

UTAH'S DREAD MALADY MUST BE ALLOWED TO SPREAD ITS VILE CONTAGION.

The Women of the Land Cry Out to Congress to Establish a Rigid Quarantine Against the Moral Sore of Polygamy.

Brigham H. Roberts, the Apostle of Social Leprosy, Glories in His Shame and Says Polygamy Is Legal.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 28.—In a statement in his defence today Brigham H. Roberts uses the following language:

"If a time comes when it is necessary for me to defend myself I shall be there right on the spot, and I apprehend that the members of Congress and the American people are more liberal, broad minded and generous than a few bigoted and contracted preachers of the Presbyterian Church, whose training mode of life and trend of thought tend to unfit them for practical life."

"Polygamy is not adultery, for were it so considered, then Abraham Jacob and the prophets who practiced it would not be allowed an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, and if polygamy is not adultery, then it cannot be classed as a sin at all."

"He holds that to that modern Christians must either learn to tolerate polygamy or give up forever the glorious hope of resting in Abraham's bosom."

Holds That Three Wives Are Legal.

Brigham H. Roberts went on to say that, as he married his three wives before the Mormon Church forbade polygamy, he is breaking no law, for polygamy from a legal standpoint is the marrying of more women than one, and not the living with those women after marriage. The law, he holds, could not annul the marriages he had already contracted.

"He holds that his offence, if there is one at all, is merely unlawful cohabitation, and professes his willingness to appear before any court if any one is disposed to make a test of the matter."

The following are interviews with Presbyterian ministers upon the foregoing statement:

THE REV. DR. HOWARD DUFFIELD, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Eleventh street—This man's observations are of little moment and scarcely worth any one's serious consideration. His remarks should be accepted by the Presbytery in the light of a compliment. There is absolutely nothing in common between this polygamist and us.

THE REV. DR. JAMES H. ROBERTS, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, a dangerous institution, and its doctrines most un-American. It is a decided menace to the institutions of our country. From a moral point of view there is only one term to be used, and that is infamy.

THE REV. HUGH PRITCHARD, Alexander Chapel, No. 117 Waverly place—The remarks of Congressman-elect B. H. Roberts regarding the Presbyterian Church should be taken by its members as a compliment, coming as they do from the mouth of one of our country's most prominent and distinguished statesmen. Any disparagement this polygamist of the church of the Latter Day Saints may make on the Presbyterian side of the country will be accepted by us in that light.

Roberts a Deliberate Liar.

"Roberts tells a deliberate lie when he declares that no plural marriages have taken place since Utah was admitted to Statehood. The Church of the Latter Day Saints violated its pledges years ago, and will continue to do so until wiped out of existence."

"All healthy minded persons should put

their shoulders to the wheel, and cooperate with the Journal in its splendid work. The seating of the polygamist in the House of Congress must be prevented by all means. God speed to the Journal's enterprising wish if all possible success."

THE REV. DR. GEORGE ALEXANDER, University Place Presbyterian Church, East Tenth street—It is only what one would expect from a man of Mr. Roberts's calibre. His coarse criticism of the country's Presbytery should be beneath the notice of any citizen connected with the Presbyterian Church. The man is apparently a firm believer in polygamy and glories in the fact. He merely practices what he preaches, and is evidently not ashamed of it. I should be very sorry to see him in Congress."

THE REV. DR. DAVID G. WELLS, of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, in West Ninety-sixth street—"This Congressman-elect Roberts will find that the sentiment of the American people, when it comes to the test, is the sentiment of the Presbyterian clergy. I am more convinced than ever that three thousand years ago and under an entirely different civilization and with different ideas of ethical and moral standards, is concerned, men must expect to be judged by the laws and standards of the present day, and Mr. Roberts and the Mormon Church are going directly in the face of the established convictions of the best races of the world in advocating plural marriages. Polygamy is abhorrent to the moral sense of the best Christian nations of the present day, and it does not seem to me that the Rev. Dr. Wells, who is a Presbyterian minister, is taking when he says the Presbyterian ministers are bigoted and intolerant. Presbyterians are tolerant, and never will be bigoted of polygamy, and never will be."

