

3/10/1894

The story of McMerrell's crime is quite lengthy. In his embezzlement he displayed superior ability. About a year ago he removed from Shreve to this city and secured the position of traveling salesman for the Richardson Bottling Works. McMerrell had previously represented the Netscher Bottling Works and was well qualified in every way for the position. For a time he proved to be an excellent salesman. About three months ago, however, the firm began to notice that McMerrell's accounts were not straight and he reported no orders one week. This aroused the suspicions of the proprietors and they proceeded to make an investigation. They found that McMerrell had failed to account for \$150. When confronted with proof of his guilt McMerrell weakened and gave the firm security for the amount, after which he was discharged.

Later another investigation was made and it was found that the dishonest salesman had defrauded his employers out of about \$140 more. This he also made good.

A member of the company then took the road to sell goods, when he found that, while McMerrell was traveling on the money of the Richardson Bottling Works, he had been selling the goods of a rival concern. It was also found that the salesman had collected every cent due the firm and in this manner had secured \$221, for the embezzlement of which he was indicted. McMerrell was given an opportunity to settle, but his brother-in-law at Shreve, who had helped him out of his former trouble, refused to have anything to do with him.

It is not known what route McMerrell selected in taking passage to the beyond, but it is supposed that he called laudanum or morphine to his assistance. S. L. Nash received a letter from McMerrell under date of "Shreve, March 16th," in which he said that he was dying as he wrote the letter. Mr. Nash went to Shreve today to investigate the suicide.

No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral, but the remains will probably be interred at Shreve.

McMerrell also had dealings with the Netscher Bottling Works, J. J. Maguire and Terrence Donohoe, all of whom lost money on him.

3/17/1894 Sat

HE PREFERRED DEATH.

L. R. McMerrell, Accused of Crime, Suicides.

HE WAS AN EMBEZZLER.

Two Indictments Were Returned Against Him by the Grand Jury—History of His Peculations.

L. R. McMerrell has suicided.

He took his own life rather than suffer the penalty of his peculations.

When the grand jury was brought into court yesterday morning four sub rosa indictments were reported. Two of these were against L. R. McMerrell, a traveling man of this city, charging him with embezzling an aggregate of \$221 from his employers, Richardson & Mosey, proprietors of the Richardson Bottling Works. McMerrell has for some time been traveling for the Netscher Bottling Works, and it was expected that he would arrive home last night. Accordingly Sheriff Guthrie, Prosecutor Douglass and Officer Hayes repaired to the union depot to arrest him, but he failed to appear. The officers frequently visited McMerrell's home on West Bloom street, where they were assured that their man had not returned to the city.

This forenoon Prosecutor Douglass became satisfied that McMerrell had been informed of the indictments and he prepared to send Sheriff Guthrie to Shreve (McMerrell's old home) in the hope of finding him there. As a matter of precaution, however, he first telegraphed L. R. Troutman, president of a Shreve bank, asking him if the traveling man had been in the village. At noon Mr. Douglass received the following explanatory telegram from Mr. Troutman:

"L. R. McMerrell was found dead in bed at this place this morning."

The dead man leaves a wife and two children living on West Bloom street, to whom his sudden demise will prove a severe blow.

Both Legs Broken.

An Ashland dispatch, under date of March 9th, says:

A strange accident happened to Thos. Dow, a young man of the southern part of this county. Dow boarded a train at Mansfield for Loudonville and took his seat between the bumpers of a box car. He was drowsy and let his legs lie down in the front of the car. Soon after leaving Mansfield a sudden slowing up of the train threw the cars back and caught Dow and broke both of his legs below the knee. He yelled for help, but was not heard until the train reached Millbrook, nearly forty miles from where he got hurt. He was taken off and placed in the caboose and taken to Loudonville, where doctors aided him all they could. It is thought he cannot recover and if he does he will be a cripple. Dow says his pain was horrible, as the jarring of the train with both of his legs broken nearly set him crazy. He fired off a revolver several times but was unheard. His is a warning to so many of the young farmers who go to the cities to spend the evenings and go home by stealing their way on a freight train.

Daily Shield
Mon. June 18, 1894

A COLLEGE FUND.

Miss Susan Sturges, of This City, Gives Marietta College \$1,000.

