

WINTER'S WARMSIDE COME

Hailed with Joy by Thousands of Merry Skaters in and About the City.

Enlivening Scenes on the Lakes and Ponds in the Parks During the Day and Evening.

THE ICE HAS COME TO STAY.

Weather Forecasters Give Warning of Approaching Rain, but the Blanket of Snow May Afford Protection.

Real Winter weather of the old-fashioned kind was welcomed to this city by all healthy New Yorkers yesterday.

Those who appreciate the pleasures of genuine out-of-door skating and refuse to be lulled by artificial ponds were amply rewarded yesterday for their long wait.

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The ice was nearly five inches thick, and its blanket of snow made it very smooth. It has probably come to stay.

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The snow was caused by the high pressure in the Northwest, this warm area covered the Tennessee and Ohio valleys.

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All Enjoy the Opening of the Skating Season in Central Park.

(Sketches by a Journal staff artist.)

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THE MYSTERY OF A BABY.

Levi Freiburg Was Carrying It When Arrested by Williamsburg Police.

They Say He Acted Strangely and a Doctor Says the Infant Was Seriously Ill.

PRESTON'S RESIGNATION FILED

The Governor Soon to Name the Bank Superintendent's Successor.

FIVE STORIES OF ITS ORIGIN.

Mrs. Freiburg Tells One; Her Husband Told Three to the Police and One to a Magistrate, but the Police Believe None of Them.

Levi Freiburg is fifty-eight years old, a tailor and lived at No. 50 Clinton street, in this city.

How Freiburg got the child and to whom it belongs is still a mystery to the Williamsburg police.

When Freiburg was arrested he was in front of the Houston Street Ferry entrance, at the foot of Grand street, Williamsburg, and appeared to be anxious to get aboard one of the boats.

A fire at six o'clock last evening in the apartment house, The Sutherland, at the southeast corner of Madison avenue and Sixty-third street, caused great excitement for a time among the tenants.

FIRE IN THE SUTHERLAND. A Blaze in the Laundry Started Fifteen Families Last Evening.

At six o'clock last evening in the apartment house, The Sutherland, at the southeast corner of Madison avenue and Sixty-third street, caused great excitement for a time among the tenants.

When the boat left the slip he crossed over to the ladies' cabin, where he sat down. There were two women in the cabin. No attention was paid to him until the cry of an infant was heard.

As they watched Freiburg it was noticed that he pressed the bundle closer to him and got up from his seat and walked through the cabin to the bow of the boat.

After a hard day's work, Freiburg was arrested at the station house.

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PINAR DEL RIO IN REVOLT.

Canary Islanders Shouting for Cuba Libre. Impregnable Bahia Honda Held by the Insurgents.

Advice to the Cuban Junta in this city received early last evening announced that formidable uprisings are taking place at various points in the province of Pinar del Rio.

A mysterious patient suffering from a stroke of apoplexy was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital in an ambulance early on Monday evening from No. 225 West Thirty-seventh street.

The patient is a fine looking man, weighing about 200 pounds, and apparently about sixty years old.

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TRADED JOSIAH FOR \$100.

Mrs. Blanchell Let Miss Harkness Have Her Husband for Money, and He Acquiesced.

Miss Elmira Harkness is a good-looking maid of fifty-eight summers, living at No. 101 East Forty-fourth street, Bayonne, N. J.

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RAN AWAY TO FIRE

Terrible Experience of Four Ored Boys Who Ran Aw from a Reform School.

Thinly Clad, They Spent Two Ni of the Zero Weather With-out Shelter.

FEET, HANDS AND FACES FRO-

They Fled from the School at James N. J., but Were Glad to Be Taken Back After Their Awful Experience.

Red Bank, N. J., Jan. 7.—Four boys escaped from the Reform School at J. burg on Saturday were taken back from here to-day. They were pitiable objects when they left. Their hands and feet were encased in cotton rags, and they carried their shoes over their shoulders.

The boys suffered terrible hardships which they are unable to tell about cause even utterance is painful to them with their frozen faces. They are cold boys whose ages range from sixteen to eighteen. One of them is named Neph and is from Fair Haven, a village here. Another is named Elliott and he comes from Fair Haven. Prince Wilson, the third, is from New Brunswick, and the fourth is named Miller, from Paterson.

Since their admission to the school they have been employed in the school laundry. On Saturday afternoon they finished their work for the week and started to deliver the washing to the different families, necessary in a peculiar reformatory in that there are no walls and great liberty is allowed the inmates. The boys are divided into families over which there is a master preside. Each family has a house of its own. The workshops and schools are used in common.

