HYPNOTIZED BY A FAITH CURIST.

Aged and Decrepit Counterfeiter's Will Dominated Over a Young Woman.

Remarkable Developments in Their Trial for Making Bogus Money.

Mrs. Knapp Refused to Permit Him to Incur Risks by Passing the Coins, and Did It Herself.

HIS MERE TOUCH CURED HER AILMENTS.

Apparently Still Infatuated with the Man and Sits as Closely as Possible to Him in Court—Damaging Evidence.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—The interest in the trial of the alleged counterfeiters, George Sands and Mary Knapp, has increased, and the United States Court was crowded with spectators this morning, among them being a number of women, who sought to get a look at the woman apparently deeply in love with the aged and decrepit defendant. The most remarkable feature of the case is the absolute control that the male prisoner appears to have over his female accomplice. If it is not hypnotism it is something analagous and has quite the same effect. Here is a comely woman of education and apparent refinement, completely infatuated and wholly in the power of an old and decrepit man, with an exceedingly repulsive countenance.

A long, thin, gray mustache and high cheekbones, over sunken cheeks, are, together with small and reddened eyes, the most conspicuous characteristic of his wholly uninteresting face. Yet, whenever possible, these two totally dissimilar persons got as closely together as possible, and most of the time during the argument of counsel the woman sat with her elbow resting on the back of Sands's chair, her hand supporting her head, which was always close to his.

Owen Owens, official stenographer of the Secret Service Bureau, read his voluminous transcription of the conversation held between Special Agent Bagg and the woman in the Hoboken Police Station and in the presence of her husband, Alfred O. Knapp, the Boston merchant. This conversation constitutes the alleged confession of Mary Knapp and describes her first meeting with Sands, then known as Dr. Clark, in Buffalo, where he was practising as a faith curist. It asserts the immediate and wonderful benefit his mere touch produced upon her. She tells of their going to Chicago together, where they became very poor. In their dire need Dr. Clark proposed that they make some counterfeit silver dollars and circulate them. To this she assented as she would to any other proposition he made. She describes the process they followed in making the false coins, and says that the Doctor, whom she then knew to be George Sands, his brother, William Sands, and she, all worked together. They made over 1,000 of these dollars, which she plated and polished.

One interesting fact contained in this alleged confession is her description of her meeting with Mollie Harris, the legal wife of Dr. Clark, or Sands. On that occasion she said to Mrs. Knapp: "I left Dr. Clark because he is too old for me, and I don't love him any more."

Secret Service Agent Frank Esquirrell described his shadowing Dr. Clark in New York City from the 6th to the 11th of July last, and his arrest near his home at No. 21 Irving place. The detective described an alleged confession made to him and Agent Bagg by Sands, which corresponded in every essential feature with the one said to have been made by Mrs. Knapp. He said that Sands said that he had offered to go out into the streets and pass some of the money himself, but that the woman would not hear of his exposing himself in that way, and so he allowed the infatuated woman to go out into the streets and incur all the risks of acquiring the money with which she filled his pockets. This seemed to confirm the theory held by some of the Government detectives that the woman was, and still is, completely dominated by the will power of Sands.

James C. Mear, of Troy, said he had received counterfeit silver dollars from a woman who looked like the prisoner, but he would not swear positively to her identity even when she reluctantly removed her veil and threw off the big feather boa which she has constantly used as an additional shield against snapshot artists, of whom she seems to have the most earnest dread. Mrs. Emma B. Williams, who kept the boarding house in Chicago where the counterfeits are said to have been made, described the strips of tin and quantities of quicksilver and pieces of plaster of paris moulds that littered the apartments the two persons occupied. Evidence was given by Detectives Carrigan and Police Captain Flemming, of the Second Precinct of Hoboken, concerning the arrest of Mary Knapp. Mrs. Marcus, the matron, testified that she found a quarter of a pound of tea, half a pound of coffee, some postage stamps and the like upon the prisoner, who had purchased the same with counterfeit dollars, receiving good money in change with each purchase. After some further and unimportant evidence, District-Attorney Rice rested the case on the part of the Government. Senator Daly began his argument for the defence, but the court adjourned in the midst of it until to-morrow.

SUPT. BAXTER NOT OFFENDED.

