OUR CARD BASKET.

[Communications for this column should be written on one side of the paper only and addressed "Our Card Basket," REPUBLICAN Office.]

I. D. Shepherd residing on Banning street is confined to his bed.

Miss Sara Hersey of Philadelphia returned home this morning after a pleasant visit to relatives in this city.

Mrs. Donohoe of Baltimore and son Edmund were the guests of friends in this city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Shepherd and daughter Edna of Baltimore, Md., visited friends in this city yesterday.

Mr. Atwood Stewart of New Castle visited relatives in our city yesterday.

N. T. Lutton and John Wright rode to NewCastle yesterday on their wheels,

Mr. George A. Dunbar, the popular young druggist has gone on an extended business trip through Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He expects to return about the first of the year.

Frederick W. Heiss entertained a large number of friends on Saturday evening to a "Hasenfeffer," which was very much enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Heiss for his hospitality.

Officer Frank Kane is recovered from an attack of lumbago.

Mrs. Richard G. Mitchell of Paterson, N. J., is visiting here.

Miss Adaline Cooper of Delaware City is visiting here.

Miss Florence Egee has returned from Chesapeake City.

Mrs. I. E. S. Wilson of Georgetown was in this city last week.

Miss Hackett of this city is the guest of Mrs. F. Reybold at Delaware City.

Miss Edith Bruce of this city has returned from a visit to Dr. Waddell and family of Felton, Del.

Miss Kate Wilson of this city is the guest of Miss Alice Williams of New Castle.

Mrs. Cooper of this city is the guest of Mrs. W. R. Postles of Camden.

Willie Begley was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Campbell last week.

Rev. Thomas Eckman, D. D., of Morristown, N. J., has decided the call to Grace M. E. Church.

Mr. Gaynor of this city was the guest of Miss Amy Waddell, of Felton on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Truax of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with friends in our city.

Miss Mactavisch of Canada, and Mrs. Mason of Michigan are visiting their sister, Mrs. Bridge, whos husband is foreman or manager of the Pullman Car Company in our city. They attended West Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning and were highly pleased with the sermon of Rev. Mr. Keigwin.

Mrs. Ocheltree nee Harman of Newark, is visiting relatives in our city.

Mr. William Janvier is passing a week among friends in the country.

Mrs. Sallie Holton, daughter of the late Captain Benson, is visiting her mother and other relatives in our city. She has been a resident of the Buckeye State for some twenty years and has grown quite stout, indicating that the climate is salubrious in her adopted home.

"The Violet Social" was organized on Thursday evening, Dec. 10, at No. 528 E. Eighth street. The following officers were elected: President, Frank Dunham; vice-president, Mamie Platt; secretary, Clarence White; treasurer, Ada Buckalew. After the business of the meeting had been attended to the social was pleasantly entertained by Prof. John G. Halton with his sleight of hand performance. Music was furnished by the Misses Carrie Cornwall and Clara Wiswell. A masquerade party will be given by the social on New Years' Eve.

Herman Geer, the genial City Editor of the Every Evening is walking around with an extra smile on his countenance. The cause is that a son and heir made his debut into the household on Saturday.

Howard Johnson and Alice L. Boyd, both of Elkton, were married on Tuesday at the M. E. Parsonage by the Rev. A. S. Mowbray.

I. Lewis Minker of North East, and Miss Alice Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Howard of Zion, were united in marriage on Wednesday, at the home of the bride's parents.

A delightful wedding breakfast was given this morning by Mr. and Mrs. P. H. T. Wyatt, of Pennsgrove, in honor of the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage. Those present from Wilmington were: Mr. and Mrs. James J. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Mrs. A. M. Durnall, Mrs. H. K. Zimmerman.

Miss Elizabeth Wyatt entertained a number of her classmates at her home, 507 W. Fourth street on Saturday evening. Music and dancing were indulged in and a very pleasant evening spent by those present. Among them were; Misses Sallie Sharp, Sabina Feldmeir, Suzanne Rambo, Julia Edwards, Messrs Roy Hart, Harry Ellison, Leslie Bonham, Paul Killiam and Medford H. Calhoon, Jr.

Carmen Di Mare, who has been ill for the past two weeks is able to be around again.

Broker Kyle received a letter this morning from Captain Murphy that he is recovering from an attack of malaria.

Len Johnson of Lewis is in our city today.

Mr. George W. Ortlip who had a paralytic stroke some few weeks ago was walking on our streets this morning. He said he is getting along all right now.

Miss Lily Bancroft and John Bird were the guests at a dinner given by the Misses Woods, 1536 Pine street, Philadelphia, Friday evening.

Mrs. Richardson of Paterson, N. J., is the guest of Wilmington friends.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Miss Nellie Prettyman at her home, 836 West Sixth street, Thursday evening.

Several well known young men of this city visited Captain Miller on board the schooner Studio yesterday afternoon. They were amusingly entertained by the captain with a string of seaman's yarns.

General Theodore Armstrong of Newark was in our city today.

