The Daily Planet

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CHRISTMAS IN HISTORY AND TRADITION.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around.

The shepherds who heard the angel's song and went "with haste" to the birthplace at Bethlehem cer tainly took part in the first celebra-tion of the Nativity, and the wise men who came afterward, being led by the wonderful star, may also be regarded as taking part in this first celebration of the Nativity, for the name Epiphany did not come into use until long afterward. When it was first adopted by the oriental churches it was designed to commemorate both the birth and baptism of Jesus, which two events the eastern church believed to have occurred on January 6.

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the winter solstice. Christmas was fixed at the time of year when the most celebrated festivities of the ancients were held in honor of the return of the sun. The Saxons and other northern nations kept a festival at this time of year in honor of Thor, in which they mingled feasting, drinking and dancing with sacrifice and religious rites. It was called Yule or Jule, the derivation of which has caused much dispute among quaries. The Bacchanalia and Saturnalia of the Romans had apparently the same object as Yuletide, or feast of the northern nations, and were probably adopted from some more ancient nation, as the Greeks, Mexicans, Persians, and Chinese had something similar. Presents were given and received as are Christmas presents in these days. Towards the end of the feast, when the sun was on its return, and the earth considered renovated, a king or ruler was chosen, with considerable power granted to him, from which may have sprung some of the Twelfth Night revels, mingled with those of the Manifesta-tion and Adoration of the Magi. In all probability other customs were adopted from the festivals of the ancients, such as decking with evergreen and mistletoe and the wassail

It is known that the feast of the Nativity was observed as early as the first century, and that it was kept up by the primitive Christians even in the dark days of persecution. On the rock hewn tombs of the cata-combs of Rome they wrote the thoughts that were most consoling, or printed on the walls the figures that gave them most pleasure. They are taken from the Bible, and the one that tells of their Christmas joys is "The Adoration of the Magi." In the Jewish churches no festival was so joyous as the feast of the Taber-nacles; when thes gathered the fruit of the vineyard, and in some of the earlier celebrations of the Nativity these festivities were closely copied And as all down the ages pegan ele-ments have mingled in the festivities of Christman, so in the catacomb.

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musical world nothing is more noticeable than the demand of all classes for the highest possible grade-of piano. The piano manu-facturer who meets this demand is never slack for want of orders.

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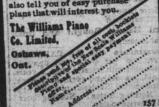
Crushed Between Engines.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—F. W. Green, an engine wiper, aged 22, was killed in the railway yard Tuesday night, being crushed between two engines, His wife lives in Farnham, Que.

Two Firemen Killed.

Sayanah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Two fire-men were killed and Assistant Chief Munro of the fire department, and an-other fireman, injured by an explo-sion at a fire here last night.

3,955 Sent Abroad. London, Dec. 90.—(C.A.P.)—The East End London emigration fund shows 3,255 British-born subjects ami-



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Taken from The Planet fyles from ried away. Amongst the money stolen were lifty dollar California gold pieces. No trace of the thieves has yet been discovered." Nov. 9. 1865, to Nov. 16, 1865.

"Chatham Planet has again been victorious in Windsor for \$100 against

time."

A number of robberies were reported in Essex.

A warning was published for citizens to be on the lookout for counterfeit money.

"On the 17th of October, the day of the Tilbury Township fair, Mr. John Powell, who lives on lot number 6, on the Middle Road, Raleigh, left home between eight and nine o'clock a. m. During the day, Mrs. Powell went out of the house for about an hour, and when she came back it was discovered that a chest containing a quantity of money had been pried open, and about \$750 car-"A ploughing match came off of

tion. There was also an outflow of generous hospitality toward the poor, who had a hard time of it the rest VAN ZANT ENQUIRY. Feature of Wednesday Was the Fric-

these. Nor is there need for continued suffering. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription can be relied on by every woman, suffering from what are called "female troubles," to renew the health and cute the disease. Women are astonished at the results of the use of this medicine. It not only makes welk women "robust and rosy their previous training, had acquired a mastery of the dramatic art. The company to which Shakespeare belonged became the king's players. Very early in this reign plays gave place to the more costly and elaborate entertainments called masques, very different to the dumb show marques of Elizabeth's reign or the low buffoonery masques of earlier times. Efforts of the Puritans to abolish Christmas were a failure. An ordin-ance was issued prohibiting the per-formance of plays. Some of the shops

the use of this medicine. It not only makes werk women "robut and rosy oheeked," but it gives them back the vigor and vitality of youth.