NEW HARBOR THEIR MISSION.

Merchants' Association Names Committee to Urge Legislation.

Representatives from the commercial bodies forming the delegation which appeared before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington last Thursday to argue in behalf of the deepening and widening of the channels of New York harbor, met yesterday at the rooms of the Merchants' Association here.

A committee was appointed to take charge of the matter. The members are: Former Mayor Schermer, J. W. Ambrose, William H. Schwab, Oswald Sanderson and William F. King. This committee will go to Washington again, as often as may be necessary, to look after the interests of New York, and will do whatever may be necessary in obtaining that which the harbor and rivers so much need.

MRS. FAULKNER CALLS IT A MATTER FOR EVERY WOMAN.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Faulkner, wife of Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, said to-night:

"The question of allowing Mr. Roberts, of Utah, to be seated in Congress is one to which I have given serious thought, especially during the last few days, when I have been talking to people from his section of the country. I regard it as a matter in which every woman of the land should have a voice; it is not simply a problem for the men to legislate on, but a serious question of social purity that should receive immediate and strict attention."

"I most gladly endorse the stand the Journal has taken in the matter, and earnestly hope that the effort to get a constitutional amendment on the subject will meet with overwhelming success."

"Now that the clergy of the country have taken up the matter, it will be carried into every home more effectively than would be possible otherwise. There should be no sectarianism. All denominations should join in the movement to prevent a Mormon and a polygamist from being seated in Congress."

THE JOURNAL'S ANTI-POLYGAMY PETITION.

Sign this and send it to the Journal, to be forwarded to Congress as a protest against the admission of polygamist lawmakers to that body.

To the Congress of the United States:

The undersigned appeal to the Congress of the United States to deny participation in its councils to Brigham H. Roberts, a polygamist elected from the State of Utah. We respectfully urge upon the members of Congress that the sense of morality of a great people revolts at the thought of permitting a defender of the turpitude associated with Mormonism, himself practising the doctrines which that sect teaches, to have a voice in the shaping of the laws and destinies of this country.

And we further respectfully petition you to take the necessary steps looking toward an amendment of the national Constitution so as to make a polygamist ineligible to public office.

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MRS. FRYE'S APPEAL TO ALL THINKING MEN AND WOMEN.

LET all thinking men and women throughout the great Union take the matter home to themselves. Let them reflect upon the effects of even so far tolerating it as to accord one of the highest honors in the gift of the country to an avowed disciple and believer in the doctrines of Mormonism, and particularly polygamy, and there can be but one result, an overwhelming dissent from end to end of the United States, when it comes to the time for seating this member-elect from Utah.

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THE movement to prevent Brigham H. Roberts, the polygamist, from taking the seat in Congress to which the Mormons of Utah elected him has become national-wide.

Among the signatures that have reached the Journal office—and every mail brings hundreds—nearly every State in the Union is represented.

Copies of the petition have been distributed throughout New York, in those places where people congregate, with a request that they be signed and sent to the Journal office to be incorporated in the mouster petition that will be sent to Congress. A hundred agencies are at work aiding the Journal to make the petition one from so many people that there will be no possibility of Congress ignoring it.

The Christian women of the nation are particularly active in the work of preventing the insult to their sex that would be involved in the presence of such a man as Roberts in Congress. They resent bitterly his open espousal of polygamous Mormonism. Nine out of every ten women who have signed the Journal's petition have done so in the firm belief that if Roberts had been allowed to take his seat in the House of Representatives, it would have been a disgrace to the United States, and that the laws of the country would be thereby violated.

Roberts be ousted from his seat it will be a triumph for Christianity and the death of the dread curse of Utah.

Father Malone's Strong Words.

