

# The Tri-States Union

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1912.

## CHRISTMAS WELCOME.

Welcome be thou, Heavenly King, Welcome born on this morning, Welcome for whom we shall sing, Welcome Yule!  
Welcome be ye that are here, Welcome all and make good cheer, Welcome all another year, Welcome Yule!  
—Old Yule Carol.

## CHRISTMAS TIDE.

Borne on the winds from the mystic East, written in the lengthening hours of the revived day, faint and far and yet as clear as the voice of the muezsin on the minaret calling the faithful to prayer, thrilling, quickening, uplifting and consoling, comes the soul-heard, the heart-felt, the faith-known cry: "It is the Christmastide!" Men hear, turn, wait and thrill to the cry that was heard centuries ago, when as the Old, Old Story goes, the shepherds in the field at night, watching their flocks, looked amazed upon the glorious celestial drama that was enacted by radiant beings behind the veils, when the heavens opened, and space glowed with light, and rejoicing voices proclaimed: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased!"

Christmastide! The Star in the East stood over the lowly place where Christ, the Prince of Peace, the incarnation of love, mercy and charity, was born. The Wise Men came and worshipped him. The lowly surroundings were glorified. The celestial voices, hymning the arrival of the Divine Man, were echoed by the voices of the humans who looked upon the wonders of the great night, only dimly seeing their meaning, but thrilling with the assurance that something great and glorious for the human family had taken place, only vaguely understanding the stupendous event, but feeling assured that for mankind it meant new things, new beliefs, new motives, new joys, new life, new thoughts, new desires, new ideals, new laws and happiness. It was the tide, the time, of Christ, and the divine command was: "Rejoice! Be exceedingly glad!" Ever since that wondrous night, regularly as the year wanes and then dawns, as the days draw more light from the sun, men in all lands turn their faces to the East, peer with eyes of faith and listen with ears of trust, and see the great drama enacted anew. Today as then the heavens open. Today as then the Star glows, the celestial voices are heard, the herald of the coming of the King. The East falls to the West to the North, to the South, and from all quarters faith answers, and the kingdoms of the world make obeisance, and Jesus the Christ sways from pole to pole. Christmastide! Joy, peace, good-will, trust, faith, hope, love, mercy, charity, these be the fruits of the happy season, these be the messages of the wondrous night in Bethlehem! Through the centuries they come down to us. Yearly they bring the merry Christmas, and warm the hearts of men to love their fellows, and open their hands to the poor, the weak, the ill, the needy and the friendless. The Christmastide starts the feet in ways of charity, the hands in ways of uplifting, the heart in ways of loving. It makes merry the giver and the receiver alike. It gives all men better and clearer views, kinder feelings, juster standards and loftier ideals. The "Merry Christmas!" spirit warms humanity with the thrill of divinity.

Christmastide! Hail it with joy, Hymn it in the temple. Chant it in the social gathering. Welcome it in the reunited family. Savor it with incense. Live it with the free gift to the poor and the needy. Illumine it with high thought. Sanctify it with gratitude. Realize it to the young and the aged with loving remembrances. Symbolize it with greens and blooms and music. Then never for you shall the East fail to glow with the celestial light, to sound with the celestial voices, to overflow with the divine music which the Old Old Story records for the first glad Christmastide. Then always for you shall the heavens open, and the angels shall come and go, and the Star in the East shall guide, and ever you shall carry with you the real Christmastide, and grow into closer and closer likeness and oneness with Him who never had a thought for Himself, but gave His all for others.—H. A. Van Fredenberg in The New York Farmer.

## THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Henry Clews, the New York banker, interprets stock market conditions and the business situation in general at this time in his weekly letter. Extracts therefrom are made as follows: It has been a week of unexpectedly severe liquidation on the Stock Exchange, due chiefly to three causes—the unfavorable Supreme Court decision regarding the Union-Southern Pacific merger, the sensational investigations of the Pujo Committee at Washington and the unusual strain upon the money market.

