

NEW YEAR USHERED IN

Came With Ringing of Bells,
Tooting of Horns and Blow-
ing of Whistles.

SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES

FOR THE FIRST TIME MIDNIGHT
MASS WAS CELEBRATED IN THE
CATHOLIC CHURCHES—SCHOOLS
AND PUBLIC OFFICES CLOSED
TODAY.

For the first time in a hundred years
midnight mass was celebrated in
indicating the time elapsed since
Christ's birth, and the numeral sup-
plants it.

Ninety-nine was ushered out with
great noise, and just as much attend-
ed the advent of 1920. The man with
the horn did a blowing business; the
man who pulls the whistle string
tied it down and forgot it during
the pass-over, and enough steam was
wasted to make good times for a
week; the inventions of the sleepy
Chinese made a rousing time with
their cracks and thuds; dynamite came
out of his dark home with a sharp re-
port and a splintering of the parts that
once kept him dry. Old Frigidity was
present, too. He acted coolly, but
earnestly. In honor of the occasion
he tossed mercury at zero. Mercury's
nobility defeated his ruler's efforts,
and at the end of the contest Old
Frigidity found that there were sev-
eral points between Mercury and zero
not well taken. The tolling of the
church bells solemnly announced the
death of the old and the birth of the
new year.

Watch night services were held in
more churches last night than in any
previous one. Nearly all denomina-
tions held the midnight service, which
has heretofore been customary only
among the Methodist churches.

Union, St. Paul's and Grace M. E.
churches held a united service at the
latter church, the sermon being de-
livered by Rev. Henry Baker, D. D.
Other churches holding watch night
services were: St. Stephen's Lutheran,
Bethany Baptist, Delaware Avenue Baptist,
Scott M. E., Brandywine M. E.,
Kingswood M. E., Mt. Joy M. E., Bethel
A. M. E., Zion church, and St.
Peter's, St. Paul's, St. Patrick's and
St. Mary's, Catholic churches. This
was a new procedure in the Catholic
churches, being a special privilege con-
ferred by the pope. It was the first
midnight mass ever celebrated in this
country, and this will not again occur
until the year 2000 is ushered in.

This is a legal holiday, but only the
schools, banks and public offices are
closed in this city.

PHONING BY NIGHT

THE DIAMOND STATE COMPANY
WILL COME TO WILMINGTON.

Dover, Jan. 1.—President Harry A.
Richardson, of the Diamond State
Telephone Company, announces that
before many months Wilmington will
have communication with Newark,
Smyrna, Dover, Clayton, Middletown,
Wyoming, Milford, Georgetown, Sea-
ford, Laurel, Lewes, Felton, Harrington,
Milton, Rehoboth, in Delaware;
Cambridge, Elston, Oxford, Elkton,
Perryville, and many other towns in
Maryland after 8 o'clock at night.

A proposition was submitted to the
Delmarva Telephone Company during
the past summer for a traffic agree-
ment in Wilmington, but it was not
accepted. Should no counter propo-
sition be made, the Diamond State
Company will build its lines into Wil-
mington and operate an independent
line that will give service between all
Penninsula towns. When the line is
completed, a toll will be charged for
the use of 'phones in talking with an-
other town. The system now in force
is an annual rent.

TO ENLARGE PRINT WORKS.

Chester, Jan. 1.—The Edystone
Print Works last year awarded the
contract for an additional drug house
to be erected on their plant and to be
known as warehouse No. 3. The con-
tract was secured by Alva R. Kerr &
Co., who will go to work at once with a
force of men. The new building will
accommodate only the most inflammable
drugs, and will be entirely fire-
proof.

PHOENIX'S GOOD WORK.

The Phoenix ambulance during the
last year has responded to 413 calls,
many of which have been out of the
city. One special feature of the am-
bulance crew is that it is always ready
to respond to any and all demands
made for services. This morning
George Caldwell, living at No. 418 East
Twelfth street, slipped on the ice at
Fifteenth and King streets, severely
cutting his head. He was removed to
his home by the ambulance.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL.

