HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

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"SLATE" IS SELECTED FOR BOARD OF CONTROL

Cooper, Wright, Quinn and Bailey Named — Jos. Mitchell Dies From Self-inflicted Injuries.

HAMILTON, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Joseph Mitchell, 282 North Victoria-avenue, the youth suspected by the police of numerous petty thefts within the past two years, and who shot himself Tuesday night after being released on bail, died at the city hospital Saturday. The police discovered nearly $500 worth of swag in a shed at the rear of his residence, and when Mitchell learned this he tried to end his life a few hours later. He had $2000 deposited in a bank and in another year would have received an estate valued at about $10,000.

Miss Margaret Hagyard, daughter of Thomas and Mrs. Hagyard, Scott's block, died at the city hospital Friday night, from typhoid fever, which she contracted two weeks ago while nursing a typhoid patient. The remains were taken to her home, from where interment will take place Monday afternoon.

Thomas A. Berry, aged 17 years, passed away at his home this afternoon.

A fire, of unknown origin, broke out in the Schultz Lantern Co., York-street, early Saturday. The damage was $300.

Hydro-Electro Slate.

The hydro-campaign committee met at its headquarters on Saturday night to select a slate for the board of control, and chose the following: Ald. Cooper, Ald. A. J. Wright, Frank Quinn and ex-Ald. W. G. Bailey. Ald. Cooper and Wright have been two of the strongest and most loyal champions of the people's rights on the power question who have sat in the council during the past year, while Mr. Quinn and Mr. Bailey are recognized as staunch supporters of the hydro-electric cause, and the committee is confident, because of the present state of public feeling against the Cataract Power Co., and those who have served its interests in the council during the last two or three years, that the election of these four is assured.

Ald. Hopkins Retires.

It was announced to-night that Ald. Hopkins had decided to retire from the mayoralty race. His reasons were not stated. It would seem that Mayor McLaren will be elected by acclamation to-day.

Travelers' Certificates.

Commercial travelers' certificates for 1910 can now be had from Fred Johnson, Room 5, Federal Life Building. ed

ALAS, THE COOK BUBBLE!

Toy Dealers Find Its Bursting Loses Money for Them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The puncture of Dr. Cook's north pole claims has proved a sad blow to some of the toy dealers who during the last few weeks have been laying in a host of Christmas toys named after him. Dozens of mechanical toys now on sale in the department stores and in the toy stores bear the name of Dr. Cook.

Dolls dressed in white furs and bearing some resemblance to the Bushwick-avenue explorer had, within a few days, proved ready sellers.

Sledges drawn by miniature Eskimo dogs and bearing a fur-clad figure labeled "Cook on his dash for the pole," had also been popular, and thousands of parents who were among the early shoppers laid in stocks of these "Dr. Cook" toys for their youngsters, expecting to surprise them on Christmas morning.

BATTLESHIPS OR LIQUOR

A. W. Martin Suggests More of the Former and Less of the Latter.

A. W. Martin, who occupied the chair at the Canadian Temperance League meeting in Massey Hall Sunday afternoon, suggested that Canadians quit drinking for a year and build some Dreadnoughts. Canadians, he said, spent nearly $11 per head yearly on liquor, and about $1 per head on the country's protection.

Rev. J. T. McCoombe of McCoombe Bros., evangelists, also spoke on "Visions Which Have Saved the World."

His brother, John McCoombe, made a special plea to men to sign the total abstinence pledge on the threshold of the new year.

Splendid Service at the Princess.

A great audience attended the People's Sunday Service last night in the Princess Theatre. The subject of the pictorial address was "The Lights and Shadows of a Great City." It was the story of two street waifs of New York, born in similar conditions of poverty. Miss Francis World sang most effectively "The Star of Bethlehem," and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

What You Get?

