

SOUTH AMBOY

BERRY DIES FROM RESULT OF INJURIES.

Tree Fell on Him Last Thursday—
Working in Sand
Bank

Robert Berry, Jr., of Bergen Hill, died last night from the effect of the injury received from being struck by a falling tree at the Smith Sand and Gravel banks at Cheesequake creek, last Thursday. Mr. Berry was about thirty-four years of age. He worked as laborer fourteen years for the P. R. R. company under Mr. Stults, who laid him off about two months ago, but was expecting to put him at work again as soon as possible. Mr. Stults felt very badly about his sudden death.

SPLINTER IN FOOT.

Miss Nellie Thomas Meets With Painful
Accident at Normal School.

Miss Nellie Thomas ran a large splinter in her foot while at Normal school Friday. She was walking through the hall and supposed the splinter only entered the sole of the shoe, but when walking she found it caused her pain and on taking off the shoe discovered the splinter was in her foot and the foot had begun to turn black around it. The teacher of physical culture in the school, and who attends to scholars who meet with accidents, took out the splinter and treated the foot. It is still painful, but after two days rest Miss Thomas was able to attend school Monday.

EMPLOYEES GET TURKEYS.

The International Powder and Dynamite Company will present their employees with turkeys for Christmas. Two hundred will be given out to them on Wednesday. One of the employees who resides in this borough, says they are a fine firm to work for and always treat their men well.

HORRIBLE WALKING.

The walking where there were no pavements or sidewalks of any thing but dirt, was something awful in the borough Sunday. In some places the feet of pedestrians would sink over their shoe tops. On John street a short distance from the M. E. church to the corner of Stevens avenue, the sidewalk is a disgrace to the place and whoever owns the open lots there, ought to have pride enough to at least make them so people could step without going into pools of water or sinking into mud every time there is a thaw.

GLADDENING A HUMORIST.

When Mark Twain Was in Trouble
Dan Beard Used to Cheer
Him Up.

The financial burden which Mark Twain carried some years ago weighed on his mind heavily. In those moments of despondency, there was one faithful friend who could make the humorist forget his troubles. This was Dan Beard, the artist, who illustrated some of Twain's books, relates an exchange.

"Dan Beard, there is no tonic that can equal the company of a cheerful man," said the humorist, as he entered the artist's studio.

"Ah, but I have such a pleasant subject to work upon, that I am not in need of either man or tonic for my cheerfulness," retorted the artist.

"Beg pardon, it is I that need the tonic, and that is why I am here," said Twain, forlornly.

"Then allow me to prescribe a dose of your own medicine," and Mark was handed a copy of his book which Beard had been studying.

"I thank you," replied the humorist, "it took me a year to get that medicine out of my system, and I do not propose to imbibe it again."

A discussion of the book was followed by a hearty dinner, and Twain left his friend having received the cheer that he needed.

Queered Himself Forever.

"Why is it?" he asked, "that beautiful women are always the most stupid?"

"Sir," she replied, "am I to understand that you desire to cast reflections upon my mental capacity?"

"Oh, no," he hurriedly returned; "I have always said that you were one of the cleverest girls I ever—"

But he didn't finish. Before he could do so he realized that he had said the wrong thing, and could never make it right.—Tit-Bits.

Unlike Most Others.

"He's a most extraordinary man."

"In what way?"

"Why, he's an avowed candidate for office just because he wants the office, and not because he feels the necessity of responding to public clamor that he has spent money and time trying to excite. There aren't many like him—in politics."—Brooklyn Eagle.

NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stratton, of Broadway, will spend Christmas with their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. George Lowndes of New York city.

Mrs. Thomas Baker and Miss Ethel Ferguson, of Broadway, will spend Christmas with friends at Yonkers, N. Y.

The light was out on Stevens avenue and First street part of Sunday evening.

Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, of Second street was a Perth Amboy visitor Saturday.

Amozi McLain Dominick, of Matawan, spent Saturday with his cousin, Mrs. J. Whitworth, of George street.

It is said that Charles Clumpp, of Broadway, has accepted a position with Linzemyer, butcher at Matawan.

Mrs. Edward Whitworth, of Broadway, spent Thursday at Sayreville.

Miss Ella Slover, of First street, has returned home from an extended visit with friends at Brooklyn.

Frank Applegate, of Ru yon, and Thomas Mabiv, of Jersey City, were the guests of Wood Applegate, of Morgan, Saturday.

Miss Nellie Thomas, of Second street, will spend Thursday at Newark.

Frank Disbrow, of Main street, spent Saturday in New York.

