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WEATHER FACTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Ohio: Warmer, fair weather, followed by snow.

SPRINGFIELD, O., December 29, 1887.

The Course of Clothing.

In a recent number of the New York Sun, daily paper of New York City, we find an editorial upon cheap clothing, which so exactly fits The When that, this being the time of year when congratulations are exchanged, we reproduce it for the edification of our hundreds and thousands of friends in the city and in the state:

It is true that if a man goes to a fashionable tailor on Fifth avenue he must still pay high prices for his garments, but he can get them for one-half, if not one-third, of the cost, and of equally durable materials, even of foreign makes, if he buys of a tailor who does not have to bear heavy losses because of long credits, and who gains a far more extensive trade by liberal advertising, so that he can afford to take less profit on each garment. The whole business of what is called custom tailoring, or the making of garments to measure, has undergone a radical change in New York within recent years, and the transformation has been brought about by the judicious use of newspaper advertising on the part of enterprising tailors. The price of custom clothing was absurdly high before, but now it has been reduced to comparatively moderate figures. Ready-made clothing, too, has greatly decreased in cost, although its quality has been much improved. The highest salaries paid to cutters are paid by manufacturers of these garments, which are worn by a vast majority of the people, and which are now obtainable at astonishingly low prices.

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ALL ALONG THE LINE.

A General Strike, Ordered on the Reading System, Begins at Noon Today.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll's Beautiful Tribute to the Memory of a Friend—Crimes and Casualties—He Rose From the Dead.

By the Associated Press.

READING, Pa., Dec. 30.—The convention representing all the employes of the Reading Railroad company and the miners of Schuylkill, Lehigh and Wyoming regions adjourned shortly before 4 o'clock this morning, after ordering a strike of all the employes of the Reading railroad on the whole system, from Elizabethport, N. J., to Williamsport, Pa., except the passenger train service and the signal tower men, street crossing men, flag men and track walkers. It was left to the discretion of local assemblies as to whether switchmen shall be allowed to work or not. A reward of $2,000, to be paid by the executive committee, is offered for evidence that will lead to the conviction of any person using violence to the company's property. The question of a miners' strike was postponed until after the first of January.

The general strike took place at 12 o'clock today. The resolution says men shall strike and remain out until the company shall agree to arbitrate.

WONDROUSLY ELOQUENT.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll Pays an Exquisitely Beautiful Tribute to the Memory of a Dear Friend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Ida Whiting Knowles, wife of Hon. Howard Knowles, late U. S. collector at Peoria, Ill., died in this city December 15. She was an estimable woman and leaves a wide circle of friends to mourn her early death. Before her remains were sent to the west, Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll delivered the following tribute to her memory:

"MY FRIENDS—Again we stand in the shadow of the great mystery—a shadow as deep and dark as when the tears of the first mother fell upon the pallid face of her lifeless babe—a mystery that has never yet been solved. We have met in the presence of the sacred to speak a word of praise, of hope, of consolation. Another life of love is now a blessed memory—a lingering strain of music. The loving daughter, the pure and consecrated wife, the sincere friend, who with tender faithfulness discharged the duties of life has reached her journey's end. A braver, more serene, more chivalrous spirit—clasping the loved and by them clasped—never passed from life to enrich the realm of death. No field of war ever witnessed greater fortitude, more perfect, smiling courage, than this poor, weak and helpless woman displayed upon the bed of pain and death. Her life was gentle and her death sublime, but there is this consolation: She can never suffer more, she can never feel again the chill of death, never part again from those she loves. Her heart can break no more. She has shed her last tear, and upon her stainless brow has been set the wondrous seal of everlasting peace. When the angel of Death—the masked and voiceless—enters the door of home there come with her all the daughters of Compassion, and of these Love and Hope remain forever. You are about to take the dear dust home: to the home of her girlhood and to the place that was once my home. All I can say is: 'Lay her in the earth, and from her fair and unpolluted flesh let violets spring.'"

SHOT DEAD.

A Policeman "On a Lark" Killed by a Brother Officer.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 30.—At 8 o'clock this morning Joseph Ziegler, a policeman, shot and killed Abraham S. Smock, another policeman. Officer Ziegler was patrolling his beat when he saw two men leave a residence, in the northeastern part of the city, and upon seeing that the officer saw them, they started to run. The officer pursued them into an alley, firing one shot into the ground. This caused one of them to stop, and Officer Ziegler thinking the man was about to shoot him, fired and killed the stranger. Going up to the prostrate man he found him to be Officer Smock. The other man, Officer Cahill, then came up and explained that they were off duty and on a "little lark," and did not want to be discovered. Officer Ziegler has not been arrested.

