

CHRISTMAS DAY

A MERRY ONE IN OUR TOWN—SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

Our readers may think us tardy with our Christmas greetings, yet they are none the less cordial on this account. You know Christmas lasts until New Year's, so we come to you holding on to Christmas with one hand and reaching out to the New Year with the other.

This is the season of good cheer. The season of the holly and the mistletoe,—the time for bright faces and generous impulses—for glad-some greetings—a time for noble resolves to be born—a time for old animosities to die,—a time when the benevolent side of one's nature should eclipse the sordid side,—a time when the thoughts should be turned towards home,—a time when the usurping chains of business should be ignored. A time when the child with its golden curls, the man with his silvered locks, alike cry "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men." These words have been chanted by all Christian nations since the infant Jesus slept in the rude manger in Bethlehem. The organs in the grand cathedrals have pealed forth these words and the hearts of the worshippers have been filled with adoration; those treading the gowless paths of poverty echo the praises The poor mother in the hovel as she bends over the smoldering embers upon the desolate hearth, and weeps over empty stockings of her neglected children—even she hears these strains in the distance, and her plaintive voice, so full of want, joins in the chorus, "Glory to God in the highest." Perhaps this mother is thinking of the Christmas days in her girlhood when plenty crowned the board, and these memories may be feeding her hungry heart. Theologians may cavil over the date and origin of this day, but we will hold fast to our Christmas.

This year it was "Merry Christmas" all around. Fat turkey, with the usual sundries, furnished the inner man delight, the social was given play in many ways and in fact the day was a happy Anything like a full account of the social happenings of the day and evening cannot be given. Time and space forbids; but never was the day more universally observed in our city.

Special services were held in all of the churches, the attendance being large in all instances.

The Christmas trees delighted the little folks, while the special music arranged by the different denominations was both beautiful and impressive and pleased the older folks.

As we are about to let go of the old year we realize that to the most of us it has been a kind year,—to a few the dark side has been turned; to others, the sunny side. We must not forget that upon the homes of some of our readers, since last Christmas tide, a shadow has fallen and the mantle of sorrow has wrapped the inmates in its somber folds. Other homes are like the nest that hangs on the withered bough—desolate because the life and song went out with the birds. New homes have been made—new ties formed and old ones severed, but in our onward march it is not well to stop to measure the load each one carries. No life is either all sunshine or all storm. If the new year brings prosperity, let us rejoice; if adversity, let us be brave. Let us be thankful that "our lines have fallen in pleasant places;" that "it is as well with us as it is," and use our utmost endeavors to make this a happy year. Let us quickly turn over the sad page and look at the bright picture that awaits us; let us quickly penetrate any cloud that may float over our pathway and view at length the beautiful silver lining beyond.

Mr. Will Smith, left last week for a visit with his parents at Pittsburg.

V. V. LEAGUE

MEETING AT CHARLESTON—MAY HAVE NEW PRESIDENT COMING SEASON.

Much importance is attached to the meeting of the officials and directors of the Virginia Valley baseball league which will be held to-night at Charleston.

The purpose for which the meeting was called is to outline the business for the coming year and elect new officers. It is thought that all of the clubs represented last year will remain in the league and it is possible that Fairmont and Clarksburg may be added, making it an eight club league instead of six. Some are claiming that it would not be a paying investment to take on the two towns mentioned for the reason that the jumps are so long. It is generally conceded, however, that an eight club league would pay better than a six team one for the reason that it would cut down the number of games in any given city. A number of the league directors are in favor of taking in the towns of Ironton, Ohio, and Middleport-Pomeroy. Our sister cities could, by placing the grounds at Middleport, have the entire Pomeroy Bend to draw from and it looks like the promoters would realize handsomely on the investment.

President Bond will have opposition for re-election, in the person of Lon Barringer, of the Lewis Hubbard Co., who it is said, is well qualified for the position. A new secretary will in all probability be elected at the same time.

H. H. Henry will represent the Point Pleasant Gallipolis team at the meeting.

NOTES.