Charles Compton, of Broadway, was formerly with Elias Mason, furniture dealer, has accepted a position with Mahoney, grocer, on Broadway.

Mrs. Peter Slover and daughter, of Bordentown avenue, were Perth Amboy visitors Saturday.

Miss Bella Jackson has returned home from a few weeks visit with friends at Yonkers.

Mrs. John Taylor, of Broadway, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Lowndes, of New York City.

George Schank, of Hasbrouck Heights, spent Friday and Saturday at Morgan.

Mrs. Emma Learned and daughter, of Rahway, will spend Christmas with her parents in Second street.

Miss Florence Whitworth spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. Hilford Cramer, of Perth Amboy.

Mrs. John Whitford, of George street, spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Hilford Cramer, of Perth Amboy.

Miss Miller, of Augusta street, was an out of town visitor Saturday.

Mr. Edward Whitworth, of Broadway, spent Sunday at Perth Amboy.

Mrs. Samuel Greenleaf, of George street, was a Perth Amboy visitor Saturday.

Miss Wilhelmina Hoff, of First street, will spend Christmas with friends at New York and the remainder of the holiday season with friends at Innwood on the Hudson.

SCHOOLS FOR OYSTERS.

London Dealers Teach Bivalves to
Keep Their Shells Closed Tight
When Out of the Water.

"A school for oysters," said a dealer in fish in London's great market for the fish and crustacean tribes, "is an institution that you would be positive could not exist, for oysters are notorious for their stupidity. It is, however, a fact that there are many oyster schools. Years ago certain wise fish dealers discovered that if you take an oyster suddenly from its subaqueous bed it opens its shell, whereupon the life-giving water inside it all escapes and the oyster dies."

"But if you expose an oyster to the air gradually, lifting it out of the water for a few minutes and then returning it again, it gradually learns to keep its shell closed when out of the water is the best thing for its health. These investigators found that they could take two oysters, one trained and one untrained, and the trained oyster, keeping its shell closed while out of the water, would live a long time, while the untrained one, opening its shell, would die in a few hours. Therefore training schools are in appearance nothing more than reservoirs full of water. Oysters are put in them and the water is drained off and then returned again. It is kept off for a few minutes at first, then for ten minutes, then for half an hour, and so on. Oysters in these schools learn that they will live longest and keep healthiest out of water if they keep the shells tight shut. As soon as they learn this their education is finished."

In the Haunts of Science.

"Where's your father, boy?" asked the gentlemanly agent.

"Sweepin' the horizon," replied the astronomer's son.

"And your mother, where is she?"

"She's out sweepin' the back porch."—Chicago Record-Herald.

No Harm Done.

Fuller—I understand you said I looked like a monkey. What do you mean by such talk as that?

Waller—Oh, it's all right; no harm done, you know. There wasn't any monkey within hearing when I said it.—Boston Transcript.

DISTURB LAST RITES

Chicago Livery Drivers on
Strike Warned by Police.

PICKETING OF FUNERALS MUST STOP

Chief O'Neill Issues General Order to
Guard All Funerals From Any
Riotous Act of the
Strikers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Picketing of houses from which funerals are to start, whether peaceful or violent, by union livery drivers who went on strike four days ago is to be prevented by the police under direct orders issued by Chief of Police O'Neill. J. B. Wadsworth, secretary, and Charles Stevens, business agent, of the Liverymen's union, were summoned before Chief O'Neill last night and told in plain language that any differences the union might have would have to be settled away from houses of mourning.

"This picketing of the homes from which funerals are holding is beyond the toleration of a civilized community," said Chief O'Neill. "Your zeal has carried you beyond the pale of endurance, and such an unheard of performance as the carrying of labor troubles to the houses of the dead will not be allowed by the police."

"Under no circumstances will I permit picketing of any kind around a house whence a funeral is to proceed. And I must say that it ought not to be necessary for me to take this step."

"Law or no law, picketing of every kind around these houses will have to stop. I shall take my chances with the courts on the question if my conduct is questioned in any court."

Chief O'Neill then issued a general order to all inspectors of police on the line of his conversation with the two union officers. He instructed commanding officers to accompany funerals in carriages, if circumstances seemed to require it, and to see that the last rites of the dead be in no way interfered with.

While the courts have inclined to the permitting of peaceful picketing, Chief O'Neill's order prohibits picketing of any kind around houses of mourning. He declares that, in his opinion, no court could be found which would fail to sustain an act of such evident necessity and propriety as that contemplated by the police department.