A dance is to be given to-night in the Pyle Cycle Academy. It is given principally for those who took part in the Cuban Bazaar, but many outsiders will be present.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 10th a party was given in honor of Miss Elsie Wilhelme at her home on Market street, New Castle. The evening was passed by singing, dancing and playing games. Refreshments were served at a late hour. Those present were: Miss Amelia Boyd, John Lyman, J. E. Boyd, Mr. Davis, Sarah Fisher, Elsie, Lelia and Delaney Wilhelme, Ruth Kirk, Anna Willard, John Bradford, Silas Gears, Emily Wilhelme, Cecilia Glosser, Annie Action, George S. Wilhelme, Charles and John Smyth, Wm B. Willard, Jacob Lyman, Charles Boyd, Thomas Draper, Harry Baldwin, Rhoda Boyd, Sarah Gravel, Ellsworth Evans, Elmer Pelson, Edward Diveline, Fannie McGrahf, Annie Dyer, Mr. and Mrs Geo. Wilhelme and others.

Mrs. S. T. Rorer, principal of the Philadelphia Cooking School, will deliver the first of a series of three lectures on Wednesday, December 16, at 3 o'clock, in the rooms of the Young Woman's Christian Association. This lecture is free to members of the association, and all are urged to attend. So much has Mrs. Rorer been in demand of late that after the completion of the course of lectures in this city she will go to Reading, Pa., at a salary of $275 for ten days. After that she will go to the Madison Square Garden, New York, where she has an engagement of two weeks at a salary of $250 a week, in the interest of an exhibit.

The New York Tribune yesterday said: One of the crowded teas of the day was given by Colonel and Mrs. Henry A. DuPont of Delaware, at Sherry's, in honor of their daughter, Miss Louise Evelina DuPont, a very pretty girl, who received nearly 200 bouquets and half as many loose bunches of roses of every variety. Miss DuPont wore a pretty gown of white silk and chiffon. Assisting her in receiving were Miss Marion Whitaker, Miss Post, Miss Coffin, Miss Caroline Duer, Miss Greenough and Miss Bertha King Bartlett. While the reception was going on in the pink room, there was dancing in the large ball-room. Some of the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Pendleton Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Henri I. Barbey, Miss Barbey, Colonel and Mrs. Waring, Miss Josephine Johnson, Miss Clift, Miss Beekman, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mrs. Luther Kountze, Augustus F. Kountze, Mrs. John Schoenberger, Mrs. C. A. Childs, Miss Evans, Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, Miss Beatrix Jones, Mrs. A. Newbold Morris, Miss Morris, Mrs. James G. King Duer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Larocque, Jr., Miss Furniss, Mrs. John C. Wilmerding, Miss Georgiana Wilmerding, Mrs. Hitchcock and Colonel Floyd-Jones.

Mrs. Howard Richardson of Upland is visiting her mother at New Castle.

Walter H. Hayes and H. H. Ward attended the special session of Superior Court in Dover on Saturday.

Miss Minnie Steele is visiting Mrs. E. R. Pearce on Franklin street.

Dr. and Mrs. Kittinger were present at the wedding of Mrs. A. E. Wilson and Matthias Saxman which took place at the St. James' Hotel, Washington, last week.

HER PIES.

Way back in the sweet, sweet long ago,
When the world seemed just new made
And the hours swept in a gold batteau
O'er pleasure a bright cascade,
'Twas then in childhood's realm I met
Dear Maude of the dewy eyes
And stood entranced as the deft brunette
Did fashion the wee dirt pies.

We're married now, and the selfsame hands
That molded the pies of clay
Have sometimes structured other brands
Of pies in the modern way,
And, having sampled these pastry plants,
My oath I can solemnly take
That between the two I would risk my chance
With the kind that she used to make.
—Boston Courier.

SEEDS BORNE FAR BY WATER.

Float Away and Give the Parent Plant Room to Grow.

It is good for plants to keep as much apart as possible. If the seed fell straight to the ground and the young plants all grew up together around the parent one, they would starve each other out, for plants are like people and when crowded too closely together fall to fighting among themselves. Their struggles are very bitter ones, though we do not see or hear them. The plants that are strongest in these silent battles end by getting the light and air and water and food they need from the soil, while the poor weaklings are left to starve and die. To prevent too much of this wasteful crowding and struggling old Dame Nature has invented many a clever little scheme.

When trees or smaller plants grow on river banks, their fruits often fall into the water and are carried down stream by the current, sometimes finding landing places on the banks and so growing up into new plants. Who has not seen sycamore balls and buckeyes traveling along in this easy fashion? These are the fruits of the trees they grow on. Fruit is the part of the plant that incloses the seed with the seed itself. So the dry pods that hold the black morning glory seeds are as truly fruits as are apples or strawberries, though we commonly use the word only for those that are good to eat.

It often happens that, on small islands in rivers, trees and flowers are found that do not grow on the neighboring banks. These have come down the river, sometimes from the mountains where it rises, in the shape of fruits and have found lodging on the island during high water. Sometimes fruits are thus borne quite out to sea, and then they may be caught up by ocean currents and carried long distances. It has been said that Columbus first formed the notion that there might be land beyond the western ocean on seeing some strange nuts that had been washed to the shores of the Azores from faraway America.—Thomas H. Kearney, Jr., in St. Nicholas.

Some Bells.

The heaviest bell ever made in the United States was the alarm bell formerly in the city hall in New York. It weighed 23,000 pounds. In 1867 it was broken and recast in smaller fire bells.