When the decision ordering the partial dissolution of the Harriman merger became more thoroughly appreciated it served to unsettle confidence more widely, because the question has now been raised how far will this decision apply to other railroad and industrial corporations where the object or effect of such mergers was to suppress competition. So far the apprehension concerning this decision may have been exaggerated. Nevertheless it has been a considerable factor in speculative operations, and in some cases a plan is announced this uncertainty must be expected more or less to continue. Concerning the investigation by the Pujo Committee, this body has so far developed nothing new of particular importance. It has, however, served to keep alive an unreasonable prejudice against Wall Street; hence unsettling to general confidence, as it is evidently an attack upon many important American financial institutions. So far as the "money trust" is concerned, there may be an undesirable concentration of credit in a few cases, and it is possible that in isolated instances this power has been misused, but there is no such thing in the United States as a monopoly of credit. Probably there have been some abuses in banking power, due very largely to our defective banking laws, and if the investigation is conducted on lines for reforming these deficiencies this work may result advantageously instead of being a detriment.

While the recent weakness of the market has been chiefly due to local happenings, the world's money situation, however, has played an important part in being responsible for much of the decline in securities. Throughout the world there has been a steady tightening of money, of which significant evidence is found in the high and advancing bank rates abroad. This is because of world-wide developments and activity. Outside of Wall Street general conditions appear satisfactory. November Clearings at all cities in the United States showed an increase of 9.6 per cent, while for the eleven months they show an increase of 9.2 per cent. Railroad earnings for the fourth week of November showed a gain of about 12 per cent. over last year, chiefly no doubt as the result of a good harvest. As the close of the year approaches, however, there are occasional signs of lessening activity. The demand for steel has abated somewhat, and in the textile industries there is less urgency of demand. Tariff uncertainties are having their effect, and these are likely to remain until the action of Congress can be more clearly foreseen. The decline in the stock market has also served to moderate the optimistic tone in business circles, so that the close of the year finds our business men in a soberer and less optimistic state of mind.

## THE EDGEWATER BATTLE.

The fierceness of that battle between Italian and Polish strikers and a handful of Erie detectives at Edgewater Wednesday was mutely testified to by the two Port Jervis men who participated and were on the streets next morning with bandaged heads. The Erie didn't reckon with the people it had to deal with when it sent a few men to cope with hundreds of armed foreigners. The mistake was a costly one for the road's detective force. These men have enough risks in their daily activities without being sent into a trap of this kind and it may be hoped the lesson learned will last the Erie for all time.

## WHITELAW REID.

That scarcely any of the really big men of this nation come from any but humble circumstances is again emphasized in obituaries of Whitelaw Reid in the papers Monday. His life is a typical chapter of America at its best. Born of rugged Scotch parentage of strong religious convictions, his ancestry had bodies healthy enough to make them pioneers, penetrating to the then western country and helping to found a town. He was reared in an atmosphere that might well be wished for any youth of today. His principal teacher as a boy was the Rev. Hugh McMillan, a Scottish Covenanter, "who to the vigor and conscientiousness of his race added an exceptional degree of culture as a classical scholar and of teaching ability as an instructor." Needless to say under his care young Reid was well taught and disciplined. The rest is in natural order.—An

honest character; a fine mind; a strong body—these were Whitelaw Reid's equipment and they carried him far. If there is anything that will stimulate any young American who is seeing things the wrong way, it must be the plain facts of such a life as Whitelaw Reid's. The simple yet not easy program of success that it gives bespeaks high hope still for the earnest, the honest, the industrious wherever they may be. One could wish nothing better for the nation than that its highest places may continue to find such men as Whitelaw Reid to fill them.

## FOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Attorney Wilton Bennet, of this city, is a candidate for Assistant District Attorney of Orange county in which candidacy he has the support of many friends in this city and elsewhere in the county. The appointment is particularly important in that the Assistant District Attorney is regarded as his party's logical candidate for District Attorney when his chief's incumbency ends. Attorney Jonathan D. Wilson, of Newburgh, recently elected District Attorney and who assumes office Jan. 1st, it has been stated, will leave the appointment largely in the hands of the Republican County Committee. Mr. Bennet would seem to have a favorable chance to land the appointment although there is a Midwestern candidate and perhaps others. Mr. Bennet's many friends in this city, needless to say, are with him in his effort and hope he will land the appointment.

## SAFETY FIRST.

The Interstate Commerce Commission in its 26th annual report submitted to Congress Monday urged "safety first" as the paramount rule of train operation. Bringing fast trains in on time to the ignoring of conditions of safe operation, the Commission points out should be discontinued. Employees are responsible for many wrecks the report says but to hold them wholly responsible is a superficial view and contains no promise of effective remedy. The increase in traffic, crowding tracks and terminals, has greatly increased the responsibilities of railroad employees while methods of discipline and regulations calculated to insure safety have remained practically unchanged.