On top of Chief O'Neill's order came the announcement that peace plans looking to a settlement of the strike had been launched. Through the efforts of the Chicago board of arbitration a committee was appointed at a meeting of the liverymen and the undertakers' association to meet with a committee from the drivers' union to endeavor to bring about an amicable adjustment of the trouble.

The committee got together and agreed upon a basis of arbitrating the difficulty. The proposition will be submitted to a vote of the men on both sides today, and it is said that the result probably will be an agreement.

Officer Assaulted and Robbed.

CLINTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—James S. Scanlon, second lieutenant and clerk of Company K, Ninth infantry, M. V. M., was found lying unconscious in the company office here with two severe wounds on the head, his watch gone and the entire office in the greatest confusion. An investigation showed that all the drawers and closets of the office had been ransacked and that two of the pockets in Lieutenant Scanlon's clothes had been turned inside out. On the desk in Lieutenant Scanlon's handwriting was a note which read as follows: "I have been followed by a strange man from Worcester, and I feel that he is after my watch," followed by a blot, as if the writer had been suddenly interrupted.

Taylor Gets Five Years in Prison.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 22.—Walter L. Taylor after being acquitted from four indictments last week charging him with assault on Congressman Lamar has been convicted of assault with intent to murder. Judge Malone sentenced him to five years in the state prison.

Suit Against Mitchell For \$200,000.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 22.—A. D. Wales, an attorney of this city, has brought suit against John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers' Union of America, to recover \$200,000 for legal services in settling the recent coal strike.

Spain's Young King to Wed.

MADRID, Dec. 22.—King Alfonso XIII. is reported to be about to marry his cousin, the daughter of the Infanta Maria de la Paz, wife of Prince Ludwig of Bavaria.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Senator Wakelee of Bergen county will be made president of the New Jersey senate.

The Dominion government is considering the questions of uniting Newfoundland with Canada and buying Greenland from Denmark.

Governor Taft will leave the Philippines for the United States on Wednesday, visiting the mikado of Japan en route at the latter's request.

The passengers of the Red Star steamer Finland, which is ashore near Flushing, Holland, have been landed safely. The cargo is being discharged.

The United States supreme court has granted a motion to advance the case of Al Adams, New York policy man, and sets the case for a hearing on Jan. 25 next.

The secretary of the treasury has issued a circular letter of instructions declaring that the Cuban reciprocity treaty will go into effect one minute after midnight of Dec. 27.

TOTTENVILLE.

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

LOT FOR FIRE HOUSE.

The members of Vigilant Hose Company No. 1 have received a lot, free and clear, on Amboy avenue, near Fisher avenue. The person who helped the fire ladders along is said to be a wealthy resident of Tottenville, who wishes his name withheld. The members of Vigilant Hose Company are a fine looking body of men. They will be out for practice with the new hose cart this afternoon. A fair or ball may be held to secure funds for the erection of a building.

WORK RESUMED.

Work on the new Carnegie Library Building, Amboy avenue, was resumed yesterday after a few days delay. The recent rains have left considerable water in the cellar of the building. When the sewer is connected this will be remedied.

BORROWED BIG ENGINE.

The Rapid Transit Railroad has borrowed the old fashioned big hox back engine No. 336 from the Central Railroad of New Jersey and are using her in the Tottenville freight yard. The Rapid Transit Railroad engines seem to be getting out of order.

DANCE AND RECEPTION.

The members of Rossville Engine Company No. 1, of Rossville, will hold a dance and reception at Doty's pavilion, Eltingville, on the night of December 31. They all expect to have a good time. Some friends have been invited to attend.

GIFFORDS EUCRE.

The Gifford Enchre Club met at the home of Mrs. Joseph O. McKee, Amboy avenue, Giffords, yesterday afternoon. Three prizes and a tooby prize were awarded the lucky winners.

DEER IN CONNECTICUT.

They Are Becoming Almost as Annoying as the Rabbits in Australia.

Deer are becoming almost as much of an annoyance to the farmers of Connecticut as are the rabbits to those of Australia, with this difference, that in the latter country they can employ means of self-protection to any limit they see fit, says the Boston Transcript. But in Connecticut, if a farmer sees a herd of deer feeding in his corn or trampling his oats or browsing upon his apple or peach trees, he can only use moral suasion.

