

# FROM NEAR-BY PLACES.

## Bordentown Briefs.

John J. Flynn, Jr., the well-known comedian of this city, has been offered the management of the Hotel Rochester at Ocean City during the coming season. Mr. Flynn, we understand, has practically completed arrangements to accept, and will in a few weeks start for his new field of labor. He will take with him the best wishes of his numerous friends in this city and surrounding towns.

Edward Grace will have charge of the canning department of the new gelatin factory soon to be in operation in the old Camden and Amboy Railroad shops at the railroad wharf.

Walter Letts, who was defeated in the race for city constable last year, will again be a candidate for the same office at the coming city election. Walter was beaten last year by a very small majority and claims he was betrayed in the house of his friends.

Several of our saloon keepers will go out of business this Spring. Cause: Hard times, high license and Monmouth Traction Company.

The fight for the nomination for Democratic candidate for Council in the Third ward has narrowed down to three—John McLaughlin, Peter Malloy and Patrick Martin. These gentlemen are good, solid, progressive citizens, and whichever one is finally chosen will reflect credit and honor upon his constituents.

The councilmanic contest in the First and Second wards is being conducted quietly. In the Second the candidates for nomination on the Democratic side are President Magee, the present incumbent, whose time expires: Edward Warner and John Mannix. The Republicans mentioned are Frank Graham, Harry Wright, George Shreve and John M. Steele. In the First ward the Democrats spoken of are Franklin Gabel, Joseph L. Vanzant and Henry Holzbaun. The Republican possibilities are William Warrack, Jr., and Jacob D. Schick. From the foregoing it can be seen that both wards are supplied with good timber for councilmen.

Constable William Wright, whose three-year term of office expires this month, has not made a single arrest nor served a paper during that time. This is a record seldom equaled and never excelled.

James Bradley Martin Murray, who for some time past has been in the employ of the Monmouth Traction Company as line-man, left last week to accept a position with a company in Philadelphia. Mr. Murray made himself exceedingly popular during his short stay in this city. On the day of his departure he was given a grand send-off. He left behind him many aching voids in the hearts of the fair sex, and numerous swelled heads among the sterner sex.

Thomas Martin, son of Patrick Martin, is seriously ill at the home of his father in this city. Hopes for his speedy recovery are expressed on all sides.

Councilman Thomas Gash, who is also chairman of the Street Committee, has been kept extremely busy during and since the recent blizzard is getting the streets in proper shape for traffic. But no one need infer from this that Thomas has been in the slightest manner careless in watching his interests in the Mayorality fight. He is skillfully conducting his campaign and laying his fences in a way that would do credit to the most astute politician. The generalship displayed by Mr. Gash and his lieutenants is constantly keeping other aspirants for the Democratic nomination for Mayor on the qui vive.

Editor Sunday Advertiser: Dear Sir—While reading the Bordentown news in a recent issue of your widely-read paper, I noticed a new item containing the names of a number of would-be Democratic candidates for Council in the Third ward of this city. It is not in the least surprising that there are numerous candidates for said office, as the way leading thereto appears to be easy, since Mr. Foley was obliged to resign from Council owing to holding the post office. Mr. Foley, whose term would have expired next month, would have been re-nominated on the Republican ticket and re-elected, and none of the men mentioned could have been persuaded, taxed, cajoled or forced to run against him, because they know well that in that case their chances would have been hopeless. Why, one of the would-be candidates, Mr. Furke, has never even voted in the Third ward. For years he, it is stated, has been a standing candidate for Council in the Second ward, but was never given the nomination. Now, I think it is nearly time that all nonsense was stopped in choosing candidates for such a high office. Self-seekers after the nomination should be given to understand that such business will be no longer tolerated. We had an example of this last year when one of the leading citizens of the Third ward was beaten by a young and inexperienced boy.

During the coming three years several questions of the utmost importance will arise and they will need to be attended to by a clear-headed man of business in order that the interests of the people may be protected. The Democratic party has such a man in the Third ward in Patrick Martin, a successful business man. His nomination is being urged by citizens on all sides, irrespective of party, because it is felt that in the hands of such a man the interests of the city will be secure.

AN INDEPENDENT VOTER.

