to shoot at them and forts and ships and fighting men would vanish into thin air.

To accomplish this end, Captain Brewer says, the government has only to adopt his dynamite cartridge, and thus fortified could dare the world to war against us, and it would be afraid to accept the challenge. So much he claims for his invention.

Captain Brewer, famous wing shot, who has spent forty years with a gun in his hand, maintains that after long study he has solved the problem of bringing dynamite in a projectile. He explained his plan to me yesterday afternoon at No. 34 West Twenty-third street.

**WORKED ON IT FOURTEEN YEARS.**

He first became interested in the application of the high explosive to ordnance fourteen years ago, he said, and since that time he has been working on it. He was to-day discovered by a projectile loaded with dynamite without bursting the gun. His task lay in finding a means of explosion so that the concussion would not explode the dynamite in the gun. He said little about his project to anybody, but put in his time experimenting. So he worked until a year ago last May, when he discovered the secret for which he had been in search.

He found, he insists, that he could fire a bullet loaded with dynamite and not have it explode until it hit the mark.

His device is a thin metallic shell filled with dynamite. This projectile is fired by an ordinary cartridge and fired from the gun with common powder, just as any other bullet is loaded into the cartridge.

**WHAT HE CLAIMS FOR IT.**

In his invention Captain Brewer holds that he has obtained a more satisfactory, higher velocity, less combustion, less friction and greater penetration than ever before had been attained. His cartridge, he maintains, can be used in any gun. It does not require a specially constructed weapon. It can be fired easily well from a fowling-piece or a 13-inch rifle on a war ship. The projectile can be made to fit any bore. The bigger the piece the greater the quantity of dynamite used. Thus a bullet from a 4-inch rifle would contain about five-eighths of an ounce of dynamite, while one for a rifle cannon would hold probably one pound.

To explode the projectile he uses only the most trifling resistance is needed.

"It would explode in going through a piece of blotting paper," he declared. "I can make it explode with as much safety as I can an ordinary bullet. I have fired 500 dynamite projectiles from different guns, so I am sure of what I say."

"One of the most famous ordnance experts in the country, a man of influential fame, has been associated closely with me for four months watching my invention, and he is so satisfied in his praise of it, I have applied for a patent and expect to receive it any day."

**THE WAY TO FIGHT DUELS.**

"Much Useful Information" from an Old Book.

To the subjects of Queen Victoria, it is, happily, a lost art, says the Army and Navy Illustrated, but sixty-five years since duelling was sufficiently in vogue to induce an anonymous writer to publish a book "containing much useful information," ironically dedicated to Daniel O'Connell, Esq., M. P., and James Silk Buckingham, Esq., M. P., as "entertaining the opinion first promulgated by the immortal Falstaff, of happy memory, that discretion is the better part of valour."

The author advises "all my countrymen who go abroad to use the pistol instead of the sword, when they have the choice of the weapon, as the balance of killed and wounded is now much in favor of the French, who, upon the termination of the late war, amused themselves by occasionally sending some half dozen of our traveling gentry fashionable before breakfast. He recommends "Purdy, in Oxford street, as the maker of the best duelling pistol locks," care in the selection of a stock which fits the hand comfortably and to rebow "saw-handles." Barrels should be 10 inches long, and half-caliber, which, considering that throughout his volume he poses as a man of the sword, is puzzling, for he asserts that a wholly rifled pistol is considered an unfair weapon, therefore, one not appearing to be rifled should be substituted.

**HOW TO PROTECT THE PERSON.**

On "the choice" he writes: "Many a poor, long armed, straggling fellow has received his coup de grace from a fatal stroke who might still have been in existence had he known how to protect his person in the field, the necessary protection consisting in standing sideways and drawing in the stomach."

