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COL. PILCHER EVACUATES DOUGLAS

British Carry Loyal Inhabitants to Belmont

GATACRE FORCES BACK THE BOERS

Boers Retire to Stromberg Under Hot Artillery Fire—Col. Rhodes Escapes From Lady.

Belmont, Jan. 4.—Col. Pilcher's force is officially announced, being only a raiding expedition, and for military reasons unable to occupy Douglas, has permanently evacuated the town, bringing here all the loyalists. He has now returned safely and is in close proximity to Belmont. When he announced the necessity of evacuating the place the inhabitants of Douglas declared that their lives would not be worth five minutes' purchase after the troops left.

Col. Pilcher, therefore, invited them to accompany him to Belmont. Preparations were speedily completed, and the vehicles in the town were totally inadequate to convey the refugees, so the troops gave up transport wagons to the women and children. The Canadians acted as escort for the refugees and carried the infants for the women. They kept every body lively by singing as they marched along in spite of sore feet from the heavy sand. General Buller congratulated the force on the success of the expedition.

Stierkstrom, Jan. 1. General Gatacre today met the invading forces at Cybergap, near the British advance camp, at Bushmansbok. The Boers retired hurriedly shortly after the British artillery had opened fire. The enemy occupied Molteno and Cyphorat today, but the latter place is now reconquered by the British forces.

General Gatacre was immediately informed of the attack and quickly sent reinforcements, accompanied by a detachment of the Royal Horse Artillery. The Police and rifle men succeeded in holding the Boers in check until the arrival of the reinforcements. As soon as the guns were in position they opened a hot fire on the Boers, who retired to Laager and Stromberg.

General Buller checked again. Paris, Jan. 4.—A report is current at the bureau today that General Buller had used another check in his efforts to relieve Ladysmith.

GENERAL HELD UP. London, Jan. 4.—The Imperial Mail steamer "General" is detained at Allen and occupied by British troops with the object of searching the cargo about to be discharged. The "General" is owned by the German East African Line, the owners Bundesrath, were previously captured at Magdeburg.

MONTMORENCY RETIRES. London, Jan. 4.—An official despatch from General Forrester Walker at Cape Town in which he says that Montmorency has evacuated Dordrecht, retiring to Breda. The firing continues at Colong.

RHODES AND JAMERSON ESCAPE. Hoofd Laager, Ladysmith, Jan. 4.—Six horsemen made a dash from Ladysmith a few nights ago, and although they were pursued, they made their escape. It is believed that the party included Col. Rhodes, a brother of Cecil Rhodes, and Dr. Jamerson.

CHOATE'S BULL. American Minister Says Books are to be Digested Like Gold Nuggets.

London, Jan. 4.—The English papers are laughing over a "bull" in American Minister Choate's speech yesterday, at the opening of the new library. Minister Choate said, "Books are to be chewed and digested; they are gold nuggets of literature."

CHICAGO'S NEW DRAINAGE. Chicago, Jan. 4.—The clear waters of Lake Michigan have invaded the Chicago river as far as Harrison street bridge, and the change is notable since the water has taken on a electric tinge. The clear water had reached South Branch at sunset last night and has now reached South Twelfth street bridge, a distance of almost two miles from the mouth of the river. Everything, including the stock yard brasses, have shared the benefits of opening the drainage canal. The route which the water is rising at Wintago Basin, at the controlling works and at Lockport, indicates that the week will elapse before the clear water reaches the level nitro sill.

THE WORK OF THE PRESS. The Executive Committee of the State Democratic Press Association met today with Chairman F. M. Simmons of the State Democratic Executive Committee to formulate plans for the publication of campaign matter and to arrange ways and means for reaching the voters. The conference is said to have been all that could be expected and excellent plans were adopted by the committee. Those in attendance were: H. A. London, of the Chatham Record; James A. Robinson, of the Durham Sun; Josephus Daniels, of the News and Observer; R. M. Furrman, of the Morning Post; W. C. Hammer, of the Asheville Courier; and Chairman F. M. Simmons.

COTTON. New York, Jan. 4.—July, 7.33; February, 7.34; March, 7.37; April, 7.39; June, 7.41.

MR. MARSHALL'S TRIAL BEGUN

Wilmington Attorney Charged With Counterfeiting

REPRESENTED BY BRILLIANT COUNSEL

Poltiz a Greek, Now in Penitentiary, Testifies Against the Attorney— Government has Six Witnesses and the Defense More Than Fifty.