The most celebrated bell in the United States is that known as the Liberty bell in Philadelphia. It was imported from England in 1752, cracked by a trial stroke and recast in Philadelphia by Isaac Norris. On the 4th of July, 1776, this bell announced the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It was again cracked while being rung in honor of Henry Clay's visit to Philadephia and since then has been on exhibition in Independence hall. It bears the following inscription, taken from Leviticus, twenty-fifth chapter, tenth verse, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

On the largest of the three bells placed by Edward III in the Little sanctuary, Westminster, are these words:

King Edward made me thirtie thousandweight and three.
Take me down and wey me, and more you shall find me.

On a bell in Durham cathedral is inscribed:

To call the folks to church in time
I chime.
When mirth and pleasure's on the wing,
I ring.
And when the body leaves the soul
I toll.

On a bell at Lapley, in Staffordshire, England:

I will sound and resound to thee, O Lord,
To call thy people to thy word!

In Meivod's church, Montgomeryshire:

I to the church the living call
And to the grave do summon all.

The following motto may still be seen on some of the bells that have swung in their steeples for centuries:

Men's death I tell by doleful knell.
Lightning and thunder I break asunder.
—Detroit Free Press.

Animal Preferences.

A scientist reports that sparrows show a decided dislike to the colors blue and purple. It will be comparatvely easy to verify such a fact, if fact it be. Those who have observed cats must have discovered that they display a marked preference for certain flowers in a garden. Whether their selection be by color, perfume or general contour remains to be proved. Cats also evince a dislike of strong perfume. In this they are not unlike dogs, who will often show their teeth, curling the lips viciously if perfumed objects be held close to them. A singular exception has been noticed by the writer, for a little tabby cat evidently takes pleasure in smelling a deep yellow nasturtium. Such observations may never lead to practical results, but then they yield pleasure to a lover of animals, and close observation may sometimes throw light upon certain traits which other minds may be able to turn to account. It has been said that no observation is unimportant. If the humblest laborer could only tell just how the simplest objects with which he is surrounded appear to him and what they suggest, if he could only tell us some little bit of wisdom which he has gleaned from his experience, the world would be the better for it.—Brooklyn Eagle.

About the Same.

Milord was ill.

Meeting Pessimus, I asked, "How is milord today?"

"He is no better."

"Ah, indeed! I am sorry to hear it."

And, passing on, I met Optimus and asked of him, "How is milord today."

"He is no worse."

"Ah, indeed! I am sorry to hear it."

And that is how I learned that milord was about the same.—Town Topics.

The Portulaca.

Some flowers seem to enjoy the greatest degree of heat that can come from the direct rays of the sun. The portulaca is closed in the morning, but soon opens and is in full bloom and apparently enjoying itself highly shortly before noon. The hotter the day the brighter the colors of this flower.

A Woman in the Case.

Two Wilmington pugilists became involved in a quarrel a few days ago over a girl, who they both loved. They decided to settle their differences in the ring. The fight came off at twelve o'clock Friday night near Claymont. They say the fight was long and hard fought on both sides.

Brazilian Balm cures a cold, 10 cents.

Stolen Chickens.

Some rogues visited the henery of Thos Vandever near Mt. Cuba, last Monday night and carried of 25 pairs of Plymouth Rock chickens. As the loss is felt quite seriously, the farmers should get their guns in order and prepare to give such intruders a warm reception.

Chancery Court Matters

Judge Grubb this morning appointed Mary A. Mulvena guardian of Sarah A., Madeline, Mary and Johanna Mulvena.

The receivers of the McDaniel & Merrihew Ore Company were ordered to pay rent for property owned by the company, on application of Austin Harrington.

Company B, of 1846.

Among the old books found by Clarence M. Dillon recently, and which is now in the possession of William T. Jones, is a volume of more than commercial value to several Wilmingtonians. It is a copy of the constitution of Company B, Delaware Artillery, which was adopted in this city, on July 15, 1846. The book although printed on the ordinary quality of paper, is remarkably well preserved after its 50 years of hard use and neglect.

The Constitution is a lengthy one and gives the names of the officers as follows: Captain, Geo. W. Chaytor; first lieutenant, Richard B. Gilpin; second lieutenant Joseph S. Hedges; quarter master, Joseph Eising; first sergeant, John O'Brian; second sergeant, James Armstrong; third sergeant, Henry Blyer; fourth sergeant, Luke B. Kelley; first corporal, James Monaghan; second corporal, Patrick Fitzgerald; third corporal, Wm. Hinds; fourth corporal, Wm. Gorman. Of these officers all are dead excepting James Monaghan, who is an ex-magistrate, and at present a bailiff in County Court.

The privates numbered 67, and of them but two are living. They are Michael Kinney and Patrick Armstrong, the latter residing in Philadelphia.

Corporal Monaghan still has a medal which he won at rifle practice while the company was at Salem, N. J., some years ago. Mr. Monaghan says the company never did any national service but was of considerable importance in State affairs. He and the surviving members propose to preserve the old book.

Property Transfers.

The Creston Land and Improvement Company has transferred two lots to Wm. H. Gibbons and two lots to Chas. S. Cleland at Twenty-fifth and West streets.

George W. and Maria Bush have transferred several properties at Second and Union to William Toy.

China Clocks.

Some beauties, with best movements lower in price than elsewhere, at Row's China Depot, 413 King St.

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WANTED—Work as watchman, porter or work about a store, good city reference. Apply B. N. 1111 Walnut St. d14-2t*

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Eureka Council, No. 1, Jr., O. U. A. M. will give a dinner to-morrow evening.