Beautiful Gifts and many of them, and you're happy. Good,—But remember—that a sick liver and slow torpid bowels—make the most beautiful gifts lose their beauty —CASCARETS will clean up the bowels—make the liver act—everything look better. 802

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SNOWY XMAS IN NEW YORK 100,000 FED BY CHARITY

7,000 in the East Side Dined Thru the Goodness of Their Idol Who Was Buried the Previous Day.

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 26.—Christmas brought to New York a snowstorm, the only one of the season, except a light fall on Thanksgiving eve.

It began shortly before noon and continued into the night, covering the streets nearly three inches deep.

The general feature of the holiday was the free dinners provided for more than 100,000 of the city's poor.

The Salvation Army alone fed over 25,000 hungry mouths at the Grand Central Palace, and provided, besides, a Christmas tree, laden with presents for upwards of 13,000 children.

On the east side, the same great crowds, who attended the funeral Saturday of Little Tim Sullivan thronged the Sullivan headquarters on the Bowery to find that "Little Tim's" annual Christmas dinner had been provided this year by his big cousin, State Senator Timothy D. Sullivan, better known as "Big Tim."

Seven thousand eastsiders ate their full and departed with a free pipe and tobacco and a ticket for a new pair of shoes. It had been "Little Tim's" last request that this Christmas charity be kept up by the Sullivan family.

A number of prominent city officers and politicians attended the dinner, many of them donning aprons and serving the stream which poured into the Sullivan headquarters.

Among the jolliest of the city's guests were 10,000 sailors from the Atlantic battleship fleet, which is anchored in the Hudson close to Riverside Drive.

There was Christmas cheer even among the convicts. Christmas feasts were held at all city prisons, while at Sing Sing the 1875 prisoners had a good square meal, and each man was given two cigars.

Pennsylvania Traffic Delayed.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Snow, which began falling here early Saturday, was seven inches deep by night, the fall being the heaviest of the season. Reports from many parts of the state show a fall of more than ten inches. Railroad traffic generally is delayed, and considerable interruption to telegraphic service was experienced. The Pennsylvania Railroad annulled fifteen local trains.

Heavy Snow in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Chicago and vicinity Saturday experienced the heaviest snowfall on Christmas in years. The fall in Chicago from Friday afternoon was 5.2 inches, causing great delay to passenger and mail trains. The temperature was mild.

TO REMOVE BROWN DOG

Battersea Park Statue of "Martyr to Vivisectionists' Cruelty" to Go.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Anti-vivisectionists in London are deeply distressed because the brown dog statue in Battersea is now in real danger of being removed. The statue is that of a dog which London medical students used for research purposes, and was erected not merely in memory of the little martyr, but as a protest against the cruelties of vivisection.

That made the medical students of London wild. First they protested, then they threatened, and last of all they took forcible means to remove the statue. They came into collision with the police, and not a few broken heads resulted.

That was more than a year ago. But the students have not rested. That that statue should be removed they were determined upon, and it has had to be constantly guarded by the local police, night and day. The police are now tired of keeping constant watch on the little brown dog; for the students are wily young men, who harass the police not a little.

The highways committee of the Battersea Town Council, however much they may sympathize with the opponents of vivisection, have recommended that the statue be returned to its donors.

"Oh, yes," said the secretary of the Anti-Vivisection League to me yesterday, "it is coming down at last. There is no hope for it this time."

SAFE BLOWERS SCARED AWAY

Cracked Two Vaults But Got No Cash.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 26.—Burglars blew up two safes in this city on Saturday morning, and, altho in both cases they found money, none was taken, the crackmen evidently being frightened away by passersby before they could get possession.

One of the safes was that in the office of the Chew Lumber Company, in Fairview. Here the burglars blew up the strong box with nitro-glycerine and disturbed a lot of valuable papers. The approach of the watchman, who had heard the shot, sent them off in a hurry.

The second case was that of the safe of the Cheeade Wood Yard, which was blown up about the same time.

"Dixie" Most Popular Hymn.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 26.—"Dixie" has finally been officially proclaimed as first in American songs and music in "patriotic popularity." Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the library of congress, who has just issued from the government press an exhaustive report on four famous American musical compositions. "Yankee Doodle," he says, tho no longer a national song, is still a national air and second only to "Dixie" in the popularity contest.