Says He Sees No Harm in Permitting Collection of Funds for Cubans in Schools

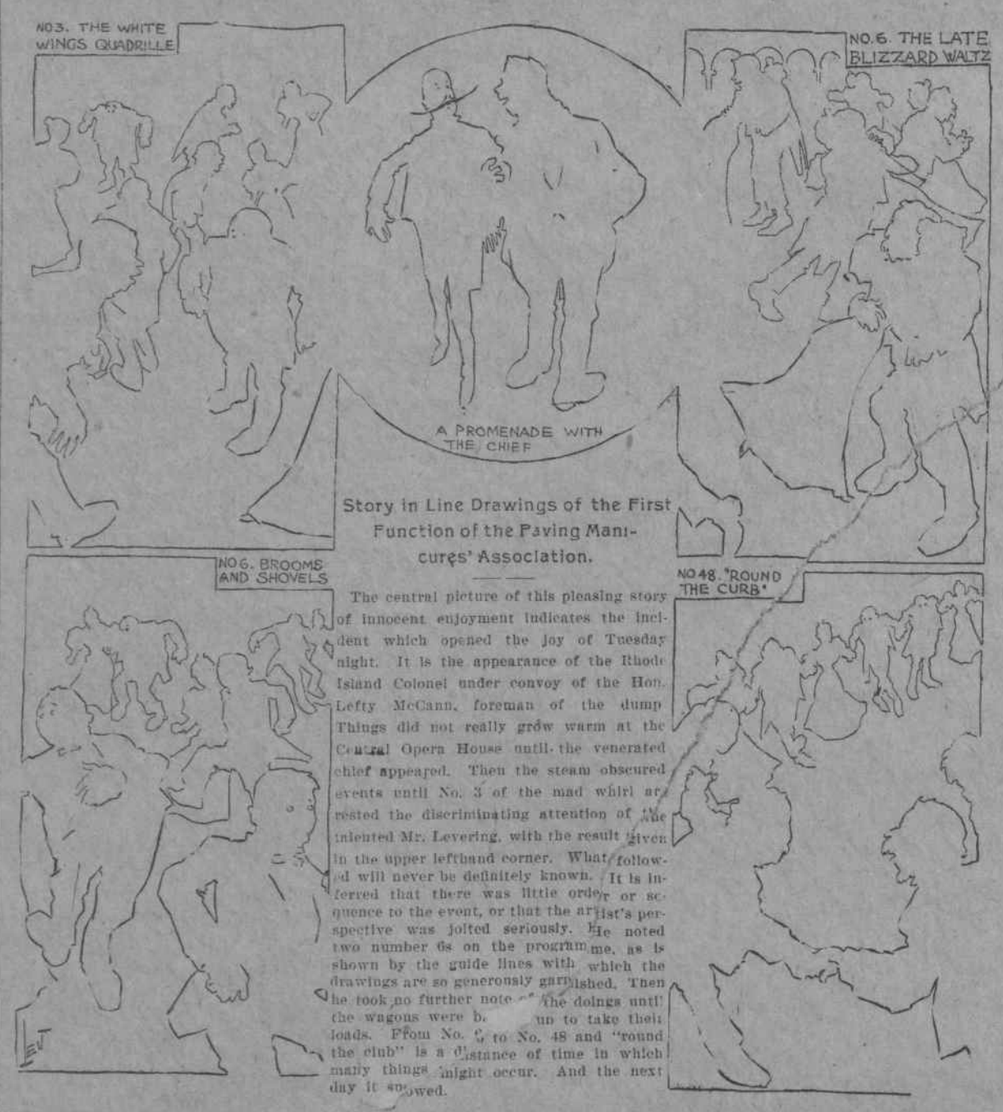
Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 23.—Charles J. Baxter, State Superintendent of the Public Schools, was seen at his home in this city to-night, and asked whether he approved of the action of Superintendent Sayder, of the Jersey City schools, in refusing to permit the scholars to contribute small sums to the Cuban fund, being raised by Mrs. W. W. Dashiell, of Arlington. He stated that he had never given Mrs. Dashiell explicit authority to collect money for her fund from among the scholars of the public school. When she asked permission of him a few days ago to do this he told her that such permission would depend entirely upon the view the local boards of education and superintendent took of the proposition. His authority in such a matter extended only to the giving of his word that he did not object to it, if permitted by the local authorities.