The Friendship Fire Company is completing arrangements for its 121st anniversary which will occur on December 22.

The Alumni Association of the Wilmington High School will ask the General Assembly for a charter at its coming session.

The Union Veteran Patriotic League has endorsed B. D. Bogia for the position of United States marshal.

A meeting of people interested in temperance will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Thursday evening next under the auspices of the Wilmington Prohibition League.

Jeremiah Lynch, 68 years old, fell from a ladder in the stable of Owen McCarthy, at Eighteenth street and Brinkley avenue, on Saturday evening and broke his leg.

Mrs. S. T. Rorer will speak to the members of the Young Woman's Christian Association Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

Santa Maria Council of Delaware, Knights of Columbus, a Catholic secret social organization, was instituted in Wilmington yesterday.

For the week ending at noon on Saturday Register Ten Weeges reported 12 deaths, 7 less than for the same period last year; eight births, eight less than for the same period last year, and four marriages, thirteen less than for the same period last year.

The Presbyterian church of West Chester has sensibly provided a club room for the young people.

John Creighton, aged 10, living near Cambridge, Md., chopped off three toes to avoid going to school and may die from his injuries.

John C. McNamee has sold a 252 acre farm in Elk Neck for $4,200.

Highest cash price paid for rawhides, muskrats and minks by L. Loyskiss, No. 105 East Fourth street, Wilmington.

The cost of building the old post office in this city was nearly $46,000.

R. R. Robinson & Co., have changed their wire from DeHaven & Townsend to a brokerage firm in New York.

Rev. Dr. John Parker of New York, one of the most popular camp meeting singers and preachers will be at Asbury church this week. Preaching at 7.30 each evening except Saturday. Services Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 2.30 o'clock.

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

The flattering reports that have preceded the Morrison Company in their presentation of Goethe's beautiful Faust causes a feeling of interest to the lovers of good acting. So many good plays that have achieved fame and fortune for their possessors, have been so mutilated by indifferent acting and gross incompetency, that the knowledge that a perfectly equipped organization is now playing a well known play, in all its original integrity, is in itself a subject for congratulation.

The splendid company and play with its beautiful scenery, electrical and calcium effects will be seen here to-night, at the Grand Opera House.

The big success of last season, "Little Trixie" interpreted by May Smith Robbins and a clever cast, will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18, 19 matinee Saturday. The play of "Little Trixie" occupies a peculiar position in the dramatic world as it is not only bubbling over into fun, but also is a clever drama, in which the story is at all times interesting and pleasing. This year it has been brightened by the introduction of a number of specialities and as it was always a favorite play in this city, it will no doubt be accorded a hearty welcome and large audiences.

BIJOU THEATRE.

The engagement at the Bijou this week is William's "Jack and Me" Company. This company is unlike other companies that have appeared at the Bijou. There is nothing to offend the most fastidious. The engagement is for three nights and Wednesday matinee. Prices remain the same.

Preachers' Meeting.

At the meeting of the Preachers' Association held this morning Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, who was to have submitted a paper on Evangelistic work was absent as he had gone to Middletown.

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Roery of Dover was present. Statistics of conference claimants was given by Rev. Mr. Rawlins. Rev. John France was appointed a committee to wait upon the Y. P. C. E. Society.

Exhibition of Art.

Lovers of art will enjoy a visit to Cartmell's store at Sixth and Madison streets, where there is on exhibition twenty-seven oil paintings of marine and land scenes. The work is that of A. C. Stuart, the eminent artist. Mr. Cartmell invites the public to his store to-morrow afternoon from 2 until 5, and from 9 until 4 on Wednesday.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Water from the Jordan.

Dr. A. N. Keigwin of West Church received a bottle of water, a few days ago, which had been taken from the river of Jordan at the precise spot where Christ was baptised, over 1800 years ago, by a friend who is travelling in the Holy Land. This precious installment of water he used yesterday morning to baptise the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Triggs, the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Smith, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennison, Third and Broome streets. The water coming from the Jordan rendered additional interest to the ceremony.

A Saturday Night Brawl.

There was a fight of more than the ordinary character, on Market street between Eighth and Ninth, on Saturday night. It was between a number of intoxicated young men, and their profanity caused numerous heads to peep from the second story windows of the square. The police put in their appearance after the young men had become quiet.

Toy tea sets, white and decorated, 5¢ to $3.00. 2nd floor, Row's China Depot, 413 King St.

A Fainting Spell.

Frank Moore, grocer, at Fifth and Jefferson streets, fainted while serving his milk route last Tuesday morning, and returned to his home greatly prostrated. He has since been confined to his room, and although suffering from a heavy cold it is hoped that he may soom be able to attend to his business again. Dr. Springer is prescribing for him.

Mrs. Prettyman Dead.

Mrs. Charles B. Prettyman, of Dover, died last evening aged 36 years. She was a daughter of John Bardsley, ex-city treasurer of Philadelphia.

Very fine water sets, enamel painting on glass, $1.50 to $3.00. I Lewis Row, 413 King St.

DEATHS.

McDANIEL.—On Dec. 12th, 1896, Mary McDaniel, aged 76 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services, from her late residence, 1327 East Fourteenth street, on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, at 2 p. m. Interment at Mt. Salem cemetery.

TALLEY—In Philadelphia, on Dec. 12th, 1896, Edith Theresa, daughter of Elbert L. and Delia Talley, aged 4 weeks, 2 days.