Carney, Witterstatter and Orcutt, have been recommended to one of the southern leagues as the best outfielders of last season.

Cochran, of the Montgomery team will play with the Cotton States League, the coming season.

Joe Wehrle, president of the Charleston team has sold his entire block of stock, to Capt. Tabscott, of the Lewis Hubbard company. Rumor has it that attorney Upshur Higginbottom, has acquired a large block of the Charleston team and will be made local president.

Charleston will have new grounds within five minutes walk of Capitol street, on Virginia street.

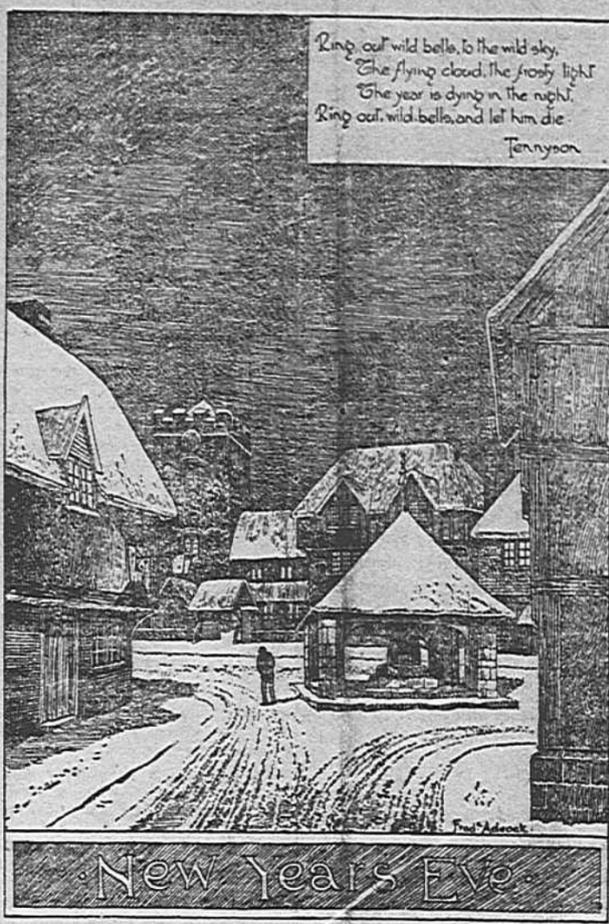
REVIVAL MEETINGS.

Revival services will begin at the Baptist Church Wednesday, January 4th; services to open each evening at 7:30. Pastor O. F. Jackson will be assisted by Rev. W. S. Bradshaw, pastor of the Baptist Church, Chillicothe, O. All are invited. Come let us sing unto the Lord and worship before Him. Let us seek His face and favor; for he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His land. Let us exalt His name together. PASTOR.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report: Harry F. Lanier, 22, to Florence Pearson, 21, Mason county. Cecil C. Ferguson, 23, to Mary A. Parsons, 21, Mason county. Hurshel W. Henry, 22, to Verha W. Nibert, 19, Mason county. O. J. Barnett, 30, to Belle J. Stone, 29, Mason county. Richard Hudson, 20, to Viola Hayes, 21, Mason county. Estie J. Heiner, 23, Meigs county, Ohio, to Freda Meyers, 21, Mason county. James F. Gibbs, 24, to Flora Moore, 21, Mason county. Pheister Long, 26, to Mary King, 24, Mason county. Abraham Herdman, Jr., 24, to Elizabeth Matheny, 20, Mason Co.

Mr. Rudolph Whitten, West Point Cadet, is home spending the Christmas vacation with his parents.



Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light,
The year is dying in the night,
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Tennyson

CELEBRATED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fadely celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding at their home on Viand street, Christmas day.

At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon a magnificent three course dinner was served the invited guests. The table was loaded down with good things to eat the guests proceeding to do ample justice to the bounteous amount spread before them.

The host and hostess were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents which they assured the donors would be long cherished as mementoes of the happy occasion.

