SOUTH AMBOY

CHRISTMAS EVENTS.

How the Different Churches Will Observe the Great Holiday.

The M. P. church will hold their Christmas entertainment on Christmas eve, Thursday night, at their church. If it is possible to get one there will be a Christmas tree. The Sunday school scholars will receive presents and the entertainment will consist of singing, speaking and a drill.

At the Baptist church Thursday evening there will be an entertainment with its usual pleasing features at the first Baptist church. A motion sing that the girls are practicing, promises to be very good. It was expected that a Christmas tree would help fill the program, but it seems almost impossible to get any worth having so it may not be forthcoming. The event will be an enjoyable one and everybody is very welcome.

At K. of P. Hall Christmas night, the cantata "The Real Santa Claus," will be rendered and promises to be a large drawing card. Only ten cents admission to all except the members of the church.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment, carols, etc, at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening of the week following Christmas.

At Ernston the Sunday School of the Good Shepherd will hold its Christmas festival in the chapel on Saturday evening, December 26 at 7.30 o'clock.

Doane Memorial and Christ church Sunday schools will celebrate Christmas with parties on Holy Innocents Day, December 28. The primary at 2.30 p. m. and main school departments at 7.30 p. m.

On December 27 at 7.30 o'clock, all the schools of the parish will assemble in Christ church to render the carol service. The regular vested choir will assist.

At St. Mary's church the children will receive the usual gifts of candies for Christmas.

LEG BROKEN AGAIN.

Mrs. Forman, of David street, it will be remembered, broke one of her legs at the hip about twelve years ago while crossing a street to look at a new house a friend had built. She slipped on some ice and fell down. Mrs. Forman has broken the same limb again and is laid up with it at her daughter's, Mrs. Andy Furman's, house on Roosevelt street.

TO MAKE SAFER TRAVELING.

The New York and Long Branch Railroad Company is tearing up the old wooden bridges on their tracks at Matawan and Red Bank and are laying large pipes for carrying off the water, and filling in the places with dirt, making it solid ground and much safer for the traveling public.

GANG RETURNED.

Three of the gang of hoboes who were arrested about two months ago, were back in town with six companions Tuesday and were around town begging. They received orders to get out of town, three of them went, but the balance remained and some of them were seen as late as 9 o'clock waiting for a freight.

"WEARY WILLIE" APPEARS.

The genuine "Weary Willie," of Matawan, who was at first supposed to be the tramp killed near the sand house, was in town Monday afternoon with his clothes patched as usual and the same old hat that he has worn for the last two years. It is said that if he is given a good suit of clothes he will tear them up and put them together again with patches all over them, so he looks like a walking patchwork quilt.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Gabriel, Mrs. John Proctor's mother, of Mechanicsville, died last night with cancer of the stomach, aged about eighty years. The funeral will take place from the house 1 p. m. Thursday. Rev. H. Hampton will officiate.

A noble part of every true life is to learn to undo what has been wrongly done.—Rivarol.

When the Baby Walks.

Ten per cent. of all the children of the world walk by the time they are ten months old.

Laughter.

A woman who laughs has a sense of humor; a man who laughs may be only friendly.

Food for Reflection.

A man's reflections on others constitute a fair reflection of himself.—Ran's Horn.

A FANCY ARTIST.

Lee Clark Excells in His Work and is Always Busy.

Lee Clark, of Morgan, does all kinds of fancy work, such as embroidery, painting, and stuffing birds and animals. He embroidered a white counterpane with flowers, some of them forming a bouquet, tied with ribbon. The flowers were embroidered with silk of the color and shade of the flowers when natural and so exactly represent the real flowers that one would be inclined to pick up the bouquet and inhale the odor. It is said to be very beautiful and the pillow shams, bureau and washstand covers and tidies to match are also very much admired by visitors at his home. As a taxidermist he excells. He has just finished stuffing a peacock and it is perfectly beautiful. He has also completed a pair of English pheasants that were sent to him from England by a friend of his. They are very handsome. He is now busy at a large white swan which was shot by a gentleman residing at Old Bridge. A party came to the gentleman and told him he had seen a white goose sitting on the ice in a mill pond. The gentleman went to the pond and fired at the bird, as it stood on one foot with its head under its wing asleep, twice, but the shot being very small it paid no attention to him. He then put in a load of B Bs and fired at it and killed the "white goose," which proved to be a swan.