Little Edith was our darling,
Pride of all our hearts at home;
But the angels came and whispered,
Edith darling do come here.
Our first in Heaven.

HAMILTON—On Dec. 14th, 1896. Jane, widow of the late Samuel Hamilton, Sr., in her 70th year.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her daughter, 1905 Lovering avenue, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Mt. Salem cemetery.

Dearest mother thou hast left us,
We thy loss most deeply feel,
But, 'tis God who has bereft us;
He can all our sorrows heal.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

Henry C. Conrad Says He is Not a Candidate for Mayor—The Regular and Union Republicans To Effect a Compromise—No Democrat Will Sit in the U. S. Senate from Delaware—A Political Muddle That Won't be Straightened Out.

The Superior Court which sat at Dover on Saturday afternoon unanimously decided that a writ of error in a mandamus case acted as a stay of proceedings and that nothing further could be done in the Kent County mandamus case, and that Prothonatary Hutson was not in contempt in refusing to serve the writ when a demand was made on him for it by the Union Republicans. The REPUBLICAN has contended that the Democrats holding the winning hand do not intend that the Republicans of Kent Co., shall get even one the offices that they are fighting so hard for in the Courts. Whoever heard of the Democratic bench deciding any question where political preference was in dispute in favor of the Republican party in Delaware? We think the court is fair but it appears that the constitution is at fault and the judges, dear bless their hearts, are only judges of what the statute contains, not makers of the laws.

The brandy and soda writer of the Democratic glass of the Sunday Star, must have had 'em again, when he undertook to read the REPUBLICAN a lesson, on entering a protest against the postponing of the amusement ordinance. It is too bad that our city fathers can't make up their minds after nearly three months of ceaseless toil as to what kind of an ordinance the people want. The olive branch was not very well received by some of the Union Republicans on Saturday last.

It is too bad that cats and dogs delight to bark and bite for 'tis their nature to, but——brethren in unity should dwell.

It would be great if an earthquake should visit Delaware and shake the thieving Democrats up so that they would become scared and try to be honest in politics. The precedents they are making will in years to come, come back to plague them. "As ye sow, so shall ye reap."

It is reported that Messrs E. T. Warner and H. G Morse employed detectives and sent them down the State to gather evidence against the Union Republicans to be used against them in securing the federal patronage to be given out by the incoming administration. We don't believe the story, but nevertheless it is so reported by the down State Republicans.

The fight for Senator promises to be quite interesting. Willard Saulsbury is making the fight of his life for the position.

If what the Democrats have meted out to the Republicans is meted out to them by the Republicans in the U. S. Senate they will get their deserts.

Either Col. Henry DuPont will be seated or the seat will be vacant until the next Legislature meets in 1899.

Governor-elect Ebe W. Tunnell is well enough to be about once again, and paid our city a visit one day of last week.

Even L. Irving Handy may not take his seat in the House of Representatives. His election was not an honest one, and we think that the Rev. J. S. Willis has good grounds for a contest of his seat. Kent and Sussex counties gave Republican majorities but were thrown out by the rascally Democratic inspectors and certificates given to them instead of the Republicans.

Hanby has no legal right or claim on his seat in the next house of Representatives and he should have the same kind of law administered to him that the Democrats have been administering to the Republicans of Delaware. Apparently nothing is to dishonest or rank for a Democrat to do if it benefits his party. In everything else he is honest but in politics he thinks it no harm or doing no wrong to cheat.

Mr. Harry Conrad says he will not be a candidate for Mayor at the coming nomination election. Mr. Seth H. Feaster is a candidate for Mayor and will take a shy glance at the office. He has always been an active Republican and would fill the office with credit.

Jessie K. Baylis has been mentioned as a possible candidate for Mayor on the Democrat side. He is now president of City Council and has made an excellent officer. He is popular and would pole a big vote. The reason why John T. Dickey is so well thought of is because he is a good friend when once a friend. More than one man in business in our city has been befriended by John T. That is one reason why he has been so hard to defeat. Republicans apparently, from the split tickets voted in the fifth and sixth districts of the Fifth ward, must have voted for him at the late election. It was from friendship, not his political leanings, that secured their votes for him. He has been a lucky man. He is now away enjoying himself, while the fight is going on. He expects to take his seat in the House at Dover in January.

What a tale could be told if the records of the Farmers' bank at Georgetown and Dover could be looked over, and the names of the men published who placed them on paper to be used in the campaign. Also some of the paper which has as yet never been paid with the names of well known Democrats upon. It would make nearly as interesting reading matter as the so-called debauchery of the ballot box by the aid of Addicks' money. The Democrats have been purchasing voters for over thirty years in Delaware, and their pure, immaculate newspaper never raised a protest against it until Addicks, advent into Delaware politics.

What farces the elections in Delaware are, to be sure!

What a howl of bribery has gone up from the receivers of stolen goods.

What new law we wonder will now be sprung upon us? These are the days of surprises. Every day brings something new.

The Democrats of Kent County had no use for Wolcott during the campaign, but "now" lately they have needed his services badly. What will be his reward? He still wants to be U. S. Senator. What is the heighth of his ambition and he would not allow anything within his power to stand between him and his ambition. He will not this time have that ambition satisfied.