Judge Thomas R. Parrill in the Federal District Court is now hearing one of the most hotly contested criminal trials on record here. Mr. A. J. Marshall, a well known young attorney of Wilmington, who has borne an excellent reputation in that city, according to the Wilmington papers, is now standing trial for counterfeiting. He has a brilliant array of counsel for his defense, including such well known attorneys as Marshall Bellamy, Esq.; Fred Meares, Esq.; George Bonnet, Esq.; all of Wilmington, and Messrs. Charles M. and Perrin Busbee and Col. T. M. Argo, of Raleigh. The prosecution is conducted by District Attorney C. M. Bernard and Assistant District Attorney Oscar J. Spears.

THE CASE. Mr. Marshall was arrested last week upon a warrant sworn out by Detective Perry, government detective, at Wilmington May 11th, 1899, and began the investigation of counterfeiting which was evidently being carried on in that city. During the spring numerous counterfeit dollars, halves, quarters and nickels had been circulated there. Detective Perry traced the counterfeiting to some Greeks who were living in Wilmington. A raid was made on the Greek store, 119 South Front street, of a Greek named Nicholas Poltitz, and in an upstairs room was found two boxes containing a smelting stove, 25 emeralds, a burning apparatus, 8 pounds of German silver, 15 pounds of antimony, 1 pound of black tin, in Poltitz's safe was found \$58 in counterfeit silver dollars. This money was very hard to detect from the genuine articles for these counterfeit dollars contained about as much silver as a genuine government dollar, which will be remembered, has less than 50 per cent of the precious metal. Another Greek named Cotsobolos seems to have been the moving spirit in the conspiracy, but he skipped before the arrests were made in Wilmington, but was arrested later on a similar charge in New York city, and is now in the penitentiary at Albany, New York. He cannot be used as a witness in this case. Poltitz was tried in Wilmington and is now serving a six-year sentence in the penitentiary here. He was sentenced for 3 years and fined \$500. He is one of the Government's leading witnesses.

Mr. Marshall is charged with buying metal and material from Philadelphia for the counterfeiter and assisting them. He was found over to the Federal Court by a United States Commissioner under a \$5,000 bond, which he gave.

THE TRIAL. The trial of Mr. Marshall began at ten o'clock this morning. The defendant appears to be not over thirty-four years old and was nearly depressed. His wife occupied a chair by his side during the session today.

The witnesses for the prosecution and the defense were sworn and then separated. Most of the witnesses are kept locked up in an adjoining room to the court room, and are brought in as their presence is required.

District Attorney Bernard first placed Detective Perry on the witness stand, but he did not examine the witness at length, stating that he would recall Mr. Perry before the government closed his case. Mr. Perry merely told about finding the counterfeiting outfit in the room over Poltitz's store and stated that afterwards Poltitz informed him that Mr. Marshall had a part in the counterfeiting and bought the metal.

When Mr. Perry is recalled it is said that he will introduce telegrams purporting to have been sent by Mr. Marshall ordering the metal, etc. Poltitz was the next government witness. He did not appear in convict garb, but wore a plain black suit with simple shirt of cotton blanching. He talked very indistinctly and in broken English and it was extremely difficult to understand his testimony.

In the course of his testimony Poltitz said that he came to Wilmington in 1885 and worked for 2½ years. He began business October 1, 1897, and was burned out in March, 1898. Cotsobolos had one of the three rooms over his store. Mr. Marshall came to the store nearly every night and stayed sometimes until 11:30. Witness went to the room one night and found Cotsobolos and Mr. Marshall there with molds, metal and other material for counterfeiting. Poltitz denied that he made any of the counterfeit or passed the spurious coins. He said Mr. Marshall came to see him every day after he was arrested; declined to be his counsel and offered to employ Mr. McClintock to represent him. He advised the witness to keep quiet. The witness was cross-examined in detail by Mr. Bellamy. Mr. Bellamy asked Poltitz if he was not accused of burning his own store, if he did not have difficulty in collecting his insurance money, if he did not go to certain firms in Wilmington, which Mr. Bellamy named, and request them to make out large bills against him, for goods he had not bought, in order to bolster up his account against the insurance company. The witness denied all these charges and said that he employed Mr. Marshall to collect his insurance money for him, not because he had trouble with the

company, but because he had no experience with insurance companies.