Mr. Baxter said he was deeply in sympathy with the cause of the Cubans, and personally he could see no particular harm in the modest collections of the pupils in the public schools, still if the Jersey City Board of Education did not approve of the plan there was nothing further to be done in the matter.

Christmas for Protectory Boys.

Arlington, N. J., Dec. 23.—The Rev. John Ryan, in charge of the Sacred Heart Protectory for Boys, on Belgrave Drive, will give his charges, numbering nearly 250 boys under sixteen years of age, a merry Christmas they will long remember. He has received numerous presents for the occasion, many of them coming from friends or relatives of the boys, while others have been sent in from the different parishes in the Newark diocese. Religious exercises will be held in the morning, the distribution of gifts to take place in the afternoon in the new dormitory building.

HOW COL. WARING AND HIS WHITE WINGS HAD FUN.



Story in Line Drawings of the First Function of the Paving Manicures' Association.

The central picture of this pleasing story of innocent enjoyment indicates the incident which opened the joy of Tuesday night. It is the appearance of the Rhode Island Colonel under convoy of the Hon. Lefty McCann, foreman of the dump. Things did not really grow warm at the Central Opera House until the venerated chief appeared. Then the steam obscured events until No. 3 of the mad whirl arrested the discriminating attention of the talented Mr. Levering, with the result given in the upper lefthand corner. What followed will never be definitely known. It is inferred that there was little order or sequence to the event, or that the artist's perspective was jolted seriously. He noted two number 6s on the programme, as is shown by the guide lines with which the drawings are so generously garnished. Then he took no further note of the doings until the wagons were backed up to take their loads. From No. 6 to No. 48 and "round the club" is a distance of time in which many things might occur. And the next day it snowed.

GREATER ARLINGTON.

Bill Prepared to Incorporate Four Towns Into a Second Class City, but Citizens Apparently Against It.

Arlington, N. J., Dec. 23.—The annual agitation for the consolidation of Arlington, Kearny, East Newark and Harrison into a second-class city, has begun this year with greater insistence and earlier in the season than ever before. Colonel T. C. Wildman, Assemblyman from the Arlington section, is now busy in Trenton preparing a measure for consolidation which he hopes will satisfy all sections of the several municipalities. It is the published reports of his activity in this direction that has started, thus early in the year, the customary paroxysm of contention.

For many years consolidation bills have been introduced by the local representatives in the Legislature, but so great has been the opposition from each of the municipalities that each year the measure has been killed.

Last year Assemblyman Mullin, Democrat, from Arlington, made one of the strongest fights on record to have an improved consolidation bill put through the House, but his bill was defeated by the protests of citizens of both parties, who turned out en masse, visiting Trenton day after day while the bill was in committee. Colonel Wildman entered the campaign last Fall, announcing his freedom from consolidation tendencies. He said that he would not introduce any consolidation measure unless asked to do so by a majority of his constituents. He declares now that the only way to settle the controversy is to submit the proposition to a vote of the people and let them decide the question one for all. His bill, he says, will include the referendum clause.

A small but vigorous band of Arlingtonians advocate consolidation, as they believe such a measure would increase the political importance of the West Hudson section. They also believe street improvements of an important nature could be undertaken by the second-class city now impossible to the smaller municipalities. In lower Kearny many Republicans advocate consolidation, thus their brother Republicans in the Arlington section may lose their present control of township affairs, for between the two ends of the town, be it known, there is deadly feud. In Harrison, the strong Democratic quarter of the West Hudson section, the Republicans largely favor the measure, as they believe the large majority of their party in Kearny will offset the Democratic vote of their town. Apparently, the Democrats are indifferent in all three towns, but one of the party leaders said to-day that the measure would surely be defeated if submitted to a vote.

DIED SITTING IN A CHAIR.

Lodging House Agent, Thought to Be Sleeping, Is Found a Corpse.

Newark, Dec. 23.—A middle-aged man, who registered as F. R. Hudson, was found dead in a chair in a lodging house at No. 264 Market street, to-day. He had sat in the one position for twenty-four hours, apparently sleeping, and the manager of the house, Max Lucas, did not know how long he had been dead.

