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END OF CENTURY

Waterbury Will Celebrate the Event To-Night.

SERVICES IN ALL CHURCHES.

The Blowing of Whistles and Ringing of Bells—The Green Will Be Brilliantly Illuminated By Connecticut Lighting and Power Co—City Authorities Have Given People Full Swing in the Matter of Celebration From 12 to 12:30 O'clock.

There will be a watch service in almost of the Protestant churches tonight, and the Catholics will be in attendance at midnight mass, when the old year and the century take their place with the past and the merry chimes ring in the birth of another new year and the beginning of the twentieth century. Midnight mass will be celebrated at the following churches: Immaculate Conception, rector, the Rev William J. Slocum; St Patrick's, rector, the Rev Joseph M. Gleeson; church of the Sacred Heart, rector, the Rev T. F. Shelley; St Ann's, rector, the Rev Father Senesac; St Cecilia, German Catholic, rector, the Rev Dr Farrell Martin; St Francis Xavier, rector, the Rev J. J. Curtin; St Thomas's, rector, Rev T. M. Crowley; St Poseph's, rector, the Rev Peter Saurusaitis, and the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, rector, the Rev Father Karam.

At most of the churches the Christmas music will be repeated. No doubt the several churches will be crowded, and people who want to make sure of getting on the inside should be on hand early. It has been suggested that all who were present at the midnight mass last year remain at home and give those who got crowded out a chance this time, but of course they won't do this, so that the indications point to big congregations at all the churches, with thousands unable to reach any further than the outside entrances. There will be masses in the churches Wednesday forenoon for the accommodation of people who may not have an opportunity to get out at midnight.

Several societies will meet in their headquarters and spend a few hours at the banquet table. The Concordia Singing society has plans projected for a family gathering, and the Catholic Literary association will dance and make merry in Lilley block.

The green will present a pretty picture and as many as possible should "take it in." The Connecticut Lighting and Power Co will set out a number of full arc lights which will be suspended from wires resting upon the mighty arms of the giant elms, and people who are constantly finding fault with the kind of electric light service we have should take particular notice of the ones in the green tonight, for the city can have them in exchange for the old ones without any additional cost. It will be a big night in all parts of the town.

CELEBRATE TO-NIGHT.

City Clerk M. J. Ryan asks the Democrat to announce that all those so desiring can celebrate to-night in as noisy or as quiet a manner as they wish, between the hours of 12 and 12:30. The Fourth of July rules will be in force for that half hour.

There will be a midnight mass at St Ann's French Catholic church. There has been an excellent program prepared by the well-known organist. Miss Mary Morrot. The choir will be under the direction of Edward Baribault. The program of the music for the midnight mass will be as follows:

Kyrie ..... Giorza
Gloria ..... Giorza
Credo ..... Giorza
Offertory .....
....Adeste Fideles et Jesus Deivivi
Sanctus ..... Millard
Agnus Dei ..... Giorza

Soloists—Soprano, Mrs P. Galipeau, Miss L. Doucette. Alto, Misses P. Rodier, M. L. Fregeaux. Tenors, Henry Caron, A. Tourangeau. Bass, F. Galipeau, D. Tourangeau.

DUTCH CHURCH SERVICES.

New York, Dec 30.—A union watch night service conducted by four clergymen in the historic old Dutch church of Sleepy Hollow, near Tarrytown, made famous by Washington Irving, will begin at 11 o'clock to-night, and will be continued into the new century. The old church will be lighted by candles, as it was a century ago. At midnight, the new century will be greeted with the hymn, "O, God, Our Help in Ages Past." The church was built in 1697. It stands to-day practically the same as it was when it was the worshipping place of the Dutchmen of Philipse Manor. Its little bell, cast in Holland, still calls the people to worship.

20TH CENTURY IN LONDON.

