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Santa Claus Headquarters.

Nowhere Else Will You Find Such a Variety for Santa Claus. Nowhere Else Will Holiday Shopping be so Easy or Satisfactory as Here.

DOLLS. The Doll question received extra attention this year. Our stock is larger and better than ever before.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Nothing better for a Xmas Gift than a good piece of Fur. Our stock is all new and specially selected for Holiday Business.

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BIG BASEMENT SHOWING OF HOLIDAY GOODS. Our Basement Is Filled as Never Before With Attractive and Useful Santa Claus Goods.

JAPANESE GOODS. HAND PAINTED CHINA. CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS. Cut Glass, Decorated China, Shaving Sets, Toilet Cases, Ink Wells, Glassware, Lamps, Pictures, Silverware, Mirrors, Albums, Vases, Useful Toys, Fancy Clocks, Work Baskets, Child's Tea Sets, Fancy Xmas Cups and Saucers, Work and Fancy Boxes.

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Lots of Choice Presents Left at HALF PRICE.

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PALACE MARKET CO., HIRAM A. GRANT, PROP.

WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND INVITE YOU TO COME AND SEE US IN OUR NEW STORE AT THE ORANGEMEN'S HALL BLOCK, EAST CENTER STREET, NEAR MAIN.

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ORANGEMEN'S BAZAR.

CLOSED IN A BLAZE OF GLORY AND ENTHUSIASM LAST TUESDAY EVENING.

Interest Kept Up to the Finish—Large Crowds Packed the Hall Utmost Capacity Each Evening—Social and Financial Success—Good Work of Committees and Excellent Support of Public.

The Orangemen's big bazar closed in a blaze of glory last Tuesday evening and the interest was maintained in excellent form to the finish.

Pleasing entertainments had been provided throughout, a considerable portion of it being furnished by Johnson Brothers, who gave their musical performance, and supplied enjoyable specialties on several of the evenings.

Their work was highly pleasing to the committee, who have nothing but some plaudits to pay them for the gentlemanly and honorable manner in which they did their work and performed every obligation made.

The entertainment on Saturday evening was furnished by local talent, when professor Baxter's Great Invention was the attraction. This was nicely carried out and afforded plenty of amusement for the large audience present.

Every evening of the bazar the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity.

The ladies in charge of the respective booths stuck faithfully to their posts and rendered loyal service to the cause which was dear to their hearts, and for which no sacrifice of time, labor and attention seemed to be too great for them to undertake.

Although at this writing the exact results of their work cannot be ascertained, it is reasonably certain that a goodly sum was netted and the first step toward the success of the cause was certainly won in a social sense.

The principal feature of the closing evening was the distribution of awards, and although it was very close, the hosts of Christmas shopping, the number of the lodge were present in large numbers, and remained until the finish.

Everything the lodge had in the way of fancy work and gifts of various kinds was disposed of.

James R. Veitch was auctioneer, and proved to be a fine success in the work. He secured excellent prices for the articles which were left for the auction.

Those present manifested an excellent spirit in their determination to help make the bazar a fine success, and did not hesitate to bid goodly sums for high bargains. They did not stop to reckon the cost. The knew that they were contributing to the cause for which all had been laboring so zealously, and a general and friendly rivalry was maintained throughout.

The season ticket showed the following favorites of fortune: Mildred Seaman, No. 2111, \$20; Carl Hannon, No. 1017, \$10; Josephine John, No. 3184, heating stove; Alexander Ferguson, No. 3108, cuckoo clock; Henry Trotter, No. 1255, \$10; Mrs. James McKenna, Talcottville, No. 102, gasoline stove; W. Cheney, No. 2589, barrel saw; William Weir, No. 2634, cord of wood; James Greenaway, No. 1054, coffee grinder; Harry Hamilton, No. 208, shaven rifle with walnut case; Miss Connelly, Chestnut street, Kearney, No. 776, box of cigars; T. Venner, Stoughton, No. 3496, hanging lamp; William R. Lisk, Smiths, Mass., No. 2085, toilet set; William E. Foley, No. 219, \$10 cash; E. Brooks, Rockville, No. 245, porcelain tea set; William J. Smith, No. 2138, rocking chair; C. Milligan, Everett, Mass., No. 2893, parlor clock; W. Cheney, No. 2590, gentleman's umbrella; J. Sheldon, No. 1908, set of carpenter's tools; Annie Casella, No. 2450, \$5 cash; J. Carson, Stoughton, No. 2428, may table; Henderson Chambers, No. 8025, pants pattern; Mrs. Robert Smith, No. 272, pair of shoes; Artimese Jolly, No. 3076, annual subscription to the South Manchester News.

