

WELCOMED THE NEW YEAR IN

The Coming Year Ushered In With Rejoicing and Gladness.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Cake Walk and Cotillion at Mrs. William's Dancing School.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE JUNCTION

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wild Entertain at Their Home—North Side. Cinch Club Meet With Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schumacher—Chi Psi Dinner at Hotel Pfister—Skating at the Auditorium.

New Year's of 1899 will go down as one of the most quiet in the history of Racine. It was ushered in with the chiming of bells and the firing of guns. With the weather cold and brisk, the thermometer indicating four below zero. There was the usual number of watch services at the churches New Year's eve and dancing parties and private parties were in order. Open house was kept at the Y. M. C. A. building and hundreds visited the place. At the Lakeside Auditorium there was skating and several hundred went to Milwaukee to attend the big Eisteddfod. There was the usual swearing off by the young men and good resolutions formed but how long will they be kept?

Among the many events on New Year's was a cinch party tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wild at their home, 704 Lake avenue in honor of Miss Mary Engler of Chicago. There were ten tables and a number of handsome prizes were awarded. The first lady's prize was won by Miss Laura Kaempfer and the second by Mrs. Philo Driver. The first gent's prize went to Thomas Owens and the second to Mr. Philo Driver. Mrs. Charles Wells and Mr. Edward Russell carried away the consolation prizes. Delicacies and refreshments were served. Mrs. Wild being assisted by her sisters, Misses Susie and May Kiddle and Mrs. Smiley of Chicago. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Durgin, C. M. Smith, Philo Driver, James Driver, William Mainland, D. F. Griswold, O. P. Graham, Charles Wells, Frank Dickey, Townsend, Misses Laura and Little Kaempfer, Ruth Evans, Susie and May Kiddle, Clara Hetzel, Jennie Tait, Miss Pierce of Milwaukee, Mrs. William Lewis, Mrs. C. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Smiley of Chicago, Messrs. Charles Driver, Edward Russell, James Rohan, Thomas Owens, Gilbert Tait and Mr. Miller.

New Year's eve the North Side Cinch club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schumacher on LaSalle street, there being five tables. The first lady's prize was taken by Mrs. F. Hotter and the first gent's prize by Dennis Long. The booby prizes were awarded to Mrs. Wm. Tidd and Mrs. Frank Parker. Refreshments were served during the evening and there was grand music on the piano by Paderewski and Edward Schumacher.

New Year's eve the tenth annual dinner of the Milwaukee Alumni association Chi Psi was held at the Hotel Pfister. Mr. E. B. Belden and Murray Beebe of this city were present. Judge Belden made an address, responding to the subject "Beach and Bar."

Yesterday a family reunion was held at residence of A. P. Dutton. All of his sons and daughters, grandsons and grand daughters living were present.

New Year's eve, the members of the Racine Singing society, with their families, held a very pleasant private party at their hall in the Secor block.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Yesterday was red letter day at the young men's Christian association. It being the annual open-house gathering of the year. Extensive preparations had been made by the committees in charge to entertain all who would accept the invitation to attend. All departments of the building were thrown open to the guests and they were packed during most of the day. The first attraction that was of interest was the new bowling alleys and it goes without saying that they were kept going. The room presents a very neat and inviting appearance and the alley beds are second to none. The room containing the alleys is 100 feet by 20, with platforms running the whole length of the room, thus giving room for a large number of spectators. All day long the alleys were used and some very good scores were made. The alleys and the other work of the room was done by Mr. Thomas Hay, under the supervision of Architect D. R. Davis, and they have both done good work in making this place an improvement to the already many attractions that the Y. M. C. A. is offering to the young men of our city.

The games furnished by the association were well patronized and furnished enjoyment and pleasure to a large number of people old and young taking part in different times during the day.

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musical and literary selections were rendered, all of which were of high merit and were highly appreciated by the large audiences which were present.

In the afternoon the basket ball teams connected with the association gave two exhibition games at the Turner hall, which is now rented for that purpose by the gymnasium department of the institution. The first game was between the first and second teams and resulted in a score of 26 to 4 in favor of the first team. The second game was between the first team and a picked one, which also resulted in a victory in favor of the first team by a score of 13 to 5.

At 4 o'clock the room used for the gymnasium was thrown open to all and a delightful lunch was served by the Ladies' auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. All did ample justice to this part of the entertainment and there was enough and to spare, notwithstanding the large number who were in attendance.

