

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT WHITE HOUSE

Annual Reception Given by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt Today Largely Attended. Thousands Calling During Receiving Hours

Notable Feature of the Reception Has Been the Almost Total Absence of Negroes. Only Two Having Called at 11 O'clock—Last Year 20 Were Present.

The Publishers Press. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A noticeable feature of the White House reception today was the absence of the usual number of negroes. A 11 o'clock only two negroes were seen among the thousands waiting to shake the President's hand.

The annual New Year's reception was a largely attended affair. Thousands of people called during the receiving hours and shook hands with the President and other members of the receiving party.

MR. EDWARDS TELLS OF HIS TRIP TO MEXICO

George W. Edwards, of this city, returned last night from a trip to the City of Mexico, where he and his brother, Dr. Edwards, of Bristol, Tenn., with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lehman, of Mexico, attended a bull fight, it being the best exhibition of the season, at which time four bulls were killed, after several horses had been gored and killed by the bulls.

When the people were displaced their disapproval of the show was expressed just as effectively.

In the tide of excitement Mr. Edwards says he would look around at the vast crowd to see what effect it was having on the several American ladies attending the fight and would discover a rather serious expression on their faces.

In the American colony of fifty or twenty thousand Americans in the City of Mexico, Mr. Edwards met J. H. Lehman, son of P. T. Lehman, of this city, forging to the front in that country. He is a mechanical engineer of considerable reputation and should misfortune fall to overtake him, it appears that he will be a rich man in many years past.

The climate, country and people are most interesting to an American, says Mr. Edwards. The City of Mexico is nearly eight thousand feet above the sea and one never sees a place for a fire in the houses except for cooking purposes. This is the coldest season of the year and the weather there is quite pleasant, except at night and early morning when it is slightly chilly.

In passing into the City of Mexico you pass through the strawberry station, where fresh strawberries are sold at the train side every day in the year for 25 cents, Mexican money, per basket, and it is quite amusing to see the English tourist trading with the Mexican and Indian girls for strawberries. Each station has a special thing, as a rule, to offer for sale, the strawberry, opal and drawn work, etc.

FINE HEALTH RECORD DURING PAST YEAR

The following is a report of the past year, by Mr. H. S. Foy, superintendent of the Salem cemetery: My records for the year 1906 show that there were 73 interments in the Salem cemetery and 27 in the Moravian graveyard, making a total of 100. Out of this number 62 were adults and 38 children, whose ages averaged one year and four months. The number of married men buried in the cemetery were 29; average age 54 years and 4 months. In the graveyard, 7; average age, 70 years and 3 months. Married women in cemetery, 19; average age, 50 years and 6 months; in the graveyard, 6; average age, 51 years and 1 month. Single men, in cemetery, 6; average age, 30 years; in graveyard, one; age, 22 years. Single women in cemetery, 10; average age, 40 years and 7 months; in graveyard, 2; average age, 70 years and 6 months.

There were 28 children interred in the cemetery and 10 in the graveyard. Of the interments in the cemetery were 42 from Winston, 26 from Salem and 4 from other towns. In the graveyard the number of interments from Salem were 19; from Winston, 4, and from out-of-town, 4. Combining the interments in the two places, the total is 17 from Winston, 45 from Salem and 8 from other towns.

HARRIS-PARKINSON CO. BREAKS RECORD

The audience that attended the presentation of "Slaves of the Orient" at the Elks' Auditorium last night was a record-breaker. It was the largest audience in the history of the Elks' Auditorium. Scores of people had to be turned away for lack of room. The play last night was a splendid one, far above the average of those presented by popular-priced companies. Indeed it was the opinion of many that it was better than many dollar shows that have been presented here. The specialties were very good indeed, especially the illustrated songs.



THE CONGO SITUATION.

Number Killed in B. & O. Wreck Is Now Placed at 45

Six Others Are Missing and May Also Have Been Killed in the Terrible Disaster at Terra Cotta, Near Washington, Sunday Night—Victims Buried Today—Responsibility for the Wreck.