"Should the party be hit," presumably because he could not draw in his stomach, "he must not feel alarmed." This seems difficult, as a man with a bullet in his stomach can hardly be expected not to display some "unnatural anxiety," for, as is admitted later, "a shot in the digestive organs must be particularly annoying to a bon vivant." To older men his advice is "the old method of spitting the blood to the adversary and discharging over the shoulder." The chance of a man's being killed after about 14 to 15 and of his being hit about 6 to 1. He ends at his conclusion by dividing a man's body, when opposed to his adversary, into nine parts. Therefore he says, "As in only three of these a wound would prove mortal, the chances are 3 to 1 against his being hit; that is, however," he hastens to add, "provided his antagonist has never read my work; if he has, the case may be different."

The combatant is told "not to allow the idea of becoming a target to make him uneasy, but to treat the matter jocosely." He is to laugh away the evening over a bottle of port and play drinking to excess or taking "any food that tends to create bile," because "bilious objects are not seen either distinctly or correctly." This would rather be a valid reason for getting as bilious as possible; a man with an attack of jaundice should be invisible and able to blaze at his antagonist in perfect safety. If he cannot sleep on retiring to rest he is to read Byron's "Child Harold;" his servant is to call him at a and give him a strong cup of coffee; then he is to smoke a cigar, and on his way to the scene of action" he is to take a brandy and soda, as a most "grateful stimulant and corrector."

No wonder other authors recommend him, at this point, to draw "in his stomach." If he does, he is to go off with as good grace as possible. On the other hand, if he hits his antagonist, he is to take off his hat to him and express regret.

**NO RHYMING CHALLENGES.**

A challenge is not to be in rhyme, such as "my captain postical, brandy-wielding major general of marine" wrote to a brother officer who ran off with his wife:

Wounds on the flesh a surgeon's skill may heal,  
But wounded honor's only cured with steel.

An Irishman is not to be chosen as second, for nine out of ten have such an innate love of fighting they cannot bring an affair to an amicable adjustment, and the first duty of a second is to prevent this affair coming to a serious issue. Other advice is for the second to take care his principal is not inconvenienced by the sun and to get his antagonist with something dark behind him, when it will be much more easy to hit him.

As may be inferred, the author holds by dueling for "the man who falls in a duel and the individual who is killed by the overturn of a stage coach are both unfortunate victims to a practice from which we derive great advantages. It would be absurd to profit since-traveling because occasionally a few lives are lost by an overturn, and unless men endeavored to destroy each other they might live to a patriarchal age, and multiply so rapidly that the soil would soon be insufficient to support them, with a nourishment" with which reduced and absurdity the volume may well be put back on the shelf.

**HATH TIME GROWN OLD?**

Catholic Magazine.

**THE QUESTION.**

Why paint we Time an ancient man,  
His limbs grown weak and old,  
And in his nerveless hold  
A rusty Talmud?

Hath Time grown old?

Doth not the Sun his course fulfill;  
The fleeting Seasons follow on,  
From ruddy Spring to Winter wan,  
Unceasing, constant still?

Hath Time grown old?

One Day is as another Day,  
One Year is as another Year;  
Yet, with the passing of his Bier  
A Man doth fade for aye.

Hath Time grown old?

Unto all things, of earthly brood,  
The Ruling Wisdom hath assigned  
A resurrection, in their kind;  
Man never is renewed.

Hath Time grown old?

Onward the secret Ages roll  
Heidless; though the Hope of youth  
Crumbles to Ashes, Archon's tooth  
Still gnawing at the soul,  
Time grows not old!

THE ANSWER.

Pence, Man shall but begin to be  
When, like a crumpled scroll,  
The skies to ruin roll,  
When days are Friday!  
When Time grows old!

**DREADFUL ST. VITUS DANCE.**

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and half the tongue was affected. I sent and got a bottle of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and she began to take it and in one week's time she was quite a lot better, and she continued gaining and now she has just finished the fourth bottle, and I am happy to say is so much improved she can help me about my work, can wash the dishes as well as herself, and her hand and foot is real quiet and she is almost entirely cured."

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