

**ADMIRAL RETIRES,
LAST RANKING CIVIL
WAR NAVY OFFICER**

**Nicholson Was Captain's
Messenger on the Warship
State of Georgia at the Age
of Twelve.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Promptly on the stroke of noon today the last ranking officer of the navy who served in the U. S. navy in the Civil War went on the retired list.



JOHN GRIBBEL
Elected president of the Union League after election in which largest vote of years was cast.

**JOHN GRIBBEL ELECTED
UNION LEAGUE PRESIDENT**

Successful Candidate Received 1091 Votes—Other Officers Chosen.

John Gribbel was elected to the presidency of the Union League last night over State Senator William C. Spry. Mr. Gribbel's total vote was 1091, and the combined total vote for the presidency was 2077.

Among the early voters were Governor-elect Brumbaugh and Mayor Blankenburg. Of the six candidates for vice president, the following were elected: Miers Busch, 1028; George B. Evans, 1485; Charlesmagne Tower, 1533; Harrison Townsend, 905. The vote of the candidates defeated for vice president was: William Henry Brooks, 875; William K. Haupt, 825; William R. Lyman, 823.

John W. Hamer, a member of the Board of Directors, was re-elected with a vote of 1667, the largest individual total polled. The other 14 directors follow: T. Ellis Barnes, re-elected, 1443; W. Alder Turpe, re-elected, 1432; Charles E. Cattell, 1603; William F. Elliot, re-elected, 1489; George S. Graham, re-elected, 1171; Charles M. Gudknecht, re-elected, 1476; Robert P. Hooper, re-elected, 1168; John D. Johnson, 1185; Horace C. Jones, 991; Charles R. Miller, re-elected, 1427; James E. Mitchell, re-elected, 1250; Charles A. Porter, Jr., 1234; Dr. Louis Plummer Posey, re-elected, 1149; Alexander W. Wister, Jr., 1097. The defeated candidates received the following votes: James A. Aull, Jr., 353; Joseph W. Cooper, 874; Herman Haupt, 885; Frederick S. Hovey, 845; Emil Rosenberg, 856; George A. Walker, 911; Dr. S. Lewis Ziegler, 487.

EAGER FOR EMPLOYMENT

Evening Ledger Want Ad Brings Thousands of Applicants for 200 Jobs.

A want advertisement in the EVENING LEDGER yesterday asking for 200 young men brought several thousands. The "ad" read: "Distributors—Two hundred young men wanted to distribute printed matter Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock. Call, 605 Chestnut street, second floor."

FIREMEN AS MINSTRELS

Norwood Volunteers Appear in Timely Skits.

Knocks and jolts at the railroads for increasing fares, songs, parodies, skits and jokes helped to make the first annual minstrel show of the Norwood Fire Company, given in the Norwood Auditorium, a night of decided hit.

CONFERENCE OVER BILL

Mayor Objects to Giving \$50,000 to Unemployed as Alms.

Mayor Blankenburg was in conference today with Director Harte, of the Department of Public Health, and Secretary Little of the Society for Organizing Charities, over the \$50,000 appropriation bill for the relief of the unemployed. When the conference ended at noon, the bill was still unsigned, but it is expected the Mayor will take action before night.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S JUBILEE

Archbishop Celebrates Mass at Industrial Institution.

Many clergymen and prominent laymen of the archdiocese of Philadelphia were in attendance today at the golden jubilee celebration of the convent and industrial school of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, 26th and Pine streets.

FUND FOR UNEMPLOYED LEGAL

The appropriation of \$2,000, made by Council for relief of Philadelphia's unemployed, was declared legal by City Solicitor Ryan in an opinion to Mayor Blankenburg. The transfer bill containing the appropriation is before the Mayor for his signature.

SHOOTING IN BOATHOUSE ACCIDENTAL

John Goldsmith, arrested after the shooting of Charles LaBery, 163 Meadow street, in a boathouse on the Delaware River, at Washington lane, was released by District Judge today. The boathouse showed that the shooting was an accident.

