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WEATHER FACTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Ohio: Light snows, followed by rising temperature.

SPRINGFIELD, O., December 24, 1887.

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The Great Reading Strike Aready Lifted —All the Trains Running as Usual.

Gladstone Hooted At and Snow-balled at Dover—Immense Claim to Property in New York—Mr. Manning's Funeral.

By the Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec., 27.—The Executive Committee of Reading Railroad Employes' Assembly, early this morning, after a secret session which lasted several hours, decided to lift the great strike on the Reading system, pending arbitration with the company. The five crews over whom the trouble originated are to be supported in the meantime by financial aid from the employes. This decision was reached after a conference with Supt. Sweigart, last night. The committee then returned to their meeting place in Port Richmond and, after several hours' discussion, decided to submit their case to arbitration. In the afternoon a motion had been carried to propose arbitration to the officials. Mr. Sweigart assured the committee that such a plan would be entirely agreeable to the Reading Railroad Company.

General Superintendent Sweigart said this morning that the statement that he had agreed with the Knights of Labor to submit the question in dispute to arbitration was incorrect. He said that last evening a committee representing the employes of the company called at his office, and they talked briefly regarding the threatened strike. He held out no inducement to the men, however, and would listen to no proposition which had for its object the reinstatement of the men discharged for refusing to deliver the cars to Taylor's elevator. These men, he said, would never again be employed by the company. He says no agreement was proposed either by the committee or by him; that the committee left when he informed them that he would hold no conversation regarding the discharged men.

Windfall in New York.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 27.—Dr. W. W. Weber stated today that the claim of his father, William Weber, as one of the heirs to a lot of land, sixty-six acres in extent, located in New York City, south of Canal street, had been proven. The plat, now studded with massive blocks of buildings, was bought in 1636 by Wilfred Weber, of Holland. In 1674 Mr. Weber, leased the land to Wilfred Weber, jun., for two hundred years. On the expiration of the lease, in 1874, the land reverted to the descendants of the original Wilfred Weber.

Daniel Manning's Funeral.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A large party of gentlemen from the democratic organizations of New York and Brooklyn left New York this morning for Albany to attend the funeral of Daniel Manning. The party included Congressmen Campbell, Merriman, Bliss and Mahoney, Ex-Mayors Cooper and Grace, of New York, and Mayor-Elect Chapin, of Brooklyn.

The President at Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—President Cleveland and the members of his cabinet, except Secretaries Whitney and Endicott, arrived in Albany at 8 o'clock this morning and were driven to Governor Hill's residence, where they breakfasted at 12:30. The distinguished guests were alone received at the residence of Mr. Manning's son, where the ex-secretary died.

Gladstone at Dover.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Gladstone arrived at Dover today on his way to the continent. A small crowd assembled at the depot. Gladstone was greeted with hoots. A number of roughs outside of the depot threw snaw balls at him. None, however, struck him. A delegation of Kentish liberals waited upon him at the town hall and presented him with an address.

The Tobacco Tariff.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A meeting of tobacco growers at Baldwinsville Saturday passed resolutions asking congress to abolish the war taxes on tobacco and revise the Sumatra tariff law of 1883, and declared in favor of a duty of seventy-five cents per pound on imported cigar leaf.

Powder-Mill Explosion.

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 27.—Rand & Co.'s powder-mill, Pittsford, near this city, was blown up this morning, with terrific noise. The workmen were all at breakfast at the time and no one was injured. The loss of property is considerable.

Reading all Right—All Trains Moving.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—All trains are moving on the Reading railroad this morning, and no further trouble is anticipated.

NEURALGIA OF THE HEART.

Mrs. Anna Carroll Dies Suddenly While Going to Church.

On Sunday morning Mrs. Anna Carroll, the wife of Patrick Carroll, living on east North street, started to high mass at the Catholic church, leaving the house at 5:30. She had proceeded but a little way, however, when she commenced to feel sick and had to return. She lay down and in a few minutes expired. Her death was caused by neuralgia of the heart.

Death of Mr. Theodore Hax.

Last Saturday night, at 12:20 o'clock, at his residence, south Yellow Springs street, died Theodore Hax, father of Messrs. J. C. and G. F. Hax. Deceased was born in Schaaufhaum, Hessian Daurmsdat, Germany, September 22, 1799. He came to Springfield July 18, 1847, and resided here ever since. He was a prominent German citizen and was well and widely known throughout this city and county.

Elegantly Entertained.