PASTOR RUSSELL'S SERMON

Christmas Joys Text: "The Angel Said Unto Them, Fear Not; For, Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy, Which Shall Be to All People; For Unto You Is Born This Day in the City of David, a Saviour, Which is Christ the Lord."—Luke ii. 10, 11.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26.—Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here to-day to a large and attentive audience from the above text. He said:

There is an appropriateness in the general joy of the Christmas season, even tho some of it is not wisely expressed. The happy custom of giving tokens of love and friendship prevails everywhere the story of Jesus has gone. Even the alms-houses and prisons make special provision that the day which celebrates the Savior's birth may, so far as posible, be a happy one, a joyous one, to all mankind.

Our text tells of God's great gift; and altho it is evident that our Lord Jesus was born about October 1, instead of December 25, this makes no material difference, for it is the great fact that we commemorate, and not the particular day of its occurrence.

All men realize, to some extent at least, their imperfections—that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Men's thoughts toward God seem to run along the lines of fear; unworthy of Divine favor, they fear Divine wrath. So it was with the shepherds as related in our context. When the angel of the Lord appeared to them to announce Messiah's birth, they feared. For what purpose would an angel or messenger come to them, except to render some denunciation or to foretell some catastrophe? It was, therefore, that the first words of the messenger were, "Fear not." So in approaching mankind in general with God's message to sinners it is appropriate that we begin by saying, Fear not! The God we preach unto you is not a demon seeking your injury and your torment. He is a God of wisdom and justice and love with all power to carry to successful conclusion His wise, just and loving program respecting our race, "which He purposed in himself from before the foundation of the world (Ephesians i, 9, 4).

Satan has used this human tendency of fear as a lash wherewith to drive man away from God, and from the Bible, His revelation. We are not, therefore, to accredit to our forefathers the viciousness of character which seems to be implied in the creeds of the "dark ages" handed down to us; rather we are to credit those vicious misrepresentations of our Heavenly Father to the great "Father of Lies." He it is who in the dark of the past planted the seeds of what the apostle terms "doctrines of devils" (I Timothy iv, 1). We thank the Lord that gradually we are getting our eyes of understanding opened to recognize the true character of God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent, and who is His express image.

Hark to the Lord's message thru the prophet Isaiah. Foreseeing our estrangement from himself and our enslavement by the adversary, He tells us in so many words, their fear towards Me is not of Me, but is taught by the precepts of men—as inspired by our adversary, the devil (Isaiah xxix, 13).

Intending from the first not to abandon His fallen human creatures to utter destruction, the Father purposed in Himself, in advance, the great plan of salvation now in progress. From before the foundation of the world He purposed that Jesus should be the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world and eventually to bring all the willing and obedient back to harmony with Himself, so that only the wilfully wicked would experience the wages of sin, death—"second death." But God has a due time for every feature of His great plan. Four thousand years sped by before it became "due time" to send the Only Begotten Son into the world to redeem it. "In the fulness of time God sent forth His Son, born of a woman" (Galatians iv, 4). "In due time Christ died for the ungodly"—forty-one hundred and sixty years after sin had entered (Romans v, 6). At first we are amazed at such a delay. Nor can the matter be satisfactorily understood until we learn two things:

(1) That man's experience with sin and death is part of the great lesson which God designs all to have—learning the exceeding sinfulness of sin. Later, when the second great lesson shall be given to mankind—the desirableness and profitableness of righteousness—the schooling as a whole will be the more effective.