(By Publishers Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—This is a sad New Year's day here in many homes. This morning the funerals of forty-five known victims of Sunday's horror at Terra Cotta began to be held. Heavens were busy all day. Many of the bodies were so badly mangled that relatives will not see them. The blame for the wreck rests on either Harry B. Hildebrand, engineer of the extra train which crashed into the rear of the local, or Milton W. Phillips, operator at Terra station.

Phillips has been released on ten thousand dollars bail, but Hildebrand is still held. The engineer declares he saw no light. The coroner today took a jury to the scene to familiarize them with the surroundings. The latest list of casualties numbers forty-three identified and two unidentified, missing six. The number of injured is sixty-six. Two injured still in hospital, number twenty-four.

STANDARD OIL CROWD MAY SECURE CONTROL

(By Publishers Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—It is confidently believed 16 Wall Street that the Pennsylvania system will now pass under the Standard Oil party's control since Cassatt's death. Cassatt balked every effort of Rockefeller to seize the Pennsylvania. Frick will now be the dominating force in Pennsylvania affairs and it is believed through him Rockefeller interests will at last prevail.

BLIND MEN "SEE" THE NEW YEAR IN

(By Publishers Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A merry New Year's evening was that of blind men's self-improvement club, which "saw" the old year out at its rooms. Misses Wilfred and Edith Holt, daughters of Henry Holt, who has done much for the blind, helped with the festivities. Mrs. M. J. Hyer, of Salem, is confined to her home by illness.

NEW DIVISIONS MADE BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY

General Superintendent E. H. Clegg, of the Northern District of the Southern Railway, has received an executive order issued from the office of the president of the Southern, by order of the board, naming the different divisions comprising the Northern District over which Mr. Cleggman has charge. These divisions, as enumerated with their various branches, are as follows:

Washington Division—Headquarters at Alexandria, Va.; Washington, D. C.; to Monroe, Va.; Bloomington, Warrenton and Harrisonburg branches and Monroe terminals.

Danville Division—Headquarters at Greensboro, N. C.; Monroe, Va.; to Spencer, N. C.; Rocky Mount and Ashboro branches and Danville terminals.

Richmond Division—Headquarters at Richmond, Va.; Newport to West Point, Va.

Norfolk Division—Headquarters at Norfolk, Va.; West Norfolk to Selma, N. C.; Pinner's Point, Va., to Selma, N. C.; Claborn, Hildecock, Buffalo Lilia Springs, Portsmouth and Copper Mine branches.

Durham Division—Headquarters at Durham, N. C.; Elber Durham, N. C.; to Keyesville, Va.; Oxford to Henderson, N. C.; Greensboro to Goldsboro, N. C.; University to Chapel Hill, N. C.; Winston-Salem Division—Headquarters at Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mt. Airy to Sanford, N. C.; Climax to Raeburn, N. C.; Wilkesboro to Greensboro, N. C.; including Winston-Salem terminals; Stokesdale to Madison, N. C.; Mt. Airy to Granite Quarry, N. C.

Mooreville Division—Headquarters at Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mooreville Junction to Winston-Salem, N. C.; Charlotte to Taylorsville, N. C.

Mr. E. C. Penn becomes chief dispatcher of the New Winston division and Mr. Paul Nash, for years a resident of this city, will be a dispatcher with the same division.

MR. W. L. ROYER GOES TO NASHVILLE, TENN.

Mr. W. L. Royer, for the past year and a half one of the buyers and manager of the advertising department for the "Duff Store" of Rosenbacher & Cox, has resigned to accept the management of a new big department store at Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Royer, who is an expert in his line and a most affable gentleman, left last evening for Nashville to buy a stock of goods for his concern. During their residence here Mr. and Mrs. Royer won a host of admiring friends. The Sentinel joins others of those thus expressing regret over their departure and wishing for them much happiness and prosperity.

Permanis Lesford, traveling salesman for the Lipfert-Scales Co., after spending the holidays in Salem, returned to his work today.

WATCH SERVICES AT HOME CHURCH

Large Crowd Was Present Last Night to Bid Farewell to 1906 and to Welcome 1907. Services Being Unusually Interesting.