VERY SHREWD.

Politic Dinners Given by the Chinese Embassador at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Chinese Minister Chang Yen Hoon is giving grand banquets to cabinet officers, senators and representatives. Two of his recent dinners in commemoration of his queen's birthday were superb, and in February he will give an Oriental entertainment of great brilliancy. The residence of Chang Yen Hoon is a magnificent one on Dupont circle in the ultra-fashionable quarter. It is shrewdly suspected that the gay and innocent-looking Mongolian is interested in gaining a friendly attitude of the government toward permitting Chinese immigration. He is a very astute man, who first won prominence by subduing rebels in Shantung and Chili.

A FRENCH DUEL.

Two Editors Fight—One Gets Scratched.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The expected duel between M. Meyer, director of the *Gaulois*, and M. Woestyne, of the *Journal Parisien*, was fought yesterday. In the second bout M. Meyer disarmed his opponent, and in the fourth and last bout M. Woestyne succeeded in slightly wounding M. Meyer in the arm.

Striking Printers Being Taken Back to Work.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The job and book printers' strike has terminated and the defeated strikers are slowly returning to work. The non-union men are being discharged as fast as the strikers return, notwithstanding that most of the employing printers swore that not a man who came to their aid should ever be discharged to make way for a striker, no matter how good a worker said striker might be.

There She Blows!

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 30.—A gas well was drilled in this afternoon at the corner of Park avenue and Sixth street, which, when shot, developed into a producer of tremendous volume. It is the second strongest well in the city, being excelled only by the famous Karg. Another well on the Carnahan addition was drilled in yesterday, which is a good one.

Flouring Mills Burned.

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—The *Journal's* Vermontville, Mich., special says: The Central flouring mills here burned early this morning, together with 1,000 bushels of wheat. Loss, $10,000; partly insured.

Smith Will Fight Sullivan.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Smith has replied to Sullivan's challenge that he is ready to fight Sullivan after the latter's match with Mitchell for any amount of money Sullivan chooses to name.

THE TARIFF AND THE SURPLUS.

Colonel R. W. Thompson, Ex-Senator of the Navy, Preparing a Work on These Subjects.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 30.—Colonel R. W. Thompson, ex-secretary of the navy, the "Old Man Eloquent," of this city, has just concluded negotiations with the R. S. Peale publishing firm, of Chicago, for the publication of a work by him upon the tariff question, and it will soon be issued. For the most part, the book was written a year or two ago, and was waiting the convenience of its author before bringing it out. President Cleveland's message upon the tariff question and the surplus in the treasury has, however, lead to the work being given to the public at the present time.

The tariff has been a favorite subject with Colonel Thompson for years. He has discussed it before the people, and in congress, when he was a representative from the Bedford district in 1841, and again when he represented the Terre Haute district in 1847. His library is, perhaps, more complete in literature bearing upon that subject than that of any man in the country. The book will be of six hundred pages. As is well known, Colonel Thompson is a strong protectionist. From the character and qualifications of the author, the book will be one of the most valuable contributions to the literature of protection which the campaign of 1888 will forth. The Peale firm is the firm at present engaged in publishing the cipher book of Ignatius Donnelly.

TALKING TO THE COURT.

Arguments for and Against a New Trial for the Ravenna Murderers.

RAVENNA, O., Dec. 30.—James Robinson and John Coughlin have passed a very quiet week in the jail. On Christmas they were served with an excellent dinner by Sheriff Sheldon. Tom Marshall and Sam Eddy arrived yesterday morning in readiness to present their arguments in favor of a new trial for Robinson. Court did not convene until afternoon.

The defense and state both produced several affidavits, none of which were very material to the issue.

S. M. Eddy opened the arguments on the part of the defense. Referring to the newspapers, he said: "This case has been more widely advertised than any case ever heard in the state of Ohio. This newspaper attention has been of such a character that it would not invite the friends of this man to come here in his behalf. I know that the higher court will never let this verdict stand after a careful examination of the record."

Mr. Siddall followed on the part of the state, occupying the balance of the afternoon. He briefly reviewed the testimony brought out in the case. An evening session was held, and Mr. Maxson closed the argument on the part of the state, and Mr. Marshall finished on the part of the defense. He hauled the jury over the goals, and claimed error on the part of the court. The decision in the Coughlin case will be given tomorrow.

STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

Election of Officers—Adjourn to Meet at Put-in-Bay in July.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 30.—The meeting of the Ohio State Bar association in this city closed today. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Put-in-Bay some time in July. Judge Lawrence, who was to have delivered an address, was unable to be present, and in the morning A. F. Perry, of Cincinnati, read a paper upon the "Responsibilities of the Legal Profession."

After filling the regular standing committe and electing the following officers the association adjourned: President, Judge E. F. Green, Akron; secretary, Colonel J. T. Holmes, Columbus; treasurer, Judge L. H. Pike, Toledo.

A RATTLING MILL.

Jack Harding Defeats Con Dugan in Twenty Hard-Fought Rounds.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The hardest and longest prize fight which has taken place in this vicinity for years was fought at the Road house, across the river, early this morning, between Con Dugan, of Brooklyn, and Jack Harding, of Philadelphia. In the fifteenth round Dugan was knocked down twice, but previous to that time he seemed to be the better man. In the twentieth and last round Dugan was again knocked down, and failing to rise in ten seconds, the battle was decided in favor of Harding. Both men were severely punished.

THOUGHT HIM DEAD.

A Boy Rises From His Coffin and Talks Cheerfully.

CLEAR WATER, Minn., Dec. 30.—Willie Baxter died of diphtheria on Monday. On Tuesday his body was made ready for the coffin and the family retired from the room. Half an hour after some one returned to the apartment and found the boy up and dressed in his every-day clothes. He insisted that he was not dead and was not going to die. However, in about an hour, during which time he talked cheerfully to those around him and seemed to be getting better, he suddenly fell over and was dead in an instant.

GRAND ARMY MATTERS.

Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Mitchell Post Last Evening.

There was a good attendance at the regular meeting of Mitchell post, No. 45, G. A. R., last evening, and considerable business was transacted. James C. Baxter was mustered in regular form. One application was referred. A number of bills were paid. Comrade Wadsworth presented the post with a set of stencils for marking the furniture. A resolution was presented by Comrade Kindle that the trustees be directed to neither rent or loan any property belonging to the post to be taken from the building. It was carried.

Commander Stewart appointed the following committee to serve until the coming national encampment, under general orders No. 16:

Recruiting—Comrades W. L. Lafferty, O. H. King, Wm. H. Grant, Wm. M. Harris, W. S. Hill.

Uniforms—Comrades J. W. Phillips, John Oettlein, John M. Smalley.

Transportation—Comrades R. F. Delo, John S. Shewalter, Isaac Kindle.

AN ALL DAY MEETING.

The M. E. Church People at South Charleston Celebrate the One Hundredth Conversion.

During the past four weeks most interesting revival services have been held in the Methodist church at South Charleston, and on Thursday the one hundredth conversion during the revival was celebrated by an all day meeting in the church.

The meeting was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. J. McCabe, assisted by Mr. E. V. Staley, the well known evangelist who has been conducting the revival services, Presiding Elder F. G. Mitchell, of this city, Rev. Mr. Brown, of Clinton county, and Messrs. D. V. Osborn, Max P. Gaddis and —— Dodes, of Dayton. The church was crowded during the entire day, each of the above-named gentlemen leading the meeting one hour. The meeting was productive of much good.

The Best Train.

The Y. M. C. A. committee, after investigation in reference to trains leaving for Dayton on Monday, January 2, 1888, would recommend the train leaving at 4:30 p. m. on the C. C. C. & I. as the most suitable one for the Y. M. C. A. party to take, although parties can go and return on any train that day. Business men are especially urged to go. By the committee.

Switzerland sent 28,925 watches to Japan in 1886.

THE "PEOPLE'S THEATER."

The Experiment of Running Fountain Garden as an Amusement Hall Again to be Tried.

A Cincinnati Party Backing the Enterprise—Minstrels, Pantomimes and Comic Opera—No Liquors, but Staunch Respectability.

The experiment of running the building, originally known as "Crystal Hall," on south Market street, as a theater—the purpose for which it was built—is again about to be tried. It looks as though it might be a winner, this time, as it is to be conducted on square business principles and a deference to a higher popular taste than was expressed in low variety shows and bedizened females. The work of refitting the building was commenced today, a force of workmen being now engaged in tearing out the floor. The building will be thoroughly remodeled within, and the management promises to surprise people with the cosy little theater they expect to make of it. "Crystal Hall," or "Fountain Garden" as it afterwards came to be called, was carefully built as a theater, but of late has been the dirty barracks of the organization known as the Salvation Army. A year or more ago it was damaged by a fire.