The event of the day was concluded by a grand entertainment in the Association hall, consisting of moving pictures. The large hall was entirely inadequate to meet the demand that was placed upon it as every available portion of the hall was literally packed with spectators, hundreds being obliged to remain standing during the entire exhibition. As to the entertainment itself it has to be seen to be appreciated. We are simply drawing it out when we say that it was grand and it is certainly one of the grand results of the inventor's skill in the close of the present century. For nearly two hours the vast audience was kept in the highest state of wonder and enjoyment as one picture after another was thrown upon the canvas with such realistic effects that it seemed as though the real object were actually being placed before the eyes of the spectators.

As stated in the beginning of this article the day was really a red letter one in the history of this grand association, which is doing so much to give to our people and especially the young men such delightful and refining entertainments and at a cost that is merely nominal.

CAKE WALK AND COTILLION AT CASTLE HALL

The cake walkers were divided into two sections, separating the larger ones from the smaller, a cake to be awarded each division. The smaller ones attracted much attention, not only for their artfulness but for their perfect way in performing difficult steps. The judges were Mrs. Dr. Garlock, Mrs. Kellogg and Mr. Zimmerman. The cake for the smaller ones was finally awarded to Thomas Falvey and James Driver and Georgia Smith and Edward Peil and Verna Gilien and Harold Freeman, and to May O'Laughlin and Lawrence O'Harrow among the larger ones. The cotillion in the evening was attended by a large number. It was led by Mr. and Mrs. Williams. New and novel features were introduced, among them being the bombardment of Santiago, balls of tissue paper being thrown at the dancers. After the cotillion dancing was resumed until 12 o'clock.

ENTERTAINMENT AT JUNCTION SUNDAY SCHOOL

The teachers and scholars of the Junction Sunday school enjoyed their annual holiday entertainment at their chapel on Ann street. There was a large attendance and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all. The exercises, consisting of singing and recitations by members of the school were very fine and the little ones performed their parts in a really creditable manner. The selections were from a new Christmas piece, entitled "The New Star," and was a very neat and enjoyable entertainment to listen to. As the close of this part of the entertainment very pretty boxes of candy were given to the children, a part of the program which was well received by those participating.

OBITUARY.

Subj. Jacob Scherick died this noon at her home, No. 1426 Lincoln street, of lung trouble, aged 36 years. She leaves a husband and six children. Funeral notice later.

Maime, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Peil, died at their home, No. 1104 St. Clair street. The funeral will be announced later.

Robert G. Ingorsoll.

At the Opera House, Kenosha, Thursday evening, Jan. 12, Diagram at Lovell's jewelry store, and tickets now on sale. At R. K. road with run special cars. Subject of Col's lecture, "Why I am an Agnostic."

MANGLED BY AN EVENING TRAIN

Patrick Breen, a Farm Laborer Killed Near W. U. Junction.

THE BODY HORRIBLY DISFIGURED

Pieces of the Unfortunate Man Strung Along the Track for Half a Mile—Inquest Held at the Junction by Justice John Lee.

About 7 o'clock yesterday morning the body of a man was found on the tracks of the C. M. & St. Paul railway, one mile south of Western Union Junction. It was horribly mangled, pieces being strung along for a distance of half a mile. The discovery was made by the crew of a passing train and section men, who were notified and picked it up. The body was identified as that of Patrick Breen of South Bridge, Mass., aged 24 years. Deceased had been working on the farm of John Herzog for the past three or four weeks. The last seen of him alive was New Year's night at the Junction when he started for home. It is believed that he was struck by the 8 o'clock north bound passenger train, as blood was discovered on the engine when it came back through the Junction yesterday. Coroner Strippie was notified of the accident, but when he arrived at the Junction found that Justice John Lee had proceeded to hold an inquest. Deputy Tom Burns summoned the jury. Undertaker Gus Martins of this city took charge of the remains and brought them to his morgue, where hundreds of people called last night to view the horrible sight. The jury in the case brought in a verdict in accordance with the facts. Coroner Strippie is considerably worked up over the fact that he was elected out of the inquest and states that the manner in which it was held will cost the county \$10 more than it would under his supervision. A telegram was sent to the relatives of Breen and word was received to forward the body to South Bridge to a brother. It will be sent on Wednesday night.

MATRIMONIAL.

Higgins-Benedict.