"Lee," as his friends call him, has one case of birds that he has been offered $50 for. It contains a pair of birds with their young, which were found drowned by a friend, who gave them to him.

NEWS ITEMS.

The expressage is very great on the Raritan road and considerable time consumed in tranferring it from the Central trains to the Raritan trains, mornings.

There was quite a fall of snow Monday night, but it was soon followed by rain that washed it away in a hurry.

Mrs. Robert Reamer and Miss Grace Hoagland, of Main street, spent Monday at New York.

Charles Thomas spent Monday with his son at Elizabeth.

Howard Dillon, of Second street, will spend Tuesday at Philadelphia.

Miss Marguerite Thomas, of Second street, will spend Christmas with friends at Trenton.

Mrs. Charles Compton, of Broadway, and Mrs. Joseph Compton, of Augusta street, spent Monday at New York City.

The mails are very heavy just at present, owing to the coming holidays, and keep the postmaster and assistants very busy.

They are very busy at the Powder Works at present.

Arthur Mervine, of Second street, is home from school for the holidays.

Howard Hardy spent Tuesday at Philadelphia.

The skating at the Ram pond has been excellent and greatly enjoyed, but the pond on Monday was covered with water after Sunday's thaw.

A number of Red Men from this borough went to Sayreville by trolley Monday evening.

On December 26 a ball will be held at Listak's Hall, Bergen Hill.

The champion degree team of Good Intent Council of New Brunswick met with Joel Parker Council 69 Jr. O. U. A. M. Friday evening and a big time was had by the boys.

Word was received last night that Walter Wilson, son of the late Alexander Wilson, is sick with appendicitis at his home on Jersey City Heights.

She Couldn't Attend.

The late Sir Antoine Dorion, chief justice of Quebec, was once invited to some annual function, but Lady Dorion who was dead, was invited likewise. Sir Antoine accepted for himself, but declined for her ladyship on the ground that she was in the cemetery. The next year, however, the same mistake was made, so the old judge wrote back to the aid-de-camp in waiting: "Sir Antoine Dorion accepts, etc., but her ladyship being still in St. Anne's cemetery Sir Antoine is compelled again to decline the invitation for her."

Silk from Wood.

A plant for making silk from wood, erected near Sydowsaue, Germany, is at present turning out 50 pounds of skein silk a day, which product can be increased in quantity to 2,000 pounds. The silk is soft in texture and creamy in color. Each thread is made up of 18 single strands. A single strand is hardly perceptible to the naked eye. In strength it is but one-third that of the real silk. When woven into pieces the new substitute is said to have the appearance of real silk.

TOKYO ANSWERS, NO

Czar's Demands Do Not Suit Japanese Government.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS CONTINUE.

Popular Sentiment and the Press Urge Mikado's Cabinet to Set a Limit on Russian Tactics of Aggression.

TOKYO, Dec. 23.—It is asserted in official circles here that the Japanese reply to Russia rejects the fundamental points at issue, which are understood to include mutual guarantees for the preservation of Chinese and Korean sovereignty while securing their individual interests.

The situation is graver than since the commencement of the negotiations, but is still susceptible of a pacific solution if Russia will quickly reconsider her reply. The fact that Foreign Minister Komura called on Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, instead of Baron de Rosen calling on Komura is explained by the fact that the baron is suffering from an ear affection. But the explanation has obvious diplomatic significance and is interpreted that Japan is determined not to afford Russia possible ground for claiming Japanese impetuosity as an excuse. Komuro's communication is not believed officially to necessarily be tantamount to an ultimatum, as rumored.