The Rev. Dr. Sylvester Malone, rector of the Church of St. Peter and Paul, Wythe avenue, Williamsburg, and rector of the State University, said yesterday:

"Such a man should not be permitted to legislate for others. The principle he represents is antagonistic to the whole sentiment of the American people. I do not wonder that the women of the United States are so indignant. The official recognition of such a man, by the laws of the United States, is a disgrace to our country. No man should take into himself one woman as wife, and that one woman should take of him as a husband. This man should be dropped immediately, because he represents a crime that is vile."

The women of the official circle in Washington are a Christian phalanx in opposition to this insidious move on the part of the polygamist. When the Rev. Dr. Malone heard of his views on this subject yesterday, Mrs. Frye, wife of the Senator from Maine and member of the United States Peace Commission to Paris, said:

"I do not think there should be a question about allowing this man to be seated in Congress. He is a disgrace to our country. Nor do I think there should be a moment's hesitation on the part of the nation in rising up in arms against an open avowed infamy being accorded such an honor as to become a member of Congress."

Saw the Horrors of Polygamy.

"Five years ago, when I was in Utah, and saw for myself the terrible workings of the Mormon laws and practices, was when I first had my attention seriously drawn to this subject of polygamy. No amount of money can alter the facts. The line between right and wrong is drawn with no wavering indistinctness in the case of this question. I have seen all thinking men and women throughout the great Union take the matter home to themselves, and let them reflect upon the effects of even so far tolerating it as to accord one of the highest honors in the gift of the country to an avowed disciple and believer in the doctrines of Mormonism, and particularly polygamy, and there can be but one result, an overwhelming dissent from end to end of the United States, when it comes to the time for seating this member-elect from Utah."

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Mrs. Ayres, wife of Captain Charles Ayres, Tenth Cavalry, U. S. A., of Las Guasimas, San Juan and Santiago fame, said: "As a general thing, the interference of women in public affairs, I think they have a mighty sphere outside of this domain, but in the case of this man it seems to me that the people of the country should rise as a unit in their denunciation."

"This is so flagrant a thrust at the home and happiness of the family that I can but heartily condemn any effort to seat a polygamist in Congress."

Mrs. Dickens, wife of Captain Dickens, U. S. N., said: "I seriously object to seeing a man who has given an unambiguous answer in his seat in Congress, or indeed, any place of honor in the nation."

Because the country is aroused to the danger, the means will be found to keep polygamist Roberts from defiling the greatest parliament of the world with his presence. Encouraged by the election of Roberts, the Mormons have planned to begin proselyting on a large scale in the East. They will not be allowed to carry on their traffic here even under the guise of religious work. Chief of Police Devery has a strong law enough on the statute books to prevent all this."

Devery Ready for Them.

"I saw the printed story about disciples of Brigham Young being in Brooklyn to induce women to go to Utah," said the chief yesterday to a reporter. "I am not at all surprised if they are discovered a close watch will be kept upon them, and the moment they get outside of the jurisdiction they will be arrested. They will be pretty careful, and I guess they know what the law is. If men who have no wives at all come here and get married they are safe, even if they intend to go right home with their brides and marry a lot of other women there."

"If they have other wives already we shall arrest them for committing bigamy. When they gather together a lot of women and try to get away with them, then we will look them up for proselyting, which is what they are doing. They are not only a Mormon missionary can work successfully here to marry a woman legally. If he does that we can't touch him no matter what his motive may have been."

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Bellevue Hospital authorities say that the number of alcoholic and insane patients have materially increased during the holidays. Boy drunks have alarmingly increased during the season.

Six of the latter, all under sixteen, and four only fourteen, have been admitted during the past fortnight. Into the cases of two—Henry Wedner, of No. 329 West Thirty-first street, and Joseph Donohue, of No. 326 West Thirty-third street—the Gerry Society is looking.

"Sixty-six adult cases of alcoholism have been admitted since last Saturday, and in the insane pavilion there are forty-three cases."

BALANCING CITY'S BOOKS.

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations Transferred from Bureau to Bureau.

At the close of each year the head of each department of the city government usually has on his hands a number of unexpended balances which had been appropriated for certain kinds of work in certain bureaus, and in order to make these balances available for use in other departments it is necessary to get the consent of the Board of Estimate for a transfer.