The report continues: "To prevent railroad collisions adequate measures must be taken, first, to reduce the chances of human error to a minimum and second to neutralize the effects of such error when it occurs. The recommendations previously made by the Commission for legislation requiring the standardization of operating rules and the use of the block system were designed to reduce the probability of mistakes by employees, and those recommendations are once more presented for consideration of the Congress. Uniformity and consistency in operating rules are necessary to secure safety, and it is not probable that a satisfactory code which will meet the demands of modern operating conditions can be secured without appropriate action by the Federal Government."

Few railroad men will dispute the soundness of the Commission's suggestions. Safe equipment, sane schedules and wise operating rules should go a long way toward making railroading a safe occupation and reduce to a minimum the danger to human life.

## THE LIBRARY.

The last quarterly bulletin published in the interest of the libraries of the state by the University of the State of New York contains the following paragraph concerning the Port Jervis Library: "Port Jervis. For a city of its size the resources and work of the Port Jervis Free Library have reached notable proportions. To equal the extent and value of its stock of books in this State, one must go to a city of at least twice the size of Port Jervis while its circulation exceeds that of twenty other cities having a greater population. Its report shows a collection of 19,407 volumes and a circulation of 45,959. Its early reputation for efficient service is being well maintained under its present administration."

A city with such a circulation of such books as are on the library shelves is not without much to recommend it. The number of children who read the library books is worthy of note. A boy or girl who likes to read finds it a treasure house. The influence of such an institution can not but be for the advance of the city along every line and its continued success will be determined by its continued use. It offers opportunities to every individual in the city that should not be overlooked.

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GEO. E. HORNBECK.  
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# COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

## TOWN AND COUNTRY

Special Letters to The Tri-States Union from Three States, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Our correspondents are urged to send in their news letters early in the week. Letters must reach The Tri-States Union not later than Tuesday evening to insure publication the same week. If a news letter does not appear it is only because it reached us too late for publication.—Editor.

## SULLIVAN COUNTY.

**Pond Eddy, Dec. 17.**—Mr. John Campbell and Miss Henrietta Symonds were united in marriage at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Arthur F. Kelley, at Pond Eddy, Dec. 14, by the Rev. Mr. Baumgarten, pastor of the M. E. Church at Barryville, N. Y. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Symonds wish them a long and happy married life.

**Mrs. F. D. Maxwell** spent Thursday with her friend, Mrs. Leona Shaw, at Port Jervis. Mrs. Ellen Maney, of Port Jervis, was the guest of her sister, Lena Gilson, over Sunday.

**An automobile party**, consisting of Mr. Wm. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Shaw and daughter, Arline, of Port Jervis, and Miss Amanda Canfield, of this place, motored to Poughkeepsie last Sunday and called on Mr. and Mrs. Eibert Corey. On the return trip they were accompanied by Mrs. Corey and infant son, who spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Canfield.

**Miss Carrie Bingham** entertained about 40 guests at the home about 10 o'clock on Saturday evening. The occasion being Miss Carrie's birthday. The interior of the house was beautifully decorated with pine and Japanese lanterns. Games were played and refreshments were served by the hostess. At a late hour the guests departed, leaving Miss Bingham a jolly entertainer.

**Narrowsburg, Dec. 17.**—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Long and son, Walter, went to New York Sunday for a two weeks' stay.

**The Larkin Club** was entertained at the home of Mrs. James E. Furlong last Saturday evening. After the usual routine of business had been dispensed with refreshments were served.

**George W. Engelmann** has a new 1913 Ford touring car on exhibition at his garage which is attracting much attention.

**The Ladies Aid social and apron sale** held at the home of Mrs. Henry Knapp Thursday evening was a success, both socially and financially.

**Mr. and Mrs. George W. Furlong** spent the week-end at Monticello.

**W. E. Dexter and James H. Kirk** have each had telephones put in their homes.

**Anna M. Branning** spent last week in the Lake Huntington bowling team which defeated the successive teams by the same team here Saturday night by 93 pins first game, 50 pins second game and 8 pins third game. As this is the first time the Lake team has met defeat here the Narrowsburg team is ready to tackle anything in the county now.