War preparations continue apace. The transports and the warships can sail at five minutes' notice.

The Japanese government proposes immediately to undertake the completion of the Seoul-Fusan railroad under the direct supervision of Japan.

Popular sentiment and the press are eagerly urging the government to set a limit to the "Russian tactics of aggression and insolent negligence."

Japanese warships are being concentrated in the vicinity of Port Arthur, and preparations on the part of the mikado's government for the transportation of an expeditionary force are being advanced.

Twenty-five steamers belonging to Butterfield & Swire, which trade along the China coast, have been taken over by Japan, and there are reports from Shanghai and Kobe of the chartering of other steamers as transports and for the conveying of supplies.

China Fears War.

PEKING, Dec. 23.—The Chinese officials are awakening to the peril confronting China in the event of a Russo-Japanese war, and they are greatly distressed. Wu Ting Fang has been urging the United States legation on his own responsibility to seek a special audience of the dowager empress and impress on her China's perilous position and the need of a strong army and ministers acquainted with foreign affairs. China will attempt to remain neutral, although doubtless she will be subjected to strong Japanese pressure to participate in a conflict for the preservation of her integrity. The officials here recognize that the remnant of China's sovereignty in Manchuria is lost if Russia succeeds and see the difficulty of China avoiding becoming entangled in a war on her own territory.

China Will Assist Japan.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A report from Tientsin says that in the event of a war between Russia and Japan the Chinese military authorities will co-operate with the Japanese. It is also reported in Tientsin that a number of Japanese warships are concentrating in the vicinity of Port Arthur.

Bliss Has Paroled Andrews.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 23.—Governor Bliss, who has just paroled Frank C. Andrews, the former vice president of the wrecked City Savings bank of Detroit, said that his action was due to his investigations, which had convinced him that if at liberty Andrews could aid materially in ending litigation over the affairs of the bank and in realizing from the assets. Thus he felt that Andrews could be of great service to the depositors.

Typhoid Rapidly Abates.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—According to Dr. John W. Adams of Philadelphia, veterinarian to the state board of health, the Butler epidemic of typhoid fever is rapidly on the decline. Dr. Adams has been in Butler three weeks as a representative of the board. Dr. Adams says he feels much encouraged over the situation and believes the worst is over.

Kid Williams Discharged.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Frank Solomon, the pugilist, known as Kid Williams, who was arrested on a charge of manslaughter after the death of Tom Pendergast from concussion of the brain from blows received in a fight here, has been discharged.

Officer Succumbs to Wound.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 23.—Deputy Sheriff B. G. T. Daughtry, one of the men shot by W. A. Gautier, arrested in Sampson county for destroying rural mail boxes, is dead. Gautier will have to answer to the charge of killing the officer.

Jealousy Causes Two Deaths.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—While walking along a crowded street here Albert Altenhofen, a saloon keeper, suddenly shot and killed Marie Raasch, his common law wife, and then quickly killed himself. Jealousy is the supposed cause.

Typhoid at Passaic.

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 23.—There is an outbreak of typhoid fever here which at present is confined to Madison and Jefferson streets. Eleven cases are reported, making a total of nineteen in less than a week.

TOTTENVILLE.

The Evening News is on sale at Ostburgs' 44 Main street, and at John Boss' Hotel, formerly John Kall's stand. Extra copies of the News and all NewYork papers can always be secured.

FAVOR BIG PARK ON STATEN ISLAND.

Commissioner Willcox Says New York City Should Buy 4,000 Acres for the Purpose.

The plan to give Richmond Borough a fine seaside park was pushed ahead another notch yesterday.

Park Commissioner William R. Willcox submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment his report, in which he advocated the immediate acquisition of about 4,000 acres. The entire cost would be about $2,000,000, or about what the city paid for Seward Park in Manhattan, which is only three acres in extent.