Miss Lizzie Higgins, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Higgins of Pleasant Prairie, and Legrande M. Benedict, son of Mr. A. J. Benedict, were married at the home of the bride on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28. Rev. Mr. Mager, pastor of the Pleasant Prairie M. E. church, officiating. The happy couple are widely known and highly esteemed. One hundred and fifty invited guests honored the event by their presence. The bride was gowned in cream colored henrietta and the groom wore the conventional black. Miss Maud Benedict, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid and was dressed in blue, and George Higgins, one of the numerous brothers of the bride, was groomsmen. In order to see the ceremony to advantage the numerous guests were arranged in double rows along the sides of the large parlors of the Higgins mansion. At 8 o'clock Miss Annie Powell, who presided at the organ, gave the music of the wedding march and accompanied on the violin by Leslie Holbrook, which made a charming combination. The bride and groom, preceded by the bridesmaid and groomsmen, marched between the long rows of guests and took their places at the north end of the parlor. The bride carried in her hand a dainty white bouquet, which contained the marriage ritual of the Methodist Episcopal church and which she handed to the minister when he assumed his place. The marriage service was read from the book and the happy pair gave the responses clearly and distinctly. At the close of this important ceremony congratulations were thickly showered upon them. Refreshments were next in order and they were rich, varied and abundant and they received full justice at the hands of the guests. The wedding presents were numerous, useful and beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict expect to settle here. Both are well endowed with habits of industry and thrift, and the many wishes for their future prosperity will not be in vain. R. F. R.

A Fine Piece of Color Work.

An experienced art critic gives it as his opinion that there will be no handsomer piece of color work issued this year than Hood's Sarsaparilla calendar, for 1899. It is not only useful, but artistic and beautiful, and up to date. The charming "American Girl," whose beautiful face appears with a delicately painted flag in the background, makes a pleasing feature when anyone will be pleased to have before him the whole of 1899. We suppose druggists will have this calendar, or a copy may be obtained by sending 6 cents to C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Notice to Water Consumers.

Water rents are now due and payable at the Water company's office, 321 Main street, for the six months to July 1, 1899. Bills for metered water will be ready after Jan. 10. Office open evenings during January, 7 to 8.

The Racine Water Co.

W. H. Laing, Supt.

GENEROUS DONATIONS.

New Year's Gift of \$500 Presented to Public Library by Racine Gentlemen.

The public library board has been in a quandary to know what to do when the present book fund is exhausted. The prospects of an increase to be levied by taxes this term not being very bright, having disappeared by action of the council some months ago, it is very gratifying to the city at large that public spirited men have come to the assistance of the board with funds, having given before to the fund. The following gentlemen presented the library fund with this New Year's gift: Stephen Bull, \$100; Chas. Lee, \$100; H. E. Miles, \$100; W. H. Crosby, \$100; H. M. Wallis, \$50; E. L. and C. H. Baker, \$50.

WOES OF THE READY-MADE GIRL.

Suffers Patiently in Order to Look Like a Fashion Plate.

Washington Star: Ho, for the Winter Girl! She is up to her plump, snowy neck just at present in the delicious occupation of buying her winter costumes. You can see her at any time of any day, in the "ready-made" department of any store in Washington. The ready-made girl is the girl of the period. After all, you can scarcely distinguish between her and the tailor-made girl.

It is quite a treat to watch her "trying on." She stands so patiently before the long polished mirror while the tired little seamstress pins, pulls and squeezes till her ten little fingers ache. "Don't you think or—er—a little padding here would be an immense improvement?" suggests the ready-made girl, in fear and trembling.

"Oh, yes," readily rejoins the store fitter, "we always pad across the shoulders in these days of skin-tight jackets. All these perfect figures are not gifts of God, by any means. Don't you think I'd better let the waist-out, just a trifle? It'll squeeze you awfully, if I don't. No? All right! Walk off now, and let me see about that length." Oh, that train's just too graceful. Ain't it, Katy?" and of course, Katy, the clerk, who is selling the suit, assents with an assumed air of ardent admiration; and the suit is sold. Then the ready-made girl walks back and forth before the glass: cranes her neck backward in a vain endeavor to get a full length view; flirts her train about; studies out the best way to display her silk drop skirt; and finally with a sigh of regret, allows a tired little seamstress to relieve her of the garment and tuck her once more into the shabby little jacket and last year's skirt.

It was a weary little clerk in the "ready-made" department who showed her pencil meditatively and said: "Oh, yes, they're all alike. They want us to 'take in' and 'take out' until their waists are mere exclamation points. Then when they have lived a week without breathing they come back and want us to let 'em' whole thing out again. Every fat woman expects to look like a sylph this year, and the skinniest old maid has a yearning desire to appear a symphony in curves. The women are all nerve-wracking. It is only when they bring a man with them—a husband or a brother or a papa—that the slightest diversion occurs, and then the risibles of a sphinx would be excited. A couple of this sort came in last week. The wife was a slim little, pale, brown thing, and he, her husband, evidently thought the trouble was with her dressing, and had offered to 'boss the job.' He entered the apartment and took a chair, like the Christian martyr going to slaughter; pushed his hat on the back of his head and ran his fingers through his hair, while his wife tried to growl after him.

