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Wanted to Die.
Peter McGee, an inmate of Fitch's Home at Noroton, attempted to commit suicide, Sunday morning, by cutting his throat with a razor. The cut was not sufficiently deep, however, and he will probably recover. He is about 51 years of age and has been an inmate of the Home between two and three years. For the past two or three months he has been obliged to remain in the hospital. He has been despondent of late, and seemed to think that he was being persecuted. The attempt to end his life was made immediately after the other old veterans had gone to breakfast.

Grand Tidings.
The grand specific for dyspepsia, liver complaint, rheumatism, costiveness, general debility, etc., is Bacon's Celesty King for the Nerves. This great herbaric stimulant stimulates the digestive organs, regulates the liver and restores the system to vigorous health and energies. Samples free. Large packages 50c and 25c. Sold only by Edward P. Weed, Norwalk, and George C. Stillson, South Norwalk.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mabelle Bartine Wigham to Alfred G. Bohman at the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon, January 5th, at 4 o'clock.

Mother, Have You a Baby?
If so, get from your druggist to-day for 25c a bottle of Dr. Hand's Colic Cure. Every baby often has distressing colic. Dr. Hand's Colic Cure gives immediate relief by removing wind from the stomach and quieting the nerves, giving restful sleep. Mother, think of the worry and anxiety this saves you. If your baby is teething Dr. Hand's Teething Lotion for 25c soothes and relieves all pain. Sold by all druggists.

Rev. Dr. George G. Saxe, a retired Methodist minister and at one time located in Stamford died suddenly at Madison, N. J. on Tuesday. He was a cousin of the poet Saxe.

Mother's Find Nothing Equal to Dr. Hand's Colic Cure
WATERBURY, Conn., 4-3-98.—Hand Medicine Co.—Dear Sirs:—"I am using Dr. Hand's Cough and Croup Medicine and Colic Cure for my children and find nothing to equal them. They work like magic. I would not be without them in my house. The little ones love Dr. Hand's Colic Cure and cry for it; it relieves them almost instantly. Mrs. Frank Smith, 22 Wood St. At all druggists, 25c.

John H. Foley and Miss Lillian Taylor were married recent by Rev. Mr. Hunt of Port Chester, N. Y.

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Ex-champion prize-fighter John L. Sullivan has taken the poor debtor's oath.

How to Cure a Severe Cold.
A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many good recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure.—*The Banner of Liberty*, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by E. P. Weed, Druggist.

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FROM ACROSS THE SEA.
The Most Interesting of One Day's Events In the Old World.

THE STAMBULOFF MURDER.
Officials Seem to Be Shielding the Accused Men—Determination of the Powers to Coerce Turkey—A Call-Torolian's Death Abroad.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 24.—The trial of the assassins of ex-Premier Stambuloff was continued today and is proceeding slowly. Mme. Stambuloff was not present. A newspaper draws attention to the fact that Mme. Stambuloff has her late husband's hands—which were so terribly mutilated by the knives of his murderers that they had to be amputated previous to his death—preserved in the room in which he died. They are crossed like a pair of fencing gloves under a glass case, above which hangs a photograph of the mutilated corpse.

Zacharieff, who was referred to in the letter written by the late M. Stambuloff some three months previous to his death as having informed M. Stawkoft, at the latter's house on March 15, 1895, that Natschewitsch and Tuffektchieff had formed a band of 10 to 15 men who would under any circumstances murder M. Stambuloff, was on the stand today. He denied having made the statement mentioned to M. Stawkoft.

Trying to Shield Prisoners.
The ex-prefect of police deposed that shortly after the revolver was fired, with the alleged object of warning the waiting assassins of the approach of M. Stambuloff, he passed Boni Georgieff, one of the prisoners, a native of the Dolbrutcha and a former servant of the late Major Panitza, who was shot at Sofia for conspiracy against the government in 1890. Georgieff, the ex-prefect added, was driving rapidly in a direction opposite to the scene of the murder.