Special awards were made as follows: Mrs. Travis, No. 145, two canaries; Mary L. Irwin, No. 115, doll; Beverly Wright, No. 96, silk quilt; Lizzie Chambers, No. 188, silk umbrella;—Middell, Harrison street, Hartford, No. 96, pair of opera glasses; Amanda Johnson, No. 28, crown sofa pillow; John Conlon, No. 54, pair of silk gloves; Daisy Heron, No. 44, counterpane; Lizzie Trotter, No. 25, velvet quilt; Mrs. William Bixley, No. 97, Mirror; Howard Tedford, No. 197, fancy whittled work; Emma L. Bradant, No. 30, golden church.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

In Spite of Stormy Weather Large Number of Persons Attended.

The annual Christmas tree celebration and entertainment by pupils of the St. James Sunday school took place last Sunday evening, and in spite of the fact that the rain descended in torrents, there was a large and enthusiastic audience present which filled the St. James chapel.

The musical and literary exercises were conducted under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Keating, who presided at the organ and played the accompaniments.

The program as published in these columns last week was carried out in a creditable manner, and the young people acquitted themselves nicely.

That they had plenty of training was clearly apparent, and that they made good use of the instructions given was a pleasing feature of the work.

This was particularly gratifying to those who had charge of the preparation, as well as to those who were the pupils and to their relatives and friends. Songs recitations, readings, dialogues, etc. made up the musical and literary part of the program.

Those who excelled in their Sunday school work during the year were rewarded by Father McGurk, who gave all such suitable presents.

He announced that in making selections of those who led their respective classes, such difficulty was found because of the general excellence of the classes as a whole, and the attendant difficulty in determining to whom the distinction should fall.

In several instances lots had to be drawn before a decision could be reached.

Father McGurk made a present of a prayer book to each pupil of the Sunday school.

Paul Keating represented Santa Claus, who came down the chimney, greeted the children, sang them a song, and proceeded to give presents of candy to the children, and to all the children of the Sunday school.

The entertainment was a fine success in every manner and was greatly enjoyed by all.

It was quite pleasing to note the fact that although the elements conspired to make traveling uncomfortable, people braved the weather and came forth, thus manifesting their interest and zeal in the good work which the Sunday school and church are doing, and giving encouragement and good cheer to those who are daily making sacrifice in order that the young may be properly trained in their religious duties and obligations.

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BOSTON SHOE STORE, Park Building, F. HESEY WILSON CO., So. Manchester.

Dressmaking

As the season for millinery work has closed we can now give our entire attention to dressmaking and therefore are in a position to execute all such orders with promptness and dispatch. We will be pleased to serve you in this line.

MRS. MOLLIE RICHARDSON-FERRIS, Ferris Block, Oak St., Near Cor. Main.

MADE CLOTHING.

If you haven't purchased your winter suit or overcoat yet, drop in and let me talk the matter over with you. I can furnish you a good custom suit or overcoat from \$10 up with all the latest fashions for this season's wear and of good workmanship—something you cannot find in ready made clothing.

Isaiah Symington, Merchant Tailor, Park Building, So. Manchester.

15 DAYS' SALE

Beginning January 1st, we inaugurate a Big Cut Price Sale, lasting 15 days, previous to inventory. Particulars will appear in these columns next week.

Watch for our next Advertisement in "The News."

We will offer some attractive prices.

We wish to thank our patrons for the very generous Christmas trade which we received. It assayed our most sanguine expectations and as in excess of any Christmas business we ever had.

SADLER'S CASH STORE, 44 Pine Street, Heidecker Block, So. Manchester.

Pretty Hats. As the end of the Millinery Season is approaching we are selling very pretty trimmed hats at unusually low prices. You can afford to make a present of one. Ladies' collars in attractive designs, 25c. Dressmaking orders carefully and correctly executed.

MRS. MOLLIE RICHARDSON-FERRIS, Ferris Block, Oak St., Near Cor. Main.

CHRISTMAS HOLLY

WE HAVE IT--BUT YOU CAN'T EAT IT.

We have good things to eat though. Our special for Saturday, December 20th will be:

Fresh Pork 12c per lb.

You can have it in Roasts or Chops and as much as you want. We shall have 1000 LBS. and it will be the sweetest and tenderest pork that you have bought this winter. Don't wait until it is all gone, but give us your order early and avoid disappointment.

Table with columns: MEATS, Fresh VEGETABLES and FRUITS, CHRISTMAS POULTRY, GROCERIES. Lists various items and prices.

The Palace Market Company, HIRAM A. GRANT, PROP. Telephone 14-12. Orangemen's Hall Block.

A FEW HINTS

Have you tried Presto? Turn in your checks? They are worth 5 cents for every package.

Cornola is as good as ever. Try it.

We have the Old Fashioned Pure Buckwheat direct from the farmer.

Pure Pride of Vermont Maple Syrup in quart bottles at 25 cts. a bottle.

GEORGE HOWE, THE CATERER.

Closing Out.