Hudson, who said he was an agent, with money in bank, secured lodging on Monday night. He was sober, but when the clerk went to arouse him yesterday morning, was stupidly drunk. He had emptied a large bottle of whiskey, which he had taken into the room with him.

The man was helped to the sitting room and made comfortable in a big arm chair, and was believed to be sleeping. The change of night and day clerks accounts for the fact that Hudson had been allowed to sit in the chair so long. Death was due to natural causes.

ARE FOR ESSEX MEN ONLY.

Republican Assemblymen-Elect Caucus to Select the Legislative Plums They Want.

Newark, Dec. 23.—The Republican Assemblymen-elect of Essex County held a caucus to-night to agree on a slate to be presented when the Legislature convenes. Of course, the slate will be for Essex men only. State Treasurer Swain will receive the unanimous vote of the delegation for re-election, and it is believed there will be little if any opposition to him in the State.

Charles R. Duncan will receive the support of the Essex delegation for House Clerk. "Andy" Briedenbach wants to be re-elected Sergeant-at-Arms, but may receive only three votes from Essex. He is a member of the Herald, or anti-Luntz faction, but, being favorable to Senator Sewall, is sure of re-election.

Death of an Aged Bayman.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 23.—The death of James Monroe, once a well-to-do resident of Tuckerton, alone and in poverty in a dilapidated fish cabin at Double Creek has just been reported. The old man had no relatives to care for him. He had been ill for a long time and the only food and care he received was from the baymen who visited his lonely home at morning and night after their day's work was over. He was eighty-five years old.

SHE WORE A FALSE SKIRT.

Respectable Woman Arrested for Shoplifting Dazed in Court—The Skirt Burned.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—Miss Lizzie Fredericks, a member of a respectable Roseville family, was before Judge Mott to-day, charged with shoplifting. The prisoner lives with her sister at No. 297 Seventh street. She was arrested while stealing small articles from a Broad street store last night.

The woman's sister, brother-in-law and niece were in court. Their humiliation at the plight of their relative was plainly visible, while she appeared to be dazed. The Judge suspended sentence, stating as he did so, that he extended clemency on account of her apparent weak-mindedness. There was one point, however, that he said looked suspicious, and that was the fact that she wore a false skirt.

At this her sister and niece spoke up and said that it was simply an extra skirt that Miss Fredericks had on to keep her warm. The woman was then told to go, and as she picked up the skirt which lay on the Judge's desk her sister forbade her to take it, and her brother-in-law requested the police to burn it. The party then left the court, tears streaming down the faces of the two women, who had asked for mercy.

HIDDEN PITS OF DEATH.

Deserted Mine Shafts in Morris County's Wilds Menace Life and Limb.

Morristown, N. J., Dec. 23.—Hunters who have sought game in the wilds of Morris County during the present season tell of many miraculous escapes they have had from plunging down into deserted mine shafts and pits abandoned by discouraged prospectors.

Some sections of the county are honeycombed with these mantraps. In some the original owners placed a sort of barrier about the mouths of the big holes, but that was so long ago that most of them have fallen in and afford no safeguard now.

A number of these pits are several hundred feet in depth, but most of them range from a few to fifty feet deep. They are a standing menace to life and limb of the unwary hunter or wanderer through the woods. In the vicinity of Chester and Hibernia these dangerous holes exist in numbers, and there is a movement to have them covered over and made safe.

MORE ROOM FOR PUPILS.

Several Annexes to Newark Schools to Be Built.

Newark, Dec. 23.—In order to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of school children in this city, the Board of Education has accepted plans for several annexes to a number of schoolhouses. They are for eight more class rooms to be added to the Ann street school, twelve-room addition to the North Seventh street school, and four rooms to the Summer avenue school.

The committee has decided also to allow the successful architect for the proposed new high school to revise his plans so as to reduce the cost so that it will not exceed the $200,000. appropriated.

GONE TO JOIN THE CUBANS?

Two Young Men in Hammonton Disappea Presumably with the Junta's Agent.

Hammonton, N. J., Dec. 23.—John Adams and Charles Helm, two popular young men of this city, have disappeared. Their friends and relatives had, until this morning, been at a loss to determine the cause, but information reached them to-day to the effect that the two have started for Cuba to join the insurgents.