Later the ex-prefect of police deposed that Naum Tuffektchieff, another of the prisoners and an employee of the building department of the ministry of public works here, was at home at the time of the murder. Tuffektchieff is a brother of Dimitri Tuffektchieff, who died in prison as the result of tortures. It is claimed, inflicted by order of the late M. Stambuloff.

A Mussulman as a French Deputy.
PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Paris newspapers are full of gossip about Dr. Greiner, who has been elected deputy for Pontarlier as a Radical. He is a rigid Mussulman, and he intends to wear the turban and the burruse in the chamber of deputies. His election was due to bad management by the Moderate Republican committee. He is highly educated and a skillful debater. He is a physician, never refuses a consultation, never takes a fee and gives largely to charities. He advocates free marriage and polygamy and practices all the Mussulman rites.

To Coerce the Porte.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—The ambassadors accredited to the porte have received instructions from their respective governments to act in concert in submitting fresh proposals for reforms in the Ottoman empire, and all of the diplomats, including M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador, have agreed to resort to coercive measures if the sultan should be dilatory in enforcing the reforms.

The Steamer Neptune Disabled.
VIGO, Spain, Dec. 24.—The second officer of the steamer Neptune, bound from Newcastle, Dec. 13, for Baltimore, has arrived here and reports that he left the Neptune on Sunday, in latitude 43 degrees north and longitude 14 degrees west, drifting, her propeller having been lost. A tug has gone to the assistance of the disabled vessel.

Earl Russell's House Burned.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The residence of Earl Russell, at Maidenhead, on the Thames, was burned to the ground today. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, as Earl Russell has recently received several menacing letters, some of them threatening him with personal injury and others threatening the burning of his property.

Majestic Met Heavy Gales.
QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 24.—The White Star steamship Majestic, Captain Smith, from New York Dec. 16 for Liverpool, arrived today. She reports having encountered heavy gales in the course of her passage, and on Dec. 19, in latitude 46 north, longitude 47 west, she sighted a large iceberg.

Queen Victoria to Dictate Her Biography.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The St. James Gazette says the queen will personally dictate and revise a biography of her majesty which will appear in 1897. The work will tell the story of the longest reign in the history of England as the queen herself regards it.

France and England.
PARIS, Dec. 24.—Le Figaro today intimates that, owing to the difficulties between France and Great Britain in regard to Egypt and Turkey, the post of Baron de Courcel as French ambassador to the court of St. James may be left vacant for awhile.

A California Educator Dead.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Advices received here from Athens say that Professor George Richardson of San Francisco died in a hospital at the Greek capital of typhoid fever.

The Plague in Bombay.
BOMBAY, Dec. 24.—It is officially stated that the plague is increasing here, and Karachi, the seaport of Sindh, is also declared to be infected.

Georg von Bunsen Dead.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Georg von Bunsen, who was prominent for many years in the German renaissance, is dead.

Trying Alleged Forgers.
TRENTON, Dec. 24.—The trial of George Sands, alias Dr. Clark, and Mrs. Knapp for passing counterfeit silver dollars in Hoboken last summer was resumed in the United States district court today. Owen Owens, a Jersey City stenographer, who took a transcript of the confession made by Mrs. Knapp to United States Secret Service Agent Bagg, gave testimony corroborating that given by Bagg yesterday.

A Big Gas Deal.
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—The Central Ohio Natural Gas and Fuel company has been sold to New York capitalists at 82½ per share. Emerson McMillin made the purchase for them. The capital stock is \$1,900,000. The highest ever paid here before for stock was 77.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1896.

The Ninety and Nine.

No doubt the ninety and nine sheep, lying snugly and comfortably in the warm sheepfold, gave very little thought—if they could give any—to the one poor, forlorn sheep that had forgotten the way and was wandering out alone in the cold and storm. If they had thought of it at all it was, no doubt with a feeling of contempt for its freshness and their own comfort was enhanced, perhaps, by the picturing of its suffering and distress.

The trouble with the Church to-day is largely of the same nature. The ninety and nine are often dead to the outside world of sin, too complacent in their own conjured safety, and too apt to take a pride in contemplating their own shelter and comparing it with the shelterless condition of those who have lost sight of the fold.