New York, Dec 31.—The close of the century will be commemorated in London to-night by special services at St Paul's cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and nearly all the churches of the metropolis, says the Tribune's correspondent. There will be twentieth century services to-morrow at Canterbury and St Paul's, with Archbishop Temple, Bishop Carpenter, Dean Farrar and Dean Eliot as preachers, and "The Messiah" will be sung at Albert hall. The old century will be danced out and the new century danced in at Convent Garden in fancy dress.

BOSTON WILL CELEBRATE.

Boston, Dec 31.—The opening of the twentieth century will be welcomed and recognized officially in this city and in most of the churches, appropriate services and ringing bells and chimes at midnight will mark the departure of 1900 and the advent of 1901. The most notable feature of the general observance, outside of religious circles, will be the exercises at the state house which are to be conducted under the auspices of the Twentieth Century club. At 11:45 o'clock 100 singers and four trumpeters take places on the front balcony. A psalm will be read by Rev Edward Everett Hale, D. D., the well-known Congregationalist clergyman, hymns will be sung, and at the hour of 12, the trumpeters will announce the new century. The chimes and church bells throughout the city will ring out the old and welcome the new year. At the same hour, all the Catholic churches will begin the celebration of a solemn high mass, with special musical features. Most Rev John J. Williams, archbishop of the diocese of Boston, will participate in the ceremony at the cathedral of the Holy Cross. The observance at this church will be of an especially significant character and will be the feature of the celebration in Roman Catholic circles. There also will be a magnificant display of ritualistic ceremony at the Jesuit church of the Immaculate Conception.

Among Episcopalians, the division of time will be observed by the chanting of the Miserere and Litany at 11:30, followed by a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist at midnight at the Church of the Advent, St John's, and Church of St John the Evangelist. Special services also will be held at Tremont Temple, the Clarendon street Baptist church, People's Temple, Old South and Trinity.

SHELL FISH COMMISSION

Say That Receipts This Year Have Been Greater Than Previous Ones.

Hartford, Dec 31.—The report of the shell fish commissioners of the state for the year ending September 30, 1900, has just been issued. The commissioners, George C. Waldo of Bridgeport, Christian Swartz of Norwalk and Seth Sanford of Redding, announced that receipts for the year have been greater than those of the previous years, while the expenditures have been less, one notable item which has been reduced being that of mud dumping. Although many buoys have as usual been set out by the engineer to mark the boundaries of oyster beds, the commissioners complain that the work has been rendered uncertain and unsatisfactory in some instances where the beds lie along traveled lines of navigation, through the heedlessness of captains of vessels, which break the buoys off or drag them out of place. The service of the oyster police has been satisfactory. In speaking of the work on maps showing the location of oyster beds, the commission urge the establishment of the lines of the state maps when finally completed as a guarantee to all holders of oyster beds that their designations are assured. It is suggested that addition to existing laws be passed declaring that any proceeding for the purpose of invalidating a designation or grant of land for the planting and cultivation of oysters, made by the duly constituted authorities of the state, must be brought within five years after the granting of such designations.

The report speaks of the disappearance of signals along the shore which have for years been the dependence of oystermen and declares that these must in some way be replaced and as permanently as possible.

As a general thing, says the report, the oyster business has been good during the past year with a fair market and an improved price. The set this year was not equal to that of average years and appeared to be scattered and not general. Oysters sent out by Connecticut dealers have been of excellent quality and have generally sold at remunerative prices. This improvement has been noticeable and therefore the loss of the set is not so severely felt. Starfish have not been unusually active or prevalent.

In regard to rumors of the formation of great syndicates in the Connecticut oyster business, the report says so far nothing has come of the efforts to organize syndicates, but adds "it is impossible to say that nothing will come of it."

ILLINOIS TO GET SILVER.

The Famous Battleship to Be Presented With a Fine Service.

Chicago, Dec 31.—The Chronicle says: Contracts have been signed which will secure for the battleship Illinois, when she goes into commission next summer, a handsome service of silver plate. The gift is one from the people of Chicago and consists of two punch bowls, lades, tray, candelabrum, epicurean bowl and two fruit dishes, ten pieces in all, costing in the neighborhood of $10,000.