Mr. Bellamy asked him if he did not attempt to pass counterfeit money on T. E. Bell, Thos. Swann, J. D. Sidbell, Thos. Price, P. M. Britton, and others. The witness denied that he had passed such coins on any one and said that he did not know most of these men even by sight. The defense has all those mentioned by Mr. Bellamy here as witnesses for the purpose of contradicting Poltitz and several of them were brought into court and the witness denied ever seeing them before. Mr. Bellamy asked him many questions along this line, warning him each time that he expected to contradict his testimony, but the Greek denied almost every charge. He said that he never confessed his guilt to Detective Perry and never had any conversation with Mr. Perry until after the grand jury had acted. He denied further that he had admitted to several persons, named by Mr. Bellamy, that Mr. Marshall was innocent. Denied that he had made admission of Marshall's innocence to Mr. Hawkins since he had been in the penitentiary. Further denied that Mr. Perry or any other person had held out any inducement to him. He first told Mr. O. J. Spears, that Mr. Marshall and Darkey, another Greek, were in the scheme.

District Attorney Bernard then placed Mr. Northam, an express messenger, on the stand to prove about the delivery of counterfeit materials to Mr. Marshall. At this point court took a recess until 2:30 p. m. when Mr. Northam will give his testimony.

IN THE MAYOR'S COURT

Mayor Powell has a Busy Morning with Bowery Belles.

In the Mayor's Court this morning Delia Penny, a Bowery belle of Chicago, was arraigned to answer the charge of assault with a deadly weapon, on one Ordo Hicks, a negro from the same quarter.

The trouble occurred in Fagan's 'Gentles' saloon during the Christmas festivities for Kitty barred the door. The witnesses one and all testified as to their condition at the time of the trouble, each incriminating himself or herself, as the case might be, of being partially guilty of anything that occurred late in the evening. However, there was sufficient evidence to prove that Delia Penny carried a pistol under her cape, and Mayor Powell bound her over to appear in the Superior Court next week. In default of a \$25 bond she was temporarily committed to jail.

In the case of an affray between Delia Penny and Sue Brown, the former was discharged as there was no evidence that she was a party to the fight, other than that she received the blow that almost killed father. Sue Brown was fined \$125 in this case. She had two charges to answer, the second being for an affray with Sydney Rogers, at the home of the former near the railroad. Sydney Rogers submitted, and was fined \$125 as was also Sue Brown.

Fenner Macklin, charged with disorderly conduct, was represented by Mr. J. C. L. Harris. Macklin had committed some offense on Wilmington street, and the Mayor let him off on payment of a fine of \$25.

The majority of the cases recently docked have arisen from trouble in the Bowery and its immediate neighborhood.

TO MEET IN ASHEVILLE.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Ike Association met in this city this morning and decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Association in Asheville on the 27th of June of this year. Arrangements are being made to give the Ikeyers every facility for conducting their annual meeting and to have a most delightful time in the mountains.

THE ALBEMARLE AGREED.

Norfolk, Jan. 4.—The steamer Albemarle of the Old Dominion Steamship Company is ashore in James River, and assistance has been asked. The Albemarle grounded while trying to avoid the heavy fog. The passengers have all been safely landed. Working tug-boys left for the scene.

STEAMER SUNK.

Dover, Jan. 4.—The steamship "Farrar" was wrecked this morning, but while being towed toward land off Beal she suddenly sank again. Twenty-five were aboard. Several are missing. Two are known to have been drowned.

Teacher—"What happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?" Smart Scholar—"He has cold feet, ma'am."—Christian Register.

A DEWEY JOKE.

Agriculture.—His enemies were accusing him of being a merely theoretical farmer. "For," they argued, "you once came back from a visit to New York city with a dollar in your pocket!" "It was a counterfeit dollar!" shrieked the man desperately. —Detroit Journal.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Selfishness is that detestable vice which no one will forgive in others, and no one is without himself.—H. W. Beecher. "Bridget" said the mistress to her sick servant, "would you take a little medicine?" "Faith, ma'am," said she, "I'd take anything to make me well, even if I knew 't would kill me!"

The best solution of the liquor question is a New Year's resolution. Nothing in this world is so good as usefulness. It binds your fellow-venturers to you and you to them; it tends to the improvement of your own character, and gives you a real importance in society much beyond what any artificial station can bestow.—B. C. Brodie.