We have a few pairs of Warm Slippers for ladies and misses that are closing out at attractive prices. Also some odds and ends left over from the Christmas goods. It will pay you to call and see about these items.

J. M. BURKE, 115 Spruce St. Telephone 14-2

10 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

We have a few desirable Suit Cases, Silk Umbrellas, Mufflers and Ties left that we will sell at the above discount for a few days.

C. E. HOUSE, HEAD TO FOOT CLOTHIER.

Over 6,000 Graduates of The Huntsinger College. have USED both their BRAINS and their PENS, which have brought them Fine Salaries and Responsible Situations. SERIOUSLY CONSIDER for three minutes your present education for business, and picture for yourself, if you can, just fifteen years of your life to come, and then decide what is best to do.

E. M. HUNT/SINGER, 300 Layton St., near Main, Hartford, Conn. Placed 1116 graduates in situations in 73 and one-half months.

SCANDAL IN SAXONY

Crown Princess Elopes to Geneva With a French Tutor.

Flight of Princess the Celebration of a Disengagement of Long Standing Between Herself and Her Betrothed.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 25.—The recent flight of Crown Princess Louise of Saxony from her royal home and her arrival in Geneva with Professor Gluck, the French tutor of her children, are the all absorbing topics of conversation in Saxony.

The flight of the princess, which was unexpected, is but the culmination of a disagreement of long standing between her husband, the crown prince, and herself.

Adding to the sensation caused by her escape is the fact that her brother, the Archduke Leopold Ferdinand,



CROWN PRINCESS LOUISE.

is with her at Geneva and has announced his intention of relinquishing his rank and title and assuming a Venetian actress, also in Geneva at the present time.

The princess wrote to her mother at the end of November that it was her purpose to leave the crown prince and give up the prospect of the queenhood, which instead of being attractive, the princess frequently said, was detestable to her.

She formally told members of her entourage that she was going to visit her parents at Salzburg.

The letter of the princess to her mother would not reach the queen until the day after her departure from Dresden. She implied her determination to make the best of an unpleasant situation for the sake of her children and see as little of the crown prince as possible.

It appears that when the crown prince returned recently to Dresden after his hunting accident in the Tyrol he discovered several of his attendants exchanged between the princess and the French tutor, whose former relations with her had created a scandalous situation in the tutor's expulsion from Saxony.

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TALKING ACROSS THE SEA.

London Has Been Communicating With Moscow For a Week.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The representatives of the Marconi company say they have been receiving instantaneous messages to King Edward and others sent Sunday came through without a hitch and generally instantaneously.

It is estimated that the company will be able to handle 1,000 words per hour. So soon as it is able to get the postoffice authorities to connect Poldia with the inland telegraph the company will commence regular commercial business between Cornwall and Nova Scotia.

According to a dispatch from Glace Bay, Sunday's successful experiment took place in the presence of the members of Marconi's staff and a few privileged guests who had been summoned by telegraph.

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MATOS UNYIELDING.

Castro's Situation is Now Deemed Doubly Perilous.

REBELS PLAN TO CAPTURE CARACAS

Government Resources at an End, and It is Thought Unlikely That the President Can Cope With the Situation.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Dec. 25 by boat from La Guayra.—The revolutionists, strengthened by the impossibility of the government suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country and by the fact that it has no longer any fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's proposition that they turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela.

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notice Events of the Week Briefly and Concisely.

It is now nearly 60 degrees below zero at Dawson City. A great snowstorm swept Turkey, accompanied by severe cold.

The freight handlers' strike at New Orleans has been declared off. The strike at the First National bank building of Columbus, Mich., Cornell university has been presented with a life size bust of Ezra Cornell, its founder.

A wreck on the P. R. R. near Fort Hill, Pa., resulted in the serious injury of two men. Daisy Carleton has been acquitted of the murder of Mrs. Joseph Leslie at Bloomington, Ill.

Wednesday, Dec. 24. Houston, Tex., was fire swept. Loss, \$125,000. Admiral Dewey is at San Juan, Porto Rico, to spend Christmas. Eight were hurt, two probably fatally, in a small fire in Cincinnati. Moroccan imperial troops were defeated at the battle of the Beni Mellal. The death list in the Arabian (Arabian) earthquake is said to exceed 4,000.

Friday, Dec. 25. A landslide wrecked the Green Mountain road on the Boston and Maine road near Keene, N. H. A fire in Bradford, Pa., destroyed the bank of the town. One man was killed. American claims growing out of the Boxer atrocities amounting to \$1,000,000,000, were paid to King Edward.

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ABOUT MRS. TINGLEY

Former Member Tells of Lost Mysterious Society.

INITIATION CEREMONY DESCRIBED.

Treatment of Children at Point de Loma Home-Little Tot's Stated In Sublimation-Freemasonry of Dog "Spot."