The interior will be repapered, both ceiling and side walls, an inclined floor put in and the auditorium furnished with comfortable seats. The crystal chandeliers, which were the finest ever seen in Springfield, and from which the building derived its original name, will be restored. The big central chandelier will be surrounded by a

CIRCLE OF NEW INCANDESCENT LIGHTS

and will make a brilliant appearance. The house has a seating capacity of about 700. It is likely that the opening will take place in about three weeks, or as soon as the remodeling can be completed. The scenery and stage appurtenances yet remain intact, and the remodeling can be done promptly. It will be called the "People's theater."

Marion Brown, of this city, will be manager of the house, but a Cincinnati gentleman named Dill is backing the enterprise, and it is said that a stock company has been organized to carry on the house. No liquors of any kind will be sold about the place, and not even cigars. The management expresses its intention of making the place thoroughly respectable and of catering to a good class of people. The house will be run much like Kohl & Middleton's, of Cincinnati. Cheap attractions will be played and the general admission fixed at ten cents. It is expected to play comic opera, pantomime, minstrels, light dramas and burlesques, presenting such attractions as are usually encountered at the reliable museums. It is expected that the season will be opened with a minstrel show.

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ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

Pleasant Occasion at the United Presbyterian Church Last Evening.

The anniversary exercises at the United Presbyterian church were very delightful—quite one of the most pleasant any of the Sunday schools have presented during the holidays. The exercises consisted of recitations, annual reports, music, etc., and the refreshment programme. One of the most striking of the exercises was called "character building," and consisted of the erection of a little struction from blocks, placed consecutively in position by little children, each of whom recited an appropriate verse. The blocks which made up the perfect whole were Patience, Virtue, Charity, and the like. Other recitations and features were of equal merit. Prizes were awarded for regular attendance and for daily reading of the Scriptures.

The excellent music was under the direction of Prof. A. E. Aldrich, the veteran conductor. The opening anthem was "Bow Down Thine Ear," Prof. Aldrich's own composition, which has attained to such a wide popularity. For the first time in the history of the church an organ was used as an accompaniment to the music. Musical instruments have been universally tabooed thus far. The solo of the anthem was exquisitely sung by Miss Elsie Lenhart.

Prof. Aldrich was presented by the members of the original choir, which he has led for nine years, with an elegantly bound volume of Tennyson's poems, Miss Ella Perrin, the leading soprano, was presented with a copy of Milton's poems. The church was thronged.

Prof. Aldrich will probably terminate his relations with the choir in the near future, as he is seriously considering propositions to go elsewhere. His work for the choir has been enthusiastic and profitable, and it shows the impress of his efforts. A thorough musician and composer, it is not surprising that he should seek broader fields.

M'LLE RHEA.

She Delights the Patrons of the Grand—"Human Nature" Tonight.

M'lle Rhea appeared before a fair-sized audience at the Grand last night and those who were so fortunate as to be present were delighted both with the charming actress and with her play, "Fairy Fingers." The play is beautifully written, cleverly constructed and abounds in pleasing surprises. It upholds the dignity of labor and shows how a young girl can, by her own exertion, raise herself above the need of aid from others. There is no great dramatic strength in the piece, but the plot contains much that is original and is delightfully worked out. M'lle Rhea, as "Hortense" was most charming, as she always is, and her costumes were magnificent. Her support was admirable, Mr. Bell, as Richard De Keebrain, being especially fine.

"HUMAN NATURE."

"Human Nature" is the unique and comprehensive title of a strongly constructed Yankee comedy that will be produced at the Grand this evening.

The eminent character comedian, Richard O'Gorman, will appear in the title role, as Salem Peabody, a middle-aged Yankee farmer. The company supporting Mr. O'Gorman is said to embrace some of the most capable people in the country.

Mr. O'Gorman will himself sing the song, "Just a Little Sunshine," the rendition of which has given him a national reputation. The Grace Church Quartette will also vocalize. A live calf and horse will be seen in the first act. The company carries a large quantity of elegant scenery, and also brings its own orchestra and brass band.

A Lively Fight.

A lively fight occurred about noon yesterday in the wash-room of the Arcade hotel, between the bootblack and the second porter. For a minute or two the air was full of soap dishes and other small movable articles the boys were hurling viciously at each other. Neither one of them was, however, hurt.

Notice.

Election of officers of the Co-operative Distributing Company, Tuesday evening, January 3, 1888, at No. 111 west Main street. J. R. KELLY, Secretary.