Two days ago an unknown elderly gentleman was seen consulting Adams and Helm, and it is thought that this man, who was an agent of the Junta, influenced the young men to leave their homes and enlist with the patriots.

ELIAS S. WARD PASSES AWAY.

Was a Candidate for Governor in the Convention Which Nominated Gov. Griggs.

Newark, Dec. 23.—Elias S. Ward, president of the Newark & South Orange Railway Company, who was a prominent candidate for Governor in the convention that nominated John W. Griggs, died at his home, No. 12 South Ninth street, this evening, from diabetes.

The disease developed recently while Mr. Ward was in Europe, where he had gone hurriedly to look after his son, who was stricken with typhoid fever. He was fifty-four years old and a native of Morris County. A widow, two sons and a daughter survive him.

New Bridges to Be Built.

Stewartsville, N. J., Dec. 23.—Contractors McFellen and House, of Stewartsville, have received the contract for building a number of bridges in Franklin Township from the Warren County Board of Freeholders. A large number of men will be employed on this work.

TO REPEAL A BAD LAW.

Under It Mrs. Houlihan, a Sane Woman, Just Escaped Going to an Asylum, and a Change Is Sought.

Newark, Dec. 23.—The narrow escape of Mrs. Mary Houlihan from being committed to an insane asylum a few days ago, when, in the opinion of many, she is much saner than some of those who would like to see her in an institution, may lead to the upset of the act passed by the last Legislature in regard to the commitment of insane persons. By this act many of the legal steps necessary under the old law to commit insane persons were removed, and opened the way to much injustice by designing persons.

Under the old law, to have an indigent insane person sent to an asylum it was necessary to make application to a Justice of the Peace, or Police Justice, whose duty it then became to determine if the person complained of was of unsound mind. If it was found that the person was demented a temporary commitment for not over ten days was made out, and then the case was taken to the Court of Common Pleas, where the suspected person could have a trial by jury before a permanent commitment could be made out.

As this act was believed to be cumbersome, an amendment to it was passed which gave Criminal Court and Common Pleas Judges the power to call in two physicians to pass on the sanity of the person complained of. The court was authorized to examine such witnesses. If the preponderance of evidence showed that the person was insane, then the judge made out the commitment, which was signed by two physicians, and the case ended there. The temporary commitment and the trial by jury were abolished.

In the case of Mrs. Houlihan the Court discovered that the woman was not insane and that there was a conspiracy to railroad her to the asylum because she was a stumbling block to some property interests certain persons sought to secure in which she was interested. It is to prevent a repetition of such cases as this that an effort will be made to have the law repealed.

BETRAYED BY HIS TRACKS.

Footprints of a Burglar in the Snow Followed and the Robber Caught in Hiding.

Hackensack, N. J., Dec. 23.—Joseph Paschek, janitor of School No. 1, and several others captured a burglar, after tracking him in the snow, at 10 o'clock last night. The janitor went to the school about 9 p. m. to attend to the furnace. He found a cellar window open, and suspecting a robbery went back to his house to notify his son and two neighbors. Armed with revolvers, the men searched the schoolhouse, but failed to find the supposed burglar.

Upon going outside the men discovered fresh tracks in the newly fallen snow leading to a high fence. The tracks were followed. They ran to a fence and continued on the other side. The men went on, and guided by the tracks were at last rewarded by finding a man crouching in the brush near the Hackensack River. He made no resistance, and said he was John Ryan, but refused to talk further. He was committed to jail.

On a table in the school room were found forty books from which the covers had been torn. Near them was a clock that had been taken from the wall, the two school flags, a shawl and several library books, packed and ready to carry away. A burglar's "jimmy" was found in the boiler room, near an empty satchel. It is believed that the captured burglar escaped through a window while the men were searching the rooms upstairs. Ryan is about forty years old.

His Feet Burned While He Slept.

Lambertville, N. J., Dec. 23.—Thomas eightly K, a canalboat captain, entered the cabin of his boat in an intoxicated condition last night, and, sitting down by the stove, soon fell asleep. The hot stove consumed his shoes and, burning into the flesh, aroused him from his drunken stupor. His feet were so badly burned that they may have to be amputated.