The afternoon was spent in story telling and reminiscences of other Christmas days happily spent.

Those enjoying the hospitality of the occasion, were: Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, of Letart, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Fadely, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Conser and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Needham.

Quite a number of relatives and friends were invited but were unable to attend owing to sickness in their families.

OPERATED UPON FOR APPENDICITIS.

Dr. F. C. Shafer assisted by Dr. Holzer, of Gallipolis, performed an operation on Mrs. Helen Markley, of this place, for appendicitis, last Friday. The patient is getting along nicely at this time with every chance for a speedy recovery. This speaks well for these young surgeons, performing as it was, a major operation in a private home.

A SONG OF OLD CHRISTMAS.

(This poem by Rev. Hunter Davidson, at one time Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, at Atlanta, Ga., now Rector of Christ Church, Point Pleasant, W. Va., was written and first published in 1900 at Atlanta, Ga. Since that time it has been re-published in several Cleveland and Painesville, Ohio, and other eastern papers and has attracted much favorable comment. It has been appropriately and artistically decorated and illustrated by a great newspaper artist.)

'Tis the night before Christmas
And all through the street
And silent sleighs gliding
Along o'er the sleet.
And the merry bells jingle
And seems all in tune
To the Song of Old Christmas
And the full Winter Moon.

Mother Earth is close folded
In mantle of snow,
Her bosom all hidden
From fierce winds that blow.
Warm clad in her Ermine
She lies white and still
As the Moon shines and glistens
O'er plain and o'er hill.

Bright Holly with berries
And Cedar are twined
In wreaths that makes children's hearts
Happy and kind.
And chimneys and mantels
All lovingly pause,
And wait for Chris Cringle,
Our kind Santa Claus.

The stockings are dangling
Some great and some small
Filled full to the bursting
With good things for all.
And the day-dawn is breaking.
And the earth 'gins to sing
The Song of Old Christmas,
The birth of the King.

The birth of the King
Who comes down as a Child,
In bed made of straw,
A King in a manger!
Is what the world saw.

J. MILTON BURDETT

DIES AT RIPE AGE OF NINETY-TWO YEARS.

The subject of this sketch was born in Monroe County Virginia, (now W. Va) February 6, 1818. The death summons called him to the great beyond December 20, 1910, he having reached the ripe old age 92 years, 10 months and 14 days. When a child his parents moved to Greenbrier county and there lived until 1836 and then moved to Roane county. In 1840 he was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Sayre, of Jackson county. To that union 11 children were born, viz: Diana, W. Clarkson, James P., Hannah, Emily J., John M., Dallas A., Sarah A., Monroe D., Mark G. and Ezekiel H. His wife preceded him to the grave 8 years and 3 months. They lived a happy life together 62 years. The deceased children are Hannah, died in infancy, W. Clarkson at the age of 20 years, fell in the hard fought battle of Vicksburg, May 19, 1863, having belonged to the Union Army, Co. I, 4th Virginia Infantry. Sarah A., died at the age of 38 years. The surviving children are Mrs. Diana Calvert, of Guysville, O., James P., of Leon, W. Va., Mrs. Emley J. Childers, of Evans, W. Va., John M. of Point Pleasant, W. Va., Dallas A. of Middleport, O., Monroe D., of Columbus, O., Mark G. and Ezekiel H., of Leon, W. Va. At the time of his death he was the grand-father of 57 and great grand-father of 61 children. The deceased during the great rebellion was a strong Union man, voted for Bell and Everett in 1860. He was the second man to take the oath of office in Jackson county, W. Va., in 1863. He was commissioned Captain of the home guards of Jackson county by Governor Arthur I. Boromim. He was twice made prisoner by the Confederate soldiers and possibly escaped death at their hands, by the intercession of Col. George Crow, of Gen. Wise's command. He was Deputy Sheriff of Jackson county from 1866 to 1873.