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

FORAKER'S INAUGURATION.

It Promises to be the Most Brilliant and Imposing Inaugural Ceremony Ever Witnessed in Ohio.

The inauguration of Governor J. B. Foraker on Monday, January 9, 1888, at Columbus, will be one of the most brilliant ceremonies ever known in the history of the state. The Ohio campaign of 1887 will long be remembered as one of the most noted on record. The brilliant leader whose magnificent campaign and glorious victory has gained for him the admiration of the whole country, is to be inaugurated for the second time on January 9, and it is but fitting and appropriate that the ceremonies should be attended with all possible interest and impressiveness. To that end elaborate preparations are now in progress. Besides the usual inaugural ceremonies there will, on the day of inauguration, be a grand parade in which the Ohio National Guard, civic and political organizations from all parts of the state, and citizens generally, will appear. Nearly the entire national guard of the state, including the Champion City Guard, Battery E and the Bushnell Guard, of this city, will be in line on that occasion. Political clubs from nearly every city and town in Ohio will also take part, including the noted Lincoln club and Young Men's Blaine club, of Cincinnati, the Buckeye club of this city, and clubs from Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Canton, and other parts of the state.

The famous Americus club, of Pittsburg, has signified its intention of being present, and other clubs from Wheeling, W. Va.; New York, and outside the state, will also be at the inauguration. In addition to the ceremonies during the day, there will be a reception in the evening, at which all will have an opportunity to meet the governor and his charming wife.

Those desiring to visit the state institutions located at Columbus, and to be present at the sessions of the legislature, will also have an opportunity to do so.

To enable all to go to Columbus to attend the inauguration, the railroads have made a passenger rate of one cent a mile for the occasion, so that no one need remain away on account of the expense. Every arrangement for the comfort and convenience of visitors is promised by the Columbus committees. Many from this county will undoubtedly improve this opportunity which is presented but once in a lifetime, and it is hoped that this county will be largely and fittingly represented both in the parade and among the spectators.

Officers of military companies which will attend, and citizens desiring further information, should write at once to Charles G. Lord, secretary of the board of trade, Columbus, Ohio.

Real Estate Transfers.

George Overpeck to William Myers, a small tract of land in Pike township: $10.

Lena Mueller to John Mueller, quit-claim to land in Greene township: $3,000.

Elizabeth Rymar to Samuel Rymar, quit-claim to land in Pike township: $600.

William Wise to James L. Wise, property in Medway: $100.

James Crabill to J. S. Nicklin, 47 and 77-100 acres land in Moorefield township: $4,800.

Rosa R. Rohman to J. G. De La Fonte, eight acres of land in Springfield township: $800.

Lewis A. Day to C. H. Smith, lot in New Carlisle: $800.

Wm. Houtz, et al., to Harrison Wilson, 3 64-100 acres land in Harmony township: $334.

Daniel Dibert to Christian Eppert, 1 1-100 acres land in German township: $200.

George Sintz to Frederick and Henry Hess, four lots in Limestone City: $303.

John P. Lyday to E. Lee Fleck, lot on North street: $2,500.

Harman F. Markes to Robert C. Rodgers, lot in Brain's second addition: $200.

S. A. Bowman to Charles A. Crecar, three lots in Bowman's addition: $2,400.

Samuel Conklin to Jonathan V. Forgy, 13¾ acres land in Bethel township: $1,500.

E. R. Hotsenpiller to W. C. J. Randall, lot in Hotstenpiller's addition: $600.

John L. Zimmerman, administrator, to John P. North, lot in Brain's addition: $2,335.

Smith and Frey to Herman L. Kobelantz, 1¼ acres land in southwest part of city: $2,000.

James Wallingsford, administrator, to John M. Gore, forty-five acres land in German township: $2,711 25.

Asa Davis to C. H. Neff, property in New Carlisle: $2,000.

Charles F. Spalding to J. W. Nelson, lot in Lagonda: $110.

C. O. Billow et al. to W. J. White; two-fifth interest in Champion City Oil Co.: $1.

John McNulty to Wm. Maloney, lot in New Carlisle: $50.

W. B. Baker, sheriff, to McClellan Ballentine, 84 92-100 acres land in German township: $4,670.60.

McClellan Ballentine to Coretta Ballentine, 59 92-100 acres land in German township: ——.

W. S. G. Dillahunt to George W. Dillahunt, 8 70-100 acres land in Mad River township: $1,500.

Executors of A. Bumgardner to George A. Bumgardner, 71 acres land in Pleasant township: $2,300.