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 24.—In the Tingley Times set the deposition of Dr. J. A. Anderson of San Francisco, once a member of the Tingley cabinet, was finished. Anderson described his initiation into the Society of Lost Mysterious Society.

Two hymns were beautifully sung by a quartet. General Horatio C. King, who was a lifelong friend and associate of Byron, were coming true.

The reading of the burial service, a short prayer and a benediction concluded the ceremony. The ceremony was held in a chapelless mass upon the earth, men would have stilled their hearts and said, God will it. His body was laid in a coffin and was buried in the cemetery.

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Survivors of Wrecked Schooners Tell of Terrible Sufferings.

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Calendar table for December 1902, showing days of the week and dates.

THE DYING YEAR'S BEQUEST.

(Written for The News.) The old year lay on his dying bed. And trembled like a leaf. He moaned and shook his hoary head. For his soul was full of grief.

The new year knelt beside him there; A simple child was he. He smoothed his old sire's snow white hair.

And wept for sympathy. In tones embodied, the old year spoke. His voice was faint and low. "My child, this year and lattered cloak On thee I now bestow."

"Thy blood is young and warm as yet, Be then with life and joy. This week old age, with cold beset, That thou behold in me."

"And, mark ye, when that time is nigh; This cloak contains a lot. Of five per cent gold bonds; 'twill buy A half a ton of coal."

WELL DONE O'GRADY!

It may be of interest to the general public to know that during the high prices which prevail for fuel generally, it is at least one man who has succeeded in getting his furnace to burn with fire wood at prices prevailing before the advance occurred.

We refer to William O'Grady, the well known wood dealer on Spruce street. Mr. O'Grady had a considerable amount of wood on hand before the prices began to soar, and as he had secured that ordinary price, he made a monopoly of his stock. Therefore we repeat Well Done O'Grady!

COFFETTES CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

N. Tiffney, our popular local jeweler, is displaying facsimiles of the original design set presented by Marshall L. Fayette, to Martha Washington. He has the sole agency for this pretty gift in this town. Samples of some can be seen in his window. The principal features of the design are a central sub-stair in gold on a dark blue background, in the center of which appears a figure of a woman in a white dress. The border is decorated with links of deep blue and gold, which appear to be the design of the states which comprised the Union at that period. It is an interesting historical souvenir and doubtless will be in active demand.

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GEORGE W. SMITH, Shoes, Clothing, Hats and Men's Furnishings.

HEATING SCHOOL. Ninth District Now Prepared. School Officers Warrant. Foresters of America. New Court Instituted—Starts With Stantial List of Members.

Workers have finished overhauling the heating apparatus at the Ninth District school. A new boiler has been added since the morning recently when the kitchen-gas was dismissed because the building could not be sufficiently heated.

There are now three new Smith safety boilers in the building. They replace the Mercer boilers of small capacity, and the school is now equipped for any kind of weather.

Soft coal is burned with satisfactory results. The day on which the school was dismissed on account of cold was on Monday, and as there was no school the two previous days the building had been allowed to become cold. This is not likely to occur again.

School in the Ninth District will reopen next morning, when it is hoped that the children will have recovered from the effects of eating Christmas turkey, Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, Christmas pies, and Christmas nuts, and the many other extras that go to make up the Christmas feast bonanza.

OFFICERS ELECTED. A. O. U. W. At the annual meeting of Orford Lodge, No. 25, Ancient Order of United Workmen held in Cheney hall last Monday evening, choice was made of the following officers for the year ending:

Change of Positions of Members When Fighting Fires. Several changes have been made in the posts of the firemen of the Orford Hose company No. 3, and until otherwise ordered the assignments will be: Nozlesman, Daniel Haggerty; Edward T. Ferris; George Joyce; Patrick Calhoun; Maurice Ferris and F. W. Miller; company No. 1, W. George and Philip Johnson; James P. Ferris; Oliver S. Toop and William B. Foley; laddermen, Thomas Trotter and Henry Puntke; hydraulic men, J. W. Hale and J. J. Joyce; teamster, Henry Black; patrolmen, E. Martin Ogden, E. S. Ellis and George W. Finlay; reserve non-commissioned, Peter Carl; fire hose, F. T. Blah, Dr. W. S. Gilliam and C. E. Howe.

A DELIGHTFUL CONCERT. The Western Star Jubilee Singers, who appeared in Odd Fellows hall under the auspices of Taber Chapter Epworth League last Saturday evening, gave a delightful concert which was heartily enjoyed and enthusiastically endorsed by those who attended. The entertainment given was certainly worthy of a full house, and it seemed too bad that the performers did not have their pleasure. Christmas shopping and other attractions militated against them.