(2) We must also learn that our dear friends and neighbors who go down unto death are as if only asleep, and have no consciousness in either joy or sorrow, waiting for the millennial morning—the resurrection morning. Their death would have been absolute, as in the case of the brute beast, had not God with His great love provided for their redemption and resurrection (Ecclesiastes v., 9; John xi., 11; iii., 13; Acts ii., 34). In view of this provision the whole world is said to sleep in Jesus—in the sense that their hope rests in the great work which Jesus accomplished when He gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time (I. Timothy ii., 6). There is a difference, therefore, between the world sleeping in Jesus and the church who fall asleep in Christ. The church is composed of those begotten of the holy spirit during this gospel age, who maintain their relationship to Christ, the Head, as "members" in His body, and whom God has promised, that as they share with Christ in His sacrificial death, they shall also share with Him in His glorious resurrection to honor and immortality (Philippians ii., 8-11).

The Scriptures make very plain the fact that while Jesus was born of a woman, this was not the beginning of His existence, for "He was with the Father before the world was." He was the very "beginning of the creation of God" (Revelation iii., 14). As St. John declares, "In the beginning was the word (Logos) and the Logos was with The God and the Logos was a God. . . . By Him were all things made that were made and without Him was not one thing made." He was "made flesh and dwelt among us." "He came unto His own and His own received Him not, but to as many as received Him, to them gave He privilege to become sons of God" (John i., 1-14).

The Scriptures make clear to us that the Father did not compel the Son to be our Redeemer—on the contrary, He invited Him to do so, and set before Him the great reward:

(1) The privilege of proving his loyalty to the Father (Hebrews x., 7; Psalm xl., 8).

(2) The privilege of serving the fallen race, as their Redeemer and Restorer (Matthew xx., 28).

(3) The honor of high exaltation to even greater dignities than He had before He left the Father—to honor, glory and immortality, far above angels and principalities and powers and every name that is named. St. Paul, in referring to the matter, tells us that our Lord, "for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame"—and now, in consequence, is set down on the right hand of the Father on high (Hebrews xii., 2).

While the Saviour was the Christmas gift to us in one sense of the world, yet the gift was more from another standpoint—altho it was all contained in that primary gift. Our Lord first, by obedience to the divine law, demonstrated His right to eternal life; and, at the same time, by His consecration to death, He laid down the life He was privileged to have. Nor did He ever take it back. He arose from the dead on the third day, perfected as a New Creature—as a spirit-being (II. Corinthians iii., 17). He did indeed appear to the apostles during the subsequent 40 days, but not as before. Altho, after His resurrection, He appeared in the flesh, He was not flesh. He had taken the body of flesh "for the suffering of death," and not to keep eternally. When he had finished sacrificing it, the flesh had served His purpose. His high exaltation is on the spirit plane, far above angels. His appearances during the 40 days were very brief and few, after the manner in which angels had previously appeared in the flesh. They were for the purpose of convincing the disciples that He was no longer dead, and to convince them also that He was no longer limited to earthly powers, as before His death. He was "put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the spirit" (I. Peter iii., 18).

Notice how God's gift expands, carrying blessings with each change. The glorified Jesus, when He ascended up on high, had to His credit, so to speak, the human, earthly rights which He had sacrificed. Those rights were sufficient for the whole world. Because all had been condemned thru one man, all could be justified, atoned for, by the sacrifice of one perfect man—"the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all" (I. Timothy ii., 5, 6).

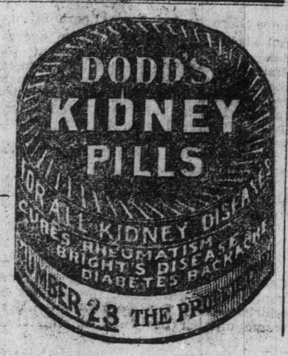
But the ascended Saviour, altho He came into the world to be the Saviour of the world, did not apply the merit of His sacrifice for the world, but, as the Scriptures show, He applied it for His church and the entire household of faith. Unbelievers are not covered by that application of Christ's merit. In order to get under the merit of Christ now they must believe, renounce sin and make a consecration of themselves to walk in the Redeemer's footsteps as living sacrifices. Under this provision the gospel call has been going forth for now eighteen centuries. The object of this, the Scriptures tell us, is to select primarily the church of Christ, a "little flock," "the Bride, the Lamb's Wife" and joint-heir with Him in His millennial kingdom, which is to bless the world.