Big Barn Destroyed by Fire.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 23.—Fire last evening destroyed the big barn on the farm of brewer James A. Graham, of this city, at Pompton Plains. The fire started in the upper portion of the building, and this gave Mr. Graham and his men a chance to rescue fifty head of stock, horses and cattle. The loss is about $8,000; insurance, $5,000.

Went Insane Over Religion.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 23.—Miss Ellen Feeley, the young Cranford domestic who went insane over religion, was taken to the Morris Plins Insane Asylum to-day. She prayed and danced in the jail for two hours before going. She insists that she is one of the ancient saints. The physicians hope to cure her soon.

Iron Works Shut Down.

Bordentown, N. J., Dec. 23.—The Florence Iron Works, near here, owned and operated by R. D. Wood & Co., shut down their works last night for an indefinite period. The shut down is said to have been on account of lack of orders.

HAS HE FOUND LONG LOST FATHER?

Remarkable and Romantic Story of the War Told by a Denver Man.

Wife Deceived Into Believing Her Husband Had Been Killed in Battle.

Married Again, and Now Her Son Comes to Claim His Relationship to Colonel Johnson.

LATTER SAYS THE STORY IS FALSE

Pitiful Letter Written to Colonel Johnson by the Alleged Son, Asking an Answer. Former a Prominent Citizen of Vineland.

Vineland, N. J., Dec. 23.—A remarkable and romantic story of the war, told by a stranger from the West, who claims to be a son of Colonel Edmund Johnson, a wealthy man and ex-Consul, and a gentleman of high social position in Vineland, has created great interest here. Yesterday a well-dressed man, giving his name as George Edward Johnson, of Denver, Col., applied to the police of Washington for transportation to Vineland, saying that he was on his way to see a Captain Edward Johnson, a wealthy citizen of Vineland, whom he claimed is his father. Captain Johnson, according to his story, was a New Yorker, of wealth and social standing, who married a poor woman, respectable, but inferior to him in social standing, before going to the war. His family pursuaded the woman to believe that he was killed in battle and she went West, remarried about 1870, and died about ten years ago.

George Johnson exhibited what he said was a certificate of marriage between his mother and Johnson and also a baptismal certificate. He claimed to have been looking for his father for years, and that he had just located him.

This morning Colonel Johnson received the following letter from Washington:

Dear Sir: I write you this in pity and love. You will remember your wife, Anna, who left New York City for California in December, 1861, with her little Carrie. I found out last March that you were not killed in the late war. I have spared no time or expense to find you, always believing you were alive. Mother died ten years ago. I ame here a heartbroken man, almost to the brink of the grave with grief. I have maintained the closest secrecy in this matter, bearing this heavy cross like a man and trusting in God's love. I have had quite a talk with Judge Calvin E. Pratt, Colonel of the Thirty-first Volunteers, and he was very kind to me. Address me George E. Johnson, No. 731 Tiewfth street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Colonel Johnson and family claim the story told by the writer of the letter is false and will place the epistle in the hands of a Washington lawyer. If the Western stranger contests the case, a sensational lawsuit will doubtless follow. The Johnsons are well known in Washington and New York.

Mrs. Johnson, nee Della Leclercq, daughter of Colonel John Leclercq, of Montreal, exhibited to-day a certificate of her marriage with Colonel Johnson, at Christ Church, New York, December 10, 1861. Mrs. Johnson's sister, Princess Agnes, an authoress, married Prince Felix Salm, of Amholt, Westphalia, Germany, who, as brigadier-general, was subsequently killed in the Franco-Prussian war.

Colonel Johnson was for twenty years in the consular service of the United States.

THEIR RAPID PACE ENDS.

Two Plainfield Boys Who Stole Nearly $1,000 and Lived in Style Upon It Sent to the Reform School.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 23.—Charles Wilson and Louis Milligan, the two boys who stole nearly $1,000 from Mrs. Cortwright, of Plainfield, and spent it lavishly at the race tracks and expensive hotels in Washington, were sent to the State Reform School, by Judge McCormick, to-day. The money was taken from a mattress in Mrs. Cortwrights house, they having learned that it was secreted there.