In one sense of the word it may be right for them to compare themselves to sheep safe in the care of the good shepherd, but they should, at the same time, make a mental reservation not to assume the silly character of the sheep, but to give some thought to the others who are sinning and lying in their sins. The ninety and nine should not rest content until the last one is found and restored to the safety of the divine law. The Church represented by the ninety and nine, should arouse from its slumber, rise above the dead level of its self-sufficiency, and use all its efforts, unceasingly and to the best effect, to save the lost sheep who are now roaming miserably through the darkness and cold, and over dry and withered pastures.

In this work they should use practical methods and not place too much reliance on creed, theology or church discipline and rule. They must feed the body before they can succor the soul; they must clothe the naked before the spiritual garments can be worn. When a man is hungry and starving

there is no use in telling him how Christ died for him in order that he might have the bread of eternal life. Satisfy his material wants first, and then his mind and soul will both be opened wide to receive the divine truth.

It will not do to talk of the love and mercy of God to a man who is sitting in his fireless room with his sick and starving family about him, their natural protector helpless to afford them any relief. Give him food and shelter and fire and work, so that he can take care of his dependent ones, and you go very far towards making a Christian of him. He will believe in the mercy and love and infinite compassion of God then, because he will see it exemplified through you, whom he knows to be one of the professed children of that God.

You cannot comfort a shelterless and homeless sorrowing man by telling him of Christ alone. You must show him Christ by giving him a shelter, a home and a comforter. Then he will believe Christ, because he sees Christ in your actions, the infinite love diffusing itself through a human and finite agent.

The ninety and nine should no longer rest easy in the consciousness of their own safety. They should not rest content until the hundredth sheep is brought into their company and made as happy as themselves.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

A Clergyman Accused of Embezzling \$2,000 from an Estate.

Rev. Father Burns, of the Catholic church in Milford has been arrested by Deputy Sheriff Mallory on the charge of embezzling \$2,000 from the estate of the late Frank Larkin. He was brought before Justice of Peace, Henry C. Platt, and the case was continued until Monday under bonds of \$2,500, which were furnished.

The arrest was made at the instance of former Judge of Probate A. Heaton Robertson of New Haven. Four years ago Father Burns was appointed as administrator of Father Larkin's estate. Litigation began soon and has since continued. A year ago, owing to dissatisfaction on the part of the heirs, Father Burns was removed and Judge Robertson was named to succeed him.

A pain in the chest is nature's warning that pneumonia is threatened. Dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bind over the seat of pain and another on the back between the shoulders, and prompt relief will follow. Sold by E. P. Weed, Druggist.

