CITY NEWS.

Judgment was entered Monday in the case of V. E. McBride vs. Alfred Bissonette for the plaintiff to recover $62.70 and costs of $5.39.

The case of Willis V. Farr vs. H. C. Baxter & Brother, apt., an appeal from city court, was entered Monday in Chittenden county court.

A. J. Hutchinson, a stranger in the city, pleaded guilty when arraigned in city court Thursday, charged with intoxication. He was fined $5 and costs of $7.95.

The case of W. B. Johnson & Co. of Essex vs. J. L. Buss company of Boston, an action of assumpsit, was entered yesterday in Chittenden county court.

E. M. Stevens of 108 Buell street enjoyed a ride about town Tuesday, it being the first time Mr. Stevens had been out of the house since August 23, 1905.

News has been received in the city of the death in New York of Henry P. Lapelle of typhoid fever. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lapelle of Swanton, a graduate of the University of Vermont and 28 years of age.

Mayor Bigelow has suspended Policeman Fred Buchner for 15 days, pending an investigation of charges of intoxication which have been preferred against the officer. A hearing in the matter will be held before the police commissioners.

Navigation on the lake closed Saturday and the Ticonderoga was sent to Shelburne harbor Sunday for the winter. The steamer Mariquita will continue to ply between Burlington and the harbor until ice forms in the lake.

Mrs. D. J. Foster and Miss Mildred Foster expect to leave this evening for Washington, where they will join Congressman Foster and Miss Mathilde Foster. They will be accompanied from New York by Miss Mabel Foster.

The following judgments in civil cases were entered Thursday in city court: Swift & Co. vs. Herbert S. Teachout, damages of $108.82 and costs of $6.74 for the plaintiff; Burlington Grocery company vs. Mrs. Ettie Marcus, damages of $113.72 and costs for the plaintiff.

Stella Fountain, a little girl, was in city court Saturday charged with truancy. Stella has been wandering around the streets singing and claimed to be a traveling musician. She was sentenced to the State Industrial school at Vergennes for the remainder of her minority.

The divorce petition of Cora C. Dickinson vs. Orrin C. Dickinson was filed Saturday in Chittenden county court. The petitioner resides in Burlington and the petitioner is in parts unknown. The petition is brought on the grounds of desertion and intolerable severity.

At the monthly drill of Company M last evening 2dent. Ashley, in behalf of the members of the company, presented Capt. O. H. Parker with an elegant pair of field glasses. The gift was intended as a Christmas present and in a few well chosen words the captain thanked the members for remembering him.

The case against Zeb Blair for selling intoxicating liquor was Monday not pressed. Blair was at Mrs. Amelia Morrie's house recently when a search was made. He had a bottle of whiskey in his pocket and in consequence suspicion was aroused against him.

The members of Cathedral Court, No. 1, Catholic Order of Foresters, held their annual meeting Thursday night and elected the following officers: Chief ranger, T. A. Delaney; vice chief ranger, J. E. Flaherty; past chief ranger, T. P. Foley; recording secretary, T. L. Howley; financial secretary, J. H. Bray; treasurer, E. B. Corley; marshal, F. J. Daley.

News has been received by J. J. Jones of this city of the death of his sister, Mrs. George Darrell, in Milwaukee, Wis. She was 42 years of age and was a native of Vergennes. She resided in this city about 20 years ago. She is survived by a husband and brother, J. J. Jones of North street.

After chapel service yesterday morning, President Buckham announced the winners of the freshman entrance examination prizes. Donald W. McClelland of South Barrington, Mass., was awarded the Greek and the Latin prizes, and also received honorable mention in mathematics. Arthur Henry Kehoe of Bennington was awarded the prize in mathematics.

The crew of the steamer Ticonderoga finished their work for the season yesterday and left for their homes for the winter. A party of the men were taken to Port Kent yesterday by the Mariquita. Purser Fred E. Fuller will spend the winter in Florida, and Steward J. E. Murphy will winter at his home in South Granville, N. Y. Pilot John Rushlow left yesterday afternoon for St. Albans.

At the annual meeting of Bethel Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the follow officers were elected: Chancellor commander, M. H. Rosenberg; vice-chancellor commander, M. S. Rosenberg; prelate, M. G. Rosenberg; master of works, Max Girsh; keeper of records and seals, I. M. Bregstein; master of finance, Joseph Frank; master of exchequer, D. J. Nieburg; master of arms, Alfred Gladstone; trustee, Max Gladstone.