After a long and useful life in his community he has gone to his final reward. His remains were laid to rest the 22d inst, in the family graveyard on his daughter, Emily Childs farm.

MAKING GOOD.

Captain C. T. Beale, day foreman at the Hill iron mine on the Mesabrange, arrived at the Spalding yesterday afternoon, on his way to Point Pleasant, West Virginia, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. The mine is situated near Marble, and is one of the large properties of the steel corporation. Heavy stripping work has been in progress at the property since the close of the ore shipping season. Captain Beale will return to his duties in about 30 days. He has not visited his old home in the south for some time, and left over the Soo line last evening with pleasurable anticipations of Christmas in "Ole Virginy."—Duluth News Tribune.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sunday School at 9:45, A. E. Bradshaw, Superintendent. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning Theme—"At the End of the Year" 2 Chron. 24-23. Evening Theme—New Year Resolution. Josh. 24-15. All are invited.

O. F. JACKSON

B. & O. BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Clay McCoy, aged 24, who had been employed as a brakeman on the Ohio River division for about three months was caught between the cars on the O. R. at Glenwood on Saturday while making a coupling and died about 10:30 o'clock at Mt. Hope Hospital in Huntington on the same night.

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FOUR KILLED

IN HEAD-ON COLLISION AT MERCER BOTTOM YESTERDAY.

THE DEAD.

Engineer William Steffey, Parkersburg.
Fireman R. H. Brabham, Parkersburg.
Brakeman C. J. Moffatt, Huntington.
Fireman R. H. Kautz, of Mason City.

THE INJURED.

Engineer J. B. McMelleon, Parkersburg.
Brakeman J. F. Loveall, New Martinsville.

The worst wreck that has happened on the Ohio River division for some years occurred at 3:15 yesterday morning at the west end of bridge 1888 at Mercers Bottom, about 12 miles below here when two freight train collided and four men were killed and two were injured.

One of the trains which was in the smashup was an extra freight in charge of Engineer William Steffey of Parkersburg the train being composed of a number of empty cars, and the other train was second No. 739, northbound with a double header.

The crew on the extra had orders to pass two sections of No. 736 at Gallipolis Ferry and while the cause of the wreck will probably never be exactly known the supposition is that the engineer on No. 990 south bound thought that he was passing both sections at that place as the first section had two engines attached.

As soon as possible members of both crews who were not injured set about to secure relief and assistance, and news of the wreck was wired from the nearest telegraph office to the division headquarters. The wreck crews from Parkersburg and Benwood were ordered out at once and the company surgeons from different points on the lower section of the division were called. Dr. Withers of Glenwood was the first to arrive and Doctors Barbee, McElfresh and Mossman of this place were soon at the scene of the accident.

As soon as the wreck crews arrived work of rescue was started. Engineer Steffey and Brakeman Moffatt of engine 990 and Fireman Brabham of engine 993 were found buried under the wreckage. The injured Engineer McMelleon and Brakeman Loveall of the northbound freight and Fireman Kautz of Engine 990 were taken to a farm house near the scene of the wreck where they were given attention by the surgeons.

MET TRAGIC DEATH.

Edward Smith, who has been employed as brakeman on the Ohio River Division of the B. & O. and who made this place his headquarters, boarding with Mr. and Mrs. John Love on Ohio street, met a tragic death near Clifton about 1 o'clock Monday.

Smith was a brakeman on a coal train and was engaged in throwing a switch when he slipped on the ice falling over on the rail, and the train passed over his body. He was almost cut in two.

Deceased was about 22 years old and had lots of friends here who will be sorry to learn of his untimely death.

STREET CAR NOTICE.

Beginning January 1, 1911. One car will be taken off the Gallipolis-Kananga service for two months, making the service hourly.

Car will leave Kananga at 5:30 A. M. Vine St. at 5 A. M.

Leaving Kananga on the half hour Vine Street on the even hour—Gallipolis Tribune.

Mr. Henry Holloway was here to spend Christmas with his wife and mother, Mrs. P. G. Holloway.