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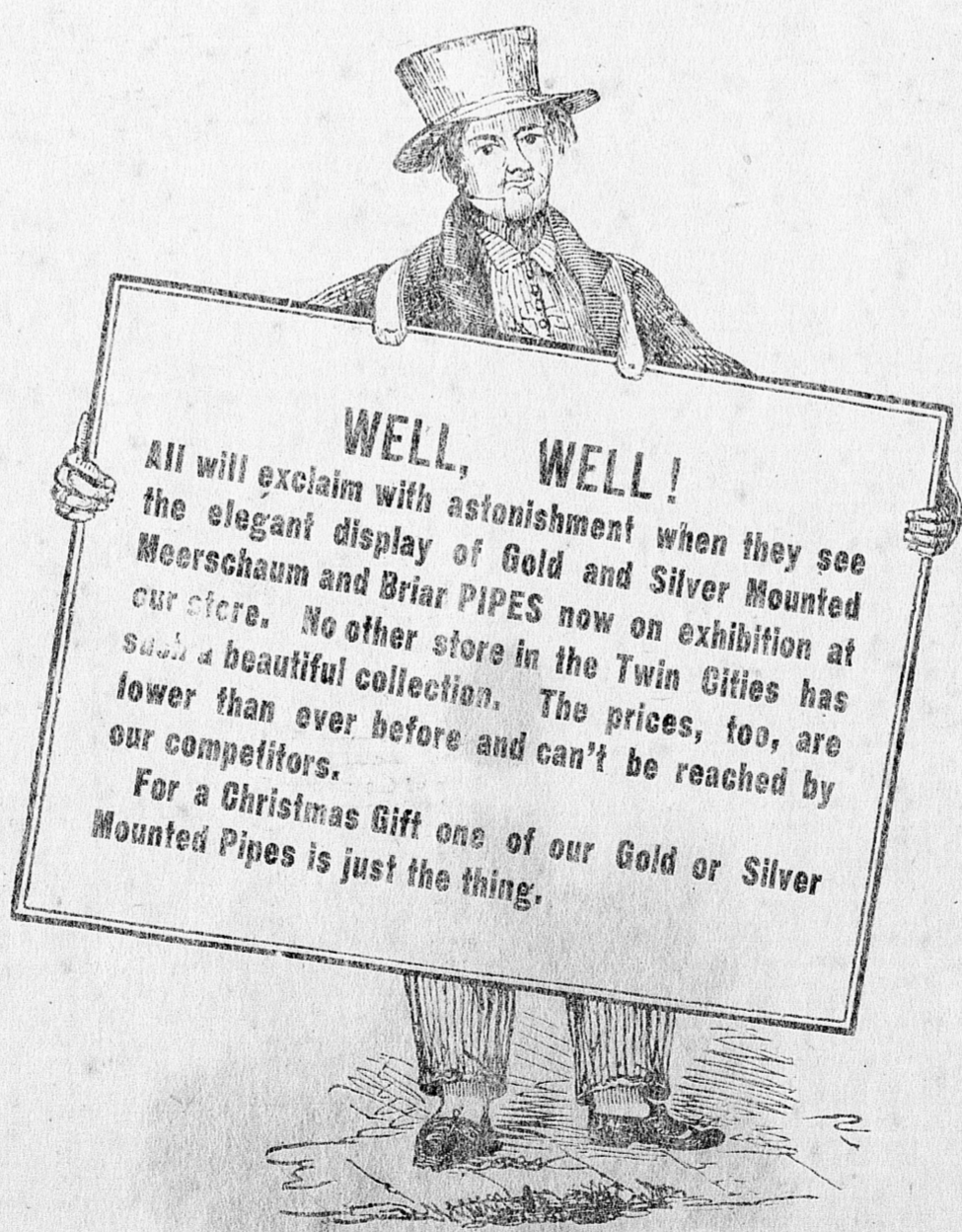
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hysteria. The County commissioners promise that the case will be thoroughly investigated, and should it transpire in the investigation that the Bohms were unduly harsh with the suffering girl, they will be made to pay the full penalty for their inhumanity.

AMUSEMENTS.

Minnie Seward.

The Seward company gave Joseph J. Dowling's comedy drama, "The Belle of Carbine River," to a good house last evening. This afternoon a matinee will be given, and to-night's performance will close their engagement at Hoyt's Theater.

The Cotton King.

William A. Brady's "The Cotton King" will be seen here on Tuesday, December 29, at Hoyt's Theater. It is Mr. Brady's desire to maintain the high standard of excellence he has always adopted, and he wishes to inform his numerous patrons that the present production of this melodrama will not recede in any particular from former presentations.

Sunday at the Churches.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Thomas K. Noble, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morning a Christmas sermon and there will be music of a high order by the choir with piano and organ accompaniment.

GRACE CHURCH.—Rev. S. H. Watkins, rector. Sunday, December 27th, 1896. 8 a. m. Holy Communion. 10:30 a. m. Morning Prayer, and Sermon. 12 m. Sunday School. 7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

NORWALK METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. A. E. Wyatt, rector. Christmas sermon at 10:30 a. m. Theme: "The Babe of Bethlehem." Christmas exercises by the Sunday school at 7:30 p. m.

Additional Here and There.

In the Town Court this morning, in the case of Johnson W. Hill vs. the Calvary Baptist church, Judge Frost overruled the plaintiff's demurrer. It would appear from this ruling that the plaintiff would not have any standing in court other than that he bring his action over again.