**Geo. B. Maas, proprietor** of the Nutsell, at Lake Huntington, was in town Friday and Saturday.

**Mrs. Wm. Schaffner and daughter** and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Furlong, of Port Jervis, were in town Monday.

**Westbrookville, Dec. 16.**—Miss Norma Dowell spent the past week at Monticello with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Mapledoram.

**Mr. Charles Ashworth, of Shushan,** spent Sunday with his brothers, Albert and Daniel Ashworth.

**Lake Huntington, Dec. 16.**—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Glover is spending a few weeks in New York and Brooklyn.

**The church at this place** is looking fine with its new coat of paint, both inside and out. It will also be beautified with a colored glass window.

**Last Saturday night** a pleasant surprise party was given Mrs. Fred Barratt. The evening was pleasantly spent playing games, listening to the Victrola. At 11 o'clock a supper was served, to which every one did ample justice. Mrs. Diel is noted as a royal entertainer.

**Mr. George Maas** went to Port Jervis Saturday.

**The lake was entirely frozen over** last Friday morning.

**The Lake Huntington bowling team** went to Narrowsburg Saturday night to bowl. Narrowsburg won every game.

**Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bodens and daughter, Helen,** took an auto trip to Narrowsburg last Sunday.

**Henry Nordhausen** is building an addition to his large boarding house.

**Mrs. C. Meinke** spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Ad. Kraack.

**Mr. and Mrs. W. Keim, of Callicoon,** spent Sunday with his brother, J. Keim, at this place.

**Miniskind Ford, Dec. 17.**—Mrs. I. Barnes, of Liverpool, N. Y., is visiting her son, Mr. Emmet Barnes, and family.

**Mr. Barney Redding, of Montclair,** is visiting his mother, Mrs. E. Redding.

**Miss Grace DeVitt, of Port Jervis,** spent Sunday in town.

**Mrs. Freda Kloss** spent the week-end at Port Jervis friends.

**Mrs. Catherine Pelton,** who has been very ill, is somewhat improved. Her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Hobbert, of Middletown, returned home Saturday.

**Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Decker, of Middletown,** spent Sunday afternoon with their aunt, Mrs. Chas. Olden.

**Mrs. Frank Bell, of Rose Point,** spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Stephen Clisco.

**Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norris** spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. D.

**day, after spending the week with** her.

**Mrs. Katherine Smith** attended church at Narrowsburg Sunday.

**Mrs. James Smith and daughter,** Gladys, of Gravity, returned home Sunday morning.

**Mrs. Katherine Troy** and two daughters returned to their home in New York City last week, after spending the summer at their cottage in town.

**Miss Bessie Morris** goes to Jersey City last of the week, where she will spend the holidays.

**Miss Katherine Smith** entertained a party of friends Monday evening, Dec. 2, in honor of her birthday. The evening was spent in games and music. All departed at a late hour wishing Miss Katherine many happy returns of the day and vowing her royal entertainer.

**Mr. William Van Benschoten** was a Port Jervis caller Saturday morning.

**Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hessberger** attended the funeral of the latter's brother, Mr. Philip Keuhn, in Shohola Tuesday.

**Fosterdale, Dec. 26.**—John Porr and family, of Cochecon, spent Sunday at Mrs. L. A. Grady's.

**Clyde Betts** is home, after spending some weeks in New York.

**Mrs. Sylvester Nearing, of Cochecon Center,** spent Saturday and Sunday at Mrs. M. C. Hill's.

**A number from this vicinity** attended the Farmers' Institute at Jeffersonville.

**Rev. Frederick H. Denning, D. D., District Superintendent,** preached to a large and appreciative audience on Sunday morning.

**Miss Taylor, of Cochecon Center,** has been dressmaking at M. E. Hill's for a week.

**Fremont Center, Dec. 16.**—Mrs. David Minckler, who had a stroke of paralysis six weeks ago, has so far recovered that she is able to walk with assistance of Miss Dorothy Huff.

**Mrs. Frank Burr** is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Skinner, at Binghamton.

**Mrs. Walter Stipple** and two children, Mrs. W. F. Grimm, Sunday.

**There will be a Christmas tree**, with appropriate decorations by the children, in the school house Christmas eve.

**The Farmers' Institute, held** at Last Monday evening, was under the management of Moran McKoon, was attended by a number of farmers from this place. All speak well of the speakers.