"She's had twins twice." "Isn't that singular?" "No, indeed; quite the contrary." A noble deed is a step toward God.—J. G. Holland.

DEATH OF MR. FRANCIS.

Mr. Peter Francis, residing over the Harding shoe store, on Fayetteville street, died this morning at 11:45 o'clock aged 73 years. Mr. Francis died from the effects of a stroke of paralysis received two or three years ago.

Mr. Francis was a shoemaker and followed the trade until his affliction. The deceased leaves two sons and three daughters.

The funeral will be held from the Tabernacle Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

ROYALIST CONSPIRACY.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Senate High Court in secret session today condemned Alfred Derobule to ten years banishment, after they had been convicted of being concerned in the Royalist conspiracy.

MR. SPRAGUE IMPERSONATOR.

Mr. Herbert Sprague, the impersonator, entertained a large audience at the Academy of Music last evening, presenting his interpretation of Rip Van Winkle. The various characters of the play were well portrayed, the impersonation of old Rip being especially clever. There was the usual attraction of the People's Popular Entertainment course.

SELZER RESOLUTION.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The House today amended and passed the Selzer resolution, and adjourned until Monday.

STREET GOSSIP

Comments Gleaned from Chats by the Wayside.

Miss Alice Seales, of Sanford, who has been spending the Christmas holidays in the city the guest of Mrs. John L. Stone, 112 Johnston street, returned home Tuesday, to the regret of a host of friends whom she made while here.

Mr. Moore Parker, who has been spending the holidays at his mother's, left this morning for Lowell, Mass., to continue his work in the Lowell Textile School.

Miss Susie Marshall left this morning for Norfolk to visit her sister, Mrs. Simon Burr, whom she accompanied home. Mrs. Burr has been spending the holidays at her old home in this city.

Dr. Joel Whiteaker, who has been spending the holidays at Raleigh, left this morning for Baltimore, via Tarboro.

Miss Annie Kenan, of Kenansville, who has been a visit to Col. and Mrs. T. S. Kenan, left today for her home.

Mrs. C. G. Latta will entertain the Klondike Club at her residence tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Cecil H. Holloway is now associated with the wagon and woodwork manufacturers of W. H. Holloway and Sons on East Yarger street. Mr. Holloway is a young man of splendid business ability and will no doubt add strength to this already popular and flourishing establishment.

Miss Annie McVay, who has been spending the holidays with her mother in Washington, has returned to Raleigh.

Regular convalescence of Raleigh Commandery No. 1, K. T., will be held this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. All Sir Knights cordially invited.

Mr. Chalm Harris, who has been spending the holidays with his father, Mr. J. C. L. Harris, left this morning for Johns Hopkins University, to resume his studies.

Miss Zannie Moore, of Gastonia, has returned to the Baptist Female University, after spending the holidays at her home. St. Mary's School opened today. The majority of the young women have returned to school, but many are expected back tomorrow.

Capt. J. M. McGowan and Mr. William A. McGowan, of Wilmington, are in Raleigh attending Federal Court. They are the guests of Mr. Patrick McGowan.

On Saturday afternoon Misses Kate and Mary Denison will entertain the Ephebe Club at the home of their father, Captain C. B. Denison, on Newburn Avenue.

Mr. Frank Fuller, of the Durham bar, is in the city attending Federal court. J. S. Manning, Esq., of Durham, came down this morning on legal business.

Miss Pearl Duke, of Durham, came down to Raleigh this morning.

A number of young women on their way to the Greenbriar Female College, passed the high Raleigh today.

Mr. John Hinstable left this afternoon for the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Polly Harvey and children, of Kinston, who have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lewis, returned home today.

Major Joseph E. Alexander, of Winston-Salem, arrived in Raleigh today to attend Federal court.

Miss Carrie Pitts, of Warren county, spent the day in Raleigh with friends, while en route to Newbern where she is engaged in teaching.

Mrs. Abbie Strick left this morning for Lenoir to visit her daughter, Mrs. William Bailey.

Mr. Hal W. Ayer gave a delightful luncheon today at the Capital Club, complimentary to Miss Daisy Hames, of Winston, and Miss Ethel Norris.

The Forthnightly Book Club met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sherwood Higgins on North Blount street.

Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Summs have given up their residence corner Newburn Avenue and Blockwood street and are now residing with their daughter, Mrs. T. B. Mosley, 528 East Jones street.

Mr. Edward Tesley, of whom mention was made in these columns recently, says that he never expects to end his sojourn in this world with the exit of the year 1899. It is true that inquiries were made as to his health on January 1st, 1900, and a telegram of similar import came from Charlotte, but Mr. Tesley says that this soliloquy on the part of friends was not founded on any assertion he had made but must have grown out of a statement of his intentions. Mr. Tesley is one of Raleigh's best citizens and all trust that he may witness the decline of the twentieth as well as the nineteenth century.

BOYLAN AS MANAGER ANOTHER INCREASE

Change in Interstate Telephone Exchange Management

LONG DISTANCE PHONES

Washington, Rocky Mount and Tarboro Talks with Raleigh—Wilmington to be next—Raleigh Wants General Offices.

President J. A. Carr, of the Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Company, has appointed Mr. William M. Boylan as manager of the Raleigh Exchange to succeed Mr. H. Plantz, who becomes manager of the Interstate Company's Exchange in Wilmington, and Mr. Boylan assumed charge of his new duties this morning.

With the new year the Interstate Exchange begins with 473 telephones in the city of Raleigh and makes connection with about twenty-five towns in the State. Connection has been established between the Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Wilson Telephone Company at Selma, which makes it possible for subscribers to talk from as far west as Durham to as far east as Washington, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Greenville and a number of other Eastern Carolina towns have exchanges which are managed by the Wilson Telephone Company, and since these towns have been connected a line has been run from Wilson to Selma, where the former office combines the lines of the two systems.

Now that Mr. Plantz is going to Wilmington, and Mr. Boylan has taken charge of the Raleigh Exchange, President Carr is arranging for an early completion of the wiring to connect Wilmington with Goldsboro. The line has been started north from Wilmington, taking in the towns along the Wilmington and Weldon railroad. Already eighteen miles have been completed. The distance remaining uncompleted is 62 miles and includes the towns of Mount Olive and Warsaw and other territory which will prove invaluable to the system.

It is expected that in a short time after the completion of the line to Goldsboro a wire will be placed on the branch road to Ellerbe and Clinton, in Surfer county.

The new year finds the same system five officers in charge of the system. Mr. J. A. Carr, President; W. W. Shaw, Secretary; J. S. Carr, Treasurer; and C. E. Egan, General Manager, with the general offices in Durham.

It has been intimated that since Raleigh has given such a generous patronage to the Interstate, it having almost twice as many subscribers in Raleigh as in any other city in the State, it will be made to move the general offices to this city. Raleigh would certainly show its appreciation of such a step and would be glad for Mr. Carr to have an office in this city.

The management of the Raleigh Exchange for 1900 is as follows:

Manager, W. M. Boylan; Inspector and Assistant Manager, H. L. Satterfield; Chief Operator, Miss Laura Bradley; Operators, Miss Ida Good, Miss Gladys Epchurch, Miss Helen Brewster, Miss Bessie Wharton and Miss Gertrude Epchurch; Night Operator, Miss Hattie Paul; Line-men, J. H. McMillan.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING

Miss Augusta Linahan and Mr. M. M. Smith Married Last Night.

Last night at 9 o'clock at the residence of the bride, Miss B. Augusta Linahan was united in marriage to Mr. M. M. Smith, Father Griffin, of the Catholic church, officiating.

Miss Elizabeth Linahan, maid of honor, was the only attendant. She was attired in beautiful white organza, over white satin, and carried a beautiful bunch of bride flowers.

The parlor and dining room were beautifully decorated with palms, and evergreens.

The guests were received by Mr. John M. Linahan, brother of the bride and Miss Cora Lambuth.

After the ceremony an elegant supper was served by Duglio. The following young ladies acted as waiters: Miss Annie Weldon, Jessie Harwood, Nell Smith and Kate Weldon.

The bride and groom left last night for Washington, New York and other Southern cities on an extended wedding tour.

Miss Linahan is an accomplished young lady and has a large circle of friends and admirers.

Mr. Smith is the owner of the Southern Book Exchange, on Fayetteville street.

The esteem in which the bride and groom were held was attested by the merry hands-on and costly wedding presents.

The Raleigh Exchange Company will for the 75th anniversary for the month of December, was \$17,171, of which \$25,420 was deducted for lights not burning, so they get only \$21,230.