The largest piece of plate will be a punch bowl having a capacity of twelve gallons. It is twenty-two inches in diameter and stands eighteen inches high. The outer edge has a deep fluting broken with the classical draperies so familiar in colonial designs. Running far enough down to break the general plainness of the bowl are festooned wreaths hanging from the fluting. In the center of the rim is a plate which will bear an inscription in raised letters setting forth the fact of the gift. Below this will be the coat of arms of the United States. These coats of arms appear on each piece of the service.

The base of the bowl rests on a Grecian cap, which has the flutings and modeled wreaths. The handles curve gracefully from the bottom of the bowl several inches above the rim, falling to it so that the tangent forms the means of support. These are fluted and modeled. The other punch bowl is a replica of the large one, but holds only four gallons.

STATE PRISON REPORT.

Hartford, Dec 31.—The annual report of the directors of the Connecticut state prison for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1900, was submitted to Governor Lounsbury to-day. The only change in the directorate during the year was the appointment of Edward A. Fuller of Suffield in place of Edward C. Frisbie of Hartford, resigned. The average daily number of convicts in confinement during the year was 485, while the figure for the fiscal year of 1899 was 507. The health of the prisoners during the year was excellent, only seven deaths occurring from natural causes.

ARRIVAL OF STEAMERS.

New York, Dec 31.—Arrived: Staatendam from Rotterdam.

Singapore, Dec 31.—The United State transport Kilpatrick arrived here to-day.

STUDENTS SUBMIT TO ORDER.

St Petersburg Scholars Were Inclined to Disobey.

Education of Deserted Children to Be Taken Up By New Association—Count Tolstoi Is Writing Two New Dramas—Home For Self Supporting Women Soon to Be Established in St Petersburg.

St Petersburg, Dec 18.—The incipient movement among the students has been disposed of with little trouble. The rector displayed a wise forbearance. The hearings of students was stopped and an address was posted in which the students were invited to return to their studies. They accepted the invitation, no more meetings have been held and nobody is to be punished.

A technical academy was opened today at Tomsk, in Siberia. A new association for the education of deserted and neglected children is being formed here.

An exposition of musical instruments will be held here next year.

Count Tolstoi is engaged upon two dramas. It is not true, as the Russian press has been stating, that "The Corpse" is complete and will be produced as soon as printed. It will not be finished before February, according to information received by the director of the Imperial theaters, Prince Wolkonsky, from Countess Tolstoi. As the Imperial theaters are closed during Lent it will probably not be given under Prince Wolkonsky's direction before next season, though it may be produced in private theaters this season.

Count Tolstoi's health remains excellent. He is seen daily walking on the streets of Moscow. "The Resurrection" is being translated into Tartar and into Persian.

St Petersburg is shortly to have a home for self-supporting working women. The municipal government has appointed a commission to study the question of sanitary workingmen's homes. St Petersburg, with its marshy surroundings and its liability to overflows, is regarded as unhealthy at least. The evil is aggravated by the use by the poor of rooms beneath the overflow lines.

NEW ORGANIZAION.

For the Purpose of Educating American People Concerning Philippines.

Chicago, Dec 31.—Mrs Glendower Evans, of Boston, last night addressed a meeting at Hull house, in which she explained the purposes of an organization established ten days ago in Boston, that has for its object the education of the American people concerning the situation in the Philippines. It is the intention of the organization to establish auxiliary societies throughout the country.

The name of the organization is the Philippine Information society. Mrs Evans, who is one of the founders, first conceived the idea through investigating the government reports, in which she found much valuable information.

It is for the purpose of interesting Chicagoans that Mrs Evans is in this city at the present time. She hopes to establish a branch of the society here, and if she is successful Chicago will enjoy the distinction of being the first city to establish an auxiliary.

"The Philippine Information society is strictly non-partisan as to politics," said Mrs Evans. "It includes both republicans and democrats, so-called imperialists and anti-imperialists in its membership.