D. E. Russell, who had part of his
right foot amputated at the Delaware
Hospital recently, returned to his
home, No. 1210 West Third street, yes-
terday. Mr. Russell was a fireman on
the Wilmington and Northern railroad
and had his foot mangled by a shifter
on December 4.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

It was reported on the street today
that George Lowry, of No. 1323 West
Eighth street, was stricken with pa-
ralysis at his home this morning.

COAL, WOOD AND GRAIN.

H. T. Sergeant, Coal and Wood office
Seventh and King. Delmarva phone
545. Hickory wood for open grates.

CHIEF SASSE INJURED

HIS LEG HURT DURING THE FIRE
SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

During the fire which occurred Sat-
urday afternoon in the rooms of the
Ideal Art School, No. 5 East Seventh
street, George Sasse, chief of the fire
department, sustained serious injuries
to his right leg.

While the fire was at its height,
Chief Sasse bravely entered the burn-
ing building, in order to locate the best
point from which to attack the
flames. Owing to the burning of some
chemicals, a dense, black smoke per-
meated the atmosphere and the chief
soon inhaled sufficient of it to nearly
suffocate him. He reeled blindly from
the door, and failing to notice the hose
of the Friendship Fire Company, which
was at this time being taken up a lad-
der, tripped over it and fell heavily
to the ground. When raised to his
feet, it was seen that he limped pain-
fully, and upon examination, his right
knee was found to be badly sprained.
The injured knee soon began to swell
and by night, it had reached an abnor-
mal size, causing the chief much pain.
His hand was also badly cut by the
fall.

Immediately after falling, he was
taken into Charles Boyle's barber shop,
where medical assistance was at once
summoned. It will be doubtful if the
chief will be able to resume his duties
for some days.

William Joyce, of the Phoenix Com-
pany, who is first assistant engineer,
has been notified to act as chief, while
James Purcell, of the Weccaco, second
assistant engineer, will act as his
first assistant.

FAME TO CELEBRATE

SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY IN
GERMAN HALL.

AFFAIR PROMISES TO ECLIPSE

THE EVENTS OF FORMER
YEARS—THE CAREER OF THE
COMPANY AN INTERESTING
ONE.

The Fame Hose Fire Company will
celebrate its sixty-first anniversary by
giving a reception at German Hall to-
night.

The celebration last year was a de-
cided success but that of this year will
eclipse any former event. A special
program has been prepared which will
include music, speeches by prominent
firemen, supper which will be follow-
ed by a dance.

Guests from the Rainbow Fire Com-
pany of Reading, Pa., and Good Will
of Harrisburg, Pa., and companies at
other places are expected to be pres-
ent.

Last year a celebration was held in
the company's engine house on the oc-
casion of the anniversary of the incor-
poration of the company and was pure-
ly a stag affair. This year it was
thought it would be more appropriate
to celebrate the anniversary in a more
social manner, and a reception and ball,
so the wives and women friends of the
members could attend.

F. L. Brand is president of the com-
pany, G. T. Crockett, vice president;
W. J. Lutz, secretary, and Jacob J.
Kopp, treasurer. The committee of
arrangements in charge of the recep-
tion and ball is composed of Jacob J.
Kopp, chairman, W. J. Lutz, J. J. Carr,
George Kopp and W. King and they
are leaving no stone unturned in their
efforts to make the affair eclipse all
previous efforts of the company in this
direction.

F. L. Brand is president of the com-
pany is an interesting one. Prior to
January 1, 1859, the need of a hose
company in this city was agitated but
nothing definite was determined un-
til that date, when a meeting was
called at the "Bird-in-the-Hand" Ta-
vern on Water street near Shipley, kept
by David Robinette. The following
were present: David Robinette, George
Richardson, Edward Taylor, Samuel N.
Pusey, Henry G. Banning, Charles
Warner, Henry Warner, John C. Pat-
terson, Joseph Hedges, Andrew and
James Connahan, William Thatcher,
W. G. Whitely and John Perkins. The
result of the meeting was the Fame
Hose Company. A hose cart was pur-
chased and housed in the building se-
cured, which was located opposite their
present site on West Second street, be-
tween Shipley and Orange.