I. Ward Frey to John F. Wyant, lot on Summer street: $750.

President of the United States to James Ball, ¼ section land in Pike township: $——.

President of the United States to James Fuller, ¼ section land in Pike township: $——.

President of the United States to Samuel Alexander, ¼ section of land in Pike township: $——.

*G. H. Phillips to John L. Zimmerman, property on Linden avenue: $4,000.

Jacob Kiser to Sallie E. Pence, lot in Tremont: $500.

James Wallingsford, administrator, to Charles Argabright, 40 16-100 acres land in German township: $2,740 98.

Jas. Wallingsford, admr., to J. H. and Sam'l Argabright, 135 acres land in German township (subject to dower): $3,433.75.

Patrick Mulcahy to John Coffenbergay, 3 8-100 acres land in Springfield township: $505.

W. A. Osborn to John O. and Kate McClintock, lot in E. L. Houck's addition: $1,200.

First Lutheran church to John P. Lyday, lot on North street: $2,500.

Wm. H. Sidley, exr., to Patrick Welch, lot in White & Rodgers's addition: $1,000.

Daniel Kiblinger to W. Lewis Circle, a strip of land for right of way, German township: $25.

Sarah C. Moffitt to Libzie B. Warrick, lot in Hill's heirs' addition: $500.

Watch Meeting at Central Church.

The Central Methodist Episcopal church will hold watch meeting services Saturday night from 9 till 12. The pastor will be assisted by several other ministers, and the exercises will be varied and appropriate. The pastors of St. Paul and Grace chapel unite in inviting their members and friends to attend and meet them there.

It is important that you arrange to be there by 9. Come, and let us spend the closing hours of the old year in profitable review, repentance, consecration and thanksgiving. JOHN PEARSON, Pastor.

Notice.

Election of officers of the Co-operative Home Building Association, Monday evening, January 2, 1888, at No. 55 south Limestone street. All members who desire to hold their membership are requested to be present or their names will be taken from the books. J. R. KELLY, Acting Secretary.

At the Childrens' Home.

The Christmas festivies at the Childrens' home will take place at that institution this evening at half past 7 o'clock. Superintendent Lenhart extends a cordial invitation to all.

PURSUING BURGLARS,

Chief Ambrose and Officer Potee Make a Long Night of it Near Enon.

How an Alleged Burglar Was Tracked and How He Eluded the Vigilance of the Officers—David Hamilton a Fugitive From Justice.

One week ago last Tuesday night the residences of Mr. Wes. Wright and Mr. Alonzo Runyan, ten miles east of this city, were burglarized and quite a number of valuable articles were stolen. That both residences were burglarized by the same parties, there seemed to be no doubt, as the burglars were in a wagon and the tracks of the horses and wagon were precisely the same at both places.

By means of the horse and wagon employed by the burglars they were traced to this city, and one or two persons who saw the wagon here the day after the burglaries were committed recognized one of the occupants as a man named David Hamilton, who resides near Enon.

Gradually the links of evidence were strung together until little doubt remained that Hamilton was one of the burglars, and the authorities therefore determined to secure him if possible.

The police of this city, who have been working on the case untiringly, kept a sharp lookout for Hamilton, but he failed to appear in the city. On Thursday Chief Ambrose decided that if the mountain would not come to Mahomet, Mahomet would go to the mountain.

Taking Officer Potee with him, he boarded the 4:35 Bee Line train Thursday afternoon, and was soon at Enon. The officers proceeded directly to Hamilton's house, but their man got wind of their approach and hurriedly disappeared, together with his eldest son, Charley. Nothing daunted, Chief Ambrose and Officer Potee began a search for the fugitive, but it proved fruitless.

Shortly after they had visited Hamilton's house, Mrs. Hamilton put her little son Clay on a horse and started him towards Yellow Springs. The little fellow rode on the levee along Mad river for over a mile before he took a road, hoping, in this way, to throw persons who might attempt to follow him, off the track.

The officers did follow him, as they conjectured that the boy was taking the horse to his father, that he might sell him and escape with the proceeds. They pursued the boy as far as Snyder's station and there lost all trace. They rightly suspected, however, that he was going to Yellow Springs, and they at once communicated with Marshal Hamilton, of that village, and requested him to be on the lookout for him. The boy and horse were secured at the Springs this morning at an early hour.

Chief Ambrose and Officer Potee returned home this morning, having spent the night in a fruitless search for their man and not having had anything to eat, as the chief puts it, since the Fourth of July.