At The First Service Bishop Rondthaler's Memorabilia Was Read, This Dealing in An Interesting Manner With the Events of the Past Year—Rev. J. K. Pfohl Delivers Address At Second Service.

The Home Moravian church, beautiful in its festive decorations of cedar, holly and its trimmings of a delicate vine, was crowded to its utmost capacity last evening. Chairs filled all the aisles, the spacious galleries were crowded and many who could not find seats were standing in the front vestibule and on the gallery stairs. It was a large, quiet orderly company that listened reverently to what was said and joined heartily in the singing of the familiar hymns.

The first service of the evening was devoted, as has been the custom for more than a century, to the reading of statistics dealing with the conditions of the various congregations of the church and the presentation of the yearly Memorabilia recounting the chief happenings of the year in the world at large, in national and State affairs and those of purely local and denominational interest as well.

The statistical report of the Province was read by Rev. J. K. Pfohl and showed a year of marked growth and activity. Two hundred and twenty were received into the churches of the Province during the year and the total membership is now 5842.

Rev. E. S. Crossland presented the report of the Salem congregation, comprising the Home church, its branches, Calvary, Christ, Fairview, East Salem and the colored churches. From this report it was learned that this congregation was the largest Moravian congregation in the world and numbers 1521 communicants and has a total membership of 2113.

The Memorabilia next presented by Bishop Rondthaler, the able and beloved pastor of the congregation, as well as the head of the governing board of the province, was filled with facts of vital interest and was presented in such a manner as to hold the close attention of the large congregation throughout its reading. The Bishop is a man of broad culture and wide knowledge and showed an intimate acquaintance with great world-wide events and their tendencies such as one would expect from statesmen and those whose business it was to deal with international affairs.

At 11:30 p. m. an even larger congregation assembled than in the earlier service of the evening, for the watch-meeting. It was a service of great solemnity and one in which the power of God's Spirit was markedly evident. Familiar hymns and prayer prepared the congregation for the closing address of the year, which was delivered by Rev. Kenneth Pfohl, who spoke earnestly of God and His love and plead for a new year lived to God's glory. Before the speaker had ended his remarks he was interrupted by the sound of the church band announcing the advent of the new year. The large congregation rose and with glad hearts of praise sang: Now let us praise the Lord With body, soul and spirit; With doth such wondrous things Beyond our sense and merit; Who from our mother's arms, And earliest infancy, Hath done great things for us, Praise Him eternally.

Bishop Rondthaler then led in an earnest prayer for divine guidance and blessing in the new year and with a "Happy New Year" heard on every band, the large company separated to their homes.

M'GRAE WILL SUCCEED PRESIDENT A. J. CASSATT

(By Publishers Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 1.—James McGrae, first vice-president of the Pennsylvania System, will be elected today to succeed Alexander J. Cassatt as president of the Pennsylvania road.

At a meeting of the board of directors Henry C. Frick, the Pittsburgh steel magnate, would have been elected president had he desired, but he would not consent to take the office. Frick is the largest share-holder in the road and is for McGrae for president.

Miss Willie Hawkins has returned from several weeks' visit to her sister at Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. T. W. Setliff, who is visiting her daughter at Barber's Junction, is quite sick with pneumonia. Mr. Setliff was here today to consult a physician.

THE COLORED PEOPLE CELEBRATE EMANCIPATION

The colored people of the city today marked the 41st anniversary of the Emancipation of the Negro. The program opened at 10:30 with a parade, headed by the colored comet band. The procession was about half a mile in length. The exercises at the courthouse were attended by several hundred members of the race, the court-house being packed.

The program given in Saturday's evening was carried out. The feature of the evening was the annual oration by Rev. N. D. Shubert, the pastor of the colored M. E. church. He made an entertaining and profitable address. He discussed the negro's achievements and the things that have made him what he is today. The address was worthy of the man and was received with much enthusiasm.



THE NEW YEAR—HELLO! WHAT A QUEER WORLD I'M GETTING INTO.