"I like that, or I don't like that," he grunted, as he appeared in each new garment; and that was every word that could be wrunged from him. Finally I got mad, and insisted that the suit in question was beautiful. "Oh, yes," he assented, in a bewildered voice, with a scared look at me. "It's beautiful, beautiful!" Then he looked around the apartment at the other pretty women trying on gowns, and, catching sight of a perfect Diana in a plain blue serge, pointed her out, exclaiming, with some enthusiasm: "Now, why don't you get one like that?" "That!" cried his wife. "Why, John, that's the first suit I tried on, and you thought it was horrid!"

REPORTORIAL NOTES.

Ed C. Werner, formerly of Racine, now of Milwaukee, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. A. Duffy.

Regular meeting of Ladies' auxiliary at Father Matthew hall at 7:30 this evening. Payment of dues.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sprout of Burlington spent a portion of the holidays with relatives in Racine.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradley and children of Waukegan, spent New Year's with relatives at this city.

The new militia company will be mustered into the state service about the middle of the present month.

Installation of Racine Lodge, No. 32, Knights of Pythias this evening. All members are requested to be present.

Action against Albert Tilly, accused of robbing Max Wolf, the candy man of \$35, was dismissed this morning in the municipal court.

Burglars entered the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's office by pushing back the lock in the door. Two desks were pried open and a tin box full of pennies taken from one of them.

James Cram, a former member of Co. F, who has been in this city visiting friends for a few weeks, left yesterday for Madison, where he expects to get a position during the session of the legislature.

FIRST PRIZE WON BY MILWAUKEE

Orpheus Choral Union Carry Off the Plum at Eisteddfod.

FOUR CHOIRS WERE ENTERED

Mrs. Roger Evans of This City Awarded Two Prizes—Bay View Chorus Sole Competitors in Ladies Chorus—One Prize Withheld.

No less than 500 Racine people attended the Eisteddfod, the great Welsh festival which was held at Milwaukee yesterday. Nearly every man, woman and child in Racine knows what an Eisteddfod is, several of these gatherings having been held in Racine in recent years.

A chorus of the best trained singers in Racine, under the leadership of Prof. Lewis Evans, had been at work for weeks practicing for the competition in the grand chorus, the prize for which was \$500 and those who went up to Milwaukee from Racine who were not singers went to encourage the Racine people and to enjoy the music. In football parlance they would be called rooters. Though the chorus from the Belle City received very complimentary treatment at the hands of the adjudicators the first prize of \$500 was given to the Orpheus Choral union of Milwaukee, and the Racine chorus was awarded the second prize of \$100.

There were four choirs entered for this contest—the Eisteddfod chorus of Oshkosh, with Prof. G. T. Lane as conductor; the Orpheus Choral union of Milwaukee, J. H. Williams, conductor; the Racine chorus organized for this special occasion, with Lewis Evans as conductor, and the Apollo choir of Milwaukee, an organization under the leadership of Prof. Carl Haase.

WAS A CLOSE CONTEST.

The first prize was won by the Orpheus Choral union of Milwaukee, and the second by the Racine chorus. In making up their report the adjudicators, Prof. Evans Stephens of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Jenkin Powell Jones of Painesville, O., went into detail in pointing out not only the defects, but those points in which the different organizations were most efficient. There were faults to be found with all the renditions of the two pieces selected for the trial, "How Sweet the Morning Dew Sleeps," and "The Night is Departing." The verdict of the judges was that the contest was as a whole one of the closest that has been held in this country for a long time, but the Orpheus choir of Milwaukee was a shade better than the Racine choir, and the latter had a trifle to its credit in comparison with the others.

The adjudicators paid high compliments to Prof. Dan Protheroe, who composed "Lead Kindly Light," a baritone solo.

There was no competition for the ladies' chorus, and the adjudicators of course had to award the prize to the Bay View chorus, the only one entered, but they did not cover themselves with laurels, as the judges said they were to be given the \$75 prize money, but not a cent more.

The Oshkosh male chorus did not fare even so well. They were the only male chorus entered for the prize and they did so miserably that the adjudicators recommended that the prize be withheld.

Mrs. Rogers Evans of this city was awarded the prize at the evening session for the rendition "Gloria's Grave," and was paid a high compliment by Prof. William Apinodoc of Chicago, the adjudicator. The same lady was given the prize of \$10 for the best rendition of the Welsh poem, "O Wyddost Du Dwydded y Nghalen."

WILL OF EDWARD BAIN.

Filed in the Kenosha County Court—Disposition of His Property.