## SUSSEX COUNTY.

**Coleville, Dec. 16.**—Calvin Smalley is courting in Newton.

**Those on the sick list** are Mrs. Elizabeth Davenport, Mrs. Wm. Mott and Mrs. Frank Paugh.

**Fred Paugh, of near Sussex,** visited last week at his parents' home in town.

**Stephen Hankins** has a new horse, purchased of Christopher Stanton, of Sussex borough.

**Mrs. James Van Sickle** was the guest a few days last week at the home of her son, Lewis Van Sickle, in Sussex.

**M. C. Beemer and family** passed Saturday with friends near Greenville, N. Y.

**Messrs. Nelson Dyer and John Paugh** drove to Middletown last Thursday.

**Edna, the young daughter** of Mrs. Martha Auler, will be operated on this Wednesday for adenoids and enlarged tonsils. Dr. Burd, of Ogdensburg, will attend her.

**Mrs. Mary Simonson** is staying with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Jones.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Hough** is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Slate.

**Leo Edsall** left last week for Newark, N. J., for a stay of some duration.

**Layton, Dec. 16.**—The ladies of the Hainesville Epworth League will hold a Christmas service in their church on the evening of the 24th inst. (Christmas Eve), to be followed by a social.

**There will be in evidence** and Santa will have presents for big and little folks. A grand good time is anticipated.

**Geo. W. Wood, of Binghamton,** will leave for Massachusetts directly after his vendue on Saturday next, and Layton will be without a blacksmith. Here is a good opening for a good workman.

**The Farmers' Institute** held a Grange Hall on the 9th inst., was highly attended. Although the addresses were interesting, the people must remember light attendance means no more institutes.

**At our next school meeting** a resolution will be offered requiring teachers to be at their school rooms not later than 8.30, so that the rooms will be comfortable when the pupils these cold mornings. Pass it by all means.

**A report has been sent** to the post-office department that some of the roads in Walpack are not in condition for carrying the mail. Overseers of road down there will have to let Sam after them, if they don't look out, likely.

**Frank McKeemy, merchant** at Binghamton, is said to have sold his store and premises in that village to George Johnson, of Branchville, and that possession will be given at an early date. Consideration will have to be given to build a road from Newton to Branchville, and the Board of Freeholders want it a macadam road, while the people want an improved dirt road. The former will cost over \$80,000 while a good dirt road may cost \$40,000 or \$50,000. The road is called in question of discussion, but that Board is going out of office Dec. 31, and three commissioners will take their place.

**Shohola, Dec. 17.**—Mr. and Mrs. John Reisse have returned to the city, after attending to the funeral of Mrs. Reisse's father, Mr. Bohl, who died suddenly on Friday morning.

**Mrs. Nicholas Marquardt** is spending a few days in Port Jervis. School No. 1 will give a Christmas entertainment on Sunday evening at 7.30. School No. 6 will hold their entertainment on Wednesday evening. Everybody is cordially invited.

**Clinton Kohman and Fritz Vogt** went to New York to do Christmas shopping last week.

**The funeral of Philip Kuhn** was held on Tuesday from his late home. Interment in the Hill Cemetery.

## WAYNE COUNTY.

**Damascus, Dec. 12.**—An oyster supper will be held in the basement of the Damascus M. E. Church on Thursday evening, Dec. 19, under the auspices of the Epworth League.

**Stalker, Dec. 16.**—The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. J. Schnakenberg on Thursday last and there were 40 at dinner.

**L. Lagg, of Brooklyn,** spent the week-end on his farm here, after having all the latest improvements that is necessary for an up-to-date summer resort.

**Mrs. C. Lewis** was called to Conklin Hill Sunday evening to help care

## One Cent a Word

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First-Class hand laundry for sale at 82 Front street. Enquire of Geo. Schneider, Port Jervis.

Horse for sale cheap, 1,100 lbs. Bay mare, 16 years old, in good condition, excellent worker any way, not afraid of anything.—Henry Bradford, Parker's Glen, Pa.

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Hiram Townner, Blue Front Street, Canal Street, Port Jervis, N. Y. Horse mules and wagons for sale. Accommodates 100 horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norris spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. D.