A meeting of the Board was called yesterday morning to act on over fifty of these applications for transfers of small amounts from one bureau to another.

NO CONFEDERATE PENSIONS.

Veterans Say Butler's Proposition is Debauching the Manhood of the South.

The following resolution, offered by Comrade Beasley, formerly of North Carolina, was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Confederate Veteran Camp of New York on Tuesday night:

Resolved, That the Confederate Veteran Camp of New York condemn in unambiguous terms the effort of Senator Butler, of North Carolina, who has introduced a bill to increase the manhood of the South by seeking to obtain pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers from the United States, and that any similar effort by any Southern member of Congress will be viewed as a dishonorable and unwelcome interference with this camp and meet with its unqualified condemnation.

Ruined in a New York City Postal Tube.

Albany, Dec. 28.—The Secretary of State received to-day from New York a certificate of incorporation of the Columbia Piano Company so damaged by fire that it could not be filed. It was accompanied by a letter from the postmaster saying that it had been damaged while being transmitted through a postal tube.

Business Notices.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. The best remedy for children and adults. Cures all colds, coughs, croup, whooping-cough, and all diseases of the throat, lungs, and chest. Price 50 cents a bottle. Sold everywhere.

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WENDELL MUST PAY FREIGHT.

Alimony and Counsel Fees to Come Out of His Purse.

Temporary alimony of \$25 a week and counsel fees were awarded to Mrs. Clara M. Wendell by Justice Smyth, in the Supreme Court yesterday, pending the determination of an action for a separation which she has brought against her husband, Frank L. Wendell, an importer at No. 53 Worth street, on the grounds of cruelty and desertion.

Mrs. Wendell says she has loaned between \$8,000 and \$9,000 to her husband, which he has not paid, though making \$20,000 a year.

Soon after their marriage, she alleges, she discovered that he was anything but a good husband. When she reported him to her father, he kicked her and told her he would drive her insane.

Obituary.

Albano T. Ayres, a prominent Republican of Plainfield, N. J., died there. He was a member of the police and was formerly a member of the Brooklyn Police Force, and well-known in the South as a skilled detective, died at his home, No. 101 Grand avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday morning.

George F. Maron, of No. 345 East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, formerly a well-known sporting man, and at one time proprietor of the Casino, died at his home, at his table while waiting to be served.

George D. Puffer, treasurer of the International Elevator Company, of New York, died at his home, in Upper Manhattan. He was at one time engaged in the wholesale drug business. He was married to the late James S. Puffer, and the Rev. Mr. Cobb, the burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery today.

It was announced yesterday that the funeral of Mrs. Isabel A. Mallon, the writer, who was known to the public as "Ish" and also as "Ruth Ashmore" will not be held in this city, the body will be taken to Baltimore to be buried in the home of her father, Mr. J. B. Mallon, at Baltimore, where she had lived until her marriage.

George H. Gray, a well-known resident of Rockville Centre, L. I., died suddenly at his home yesterday. He was cashier of the drug house of the Rockville Centre, L. I., and was a native of Litchfield, Conn. He leaves a wife and eight children. Gray is supposed to have named his death.

Trustees and directors of the Young Men's Christian Association have made preparations for the funeral of Robert H. McBurney, the late general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in this city, who died at Clifton Springs, N. Y. The services will take place in Association Hall, in East Twenty-third street, this afternoon, where the body now lies in state.

The Rev. George P. Ackerman, rector of St. Paul's Methodist Church, at eighty-sixth street and West End avenue, will officiate. No flowers.

The funeral of Police Captain Robert Young took place yesterday, from his late residence, No. 329 East One Hundred and Twentieth street. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives and many members of the Police Department. The room was more than half filled with flowers. The largest piece was that sent by the police contingent of the city. It represented a shield of a sergeant and was five feet high and four feet broad. It was principally of roses. The service was conducted by the Rev. Alexander Anderson, the pallbearers were Captains Herby, Thomas, Eason, Lawson, Hardy, Diamond, Morrison and Dean. The burial was at Woodlawn.