The boys, after stealing the money, first went to Philadelphia. From there they went to Washington and engaging the finest suite of rooms in the Ebbitt House, commenced to enjoy life. They bet heavily at the races, and Milligan made considerable money at it. When arrested Milligan said his only regret was at being taken from so lucrative a business, and asked the detectives to permit him to stay just a few days more and he would make money enough to pay back all they had taken and become a young millionaire.

When arraigned for sentence this morning the boys still wore the fine clothing they had bought in Washington. Both pleaded non vult to the charge of burglary, but their youth and the pleas made for them by their parents and reputable citizens of Plainfield, caused the lenient sentence imposed. Neither seemed to take the affair much to heart.

BLEW OPEN A BIG SAFE.

Cracksmen Secure Money and Valuable Papers in a Dunellen Coal Office.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 23.—The big safe in the coal office of W. H. Coles, in Dunellen, was blown open by burglars at 2:30 this morning and a considerable sum of money, valuable papers and insurance policies were taken.

The office was in confusion when one of the employes opened the place this morning. Around the safe had been piled a number of bags of feed, evidently to deaden the sound of the explosion, while the safe door had been drilled into and the explosive inserted. The robbers left a carpenter's chisel bearing the name of Isaac Lyons, who is erecting a house at New Market, and from whom the chisel had been stolen. George Richardson, who lives opposite the coal office, heard a muffled roar at 2.30 a. m. and got up to investigate, but after looking out of the window and hearing no further disturbance, went back to bed.

Work Begun on a Trolley Line.

Arlington, N. J., Dec. 23.—The Union Traction Company began laying its trolley-car tracks in Elm street yesterday. The franchise asked for has not yet been granted by the Town Board, but the work is being pushed ahead on an understanding between the railroad and township officials. At the rate of progress made yesterday and to-day, the line will be completed within the limits of the township before Jan. 1.

Death of Hugh Young.

Hugh Young, aged seventy years, died at his home near Somerville, Somerset County, New Jersey, yesterday. He was the father of Alexander C. Young, of Hoboken, who was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Seventh (Hudson) New Jersey District at the late election. Mr. Young was born near Castle Finn, County Donegal, Ireland, and came to this country forty-five years ago. He was a brick and tile manufacturer and contractor.

Entertainment and Turkey.

A. J. Corcoran, the president of the New Jersey City Board of Trade, will give an entertainment to all the employes in his windmill factory at Jersey avenue and Thirteenth street, to-night. After the entertainment each guest will receive a turkey as a Christmas present.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS FOR JERSEYITES.

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Grand Turnout of Sleighs, Cutters and Fast Horses Expected in Hudson and Essex.

FINE COASTING ON THE ORANGE HILLS.

Bonfires and Torches Will Light the Way as the Sleds, with Merry Parties Aboard, Shoot Down—Christmas for Convicts.

For a number of years Christmas in New Jersey has been a green one, there having been little or no snow on the ground on Christmas Day since 1892, except in the northern section. To-morrow, however, promises to be an ideal Christmas, so far as deep snow and sleighing are concerned. From Sussex to Cape May counties come reports of snow to a considerable depth, and it will be a real old-fashioned Christmas for most Jerseyites. The snow of Tuesday night, on top of that which fell last week, has put the roads in fine condition, and there will be merry sleighing parties galore.

The boulevards in Jersey City, Newark and the Oranges were in fine condition yesterday for sleighing, and the park departments anticipated an immense turnout of residents with cutters, sleighs and fast horses. The hills in the Oranges are noted for fine coasting, and many of the clubs have organized coasting parties for Christmas night. On the hills at frequent intervals bonfires and torches will be lighted to guide the coasters down the steep inclines. Some old-fashioned sleighing parties, with a dance and supper at the end of the route, will also be features of Christmas eve.

The charity woodyards in Jersey City and Hoboken will be open to all strangers, and hot dinners will be served to deserving wayfarers. In all the charitable and penal institutions turkey dinners will be given. At Snake Hill Penitentiary there will be religious services in the morning, followed by a big "spread" for the convicts, who will be permitted to receive presents from friends and relatives. Similar privileges will be accorded the prisoners in the Hudson and Essex County jails.