Thruout this gospel age a faithful "little flock" has gradually been gathered. Their test is their willingness to lay down their lives in the Lord's service—in the service of the truth and in the service of the brethren. In doing this they are sacrificing with Jesus—as the apostle suggests, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans xii, 1). This sacrifice of Christ's "members" is counted in as part and parcel of the sacrifice of Christ. When this sacrificing shall be finished it will mean that the merit of Christ's sacrifice at Calvary appropriated to the church will have been laid down again—returned to the credit of the Redeemer. Then, at the conclusion of this age, when the last "member of the body" has suffered with Him and been glorified, the great high priest will apply the blood afresh—not again for his members and the household of faith, however, but for the world, as the type clearly shows.

Glance backward now, and see the unfoldings of the divine plan: The Babe of Bethlehem; the Man of Sorrows; the Risen Lord; the Ascended High Priest and Advocate; the appropriation of His merit to the church; the joy of forgiveness of sins and reconciliation to God experienced by all believers; their instruction in the School of Christ; their testing and proving by trials and difficulties; and finally, their glorification with their Lord in the millennial kingdom. In turn, the glorious prophet, priest, mediator, king, head and "members" complete, will institute the millennial kingdom reign of righteousness for the blessing of the world. Applying His merit for the world and using it also to seal the new covenant, He opens up the way whereby all then living may become reconciled to God—may be blessed with restitution to full perfection of mind and morals and physique—and have back again the paradise, lost by sin but redeemed at Calvary.

The Savior purposes, in harmony with the divine program, that not merely the members of the race living at the time of His second coming and the establishment of His kingdom shall be blessed by God's great Christmas gift, but additionally, every member of Adam's race. Hence the arrangement is, as the Master tells us, "All that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the son of man and come forth."

The "overcomers" of this time of evil, having passed their trial, will come forth perfected in life—the church on the spirit plane, being the "first fruits." The remainder of mankind, unapproved of God, shall come forth unto a resurrection of crisis—trial, judgment, testing. They will come forth that it may be testified to them—in that their due time—that Christ died for their sins and that redemption thru His blood has been provided for them and for all of Adam's race. During that thousand years of trial they must either accept God's grace and co-operate in their advance to perfection or be destroyed in the second death as unworthy of any further divine favor and blessing.



HOME IS RIGHT PLACE FOR MARRIED WOMAN

Says Mrs. Hurlburt at the People' Institute on Sunday Afternoon.

"In our efforts to reform we should not neglect home," said Mrs. M. M. Hurlburt, speaking at the People's Institute at Zion Congregational Church yesterday afternoon.

"When a woman gets to be a charming platform speaker, a lady bountiful, or a reformer, inquisitive people ask, 'What is she like at home?'

"Wifehood and motherhood defined is a business, a profession. A single woman may go in for the law, become a doctor, or anything else, but a married woman should spend most of her time at home. When a woman manages a home she is doing as much for the nation as the woman who is out trying to reform affairs.

"As wives and mothers let us give the best of our time to the home. It is the service that gives the best satisfaction."

SHOT WIFE; PHONED POLICE

Says He Doesn't Remember Having Done the Deed.

PERU, Ind., Dec. 26.—Policemen that answered a call Saturday from Ora Galloway, found his wife dead on the kitchen floor of their house, and Galloway with an emtied revolver in his hand. Overturned furniture showed there had been a struggle. Galloway declared he had no consciousness of what had taken place. He is in jail.

In his examination by the police, Galloway said he had been ill and that Friday his wife gave him some headache medicine before he went to bed. He knew no more, he said, until he found himself standing over her body. He did not know whether or not he had fired the shots that killed her. He dressed and telephoned the police.

Galloway added that his wife wished to go on the stage and he had not encouraged her.

She was 30 years of age, and he is 28. They have two children, boys 2 and 5 years of age.

APRON CAUGHT FIRE

Cook in Port Hope Hotel Was Seriously Burned.