Peter E. Kenny, a brother of Frederick Michael Kenny, of Jersey City, and who, as a member of the comedy team of Marks and Griffin, was well known to the theatrical profession as Eddie Marks, died yesterday at his home, No. 784 Jersey avenue, from cholera. He was Mr. Kenny, who was thirty-five years old, retired from the stage five years ago, from where he collected a salary of \$10,000 a year. He was with Harry Primrose, of West and others, and for performing in a comedy sketch at the Casino, where he received gold medals. He leaves a widow and six children in comfortable circumstances.

EVERY ONE, ST. NICK TO THE GAS TRUST.

New Yorkers Pay Bigger December Bills to Make a Corporation Holiday.

FLAT DWELLERS PROTEST.

Enormous Jump in Last Monthly Charge Made Even the Long Suffering Revolt.

Owing to the impending reduction of the price of gas in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, from \$1.15 per thousand cubic feet to \$1.10, in accordance with the provisions of the law of 1897, householders are looking forward apprehensively toward the time when they will receive their bills for the month of December.

There are two causes for this apprehension. First, the consumer knows by experience that his December bill is always bigger than any other of the year, and, second, he feels sure it will be a "work" this year because he will not only be obliged to make the company the usual Christmas present, but also pay for the reduction in rates that will go into effect the first of next month.

The consumer, however, has had his spirit thoroughly broken, and would no more think of complaining of the monopoly that grinds him down than he would of the mendacity and insolence of the leeman. If he complains the gas man tells him airily that the days are shorter in December, and therefore he must burn more gas.

The custom of making Christmas presents to your gas company weighs with special severity upon the dwellers in tenement-heated, gas-heated flats. Some of these have found in their horror that their bills have gone in their ranges in the month of December but all the other months of the year put together.

Dwellers in several of such flats taken at highland add yesterday that their gas bills were always double in December. One woman declared that her bill for the month of December, 1897, was \$18.45, as against \$5.70 for the preceding month. She said she had burned no more gas in December than in any other month, but she resigned, that there was no use complaining, as the gas company would have the Christmas bill paid for her.

In one of the cross streets on the upper West Side, where a majority of the buildings are large flats, the tenants have revolted against the bills presented by the Consolidated Gas Company for November. The bills jumped so high without apparent cause that there was a concerted protest and more than a score of persons notified the Consolidated Company to take out its gas at once.

Paid \$8,000 Tax on a Deed.

Ogdenburg, Dec. 28.—The transfer deed of the Ogdenburg & Lake Champlain Railroad from the purchasing committee to the newly organized company has been filed. It required 100 internal revenue stamps of \$50 each, a total of \$5,000.

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In that tickling cough of yours there lurks a crouching tiger! It's ready to spring just the moment you're off your guard. Damp feet, a little more exposure, moist air, or some little change, and you are down with pneumonia. Take no chances with such a dangerous foe. You may not have the grippe hard, but there's always danger of pneumonia.

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1,000 dozen HEMMED HUCK TOWELS, worth 17c. each, 12 1/2 c. each.

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Bellevue Hospital authorities say that the number of alcoholic and insane patients have materially increased during the holidays. Boy drunks have alarmingly increased during the season.

Six of the latter, all under sixteen, and four only fourteen, have been admitted during the past fortnight. Into the cases of two—Henry Wedner, of No. 329 West Thirty-first street, and Joseph Donohue, of No. 326 West Thirty-third street—the Gerry Society is looking.

"Sixty-six adult cases of alcoholism have been admitted since last Saturday, and in the insane pavilion there are forty-three cases."

BALANCING CITY'S BOOKS.

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations Transferred from Bureau to Bureau.

At the close of each year the head of each department of the city government usually has on his hands a number of unexpended balances which had been appropriated for certain kinds of work in certain bureaus, and in order to make these balances available for use in other departments it is necessary to get the consent of the Board of Estimate for a transfer.

A meeting of the Board was called yesterday morning to act on over fifty of these applications for transfers of small amounts from one bureau to another.