Mr. Willcox says that the committee which was appointed by the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce to make recommendations as to the purchase of property, has done its work well, and he recommends that, with a few exceptions, the plans be accepted. Commissioner Willcox points out that although New York is the greatest maritime city of the country, its people have no great seaside park, where the masses can go for bathing and recreation. The matter will come up again next Tuesday.

FIRE ALARM IN SERVICE.

Fire Commissioner Sturgis sent seven telegraph operators to the Borough of Richmond, yesterday, to take charge of the new telegraphic fire alarm system which goes into service to replace the old bell system. Miss Winnifred Snyder is the chief operator.

The Tottenville firemen say that the new system is far superior to the old, and that they are well pleased with it.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

The Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a gospel temperance meeting in Bethel M. E. church, Amboy avenue, at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Miss Annie Smith, the well known evangelistic worker, will have charge of the service.

MADE A DIFFERENCE.

He Saw There Was Real Danger and Woke Up to a Certain Necessity.

"It only required eight words once to give me as servere a jolt as ever came my way in those early years when I was proud of my first single," said a well known Washington members of the bar, relates the Post, when the talk had veered around to the subject of trials and tribulations of newly-made lawyers.

"It happened in the early '80's, and, although I wasn't exactly briefless at the time, I wasn't getting any more cases than I could handle.

"One day a couple of Texans, both of them holding good positions at the capitol, got into an altercation, and one of them gave the other a severe trouncing. The victor in the fight, a huge, breezy man, with a gigantic spread-eagle mustache, was arrested for assault, and released on bail. A friend of his was a friend of mine, and this mutual friend, willing to toss a case my way, sent the Texan to my office for advice. I took his case. He didn't appear to be even a little bit worried about it, although I endeavored to impress upon him the difference between the District of Columbia brand of justice and that prevailing down in 'San Antone,' where he hailed from.

"The Texan who had lost out in the fight was pretty badly hurt, and the grand jury indicted my client for assault in the first degree. That looked pretty bad, and I hunted my Texan up and told him so.

"'I'm afraid you are taking this matter a little too complaisantly,' I said to him. 'But it's really a bad job, from every point of view. I want to impress that upon you. You don't appear to appreciate the fact that there's quite a fair chance of your having to go to prison for this thing.'

"'Say, is that right, podner?' the Texan asked me, for the first time beginning to look a bot alarmed over the situation.

"'It is decidedly so,' I told him.

"He got up from the chair and strode up and down the room, tugging at his mustache for a minute. Then he plumped himself back into his chair.

"'By h—ll,' he bawled, banging on his desk with his first, 'I've got to get a lawyer!'"

Three Bites.

Life consists of three bites into three things: the teething ring, the apple of knowledge and the dust.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

When Your Foot Goes to Sleep.

When the foot has gone to sleep, rub the cords of the leg under the knee and the pain will stop almost instantly.

CEDRIC SOCIAL.

The Cedric Social Club held a meeting Monday night at 7.30 o'clock, at the home of Misses Anna and Lillian Brown, of Main street. The meeting was well attended and the club passed the time in games and music.

CHURCH HOME CIRCLE.

Last Sunday night a church home circle was held at St. Mark's M. E. church, Pleasant Plains. A number of solos were sung and reading of papers on church affairs followed.

TO REPAIR CHURCH.

The trustees of Woodrow M. E. church have decided to repaint and repair the church and the buildings adjoining. The contract has been awarded to Leavitt & Johnson, of Tottenville.

NEWS ITEMS.

Miss Hattie Hanson has returned to Pleasant Plains from Stapleton.

James Graham, of Pleasant Plains, who was injured some weeks ago, by falling from a ladder, has now fully recovered.

James Bolan, of Philadelphia, formerly of Tottenville, was in town yesterday.

The Christmas entertainment and jubilee of Bethel M. E. church will be held one week from tomorrow. The cantata, "Birth of Christ" will be given. A full orchestra will also be in attendance.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Tottenville, met at the home of Mrs. W. T. Smith, Main street, at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. After all of the business had been completed, a light lunch was served.