A farmer from North Hero, who was in this city Tuesday, says that it pays him to raise turkeys. This season he sold over $300 worth, which represented 48 turkeys, and a year ago he received even more than that. He had some difficulty in raising them when young but after that he claimed they took care of themselves. He was not so successful with ducks, however, over 200 of them died in one season.

The administrator's final settlement was filed Monday in probate court in the estate of Jacob Hoffman of Burlington. Following the death of Mr. Hoffman, complications arose over his estate as it was represented that he had a wife and daughter in Germany, in addition to the wife and children in Burlington. It was ascertained, however, that the wife in Germany had obtained a divorce. The heirs to the estate finally arrived at a settlement among themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johonnott have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Ruth, to William Inman Reed, the ceremony to take place at eight o'clock on the evening of Monday, December 30, at the Unitarian Church. A reception at the bride's home, 236 South Union street, will follow from 8:30 to ten o'clock. Spring Hope, North Carolina, will be the future home of bride and groom.

A hearing in the matter of the disclosure of Clarence Cunningham on J. J. Bellrose was held in city court Friday morning. On cross-examination by Attorney R. E. Brown Cunningham made inconsistent statements and upon completion of the cross-examination Grand Juror Shaw, who prosecuted, moved that the case against Mr. Bellrose be not pressed and the matter was thus disposed of.

At the conclusion in city court yesterday morning of the hearing in the case of State vs. Joseph Croto, charged with stealing $340 from John Finnessy, Croto was discharged. The evidence introduced by the defence established an alibi. It was shown that a week ago last night, the time of the alleged robbery, Croto and some friends went to The Strong theatre and later to two different restaurants, not parting company with his companions until four o'clock the following morning.

The annual election of General William Wells Camp, No. 19, Sons of Veterans, took place Thursday night when the following officers were elected: John W. Grace, commander; E. D. Ashley, S. V. C.; C. S. Tyler, J. V. C.; Frank R. Wells, W. K. Sanderson, A. H. Davis, camp council; Leslie W. Baker, N. B. Masters, delegates; C. S. Tyler, delegate at large. The appointive officers will be announced by the incoming commander at the next meeting.

The annual meeting of Court Burlington, No. 5, American Order of Foresters, was held last evening, when the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, J. J. Fogerty; sub-chief ranger, G. F. Patch; financial secretary, J. L. Clark; treasurer, P. F. Dunning; recording secretary, J. M. Gleason; senior woodward, Cornelius Hayes; junior woodward, James Ready; senior beadle, Joseph Plouf; junior beadle, Patrick Lynch; lecturer, James McGrath; physician, Dr. P. E. McSweeney; trustee for three years, M. Madigan.

The members of the Burlington Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, held their annual meeting Tuesday evening and elected officers to serve for the ensuing year. The division was found to be in the best financial condition since its organization. Officers were elected as follows: President, P. H. Welch; vice-president, John O'Rourke; recording secretary, H. J. McNally; financial secretary, T. J. McDonald; treasurer, M. Flynn; examining physicians, Dr. J. W. Courtney, Dr. E. F. Murray, Dr. D. J. Nolan.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Home for Destitute Children will be held Saturday December 21. The success of the entertainment depends largely on the generosity of friends, which has never been lacking in past years, in providing toys, dolls, games and such gifts. There are seventy children between the ages of one and fourteen in the Home, who must look to friends in Burlington for their Christmas gifts. Articles may be sent to Mrs. A. E. Richardson, 52 Williams street, or the Home team will call on request.

At the annual meeting of the Lady Foresters of the Cathedral Court the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Mrs. Mary Charland; vice-chief ranger, Mrs. Josephine Moran; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary Lynch; financial secretary, Mrs. Mary Dullihan; treasurer, Mrs. M. T. Murphy; trustees, Mrs. Josephine Muir, Mrs. Josephine Linoge and Mrs. Elizabeth Mulqueen; conductors, Mrs. James Delaney, Miss Mary Brett; outside sentinel, Mrs. M. Murray; inside sentinel, Mrs. T. Welch; physician, Dr. Daniel Nolan; delegate to national convention at Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Mary Charland; alternate, Mrs. T. Delaney.