DIED IN NORTH CAROLINA. S. C. Ritter of Goldsboro, N. C. died there of pneumonia December 10th. He was 38 years of age, was a single man and formerly resided here. He then worked for E. Snow, teaming. Latterly he has been employed in North Carolina by the Bell Telephone company. He was brother to Mrs. Herbert J. Joyce, who moved south long since from Gardner street place to Marlborough, her native town, where she now resides.

Dr. T. C. Tiffany of Mechanicville, N. Y. is helping his father, C. Tiffany, our well known jeweler, through the holidays. Dr. Tiffany has been practicing dentistry in Mechanicville for several years past, but has sold out his business there.

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PAPERMAKERS' BALL.

Will Dance the Old Year Out and the New Year In. The second annual ball of Oak Lodge No. 46, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers and United Unions, will be held in Apal's opera house on New York street, on Saturday evening, Dec. 27.

WOODMEN OF AMERICA.

Annual Meeting Held and Officers Chosen for Ensuing Year. The annual meeting of Camp South Manchester of the Modern Woodmen was held Friday evening in Masonic hall. Officers were elected and a committee was appointed to arrange for the annual banquet of the Woodmen at the installation the first meeting in January.

LIQUOR LICENSE.

Robert Watts Withdraws Case on Appeal to Superior Court. Robert Watts, proprietor of the New England hotel at North Notch, will be unable to get a license to sell for another year.

MASONIC OFFICERS.

Installation Last Tuesday Evening at Manchester Lodge, No. 73. F. and A. M. held an important meeting in their hall at the Center last Tuesday evening at which the following officers for the ensuing year were installed by Past Grand Master John D. Henderson of Burnside, assisted by Grand Secretary Stewart Frederick A. Verplank of this place.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH.

Rev. W. F. Albrecht, principal of the Pentecostal College Institute of North Carolina, E. L. will preach here on Sunday evening, Dec. 28, at the Pentecostal church. He will also give a description of the Institute and of the work of the Pentecostal church in general.

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Y. M. L. & S. C.

Reception Held in Ferris Black Last Night—Evening—Ladies Were Guests.

The Young Men's Literary and Social Club of the South Methodist church held a delightful reception in the Ferris hall last Monday evening, at which the young ladies of the Gnostic club were their guests. The hall was showily and profusely decorated in red, white and blue bunting, streamers, and American flags. Crislike and ping-pong were among the amusements. Light refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was had. There were about sixty persons present, and all entered into the merry making of the occasion.

BETTER BRIDGES.

Selection Will Replace Dilapidated Wooden Structures with Stone Arched Bridges. The matter of bridges is now receiving the attention of the selectmen. They have already concluded to build an arch bridge over the brook on Main street below the old Cheney block. It will be built of red sandstone and will be gracefully arched. The contract has not been let as yet, but probably will in a few days.

FURNITURE FOR TOWN HALL.

Will Have Furniture for Public Use Without Borrowing, as Heretofore. The selectmen have given an order to have tables made for use at the Town hall. Each will be eight feet long and three feet wide, and will have the words "Town hall" painted on it. The tables will be used as sappers in the hall and also for the use of the selectmen. The order was given to the selectmen by the board of selectmen.

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ORANGEMEN'S BAZAR.

(Continued from Page 1.) votes were cast for Archibald McCallion, William Mason, John Chambers and Thomas Best. The prizes awarded to the most popular Orangemen were a handsome pillow with the name and number of the lodge embroidered thereon, and a handsome silk umbrella.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

New Boxes All in—Successful Tests of Apparatus Made—Directions. The new fire alarm system of the South Manchester fire department was tested last Saturday morning under the direction of Chief O. J. Atwood and George Foreman L. N. Hoebner. The test was for the purpose of finding out if the new boxes which were recently put in were in good working order.

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Will Dance the Old Year Out and the New Year In. The second annual ball of Oak Lodge No. 46, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers and United Unions, will be held in Apal's opera house on New York street, on Saturday evening, Dec. 27.

WOODMEN OF AMERICA.

Annual Meeting Held and Officers Chosen for Ensuing Year. The annual meeting of Camp South Manchester of the Modern Woodmen was held Friday evening in Masonic hall. Officers were elected and a committee was appointed to arrange for the annual banquet of the Woodmen at the installation the first meeting in January.

LIQUOR LICENSE.

Robert Watts Withdraws Case on Appeal to Superior Court. Robert Watts, proprietor of the New England hotel at North Notch, will be unable to get a license to sell for another year.

MASONIC OFFICERS.

Installation Last Tuesday Evening at Manchester Lodge, No. 73. F. and A. M. held an important meeting in their hall at the Center last Tuesday evening at which the following officers for the ensuing year were installed by Past Grand Master John D. Henderson of Burnside, assisted by Grand Secretary Stewart Frederick A. Verplank of this place.

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Attractive Display Made For Christmas—Pretty Snow Windows.

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NEAT LITTLE SNAPS.

Enjoyed by Employees of the House of Representatives.