One week from tomorrow the Sunday school children of Woodrow M. E. church will have their Christmas tree festival. The teachers have been hard at work and they are now assured of success.

Tomorrow night the Christmas cantata "Merry Christmas" will be given in Orlando Hall, Rossville, by the children of the Sunday school of St. John's church.

VERY TAME ARMY SQUIRRELS

Pets of Governor's Island Quickly Come to Play Familiarly with Even Casual Visitors.

Among the interesting things to be seen on Governor's island are the tame squirrels that roam all over that part of the military post where the officers live. The squirrels are much tamer than those in the public parts in this city, says the New York Sun, although some of the latter are pretty tame.

A visitor to Governor's Island one day recently saw a young officer with a dozen squirrels playing all around him. He was sitting on a stoop and the squirrels romped over him, running up and down his back, climbing on his head and picking into his pockets.

While the visitor was watching this little scene something soft struck him on the back and then fell off. He turned around and there, standing on its hind legs, was a fat gray squirrel looking up at him inquisitively.

The man made no move and waited for the squirrel to do something. The squirrel crept toward him and after a moment's hesitation ran up his leg. For five minutes the squirrel played with the man, who was a stranger, and it didn't show the slightest fear.

Then the visitor had to leave the island and the squirrel followed him for some distance.

Scientific Study of Cancer.

At a meeting in London, at which the first annual report of the general committee of the cancer research fund was presented, on July 30, Sir William Broadbent said he thought that in the course of the work now being inaugurated the nature, cause and cure of cancer would be arrived at, and Mr. Balfour remarked that there was every reason to hope that the investigations of the committee would ultimately prove successful. Although it was deemed premature to make any detailed statement of the experimental work in progress, it was indicated that considerable importance is attached to the study of cancer as it occurs spontaneously in the lower animals.

Artificially Produced Pearls.

It is thought that pearls may be produced by the inoculation of mother-of-pearl with a serum distilled from a parasite. This is the theory of Prof. Dubois, of Paris. His researches confirm the conception that the pearl disease of the oyster shell is due to the secretion of mother-of-pearl under parasitic action, and that the disease can be communicated to oysters of a similar genus living under like conditions. The professor says he has produced one or more pearls from every ten oysters.

Kansas Wheat.

Kansas harvests more wheat than any other state in the union. In its wheat belt of 30 counties not one county raises less than 1,000,000 bushels. Sumner county has a record of 6,812,102 bushels.

WOODBRIDGE

NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. S. B. Hinsdale is on the sick list.

Mrs. Howard Tappen, of Edgars Hill, spent Monday afternoon in Rahway.

Miss Cluny, of Amboy, was in town on Monday.

Miss Inez Turner spent Sunday with her aunt in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boynton celebrated their wedding anniversary by a family dinner. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ames, and Master Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Boynton and Master Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Boynton and Master Ernest, Miss Louise Boynton, Mr. S. M. Brewster, Miss Dorothea Boynton, Mr. Fred J. Cox and Mr. Clancy D. Boynton.

CARTERET

NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. J. G. Wilson spent Friday in Newark.

Mrs. John Jones spent Friday in Elizabeth.

Herman Nederburg spent Friday evening in Elizabeth.

Miss Cranmer, Miss Glyn and Mrs. Ferrier, spent Thursday in New York.

Miss Harriet McCormick, of Brooklyn is the guest of Mrs. Joseph Mullen.

Mrs. James Chattaway, of Brooklyn visited Miss Maude Platt on Thursday.

Master George Cutter has gone to Brooklyn for a few days.

Mrs. Thomas L. Slagg and daughter Jervel, spent Saturday in Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young spent Saturday in Newark.

E. E. Osborn was in Newark on Saturday.

It is understood that Mr. L. A. Chase has been presented an automobile.