The Litchfield-M-K Encampment will meet tonight at 7:30.

"Some people," said the May young Philosopher, "are not satisfied with the thought that every cloud has a silver lining; they want it solid and marked 'strengthening!'"

Recent experiments by the experts of the Fish Commission in Washington, have demonstrated that genuine pearls of high quality may be grown in aquariums, fountains, fish ponds, and in any other pools of water which can sustain mussels, oysters and other mollusks that emit pearls, the beautiful iridescent secretion of which pearls are made.

Postoffice Receipts Near First Class Limit

A RECORD FOR HALF YEAR

With Another Small Increase Raleigh will be a First Class Office—

Postmaster Bailey's Latest Improvement

Postmaster C. T. Bailey is justly proud of the record made by the Raleigh postoffice during the past six months in the matter of receipts as well as in the increased efficiency in the service given to the people of Raleigh.

A comparative statement of receipts for the last six months of 1899 and the corresponding months of 1898, possibly standing the fact that during the first six months of 1898 a lot of campaign work in progress shows irregular matter, as handled. The total increase during the last six months of this year over the same time in 1898 amounts to \$175, and in considering this increase, it must be remembered that it is extraordinarily great as the receipts for the month of October, 1899, are \$200 in excess of the receipts for that month this year.

Aside from the subject of postoffice receipts in Raleigh it is interesting to note the amount of money expended by the Democratic and Republican headquarters solely for postage. The difference of \$927 does not accurately tell the story, as in its natural and right meaning the regular city receipts, aside from campaign allowances amounting to \$5,000 as it did in the other five months of the term.

The official books at the postoffice show the receipts for the last six months of 1898 and 1899, respectively, to be as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Month, 1898, 1899. Rows: July, August, September, October, November, December.

Postmaster Bailey's office for the month of the receipts of \$17,000 for October, 1898, have never before equalled for any month in Raleigh or in any other postoffice in North Carolina.

The showing made by the Raleigh postoffice for the entire year is gratifying to the public generally. The service given has never been surpassed in the State in efficiency, and with the new facilities Raleigh may look forward to a year of even better service than last year.

The new rule, which has been made possible through Mr. Bailey's efforts, to keep the postoffice open all night is a great advantage. Already the public is taking advantage of this facility and letters for the north and south which are needed at the postoffice half an hour before the departure of the night trains, are sent immediately on their way.

In the matter of receipts the increase has been so large that it seems a question of only a short time before Raleigh will become a first class postoffice. The only first-class postoffice in the State at the present time is Winston-Salem and that office has another year to live through before its classification in the first class will become effective. The opening of the office at Selma, with receipts of little more than \$100,000, with the office at Winston, with receipts of about \$220,000, has effected the first-class classification. Durham, by combining with the offices in East and West Durham, could become a first class office, or Raleigh by taking under its wing the West Raleigh postoffice with receipts of \$1,000 could reach the first-class. However, this will not be necessary, for with a continuation of able management and the same increase in receipts Raleigh will be established in the first class on its own heels.

For Raleigh and vicinity, Fair weather tonight and Friday.

The weather continues fair throughout almost the entire country. Cloudy areas exist over Florida, Texas, and in the Mississippi valley, but the amount of rainfall reported during the past 24 hours was very small. The temperature has risen considerably in the Mississippi valley and westward under the influence of a low pressure area over Minnesota which is causing a rather westerly wind. The temperature is above freezing as far north as Havrepoint, though still very cold in the east, especially in the vicinity of Washington, D. C.

"What can you define nothing?" asked the affable neighbor. "My dear fellow, I can show you a pocketful of it every Sunday mornin'!" answered Mike. —Idaho Falls Press.

Mrs. Bloomfield says to Mr. Spragg, Mr. Stokes and Miss Southard are married. Do you think that their match was made in heaven?" Mr. Bloomfield: "No, it is a human match." —Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"What is the difference between Dewey and a floor-walker?" "One sniffs about the seas and the other sees about the sales."—Judge.

Town Topics next Saturday. Two performances at 2:30 p. m., admission 25 and 50 cents. Night performance usual prices.

"Town Topics," which comes to the Academy of Music next Saturday for a nine day night, is one of those happy creations of the twentieth century satirist whose one aim is to furnish a bright public with laughing material. Reservo seats now on sale.