**FARM EXPERTS
HERE TO INSTRUCT
IN AGRICULTURE**

**State College Teachers Begin
Three-day Session for
Discussion of Methods of
Cultivation.**

Several hundred persons, farmers and city dwellers, attended the opening period for the school for farmers and experimental station conducted by practical Agricultural Extension of the Pennsylvania State College in Griffith Hall, 1209 Chestnut street, today.

The successful culture of flowers and fruit, the forcing of vegetables, the breeding of agriculturists from the Department of Insect and the mating and selection of poultry, the marketing of fruit and produce and the factors contributing to the high price of meat will be taught and discussed at the school today, tomorrow and Thursday.

The school of agriculture and experimental station is one of the five principal divisions of the State College. The main department of the school is located at State College. It has several hundred resident students enrolled, and a corps of scientific and practical men is enrolled in experimental, horticultural and the extension work that will be done here during the next three days in the channel through which the results of the research are carried to the people.

Wide interest has been shown by the farmers in the surrounding counties in the work, and it is believed they will make this one of the most successful seasons that the school has yet held. The session opened this morning with a discussion on the marketing of fruit by M. O. Kaine, professor of horticulture at State College. Mr. McDowell, director of agricultural extension, instructed his class this afternoon on "Soil Fertility." Following Director McDowell, C. W. Larson, professor of dairy husbandry, spoke on "The Production of Clean Milk."

The evening speakers will be C. E. Myers, who will talk about "Experimentation With Vegetables," and W. H. Tomhave with "Some of the Factors Contributing to the High Price of Meats" as the subject of his address. The feature of tomorrow's sessions will be demonstrations with pure-bred cattle and swine at the Nichols' Bazaar, 15th and Wood streets.

The demonstrations will be in the charge of W. H. Tomhave, professor of animal husbandry. At the same time as the cattle demonstrations tomorrow J. P. Stewart, professor of experimental botany, will address his class on "The Results of Orchard Experiments in Pennsylvania" and R. L. Watts, dean and director of the School of Agriculture and experimental station, will talk on "Vegetable Forcing." In the afternoon F. D. Gardiner, professor of agronomy, will lecture on "Line."

The Wednesday night meeting will be held in the Mayor's reception room. At this meeting Pearl MacDonell will speak on "Possibilities in Home Economics" and R. L. Watts will talk on "Vegetable Forcing." Experiment Station—Its Work and Lessons." M. S. McDowell, director of agricultural extension, will explain what the Smith-Lever bill means to the farmer. W. H. Tomhave will give a meat-cutting demonstration with beef and swine carcasses at the closing session of the school Thursday night.

'BILLY' SUNDAY WORK GROWS

More Room Required by the Campaign Committee.

Additional room has been taken for the work of the Sunday Campaign Committee in the Stock Exchange Building because of the increase of activity in the preparation for the campaign's arrival and the work to be done afterwards. The work on the Tabernacle is again progressing rapidly, since the weather has improved, and the building is sure it will be finished about December 30. Arrangements were made yesterday for the placing of 16 telephones in and about the structure and its annexes, and it is expected that additional telephones will be necessary before the campaign sets far under way.

PROTECTION FOR SHOPPERS

Twenty-four Big Bluecoats Assigned to Central District.

Twenty-four youthful policemen, each more than six feet tall, have been called into the central district by Lieutenant of Reserves William B. Mills to assist in guarding Christmas shoppers. They went on duty today. It is the problem of these young men to make good. There are 14 vacancies in the reserve force, and these will be filled from the ranks of the district men who do reserve duty during the holidays. Ambitious young policemen more than 6 feet tall covet the assignment to the reserve corps. Eight lieutenants were chosen from it during the last four years.