The first fire responded to by the
company was the burning of St. An-
drew's Church. There are many spe-
cial events scattered through the sixty
years' service of the company, which
members are pleased to recall. One is
a parade which took place about the
year 1842. A fireman's parade at that
time was something new and created
great excitement throughout the city.
The Fame Hose Company being then
but three years old, had among its
active members such men as John C.
Patterson, George Richardson, H. G.
Banning, W. G. Whitely, William
Thatcher, Samuel N. Pusey, Andrew
Connahan and others.

A friendly rivalry existed between
this company and the Water Witch,
then in the zenith of its successful
career. A short time before the day
of the parade the various companies held
secret council and the night previous
with closed doors in preparing for the
character of their decorations and dis-
play.

The Fame Hose carriage was drawn
by four handsome grays, each led by
a groom in oriental costume, while the
ribbons were held by two bright boys
of 5 or 6 years old. This was the fea-
ture that elicited the greatest interest
and was greeted with the wildest
cheers from the crowded sidewalks.

Two axemen, William Thatcher and
John Perkins led the advance. The
parade was a success in every particu-
lar. The company some years back
changed its name to the Fame Steam
Fire Engine Company.

The official list of those holding
badges is as follows: J. Clayton Hot-
fecker, John C. Purcell, Anthony Mon-
ton, Walter C. King, Norman Deputy,
Lawrence Mullin, Howard Hazel, John
Kelley, Theodore Francis, Alfred Van-
der, Alfred Johnson, Griffith Smith,
Harry Crouch, Harry Ahrens, Harry

Zimmerman, George H. Hoffacker, Wil-
liam H. Higgins, George H. Crawford,
Michael Riley, Julius Shunder, Wil-
liam Pierson, William H. Blake, John
Maguire, Robert Hutchinson, Harry
Kopp, Alfred Lockwood, Alfred Barr,
V. J. Lutz, Jefferson Butler, Louis
Scheu, John McCafferty, William Cor-
son, Jacob Kopp, Anton Hauber, Frank
Serles, William McCortley, John Ha-
ber, William Houck, Frank Maguire,
Alonzo Christy, John A. Smith, G.
Lutz, E. J. Moncton, G. M. Alden, H.
Feldmeier, Thomas Blanken, Frank L.
Brand, Leonard Smith, Thomas F.
Donahoe, George J. Brown, John Wen-
James Crosby, Joseph Shunder, John
B. Harlan, Harry Derry, George Nold-
emaier, Frank Crony, Joseph Myers,
John Carr, William McCrea, Charles
A. Pyle, Lewis Grubb, A. Whittcraft,
William Robinson, George Kopp, Peter
B. Ayers, William McGinty, John Wag-
ner, Alfred Hoopes, Thomas Hammer,
Nathaniel Henderson, Elmer E. Hare,
Joseph Wilson, Joseph Dougherty,
John McLaughlin, Alfred S. Grege,
Otto Scheu, Charles Webber, Lewis B.
Legg, Edward A. Robinson, Manuel
Richenberger, George T. Crockett and
Low Pecky.

No children will be admitted to the
sixty-first anniversary of the Fame
Fire Company, to be held at German
Hall tonight.

SKATING ON POND AND CREEK

LARGEST CROWD YET AT BRANDY-
WINE SPRINGS YESTERDAY.

There was a larger crowd of skaters
at Brandywine Springs yesterday than
at any time since ice has covered the
lake. All day the cars running to the
park were crowded.

On Saturday a fire was kept going in
the women's waiting room, and those
who became cold had an opportunity
to get warm. A hot coffee counter was
opened also. Both of these will be kept
up while the skating lasts. A new de-
vice to scrape the ice so that a glossy
surface can be obtained was used on
the lake today for the first time.