The Wilmington Correspondent of the Philadelphia Record says: The fight of the Union Republicans here does not seem to be so much against the mass of the regular voters as it is against the leaders. The Addicks men will hold out for compromise only on the ground that they must have a good share of the city spoils, and even then certain of the regular leaders must keep hands off. The Addicks men will also have the benefit of all that following of Republicans who have been opposed to the regular machine, but who are not in sympathy with Addicks. The chances, however, are that some sort of harmony will be patched up before the city election, but each side will keep a sharp eye for long knives that may be hid under coats to be pulled out on election day.

The Weather

The weather to-morrow promises to be partly cloudy to clearing.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The thermometer at the REPUBLICAN Office today:

7 o'clock.	10 o'clock.	2 o'clock.
40	44	50

QUOTATIONS.

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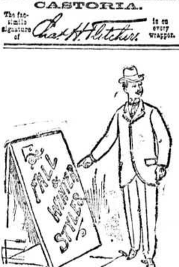
Ruling Prices		Ruling Prices	
Am Top Co....	73¾	N Y Cen & H..	95½
Amer Su Ref C.	116⅝	N Y & New E..	
Ach Top & S. F.	14⅝	N Y O & West	5⅜
Balto Traction..	17½	N. Pacific......	15
Balto & Ohio...	14⅜	N Pacific Pre..	29
Cana Southern.	48⅝	North Ameri..	4¾
Ches & Ohio,....	16¾	Omaha........	48½
C B & Quincy..	76½	Pac. Mail......	25¼
Chicago Gas....	73	Pennsylvania..	51⅞
C & N. Western	102⅞	Peo Trac.......	60⅜
C St P,M & O...	73⅝	Phila Trac.....	67¾
C R I & Pac.....	67½	Phila & Read...	14
C C C & St Louis	27⅝	Reading........	25¾
Del & Hud Can.	125	S R Common..	9⅜
Del Lac & Wes.	156	S R Preferred.	24¾
Den & Rio Gran	43	Texas & Pac...	9¾
Dis & Cat. Feed.	12⅝	T Coal & Iron..	18⅜
Gen Elec Com..	31	Union Pac.....	10⅜
Erie..............	15⅝	U S Cordage...	
Electric Trac...		U S Leather....	9⅜
Ill Central.......		" " per..	62⅜
Lake Shore......	153½	Wabash Com..	6⅞
Lehigh Nav.....	44	W " Pref...	16⅜
Lehigh Valley...	31¼	W U Telegraph	80½
Lou & Nash.....	48⅜	W & L E Com.,	8⅜
Met. Trac.......	109⅜	W & L E pre...	36⅜
Man. Con.......	95⅜	Wis Central...	
Mis & Pacific....	20⅝	Stor Battery...	23
N. Lead Trust..	24½	Union Match..	
N J Central......	102⅜	Head Light....	

LOCAL QUOTATIONS.

	Last Sale	
Nat. Bank of Delaware..............	500	
First National Bank..................	118	
Central National Bank...............	105	
Nat. Bank Wil. & Bran..............	76	75½
Union National Bank...............	77	
Farmers' Bank........................	65	
Sec. Trust & Safe Deposit Co......	143	
Equitable Guar. & Trust Co........	140	
Delaware R. R..........................	82¾	83
Wil. & Nor. R. R........................	20	
Wil. City Pass. Railway Co......	14	
Wilmington Coal Gas Co............	88¾	90
Wil. City Electric Co................	49⅜	50



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THE CHICAGO FIRE.

MEN WHO WERE THERE RECALL SOME OF THEIR EXPERIENCES.

A Novel Way of Saving Chickens—Lawbooks Buried Like Potatoes—Stories About Safes and Their Contents—Saved by a Barrel of Cider.

"The funniest thing I saw during the fire of 1871, though it didn't seem so funny then," said James B. Bradwell as he grew reminiscent, "was the way some negroes kept their chickens from escaping.

"The colored men were carrying a big coop, and suddenly the slats broke and out bobbed the chickens.

"'I'll fix you,' howled one colored man, and grabbing each biped as it appeared he wrung its neck till every bird lay dead.

"My son Tom and I went on the second day of the fire over to the West Side to see what the blaze was doing. I remarked to Tom how thankful we should be that our home was spared. Later I had reason to thank my stars our lives were spared. The wind came up very strong, blowing in a northeasterly direction, and I said to my son, 'My gracious, it will get to our house before we can get home.' We ran with all our might, and when we got home on Washington street, just east of where the Chamber of Commerce building now is, Mrs. Bradwell had got a few things packed and was preparing to get them out. She was in her slippers and dressed in a morning gown. On her head she wore my consistory hat, with a red and white plume. She said to me, 'If Masonry is any good at all, it will be good now, and I will put on this hat.'

"I threw my lawbooks out of the window on the sidewalk and took down a large picture of my father, but by that time the skylight had broken in and the stairs were on fire. I began to think that I should never be able to get out, but with a rush I went down the stairs. As soon as I reached the sidewalk and the cool air struck me I fell exhausted. I offered an expressman $50 if he would take my books to a place of safety. He laughed at me. Had it been ten minutes later I would have gagged the expressman, thrown him in the wagon, loaded in the books and saved them. At this time the authorities were blowing up buildings so as to prevent the fire from extending southward. We went to the lake front and got an old ax and a spade and dug a hole in the ground, as one would to bury potatoes, on the baseball grounds on the lake front.