At the annual meeting of Vermont Lodge, No. 36, New England Order of Protection, Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: Warden, Mrs. Alice P. Hill; vice-warden, G. L. Edwards; financial secretary, H. H. Davis; recording secretary, Henry Hill; chaplain, Mrs. H. N. Winter; guide, Mrs. Blanche Bissonette; guardian, Mrs. Laura Moorehy; sentinel, H. E. Bostwick; representatives to the Grand Lodge, C. E. Beach, M. L. Sanborn, F. H. Kimball; alternates, C. W. Richardson, F. S. Pease, Louis Grupe; trustee, E. W. Crannell elected for three years.

Miss Nancy Ryan's will was filed in probate court Tuesday by her attorney, O. P. Ray. It is understood that the testatrix made provision for the establishment and maintenance in Burlington of a deaconesses' home, the institution to be under the management of a board of trustees. Deaconesses homes are conducted under the discipline of the general conference of the Methodist Church. They are institutions from which women work among the poor, the sick and the distressed, both temporal and spiritual needs being attended to. The deaconesses are usually distinguished by plain black gowns and black bonnets tied with white strings.

The members of Rochambeau Court, No. 2356, Independent Order of Foresters, held their annual meeting Thursday night. The following officers were elected: Chief ranger, John Primeau; vice chief ranger, William Choates; recording secretary, H. Gelineau; financial secretary, H. W. Chase; treasurer, James Charette; orator, James Farrell; organist, Miss Pricilla Primeau; senior woodworth, L. Charbonneau; junior woodworth, Henry Pratt; senior beadle, George Bleau; junior beadle, Peter Decarries; trustees, George Beaupre, T. Prevost; deputy, S. Snyder; physician, Dr. G. A. Latour; delegates to convention to be held in Burlington next October, G. H. Coombs, James Charette.

The funeral of Michael McGarey, who died on Thursday at the St. Joseph's Orphanage of general debility, was held Friday morning from the orphanage, the Rev. J. F. Gillis officiating. The bearers were inmates of the institution and interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Mr. McGarey was a native of Ireland and was about 86 years of age. His early years were spent in Montreal, and later he removed to St. Albans, where he was employed as gardener. He had been at the orphanage about seven years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Frank of Lynn, Mass., and Edward of this city, and a step-daughter, Mrs. H. C. Hall of St. Albans.

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FEDERAL BUILDING OPENED.

Postal Service Not Interrupted by the Transfer.

Ample and Finely Finished Quarters Provided for Government Officials —Structure Cost $240,000— Completed Next Spring.

The new federal building at the corner of Church and Main streets was yesterday opened as a public building and the offices which are to have a home there were transferred from the temporary structure below the county court house. It will be some time before the work of moving all of the effects of the various departments will be completed. The most important change was the occupancy of the lower floor of the building by the postoffice. The change was made in the early morning and no serious interruption of the postal service ensued.

The new building, which is as yet unfinished in all its details, has been in process of construction for some over three and one-half years. It occupies the site of the old federal building. In the spring the marble cornice and balustrade will be added; the federal court room on the third floor will be finished; the grounds will be graded and the sidewalks installed.

The original appropriation for the construction of the building was $200,000 but a change in the plans as to the cornice necessitated an additional appropriation of $40,000. The exterior construction of the building is of white marble, with the interior finished in quartered oak and marble, with floors of maple and terrazo. Whether the exterior of the building is beautiful from an architectural standpoint is an open question, with most of the arguments on the negative side, but it is agreed that the interior is artistic and elegant.

The structure has a frontage of 111 feet on Main street and a depth of 81.2 feet on Church street. The building is three stories, with a basement and is fireproof. There are entrances from both the Main street and the Church street sides.

The first floor is given over entirely to the postoffice department. No detail tending to promote efficiency of the service has been omitted, so that the office is as well equipped as the best in the country. Commodious offices are provided for the postmaster and assistant postmaster, adjoining the large work room of the department. Quarters are also provided for the money order and registry departments. There are 341 metal lock boxes, each bearing on its face the United States shield. The furnishings in the work room are of the most modern. A large rack for despatching outgoing mail of the second, third and fourth class stands in a prominent position. This rack will hold 84 sacks and has double the capacity of the one in use in the old building.