The concrete flooring at the Hotel Howard "first floor sleeping room" was carpeted by fifteen "looking for work" Willies, Christmas eve, and Christmas night there was a new carpet of seventeen more.

The Christmas services at St. Paul's, Grace and St. Mary's churches, yesterday were well attended. At the Methodist church last evening the cantata, "Welcome to Santa Claus" was presented to a large and appreciative audience.

There are several cases of diphtheria in Stamford. One of the physicians of that city, says the Advocate, deplors the fact that the health board does not prepare itself for the disease by keeping a supply of anti-toxine.

Ticket No. 3720 drew the bicycle at the South Norwalk Hardware store. Is it in your possession? William S. Smith is in readiness to give in exchange for the ticket a first-class wheel.

Clarence McChesney, a brother of Mrs. Fred Church, of Orchard street, died this morning, aged 39 years. It is but a few weeks since his mother died. The deceased was well and popularly known.

The report of City Health Officer Tracey will be presented at the next meeting of the city council.

The parents of Rev. Father Sheehan tendered a reception to their many friends yesterday.

The yellow card at No. 7 Franklin avenue has been taken down by order of health officer Dr. W. J. Tracey.

The several companies of the fire department will hold their annual meetings Tuesday evening, January 5.

"Sam" Foster spent Christmas in Danbury with friends.

BOYS ENTERTAINED.

The T. G. L. C. Young Ladies Spend a Pleasant Evening.

The members of the Girls Literary Club were delightfully entertained at the Central club house on West avenue last night.

There were eighteen couples present and all enjoyed themselves immensely. Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand C. Batts acted as chaperones and were as charming as their predecessors in helping to make the evening's pleasure a thing long to be remembered and without a doubt they succeed.

Whist was enjoyed during the early part of the evening, and after the intermission Calvin T. Parry at the piano dispensed dance music until after midnight.

The prize winners at the whist tournament were Miss Grace Stommel and Mr. Ward S. Gregory. The prizes were two very pretty gold stickpins.

Among those present were the Misses Alyse Gregory, Vera Wood, Grace Byington, Clara Bette, Jeannette Gregory, Grace Adams, Edith Hunter, Violet Ellis, Grace Stommel, Julia Lockwood, Helen Quintard, Helen Swartz, Emilie Jennings, Eva Ferris, Edith Cousins, Ethel Wilcox, and Alice Cole.

The Messrs: Ward Gregory, Frank Van Buren, Louis Leonard, Samuel Partridge, Fred Ellis, Harry Cousins, A. Dwight Keep, Frank Sherman, William Beers, Willard Comstock, Rutherford Keeler, George E. Cram, Clarence Cram, Fred Carder, Robert Van Buren, Charles C. Swartz, and Homer M. Byington.

A splendid musical programme has been arranged for the Sunday evening services at the Baptist church, to-morrow. A baptismal service will also be celebrated.

The Sherwood family held a reunion in Westport yesterday.

The Faucher shoe factory at New Canaan has shut down for three weeks.

South Norwalk.

Branch Office of GAZETTE No. 12 North Main Street.

Mary Ghitte won the piano raffle at Barker's Thursday night.

Capt. James K. Croft, of Hartford, spent Christmas in town.

Section Foreman, George Beam, is confined to his house by sickness.

Several sleighs were upset under the Washington street railroad bridge yesterday.

Pork Roast 8 lb. Paul Schultz's. Umbrellas and canes, O'Brien's.

Jack Cashow won the meerscham and Thomas Casey the brier pipe, at Barker's last evening.

Ticket No. 3270 drew the bicycle at the South Norwalk Hardware company's store Thursday evening.

Knox Derby at O'Brien's.

Frank Ford was before the Town Court this morning, charged with disturbing the Salvation Army meeting yesterday. His case was continued until Monday.

The old paer Phil W. owned by A. Bach, died of paralysis yesterday morning. He was formerly owned by J. E. Woodhall and John Lycott.

Home made native sausage meat, 10c. lb. Paul Schultz, Jr., No. 5 Railroad Place.

Clarence McChesney died at his home on West avenue at an early hour this morning, aged 29 years.