"When I commenced digging, a policeman came and arrested me. I asked him what for, and he said, 'For defacing the baseball grounds,' showing me his star. I drew my ax and said, 'I'll make you see more stars in a moment than you ever saw in the firmament of heaven.' He left as if he had a flea in his ear. I went on digging the hole and put in our two trunks and the papers we had saved and then covered them up."

James Thompson, an old time Chicagoan, was at the time of the Chicago fire in the employ of the land department of the Illinois Central Railroad company. Shortly before the conflagration this department of the railroad company had been housed in a new building which was the first of the type of "fireproof construction" to be erected in Chicago. This building, which stood on Michigan avenue, near Randolph street, went with the others.

"In my office in a small safe inside the large one belonging to the company," relates Mr. Thompson, "I had some $2,000 in United States bonds belonging to my mother. When the big safe was unearthed, it was allowed to stand three weeks in order that it might cool. When I took out the smaller safe, it did not appear to be very warm, and we opened it to take out the bonds, but no sooner did the air strike the interior of the little safe than a sheet of flame shot out, and nothing remained of the $2,000 in securities but a handful of cinders. Luckily the porter, who was in the building when the fire stared, had saved some of the papers in my desk, and as these contained the numbers of the bonds we were able to get them redeemed, and my mother lost nothing."

"Judge Jenkins, whose office was directly above ours, found his safe tumbled out on the curb away from contact with the red-hot bricks. The combination was uninjured, and, with the help of a passerby, he set it up on end and took out his papers in as good condition as he had left them."

"A barrel of cider played a part in the great fire quite foreign to the purpose for which it was originally intended," said Scott Fergus, who was in a reminiscent mood.

"In 1871 there was on Grant street, in North Chicago, a small frame dwelling house perhaps a little farther removed from its neighbors than they were from each other and set back from the street about 20 feet. I do not know whether it is still standing or not, nor do I remember its number, but it stood there a couple of years ago, like the relic it was. On Oct. 9 the man who owned the place—his name I have also forgotten—saw the fire was headed his way and knew that the little home would soon, like thousands of others, be wrapped in flames. From its comparative seclusion the thought entered his mind that there might be a fighting chance of saving the place if only he had a supply of water. He had resolved to remove his family, as the neighbors all around him were doing, and save what they could carry, when he remembered that in the cellar was a barrel of cider which they had purchased for their regalement during the long winter evenings. He would use that. Quickly removing the liquid from its cool storage place, he gave dippers and other containers to the different members of the household, and, instructing them to watch for every little blaze, the resolute band of amateur firemen and firewomen worked and watched, and while every house for blocks on every side became the prey of the flames this little home was saved, and that by a mere barrel of cider." —Chicago News.

Delicious Ginger Wafers.

Ginger wafers may be made by creaming a quarter of a pound of butter; add half a pound of brown sugar, a dessertspoonful of ground ginger, the grated peel and juice of one lemon. Beat thoroughly; then add half a pound of flour and a pint of golden sirup; beat thoroughly and vigorously. Butter your pans and spread the mixture in each as thin as possible and yet perfectly even and smooth. Bake in rather a brisk oven. When they are partly done, draw the pan to the oven door and roll each wafer into a tiny cylinder. This must be done expeditiously. Then return them to the oven until they become crisp and brown.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Undergoing Repairs.

Lilli (at a soiree, whispering)—What has become of Aunt Lucie's habitual smile?

Erna—It is at the dentist's.—Tit-Bits.

Fair Evangeline.

While the first act of "Evangeline" was being produced at the Opera House on Saturday night, Constable Smith armed with a foreign attachment levied on the property of the company.

During the second act the fact became known to the troupe and some of the actors refused to go on with their parts until their pay was forthcoming.

During the third act the ladies of the troupe flocked around Smith like angels and begged him not to seize their personal effects.

As the attachment was only for $50 and as there were several times that amount of property, Mr. Smith told the ladies that he would be kind to them.

As the managers paid the bill everything ended satisfactorily.

Wants Information.

It is now reported that Charles H. Vary, who was reported dead having died in the South is thought to be in the land of the living. His wife who is now residing in Pennsylvania, and who has property in our city, wants to dispose of it, but apparently is not satisfied that her husband has shuffled off the mortal coil. We received word at this office that he had died and it was so published in the REPUBLICAN at that time. We know nothing more about him, and believed the telegram was genuine, and Mr. Vary laid away to rest, to sleep until the final judgement day.

Run Away.

During a runaway last [illegible] on Green Hill Avenue, Ernest B [illegible]Nair was thrown from his carriage and had his ankle badly sprained. The buggy was broken to pieces.

A LEGAL BATTLE

Mrs. Ewing's Damage Case Has Few Precedents.

NON-SUIT OUT OF THE FIGHT.

This is What the Counsel for the City Had Expected, But the Court Says No.

The Ewing damage suit has developed into a bitter legal contest which has been unequalled in Superior Court for many years. Ever since the case was opened the defence has been attempting to non-suit the action of the plaintiff and that attempt culminated this morning disastrously to City Solicitor Harman, ex-City Solicitor George A. Elliott and Horace Greeley Knowles, when the former made his final assail against the defendant's amended narr, filed since Friday, and asked for additional time, contending the allegation that the city had wilfully and knowingly allowed the gutter plate on Ninth street between Orange and Shipley streets to remain in a dangerous condition previous to October 18, 1894, the date of the accident on which the action is based, was a new issue in the case and one which they were not prepared to meet. Therefore they asked that the case be continued until the next term in order that they might meet the allegation in the amended narr and the costs already incurred be paid by the plaintiff.