RESORTS

- POCONO MOUNTAINS, PA.**
FOR RESE
Recreation, The Winter Inn
BUCK HILL FALLS
RECREATION PENNA.
- CHARLESTON, S. C.**
CALHOUN MANSION
opens for exclusive patronage; original Col-
onial furnishings; Southern cooking; yacht-
ing; golf; tennis; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gerriotti.
- JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**
ROOM WITH BATH, \$1.50
HOTEL BURBRIDGE
NEW MODERN FIREPROOF
- ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.**
THE BARCELONA Situated 8 minutes
Private baths; exclusive. A. N. BLAIR.

**The genial, gracious
good will**
of the thousands of happy people coming and going—
of the thousands of happy attendants not overworked
in the eight to eight and a half hours of duty—
of the bugles of the lads with their cheerful morning
call and the evening recall—
of the great Organ's chimes morning and at even-
tide—
of the marvelous smoothness and rapidity of these
shopping days—
of the wonderful quantities of new things gathered
in every day to keep up the assortments.
Every hour of the day strikes Christmas
notes and the brightness of a genuine
Christmas spirit fills every nook and corner
of these vast halls of commerce and
conveniences.

Will everybody be at home in the Store and
extend welcomes to their friends?
[Signed] *John Wanamaker*

December 15, 1914
**Christmas Music on the Grand
Organ at 8.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.**

**Nearseal and Caracul
Fur Coats for Women**

A nearseal (sheared coney) coat may cost \$50, or it may cost \$100 in the Fur Salon, but you may be quite sure that it will be made of thick-furred pelts, well-matched and lustrous. The plain nearseal coats are \$50 to \$65; those with collars of chinchilla squirrel, fitch, kolinsky or natural skunk are \$70 to \$100. Lengths are 40 to 52 inches. Caracul coats, the skins soft and pliable, with the fur flat and well marked, are \$60 to \$150 for plain styles. Those with collars of fitch, ermine or raccoon are \$100 to \$165.

**Handkerchiefs! Handkerchiefs!
Christmas Handkerchiefs!**

What kind have we? Every kind that is wanted and is pure linen. Children's school handkerchiefs. Plain, practical sorts that women and men want for everyday use. Embroidered handkerchiefs from those with simple initials at 10c to a marvel of French hand-work for \$65. Fine dress handkerchiefs for men—some \$5 apiece. Men's and women's colored handkerchiefs from France and Ireland. Men's silk handkerchiefs from London. Women's hand-spun handkerchiefs that are veritable cobwebs. Altogether it's the most wonderful collection probably in this country.

**Over 80 Shades in Women's
\$2 Silk Stockings**

Which means that if you want any particular color, this is the place to come. Or if you want the best \$2 silk stocking made. Among the novelty types of silk stockings there is a great demand for those with dogs, mice, chickens and "sich" embroidered on instep or ankle. \$5 a pair. And we are glad to say that our importation of Paris silk stockings is complete—up to \$50 a pair.

**Art Needlework Gifts
Samples**

Some very pretty hand-embroidered centrepieces, pillow covers and scarfs, white and ecru and also hand-embroidered towels. They are all especially nice for Christmas presents. The prices are \$1.25 to \$8, which is a third less than they would cost at other times.

**A Gift You Can Make at the
Last Moment**

Is a pretty lace camisole. The shadow laces are here from 12 1/2c to 35c a yard, and they only need the fronts hemmed and the ribbon run through the beading at top and bottom and attached over the shoulders.

If You Give Lingerie Waists

Ask to see a quartet of styles just in; snowy voiles and batistes with long sleeves and low necks, and a general air of fashion. Prices are \$1.85, \$2, \$2.25 and \$3.

Parisienne Dancing Corsets

Good gifts for young girls or any woman who dances much. They're partly rubber tricot and partly suede cloth, and are "stripped" with satin. Price, \$8. For that matter almost any kind of corset we have here would make a welcome gift.