The Christiansa river and the Brandy-
wine creek are also frozen over. On
the latter and on the many ponds about
the city skaters enjoyed themselves
yesterday and today.

RECEPTION TO YOUNG MEN.

The annual New Year's reception to
young men will be given by the Young
Men's Christian Association tonight.
The program arranged is as follows:
Orchestra; piano duet, Mrs. F. N. H.
Fisher and Miss Bertha E. Pierce; man-
dolin solo, Miss Carrie Fisher; vocal
solo, H. J. Wingfield; Ralph B. Kyle,
accompanist. An address will be made
by President Alfred Gavett, and Gym-
nastic specialties will be executed by
Charles Schlee, of Philadelphia.

MILITARY BOARD IN SESSION.

The State Military Board convened
at the Armory on Saturday night and
closed the accounts of the National
Guard of Delaware for the past year.
State Treasurer L. H. Ball was at the
meeting, and carefully examined the
accounts, after which application was
made for the annual appropriation,
which comes out of the state treasury.

LAUNCHED ON SATURDAY.

Late Saturday afternoon the large
barge No. 25, under construction for
the Munson Steamship Company, of
New York, was launched from the ways
of the Jackson and Sharp Company.
She is 115 feet long, 30 feet beam and
has 9 1/2 feet depth of hold and will be
used as a lighter in Cuban waters.

DOG REGISTERS.

The first person to take out a regis-
ter for the year 1920 was City Dog
Catcher George Kopp, his number be-
ing 1. E. M. Wergant, of West Fourth
street, was the second applicant. Chief
of Police Dolan, Officer Di Mare, Cap-
tain Thomas Kane and House Sergeant
Massey followed in the order named.

AN INCREASED AWARD.

The jury of condemnation which was
appointed by Sheriff Taylor to view the
Smith and Dickson properties, over
which it is proposed that the Delaware
City and New Castle railway will pass,
increased the former award on the
Smith property, but that of the Dick-
son estate remains the same.

WILL HOLD TWO INQUESTS.

Coroner Vandever will hold two in-
quests tonight, one of which will be on
the body of John J. Welsh, who was
killed by falling from a car at the Pull-
man works. The second inquest will
be in the case of William Green, who
recently hanged himself at Newark.

CASES INVESTIGATED.

During the past year Coroner Van-
dever and Deputy Coroner Giles have
investigated an unusually large num-
ber of deaths. The cases looked into
include all classes of deaths from ac-
cidental homicide to accidental death.

GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL.

Local posts of the G. A. R. joined
in holding memorial services for their
deceased comrades at DuPont Post's
rooms, Ninth and King streets, yes-
terday afternoon. Ten members have
died during the past year.

INJURED ON THE ICE.

Habley Moreland, of No. 1211 West
Fourth street, while skating at Brandy-
wine Springs yesterday fell and cut
his head severely. He came to his
home, where the injury was dressed.

FIRE DURING THE YEAR.

Chief Sasse, of the Fire Department,
reports that during the year 1899
seventy-eight fire alarms were sent in
to the various engine houses in the
city, besides a number of still alarms.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

The United States Senate has con-
firmed the appointment of Circuit
Judge George Gray. He will be sworn
in by Judge Bradford this week.

CAKEWALK IN JAIL.

Sheriff Wharton, of Kent county,
permitted the twenty persons confined
in the jail at Dover to hold a cake-
walk. The walk was followed by a
possum bake.

THE NEW YEAR BEGINS WELL

But Two Cases Before Judge Ball
in City Court This
Morning

ONE DRUNK AND ONE ASSAULT

OFFICER FORD HAD THE FIRST
CASE BEFORE THE COURT IN
THE YEAR 1920—TWENTY-FIVE
DOLLARS AND COSTS FOR PETER
PESSARIO.

The New Year began well in City
Court this morning, but two prisoners
appearing before Judge Ball.