The postoffice department and the other offices of the building are approached by a lobby of magnificent proportions. This lobby is finished in heavy, quartered oak panelling, the panels being relieved by massive carvings. Six electric light pendants each holding a 50-candle power globe, hang from the ceiling and afford artificial light. The floors in the lobby and in the corridors of the building are of terrazo, a combination of stone chips and cement. The floors in the rooms are of hard maple. The walls of the corridors are wainscotted with light green Vermont marble; below are the baseboards of darker green marble. The casing of the doors opening into the corridors are of light green marble. The building is equipped with an electric elevator and a marble staircase.

The second floor contains the general offices of the customs department for the district of Vermont. Then there are the offices of the collector of customs, special deputy of customs, and postal inspector's room, civil examination room, offices for the collector of internal revenue, the special agent of the United States treasury department and the clerk of the United States courts.

On the third floor will be the quarters for the federal courts, including a court room, now unfinished, and quarters for the grand and petit juries, the judge, the district attorney, the United States marshal and witnesses.

Elaborate fire places are part of the equipment in the offices of the collector of customs, special deputy, general customs office and grand jury room.

In the basement are boiler and store rooms, lavatories, shower bath and a club room for the letter carriers when not on duty. The building is heated by steam, wired for electricity and piped for gas. Each office has an electric clock and is wired for telephone. The general furniture of the building is of heavy quartered oak, supplementing the general interior finish.

TRAFFIC ON GREAT LAKES

Immense Steamers and Docks Building for Iron Ore Trade.

The season of 1906 in the production of iron ore and in the traffic of the Great Lakes was the most tremendous in history.

For nearly a decade now the iron ore traffic has been increasing by leaps and bounds. In eight years, says the Van Norden Magazine, Great Lakes ships have grown from 400 to 600 feet in length.

Dock companies have vied with one another in installing automatic machinery that would take the place of hand shovels and give the growing vessels quick despatch. Railroads, beginning at the banks of the Lakes and terminating in the furnace districts, have doubled and redoubled their capacities only to find that they must keep on doing so indefinitely.

Ashtabula harbor, for example, is the greatest ore receiving port in the world. It has doubled its capacity in the last two years.

With the new improvements completed it will be doubled again. This, it is already predicted, will mean the four tracking of the ore carrying branch of the Lake Shore Railroad.

During the last season a new record for an iron ore cargo was established. The steamer J. Pierpont Morgan entered South Chicago with 13,294 tons aboard.

To carry this cargo by rail required 266 cars of forty tons capacity. Ten years ago the average cargo of the Lakes was about 2,200 tons.

The greatest record in unloading one of these cargoes that has yet been attained is 10,514 tons in 4 hours and 14 minutes.

One of the achievements of the present year, it is said, will be the building of an ore vessel 650 feet, or nearly an eighth of a mile long. Within the last year several 600 foot ships were completed for the Lake trade and a fleet of three, each 605 feet in length, is now building. On the oceans of the world there are but fifty ships which surpass this length, and but few freighters which carry larger cargoes.

VERMONT NOTES.

According to the report of the assistant judges of Orange county court, the county treasury has $728.31 cash on hand. The receipts for the fiscal year were $1,513.84.

A Rutland man who became comfortably intoxicated the other night, and took a stuffed duck from a cafe home to his wife to cook, has been busy explaining how it happened.

Seventy-two women of Bellows Falls have organized branch No. 1973 of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association of America. This is the second in the state, the first being at Brattleboro. A third is to be organized at Springfield.

The neighbors had to tell Mrs. F. A. Parsons of Rutland that a man had entered her front hall and stolen an overcoat before she knew an unlocked door had let in a sneak thief. The coat was valued at $18, oxford gray, winter overcoat and in one pocket was a new pair gloves.

Following the death of the senior member of the firm at Boston, the prison shoe shop of A. E. Mann & Co. at Windsor has been closed. The 100 employes will receive three months' pay and be discharged unless a new contract is made. Mr. Mann hired prison labor and the State received the highest price for this work when Governor Woodbury secured 72 cents a day from Mr. Mann. This was on a five-year contract.

When Miss Emma Lundberg went to the home at Brattleboro of her sister, Mrs. Charles E. Niles, for a morning call she found Mr. Niles dead on the dining room floor clothed in her night gown. She had bidden good bye to her husband when he left for his work in a local store, but was not, at that time, aware of any heart disease following a nervous affection from which she had suffered for several years. Mrs. Niles was years old.

REPORT OF VERMONT BANKS.