Freel Dr. Pierce's People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, 1008 pages, is sent free on receipt of 31 ome-sent stamps to pay expense of mailing and customs. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. ance was issued prohibiting the performance of plays. Some of the shops of London were kept open on Christmas day, the people fearing the popish observance of the day. The Puritans gradually prevailed, and in 1617 some parish officers were committed for permitting ministers to preach upon Christmas day, and for adorning the church. The citizens of London made a stout resistance. They declared they would go to church, and many ministers promised to be ready for them with prayer and lecture. In spite of the acts of the Puritans and the suppression of Christmas observance in high places, the old customs and festivities were still observed in different parts of the country, but with less ceremony.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 17.—An examination Saturday of the battleship Dreadnought, now in dock, showed that two plates on the port side are badly indented and must be replaced. It is betteved the Dreadnought struck some sunken wreckage during recent trials. The Dreadnought Damaged.

Renfrew's Sheriff Dead. Pembroke, Dec. 17.—Wm. Moffatt, sheriff of Renfrew County, died yesterday. He was a brother of Alex Moffatt, postmaster.

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was granted, and in 1213, alloward to be inevitable, called the barons to Bunnymeade and there signed the great charter.

During the reign of Henry VII. a statute was passed prohibiting card playing, except at Christmas. It was a universal custom to play eards at Christmas. It was a universal custom to play eards at Christmas. Persons who never played at any other time felt bound to do so at this season. The practice had even the sanction of the law. During the reign of James I the Christmas entertainments consisted which has frightened the wober which

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TO THE ELECTORS

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for the position of Mayor of the City of Chatham for 1907. Some years ago I appealed to you for support for the same office, and although unsucessful, I trust that my actions at the Council Board since that time will warrant your support and confidence in the coming election. If elected you can depend that my best energies will be devoted to your interests.

Thanking you for past favors, I Yours faithfully,

W. M. STONE. Ladies and Gentlemen:

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I am a candidate for the office of Mayor of the city of Chatham for the year 1907, and respectfully ask for your vote and influence.

If elected I shall endeavor faithfully to discharge the duties of the high office, and shall place my time, emergies and best judgment unreservadly at the service of the city.

Thanking you for the support you have so kindly given me in the past, I am,

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY

OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for the
position of Alderman of the Maple
City, and would respectfully solicit
your vote and influence, promising
at all times to serve the city to the best of my ability.

JOHN EDMONDSON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY. OF CHATHAM.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a number of my friends have asked me to place my name before the public for alderman for the year 1907. I have decided to do so. If you see fit to support me, I will do all in =; power to keep down needless' expenses. I was born in this city, and I do take interest in the city's welfare. Hoping you may mark your ballot for me, and wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain.

Respectfully yours, F. E. BAXTER.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

For the third time I am a candidate for the Council (1907).

I deem it proper to express my views on some important questions.

1. I believe the city property owners are taxed to the limit of endurance. If elected, I shall support the indicate economy, con-

conservative, judicious economy, consistently with adequate services to the people.

2. I believe no more bonues or gifts should be given to new com-panies except under special circum-stances, and in no case without un-

doubted security.

3. I believe in establishing up-todate bathing and swimming baths

for the citizens.
4. I believe the Board of Health should be re-organized for better service and at greatly reduced ex-

pense.
5. I believe the ralways and telephone company should be made to toe the mark as to their agreements. I fought them before and will fight

them again if necessary.

6: I will not talk to the good ladies, as they will do all the talking for me themselves. GEO. G. MARTIN. Chatham, Dec. 15th, 1996.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY

OF CHATHAM. Ladies and Gentlemen: Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a large number of the ratepayers of the city, I have consented to become a candidate for the Board of Education for 1907, and respectfully ask your support by your vote and influence. If elected, I shall endeavor to be worthy of your confidence. Ast will be impossible for me to make a personal canvass of the whole city, I take this means of soliciting your support.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am Hespectrumy yours,
J. C. McLEAN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM. Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for the Board of Education for 1907 and shall be grateful for your support if you think I am worthy of it. My main object in getting on the Public School Board last January was as my printed platform showed, to work for the establishment of a Board of Education in place of the present Ward system, and the records will show that I have carried out my promises in that as well as m other matters. Following my custom of last year I shall later place my printed platform in the hands of every elector. I was only a few years ago a pupil of the Public and High schools of this city and have always had their best interests at heart.

Wishing you all a prosperous and happy year in 1907, I am, Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. BRACKIN.

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