Mrs. John B. Fellowes of St. Paul M. E. church, entertained her Sabbath school class for dinner at the St. James hotel Christmas. The guests were: Miss Emily Morgan, Clara Beachum, Kittie Gale, Linnie Morritt, Carrie Neil, Carrie Deardorf, Lillie Angel, May Ramsey. Mrs. Fellowes's class remembered her by presenting her with a handsome gold pen and holder and an elegant handkerchief.

Temporary Suspension.

The *Baptist Beacon*, a monthly religious paper, published in the interest of the colored race, and edited by the Rev. Wilton R. Boone, of this city, has been suspended, after appearing regularly each month for over two years. We understand that efforts are being made to organize a joint stock company and have the paper appear once a week.

Court Announcements.

Common pleas court will be in session Saturday, December 31, prox., for hearing of ex parte matters, judgments by defaut and closing the October term.

Divorce cases may be assigned by the clerk for that day, provided attorneys hand the title of same to the clerk before that day.

Messrs. Lucius Harris and Rowald Harris left this morning via the Bee Line for Fresno, California.

LAGONDA LACONICS.

Items of Interest from Springfield's Lively Little Suburb.

Mr. Fred Conover is entertaining his brothers from Warren county.

Miss Cora Holden has been very sick with typhoid fever, but is better now.

Mr. Lincoln Shuey, of New York city, spent last Saturday at Mr. W. H. Berger's.

Mrs. Pearl Alexander is entertaining her sisters, the Misses Maggie and Maud Bronson.

Mr. Henry Maley, of the McCormick Reaper works, Chicago, is here for a few days.

Mr. Elmer Mickle, of Nebraska, is spending the holidays with his father, Alexander Mickle.

Rev. W. R. Houlton and wife, of New Paris, Preble county, O., are visiting in Lagonda.

Mr. C. W. Holden and family spent Christmas at Dayton and Charley Berry at Marysville.

Mr. John Dersch, jr., is home for a few days's rest from his studies at the Lebanon normal school.

Mr. Harley Ross, of Warren county, O., was home to eat Christmas turkey with his father, J. W. Ross.

Mr. Harley Bosart, of the Cincinnati dental college, and his brother from Indianapolis, spent Christmas at Mr. B. F. Brubaker's.

Warder, Bushnell & Glessner, on Saturday evening last, presented each of their employes with a day's wages for a Christmas gift.

We make a bow as a new correspondent from Lagonda, wishing the Republic and all its readers a happy New Year and and many long years of happiness and usefulness.

The trustees of the Lagonda church have made quite a change in the heating arrangements of the church, by means of which more heat will be obtained from a given amount of fuel as well as greater safety from fire.

On Monday morning of this week Father Laybourn and his son John opened out at the old grocery stand again, through the kindness of B. F. Funk & Co., who will stock up the house and employ them as managers. It will be a strictly cash business.

Mr. C. K. Biser has moved back from the city proper to Lagonda and will occupy the house about to be vacated by Mr. Fred J. Miller, who removes very soon to New York city. While we give Mr. Biser a hearty welcome back to the home of his boyhood, we certainly regret to lose Mr. Miller from our midst.

Our population is increasing nicely. Within the last few days Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellison have been blessed with a little girl, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kohn have taken a little boy to raise, as have also Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Love. As it was so near Christmas we presume Santa Claus sent them as the best he could bestow.

Mr. George Blazer, of Yellow Springs street, has been for the past two weeks rusticating in Lagonda and representing his employers, B. F. Funk & Co., at the old stand of Laybourn & Son. George was much struck by the rush of business in Lagonda, as well as by our pavements, our hills and scenery, and our pretty girls. If you want to know anything about Lagonda ask George.

The annual election last Sunday morning for officers of the Lagonda Sunday school resulted as follows:

Superintendent—W. H. Berger.
Assistant Superintendent—Philip Haerr.
Secretary—Miss Alice Alexander.
Treasurer—W. B. Locke.
Chorister—D. C. Lawrence.
Organist—Miss Lottie Wells.
Biographer—J. M. Berger.
Librarians—Wm. Zubro and Irvin Lawrance.
Executive Committee—W. C. Gordon, D. C. Lawrance and W. B. Locke.
Musicians—Fred Gebhart, Wm. Zubro and Charles Berry.

Mr. Steinberger's Modeling Class.

The many persons in our city who have found painting pleasant and profitable will soon have a favorable opportunity to study a new branch of art.