Indiana Their Pay Checks in the Only Work Some Do for Us.

[Special Washington Letter.]

THE organization of the next congress will cause very few changes in the working force of the house of representatives.

Concerning the "soft snaps," the National Civil Service Reform League once made a very interesting report, showing that the places are divided up among the representatives, those of the dominant party receiving practically all of them.

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A Marsh Weed Popularly Designated as "Wire Grass."

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TRAVEL IN MOROCCO.

A Country Full of Strange Sights and Strange People.

Travelers Are Beginning to Invasade the "Fabled Towns" and are Seriously Threatened by France.

[Special Correspondence.]

ALL the semi-barbarous countries which are gradually opening up to European travel, none perhaps, presents more interesting features than Morocco.

The moving figures in July and last September, the bales of grass almost to your shoulders, are different from any other marsh weeds.

The twine begins a wonderful metamorphosis after its first stage. Any one who has ever seen a lion maned, ribboned, or clothed in any kind, may wonder at the almost boundless possibilities of this twine.

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Now For Fruits.

We have some of the celebrated J. W. Roberts' Orange Bend, Florida Oranges, from the Indian River section. There are no better oranges on earth.

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Board of Relief Notice.

The Board of Relief of the Town of Manchester will meet at the Hall of Records in said Town of Manchester on Monday, January 5, 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and by adjournment from time to time at the same place until their statutory duties in relation to the list of 1902 and the abstracts thereof are completed.

All appeals from the doings of the assessors must be made to the said board at its first meeting, or at some adjourned meeting held within twenty one days thereafter.

All applications for exemption from taxation under Section 3821 of the General Statutes of 1888 relating to soldiers and pensioners must be made to the said board on one of their days of meeting within the said time, to be heard and determined pursuant to said Section of the Statutes.

Dated at Manchester this 19th day of December, A. D. 1903. CHARLES BRINFIELD, Board of Relief. HENRY A. SLATER, JOHN F. SUTHERLAND, Board of Relief.

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ORFORD MINSTRELS.

Big Event to Take Place Next Week Thursday in Cheney Hall.

The Orforders are pushing the work of preparation for their big minstrel show, and are rehearsing almost constantly. It is their intention to maintain the reputation they won last year as superior purveyors of popular pastimes. With this object in view they are laboring with a will to present an article in the line of minstrelsy which will be highly pleasing to the public.

Having in mind the generous patronage which was accorded them last year, and being desirous of repeating the financial and social success which they then achieved, their ambition presently is to be found worthy of a continuance of the pleasant relations existing between them and the general public. They intend to make the event memorable in amusement circles, and to have it one of the most pleasing and enjoyable affairs of the kind to come before the people of the town and vicinity this season.

We would again advise persons wishing good seating to apply for same without delay, as they are being taken, and if deferred too long, disappointment is sure to ensue. Every reserved seat will be sold before the curtain rises on the first part next Thursday evening.

MID-SEASON RECEPTION.

Mr. McHale's Pupils Will Appear in Public at Army Opera House.

Many of the young people hereabouts are full of expectancy as to the mid-season reception which dancing master William F. McHale is to give in the Army opera on Wednesday evening, December 31st, New Year's Eve.

Mr. McHale intends to introduce some entirely new features at his reception which are sure to attract a great deal of attention.

It is Mr. McHale's intention to make this reception popular, and therefore he is seeking to it that the general public will find plenty of opportunity for dancing, as well as for witnessing the charming movements of the pupils in the drawing room figures which will be exhibited. Tickets for this event are on sale with a ready sale and there is every likelihood that there will be a large and enthusiastic attendance. The admission fee is 50 cents.

The grand promenade by the class will introduce the following dances: first, march; second, minuet; third, march; fourth, waltz; fifth, march; sixth, three-step; seventh, march; eighth, schottische; ninth, march; tenth, waltz.

The dancing program which will follow will include 17 numbers, and will be open to the general public. Robert B. Duggan will be the band director, and the following will serve as soloists: James Johnson, Thomas Goran, Jr., William Murray, Fred Riley, Albert Bondi and Edith Johnson.

GIFTS FOR TRAMWAYS.

Kindly Remembered at Christmas by Company.

Every married man in the employ of the Hartford, Manchester and Worcester Trolley company received a turkey from the company on Christmas Eve. Every unmarried man received an order on the treasurer for an amount equal to the value of a turkey. The annual custom of the trolley company and is an indication of the good feeling that exists between the company and its employees.

The men are paid good wages, are treated kindly and hold their employees in the highest respect. It is quite pleasant to be able to record the fact that employers and employed have been such pleasant relations to each other as in the case above.

McKINSTRY WILL RETURN.