## From Hamilton Square.

The entertainment at the M. E. Church on Thursday evening netted \$53.

Ezekiel Cubberley, an aged resident of near Newtown, was buried on Tuesday.

Samuel McCabe is not so well as at last report.

William H. Winner is able to be about the house again.

## Chat from Ewing.

On Thursday night last a large dance party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Eggert of the Scotch road. There were seventy-five persons present.

Miss Martie Lownes of Taylorville is visiting relatives here.

John Schenck of this place has rented the Atchely farm in Ewingville.

Mrs. William Cooper, of North Warren street spent Friday last at this place.

Harry Baldwin of Ewingville will sell his stock and farming implements on Saturday next at public sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Miller have both been very ill with the grip during the past week.

Miss Minnie Fischer of Trenton is the guest of Miss Dora Muhs of the Scotch road.

George Kelley of Stuyvesant avenue has rented the Cook homestead on the Scotch road.

T. Corniff has been confined to the house during the past week with a severe cold.

On Wednesday last Mrs. Richard Atchely sold at public sale all her household goods, stock and farming implements. Mrs. Atchely intends moving to the West.

John Cook has purchased the Woodruff farm in Ewing.

Mrs. M. Cook of Lawrenceville spent a day recently in Ewingville.

The winners of the shooting match which took place at the Driving Park on Wednesday were Joseph Sweeney of this place and W. Mickel of Trenton.

## Mercerville Musings.

Neighbor Steiner has completed the new green-house on his farm and it will be in successful operation this week. E. W. Riley has charge and we may expect an abundance of plants, both for sale and for his own use in time for planting.

A number of our young people, accompanied by Rev. W. H. Murphy, went on a strawride on Tuesday evening, the objective point being the home of Warner Lippincott, 21 Passaic street, Trenton, where an enjoyable night was spent and they returned home in the wee sma' hours of the next morning.

Miss Emma V. Anderson was under the care of Dr. Robbins during a part of the past week.

Rev. Frederick A. Heisley of Trenton called at the homes of many of our residents on Wednesday. He is always a welcome guest among the people of Mercerville. Next Sunday he will conduct services at the school building and deliver a sermon at 7:30 P. M.

Mrs. E. L. Riley spent Thursday at the home of her daughter-in-law at this place.

Mrs. M. H. Morgan is building a new henery and proposes engaging in the poultry business on an up-to-date system.

We learn that Theodore Carhart has engaged his services for the year, beginning April 1st, to Frank Reid.

It is hoped that Winter is not an expansionist. We are glad that the Ice King has departed and we gladly bid his majesty adieu, though March is proverbially an old blow.

Our charming little village, Miss Dora Cook, is anxiously awaiting the advent

of the balmy days of Spring, when she expects to make her debut as a cyclist. She has recently become the happy possessor of a handsome tricycle.

We are glad to learn that Mr. C. L. Rogers of Hamilton Square is about again after his recent illness.

Notwithstanding the statements made by some of our pessimistic fruit-growers, that the buds were frozen during the late blizzard, there is every reason to expect an abundant crop of fruit the coming fruit year. Nature hermetically sealed the fruit germ last Fall in anticipation of the frigid temperature, and thus far the trees are uninjured.

Mr. John Steiner suffered greatly from a molar that had become ulcerated at the root. Dr. Robbins came to the rescue and extracted the troublesome tooth, and although his patient endured severe pain for a few days after, he is now able to be about again.

No prayer-meeting was held in the school building on Tuesday last on account of the absence of the leaders. We trust that nothing may occur again soon to cause a postponement of the weekly meetings.

An estimable lady of our village has recently secured a pet poodle and named it "Daylight." We find the name given is not characteristic of the animal, as we have been greatly annoyed by the midnight prowling of the poodle the latter part of the week. We suggest a change of name and propose christening the creature "Midnights."

A perceptible diminution of the flocks of English sparrows is noticed since the blizzard about our village.