Some weeks ago the weather prophets of Sea Isle City, who send out prognostications regularly every year, all agreed that the Winter in New Jersey would be a severe one, and that there would be plenty of snow on Christmas, because the eels and clams dug deeply and had prepared for a long Winter. The forecast regarding the Christmas snow has been realized.

SUMMER HOMES OPENED.

Wealthy New Yorkers in Their Seashore Cottages for the Holidays, and Enjoy a Novelty.

Atlantic Highlands, Dec. 23.—A number of wealthy New Yorkers who own Summer homes along the beach have opened their cottages and will spend the holiday week at the seashore. This is an innovation, all the seashore residences in former years having been closed during the Winter months.

In numerous instances the owners have invited large parties of friends and propose to make merry until after New Year's. Cutters and sleighs have been sent down from the city and the merry sleighing parties are numerous nightly while social gatherings and dances are also a feature every evening. Those who have decided to spend the week in the country say it is a most refreshing change, and they wonder that the idea was never before proposed or thought of.

YOUNG WHEELMAN IN A CRASH.

Was Coasting Down a Hill When He Ran into a Wagon and Was Severely Injured.

Morristown, N. J., Dec. 23.—Howard Arnold, a young wheelman, was coasting down Court street hill this morning and going at terrific speed, when he turned the corner into Washington street and crashed into a heavy wagon.

The driver saw the lad's danger and tried to turn his team aside, but it was too late. Arnold went under the horses' feet, and the front wheel of the wagon passed over his legs, breaking one. He was also badly cut and bruised. The driver was not arrested, as the blame for the accident rested wholly upon Arnold. The lad was taken to his home on Court street, and will be laid up for several weeks.

BROKER SHIELDS IN JAIL.

Accused by His Foster Mother of Theft, He Is Said to Have Threatened Her Life.

Toms River, N. J., Dec. 23.—W. L. Shields, a Lakewood real estate and insurance broker, is in the County Jail at this place, charged with threatening to kill his foster mother, Mrs. John Braun, of Lakewood. Shields is about twenty-five years old. He was adopted by Mrs. Braun when a child. It is said that Mrs. Braun missed a valuable diamond ring yesterday, and found it in Shields's pocket. She threatened him with arrest, and he in turn told her that if she had him arrested for stealing he would kill her.

Mrs. Braun thereupon complained to the police, who locked Shields up in default of bail.

Mrs. Braun is the widow of Captain John Braun, of the United States revenue marine, who died about six weeks ago in the Marine Hospital, Philadelphia, while en route to take command of the United States revenue steamer Forward at Port Tampa, Fla.

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Orange Citizens Meet and Declare Tha Selfish Interests Seek to Endanger Their Property.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 23.—An indignation meeting of property owners was held in the Common Council Chamber last night to protest against alleged unfair assessments for sewers. Colonel Edward Snyder, a large property owner, presided. About two hundred people, mostly small home owners, were present.

Colonel Snyder, in explaining the purpose of the meeting, said that it was to protest against the assessments for sewers as proposed in the report of the Assessment Committee. He said that if the assessments were not paid in sixty days, the property assessed would be sold, under the law of 1890. He declared that, owing to the hard times, the people could not pay the assessments. He believed the assessments unjust, and urged as a remedy that the city be bonded for the outlay.

Other taxpayers spoke in a similar strain. A committee of five from each ward was appointed to interview the taxpayers and to protest at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Those opposed to the views above given say that the attempt to bond the city to pay for the improvement is being promoted by those taxpayers who own unimproved property, and who seeks to escape the payment for the improvement in the manner suggested. Colonel Snyder declares, however, that the assessment law is unfair and that the sewer tax scheme is advocated by selfish interests. The Tax Collector, he says, is in favor of it, because he receives $1 for each notice sent out, likewise the City Clerk.

Petitions for signatures against the scheme will be distributed, and these will be laid before the Council meeting January 7.

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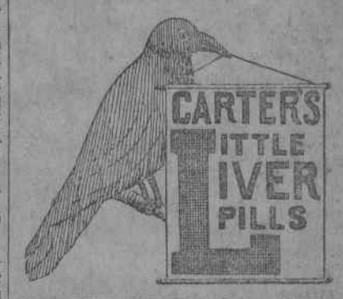

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