George P. McKinstry, the photographer, who has been ill for several weeks, expects to be able to resume business shortly after the holidays, and will then take up housekeeping in the Cheney block at the corner of Main and Charter Oak streets, as previously announced in these columns. Mr. McKinstry intended to do so shortly after his marriage, but unfortunately was taken ill while on his honeymoon, and came near dying. He has not been here since. This unexpected interruption will occur on his return here, and he will be pleased to learn that he is almost well, and that he will return within a short time.

GNOSIS CLUB.

The Gnosis Club will elect officers for the coming six months at their next regular meeting, which will occur on Monday evening, January 5th. Meetings of the club are held every two weeks at the residence of members. Their aim is self culture, and their meetings are planned to follow along lines calculated to bring about this result.

CHENEY-BELL.

Charles Cheney of this place was married to Miss Mary Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bell of Lew, Alaska, Santa Barbara county, California, on Tuesday, December 23, 1903. The wedding ceremony was performed in New Bedford, Mass.

Mrs. Wood Hopkins and children are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Hopkins's parents at New Bedford, Mass.

SNOW FOR CHRISTMAS.

Weather Mild However and Not of a Disagreeable Sort.

Christmas morning opened with bare ground, but shortly after eight snow began falling and soon the ground was whited. This lasted for a couple of hours, and then there was a fall of about two hours more. Shortly after noon it resumed operations and continued to fall lightly throughout the day and night.

The weather however was mild, the snow was dry and light, and did not interfere with traveling to any extent. People were going and coming as though the sun shone. On the whole it was quite enjoyable from the standpoint of weather. Everybody was good natured, and that helped matters along greatly.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES.

All Masses Well Attended—Pretty Decorations—Sweet Music.

The three masses at St. James church were well attended on Christmas day, being held with the first at 6 o'clock in the morning. The church was prettily decorated, and the crib at Bethlehem was represented as usual.

The choicest musical program, as published in these columns last week, was well rendered at both the 6 and the 10:30 a. m. masses. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed the last mass.

At 8:30 a. m. Mass the children's choir, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Keating, the organist and director, rendered the music in English. Miss Keating is making in her efforts to cultivate the voices of the children, in order that later they may take their places in the adult choir. There are several solo voices in the children's choir, which will afford suitable training and development, will ornament and strengthen the older body of singers.

FRED RABY HERE.

Fred Raby was permitted to leave the Hartford hospital on Christmas eve, and was welcomed and congratulated by many friends on his happy recovery from a recent dangerous attack of typhoid fever and pneumonia. A complete cure of the sort is not infrequently and the earthly career of most persons who chance to be so attacked. Fred is in great luck to have escaped with his life.

SEELER-BRUNKE.

Emil Seeler and Miss Minnie Mary Brunke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brunke of Hartford road, were married Wednesday afternoon, Christmas eve. The ceremony was performed in the German Lutheran church on Cooper street at 5 o'clock. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents and the occasion tended to make the Christmas season doubly enjoyable.

HIBERNIAN UNION.

Societies Throughout the World Under One Head.

James E. Dolan of Syracuse, N. Y., national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has signed final papers whereby the order throughout the world is brought under one governing board. The ratification of the resolution of the amalgamation of the societies in the United States, Canada, Australia and Ireland comes in the nature of a Christmas gift to the national president of the organization.

WILL LEAVE TODAY.

Lieutenant Sherwood A. Cheney going back to Regiment. Lieutenant Sherwood A. Cheney, son of John S. and Mrs. Cheney, who has been on leave of absence from his post at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, left today to resume his military duties. He was accompanied by his sisters, the Misses Emily and Elizabeth, who will remain with him through the winter and return here in the Spring.

NEW GROCERY STORE.

Henry Madden, the expressman, has opened the store at No. 5 West Center street which was lately operated by Ralph Jones, and intends to carry a full line of first class groceries. He has a team and will deliver orders to any part of the town. Mr. Madden also has a large collection of canary birds for sale, all of which are guaranteed, and his store is headquarters for bird seed, etc.

MARLEY'S GHOST.

Remember that Marley's ghost will appear at Cheney hall this Friday evening. He will be on a personality conducted tour in charge of Clifford D. Cheney, who is to manage the stereopticon at the Christmas entertainment to be given for the Sunday school children of St. Mary's church. Christmas gifts will be distributed to the pupils of the Sunday school. Admission will be free, and all are invited to attend the Christmas entertainment. Mrs. Walter B. Cheney will read Dickens' Christmas Carol.

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SERVICES SATISFACTORY.

Parishioners Want to Retain Rev. Wm. McCreery Jr.

The following notice copied from the Providence Bulletin indicates the fact that Rev. Wm. McCreery Jr., formerly of this place, is meeting with success in his new field at Hills Grove, R. I. Mr. McCreery's many friends here will be pleased to learn the facts mentioned below.

WANT PASTOR RETAINED.

