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with the hearing until friends intercould. They were treated exactly vened and the challenge was with-

ence as to the next Republican nomince. In fact, a representative of this paper tried strenuously to get an ex-

Chairman Rollins, it has been said,

NEW OIL FIELD.

drawn under protest. Hardly had this alike." disagreement between Dechateau and Kelly been adjusted, before another arose between Mr. Kelly and M. T. Beekman, who represents the heirs of Mrs. Fair. "We have given Mrs. Fair's mother two hundred thousand dollars already in full settlement of her claims," said Mr. Kelly. "We regard that act of our client as having settled any claim Mrs. Nelson might have upon the estate."

"The Vanderbilts have given my client two hundred thousand dollars of her own money and kept eight million of it," retorted Mr. Beekman Again it looked as though there might be a challenge to a duel. Dechateau and Perriquet testified that tional Bank. Mr. Fair died first.

GENEROUS ELKS.

They Bring Cheer to Many Little Hearts Today.

More than five hundred little children, boys and girls, will look backward in later years to the Christmas of 1903 and thank the Charlotte Elks for bringing Santa Claus to them when the old fellow would otherwise have passed them by.

The scene in the Elk's Temple today from noon until 3 o'clock was one that will not soon be forgotten. Betweenfiveand six hundred children. were given a sumptuous dinner and He is Arrested on a Charge were then loaded down with presents and sent away with smiling faces and happy hearts. The children were gathered in from all over the city and were those to whom Santa Claus visits are few and far between and who would, in many cases, have experienced none of the joy of the Christmas season had it not been for the charity of the Elks. The children, besides receiving a big dinner, consisting of turkey, meats, pickles, ice cream, cake and various other delicacies, were given three presents each, a pound of candy, a doll or horn and some useful article, such as a ed, has just been arrested in this city handkerchief or necktie. After re- Saturday at the age of 60, on the ceiving their presents the children charge of arson in the first degree. were turned loose in the spacious par- He is known as Charles Williamson lors of the Elk's Temple where merri- alias Perrin, but passed lately as ment ran rife for over three hours Charles Hall, which is said to be his and the building resounded with the real name. Posing as a retired bankblowing of horns and childish mirth and chatter.

The children of the Thompson Orphanage. sixty-five in all, were brought to the temple by carriages furnished gratuitously by Wadsworth's Sons, and were also served with dinner and made happy with numerous presents. This work was done by the Charlotte Elks by private contributions and represents an outlay of from four to five hundred dollars. It is undoubtedly one of the biggest charitable undertakings that living, the police learned, in New Jerhas been gotten up here in many years.

The chairman of the committee who had the work in charge was Mr. Armistead Burwell, Jr., who was assisted on the committee by Messrs. Hamilton Wilson, Will Harty, O. L. Barring-er, J. W. Mullen and E. S. Williams. is called to meet this evening at 8

ENTERS THE ASSOCIATION.

of office expire December 31. The old The George A. Fuller Construction directors, however, have been re-nom-Company Admitted to Membership inated for the positions they now hold in the Building Trades Association. on theboa rd.

men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. next PERSONALS. There will be an interesting enter- Sunday afternoon. (By Associated Fress.) Mr. and Mrs. Armand Myers, of tiated. the parties who loaded the lumber on New York , Dec. 25 .- The Georg tainment at Trinity Methodist church | - A Christmas entertainment will Great Britain Recognizes. Fuller Construction Co., throuh Presithis evening for the little folks. A big given this evening at East Avenue the car. His theory is that the stakes Portsmouth, are guests of their par (By Associated Press.) By Associated Press.) (By Associated Press.) (This evening for the little folks. A big given this evening at East Avenue at the side of the gondola were weak at the side of the gondola were weak and gave way under the tension of the Mr. S. L. Burts, manager of the Mr. E. Grimsley, who for the past dent McConnell, has applied for memtwo years has been traveling eastern bership in the Building Trades Asso- British Consul, has officially informed with good things and these will be dren of the Sabbath school. cially in the Building Trades Asso-cially. Application has been accepted and President McConnell becomes a member soon, the plan, scope and reg-ulations of the association having been thoroughly explained to him. Snow Hill, N. C.