Were he to shoot an alien cow thus enraged, he could probably settle for \$30 or \$50, or whatever the market price of the beast might be; but if he shoots a deer, it means a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail, or both. The deer seem to have caught on to the situation, and highly appreciate it. The close season is continuous there until June, 1911, at the end of which time, unless their present immunities are withdrawn, they would probably be more numerous than cattle. They are gentle and confiding creatures, and of course they must eat. At the same time, the situation is becoming formidable, and it is receiving considerable discussion by the press of the state, though even that is hard put to it to suggest a practical remedy.

The New London day observes, with reference to the suggestion that there should be an open season, during which they might be hunted: "Deer may be a nuisance, but they are graceful and beautiful animals, and they won't hurt the least living thing. As much cannot be said of the average fool with a gun, who fans his is a deer hunter. He may now and then shoot a deer, but he is much more likely to put one of his crazy bullets through the small boy gathering chestnuts, or through a fellow-hunter. Fresh meat of all kinds is high, and venison is good, but in our sister state it is venison, venison everywhere, but not a bit to eat."

Corean Superstition.

There is an ancient ceremony in connection with marriage in Corea that is fast passing away. It is called "Po-sam." A week or two before the wedding the parents of the bride consult a fortune-teller to find what will be the future of their daughter. Should they learn that she will become a widow within twelve months they will inveigle a boy into their house, a mock ceremony will be performed, after which the boy will be strangled. The bride, thus becoming a widow, deceives the spirits and will be married to her betrothed husband with the assurance that he has naught to fear.

Just the Man.

The President—How can I give your friend an appointment? He is rude, uncultured, vulgar and unworthy of an office.

The Cabinet Minister—Why, I thought you might make him a minister to some foreign country.—Town Topics.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS.

The following officers for the Sunday school have been elected by the members of Woodrow M. E. church, for the new year, William Bedell, superintendent; W. W. Houseman, and Miss Rose Powell, assistant superintendents; Emily Mesereau, secretary and treasurer; George Brown and Harry Thomas librarians.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The Tottenville night school is now closed for the holidays and the students are happy. The pupils in the short hand department have been given home work to do in the holidays.

NEWS ITEMS.

Work at the shipyard of A. C. Brown & Son is very brisk at the present time. The work on the new tug boat is getting along nicely. Saturday morning the work of building a large car float was started. This alone will keep the men working for some time.

Mrs. James Luttrell, of Rossville, who has been dangerously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. McNamara, of Hart Heights, Tottenville, is improving.

Alfred Finley, who is studying at Centenary Collegiate Institute, Hackensack, is home for the holidays.

The work of improving Broadway is getting along nicely.

The sewer which was connected with St. Paul's M. E. church, Amboy avenue, a few weeks ago, had its first test Sunday during the heavy rain. It worked all right, all of the water being carried off.

LAND OF OLD MEN.

Where Centenarians Are as Thick as Blackberries and Raisins and Hearts.

"I saw a lot of queer things during my wandering through Morocco, Algeria and Tunis," said a man who, according to the Washington Star, recently returned from a long tour in the north of Africa, "but the queerest thing of all was the multitude of centenarians. They were as common as blackberries here in August, and a man or woman had to be at least 150 to enjoy any sort of local reputation."

It is quaint and refreshing to step aside for a moment from the bustle of modern life and make acquaintance with men whose fathers or grandfathers were Barbary corsairs; to drop into coffee houses where the public story tellers rivet the attention of a crowded audience and where the jars of Ali Baba are still in common use; to frequent public squares where snake charmers, barbaric musicians and other story-book delights are a commonplace; to meet a Kadi riding to court on a white mule; and to mix with people who tell you stories of djinns as if they were everyday occurrences.

"All this and more you can enjoy in Morocco, Algeria and Tunis—though the French are doing their best to spoil the old-world charm of the last two countries. But of all the strange things I saw there, the strangest were the old people. There were so many of them, and they are so strenuous."

Every traveler in the "Barbary states," as they used to be called, is impressed by this remarkable abundance of centenarians. A gray-bearded old man of 70, who is trying to sell curios to a tourist for three times their value, exclaims: "By the beard of the prophet, may my grandfather die if what I tell you is not true!"

Looking at his gray beard you think he is quite safe in calling down that curse upon himself, but when you make inquiries you find that he really has a grandfather living, aged about 110, and that the old gentleman is still going about doing business on market days.

Life is not wearing in Moslem Africa. A man never does anything in a hurry there. Naturally, he does not even grow old in a hurry. When he is 70 he is just beginning to get over the first flush of youth; he is no longer counted as one of the boys. But not until he is at least 90 does he expect people to pay honor and reverence to him as a veteran, and even then he must take a back seat and listen deferentially when the hale and hearty centenarians approach.