Albert Hyatt of Strawbury Hill road, won the Benedict & Co. pony, he having guessed nearest his age.

Miss Jessie Sollock, of Elizabeth street, left yesterday to spend Sunday with relatives in Reading.

First class turkeys, 15c lb., at Paul Schultz, Jr., No. 5 Railroad Place.

Miss Edythe Gates and Miss Bertha Adams have gone to the former's home in Hartford to spend Sunday.

Miss Julia Barnham, of Batts Place, East Norwalk, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Charles Knight, in Vernon Center.

Percy, Victor and Irving Ferris have given up business for the day, and gone after rabbits. If they have as good luck as they do at fishing, poor Bunny will be in the pot-pie.

Cape Cod cranberries, 7c qt. Paul Schultz, 5 Railroad Place.

Captain Oliver W. Wood died at his home on Riverside avenue, Thursday afternoon, aged 76 years. The funeral will be held from his late residence to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be at West Norwalk.

Fresh hams 10c lb. Paul Schultz's.

Old Well Lodge will meet at the Lodge room to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, and go in a body to Trinity church and listen to a sermon by Rev. F. W. Norris. All masons are invited to attend.

The Fairfield county association of Union ex-prisoners of war will hold their annual meeting for the election of officers and delegates for the ensuing year, at the rooms of Douglas Fowler post, G. A. R., January 5, at 7:30 p. m. The attendance of all Union ex-prisoners of war is earnestly solicited.

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Sunlight Soap advertisement with decorative border and text: 'Whitens linens easily; Washes faces perfectly; Doesn't shrink flannels; Doesn't hurt the hands; Saves all drudgery; Saves hard work.'

A Lady's Holiday Observations. Did Santa Claus do the right thing by you? How many of us adults discovered, as do the children, that our Christmas dolls were stuffed with sawdust.

Write your notes of thanks to-day. If you do not you will be apt to forget the courtesy due to those who have remembered you. Today the Boston Store girls stop and wonder what they bought for their friends in the midst of the before Christmas rush and bustle.

Second Regiment Leads. Adjutant General Graham has issued orders giving the rating of companies of the National Guard for November, the first month of the drill season. The Second regiment leads with 95 45; the First is 93 97; Third is 92 26; Fourth is 87 70; Brigade Signal corps, 93 06; Machine Gun battery 92 14; Battery A, 73 28; Naval battalion, 83 93; Separate company, New Haven, 85 95.

Recent Deaths. Mrs. Ellen Terry Johnson, wife of Professor Charles F. Johnson of Trinity College, died at Hartford. Benjamin A. Bailey, for years the agent of the Quinceaug company, of Danielson, Conn., died yesterday of pneumonia. He was sixty-nine years old.

Piano Lessons. Mrs. George W. Bradley, daughter of the late Wm. E. Nash, gives efficient and satisfactory instructions on the Piano her home No. 193 Main street.

PRIEST UNDER ARREST

Father Burns Charged With Embezzling \$2,000.

HE WAS AN ADMINISTRATOR

Alleged to Have Taken Money From Father Larkin's Estate Without Sufficient Authority—Priest's Bondsmen Cause His Arrest.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 26.—The Catholics of Connecticut are astonished over the arrest of the Rev. Charles E. Burns, a Catholic priest residing in Milford, on a charge of the embezzlement of \$2,000 from the estate of Father Larkin. It concerns the disposition of \$15,000 made by the Rev. James Larkin of Milford in his will, in which he bequeathed everything he possessed to Father O'Brien of Bridgeport, utterly ignoring brothers and sisters and other heirs in California, Kentucky and Australia.

The estate consisted entirely of money in banks in New Haven, Bridgeport and Milford. There was at once a bitter contest, and Judge Gunn of the probate court of Milford refused to admit the will to probate. An appeal was taken to the superior court in this city, but after some time this was withdrawn, Father O'Brien having consented to receive \$1,500 instead of \$15,000.

Now troubles arose. The executor named by Father Larkin in his will refused to act any longer, and Father Burns was appointed administrator in his stead. He immediately filed an administrator's account with the probate judge. To this the heirs took exception and appealed from a decision allowing these claims.