Reports made to the comptroller of the currency at Washington, D. C., show the condition of national banks in Vermont at the close of business December 3, as follows: Loans and discounts, $15,482,656; gold coin in bank, $115,091; total money reserve in bank, $1,308,957; total resources, $20,222,724. Liabilities: Individual deposits, $14,8[illegible]; percentage of legal reserve to deposits, 18.07.

PROBATE COURT.

Summary of Business Transacted during the Week Ending Dec. 18, 1907.

Estate of Madison L. Hildreth, Essex; Hortie L. Hilliard appointed administratrix; F. W. Rich and I. E. Huntley, commissioners and appraisers.

Estate of Gilbert Darlt, Charlotte; W. W. Higbee appointed administrator; Calvin C. Martin and Carlos S. Martin, commissioners and appraisers.

Estate of Sara Boyle, Burlington; Edward Dwyer appointed administrator; administrator's inventory filed.

Estate of George A. & Mary L. Chapman, Williston; settlement of the account of the administrator and decree made.

Estate of Thomas Kelley, Hinesburgh; license to sell real estate granted.

Estate of Laura Lovely, Essex; license to sell real estate.

Estate of George E. Johnson, Burlington; will proved; Martha T. Johnson appointed executrix; H. B. Smalley and L. M. Bingham, commissioners.

Estate of Byron A. Jones, Burlington; settlement of the account of the executors, and decree of distribution made.

Estate of Jacob Hoffman, Burlington; settlement of the account of the administrator.

Estate of Nancy Ryan, Burlington; will filed for probate; hearing January 8.

Estate of John B. Parker, Charlotte; appraisers' and executor's inventory filed.

Estate of Hiram Merchew, South Burlington; appraisers' inventory filed.

Estate of Susan A. Ray, Burlington; executor's inventory filed.

Estate of James Stilham, Shelburne; commissioners' report filed.

Estate of Romeo S. Barstow, Burlington; appraisers' inventory filed.

ONLY THREE RAINY DAYS.

C. S. Isham Found The Number during a 13 Week' Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Isham have just returned from a 13 weeks' trip in Canada the Pacific coast and the Middle Western States. During their trip they visited 15 different States and Canada, spending from a day to three weeks in the cities of interests. The primary object of the trip was to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Richardson, in Seattle. They found her husband, Dr. J. V. Richardson, established with a good practice in the city.

Mr. Isham found that the financial stringency was being felt in the West and in Canada, the two countries seeming to feel the oppression equally. After leaving Toronto, Ont., for the West he began to hear rumors of hard times and of the men being out of employment and evening in Seattle, the home city of the Pacific coast, business inactivity was found.

Mr. and Mrs. Isham traveled the whole length of the Pacific coast, where they found the same business oppression, especially in Los Angeles, Cal. They were fortunate in having extremely good weather during their journey, there being only three rainy days to interfere with their pleasure seeking.

When asked regarding presidential talk in the West, he said he found considerable sentiment for Governor Hughes on the Pacific coast.

CAN SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

This Will Not Subject Sender of Third and Fourth Class Mail to a Fine.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A statement recently published has caused the postoffice department to call attention to the law governing writing upon mail matter of the third and fourth classes.

It appears that the department has been accredited with a statement to the effect that holiday greetings written upon mail matter of the classes mentioned might subject the offender to a fine of $10. As a matter of fact the law governing this subject reads as follows:

"Such inscriptions as Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, with best wishes, etc., together with the name and address of the addressee and of the sender may be written upon mail matter of the third and fourth classes, or upon a card enclosed therewith, without affecting its classification."

A FINE RECORD.

(From the Rutland News.)

In the entire 75 days of the Maine hunting season—in which the Maine Central railroad alone transported the carcasses of 2,300 deer, 70 moose and 50 bears—not a single man was killed. That is a record of safety which New York and Vermont hunters could well emulate.

THE WEEK'S NEWS

Thursday, Dec. 12.

President Roosevelt will not be a candidate for a third term. All doubt on this point was dispelled by the authoritative statement to that effect from the White House.

Steadily mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal company are giving up the victims of last Friday's explosion. There has been a total of 225 bodies taken out.

A challenge cup, to cost $2000, for an International yacht contest to be sailed with wholesome type of boats is offered by the Brooklyn Yacht club.

Five of the most valuable pictures have been stolen from the Musee de Picardie at Amiens, France, together with a collection of coins and art objects, valued at about $50,000.