"We organized the society about ten days ago and the purpose of the society is to collect and distribute, in so far as it is able, authoritative information about the Philippines, such as is to be found not in partisan literature, but, for example, in the correspondence of military, naval and diplomatic officials. This is information of which the American people in general are not cognizant, largely because of the voluminous nature of the reports in which such correspondence is found.

"An earnest attempt will be made to deal with all material in a strictly non-partison manner."

Mrs Evans probably will leave tonight for her home in Boston.

FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

Abnormal Snow Storms, Deluging Rains and Furious Gales.

London, Dec 31.—Abnormal snow storms, deluging rains and furious gales have created havoc in many parts of the country and there have been disastrous floods, land slips and washouts on all sides. Much stock has been drowned. Railroads and highways are blocked, buildings and bridges have been carried off and the overflowing streams have inundated miles of country, while the rains have submerged the streets in some of the towns three to four feet.

At Coventry the devastation is greater than at any time during the last thirty years. A number of factories have been flooded and hundreds of the inhabitants are imprisoned in their homes.

On trains on the Midland roads have been stopped and their fires extinguished by the floods.

The town of Bath is endangered by the rise of the Avon, which is now ten feet above the normal.

Immense tracts of land in several counties have been transformed into inland seas, the inhabitants seeking refuge in the upper rooms of their dwellings. Many villagers are altogether isolated and some towns of considerable size are without gas, owing to the works being flooded.

GRAND DUKE SAXE-WEIMAR.

Weimar, Dec 31.—The condition of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar, who is suffering from influenza, complicated with inflammation of the lungs, is very serious. The action of his heart is gravely weakening. His illness is painless, but the worst is feared.

MORE FAILURES NOT FEARED

The Collapse of the London and Globe Corporation Not Contagious.

London, Dec 31.—The fears of further failures in connection with the collapse of the London and Globe Finance corporation, limited, were not realized up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, and the whole tone of the stock exchange steadied in consequence and Americans were marked up one-half to four points and the paridity with which all the offerings here were taken up for New York had a good effect in steadying other departments. There was even a better feeling in West Australians. Lake Views showed a recovery, but London and Globe were offered and further declined 2s 6d. British Columbias were steady. Le Roi No 2 were one higher.

The London and Globe Finance corporation sent a circular to its shareholders this morning calling a meeting for January 9 for the purpose of passing a resolution to wind up the company. The circular says the capital of the company is locked up in securities on which, at present, it is impossible to realize and the corporation, therefore, by reason of its liabilities, is unable to carry on business.

Later in the day the failure of Thomas E. Egan, a jobber in the West Australian market, was announced, but the announcement had little effect.

GEN KITCHENER TELEGRAPHS.

Boers Captured a Gun, Wounded Two Officers and Killed Eleven Men.

London, Dec 31.—General Kitchener, telegraphing from Pretoria yesterday, says: "The post at Helvetia was surprised at 2:30 a. m., the enemy first rushing a 4.7 gun. At dawn the officer commanding the post at Swartz-Kopjes sent out a patrol and shelled the enemy out of Helvetia, making them abandon the gun temporarily. The Boers, however, formed our prisoners around the gun and got it away eventually. No ammunition belonging to the gun was captured. The casualties were four officers wounded, eleven men killed and twenty-two wounded. A column was sent out from Machadodorp but, owing to bad roads, it failed to arrive in time."

WORD FROM CONGER.

Washington, Dec 31.—The state department has received a dispatch from Minister Conger at Pekin, dated December 30, announcing that the Chinese plenipotentiaries have notified the representatives of the powers that the emperor decrees the acceptance of their demands as a whole and Prince Ching wants further conference. They also desire that the military excursions to the interior should cease. It is well known that this last request is in accordance with the views of the president.

INHALED GAS AND DIED.

New York, Dec 30.—A man and woman who went to Courtney's hotel in Brooklyn Saturday night, were found dead in bed to-day. Both had been dead for at least six hours and there was every evidence that the pair had committed suicide by inhaling gas. Two unlighted gas burners were turned on full. There was nothing leading to the couple's identity except a letter which is in the possession of the coroner, and which he has not yet made public.