The Arabs and Moors of the Barbary states are strenuous only in their religious exercises. The excessive zeal of the various confraternities which give vigor to the Moslem faith in that part of the world must be very weird. But even among these confraternities many very old men may be found, who go through the exhausting ritual just as easily as a mere boy of 30 or 40 can.

Should Be Cautious.

Daughter—Edwin says he wants a wife with good lungs. It shows how considerate he is of her health.

Mother—I wouldn't be too sure. He might want her to blow the kitchen fire in the morning.—Chicago Daily News.

A Hint for Her.

"You're all run down," said the doctor. "What you need is quiet and rest. You ought not to be worried at all."

"Will you put that in the form of a prescription, doctor, and give it to my wife?" asked the man.—Chicago Post.

WOODBRIDGE

CONCERT TONIGHT.

On Tuesday evening, December 22, one of the finest entertainments heard in Woodbridge will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church. "The Southern Jubilee Singers," consisting of a colored quartette, will give a concert.

NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Waldo E. Berry, of Sewaren, was in Rahway on Monday.

Miss Edna Brown and Miss Letty Runyon spent Saturday in New York.

Mrs. Harry Eddy spent Saturday afternoon in town.

Miss M. V. Harding visited friends in New York on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware, of Bangor, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gorham Boynton.

CARTERET

NEWS ITEMS.

Miss McCormick, of Brooklyn, was the guest of Mrs. Joseph J. Mallan last week.

George Sommers, of Newark, was in town on business Saturday.

Miss Nellie A. Sexton entertained the Ariston Enchre Club Friday night.

Vocal and instrumental music was well rendered by several of the members. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Walter V. Quin won the ladies first prize. Mr. Joseph J. Mallan won the gentlemen's Mrs. Ferrier and Mr. Leon A. Chase returned home happy with the consolation prizes. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Mallan, Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Walter V. Quin, Mrs. Walter Ferrier, Miss Harriet McCormick, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss Catherine Glynn, Miss Maud E. Platt, Miss Fannie H. Johnston, Miss M. Brazzell, Miss Alice Mara, Miss Florence Drake, Miss Nellie A. Sexton, Miss N. Darcy, Miss M. T. Sexton, Mr. James J. Mallan, Mr. John A. Quin, Mr. Morris Slugg and Mr. M. W. DeWilton, of Perth Amboy.

Frank Glynn, of Elizabeth, spent Saturday visiting his sister, Miss C. Glynn, of DeLamar avenue.

FORDS

The Episcopal Sunday School entertainment was held in the school house Saturday night. There was a large attendance. The program was as follows:

Farce in one act entitled The Obstinate Family by William Hoy as Mr. Harford; Lena Olsen as Mrs. Harford, his wife; Warren Winant as Mr. Harwood, Mrs. Harford's father; and Maggie McCracken his wife. Howard Fullerton the butler, and Agnes Mundy as Lucy, the maid. The farce was well rendered and reflects much credit on the amateurs who took the parts and show we do not need to look for outside talent.

A piano solo by Miss Ada Murray, vocal solo by Mr. Clark, of Metuchen, a violin and piano duet by Miss Ada Murray and Miss Celia Nelson, a drill by eight girls; a lecture on dolls was delivered by Miss Annie Alden, of Metuchen, which was very interesting. Miss Alden and her dolls are well known as she has exhibited them in a great many places and has a fine collection of them from all over the world. A neat sum was realized which will be used to pay the Christmas expenses. After the entertainment a dance was held at Nelson's Hall and all expressed themselves well pleased.

Mrs. W. E. Winant and Corrie and Miss Annie Winant spent Saturday in Newark.

The Fairfield and Keasbey schools will close Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

Devotion.

She fondly kissed the little face she loved, Then in the bed she placed the tiny form, And to her husband tenderly she said: "Turn on the heat, so Papa can keep warm."

—Milwaukee Journal.

Unreformed.

"I was really surprised at the dinner last night," said Mrs. Oldcastle. "Your husband is quite a raconteur."

"I know it. The doctor told Josiah years ago that he'd stuff himself to death, but he just eats away as hearty as ever."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Their Nature.

Friend—I presume you receive from time to time a good many anonymous letters criticising your actions on various questions?

Statesman—Well, some of them are anonymous, but a far greater number of them are unanimous.—Judge.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
For Coughs, Croup, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, etc.

HOUSEHOLD ADVICE.

Bits of Useful Wisdom and Small Economies for the Busy Housewife.

Old stockings cut down the seam make excellent clo