The Marietta Register a few days since contained the following, which will be of interest to Miss Sturges' many friends in this city:

The first public announcement is now made that on the 7th day of April last there was received from Miss Susan M. Sturges, of Mansfield, \$1,000, to found the Mary Mathews Sturges fund.

This is the first endowment fund for the education of young ladies in the woman's college of Marietta college. It was invested on the day received in a first class seven per cent. security. The fund is to be permanent, the income only to be used.

Mary Mathews, the mother of Miss Sturges, was in the "Ladies' Seminary" (of the "Marietta Collegiate Institute") in the year 1832-33, and perhaps longer. She was from Zanesville, daughter of Dr. Increase Mathews, and granddaughter of John Mathews, a government surveyor in Ohio before the first settlement at Marietta.

3/12/1894

The Contract Awarded.

Dr. Mary J. Finley today awarded the contract for the erection of her new building on Park Avenue West, exclusive mention of which was made in the SHIELD last Saturday, to Shoop & Wolf, of this city. The building will be commenced as soon as possible and in a short time Mansfield's finest residence street will be graced with a structure of which our citizens may be justly proud.

3/8/1894

A New Shirt Factory.

Messrs. H. H. Lewis and Eugene Blanchard, two Mansfield young men, will open up a shirt factory in this city April 1st. The factory will be located on the third floor of the Schamps block. Collars, cuffs, and handkerchiefs will also be manufactured by the new concern.

Mar 11, 1894 Sun

A SOUTHERN TOUR

To be Made by Two of Mansfield's Well Known Young Men.

A. T. Reynolds and C. R. Coulter two well known young men of this city, will leave about the 1st of April on a bicycle tour through the south. They will be gone about four months and will appoint agents and advertise bicycles for the Yost Bicycle Co., of Toledo. The boys will receive good salaries and are to be congratulated on their good fortune.

3/12/1894

Mrs. Hamilton Recovering.

Mrs. Cora Hamilton, who so nearly made away with herself by the morphine route early Sunday morning, is getting much better and her recovery is now certain. Dr. B. F. Harding visited her at her home, No. 616 North Bowman street, Sunday and again this morning. Mrs. Hamilton had a narrow escape and it was owing to the prompt medical attention she received that her life was saved.

3/21/1894

The Ball Removed.

The Attica Journal says: Thursday afternoon Dr. A. W. Knight performed a skillful operation upon the tongue of Mr. Buhlman, the new saloon man, for the removal of a 32-calibre bullet. The ball had remained embedded in the body of the tongue, escaping the close scrutiny of skillful surgeons for over two years. Its presence gave rise to very little inconvenience, save slight difficulty in speaking and a feeling of heaviness in the organ.

It will be remembered that several years ago Mr. Buhlman was shot by his father-in-law, who afterward attempted suicide.

3/19/1894

A Mansfield Republican Secures an Appointment Under a Democratic Administration.

Jont. Coulter, ex-transfer clerk, whose duties were assumed last week by John H. Boyd, will continue in the mail service. Yesterday he received a notice from the United States civil service commissioners at Washington stating that a certificate had been issued transferring him from an excepted to a non-excepted position in the railway mail service. Last February the local board of examiners received notice to examine Mr. Coulter with the view of giving him this transfer. He successfully passed the examination with the above result.

The civil service rules provide that where one serves for one year in an excepted position he may be transferred to a non-excepted position in the same service, after having passed the examinations required.

Mr. Coulter will probably be assigned to the Pennsylvania road and be under the direction of Chief Clerk O. T. Holloway, of Crestline.

Mr. Coulter is a fine gentleman personally, and is no doubt competent to fill the position to which he has been promoted, but the fact that he is a rampant Republican and was removed from one office to make room for a good Democrat and an equally efficient man, and immediately secures a better appointment, is enough to make the party leaders and workers in this section ask the question: "Is this really a Democratic administration?" This is but another argument in favor of the abolition of the civil service tomfoolery and the official decapitation of Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt, whose sole object in life is to appoint Republicans to life positions.

3/16/1894

A Mansfield Boy to the Front.