Mr. Orrin Steinberger has consented to teach a class in modeling, which will meet in Miss Fanny Sterritt's studio beginning the first Friday afternoon of the new year. Information regarding terms, etc., can be had at that place.

Mr. Steinberger, in a way, belongs to Springfield, is, perhaps, the most talented artist we can claim, and needs only to be known to be appreciated. The few pieces of statuary he has exhibited show his versatility. The life-size bust which many admired and will remember, was a free, noble type of American womanhood. From its distinct individualism it was evidently a portrait, but more than a portrait, in that it contained not only the beauty patent to the vulgar eye, but the finer beauty apparent to the deep-reading eye of the artist. Several weeks ago Mr. Steinberger brought to the art club a relief in butter. This he seemed to regard as a mere trifle, and made no more account, of the matter than he does of his masterly sketches, dashed off so lightly. It was a minature portrait of "Squire Rockel," father of the lawyer of that name, and said to be a striking likeness.

Perhaps the best proof of the artist's power was displayed in a statuette of Christ. The dark common clay was transformed into a figure of simple majesty. Its presence was a benediction. It filled the observer with sweetly solemn thoughts.

One of the prospective pupils tried to startle Mr. Steinberger by declaring that she and all the rest would expect to make a portrait bust first thing. It is impossible to disturb his amiable equinimity. He promised her she might begin on a portrait in relief.

"Indeed!" she exclaimed, "I really expected to be put on an ear, a nose or other detached feature, a bunch of grapes, or a flower! Oh, I'm dying to see how it is done!"

It is strange how there ever grew the proverb, "Beginnings are irksome." Quite the contrary is true—beginnings are full of interest. The reason so few persons excel in the arts is because so few persevere after the study loses the charm of novelty.

Brilliant Ball.

The first annual ball given by Faith lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, in conjunction with Protection lodge Knights of Honor, was held last evening at Nelson's Business college hall, and was a brilltant success. Fully two hundred guests were present, and some very pretty toilets were displayed. Riglo and Reising's orchestra furnished the music, which was excellent. Ladies and gentlemen were present from Dayton, Xenia and other cities.

Among the guests from Xenia were J. F. Haverstick, John A. Cisco, W. S. Fawcett and Andy J. Archdeacon.

The Dow Law.

To the Editor of the Republic:

The number of saloons in Ohio when the Dow law went into effect May 14, 1886, was 12,669; number of saloons in Ohio June 1, 1887, was 10,581; number closed, 2,088; number closed by taxation, 1,571; number closed by local option, 517. June 1, 1887, 138 towns had adopted local option. The number is now increased to about 200.

The above is given on the authority of the attorney general, Mr. Kohler.

Is the Dow law good or bad? W. A. B.

A Handsome Present.

Assistant Chief of Police Foster and wife passed Christmas with relatives in Dayton. Chief Foster's friends in Dayton presented him with a beautiful new, improved, hammerless Smith & Wesson revolver, 38 caliber, as a reminder of the day. It was a most appropriate present, and "Pap" now boasts of possessing one of the finest "guns" made. He is well worthy of it.

PLEASANT SURPRISE.

"Clicker" Tells All About It in a Clever Way.

Last (Monday) evening was one long to be remembered by Mr. George Wolfe and his many friends. It being his 38th birthday, about fifty or sixty of his friends met at Mr. Ham Kitchen's and proceeded to George's for the purpose of surprising him, and never was surprise more complete or followed by a sweeter cup of joy. The guests found George enjoying himself in a big arm-chair by taking a little snooze, and he was not aware of the fact that any one was near unt. they commenced to congratulate him, and it was not long until George was as one of the surprisers, for he was as jolly as ever. The evening was spent in social games and dancing until about 10:30, when all participated in an elegant supper, the cakes especially would have done credit to any king's table. One baked by Mr. Lobenherz was covered with icing and the name "George H. Wolfe" handsomely engraved upon it; and another with "G. H. Wolfe, 38," handsomely worked upon it. After supper dancing was continued until 2:30, the music being rendered by James Wolfe, "Yank" Yeazell and Newton Welsh. Following are the names of those present: James Wolfe and family, John Gower and wife, Amos Schaffer and family, Yank Yeazell and family, Polk Yeazell and family, James Welsh, John Welsh, Newton Welsh, Sam Jones, John Faha, Tom, Faha, Frank Wolfe, John Balentine and family, Ham Kitchen and family, Howard Wolfe, Grant Wood, Rod Kitchen. The ladies present were: Misses Anna Baker, Emma Armstrong, Florence Kindle, Lou Dugan, Sallie Dugan, Carrie Tuttle, Nellie Tuttle, Biddie Faha and Mrs. Anna Phleger, and many not known to the writer. At 2:30 the merry makers prepared to go home, but not until they bid George and each other good night, and wished George many such a day. "CLICKER."