NO CONFEDERATE PENSIONS.

Veterans Say Butler's Proposition is Debauching the Manhood of the South.

The following resolution, offered by Comrade Beasley, formerly of North Carolina, was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Confederate Veteran Camp of New York on Tuesday night:

Resolved, That the Confederate Veteran Camp of New York condemn in unambiguous terms the effort of Senator Butler, of North Carolina, who has introduced a bill to increase the manhood of the South by seeking to obtain pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers from the United States, and that any similar effort by any Southern member of Congress will be viewed as a dishonorable and unwelcome interference with this camp and meet with its unqualified condemnation.

Ruined in a New York City Postal Tube.

Albany, Dec. 28.—The Secretary of State received to-day from New York a certificate of incorporation of the Columbia Piano Company so damaged by fire that it could not be filed. It was accompanied by a letter from the postmaster saying that it had been damaged while being transmitted through a postal tube.

Business Notices.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. The best remedy for children and adults. Cures all colds, coughs, croup, whooping-cough, and all diseases of the throat, lungs, and chest. Price 50 cents a bottle. Sold everywhere.

Dadway's Pills. Purely vegetable, mild and reliable. Cleans perfect. Digestion, complete absorption, and beneficial regularity. For the cure of all disorders of the Stomach, Liver, Bile, Kidney, Bladder, Female Irritation, Sick Headache, Biliousness, Constipation, and all diseases of the bowels. Price 25 cents a box. At Druggists, or by mail, RADWAY & CO., New York.

WENDELL MUST PAY FREIGHT.

Alimony and Counsel Fees to Come Out of His Purse.

Temporary alimony of \$25 a week and counsel fees were awarded to Mrs. Clara M. Wendell by Justice Smyth, in the Supreme Court yesterday, pending the determination of an action for a separation which she has brought against her husband, Frank L. Wendell, an importer at No. 53 Worth street, on the grounds of cruelty and desertion.

Mrs. Wendell says she has loaned between \$8,000 and \$9,000 to her husband, which he has not paid, though making \$20,000 a year.

Soon after their marriage, she alleges, she discovered that he was anything but a good husband. When she reported him to her father, he kicked her and told her he would drive her insane.

Obituary.

Albano T. Ayres, a prominent Republican of Plainfield, N. J., died there. He was a member of the police and was formerly a member of the Brooklyn Police Force, and well-known in the South as a skilled detective, died at his home, No. 101 Grand avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday morning.

George F. Maron, of No. 345 East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, formerly a well-known sporting man, and at one time proprietor of the Casino, died at his home, at his table while waiting to be served.

George D. Puffer, treasurer of the International Elevator Company, of New York, died at his home, in Upper Manhattan. He was at one time engaged in the wholesale drug business. He was married to the late James S. Puffer, and the Rev. Mr. Cobb, the burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery today.

It was announced yesterday that the funeral of Mrs. Isabel A. Mallon, the writer, who was known to the public as "Ish" and also as "Ruth Ashmore" will not be held in this city, the body will be taken to Baltimore to be buried in the home of her father, Mr. J. B. Mallon, at Baltimore, where she had lived until her marriage.

George H. Gray, a well-known resident of Rockville Centre, L. I., died suddenly at his home yesterday. He was cashier of the drug house of the Rockville Centre, L. I., and was a native of Litchfield, Conn. He leaves a wife and eight children. Gray is supposed to have named his death.

Trustees and directors of the Young Men's Christian Association have made preparations for the funeral of Robert H. McBurney, the late general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in this city, who died at Clifton Springs, N. Y. The services will take place in Association Hall, in East Twenty-third street, this afternoon, where the body now lies in state.

The Rev. George P. Ackerman, rector of St. Paul's Methodist Church, at eighty-sixth street and West End avenue, will officiate. No flowers.