We see by the San Francisco Examiner of March 10th that Will B. Kirk has purchased of Mayor L. R. Ellert his drug store on the corner of California and Kearney streets. Mr. Kirk is a Mansfield boy and learned the drug business with M. V. B. Finfrock in this city. He is a nephew of R. B. McCrory, and his purchase is the leading drug house in San Francisco.

TRAMP VACCINATION.

3/12/1894

The State Board of Health May Vaccinate all Tourists.

The local health authorities have been notified by the State Board of Health to vaccinate all tramps found in this city. Word was returned that they would do nothing of the kind unless the order was general and the State Board furnishes the vaccine.

The local authorities have taken the right position and they do not propose to go to the expense of vaccinating every tramp that comes along and thus afford protection to every other city in the state when Mansfield gets no protection in return.

The matter is being considered by the State Board and a general tramp vaccination order may be issued.

3/10/1894

A BUSINESS BLOCK

To be Erected on Park Avenue West by Dr. Mary J. Finley.

Dr. Mary J. Finley will soon erect a three-story brick business block on the site of her present residence on Park Avenue West. On the first floor of the building will be a store-room, to be used for a drug store. Dr. Finley will also have two offices for her own use on the first floor. The second floor will consist of a flat of seven rooms for the doctor's residence and the third floor will be divided into two flats and these will be rented. All the flats will be heated with pipes and have all the modern improvements. Dr. Finley will let the contract next week.

3/15/1894

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A Teamster Badly Injured by a Runaway This Morning.

An exciting runaway occurred on Spring Mill street at 9 o'clock this morning. Ran Baugh, a teamster for Eyerly & Wiles' coal yard, was driving a team of horses down Spring Mill street and when in front of Dr. Jones' residence the horses frightened at the street car and started on the run. The driver was unable to stop the horses and when in front of the B. & O. depot the wagon struck the street car rails and Mr. Baugh was thrown out. The front wheel passed over his head. One of the horses fell when on the B. & O. track, and the team was caught.

A number of men ran to the assistance of Mr. Baugh, who was lying unconscious in the mud, with the blood streaming from a cut in his head. He was carried into the B. & O. depot and Dr. Loughridge was summoned. The injured man was then taken to his boarding place on Maud avenue. His right arm was badly sprained and his face and head severely cut and bruised.

Mr. Baugh came to this city from Newark several months ago and has no relatives living here.

3/12/1894

WHOLESALE POISONING.

A Dozen Canines Eat Strychnine and Afterward Bite Dust.

The dog poisoner was abroad in the land last night and succeeded in sending no less than a dozen canines to dog heaven. Dead dogs were everywhere this morning, two on North Main street, one on Third street, one on Marion avenue, two on North Park street, two on West First street, with several outlying districts yet to hear from.

"Don," a pointer, the property of Will Kern, and who makes his home at the fire department, where he is a great pet, picked up a bait but was saved. Harry Courtney's fine English pointer swallowed a piece of meat covered with strychnine. Harry promptly administered antidotes and saved the dog, after working with him all night. George Super's pug was another victim and, although George's pet had plenty of medical attention, she died.

I. Shonfield's dog is another of the victims. The funeral occurred this morning.

3/16/1894

A Book Agent Said to Have Assaulted a Dining Room Girl.

The Park Hotel was the scene of a scandalous row last evening in which brute force asserted itself. Harry Brown, a book agent, has been boarding at the hotel for the past two or three months, during which time he has worked the city selling his publication. He has become known in nearly all the resorts of the city as a "dead game sport."

It is said that at supper last night Brown endeavored to make an engagement with Miss Blanche Long, a dining room girl, and when she refused to have anything to do with him he abused her with vile language, at which she became indignant and it is understood she told him pretty plainly what she thought of him. Brown became enraged and attempted to choke the young lady. Other people at the house came to the mistreated young woman's assistance and freed her from the book agent's assault.

Miss Long was advised to have the fellow arrested, but owing to the notoriety which would necessarily be created she shrinks from doing so, but nevertheless the matter has not yet been settled and prosecution may yet be made.

As McFarland's grocery wagon was going up Park Avenue West at noon the horse, when opposite the fire department, frightened at the street car. The driver could not control the animal and it ran up Walnut street. Cyrus Hersheiser, who was crossing Walnut street, was struck by the wagon and knocked down. The wheels passed over his shoulders, but he sustained no injuries except a few bruises. The driver succeeded in stopping the runaway horse when it reached Second street. 3/16/1894

An Exciting Runaway.