Probate Refused to Allow Claims.
Among the items in the bill filed by Father Burns was one for \$1,000, which sum he had paid to Father Mayer, the acting priest at Milford, for masses. This he had done without any authority whatsoever. The probate judge refused to allow this claim, and the heirs proceeded to appeal from the following items: One thousand dollars for Father Burns' services as administrator, \$750 for a monument, which, it was claimed, had never been erected, although the money for it had been taken from the bank; \$300 for the St. Francis orphan asylum, which the directors of the asylum have never received.

Father Burns' surties became annoyed and alarmed and petitioned for his removal from the administration on the ground of negligence and erratic proceedings. The court granted the petition and appointed Judge A. Heaton Robertson of this city to replace Father Burns. Father Burns was soon called to account for the various items in his expense bill.

Judge Robertson notified the priest's surties that \$1,300 must be paid back at once and brought suit against Father Burns in the superior court for that amount, alleging misappropriation of the funds of the state. The surties of Father Burns have now caused his arrest, in the hope of clearing themselves. The amount of the alleged embezzlement, which is set down at \$2,000, would very nearly cover everything that is protested against, except the \$1,000 which was actually paid over to Father Mayer for masses.

When Father Burns was arrested, he took the matter coolly, after his first indignation had subsided. The case has been continued until Monday, when it is expected that additional details regarding the case may come to light.

The Steel Workers' Wages.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—Notices were posted in all the mills of the Carnegie Steel company, limited, notifying the workmen that the same wage scale that was paid last year would continue during 1897. The scale affects from 12,000 to 15,000 tonnage men, day men and turn men. The scale now in effect was made in 1895, and on May 14 of that year a voluntary increase of 10 per cent was granted by the company. This scale, with the bonus, was paid during the remainder of the year and throughout 1896 in the face of unfavorable trade conditions. The company in its notice posted says, "The present condition of the iron and steel business does not warrant this continuance of the payment of the bonus, but we hope that in 1897 there will come such improvements as to do so, and with this hope we have been led to continue this payment."

Killed by a Collision.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 26.—William Dougherty was killed and James Nedry, James Stewart and Stephen Neister badly injured in a collision between the engine of the Water Witch fire company and a Baltimore and Ohio train at the Pennsylvania avenue crossing. They were thrown 100 feet and hurled against the side of a building. Dougherty died within an hour. He was returning from a visit to his mother, to whom he had given a Christmas gift, when the alarm struck, and, being a member of another fire company, Dougherty jumped upon the engine.

Ball Player's Fatal Game.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Joseph Manning, an ex-baseball player, who was shot by David Force, also a professional ball player, is dead. The police are looking for Force. Force played in the big leagues of the east, and at various times was a star of the St. Louis Browns, the Cincinnati and Boston. He was a high salaried man. His position was at shortstop, though he filled almost any position on the diamond. He dropped out of the baseball world some years ago, and it is said he has been leading a wild, reckless life. Of Manning, the ball players know little.

Reform Press Association.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—Paul Vandervoort, president of the National Reform Press association, issued a call for the annual meeting of the organization at Memphis Feb. 22, 1897. This organization is composed of Populist papers as an auxiliary to the National Farmers' Alliance. This organization opposed the Bryan fusion in this section, the election and was a very disturbing factor, its president leading the organization to everything but unadulterated Populism.

Sultan Starts Reforms.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times' Constantinople correspondent says, "Sir Edgar Vincent, director of the Ottoman bank, informs me that the sultan is devoting himself to the finances and is ordering important reductions of the military expenditures and a 10 per cent reduction in the civil list."

Rich Bequest to a University.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A Paris dispatch to The Times says that M. Nobel has bequeathed a fortune estimated at \$10,000,000 to the Stockholm university.

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He went to the trap on four successive days, but found that nothing had disturbed it. He skipped the fifth day.

On the sixth day, when he approached the trap from stream, he heard a growling sound and the rustling of leaves. He peered over a rock at the place he had set his trap.