BRIEFS.

THE WEATHER.

Death of Moody Merrill. (By Associated Press.)

Santa Fe., N. M., Dec. 25 .- Moody to be interviewed. Merrill, of Boston, alias C. F. Grayson, of Silver City, died suddenly yesdenies the statement credited to him terday at Silver City from pneumonia. at Statesville. The News was inform-Merrill it is said has held very high ed of the matter throught its Statespostions in Boston whence he sudville correspondent, and the statedenly disappeared and was supposed ment made in that correspondence to be dead until a short time ago political enemies revealed his whereabouts and he was arrested in New York city on serious financial charges. In New Mexico he had made a new fortune, represented the Colers of New York in the southwest and had been president of the Silver City Na-

is improving slowly.

FAMOUS FORGER

CAUGHT AT LAST

of Arson---Set Fire to Sing

Sing Prison and Escaped--

Flooded Wall Street With

Bank of England Notes.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 25 .- One of the men

involved in the famous Bank of Eng-

land forgery case, and who in 1877

er now, he was posing as an active

bought the Van Alen home at New

ten thousand dollars and paid five

for, nineteen thousand. Four days

later, February 14 last, the house was

Circumstances prevented the with-

holding of payment upon the policies

and Hall disappeared. He has been

sey, and when he came to this city

To Elect Directors.

take the place of those whose terms

board of directors of the

passed 28 years in prison.

hundred down, and insured the house

burned

The

set fire to Sing-Sing prison and escap-

has never been denied by Col. H. C. Cowles, to whom Mr. Rollins talked. The News roiterates that Chairman Rollins did say at Statesville that he knewnothing of the impeachment proceedings against Judge Boyd and that as far as he knew, there was nothing

last

in the telegram sent out from Washington. This statement is again made in or--Mr. Dcane Hulick, who has been der that Chairman Rollins may requite ill with the grip at his home on fresh his mind and recall the state-East Avenue for the past two weeks,

SPLENDID OUTLOOK.

"The indications now are that the

coming year will be one of the most

prosperous that the Southern yarn

and cloth mills have ever experi-

enced," said a local cotton man today.

The indications that point in this

direction are many. In the first place

the decree of fashion has gone forth that white goods shall be worn in preference to the various colored

goods and cloths other than cotton,

which have been in vogue for some

time. The mills are now able to turn

out white goods of a most attractive

style and these have already found

favor with the feminine mind and it is

not an uncommon sight to see dresses

worn by the ladies, the cloth for

which was woven and the yarn spun

Perhaps the strongest reason for ex-

pecting a big year for yarns is found

in the rapidly growing demand for

banker, when in 1893, he flooded Wall ket that buyers were hardly to be the first stream of water came, the

in some nearby cotton mill.

pression from him

ments he made to Col. H. C. Cowles at Statesville Wednesday morning attend this meeting.

The Greatest Gusher in Texas Beas to this gins Spouting Oil at Batson Prairie. matter and he persistently declined

> fine well number 3 at Batson Prairie, the new oil field which was being baled, broke loose yesterday and with a roar that shook the earth began spouting oil 200 feet in the air and hurling rocks 600 feet through twenty feet of pipe.

gusher in Texas today. hand values are booming in this vicinity . since the latest wells have been brought in.

Assemble in this WILL The number of delegates are expected to

The Coming Year Promises Much for BIG MEMPHIS FIRE

most the opposite from what they the company near the engine room

was such a glut of yarns on the mar- quickly to the store room. By the time

(By the Associated Press.) Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 25 .- Para-

This is claimed to be the greatest

Convocation of Charlotte. On January 14 the Convocation of Charlotte of the Episcopal church,

CILY. Convocation will continue three days closing January 17th. A

funerals today. The bodies of about 30 victims were gathered up and | erty. taken away on early trains today. The remaining bodies indentified will be shipped within the next 24 hours and the unknown will be cared for by the borough council. Official investigabeing prosecuted vigorously by officers of the railroad company, but it is

blamed for the accident. It is appar- E. A. Smith, of the mill. ent that a number of switch-ties, which had fallen off a west-bound freight train and were strewn on the passenger tract caused the flying express to be derailed.