As Ernest Getting was driving a colt down Spring Mill street this morning the animal became frightened and ran into a telephone pole. The buggy was upset and Getting was thrown out. The horse started toward the B. & O. depot and, when opposite the residence of P. Kauffman, it dashed into the yard and stuck its head through the window. The animal's head was severely cut and the surgeon was compelled to place a number of stiches in it. The buggy is a total wreck. 3/21/1894

On a Spree.

The woman mentioned in the SHIELD several days ago as inquiring of the local ticket offices whether her husband had bought a ticket to leave the city is Mrs. Jackson Arnold. Mrs. Arnold was up to see Mayor Black this morning. She said her husband drew \$90 pension money the first part of the week and has been on a drunk ever since. He has been taken in charge by several "bleeders," who are having a good time off his money, which the family needs. Mrs. Arnold requested the mayor to arrest her husband on sight, as he will spend all his money unless he is locked up. 3/16/1894

SAM'L J. KIRKWOOD.

BEING A RESIDENT OF MANSFIELD,
LATER IOWA'S WAR GOVERNOR.

**He Was a Giant Among Men, Measured
by Mental Endowments, Capabilities
for Great Accomplishments or Measured by
Actual Results.**

The Saturday Cincinnati Commercial
Gazette contained the following from
the pen of Hon. Henry C. Hedges, of
this city, on the life and deeds of Sam'l
Kirkwood, which will be of interest
to our readers:

The recent death of the great Com-
moner of Iowa, whose birthplace was
in the soil of Maryland, but whose
early maturer life was in Ohio amidst
the smiling valleys and wooded hills of
Richland county, make proper now a
tribute of him for the Commercial
Gazette, for he was our Kirkwood, our
honest Sam, though his greatest
work and grandest distinction and national
fame came to him as a citizen of
Iowa. He was her war Governor, her
U. S. Senator, her Cabinet Minister.

When I was a lad I knew Samuel J.
Kirkwood, knew him prior to his ad-
mission to the bar, knew him when he
was a teacher of youth, when he as-
sisted in appraising the real property
of the whole county, when he came
on the farm in the valley of the Mo-
can to become the partner of Thomas
Bartley.

I knew him when he married his wife,
Miss Clark, and a splendid woman
and wife she was, a farmer's daughter,
equal to any place or position;
knew him when the people elected him
prosecuting Attorney of the county,
and the duties of the office were never
done faithfully and ably discharged
than when he was that attorney; knew
him when Richland county chose him
and Dr. J. P. Henderson as its mem-
bers of the Constitutional convention,
called to formulate a new constitution
for Ohio.

He was a Democrat in those days;
at that time, he was a member of the party
nominated the Democratic party.
He was ever a Democrat in its true and
best sense, for he believed in the peo-
ple, in the rule of the people, "in the
control of the people, by the people,
for the people."

In the view of parties and party or-
ganization, there came a time when the
party to which he belonged drifted
from its moorings and while he re-

3/11/1894

AN OFFICIAL CHANGE.

**Probate Deputy Cummins Will Resign to
Complete His Law Studies.**

At the close of the present week a
change will be made in the personnel
of Probate Judge Lewis Brucker's force
at the court house, by the resignation
of First Deputy Will Cummins, who
will go to Shelby to complete his law
studies with the firm of Skiles & Skiles.
Second Deputy James M. Ottinger will
be promoted and the position of second
deputy will be held by T. B. Bollman,
who is now deputy in the office of
Recorder J. W. Weil.

The resignation of Mr. Cummins will
be greatly regretted by all those with
whom he has done business. Besides
being a genial young man with a host of
friends he has been an accommodating
clerk and an efficient assistant to Judge
Brucker. Mr. Cummins has occupied
the position of deputy since 1890, when
Judge Brucker took charge of the office.
The SHIELD joins Will's friends in wish-
ing him much success in his fight with
Blackstone.

3/9/1894
Telegrams to this city state that the
young woman got on the train at
Chicago and had a ticket for Parkers-
burg, W. Va. She also had a trunk
check No. 7662, but the trunk was sent
on to Newark. It was opened by the
officials there, which may reveal some-
thing by which the identity of the de-
ceased can be ascertained.