A grand jury found no bill against Seth McCalvin of Braintree, Vt., who shot and killed Rollin F. Forbes, a fellow hunter mistaking him for a bear.

Three miners, who have been entombed for a week in a shaft of the Giroux mine at Ely, Nev., are still alive and able to communicate with miners at the top of the shaft.

Friday, Dec. 13.

After having submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the White House, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, the eldest daughter of President Roosevelt, rallied nicely. Her condition is most favorable.

Edward J. McCabe of Providence was found probably guilty of manslaughter in causing the death of Elisha Arnold, aged 13, and was held in $7000 for the grand jury. Arnold was killed by McCabe's automobile.

The breaking of a mailing case, containing a culture of a supposed case of sore throat, possibly diphtheria, was the cause of the closing of the Augusta, Me., postoffice for half a day.

The Democratic national committee decided to hold the next Democratic convention at Denver and fixed the date of the meeting for July 7, 1908.

Governor Warner of Michigan has formally notified Attorney General Bird to draft charges against State Treasurer Glazier, looking to his removal from office.

Convicted on two counts for pension frauds, Charles H. Avery, aged 68, was sentenced at Boston to two years in jail.

Herman Henze, who made silver half dollars so well that only experts could distinguish his product from that of the mint, was sentenced at New York to six years at Sing Sing prison and $250 fine.

Saturday, Dec. 14.

George H. Fall, who on the face of the returns was elected mayor of Malden, Mass., by a small majority last Tuesday, lost his title to the position as the result of the recount of votes.

After having met and conferred with many citizens of Goldfield, Nev., General Funston said that he found conditions worse than he had anticipated.

Mrs. Roy Wilson of Chicago, seeing her husband at the mercy of an infuriated bulldog at their home, seized a sword, ran the animal through and pinioned it against the wall until dead.

The Ohio child-labor law was declared invalid by the circuit court. The decision holds that the provisions of the law are in contravention of the constitution.

George Doerler, who was charged with murder in the first degree, was found guilty of murder at Hartford and was sentenced to state prison for life. Doerler shot to death Mrs. Dora Luthje.

David D. Farrar, mayor of Lewiston, Me., in 1882 and for 30 years treasurer and tax collector, was found dead in bed. He was more than 80 years old.

A small Bristol China teapot, presented to Edmund Burke by the founder of the Bristol factory, was auctioned at London and brought the remarkable price of $2100.

The grip epidemic which recently appeared at Smith college, Northampton, Mass., continues unabated. The infirmary and other buildings are full of girls who are ill.

President Roosevelt has neither asked for, nor does he expect to receive, the resignation of any member of his cabinet.

Sunday, Dec. 15.

Announcement of the discovery of a new anaesthetic will soon be made by the Rockefeller institute for medical research. It is nothing else than common epsom salts.

Captain Marshall and crew of 10 men abandoned the schooner Augustus Welt, which foundered at sea.

To practice his understanding of theosophy on the unison of souls, Boris Minoff unsuccessfully attempted to kill Jessie Schroder, 13 years of age, and then committed suicide at Cleveland.

Louis B. Sternberg, a Kansas City grocer, was killed, and his wife was fatally injured by robbers who attacked them in their store.

No fatalities resulted among the 17 people, including one woman, who reached shore from the wreck of the tug Hercules and her four barges on Pleasant View (R. I.) beach after one of the most arduous rescues in the history of Rhode Island lifesaving work.

Immigration to America during the year ended June 30, 1907, was vastly greater than in any previous year in the history of the United States. The number admitted reached 1,285,349.

The permanent relief committee, to provide for the widows and orphans in distress from the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, W. Va., have prepared an appeal for funds.

Monday, Dec. 16.

Declaring that "calm, statesmanlike men" were wanted in the White House, Chancellor Day of Syracuse university came out for Governor Hughes for president.

The American seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson capsized off the Scilly islands. Of the crew of 18 only three were rescued.

The American bark Edmund Phinney was piled upon the sands of Sandy Hook beach and battered to pieces by mountainous seas. With great difficulty her crew was rescued by lifesaving crews.

Rutt and Stol, the German team, won the six-day bicycle race at New York. The two leading teams made 2312 miles, 5 laps.

Abraham Hummel, the lawyer, who is serving a year's sentence in Blackwell's island penitentiary for conspiracy in the Dodge-Morse divorce case, is near death from kidney affection.