The funeral of Police Captain Robert Young took place yesterday, from his late residence, No. 329 East One Hundred and Twentieth street. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives and many members of the Police Department. The room was more than half filled with flowers. The largest piece was that sent by the police contingent of the city. It represented a shield of a sergeant and was five feet high and four feet broad. It was principally of roses. The service was conducted by the Rev. Alexander Anderson, the pallbearers were Captains Herby, Thomas, Eason, Lawson, Hardy, Diamond, Morrison and Dean. The burial was at Woodlawn.

Peter E. Kenny, a brother of Frederick Michael Kenny, of Jersey City, and who, as a member of the comedy team of Marks and Griffin, was well known to the theatrical profession as Eddie Marks, died yesterday at his home, No. 784 Jersey avenue, from cholera. He was Mr. Kenny, who was thirty-five years old, retired from the stage five years ago, from where he collected a salary of \$10,000 a year. He was with Harry Primrose, of West and others, and for performing in a comedy sketch at the Casino, where he received gold medals. He leaves a widow and six children in comfortable circumstances.

EVERY ONE, ST. NICK TO THE GAS TRUST.

New Yorkers Pay Bigger December Bills to Make a Corporation Holiday.

FLAT DWELLERS PROTEST.

Enormous Jump in Last Monthly Charge Made Even the Long Suffering Revolt.

Owing to the impending reduction of the price of gas in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, from \$1.15 per thousand cubic feet to \$1.10, in accordance with the provisions of the law of 1897, householders are looking forward apprehensively toward the time when they will receive their bills for the month of December.

There are two causes for this apprehension. First, the consumer knows by experience that his December bill is always bigger than any other of the year, and, second, he feels sure it will be a "work" this year because he will not only be obliged to make the company the usual Christmas present, but also pay for the reduction in rates that will go into effect the first of next month.

The consumer, however, has had his spirit thoroughly broken, and would no more think of complaining of the monopoly that grinds him down than he would of the mendacity and insolence of the leeman. If he complains the gas man tells him airily that the days are shorter in December, and therefore he must burn more gas.

The custom of making Christmas presents to your gas company weighs with special severity upon the dwellers in tenement-heated, gas-heated flats. Some of these have found in their horror that their bills have gone in their ranges in the month of December but all the other months of the year put together.

Dwellers in several of such flats taken at highland add yesterday that their gas bills were always double in December. One woman declared that her bill for the month of December, 1897, was \$18.45, as against \$5.70 for the preceding month. She said she had burned no more gas in December than in any other month, but she resigned, that there was no use complaining, as the gas company would have the Christmas bill paid for her.

In one of the cross streets on the upper West Side, where a majority of the buildings are large flats, the tenants have revolted against the bills presented by the Consolidated Gas Company for November. The bills jumped so high without apparent cause that there was a concerted protest and more than a score of persons notified the Consolidated Company to take out its gas at once.

Paid \$8,000 Tax on a Deed.

Ogdenburg, Dec. 28.—The transfer deed of the Ogdenburg & Lake Champlain Railroad from the purchasing committee to the newly organized company has been filed. It required 100 internal revenue stamps of \$50 each, a total of \$5,000.

Annual Sale of Linens!

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It begins this morning (Thursday) and under more favorable circumstances than at any previous year. We have been preparing for this sale for some time, and through trade conditions and by buying exceptionally large quantities we have succeeded in gathering the best and largest collection of linens, we believe, that has ever been offered in New York, and while the quality of the goods surpasses even that of last year.

The Grip

In that tickling cough of yours there lurks a crouching tiger! It's ready to spring just the moment you're off your guard. Damp feet, a little more exposure, moist air, or some little change, and you are down with pneumonia. Take no chances with such a dangerous foe. You may not have the grippe hard, but there's always danger of pneumonia.

Arch's Cherry Pectoral is the great preventive of serious lung disease. It's a prompt and certain cure for the Grippe. Your hacking cough stops at once, the soreness in your chest passes away. Your escape from pneumonia is complete. Two sizes: 50 cts., \$1.00. All druggists.

Neil's

Annual Sale of TABLE LINENS!

It begins this morning (Thursday) and under more favorable circumstances than at any previous year. We have been preparing for this sale