Thomas Sando, of West Fourth
street, was gathered in last night by
Officer John Ford, and was arraigned
today on a charge of being drunk and
disorderly. Thomas imbibed too much
yesterday and became not only intox-
icated, but insisted upon making him-
self obnoxious. Patrolman Ford en-
deavored to induce him to go home,
but his efforts were fruitless and he
had to arrest him. Three dollars and
costs was the fine imposed.

TWENTY-FIVE AND COSTS.

Peter Pessario, an Italian, living
near Sixth and Hawley streets, was ar-
rested last night by Officer John Long
on a charge of assaulting Michael
Johnjakski. From the evidence pro-
duced this morning, it seems that Peter
became involved in trouble over a bot-
tle of whiskey, the result of the alter-
cation being that Michael received a
cut on the right cheek and a gash on
the right wrist.

When Officer Long's attention was
called to the fray, he found Peter hid-
ing in a cellar next door to the house
where the fight occurred and arrested
him. A fine of \$25 and costs was im-
posed. When Pessario was arrested a
genuine Italian stiletto was found in
his pocket.

Dice throwing for drinks has now
become a crime. At least the Police
Department regards it as such, as it
issued a warrant for the arrest of
Harry Walker, who keeps a saloon at
No. 6 West Third street, last week.
The case came up in Municipal Court
Saturday night, Walker being repre-
sented by Walter H. Hayes, who waived
a hearing for the upper court, which
meets next in February. The bail was
fixed at \$200.

The arrest of Walker came as a great
surprise and created much of a stir
among the people of this city, as it is
the first case of its kind ever brought
before the Wilmington courts.

This particular case of dice throwing
would not have come under the notice
of the police, had it not been for a
number of men, who engaged in the
game last Saturday night, and later
divulged it to the department. The
men would probably not have men-
tioned it, but came from the saloon
in an intoxicated condition and pro-
posed to involve themselves in a fight.
They were arrested, and when at the
police station, told that they had
thrown dice for drinks.

The action of the police is positively
without precedent, as it is a well
known fact that every saloon in the
city permits the throwing of dice.

Not only is this done, but many other
devices are in operation which are far
worse than dice throwing, as they
flinch from their victims the hard cash.
The "Owl" machine is a good example;
where a man plays from five to fifty
cents at one time, his chances for win-
ning decrease, while his profits in-
crease, the more money he plays.

There are, however, about twenty-five
chances against his winning.
The Police Department will make
an investigation of the saloons in order
to detect the ones which permit dice
throwing and other money-making
schemes.

OTHER CASES.

Charles T. Bradford, charged with
assault and battery on John T. Kelly,
was dismissed on the payments of
costs.

Kelly asked the court to dismiss the
case, as he admitted being wholly in
the fault, having followed Bradford on
Saturday night last at a completely
him to fight. He was struck in the
head with a half-brick and sent to the
hospital, where the wound was dressed.
There were seventeen witnesses, none
of whom would accept a fee. This re-
duced the costs considerably. Bradford
was represented by Harry Joslyn. Pat-
rick Carney was fined \$1 and costs for
drunkenness. He was found by Officer
Ford at an early hour yesterday on
the track of the Baltimore and Ohio
railroad, at the foot of Cedar street,
in a stupor condition, being nearly
frozen. Had it not been for the officers
timely arrival and Carney's arrest, he
would no doubt have been dead before
daylight.

ARRESTS IN DECEMBER.

Chief of Police Dolan reports that
during the month of December there
were 516 arrests made by the local
police force. Nine hundred and eighty
lodgers were also accommodated at
the police station.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.
All druggists refund the money if it fails
to cure a cold. Grove's signature is on
each box. 25c.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

While celebrating the new year
early this morning, Charles Higgins,
of No. 917 Lancaster avenue, was ac-
cidentally shot in both legs by Patrick
McGill. Dr. Fahey is the attending
physician.

TO SELECT A CANDIDATE.

At tonight's meeting of the Liberty
Fire Company, a candidate for chief of
the Fire Department will be selected.
The election of chief takes place in
May next.