PORT HOPE, Dec. 26.—In attempting to remove a lid from the range in the Royal Hotel kitchen Saturday morning, Mrs. George Henderson, the cook, was almost fatally burned. That she was not burned to death is due only to the presence of mind of Chas. Ferry, the proprietor, who wrapped the woman in his coat, carried her out and rolled her in the snow.

Mrs. Henderson's apron had ignited and she ran about the kitchen in her frenzy. Mr. Perry is in bed as a result of his efforts, his face and hands being severely burned. Mrs Henderson may recover. Dr. W. McKinley sent her to Toronto in fair condition.

Six weeks ago Mrs. Henderson joined the hotel staff, coming from Toronto.

WOMAN AIDED SAFE BLOWERS

Acted as Sentinel—Jeweler's Vault Looted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Burglars, with the aid of nitroglycerine and a woman, blew open the safe of Wasserman Brothers, clothing dealers, in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn early Saturday, obtained nearly $1000 in cash and valuable jewelry and made a clean getaway. Suits of clothes were piled upon the safe to deaden the noise of the explosion, while a well-dressed woman accomplice paced up and down the sidewalk outside to warn the robbers of approaching pedestrians.

AN APOLOGY TO STUDENT SCOTT

DRESDEN, Dec. 26.—The Neueste Nachrichten publishes an apology for misrepresenting the facts in the Scott case and prints a letter from a member of the Freiberg Anglo-American Club telling the true story of the case. In its comments the same newspaper says:

"If the facts are as stated, Mr. Scott's expulsion must appear as a police measure of exaggerated severity."

This is a notable admission from a newspaper of The Nachrichten's views, which are usually Chauvinist.

Fire at Petrolia.

PETROLEA, Dec. 26.—Fire early Saturday morning destroyed Hyatt's cigar store and bowling alleys on Main-street, in Oddfellows' block, also doing about $200 damage to the lodge rooms above the store. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Youthful River Pirates.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Six bold pirates, ranging in years from 15 to 18, were arrested by the Brooklyn police after they had removed an engine from a barge, installed it in a dory and were making preparations to start on an expedition up the East River.

When the officers arrived, three of the boys sprang from the dory into the icy waters and were captured only after they were chilled and exhausted.

Confirms Leopold's Marriage.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.—The Twentieth Century, a government organ, quotes an "authoritative person" confirming the religious marriage of King Leopold on his death bed. It also says that a few days prior to this, Baroness Vaughan received holy communion.

MRS. ASTOR'S DINNER SET GLITTERS, BUT ISN'T GOLD

And Fake Pearls and Other Jewelry Are Much in Demand From New York Smart Set.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—That Mrs. Caroline W. Astor's famous dinner service, popularly believed to be eighteen carat gold, was in reality only plated with the precious metal, is the statement made by August V. Lambert of the jewelry firm of Lambert Brothers, Third-avenue and Fifty-eighth-street.

"Not only do many persons of wealth use imitation pearls and other imitation jewelry," said Mr. Lambert, "but many of their other seemingly priceless possessions are mere shams. For instance, the 'solid gold dinner set' of Mrs. Astor, was an ordinary silver set, plated with gold. We have often repaired pieces of the set for Mrs. Astor, and I can testify to this fact. Indeed, a dinner set of solid eighteen carat gold would not be of much use, because of the softness of the metal. No one using the set could tell the difference. I once sold Mrs. Astor a set of six knives and six forks, all gold plated.

"Regarding the use of imitation pearls, we have such a demand for them that we carry a line of imported imitations and they sell very well. Some persons will use the imitations to fill out a necklace or a collar when it is impossible to match the real pearls. A first-class imitation pearl cannot be detected by an expert at a distance of two feet.

"Very often people come to us to have imitations made of the genuine jewelry they own. When traveling, or at other times when they run the risk of loss by theft or accident, the imitations are worn and the real thing is locked up in the safe deposit vault. There are not many persons who buy paste jewelry merely to make a show. They usually have some such purpose as I have cited. Customers have often come to me with partly completed necklaces of collars of pearls and bought paste jewels to fill out the set until suitable gems could be obtained.