When the train reached this
city at 7:47 last evening a number of
persons in the car saw the girl enter
the toilet room. Nothing was thought
of the matter until the train was near
Mt. Vernon, and then the conductor
was notified. He tried the door, but
found it was locked. He then forced
the door open and found the closet
vacant, with the window raised. When
the train reached Mt. Vernon the con-
ductor at once telegraphed back along
the line to have the track searched.

Passenger train No. 8, runs from
Alta to Mt. Vernon at the rate of
fifty miles an hour. There are several
theories for the cause of the young
lady's death. The most plausible is
suicide, but it is thought by some that
the girl became sick and raised the
window for the purpose of vomiting
and, in so doing, lost her balance and
fell out.

Coroner Maglott went to Bellville
this morning to hold an inquest. He
telephoned the SHIELD today that there
is little doubt that the deceased came to
her death by her own hand, although
there might be circumstances indicat-
ing otherwise.

The coroner says that he is of the
opinion that the deceased is Miss
Fleming, as the trainmen think they
heard her addressed by that name.

3/9/1894

Commissioners' Bush.

The county commissioners in
today unanimously voted that all
business should be transacted at the
office; that all supplies and stationery
required in the several county offices
be ordered through the county commis-
sioners; that one and five-tenths mills
be levied on each dollar of taxable
property in Richland county for road
and bridge purposes, and that five-
tenths of one mill of said levy be
worked out on the roads.

Admitted to the Bar.

The following Richland county law
students have been admitted to the
bar: Wm. G. Burwell, of Plymouth,
Olin M. Farber, of Bellville, C H. Keat-
ing and Charles H. Workman, of this
city.

The family of M. P. Schombs will
move next Monday to Greenville, Pa.,
where the three daughters will attend
Thiel College, a Lutheran institution.
Mr. Schombs will continue to travel
for the Schombs Manufacturing Co., of
Millersburg. 9/8/1894

Officers Installed.

The officers of Mohawk Encampment,
Royal Foresters, were installed last
night by General Blake and staff. After
installation services the Illustrious
Knights and Sir Knights sat down to
tables in the armory, which were laden
with good things to eat and of which
all partook with "royal" good appe-
tite. This encampment starts out with
a roster of over fifty Sir Knights and
with prospects of decided success.
Forestry dates back to the 17th century
and its fraternal features are of peculiar
excellence. 2/7/1894

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

A CASE OF SUPPOSED SUICIDE AT
BELLVILLE. 3/17/1894

**A Lady Passenger of the B. & O. Limited
Jumps or Falls from the Train and
is Fatally Injured—Thought
to be a Miss Fleming.**

A telegram was received at the B. &
O. telegraph office last night from the
conductor of the limited passenger
train No. 8, at Mt. Vernon, asking that
the crew of the first freight train passing
search along the track for the body
of a young woman, supposed to be a
Miss Fleming, who, it was thought,
had jumped from the train.

The trainmen of freight No. 23 were
notified and they commenced a search.
At 1 o'clock this morning they found
the girl lying along the track one mile
east of Bellville, in an unconscious
condition. She was lying face down-
ward and when they picked her up it
seemed to arouse her somewhat, as she
began to talk, but the men could not
understand what she said. They took
her to Bellville and doctors were sum-
moned. The examination revealed no
serious external injury and it was
thought the girl would live, but at 6:30
this morning she expired without re-
gaining consciousness.

There was nothing on the young
lady's person by which her
identity could be learned and it
may be several days before
her name is known, although the rail-
road company and authorities are mak-
ing a good effort to identify her.

The deceased is fine featured, of fair
complexion and very pretty. She has
good white teeth, long black wavy hair,
and dark brown eyes. She was 5 feet
5 inches tall and would weigh about
110 pounds. She wore a diagonal navy
blue sacque, trimmed in gray fur, and
a red hat trimmed with black feathers
and ribbons. The dress was a gray plaid
floss, trimmed in black, waist of same
material, black sleeves and black vel-
vet collar. She wore a gold watch and
chain; the number of the watch is
2,592,372. Four dollars were found in
her pocket book.