THEATRICAL MANAGERS.

New York, Dec 31.—An official statement of the objects of the combination of traveling theatrical managers has been made. The name of the organization will be "The Association of Traveling Managers." In general the object is mutual protection. Papers of incorporation will be filed at Albany to-day. Nearly 150 traveling attractions are already represented in the membership. One of the chief objects of the association is to secure better terms from railroad companies.

CORONER POND'S REPORT.

New Haven, Dec 31.—Deputy Coroner Pond, who has been investigating the death of Gerald Melberg, who was found dead outside the Cotton Hollow road house, to-day made an informal statement to State Attorney Williams. Neither of the officials are willing to give out any portions of the evidence taken in the affairs. Mr Pond's finding will be made public tomorrow.

CHINESE FLEEING SOUTHWARD.

Berlin, Dec 31.—Count Von Waldersee reports to the war office, under date of Pekin, December 29: The Chinese who fled south were pursued by Priest's squadron to So-Kien, 160 kilometers southwest of Pekin, where the Chinese scattered. Gruberg's column seized great quantities of munitions, quick-firing and Krupp guns, Maxim rifles, etc, at Si-Nan-Chen, twenty-one kilometers east of Pao Ti Hsien, which had been abandoned by the fleeing Chinese.

CORONOR MIX INVESTIGATING.

New Haven, Dec 31.—Coronor Mix is to-day investigating the alleged suicide of Thomas Farley. It is stated that the Coronor has received numerous complaints regarding the finding of the medical examiner, who said that Farley had undoubtedly committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Cironer Mix is to-day examining Mrs Farley.

TAKEN TO SING SING.

New York, Dec 31.—Edward C. Burnz, who on Saturday night was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to imprisonment for life for the killing of Postmaster Herbert B. Fellows, at Scarsdale, was removed from the White Plains jail to-day and taken to Sing Sing.

BIG FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec 31.—Fire early to-day destroyed the plant of the Bellaire Stamping company at Harvey, Ill. a manufacturing suberb of this city. The loss is estimated at $400,000; insurance about $375,000.

PRESIDENT HOFF ARRESTED

Held on Suspicion of Shooting a Woman.

She Was Found Dead With a Bullet in Her Brain—Hoff's Revolver in the Dead Woman's Hand—He Says She Committed Suicide.

Chicago, Dec 31.—Merritt D. Hoff, president of the Turnagain Arm Gold Mining company, of Phoenix, Ariz. was arrested here last night and is held pending an investigation by the police into the death of Mrs Nora Hammera, who was found dead in her room yesterday with a bullet in her brain. Hoff, who has been acquainted with Mrs Hammers since July, admits that he was in the room at the time of the shooting, which was done with his revolver, but he claims the woman committed suicide. Charles Gaussen, a friend of Hoff's, and Mrs Lydia Griswill, a sister of the dead woman, have also been arrested. These two maintain that the woman killed herself because she feared Hoff, who has a wife and daughter, intended to cease his acquaintance with her.

Hoff's revolver was found in the dead woman's hand. Hoff claims that when Mrs Hammers fired the fatal shot he picked up the weapon and ran for a doctor. On the way he met Gaussen and told him of the tragedy. Hoff says he gave the revolver to Ganssen, who in turn took it back to the room where the shooting occurred and placed it in the woman's hand.

Hoff lived for eighteen years in Minneapolis, and was the station agent of the Great Northern railroad in that city. Mrs Hammers is said to have come to Chicago from Boston.

GAME BIRDS IN THE PIT.

New Haven Won From Watertown in This City Saturday Night.