DISASTROUS RURAL FIRE.

A Handsome Country Residence Totally Destroyed Thursday Morning.

About 2 o'clock on Thursday morning the residence of the Widow Best, on the upper Enon road, one mile this side of Enon, was discovered to be in flames, and the progress of the fire was not stayed until the building was totally consumed.

Shortly before 2 o'clock one of the members of the family was aroused by the crackling of the flames, which had then gained such headway that it was found impossible to check them. The other members of the family were hastily awakened and all effected their escape from the building uninjured. An organ and some bedding were the only articles among the contents of the dwelling that were saved, everything else being consumed.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is probable that it was due to a defective flue.

The property was owned by Mr. Christian Snyder and, as stated above, was occupied by the Widow Best and family. The building was a two-story brick with a frame addition in the rear. The loss on the building and contents is about $1,500, which was partially covered by insurance in the Ohio Farmer's Insurance company, of which Mr. Ira W. Wallace is agent.

A BAD CITIZEN.

Newt. Woods Gets Into Difficulty While Attempting to Carve a Man.

The current issue of the South Charleston *Sentinel* contains the following:

Newton Woods, the farmer, who recently served a term of thirty days in the county jail for assaulting his father, committed another outrage Saturday last, and was about the time he was made a raid on the Aera [illegible] Saturday morning, and seems bent on making a complete job of the penitentiary, and has proved himself to be a regular [illegible] Following [illegible]

HAVING AN ARGUMENT.

WASHINGTON C. H., Dec. 24.—Newton Woods, a bad character, of Sugar Creek, O., made a raid on Office Force McLean's throat with a razor today, when the latter knocked out his pipe and cried [illegible] Woods, who making a flesh wound on the [illegible] the heart. Woods was bound over to the court in a $500 bond by Mayor McMahan to keep the peace to Kile.

CALLED TO REST.

Death of the Venerable Father of Prof. Ed F. Smith, of Wittenberg.

On Monday morning, December 26, at 12:50 o'clock, Mr. Gibson Smith, father of Prof. Ed F. Smith, of Wittenberg college, died at his home in York, Pa., at the age of 65 years, 7 months and 7 days. The funeral occurred at York on Wednesday afternoon. The *Daily York* of Wednesday morning said:

Gibson Smith, of the firm of Fahs, Smyser & Co., whose remains will be carried to their last resting place this afternoon, was one of our valued citizens who commanded the esteem and respect of all who knew him. He was a self-made man, of excellent business qualifications and unspotted integrity. No matter when or where you met him, you were always greeted with a cheerful smile. We can personally attest his true friendship and disinterested advice. He leaves to survive him a bereaved widow and two sons, both of whom have become distinguished in the professional world.

THE COMING MAN.

Mr. R. F. Hayward Will be Sergeant-at-Arms of the Next House.

Mr. R. F. Hayward who has for some time been a candidate for the office of sergeant-at-arms of the next house, has made a vigorous canvass, and it is now thought that he will secure the position without any difficulty. The Columbus *Journal* of this morning has the following paragraph double-leaded:

Mr. Hayward, of Springfield, who came so near election as sergeant-at arms two years ago, is conceded to be coming this time, although ex-Representative Sacket is in the field, the latter entering rather late. Mr. Hayward has been an active and most useful member of the state committee for years, and comes with the sole support of a county that did the best service last month. He is a banner man from a banner county.

BRILLIANT EVENT.

The Thomas Mansion Throws Open its Hospitable Doors Thursday Evening—Dual Bridal Reception.

Succeeding social events this season must be very brilliant indeed if they would eclipse the reception given Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thomas, at their residence on east High street, to the two bridal couples, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Summers and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thomas. The affair was one of much social prominence, and was attended by guests to the number of about four hundred. Every feature was characterized by most perfect good taste, and the entertainment was of that order which is possible to but few houses in Springfield. The arrangement of the Thomas mansion is perfect for social purposes, and the charming interior was seen at its best.

The decorations were not profuse. In the rear drawing-room the mantel was heavily banked with an incline of flowers, and gleaming green surmounting the monogram "S" and "T." This was a pretty floral expression of a fact which is something of a coincidence. The "S" and "T" stand equally well for Summers and Thomas as Senteny and Thomas, and seldom can so much significance be compacted into one floral design.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Finley H. Thomas received in the west drawing room, giving the long line of guests, as they filed through, a most gracious welcome. The bridal quartette occupied places in the central reception room, where they received and made an attractive picture. The two brides were attired in their wedding gowns, and, framed in the flowers that brightened the background, looked as charming as at the altar. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Summers will never appear to more intense advantage than last evening.