Fred C. Hobein, an attorney connected with a firm of mortgage brokers at Chicago, committed suicide by shooting at a Boston hotel. Hobein was in the east to consult physicians about his health.

Cass and Clinton counties, Mo., voted for local option, making 61 dry counties in Missouri, four more than half.

Heavy snow obscuring the signal towers caused the wreck at Worcester, Mass., of an express train and serious injuries to two train hands. None of the passengers was badly hurt.

George H. Munger, a conductor on the Milford and Uxbridge (Mass.) street railway, in attempting to replace a trolley, fell to the ground and broke his neck.

Rev. Joshua Coit, treasurer of the Massachusetts Home Missionary society, died suddenly at his home at Winchester, Mass. He was born in New London, Conn., in 1832.

Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Sixteen American battleships, huge, modern, bristling with guns, but sparkling white in dressings of peace, sailed from Hampton Roads on their twin-sea expedition of 14,000 miles to the west coast of the United States. President Roosevelt, on the Mayflower, personally led the vessels in the first stage of the voyage.

About sixty men met death in an explosion in the mines at Yolande, Ala. The cause of the explosion has not been officially determined.

Two more bodies were brought from the mines at Monongah, W. Va. The total number of bodies removed is 336, and the records show at least ten more in the workings.

A. H. Anderson, treasurer of the Quebec Central railway, pleaded guilty to embezzlement from the company and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Anderson had stolen about $180,000.

Sir Thomas Lipton declares that he will not race the new Shamrock for the international cup recently offered by the Brooklyn Yacht club for competition in American waters in 1908.

On all except main trunk lines of the state railroad system in Prussia automobile cars, which run singly, will replace locomotives drawing ordinary trains.

Immediately after the holiday recess of congress the Cannon presidential boom will be launched in earnest.

The two senators from Oklahoma were sworn into office in the United States senate. The terms of the two senators were drawn by lot. Owen secured the six-year term and Gore the two-year term.

The Roosevelt committee has begun its investigation of labor troubles in Goldfield, Nev.

On account of an epidemic of measles, the schools of Lyonsfield, Mass., have been closed.

"The ministry is becoming in all denominations an underpaid profession," declared President Hamilton of Tufts college in his annual report.

The Bay State Gas Company of Delaware, after many years of litigation, at last has all its affairs cleaned up. Thomas W. Lawson of Boston was elected president.

Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Frederick E. Sargent, vice president and cashier of the Jewelers' National bank of North Attleboro, Mass., was found dead in the bathtub at his home. According to Medical Examiner Holden, death was due to accidental drowning.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of John Greenleaf Whittier, the poet laureate of freedom, was celebrated in New England by many hundreds of people.

The New York board of aldermen passed an ordinance which will permit Sunday theatrical exhibitions, with certain features common to week-day shows eliminated.

There now is no case of yellow fever under treatment, observation or suspicion in Cuba.

The British turbine torpedo boat destroyer Tartar broke all records in fast steaming in her final trials over the official course, attaining a speed of 37.027 knots.

Speaking on behalf of the nation, the Persian parliament has issued a manifesto to the world. The present constitutional crisis is explained and an appeal for assistance is made.

The Missouri Republican state committee adopted a resolution endorsing the candidacy of William H. Taft for the presidency.

The nomination of Edward C. Mansfield to succeed Mayor-elect George A. Hibbard as postmaster of Boston was confirmed in the senate.

Judge Gould of the equity court of the District of Columbia enjoined the American Federation of Labor from boycotting the Bucks Stove and Range company of St. Louis.

Secretary Cortelyou, in a signed statement, pronounces unqualifiedly false the current rumors of undue political activity of his friends in forwarding a movement in his interest.

After a lingering illness, Lord Kelvin, the world-famous scientist, died at Glasgow. He was born June 25, 1824, in Ireland.

"WHY IS MORGAN LIKE PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER?"

"Can't You Guess? How Stupid?" Cry Chicago Co-Eds.

Out at the University of Chicago the women's dormitories have developed fountain heads of humor, from which wit springs as spontaneously as oil from John D. Rockefeller' wells in Indiana. Most of the numerous "gags" at the founder's expense are suspected to have emanated from this source. Recently the co-eds have evolved a new jest, or, rather, a new version of an old one, which starts off like this:

"Why is J. Pierpont Morgan like Pharaoh's daughter?