FLATTENED THE BULLET.

Nels Jackson, the Notorious Colored Tough, Slightly Wounded.

About 9 o'clock on Sunday morning a serious fight occurred in the notorious crap dive in Primrose alley, between Main and High streets, which came within an ace of resulting in the death of Nels Jackson, the best known colored tough in the city. It is said that several colored men, among whom were Jackson and Henry Simms, were shooting crap, and during the progress of the game Jackson and Simms became involved in a quarrel. Both had been drinking, and hot words soon led to blows.

Simms is no match for Jackson in a "rough-and-tumble," and the fight had scarcely begun when he drew his revolver and fired at his antagonist.

Jackson fell like a log and Simms, thinking he had killed him, fled. The bullet had struck Jackson in the back of the head and inflicted an ugly scalp wound, but had not done any serious damage. Dr. Russell dressed the wound and found that the bullet had flattened out as thin as paper against Nels's invulnerable skull.

Simms was arrested about 10 o'clock Sunday morning by Officer Wilson and jailed for shooting with intent to kill. Jackson was so far recovered on Monday evening as to be able to engage in his favorite game of shooting "crap" again.

IN MEMORIAM.

Resolutions Passed by the Rover Fire Company on the Death of Mr. Thomas Kizer.

The following action was taken by the Rover Fire company on the death of Mr. Thomas Kizer:

Whereas, The Independent Rover Fire company of Springfield city is not in active fire service, it still retains its organization as a band of volunteer firemen, and is not unmindful of the less by death of their members, and,

Whereas, In the death of Thomas Kizer we know that our number is lessened, as another pioneer of Clark county is gone. Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Kizer the company has lost a good councillor, a faithful member, one ever ready to render assistance for the good of his fellow firemen.

Resolved, That the Rovers sympathize with the family and friends in the hour of affliction, and may the blessings of the God of mercies be with them for all time.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family as condolence, and to the city papers for publication, and also to be spread upon the journals of the company.

H. P. BRADBURY,
J. T. RIDGELY,
WM. MOORE, JR.,
Committee.

UNION MEETINGS.

A Series of Religious Meetings to be Held, Beginning January 2.

Beginning with Monday evening, January 2, and continuning for two weeks, the First and Second Presbyterian, High street Methodist and Congregational churches will hold union meetings, the pastors of these four churches presiding in turn.

January 2—The meeting will be held in the first Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m.

January 3—In the Congregational church, 7:30 p. m.

January 4—In the High street Methodist, 7:30 p. m.

January 5—In the Second Presbyterian, 7:30, p. m.

Subsequent meetings will be held in the Second Presbyterian church. The music will be in charge of Prof. A. E. Aldrich. The members of these four churches are expected to do all in their power to make these meetings pleasant and profitable.

FAR AWAY FROM HOME.

Miss Mary Agnes Miller Dies of Fever at Sumpter, South Carolina.

On Friday morning Miss Mary Agnes Miller, daughter of Mrs. Agnes Miller, of this city, died of a fever at Sumpter, South Carolina, where she went six weeks ago for the benefit of her health. Miss Miller was well known and very popular in this city, and her friends learned of her death with feelings of deep sorrow. She was born on the 26th day of April, 1870, and was a lifelong resident of Springfield. Her mother and her brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. Brugger, were with her when she died. On Monday morning, at 10:15 o'clock, they arrived here with her remains, which were taken at once to the home of Mrs. Miller, on the corner of Lagonda avenue and Columbia street. The funeral took place this morning at 8 o'clock, requium being said at St. Bernard's church.

Slashing Runaway.

A terrific runaway occurred at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. A double team of lively horses, attached to a two-seated carriage, took fright at a Little Miami train at the Market street crossing, and ran away. The vehicle contained four or five young men, out for a Christmas drive. The team ran north on Market street, and just in front of Black's opera house one of the horses fell down. The shock overturned the vehicle and spilled the juvenile male contents around very promiscuously. None of them were seriously injured, but all were more or less bruised. A silver dollar rolled out of the pocket of one of the boys, which a spectator picked up and carried off with much composure.