J. D. Savidge is able to be about again after his recent illness.

## Morrisville Matters.

Common Council will meet to-morrow and organize for the coming year. Charles Gantz will be re-elected president and William E. Margolf, no doubt, will be chosen again for Borough Clerk. The appointment of the borough officials will not be made until the first meeting of Common Council in April. There is a warm contest in progress over the position of Street Commissioner. The present incumbent is Joel Mason, a Democrat, and although council is Republican, Mr. Mason is a candidate for re-appointment. Howell Roberts, another Democrat, is also a candidate for the position. On the Republican side David Halderman and Thomas Rickey are after the office and both claim that as council is Republican the position should go to one of that party. Some of those who appear to be pretty well posted predict that Mr. Halderman will be the lucky man. He has the ability to fill the duties acceptably.

William Brogden, the old colored war veteran who died here last week, will be missed from the Memorial Day parade in Morrisville this year. William had not missed a turnout in the procession for twenty-five years and on these occasions he never failed in wearing on the front of his coat fully a dozen badges and medals that were emblematic of the "good, old war times," as he used to put it.

Druggist Frank C. Pryor is raising such a fine growth of whiskers that his most intimate friends can scarcely recognize him on the street. Frank is an ardent Republican and he said the other day that he couldn't see how in the world Alex. McLees came to be beaten for constable. Lew. Burns explains it by saying that the Democratic candidate had more votes than his opponent.

James McGarrity of Crown street has resumed work after an illness that kept him indoors for a week. While at home Mr. McGarrity took special interest in reading accounts of military life during the recent war with Spain. He says if he had only known that the soldiers were to get a pension he would have been one of the first to enlist in his country's service.

There promises to be some lively cutting in prices among the grocers when the cash grocery gets started in Mershon's building. Hand-bills will be distributed in a short time and purchasers will get the benefit of the small prices, at least for a time.

The filtering machine is still in service at the pump-house and we are getting the purest water of any town in Bucks county.

George Heath, an employe of the Tile Works, has been sporting a valuable watch for a week past. George says it must be a good time-keeper, because so many ask him the time of day.

Mrs. James Watson of Mill street is seriously ill at her husband's home. She has been at St. Francis Hospital twice.

## Yarns from Yardley.

Chicken-raising has grown to be quite a hobby with several Yardley residents and each apparently is vying with his neighbor to see who can turn out the largest crop of the feathered tribe in a season. Dory Wareham says that he has the finest stock to be found in Bucks county and that he is willing to bet on it. Robert Welsh only smiles when he hears Dory telling about his flock. Bob says he has

three hens in his flock that were imported and each lays an egg every other day in the year that is almost the size of a goose egg. Stacy Lear is another Yardley man who has taken a great deal of interest in that sort of stock-raising. The latter is going into the business again, and when he does will, no doubt, show Wareham and Welsh what a fine stock he can raise.

The new Common Council meet to organize to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock. Although the Democrats will be in the majority, yet they do not propose to elect one of their number president, and in consequence the honor will fall to Councilman J. Abrams, one of the hold-over Republicans. Watson Cadwallader emphatically declined to stand for President. Charles T. Eastburn, Watson G. Large and Lewis Lynn are the retiring members of council.

Charley Seltz has about realized at last that there is no place like home and that home is Yardley. Charley carried on business here a few years ago and finally determined to seek a fortune elsewhere. He sold his property and went to Belmar and from there drifted to several other New Jersey towns, where he made a hard stridle to get along in one business enterprise or another. He did not succeed, however, and is back in Yardley again and in the baker business. Frank Wist says that his bread is the best sold in Yardley.

Charles T. Eastburn, who is about to retire from Common Council took an active interest in borough affairs while a member of that body. It was due chiefly to him that Main street is being macadamized. He was also instrumental in having other needed repairs made in the borough.

It is said that eggs were never so scarce in Yardley as they are at present. A few days ago they could scarcely be purchased at any price.

As soon as the weather permits, work will be resumed on the remainder of the stone road on Main street.

Frank McLaughlin will spend the day visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Abner Brooks of the township has recovered from a severe attack of the grip. James Shevellin, the well-known quarryman, has been confined to his home the past two weeks with a severe attack of the grip.

That proposed meeting for the organization of a fire company has not been called as yet. Will the project be allowed to die out again?

County Constable John H. Martin filed his bond in the Court of Quarter sessions at Dovieltown last Monday.