Those who are still to be identified

are mostly foreigners and it is doubtful if their identity will ever be known. Considerable money was found on the persons of the unidentified and tight sewed in a belt on one of the foreigners was \$1400 which was placed in the First National Bank. Sums ranging from \$100 to \$300 were found and this, like the balance has been put in the bank until perhaps some time a relative may be located

Many of the victims of the wreck have been robbed. There are several who are known to have had a large amount of money and jewelry on their persons. Not a single cent was found in the pockets of several of these, and the Loss of Their Depart it was plainly visible that rings had been taken from the fingers. Robbers were on the scene early and many of the rescuers, they had secured considerable booty, much of which consisted of baggage and hand bags that had been lost about the cars in the wreck. A number of them have not

of local officers that the bags were the health department decided quickly picked up by the gang of amend the sanitary code by classifythidves that operated there before ing this ailment with measles, scarlet to keep up with. Conditions are al- the basement of the retail branch of assistance arrived.

were four years ago when there there shortly before 1 o'clock, and spread dropped the timbers which wrecked cases of last year. the train was gondola No. 3037 of the Nickel Plate road.

> dom 'equalled is told of Benjamin Nichols, steward on the dining car. His name is being sung with praises by railroaders and the surviving passengers. When the terrible slide of the engine dragged the train whirling sideways along the road, Nichols was in the dining car. Before the car had made its last lurch Nichols had leaped and was running toward the smoker, which was reduced to a matter of twisted iron and splinters. The crash had torn the escape-valve from the top of the engine and the steam

clares the blame must be fastened on

ral, that of Edison Goldsmith, and an The building was built by J. L. Carimmense concourse attended the serson about six years ago and was vices. Bodies of other Connellsville victims will be held until Saturday known as Spartanburg's sky-scraper or Sunday before burial. This is a and is still the tallest building in the Cathey this morning he said that he necessity as the undertakers are too city. It is well finished and is built in overworked to attempt to conduct a substantial and durable manner. It is regarded as a valuable piece of prop-

Gifts for Mill Children.

Last night the members of the Sunday school at the Chadwick Mills were given a Christmas entertaintion into the cause of the disaster is ment, which was largely attended. The children were presented with neat packages of fruits, oranges and doubtful if any individual will be other good things contributed by Mr. far from the railroad track, about

> At the Court House. the inquest was held Mr. Perry seem-The county officers, one and all,took ed the least affected by the fearful accident. He gave his evidence in a a day off today and every office in the county court house was vacated. The building remained closed all day.

quiet, though slightly nervous, manner, which he endeavored to hide by smiling Another person who saw Sofley PNEUMONIA PUT shortly before his death was Jennie. Rawlins, who told a News representative the following story: "I saw will IN A NEW CLASS Perry and Walter at the corner of Fraham and Hill streets. Walter spoke to me and jerked away from Will, and said that he was coming down to my house, but Will grabbed him and took him on down Hill street. I Health Department of New told him that he had better take Walt-

er to my house and that I would take York City, Alarmed at its care of him while he got a carriage to take him home, but he said that the Prevalence, Puts Pneumopolice were after him so he went on. followed them after a little and met nia in Cass With Contag-Will coming back. I asked him where Walter was and he took me and showed him to me lying right down beside the track just as 97 went by. I then told him that he ought to stay with Walter while I went and got a carriage, as he could not carry him up to my house. He said that he would come with me, but I told him I was not having become prevalent in this city, afraid. We went on up to Graham street and I sent a negro boy for a cab and he could not get one, so I sent another boy and he did not get any, so we went back and tried to find

about 2 o'clock and went up town.

Mr. W. D. Perry, his second cousin,

was with him a short while before his

death. Testifying before Coroner

had been with the dead man yester-

day afternoon and that he was posi-

tive that Sofley was partially under

the influence of liquor. He said that

he went down West Hill street with

him and then up across the railroad

and as he could not take him any

farther he turned around and went

back for a carriage. When he got

back he could not find Sofley. He said

that he had thought that he would not

move away so he left him not very

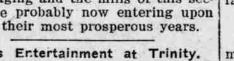
Of all the men in the room where

seventy yards or more.