PENSION FUND IN EFFECT

PENNSY'S SYSTEM NOW A LAW
AND MANY RETIRED.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Com-
pany's pension fund plan became a law
today and a number of veteran employ-
ees of the company were retired. There
is a smaller percentage of engineers
than of any other branch, that will be
affected by the pension system. All
over the Pennsylvania system there
will be 326 employees placed on the re-
tired list, among them fifty will come
from the Maryland division.

The following is a list of the Dela-
ware road pensioners: A. B. Conner,
to succeed J. B. Conner, as station
agent at Felton; L. B. Graves, of
Greenwood will succeed W. T. Vaulas
as station agent at Milford; W. T. Car-
ter will go from Hurlock's, Md., to
Greenwood, to succeed L. B. Graves,
and L. H. Harper will become agent at
Hurlock's. At Robbins H. E. Lynch
will succeed J. A. Lynch, retired, as
station agent.

The list of those retired and the pro-
motion on the Maryland division will
not be made public until sometime the
latter part of the month.

STATE OFFICERS' ACCOUNTS

WILL BE SETTLED AND AUDITED
BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AT DOVER.

A joint legislative committee com-
posed of Senators James F. Shakes-
peare and George M. D. Hart, and Rep-
resentatives James W. Robertson, Rob-
ert M. Burns and D. C. Rose will meet
at Dover on January 16 to settle with
the various state officers. These in-
clude the accounts of State Treasurer
L. H. Ball, and reception of the report
of State Auditor John A. Lingo. The
accounts of Clerk C. W. Kenney, of
the Senate, and Clerk B. F. Sheppard,
of the House, for the printing of the
legislative journals and making in-
dices, will be audited.

The accounts of Secretary of State
James H. Hughes for state taxes and
other moneys received by him will also
be audited.

NEW INDUSTRIES IN 1899

FIVE CONCERNS CAME TO WIL-
MINGTON DURING THE YEAR.

Wilmington's Board of Trade has
summed up the success of locating in-
dustries in this city during 1899, and is
well satisfied with this list:

Elk mill of the John Hand and Sons'
Company.

The Diamond State Steel Company,
which also leased the plant of the Dia-
mond State Iron Company.

The Delaware Cotton Company,
which purchased the idle mills of the
Arlington Mills Manufacturing Com-
pany.

H. M. Love, manufacturer of women's
knit underwear.

Alton C. Pyle, manufacturer of silk
waists and skirts.

OFFICER GORDY'S FATHER ILL.

Special Officer Gordy, at the French
street station, will take a few days va-
cation, during which he will go to Sal-
isbury, Md., the home of his father,
who is very ill. The genial officer's fa-
ther is 85 years of age, and this is the
first illness that he has experienced
during his life, and it is feared that he
will not recover owing to his advanced
age.

NEW ICE CREAM MANUFACTORY.

William A. Cox, the ice cream man-
ufacturer, has purchased from the Girard
Life and Trust Company, of Philadel-
phia, the property at the northwest
corner of Fourth and Adams streets,
for \$4,000. Mr. Cox will remodel the
store and building and run an ice
cream manufactory in the rear of the
store.

HOME FROM NEW YORK.

Bishop Coleman returned today from
New York, where he went on Saturday
to take part in the exercises held last
night in commemoration of the twenty-
fifth anniversary of the ministry of
the vicar, at St. John's Chapel. The
services were largely attended.

FELL ON THE ICE.

Mrs. Begley, of No. 812 West Third
street, slipped on the ice on the side-
walk of Monroe street, between Conrad
and Third streets today, and severely
cut her nose and lip. She was taken
home by Officer Palmer and Dr. Fahey
summoned.

CUT HIS HEAD.

George Caldwell, colored, of No. 418
East Twelfth street, fell on the side-
walk in front of St. Patrick's Church
this morning and received a severe cut
upon the back of his head. He was
taken home by the Phoenix ambulance.

AN OVER-HEATED STOVE.