RESOLVED TO ESCAPE. The lads did not dress very warmly for their trip over the farm, as it would not take long. However, they agreed to make the escape they had long been contemplating. The hour was late, and all of the boys in the institution except themselves were inside. The officers were also inside. They started across the country to make their way to Fair Haven, as it was thought they could get help from the parents of young Neph. They walked until almost daylight on Sunday morning, taking their food and blankets with them. They knew their absence would be noted within an hour and a watch set on all the main lines of travel.

They found some old blankets in the barn and with these made themselves as comfortable as possible. At five o'clock they ventured out and begged some food in a farmhouse. This was their only food from noon on Saturday. They were on their way when they reached Fair Haven. Their first stop had been at Marlboro, and by dusk they were in Fair Haven. They had as best they could toward their destination. All were limping and sore. They tried to make their way to the house of the old Nephans and tried to keep their feet from freezing with other pieces. Sunday morning they were in Fair Haven. They had been in the snow for two days. Although every step and every movement was a torture to each.

They were taken to the reform by running, so that they could warm their feet and their legs were numb. A dozen times Elliott tried to lie down, but was beaten by his companions to save his life.

REACHED SHELTER AT LAST. It was 3 o'clock on Monday morning when the four reached Red Bank. They kept on and in half an hour were at Fair Haven. They roused Mr. Neph, who took them into the house. They were then in a fearful condition. All were covered with frost-bites, ears, noses and faces frozen. A physician was called and did what he could, dressing their frost-bitten parts.

The search for the boys had commenced at the school immediately after their escape. Among the boys was Justice Child, of this place. Mr. Neph on Monday afternoon came here and notified the Justice of the arrival of the four boys at his home. He said he feared they would die. Conveyances were obtained and the four brought here. They were treated by doctors. Mr. Neph, an officer of the school, Mr. Enwright, had almost carried Elliott. The boys were taken to the Fair Haven branch from which place they took a train for Jamesburg.

They excited much comment and pity while in the depot here and on the train. Little of them could be seen except their eyes, so swathed in cotton were they. Each carried a bundle of old clothes. They swathed they would not go into the shoes. One of Elliott's ears swelled up with the cold and then burst. The boys on reaching Fair Haven were so weak that they were unable to walk. The doctors who treated them here say that it is likely that each may be maimed for life. They saw a hand and another portion of his foot.

A MASSACRE OF PRIESTS.

Three American Fathers, Two English and One French Father Murdered by Ecuadorian Soldiers.

Panama, Jan. 1.—News reached here from Quito this afternoon that under the presence of the Catholic clergy were fomenting revolution against President Alfaro, many priests have been arrested and most cruelly treated. On the pretext that they attempted to escape some were shot down.

Father Jose Uguello, a Spanish priest, was taken to the barracks to see a dying soldier. He found when he reached there that there was no dying soldier, but a man who was lying on a stretcher. He thought of the Government, he was thrown into a cell that night, and the next morning before sunrise he was shot. Four other priests are now in prison at Quito, and it is feared they may be shot at any moment. A number of priests fled Quito early in December, trying to make their way into Colombia, whence they intended to go to the United States and Europe. Among them were three Americans, Fathers Gibson, Kelly and Tibbitts; two Englishmen, Fathers Potts and Andrews; and one French Father named Berthier. Nothing was heard of them until a week ago, when one of the priests wrote from Ybarra, which place he reached severely wounded, saying that nearly all his comrades had been killed by Ecuadorian troops before they were able to get out of the country. They had been surprised at night and most of them were killed in their sleep. Among those killed were all the foreigners. The writer of the letter only escaped by a miracle. He fell down a ravine, whence he crawled away, more dead than alive.

COMTE CESTI IN LIMBO.

He is Charged with Having Fleeced Max Lebaduy, the Young Millionaire Who Died Recently.

Paris, Jan. 7.—Comte Cesti has been arrested here on a charge of having obtained by fraud 1,000,000 francs from the late Max Lebaduy, the young millionaire who recently died from typhoid fever contracted while serving his three years' term of conscription in the French army. It transpired since the death of Lebaduy that he was the victim of persistent blackmail.

POSTERITY PAYS THE FREIGHT.

(Chicago Inter-Ocean.) Bonds for peace purposes under Cleveland promise to be as numerous as for war purposes under former Administrations.

PROFITS OF WISDOM.

(Chicago Inter-Ocean.) It turns out that the Englishmen who sold stocks and bonds in New York last, and Uncle Sam's folks, who bought, made a pile of money.