Supper was served continuously in the dining-hall in the basement, and was what might be expected from the other features of the affair. Foreman's full orchestra rendered a concert programme from an alcove and furnished decidedly the best music heard at a social gathering this winter. Much of it was delicious waltz music, which, somehow, is indefinitely appropriate to the passionate scent of flowers, the flash of jewels, the beaming of lights and the gaiety of a throng assembled for social purposes.

Many of the toilets last night were rich and exquisite, and the REPUBLIC will have more to say of them in its regular Saturday's social resume. Carriages commenced rolling away at 11 o'clock, and by midnight the reception has passed into an extremely glittering page of social history.

IN OLD SANTA CLAUS'S HOME.

The Children of the Lagonda Avenue Sunday School Make "an Excursion to Santa Claus's House."

The members of the Sunday school connected with Lagonda avenue Congregational church are to be congratulated upon the success achieved last evening, in the production at the church, before a packed audience, of the Christmas cantata, "An Excursion to Santa Claus's House," in which the children are supposed to take a train on the "Great Arctic" railroad and spend at evening at Santa's home, in full enjoyment of all its wonders and beauties. There are numerous choruses, duets and quartettes, a round, tenor and soprano solos, etc. All were sung with a correctness and spirit that showed the school to possess some good vocalists. The dialogue was lively and amusing, serving to connect the musical portions of the cantata, and bringing in some features, such as the antics of a pair of comical dwarfs, the performance of a living picture, which spoke and sang. Some of the principal characters were: Santa Claus, James Saum; Frost Queen, Miss Vibber; Snow Flake, Miss Dudley; Bessie, Ethel Cox; Mr. Blockhead, who proposed the excursion, H. L. Sawyer; Mr. Vim, the superintendent; Mr. Wait, assistant superintendent, E. A. Fay; Mr. Scribbler, secretary, Geo. H. Guthrie; Minerva, Miss Lizzie Payton; dwarfs, Charlie Fay and Jacob Boes. Other characters were taken by Misses Osmond, Louise Fay, Myrtle Chapman, Whistman, Masters Pimlott and Archie Vose.

The instrumental accompaniment was by Will Guthrie, organist, and Will Stickney, cornetist. Credit for the smooth and pleasing manner in which everything passed off is due chiefly to Herbert L. Sawyer, who had general management of affairs, proving himself an adept.

After the cantata, Santa Claus distributed presents of books to those scholars who had been present every Sunday or had been absent but once by reason of sickness or other unavoidable cause, and each scholar received a package of candy, a popcorn ball and a Florida orange. The school will enter upon a new year of effective work with renewed spirit and determination.

INSURED FOR FOUR THOUSAND.

Mr. Jesse Mead Insures His Life Only a Month Before He Was Drowned.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 27, Mr. Jesse Mead, one of the best known farmers in the northern part of this county, was drowned in Mad river, near Tremont.

On the 23d of November, only a few days over a month before, Mr. Mead had walked into the insurance office of Mr. Ira W. Wallace and taken out an accident insurance policy on his life for the sum of $4,000. He did this of his own accord, never having been solicited by Mr. Wallace to take out a policy and never having carried such a policy before. The policy was written in the Travelers' Accident Insurance Company, and Mr. Mead's family will receive the $4,000 in cash.

After taking out the policy Mr. Mead remarked that he scarcely knew what had impelled him to do so, but he thought he might as well provide against accidents, which were liable to happen to anybody.

BRUTALLY BEATEN.

Mrs. Richard Raywood Shamefully Ill Treated by Her Husband.

On Tuesday evening Dr. T. M. Reade was summoned hurriedly to see Mrs. Richard Raywood, who resides at No. 43 Farlow street. When he arrived he found the lady suffering severely from injuries which she said she had received from her husband. Her statement was in effect that her husband had dragged her about the room by the hair, had kicked her heavily in the side and struck her about the face with his fist. As the woman was enciente it was feared that the ill treatment she had received might prove very serious, but Dr. Reade said today that all danger of a fatal termination of her injuries had, he thought, passed. The brutal husband has, it is understood, left the city to avoid arrest.

News of Nuptials.

A lively little wedding party stepped into the St. Paul M. E. Parsonage, yesterday afternoon, and Pastor Collett united in marriage Mr. Daniel Maher and Miss Minnie B. Curry, both of this city.

Married, at No. 188 Clifton street, on the evening of the 29th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Got