"Can't you guess it? Why, how perfectly stupid of you.

"J. Pierpont Morgan is like Pharaoh's daughter because they both found a little prophet in the rushes on the banks."

If the Baby Is Cutting Teeth

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

WOOING SLEEP.

A Prescription That Worked Well in Philadelphia.

A haggard looking man strolled into a downtown drug store the other day and asked the druggist for help. He said he had trouble in getting to sleep when he retired. No matter how sleepy he might be during the day or how much sleep he might have lost, the moment his head touched the pillow he was wide awake and lay thus for several hours. Once asleep he was very hard to waken, but he had to be up at a certain hour, and in consequence of his peculiar affliction he was losing more sleep than he could stand. The drug clerk regarded him quizzically a few moments and then replied:

"My dear man, you don't want medicine. What you want is something to change the trend of your thoughts. Do as a friend of mine did. He was troubled the same way and found that the old folks' plan of imagining sheep passing a barrier and counting them was out of date, so he began trying to name all the states in the Union. He soon got them so he could classify them alphabetically. Then, when they no longer interested him, he started on the counties of his state. He now has them at his tongue's end, classified up to the fourth letter. Now he is starting on state capitals and their locations. Then he will take up county seats. A moment's glance at an atlas during the day shows him when he is wrong, and the beauty of the plan is that he rarely has to think along these lines longer than ten minutes before he is sound asleep. To make it short, the study of geography is a good narcotic."—Philadelphia Record.

A BOY HUNT.

Chased From Hedge to Hedge by a Big Pack of Weasels.

The following extract from an interesting book may be of interest to our friends. It is "From My Life as an Angler," by William Henderson, published in London in 1879.

"About this time, while rambling in the picturesque lane leading from Merrington to Windlestone with two other boys, an adventure occurred sufficiently startling to two little fellows from nine to ten years old. We were busily engaged in picking wild strawberries, which clustered in the hedgerows, when we saw at about a hundred yards distance a pack of at least twenty weasels running from hedge to hedge and evidently scenting out our footsteps. It dashed upon us that we were being hunted. So, springing over the nearest hedge, we ran across a pasture field and, standing upon the farther bank, looked back toward our assailants. To our dismay we saw the whole pack, with noses to ground, steadily tracking our course. The word was given, 'Run, run' and off we scampered across another field to take up our position on another hedge. Still the pursuit was going on and the creatures were evidently gaining upon us, so with a wild shout we fled to the village, which, happily for us, was not far off. I have frequently heard of persons being attacked by weasels, but was never hunted by them on any other occasion."

The above must have occurred about 1812, the locality being the north of England.—Forest and Stream.

Shooting the Steenbuck.

Many of the poor Boers in the Transvaal, by whom all the shooting that is done is for the pot and not for sport, have perfected a system of shooting with the assistance of oxen. A steenbuck has no fear of cattle and will lie still even if they graze right up to him. The hunter gets together a few cattle and with his gun walks behind them in such a way that he cannot be seen from the front. Great care has to be exercised to drive the oxen so that they may seem to be grazing naturally. The hunter must be ready to shoot without having to alter his position. The slightest movement is noticed by the buck.

Peculiarities of Long Island.

The class in geography in one of the Brooklyn schools was asked by the teacher, "What are some of the natural peculiarities of Long Island?"

The pupils tried to think, and, after awhile, a boy raised his hand.

"I know," said he.

"Well, what are they?" asked the teacher.

"Why," said the boy, with a triumphant look, "on the south side you see the sea and on the north side you hear the sound."

Fatalism Exemplified.

She—I hope, dear, that you are not going to worry about my exceeding my allowance this time.

He (brightening up)—You don't mean to tell me, dearest, that there isn't any necessity for it?

"Certainly not. What's the use of worrying about something you can't help?"—New York Life.

The Flesh She Lost.

"You're not looking well, Mrs. Giles. Surely you have lost a lot of flesh lately, have you not?"

"I have that. I've lost me husband. 'E weighed nineteen stone when 'e died."—London Telegraph.

Modern Modesty.

"You say a modest woman. Just what do you mean by that?"

"Well, a woman who loves her husband less than $2,500 a year is modest as prices go."—New York World.

Fountain Pens—Free Press Store

DIED.

KIDDER—In this city, December 16, 1907, at nine o'clock p. m., Cyrus F. Kidder, aged seven years, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kidder.

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