Wh-e-e-w! What a Day!
The new heavy underwear and new heavy clothing you were going to get—
Get Them NOW
Men's best suits and overcoats in the world ready on the First Floor, Market.
Women's warm coats and suits, First Floor, Central.
Furs, Third Floor.
And Blankets—Fifth Floor, Market

**Up Until Thursday Night We Will
Accept Orders to Make Men's
Suits for Christmas**
Some fine domestic fabrics recently received to be made up at special prices—\$30 and \$35 for young men. Fine British suitings—the city's largest and most exclusive collection—will be made into suits at \$40 and upward. P. S.—Please observe that no Christmas orders can be taken after Thursday evening.
(London Shop, Subway Gallery, Chestnut)

**400 Men's Suits in a
Special Sale at \$18**
The end season clearaway of the manufacturer with the highest rating in America for good style and good tailoring—the man who makes the very finest suits we sell. Every suit shows an actual saving of at least \$7, and more than half of them show \$10.
All sizes at the outset.
(First Floor, Market)

**Still More Specially Priced
Overcoats, \$10 and \$12**
These are Balmacaen style in Winter weights and dark Winter colorings; genuine all wool; low at the price. Many another store would have to charge you this price for half cotton.
Only about a hundred in this lot, so be early.
(Subway Floor, Market)

**Men's Leather Gift
Slippers**
Bootees come up as high as a shoe, or higher. Some have cuff at top, others haven't. They are in red and green morocco with fancy cuff, brown buckskin, black kidskin and tan Russia calfskin. \$3.50, \$5 and \$6. Romeos, with rubber gore in the side, are a well-known style. These are in black and brown kidskin. \$2 to \$4. Fausts are cut high back and front, like Romeos, but have no gore. In black and brown kidskin, \$3. Opera cut slippers are the low type. They are in black, brown and gray kidskin, alligator and black seal. \$1.75 to \$3.75.
(Main Floor, Market)

**The Christmas Show of
Furniture**
will satisfy your sincere desire to give something genuinely good, something of real worth all through, something in which there is no sham, but abundance of those qualities of service and ornamentation which do credit to the taste as well as the judgment of the giver.
There were never so many people choosing Wanamaker furniture for gifts, and never more reasons why they should. You will be well advised to go through the display on the Fifth Floor, and let it speak to you for this store and its service.
You will find sewing tables in sixty different types, from \$6.75 to \$92.
Muffin Stands of twelve different types at \$5.50 to \$48.
Music Cabinets, of 100 different types, at \$8.50 to \$45.
Book-Cases, of 200 different types, at \$7.50 to \$215.
Desk Chairs of 76 different types, at \$9.50 to \$17.
Tea Wagons of 14 different types, at \$11.50 to \$55.
Tilt-top Tables of 20 different types, at \$5.75 to \$67.
Chairs and Rockers of 900 different types, at \$4 to \$145.
Desks of 310 different types, at \$8.50 to \$415.
Library Tables of 326 different types, at \$11 to \$156.
Dressing Tables of 220 different types, at \$10.50 to \$156.
Wardrobe Chests of 35 different types, at \$30 to \$215.
(Fifth and Sixth Floors)

**There's Always a Warm
Welcome for Blankets and Quilts**
The tendency to give common sense gifts of this kind has never been so noticeable. Blankets anywhere from \$1 up. Quilts, \$2.50 up.
(Fifth Floor, Market)

**Live Christmas Trees
With the Roots on**
Not to be dumped in the ash pile after Christmas, but planted on the lawn to grow. A fresh supply from the grower every morning. Of Norway spruce, approximately 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2 feet high; 50c, 75c, \$1.
(Garden Section, Subway Floor, Central)

Holly and Mistletoe
PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW FOR XMAS GREENS
Immortelles, Holly Wreaths, Laurel Wreathing, etc.
We have a large assortment of Palms, Ferns and Rubber Plants, also Cyclamens in bloom, the latter 35c to \$1.00 each.
Pop Corn (white rice) the kind that pops, 10c lb., 3 lbs. 25c
Michell's Seed House
518 Market Street, Philadelphia

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