Death of Mrs. Helena Wright.

Died—On Monday morning, of Bright's disease, Mrs. Helena Wright, wife of Mr. William H. Wright, aged thirty-five years. Funeral services will be held at the family residence, No. 225 west Main street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Ferncliff cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. M. Roberts, of the Trinity Baptist church.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

How the Beautiful and Significant Festival Was Observed in the Sunday Schools and Churches.

Beautiful Music, Exquisite Recitations and All the Observances in Full Harmony With the Significance of the Day—The Sermons.

Among the churches which celebrated Christmas with more than passing elaborateness, Christ church stands out prominently for the exquisite music. The programme was published Saturday. The large audience were enthusiastic in praise of the lovely music at all the services. Great praise must also be acceeded to the St. Raphael Catholic church.

The Christmas concert given at the Second Lutheran church Sunday evening was the most successful ever held by that congregation. The veteran and efficient superintendent, Mr. P. A. Schindler, had charge, and has every reason to feel encouraged over the performance. There was an audience of over 800 present, which was remarkably quiet and attentive throughout the entire exercises. The name of the services used was "The True Light," by Rev. Robert Lowry. The orchestra, composed of the following persons, rendered excellent music: Charles Schindler and Mr. Hiller, flutes; Pearl Welty and Will Stickney, cornets; Mr. Oscar Waite, bass viol, with Miss Ora Bost as organist. The opening anthem, appropriate to the occasion, was beautifully sung.

Interesting and appropriate recitations were given by Miss Bertha Prothero, Miss Hattie Hosterman and Mr. W. W. Gotwald.

Rev. Dr. Richards delivered an interesting address on the boyhood and the humanity and manliness of Jesus, and represented the human family as being for him or arrayed against him in this life, and in the last great day, when he shall act as judge there will be but two classes, the good on the right hand and the wicked on the left.

One of the most interesting features of the evening's entertainment was the singing of "Merry, Merry Bells," repeating of the Apostles' creed and the Lord's prayer, by the primary department under the leadership of Mrs. Ross Mitchell and Mrs. Clara Schindler.

The attendance at the Sunday school in the morning was 334.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

Annual Exercises of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church.

The combined audience and lecture rooms of the First Baptist church were crowded to overflowing last (Monday) evening, the occasion being the annual Christmas exercises of the Sunday school, under the direction of Superintendent Ports and Chorister Z. Frank Martin. There was singing by the Sunday school children and by a quartette composed of Mrs. C. C. Leedle, Miss Annie Moore, Messrs. Remsberg and George Leedle.

After reading and prayer by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Wilkinson, D. D., Scripture selections on the Savior's advent were given by various members of the school, and these were followed by appropriate poetical recitations by the smaller children and others, as follows: Grace Cozier, Arthur Martin, Johnnie Cole, Herbie Hayward, Harold Watt, Arthur Cole, Bertie Puckridge, Jessie Herrick, Albert Ferris, Jennie Glover, Maggie North, Eyler Todd, Carrie Garwood, and Edith Barker. The theme was "The Star of Bethlehem."

An offering of clothing, books, toys, provisions and money for the benefit of the poor was then taken up, and made quite a pyramid on the platform. Then Santa Claus appeared at the top of a concealed ladder and unveiled an array of good things for the children. These were taken down by attendants and distributed to the various classes in ticketed baskets.

Throughout, the affair was a success, and reflected credit upon the school and its management.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE.

Fine Programme Rendered at the Lagonda U. B. Church Sunday Evening.

A very beautiful Christmas service was held at the Lagonda church Sunday evening. After the usual opening exercises the following programme was rendered:

Recitation—"Christmas" ..... Miss Wildah Church
Recitation—"Christmas Chimes" ..... Miss Tillie Friedmann
Recitation—"Christmas" ..... Miss Della Spencer
Music—Instrumental ..... Miss Lottie Wells
Recitation—"Waiting for Mother" ..... Miss Bertha Alexander
Recitation—"What Santa Claus Saw" ..... George Burkert
Recitation—"A Christmas Song" ..... Miss Flossie Scott

Exercises by the primary department, consisting of singing and repeating Scripture verses, under the management of Miss Esther Crawford:

Recitation—"The Invalid" ..... Miss Rosa Friedmann
Recitation—"The Birth of Christ" ..... Walter Culp
Recitation—"Little Joe's Choice" ..... Miss Marian Lawrence
Recitation—"The Secret" ..... Miss Drusie Haerr
Address ..... Charlie Laybourn
Recitation—"The Child's Wondering" ..... Miss Gertie Monday and Miss May Nelson
Duet ..... Misses Mabel Kershner and Ida Church
Dialogue—"Happy Christmas" ..... Misses Florence Nelson and Amanda James
Recitation—"The Night Before Christmas" ..... Clifford Grove
Recitation—Subject not heard ..... Miss Allie Culp
Recitation—"Two Little Stockings" ..... Miss Mabel Kershner
Recitation—"Christmas Stockings" ..... Miss Dottie Lohrer

Christmas at Oakland Chapel.

The following programme of exercises was excellently rendered at Oakland chapel on Christmas afternoon:

Singing—Quartette—"All the Night" ..... Misses Annie Sawyer and Mary Ramsey ..... Messrs. E. L. Barrett and J. C. Ogden
Reading Scripture—Luke 1:8 to 20.
Singing ..... By the School
Prayer ..... Prof. B. F. Prince
Singing ..... By the School
Lesson exercise ..... By the Teachers
Giving Topics, Golden Texts, etc.
Singing—"Out of the Depths" ..... Quartette
Address ..... Prof. B. F. Prince
Scripture exercise—"Following the far" ..... By the School
Singing—"The Half Has Never Been Told" ..... Solo and Quartette
Address ..... Dr. Richard
Singing ..... By the School
Secretary's Report.
Benediction ..... By Dr. Richard

Congregational Church, Christmas.

Christmas morning was observed in the First Congregational church by a children's service, prepared by John O. Foster, A. M., of Chicago, called the "Star of Hope." It consisted of recitations and songs by the children, and singing by the choir, teachers and congregation. The little people did admirably and the same is true of the larger people. Will Carleton's "Christmas Party" was read and some very excellent remarks were made by Rev. J. H. Jenkins—Mr. Dunlap being absent, at Galesburg, Ill., to spend Christmas with his aged and invalid mother and his sisters. He was accompanied by his little daughter, Miss Hope.

Christmas at the First Church.

The audiences at the First Presbyterian church on Christmas were large morning and evening. The pulpit and platform were beautifully and abundantly decorated with flowers, plants and fruits. The choir never sang better. The sermons, morning and evening, by the pastor, were on the great theme of "Incarnation." The annual gifts of provisions and money by the congregation and Sunday school were unusually large.

A Christmas programme and distribution tion of Christmas cards to the scholars, occupied the hour in Sunday school. Many parents and children attended the childrens' service.

BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The Springfield Police Force to Organize for its Own Benefit—Objects of the Organization.

The police officers of this city have in contemplation the organization among themselves of a Police Benevolent association, similar to the organizations in the cities of Columbus and Dayton. This is an admirable idea and will probably be carried into effect by January 1st, as it is desirable that the organization begin operations on the first of the year.

The members of the association will consist of members of the police force, the mayor and his clerk, and the judge and clerk of the police court, each having to be duly elected and being required to pay a membership fee of $10, or whatever sum may be fixed as such fee by the association. The association will not necessarily include all the members of the police force, as each applicant for membership must be balloted upon, and any objectionable person will not be admitted. When a member of the force and of the association retires from the force he shall be entitled to his pro rata share of the money in the treasury which has been made or collected during the time of his membership.

In the event of the death of a member, the association will pay to his widow or surviving relatives the sum of $300 (or about that amount) to defray his funeral expenses.

The dues of the members will be $5 or $6 each per annum, payable quarterly, and should a member be ill or disabled for one week or more he will receive a benefit of $5 per week, but the benefit will be paid not more than twenty weeks. If a member impose on the association by claiming benefits to which he is not entitled he will be promptly expelled.

A member who is found guilty of habitual drunkness or grossly immoral or scandalous conduct will be reprimanded, fined or expelled as the association may determine.

The aim and tendancy of the association is to elevate the morals of its members, and care for them in time of sickness or disability, and it ought to be encouraged by all good citizens.

GRATEFUL EMPLOYES.

The Lagonda Workmen Thank Messrs. Warder, Bushnell & Glessner for Their Generosity.