The biggest cocking main that took place in Waterbury for some time was held Saturday night in a barn not far from the iron bridge, and the amount of money that changed hands on the result would make a family independent. The fight was between Watertown and New Haven parties and the latter went home with so much dust in their pockets that they don't care whether school keeps or not for the next six months. The Watertown birds won the first three battles and this gave the owners of the birds from that town so much courage they offered big odds on the others, and the Elm city fellows, being game, took all the bets and proved that they knew what they were doing by winning the other four battles, thus carrying off the honors by a score of four to three. Several Waterbury sports were in attendance and they state that they never were so much disappointed as they were to see New Haven win four straight. Some of them had a few dollars up on the different bouts, and while they do not claim to have won anything, they say that no one from Waterbury lost anything to speak of. There was no disturbance, the whole matter passing off so quietly that one on the outside would scarcely know that anything unusual was in progress on the inside. Most of the vanquished birds were killed and two or three of them were plucked so bare and ripped so badly that one would think they had been put through a hay cutter.

ACTRESSES HAVE PNEUMONIA.

Denver, Col, Dec 31.—Pneumonia, which is very prevalent in Denver at this time has reached out to the players and several prominent actresses are ill with it. Misses Adele Rafter and Belle Fremont of the Bostonians, have been sick for several days and have had to remain in Denver while their company left for Omaha. Miss Fremont's condition is very serious. Miss Pursell, of "My Friend from India" company is in a critical condition at St Joseph's hospital.

DR RAINSFORD ILL.

New York, Dec 30.—The Rev Dr William S. Rainsford, pastor of St George's Protestant Episcopal church, was reported last night to be very seriously ill. At the rectory and at the parish house much reticence was observed, although it was admitted that the clergyman was seriously ill. St George's church has the largest congregation of any Episcopal church in the country.

EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Wilkesbarre, Dec 31.—A heavy explosion of gas occurred in Hollendeck mines of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company to-day. It set fire to the woodwork but was quickly extinguished. Five hundred men were at work at the time. All succeeded in escaping with the exception of two who were badly burned.

LOST IN THE DESERT.

Phoenix, Ariz, Dec 31.—V. L. Hopkins, one of the oldest residents of Yuma is lost on the desert near Mesquite. There is no hope of finding him alive.

ARMISTICE PROCLAIMED.

London, Dec 31.—A Pall Mall Gazette dispatch from Pekin, dated Sunday, December 30, says an armistice has been proclaimed.

FIRE LOSS $100,000.

Pittsburg, Dec 31.—The Penn Petroleum Co's plant at Coroapolis was almost completely destroyed by fire to-day. The loss will be $100,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, Dec 31.—Forecast: New England—Snow in north, rain or snow in south portion to-night, much colder; Tuesday much colder and fair, except probably snow in extreme north portion; continued cold Wednesday; fresh westerly to northwesterly winds. For Eastern New York: Cloudy and colder to-night, probably light snow followed by clearing; Tuesday fair, much colder; fresh northeasterly winds; cold Wednesday.

CITY NEWS.

Most of the clubs about town will keep open house to-night.

Eddie Rogers, of this city, and Miss Camp were married to-day at the home of the bride in Middlebury.

A group picture of the Elm football eleven was taken by Photographer J. F. Farrell yesterday afternoon.

The Connecticut Lighting and Power company will run cars to-night on all the lines after the services in the churches.

The mass at St Cecilia's church tomorrow morning will be at 10:30 o'clock. Vespers will be sung at 7:30 in the evening.

Do not forget the French Canadian institute's fifteenth annual ball and concert at Leavenworth hall to-night. The committee has arranged one of the finest dancing programs ever got out.

Bernardine, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs John Ash of Bishop street died yesterday morning. The funeral took place this afternoon with interment in the new St Joseph's cemetery.

The following is a list of the military enrollment officers appointed today by the board of selectmen: Edward F. Cullen, Frank J. Keeley, Timothy F. Luddy, George J. Corden.

Margaret, the one-year-old daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas O'Connor of Railroad Hill street died Saturday night. The funeral took place this afternoon with interment in Calvary cemetery.

The annual sociable of Company G will be given at the armory this evening. It will be a good place for those who are going to watch the old year out and the new year in to spend a few hours.