The place had been disturbed somewhat. Every small bush within five yards was torn up by the roots. No trap or beast was in sight. Luke looked about quickly. He could hear the growls, and they sounded uncomfortably close.

On the far side of the rock behind which he was Luke saw the tips of the ears of an animal. Luke sid up of that quickly. He backed away with rifle cocked and made a detour of several rods. Then to his surprise he saw, not one, but two panthers. One of the two had its leg in the trap. The other was beside it, licking down the trapped one's neck tenderly, as an old cat licks a kitten. The wounded one was growling.

Luke shot the untrapped one and then killed the other. He found that the trapped animal was a male, with an ugly face. The other was a sleek-coated female.

Pianos that Catch Cold.

Half the pianos of this country catch winter colds exactly as we do. They get hoarse, or have a cough, or a stiff note, or some similar complaint which requires tedious and expensive doctoring.

In order to prevent these avoidable ailments a piano should be kept in a moderately warm room, where the temperature is even, say 60 or 70 degrees, the year round—not cold one day and hot the next. The instrument should not, however, be too near the source of heat. It should be kept closed, and covered with a felt cloth when not in use, particularly in frosty weather.

Always place the piano against an inside wall, and a little out from it.—From Answers.

Had an Alternative.

Pilley—And because you couldn't find a nickel to pay the fare, did the conductor make you get off and walk?
Jayson—No, he only made me get off. I could have sat on the street if I'd wanted to.—Roxbury Gazette.

She Wears a Dagger.

The up to date young woman is now wearing a dagger. Not for the purpose of stabbing her lover, however, but merely to add to the picturesque ness of her apparel. The dagger is large as ornaments go, and her favorite way to wear it is thrust through the drapery of her gown at the corsage.

When worn with evening gowns the all of the dagger should gleam with precious stones. With these costly daggers the blade is generally of gold and the hilt studded with diamonds and sapphires or diamonds and emeralds.

Daggers for evening wear are also most effective with the hilt entirely covered with fire opals.

Even with her tailor-made gown, the society girl is wearing a dagger. It is then made of beaten steel, in preference to gold or silver, and is a stylist necessary to a military tailor gown.

Bret Harte's Stories.

Bret Harte estimated some years ago that he had written 600 stories, and as he has since continued to be busy with his pen the Boston Herald thinks he must be regarded as the most prolific story-writer of the time. He has written only one long novel, "Gabriele Conroy."

Shocking Ignorance.

"Pa, who was Shylock?"
Paterfamilias (with a look of surprise and horror): "Great goodness, boy, you attend church and Sunday-school every week and don't know who Shylock was? Go and read your Bible, sir."

Testing a Poet.

One morning, some years ago, the eight-year-old son of Professor Royce of Harvard was watering the lawn in front of his father's house at Cambridge when the late James Russell Lowell happened to pass by on his way to Professor Eliot Norton's. Directly he recognized who it was, the boy turned the hose upon the author of the Biglow Papers and drenched him from head to foot. Professor Royce afterwards tackled his son. "I don't see how you could have done it, Theodore!" said he. "What reason was there in doing such a thing?" Theodore looked gravely at his father and said, "There was every reason in the world. I was extremely desirous of knowing how a poet would behave in such circumstances."

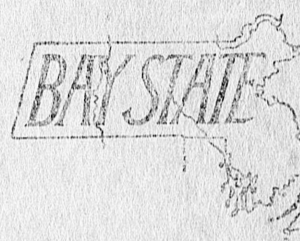
Careful Consideration Fully Appreciated.

George H. Wood invited McCarthy to stop in his house for the night, owing to the fierce storm raging. Shortly after his guest had retired Wood went to the door in answer to a ring at the bell and found McCarthy standing on the doorstep with rain dripping from him. "I went home for my pipe," he explained.—New York Journal.

Poor Henry's Stupidity.

"Yes," said Mrs. Fiveo'clock, "the family are most interesting. John dances divinely, Tom sings like an angel, David is a famous football player, and Susanna paints beautifully and belongs to the reading club."

"And Henry?"
"Oh, Henry! well, he's rather dull, you know. He only works and supports the others."



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