To the Editor of the Republic:

Again, with their accustomed liberality and generosity, the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner company, on the eve of Christmas, surprised their employes by placing in the pay envelope, which every man received, a sum of money amounting to more than the wages each one would earn per day. Even those were remembered who began work the same day, thus showing to their men the firm's kind regard and thoughtfulness for their happiness. This is very commendable when it is considered the extra amount of business they themselves have on hand this present season, in starting their new shops and equipping them with new and most approved machinery, and also being hurried to such an extent that daylight will not suffice to give them time to get out the required number of machines for the harvest of 1888. They are also now placing in their shops, at great expense, over 1,000 electric lights in order to give time during the darkness of the night to furnish to the farmers the best binder and mower the market affords. It also, by increasing the hours of labor, gives to their men the opportunity to earn more money with which to secure the comforts about their homes through the cold winter. Surely, this is generosity unparalleled; and we, their employes, do highly appreciate their efforts in our behalf, and would, in this manner, return our most hearty thanks for their kindness and generosity towards us, making merry our Christmas times. Wishing them all a prosperous and Happy New Year, which we feel they so richly deserve, we subscribe ourselves their most respectful EMPLOYES.

A DEAD 'GATOR.

"La Zingala" Cannot Get Acclimatized and Resigns Its Commission.

"La Zingala," the bright, petite and moss covered baby alligator until lately owned by Mr. L. M. Harris, the Lagonda house cigar dealer, has cashed in his chips and gone the way of the world. The poor little thing has died. Mr. Harris tried to teach him to live without eating, and just as he got him "learned" the insect died. The creature had a back like a fire-shovel, but a soft heart, and he could not digest the climate. One morning Mr. Harris found him stretched out—cold, inanimate. He had wrapped his soft, downy, Bessemer steel tail around his throat for a muffler to keep out the temperature, and several tears were crystalized on his blushing, scaly cheel..

The announcement of the bug's death was received with genuine sorrow. The 'gator was the mascotte of the place and the boys hated to see him go, but nobody volunteered to go after him.

The next thing was how to get rid of the body. A dead alligator is not much more highly combustible than an iron hinge, but it was decided to burn "La Zingala." The dead body was carefully wrapped in tissue paper and sprinkled with spices. Several very dry issues of our esteemed evening cotemporary completed the covering of the remains. The stove was heated red-hot and the body placed in the glowing mass of fire.

Next morning the stove was cold. The spirit of "La Zingala" had flew up the flue to an eternal Florida.

SEVERELY INJURED.

Mr. Eben Fairchild Badly Hurt in the Lagonda Shop.

Eben Fairchild, a veteran employe of the Lagonda works, sustained serious and perhaps fatal injuries yesterday (Monday) morning at 9 o'clock, while attempting to wheel a loaded hand-truck onto an elevator. The floor of the elevator was several inches above the level of the shop and it required some effort to draw the load up upon it. For some reason the elevator gave way with great suddenness and Mr. Fairchild was hurled violently backward against the floor. With another jerk the elevator sunk still lower and the loaded truck came crashing down upon the half prostrate man, both falling to the floor below in that position. It was at once seen that Mr. Fairchild was badly injured, and the patrol wagon was summoned to convey him to his home, No. 95 south Center street, where he was attended by Dr. Hall. An examination showed that he had sustained a double fracture of the right forearm and a broken rib on the right side. The right lung is likewise injured, the air escaping through an aperture to the outside when he breathes. There are also indications of other internal injuries, and a severe and enormous contusion on the left hip. Mr. Fairchild is 65 years old, and this fact is greatly against his recovery. He is a highly respected old citizen and the accident is much to be regretted.

A Delightful Affair.

The children and grandchildren of Mrs. Anna Hatch held a Christmas reunion Saturday night at the residence of her son, Mr. Asa Hatch, 70 east Pleasant street. A Christmas tree was a pleasant feature of the evening. A pleasant repast was served at a timely hour and social amusements soon whiled away the evening. Among those present were Mrs. Ann M. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Hatch, Prof. and Mrs. C. L. Ehrenteld, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Corpenning, and children and grandchildren to the number of twenty-five.

For bargains in Anthracite coal go to Whedden & Merrill, Grand opera house.

DRAMATIC DOINGS.

"May Blossoms" and "On the Sahara" the Christmas Attractions—M'lle Rhea in "Fairy Fingers."

The fact that Christmas was split up into several days and different people took their holiday at different times, had a noticeable effect yesterday on the size of the audiences at the theaters. They were rather large, but in no respect the great crushes that Christmas audiences usually are.