"It has been my experience that persons of great wealth are the principal users of imitation jewelry. Those of ordinary means want the genuine article or nothing at all. Those who have the priceless ornaments are willing to show the imitation and keep the original at home. Imitation diamonds are not so extensively used. They are easier to detect by sight, and the few customers to whom I have supplied them wanted copies of their own very valuable necklaces."

THERE WERE INACCURACIES

Mayor of Savannah Corrects Certain Newspaper Reports.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—Mayor Geo. W. Tideman, of Savannah, takes exception to the accounts of the recent triple murder in that city, as sent out by Savannah correspondents of out of town papers.

He claims that the stories of excitement the night of the murder, while the hunt for the slayer was in progress were greatly exaggerated. The mayor declares that there were only four arrests for the crimes; that three of these were white men; that no heavily armed men assisted the police; that no negroes asked to be locked up for protection; that no innocent men were attacked; that no doors were broken open or fences levelled, that he as mayor never suppressed or attempted to suppress an edition of the paper.

The mayor adds: "These statements do a grave injury to the citizens of Savannah, who displayed a regard for law under the extraordinary circumstances that reflected credit upon the community."

GEORGE SHELDON DEAD

Ex-President of Phoenix Fire Co. Never Knew He Had Been Disgraced.

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 26.—Geo. Preston Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance Co. of Brooklyn, under indictment for grand larceny in connection with financial irregularities in the company recently exposed by the state insurance department of New York, died at his home here Saturday, aged 62, ignorant of the fact that detectives were waiting with extradition papers ready to take him to New York for trial in the event of his recovery. At the time the affairs of the company were arranged in a statement by the New York insurance department recently, Sheldon lay critically ill of ptomaine poisoning, and in view of his condition, details of his indictment was withheld from him. He never rallied.

Sheldon had been president of the Phoenix Insurance Co. of Brooklyn for twenty-one years.

SEARCHLIGHT AS CHURCH CALL

Brooklyn Pastor's Experiment to Do Away With Bell Ringing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—To do away with the old time bell ringing as a summons for church goers at night, a Brooklyn pastor has conceived the novel idea of flashing a powerful searchlight from the belfry tower. The searchlight will be placed 200 feet from the ground on the spire of the first reformed church in Brooklyn. It will throw its rays at a fixed time before the religious services begin, and the flashing will continue during the church hours to attract the tardy and the backsliders.

Rev. James Farrar is opposed to bell ringing, because it awakens the ill and annoys the aged and infirm in the neighborhood.

SHOT WIFE AND SELF.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26.—Because his wife had expressed a desire to go to her parents' home to spend Christmas, James B. Blakeley, a railroad foreman, shot her and himself dead at their home in Algiers.

The four-year-old son of the couple called neighbors to the house, told them of the fatal quarrel and showed his parents lying dead on the floor.

Union Stock Yards.

There are eight car loads of live stock at the Union Yards, for sale at Monday's market.

Broadway Church New Year's Night. Jessie Alexander, Arthur Blight.

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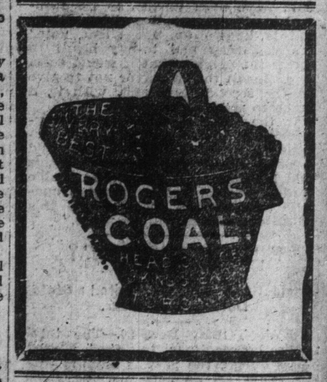

UNION STATION QUIET

Few Travelers on Christmas Day and Trains Running Late.

After the busy scenes of Christmas Eve the Union Station presented a striking contrast Saturday morning.

A few seized an early opportunity to get out of town on Christmas morning, but the huge depot during the greater part of the day was practically deserted. The service suffered thru the heavy snow fall, what few trains there were being considerably over time.