Rev John G. Murray of Hartford will be the celebrant of the midnight mass at St Francis Xavier's church to-night. The assistants will be the Rev Fathers Curtin and Fitzsimmons. The morning mass will be at 8 o'clock.

The St Mary's T. A. society has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss Annie Byrne; vice-president, Miss Katherine Mulligan; recording secretary, Miss J. M. O'Neil; sergeant-at-arms, Miss Katherine Gleason.

The hurling club, which existed in the Abrigador some years ago, and known as the O'Connell Rovers, will, it is expected, be soon revived. Many of the old members are fighting for Uncle Sam in the Orient and their places will be filled by others. The team will get its financial backing from Alderman Daniel Foley, a commissioner of the board of public safety.

Some changes have been made at the Clock factory. Foreman James E. Whiting has been promoted to assistant superintendent, and will still retain his present position as foreman. Foreman Edward Carter, who had charge of the press room, has resigned and a few of those who worked under him have gone with him. Everybody is pleased at Mr Whiting's promotion and say that he is deserving of it, while they regret the going of Mr Carter.

The funeral of John H. Horigan took place this morning from the family residence on Bank street to St Patrick's church where a mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev Father Gleeson. The bearers were, John F. Hogan, John J. Wren, (James J. Flanagan, representing Court Vigilant, F. of A., Thomas Magner, James Donegan and Michael Donovan from Liberty lodge, A. O. U. W. The remains were taken to New Hartford for burial in charge of Undertaker Mulville.

Mary Healey, aged 21 years, died yesterday afternoon at the Waterbury hospital. Besides her mother, Mrs Ellen Healey, she leaves two sisters and one brother, Mrs John Parker, Katie and Philip Healey. The remains were removed to the residence of her sister, Mrs John Parker, 154 Baldwin street, from where the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, with service at St Francis Xavier's church and interment in St Joseph's cemetery. Miss Healey was a member of the Sodality of the Children of Mary of the St Francis Xavier's parish.

Little Irving Richmeyer, the 13-year old son of Frank Richmeyer, a conductor in the employ of the Connecticut Lighting and Power company, was the victim of a sad and unfortunate accident yesterday afternoon. While playing polo in an old barn near his home at 1,048 West Main street, another boy, who was playing with him, missed a block at which he made a swing and struck instead Frank's eyeglasses, smashing them into pieces. A piece of the flying glass was driven into the boy's right eye, cutting the eyeball so severely that Dr Rodman, who was summoned, stated that the boy's eyesight was destroyed forever. It was an unfortunate and much to be deplored accident, one of those which are liable to occur at any time and for which no one can be blamed.

City hall will be handsomely decorated with flags and bunting to-morrow night, when the annual concert and promenade of the High school alumni will be held. This will be one of the most delightful events of the season, and is looked forward to with much joy and ecstacy, not only by the graduates of the school, but also by many others. From present indications, a large and merry audience will be in attendance, as the tickets for the event have met with a wonderful sale. The preparations for the affair have been on a grander and more extensive scale than the elaborate one of a year ago. The dance program is of an unusually varied and excellent character, so that even the most fastidious will be pleased. The best of music will be furnished for the dancing. A grand concert will precede the dancing, commencing at 8 o'clock and continuing until 9 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Waterbury Military band, I. Clark leader, and the Excelsior orchestra, under the supervision of W. J. Maton.

BURIED BY CAVE-IN.

Detroit, Dec 31.—A special to the News from Champion, Mich. says that by a cave-in of the Champion mines, John Horngreen and Stephen Williams went down in the cave-in. Their bodies will not be recovered.

SIZING UP THE BILL

Republican Aldermen Talk it All Over.

NEW BOARD CLERK WANTED.

To Attend to Business of the Board of Charities—Voted to Ask Mayor to Call a Meeting Next Friday Evening—Democrats Arrange to Hold a Meeting to Discuss the Bill.