The third quarterly conference meeting of the Methodist Episcopal church was held Monday night. The reports of the departments were read and approved. The report of the Sabbath school, and also of the recording steward of the church trustees shows the condition of the church to be the best and most prosperous that it has been in its history. The conference unanimously requested the Presiding Elder to arrange the reappointment of the present pastor, Rev. William McCreery, Jr., for another year.

Mr. McCreery is a young man, this being his second charge, and while he has not yet been at the church a year, the influence of his pastorate is being strongly felt in the condition of the church, both in the matter of its finances and its social functions. During his administration the attendance at all services has been augmented to an unusual degree, this being especially true of the Sunday school. Mr. McCreery is very popular with the young people, whose attendance at the church is much larger than in previous years.

MOCK TRIAL.

By St. Mary's Temperance Society—Also Irish Minstrel and Other Diversions. A mock trial is to be one of the features of the fair which St. Mary's Temperance society will give in April in the near future. A well-known young lady is to see a popular young man for breach of promise. Home talent only will take part.

A novelty in entertainment to be introduced at the fair will be an Irish minstrel performance under the title, "The Shamrock Minstrel." There will also be a comedy, "The Dutchman and the Trump," and a repetition of "Eunice's Fortune," a three-act farce which has been given here before with success. These mock trials are very entertaining, and are usually known as money makers for their promoters. St. Mary's Temperance society has several years ago in Cheney hall that proved to be the most popular and pleasing social event of the season. A fair will be five evenings beginning January 22, 1904.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The German Lutheran Concordia Gemeinde will give a musical and literary entertainment at the church on the corner of Winter and Garden streets, on Sunday evening, January 11, 1904, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged. The entertainment will be open to the public.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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We will carry a full line of choice meats of all kinds, poultry and fresh fish, vegetables, groceries, etc., and will sell same at very moderate prices.

In making our bow to the public we wish to assure them of prompt, courteous and considerate treatment, and to guarantee that their orders will at all times receive our best attention.

It is our purpose to secure a portion of the public patronage by meriting same.

Trusting that you will give us an opportunity to serve you, and of proving to you our ability to meet your needs in the several lines of goods we carry, we are very respectfully

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MINSTRELS LAST NIGHT.

ORFORD SOCIAL CLUB BLACK FACE ARTISTS GREETED BY CROWD WHICH TOOK MOST EVERY SITTING IN CHENEY HALL.

Lengthy Program Well Rendered—Favorable Cordially Received—Generous Applause by Public—Large Party Well Pleasured with Entertainment Furnished—Encores Given for Almost Every Number.

The minstrel performance given by the Orford Social Club last evening at Cheney hall attracted an audience large enough to fill nearly every sitting on the main floor and in the gallery. The old men appeared with black faces and wore black satin coats and trousers with gold colored trimmings. Diamonds of huge size and dazzling brilliancy were also worn.

Arvid L. Weiman, Clarence Aspinall, Joseph Hainesworth, Ebbie B. Weiman, Arthur Bondi, Daniel J. Sullivan and Edie W. man tackled the tambour.

Robert E. Carney, the banjo player, appeared in full evening dress, and he and the other performers did not resort to burnt cork to hide their blouses. All were attired in black, and all wore white gloves.

The program, as published in these columns, was carried out. The performers were popular and did not do so. As the Cheney hall interludes made such an announcement of a soloist, a ripple of applause resounded throughout the hall.

Encores were demanded for each number in the first part and given. While seated singing in the opening overture, colored electric lights were waved by the performers, the hall to some extent being darkened. It made a very pretty picture.

No-drills and marches were pretty recent, sweet, sentimental songs, as well as rollicking ducky melodies, were capably sung, and numerous jokes and local hits were introduced. The first part lasted over an hour, and was well received.

The boys were under heavy expenses but are aware ahead of the game in a financial sense, and have also maintained their popularity as capable entertainers.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS.

William E. Keith, who was elected registrar of voters at the last town election is presently employed in William Duggan of Pearl street as his deputy. Mr. Duggan will therefore perform the duties of that office during the ensuing year.

L. C. B. A.

The Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association will give their third annual social in Cheney hall next Thursday evening, January 8th, and are planning to have a delightful time. They have been faithfully at work on the details and expect to furnish their many friends with an occasion of real enjoyment.

They always assemble a nice party of young people at their socials and there is no reason apparent why they should not do so on this occasion. Theirs should not be a party of the dancing, and will render the following choice concert numbers while the guests are assembling, beginning at eight o'clock.

March, "Prize Heary, Ellenberg Overture, Linstepf, Keler Bals Intermzzo, La Coquette, W. H. Tyers. There are 15 numbers on the dancing program. Prof. C. Foley will direct the dancing.

The following ladies comprise the reception committee: Mrs. Eleanor McConn, Mrs. Lillian Sweeney, Mrs. Louis McCreedy, Mrs. Queen Courtney and Miss Catherine Burgess.