Walter, but could not do it." The body was found later on by the railroad employees of a switch engine, having been sent out to invest.gate the rumor that there was a man on the track. The body was terribly The coroner's jury composed of Messrs. A. C. Query, J. A. Cathey, W. and E. P. Hoover, examined the body The Confederate Veterans and the vis, but could not reach a verdict, as Children of the Confederacy arehaving the chief witnesses had not been summoned. It was thought for a while that a small hole in the right leg was caused by a bullet, but when examined by a physician it was declared that it was caused by a rock or similar substance being ground in by the wheels.

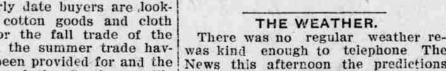
There is a report current that the night pumpman at the pumping station, which is near the trestle, saw the deceased on the end of the trestle shortly before the supposed time of his death, with a man whom he described a being a tall man with a light moustache, who wore a blue shirt, but as the pumpman has not been found, this cannot be substan-

encouraging and the mills of this sec- fall several degrees by tomorrow. tion are probably now entering upon one of their most prosperous years.

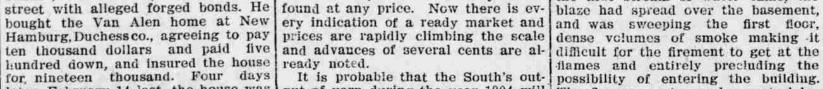


Xmas Entertainment at Trinity.

weather will prevail tomorrow. The



any thing in this direction.



put of yarn during the year 1904 will The fire was goten under control bebe about 15 per cent. greater than fore 3 o'clock. Lowenstein Brothers during 1903 but the rapid increase in conducted a wholesale and retail buspopulation and the growing demand is iness, being the oldest dry goods expected to more than counterbalance dealers in Memphis or West Tennessee.

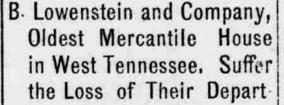
At this early date buyers are lookhe was arrested. Hall is said to have ing out for cotton goods and cloth and yarns for the fall trade of the

coming year, the summer trade having already been provided for and the white fabrics of the Southern mills are in great demand in the North and at other centers of the jobbing and

o'clock to elect five new directors to wholesale trade. The outlook is most indications are that the tempature will

was kind enough to telephone The News this afternoon the predictions for this section .It is said that the rain will cease by tonight and that clearing

-Rev. W. W. Orr will address the



ment Store in Memphis.

FULL INSURANCE

(By Associated Press.) Memphis, Dec. 25 .- Fire this morn-

ing in the large department store of been recovered and it is the opinion B. Lowenstein & Bro., on Main street, such products which is now almost caused a damage approximating \$150,outstripping the capacity of the mills 000, fully insured. The fire started in

A story of courage and heroism sel-

was shooting in the car upon the struggling mass om smoking human-

Supt. J. F. Irwin of the B. & O. de-

ious Diseases. (By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 25 .-- Pneumonia y,ah gbecom prevale nt niethi scit

fever and smallpox, and making com-The wreck is pretty well cleared pulsory a physician's report of every away. Coroner Arthur Nagen, of case fonmuepnoi invoshrdlusrhdlulu Fayette county, arrived in Connells- case of pneumonia, promptly. This is ville and immediately swore in the said to be without precedent, in Amercoroners jury. The jury is now view- ica or Europe. For the last five weeks, ing the remains and taking evidence according to the health department, as to the cause of the disaster. 1. there have been 820 cases reported, has been learned that the car which an increase of 43 per cent. over the

Mrs. Sexton's Guests.

a splendid time out at Mrs. Sexton's this afternoon. Every Christmas afternoon the Veterans and the Children of the Confederacy are guests of Mrs. Sexton. She has always a splendid spread and something to cheer. This afternoon was no exception. The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Sexton was tastily decorated for the occasion. Holly, miseltoe and ivey formed the decorations. The Veterans and the children tarried long as the guests of their honored friends and left wishing them all the happiness that such generosity and kindness always begets.

mangled, especially about the head ... J. Fite, J. M. Harkey, J. W. Austin at the undertaking rooms of Mr. Ho-