The republican members of the board of aldermen, as many of them as could be drummed up by the consolidationists, held a meeting in the office of Attorney Kellogg Saturday night and indulged in a long chat all by their lonesome on the draft prepared by the committee and agreed upon such changes as in their judgment ought to be made in the bill as reported before it goes to the legislature. There will have to be a change in the method of providing for a clerk in the office of the board of charities, for it seems to be generally believed that the city clerk could not find time to attend to it and in the opinion of some of the members it would be well to have the board of charities elect a clerk of its own, the alderman to fix the compensation. Some of the aldermen think this will start a hullabaloo among the opponents of consolidation to the effect that the new order of things will necessitate several salaried officers which will cost the people as much and probably more than we are paying to have the affairs of the town attended to at present, but there seems to be no way out of this expense and if we have consolidation it might be wise to make a change which will give the board of charities power to elect its own clerk. A few of the members would like to see the board of education appointed by the mayor, but others think that this would be overdoing it and believe that the public should vote direct for the men who will control the educational institutions of the city. That is what one of the gentlemen told a Democrat reporter to-day. He believed, he said, that every parent should be left the opportunity to decide for himself what kind of men he wants to look after the schools where his children are to be educated, so that although some of the boys think it would pay to give the mayor power to fill all offices except the aldermen and one or two others, a greater number take the opposite view of the question so that it is not likely any change will be made in the present method of electing the board of education, though, to be sure, this is not in accordance with the expression of opinion which half a dozen leading lights of the board gave in the aldermanic chamber last Wednesday evening.

The whole ground was gone over in a thorough manner so that every republican member of the board of aldermen who has any interest in the measure is fully conversant with all it provides for and has also received a good drilling as to the why and wherefore of such changes as will be made in the draft as prepared by the committee.

The matter of calling a meeting to decide the best method of giving the people a chance to be heard in the premises was considered and after a long talk as to whether it would not be just as well to allow it to stand until the regular meeting night, it was finally decided that there was no time to be lost and a vote was passed instructing Chairman Hall to secure the necessary number of members' names and request the mayor to call a special meeting for next Friday evening.

It was suggested last week that such a session as was held Saturday night by the republicans be open to the democratic members of the board, but the charter makers laughed at the idea of this and wanted to know who ever heard of such a thing. It is said that the democrats got wind of the private meeting held by their friends, the enemy, and immediately planned to try their luck at the same kind of game Friday night, but whether the special meeting of the board and the caucus of the minority can be held on the same evening is something that probably was not taken into account when the republicans hit upon Friday as a good time to discuss plans for giving interested parties a chance to come and state what they think about consolidation.

The feeling that has been stirred up on the outside over the proposed consolidation of the town and city is far worse than some people suppose. In fact, many are needlessly alarmed and it might not be amiss to inform them that supposing the bill passes and that in a year or two they should be compelled to pay full taxes, they will not be as badly off as those whose property was in the city when it was incorporated and who have since been paying full taxes and received nothing in the way of public improvements, not even an electric light, and see no sign of any in the near future.

BOY KIDNAPPER CAUGHT.

Marquette, Mich, Dec 30.—William Sullivan, a tramp, picked up the 5-year-old son of Raymond Thiery of Dollar Bay, Saturday, and led him to Point Mills, some miles off. Sheriff Lean apprehended the man eighteen miles south of Houghton last night. There was considerable excitement over the affair, but it is not believed that Sullivan harbored any sinister intentions. He is believed to be mentally deranged.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS RESIGN.

New York, Dec 30.—Deputy Assistant Attorneys Daniel O'Reilly and Forbes J. Hennessey resigned to-day. Both resignations were requested by District Attorney Philbin.

ANOTHER SIX DAY RACE.

Boston, Dec 31.—The six day bicycle race at the Park Square garden started at 1:20 this afternoon with seventeen riders.

FIRE IN NAPTHA SPRINGS.

St Petersburg, Dec 31.—A fire at Baku has destroyed twenty-five naptha springs and three warehouses.