The will of the late Edward Bain has been filed in the Kenosha county court. It leaves \$9,000 to his brother, Lewis Bain, for his three daughters; \$3,000 each to his two sisters; \$1,000 to his niece, Miss Wild; one block to the city of Kenosha; \$500,000 in cash to his wife when the estate is settled; also to his wife the homestead, horses and carriage. The rest of his estate goes to his two daughters, Mrs. F. Newell and Mrs. J. Hoyt. He will further advised that all the real estate around Kenosha be kept intact for at least ten years.

"Rescued" will be repeated at Guild hall on Saturday evening of this week at popular prices. Seats in balcony 50 cents, on main floor 35 cents; first four rows in front, 25 cents. Reserved seat sale will open at Guild hall on Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

We, the undersigned, firms, agree to close our places of business at 6 o'clock p. m., excepting Saturdays. The same to be in effect until March 15.

Ticknor & Browne, B. Hinrichs, after Jan. 7, Langlois & Co., Wm. S. Bufham & Son.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

One at North End of Main Street Bridge and the Other at 1512 West Street.

Sunday evening about 9 o'clock, the little wooden building situated at the north end of Main street bridge, owned by N. E. Reichert, and occupied by August Gurke as a candy and cigar stand, was discovered to be on fire. The department promptly turned out and subdued the blaze, but not before the building was gutted. The building is damaged about \$25. The damage to the stock is not known, but it was insured for \$100. The fire is supposed to have originated from a lamp left standing on the counter.

Yesterday morning fire broke out at dwelling house No. 1512 West street, owned by Mr. Opdahl and occupied by Chris Bartleson. The fire department easily squelched the blaze. The furniture was moved out, but somewhat damaged. There was no insurance. The house was damaged \$100 and is insured.

NEW OFFICERS TAKE CHARGE

County Officials Turn Over Possessions to the New Men.

CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

Success and Good Luck Wished by All to the Newly Elected Officials—A Brief History of the Administrations of the Retiring Officials.

Bright and early yesterday morning a change of county officers took place. It was a very quiet transaction, the old officers simply turning over the business to the new ones and giving what information was in their power. Cigars were in order and a large number of people called to congratulate the incoming officers.

John Wagner retired as sheriff and Edward Rein became the sheriff. His assistants are Robert Mutter, under sheriff, and Charles Christensen, deputy sheriff and turnkey. Mr. Wagner made a good and efficient sheriff and never failed to get a man when he went after him. It is believed that he will engage in the wholesale cigar business.

Mr. Frank M. Roberts, who is succeeded by George Herzog as register of deeds, has made one of the best officers in that capacity the county ever had. The records are clean and perfect and everything in apple pie order.

Miss Susie Roberts will continue as assistant in the office.

County Treasurer Peter B. Meyers, who makes way for Treasurer Hay, has certainly made the county an honest, upright and cautious official. He turned over to Mr. Hay about \$8,000 in money.

Charles Bull of Raymond succeeds John Dixon as county clerk. The transfer of the effects of the office was made very quietly.

Peter B. Nelson, who retires from the office of district attorney to make room for his successor, C. L. Lukes, has made a remarkable record. In all cases prosecuted in the circuit court, he convicted with the exception of four cases.

Otto E. Ahrens is his own successor as clerk of the court, and he will continue to transact the business of the office with the same neatness and dispatch as of old.

Coroner Strippie succeeds himself as coroner, and Sayre G. Knight as county surveyor, both are the right men in the right place.

W. W. Storms succeeds Mr. Morse as county superintendent of schools.

TWO LOGGERS KILLED.

One of Them Killed by a Falling Tree and the Other by Moving Cars.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 2.—A special from Marinette, Wis., says: A chapter of accidents on the Holmes logging railroad, which runs from Pembina west forty miles, shows that two men were killed and three injured. The killed were Julius Howk, who was struck on the head by a falling tree, being killed instantly, and John Robins, who was crushed to death by falling between moving cars.

Nick Oile has purchased Phil Oile's interest in the sample room at 210 Main street, where he hereafter will be found with a full and complete stock of liquors, wines, cigars, etc. Mr. Oile is a clever, social and pleasant gentleman, and he hereby extends to his legion of friends an invitation to give him a call when wanting anything in his line, with the assurance that they will be cheerfully, well-served and courteously treated, and that their patronage will be highly appreciated by him. All accounts due the old firm have been made payable to the new firm. Nick is a live and wide-awake gentleman, and will leave no stone unturned to merit public patronage, and that he will succeed there is no doubt.

Dance at Treves pavilion every Sunday evening. Good music.