William S. Hilles had been engaged by Lilburne Chandler since Friday and he entered into a vigorous argument against any such action. His examination of the original proceedings had disclosed that the defence had been notified that they were to meet a question of negligence, therefore he could not see where the issue had been changed. He admitted that in proper pleadings a special narr embracing the allegation should have been set out, but because it had not was not a sufficient ground to continue the case. True, it was a technicality, but not such a one as the defence hoped would necessitate a continuance. Other arguments were strongly presented and backed up ably by authorities and finally the court ordered the case to proceed. This was the strongest point which the defence had prepared in its fight for a non-suit and it having failed, counsel resorted to another move. It was the presensation of an affidavit for a rule on the plaintiffs for security for cost, they claiming Mr. and Mrs. Ewing to be non-residents.

This point was also ably met by Mr. Hilles. He contended that the plaintiffs were not non-residents, and even if they were the defendants' motion came too late. It should have been presented before the hearing was gone into, therefore the right had been waived. The court sided with Mr. Hilles and the motion again fell.

This was all the defence offered. The court saw that it was the object of the defence to non-suit the cause and as sort of a time-saving suggestion to the city's counsel informed them that the case could not be non-suited and ordered the examination of Dr. James H. Morgan, who had appeared as an X-ray specialist in the case, resumed,.

HUMAN BONES IN COURT.

After the doctor had been on the stand a minute he produced the skeleton of a human leg from the knee down. Mr. Harmon had a second limb in his possession. By them both the doctor illustrated what the X-ray photograph of Mrs. Ewing's ankle disclosed. Mr. Harmen first delved into the pathological and hygenical features of the examination, then turned his questions to the actual condition of the limb as shown by the negative. The doctor explained the injury due to oscitis, which was a disease of the bone, and with the skeleton illustrated which bones had become dead in Mrs. Ewing's foot. The remainder of the direct and cross-examinations was somewhat lengthy, but when narrowed down only bore on the cause of oscitis and its effect. The doctor proved a valuable witness to the plaintiff's case.

HALL SAYS IT WAS DANGEROUS.

Then William J. Hall was recalled. He is the witness who was under examination last Friday and whose examination resulted in the amending of the narr which has been referred to. The question put to Mr. Hall on Friday was regarding the condition of the gutter previous to the date of the accident. It will be remembered that the witness was not allowed to answer, but as the pleadings in the case had been so amended to admit the testimony, Mr. Chandler had the stenographer repeat the question to part of the defence, they having been ruled against in the matter by the court, and the witness answered that the gutter-plate was in a dangerous condition. This was accepted as the most valuable testimony yet presented in the case. Were it not the city would not have made such a strong fight against the admissability of testimony regarding the condition of the gutter plate previous to the night Mrs. Ewing received her injury. The witness had used the street as often as twice a day, and upon one occasion stepped into the place and had the heel torn off his boot. One of the plates was broken near the centre of the pavement and the space was widened by a separation of the plates.

On cross-examination Mr. Hall told Mr. Knowles that the plate was in the same condition to-day that it was previous to Mrs. Ewing's injury. He could not say that it was separated at present. He had frequently noticed the space between the ends of the plates and had pushed the plates together.

PLATE WAS BROKEN.

Franklin J. Taylor lived at No. 103 West Ninth street during 1893 and '94, and was familiar with the gutter. He passed it frequently and the condition then as compared with that of to-day was the same excepting that the bricks about it are now raised. Mr. Elliott thought Mr. Hilles should confine his questions to the condition of the gutter previous to the date of Mrs. Ewing's accident, and Mr. Hilles modified his question without the court's order. Then the witness said the plates were separated. The one nearest the curb was broken, and as the plates were not fastened, stepping on them naturally separated them. He had seen people trip in the hole and had pushed the plates together several times.

While the cross-examination was under way Mr. Hilles told Mr. Knowles that he had stumbled because of the hole. He was positive that the spot was defective in October, 1894, but could not say that the plates were open.

James A. Saunders, who has lived at No. 113 West Ninth street for the past five years, testified that the gutter plates had been broken for a long time. The gutter is between his property and that of Deputy Coroner James T. Chandler. It appears that since the accident the pavement has been repaired, but the plates have never been replaced. He differed from the previous witness as to where the break in the plate was by saying it was near the curb and not in the centre of the pavement. The witness had not seen any one caught in the hole.

James T. Chandler proved a poor witness for the plaintiff and the questions asked him were few. He considered the gutter passable previous to the date of the accident. He had never seen any one step into any hole. Mr. Chandler told Mr. Knowles one of the plates was broken, but it was near the curb. Mr. Hilles wanted to know if the plate could not have been turned, but Mr. Knowles objected, holding that the question was one for argument. The question was withdrawn by Mr. Hilles before the court could pass upon the objection.

Philemma Chandler during June and October, 1894, had seen the broken gutter plates and the hole between them. The condition of the pavement had since been improved, but the plates to-day were the same.

Mr. Chandler was under examination when court adjourned.

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The Borough Council of Kennett Square has donated the dog tax of the town to the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library.