At Black's opera house Miss Nellie Free played "Dad's Girl" at the matinee and "On the Sahara" in the evening, to good business. Miss Free is not yet eighteen, and is a very winning and charming little lady. The conscientiousness of her work appeals strongly to the approval of an audience. The company was seen at its best in "On the Sahara," which is a clean, legitimate comedy, visibly in need of tightening up in spots, but singularly free from gagging or horse-play. Miss Free was very pretty and winsome as Gertrude, and her support was excellent. Mr. Frank E. Dumm, one of the co-authors of the play, as "Percy," ably seconded the star's efforts and was funny, while never forgetting that he was acting the part of on English gentleman and not a well-dressed human absurdity. Mr. Dumm is a newspaper man and spent several hours very pleasantly with some of the lads of the city press during the day. Nelson Compston was excellent as "Van Twiller" and did his really funny lines in the last act admirably. Harry Martin, as "Twiggs," made a hit on his extemporaneous rhyming songs, in which he took off the peculiarities of certain people in the audience very cleverly, but without offense. The other characters were in good hands and the company, both on and off the stage, left an excellent impression on Springfield.

At the Grand, Joseph Adelman and his company produced "May Blossom," matinee and evening, to large audiences. The performance had many excellent points, but they were counterbalanced by weaknesses that marred the ensemble badly. "May Blossom" had a big run in New York with Ben Maginley and Georgia Cayvan in the cast, but it was the people and not the play which popularized it. This company suffered by the contrast, and the piece in their hands lacked action, consistency and coherence. It contains some very pretty, appealing points, however, and appeals liberally to one's humanity. But it savors strongly of "Hearts of Oak," and is not so strong a drama.

Mr. Adelman as Uncle Bartlett presented the curious spectacle of a star in a small part, but made the most of it. Miss La Verne, as "May Blossom," worked hard to please, but is unsuited to the part. She might be a clever actress in a role adapted to her. Edward Woodeska's "Steve Harland" was the best piece of work in the caste, and D. E. Burtnett, as "Tom Blossom," the gruff old fisherman, was satisfactory. The rest of the company ranged from good to indifferent.

M'LLE RHEA.

The play of "Fairy Fingers," in which M'lle Rhea appears at the Grand opera house on Thursday evening next, has been one of her greatest successes. It is cleverly written, full of dash and spirit, pure in tone and refined in sentiment, and what is of especial interest to the ladies, permits of a most lavish display of gorgeous dresses. One scene, representing the interior of a Parisian dressmaking establishment, with its salesladies, customers, models, and man milliner, is realistic to a degree. The Rochester *Union and Advertiser*, of November 25th, says:

M'lle Rhea delighted large audiences at the Grand opera house yesterday afternoon and evening. The play given was "Fairy Fingers," a charming drama, remarkably well written and abounding in highly interesting and natural incidents in the life of a beautiful and capable woman compelled to meet the world alone and unaided to conquer. The scenes are well laid, the one in a great modiste's establishment being especially interesting to ladies as displaying a large number of the most elegant costumes of Worth and others. In the leading role M'lle Rhea gave the most perfect satisfaction to her many admirers, the character conveying with it the many beauties of mind and person possessed by the actress.

Seats can now be secured at Harris's.

"HUMAN NATURE."

Richard O'Gorman and his talented company will interpret the popular Yankee comedy, "Human Nature," at the Grand on Friday evening, December 30.

The comedy is said to be the most laughter-provoking play on the road.

Among the characters seen in the show are: A Yankee Farmer, a Lightning Rod Agent, a Negro, a Dude, a Tramp, a Hotel Porter, a Policman, a Rascally Lawyer, a Defaulting Clerk, a Sport, an Old Maid, a Gushing Widow, a Boarding Housekeeper, a Hoydenish Lady and an abusive wife. Every part in the play is radically different from the others. In this particular it surpasses any play ever written. The majority of the company, including Mr. O'Gorman, are either accomplished vocalists and dancers, or are proficient exponents of musical specialty. Scenery of a surpassing order is promised.

THE ELKS' ENTERTAINMENT.

A Crowded House Will See Murray & Murphy in "Our Irish Visitors."

Springfield Lodge, No. 51, B. P. O. E., is sure of a popular and profitable success at their benefit entertainment, Grand opera house, Wednesday, Dec. 28—Murray & Murphy in "Our Irish Visitors." Not only does the general dublic desire to express approval, in a pleasant way, of so admirable an order as the Elks, but also the big success and high reputation of "Our Irish Vis