Mr. E. W. DeWilton, of Perth Amboy, spent Friday evening in town.

Miss Alice Morris, of Woodbridge, spent Friday evening in town.

Mrs. J. Steinbur and Mrs. H. Shapiro, spent Friday out of town.

Miss Margaret Falkinburg spent Saturday in New York.

Peter Finnigan spent Friday evening and Saturday out of town.

The Christmas exercises which were to be held by the Presbyterian Sunday school on Wednesday evening, have been postponed until Monday December 28. The Christian Endeavor Society will hold a prayer meeting service and the semi-annual election of officers will follow.

CHANCE OF A LONG LIFE.

Only Twenty-Three Persons Out of a Million Ever Reach the Century Mark.

Taking a million as a basis of calculation, says London Answers, statistics show that at the end of 70 years there will still survive 312,000 out of 1,000,000 persons. At the expiration of 80 years there will be 107,000 survivors of the original 1,000,000. When it comes to 98 years of existence, there is a terrible thinning of the ranks. Only 8,841 out of the 1,000,000, or one in 115, will live to that age. At 97 but 244, or one in 410, will be alive. At 98 half of these will have dropped out, leaving only 119 souls alive out of the original 1,000,000. One's chances to reach 98, according to these tables, are about one in 840.

Of the original 1,000,000 only 54 will live to see 99 years, or about one person out of 18,500. The century mark will be reached by only 23 out of the 1,000,000; or, in other words, out of a group of 43,500 people born at the same time only one will fill out the century span of existence.

Only one in 3,000,000 persons will reach the age of 104 years; just one in 5,000,000 can be expected to see 105 birthdays; and as to living to be 106 years old, these tables place that contingency as out of the range of practical calculations. Possibly one human being out of 10,000,000 who shall have seen the light for the first time in 1903 will be alive in 2009.

Newsboys in Moscow.

Newspaper vendors in Moscow are obliged to wear a certain uniform, and the police can prevent them from pursuing their vocation if they do not appear clean and tidy.

Long-Suffering.

Love will bear many burdens and much abuse, but when it does take the bit between its teeth it shows a strong strain of the old mustang blood.—Puck.

We, Too, Have Faults.

Nothing will make us so charitable and tender to the faults of others as by self-examination thoroughly to know our own.—Fenelon.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
for children; safe, sure. No opiates.

LAST CALL
— FOR —
Christmas Shopping!

Chistmas is at hand, and if you have not yet completed your Christmas shopping it is certainly time you did so. We prepared for this season in a manner never before attempted in this city, and for that reason we are still able to offer you a stunning collection of

Special Holiday Goods . . .

Just note these items. They're but examples of what we will do for you.

Smoking Jackets, from	4.50 to 8.00
Bath Robes, from	4.00 to 8.00
Umbrellas, from	1.00 to 5.00
Gloves, from	1.00 to 2.00
Mufflers, smart silks, from	1.00 to 2.00
Suit Cases, from	1.50 to 6.00
Neckwear, from	50c to 1.00

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Everything you want. You will effect a good saving when purchasing any one of these.

We carry the most complete and up-to-date lines of Men's and Boys'

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Equestrian Statues.

South American cities have many equestrian statues, but the most notable is that of Bolivar, the Venezuelan liberator, which has a prominent place in one of the parks of Caracas. It is estimated that there are almost 400 equestrian statues in the world. At present Washington has eight, or one-fiftieth of the entire number scattered among the cities of all countries.

Conscientious Tommy.

Teacher—Thomas, you have been absent from school for two weeks. Have you an excuse?

Tommy Tucker—No, ma'am, I guess I hain't got any. I was sick abed all the time with a bad cold, but maw says it's all my own fault.—Chicago Tribune.

Faults Are Defeats.

You can't conquer the world with an army of faults, however large it be.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Color Lose Him.

Color now, Miss Fanny, I believe I could sit and talk to you forever."

"Yes, I believe you could."—Chicago American.