LOCAL DR. CARVERS

3/11/1894

**Create Consternation in the North End by
Shooting at Mark.**

Officer Dick Call and Ollie Enos went
out behind the carriage works yester-
day forenoon to shoot at mark with
Dick's revolver. They had quite a dis-
cussion at first as to what they should
use as a mark. Dick wanted to use a
U. S. map while Ollie said they should
see which one could hit the carriage
works first. They finally compromised
on a barrel. After each had fired about
30 shots Dick hit the edge of the barrel
and was declared champion.

As soon as the other employes around
the depot knew what was going
on and after the first shot
had been fired, Operator Meily
whistled for his dog; Homer Bostwick
crawled into the Pennsylvania safe and
closed it after him; "Judy" King
grabbed a Union News book, the title
of which was "Hell up to date," and
crawled under the counter, while Tom
Pierson called for help and took a car
for up town, and the reporters forgave
each other and agreed to meet in a bet-
ter land. After the shooting was over
Ollie remarked to Dick that he had
barrel-y escaped hitting the mark.

1/19/1894

The Daily Shield's Efficient Agent at Shelby.

George Boenau is known to everybody in Shelby. He landed there in March, 1863. That was his first experience in political campaigns in Ohio, and a hot one it was. He applied for naturalization as soon as eligible, and became a true American citizen. He soon acquired the English language, became a student of American affairs, and also of the principles of the American Democracy, ever loyal to his adopted country and the party of his choice. Providence has endowed him with a ponderous brain. He carries a level head on broad shoulders, set upon a sound, compact body, as well as the SHIELD by his side, and thus has made the best possible use of American institutions. He is an ardent German-American.

Mr. Boenau understands general politics and has been a profound student of all religions. He despises trickery, deceit and demagoguery and gives no countenance to either; says but little until he is attacked and then can wage as good an argument as any to support his views. Independent, self-reliant and confident, he gives way to nothing but the word of God and what he terms good common sense.

He carries the SHIELD and other publications, does just what he believes to be right, collects the amounts due his newspapers without fear or favor or partiality, when due; and when people fool him in this, the second time it will be his fault. He never trusts a dead-beat if he knows it. He pays as he goes and makes a fair competence. Everybody respects him, and thus he lives and thus he will die—a reliable American, a Democrat and faithful servant of the press and the people. Long live George Boenau.

2/7/1894

Eastern Star Officers

The following officers of Ruth Chapter, No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star, were installed last night by Mrs. J. A. Hawkins:

Worthy matron, Mrs. J. A. Hawkins; worthy patron, Hugh Young; associate matron, Mrs. B. F. Williams; secretary, Miss Jessie French; treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Eggert; conductress, Mrs. James Jones; associate conductress, Mrs. Frank Taylor; Adah, Mrs. Hugh Young; Ruth, Mrs. A. Homberger; Ester, Mrs. A. M. Young; Martha, Mrs. B. F. Harding; Electa, Mrs. Lou Jourdan; warder, Mrs. W. M. Boughton; sentinel, Lou Jourdan; chaplain, Mrs. W. H. Taylor; marshals, Mrs. A. B. Dittenhoefer and Miss Mary McNeil; organist, Mrs. Claud Platt.

It looks as if grand army men at Mansfield may refuse to support W. S. Kerr, of that place, for Congress. When a member of the Legislature he had a bill passed taking away from the Grand Army Post there the control of the Mansfield Memorial building.—Mt. Gilead Register. 7/6/1894

Broke Her Nose.

Last night while Mrs. Sarah B. Littler was chopping a piece of wood at her residence, 16 North Diamond street, a piece of it flew up and struck her in the face. Mrs. Littler was blinded by the blow and started to run, when she ran into the wall, breaking her nose. Dr. Stewart was called and dressed the injured member. 4/26/1894

M. D. HARTER

AT HIS HOME ON PARK AVENUE WEST. 8/29/1894

Our Congressman Will Spend His Time in This City, Canton and Fostoria Until the December Session of Congress.

Congressman M. D. Harter arrived in the city at 12:35 this afternoon, over the B. & O. railroad.

Mr. Harter immediately entered his carriage and was driven to his residence on Park Avenue West.

To a SHIELD reporter Mr. Harter



CONGRESSMAN HARTER.

said that until the December session of Congress he will spend his time in looking after his business interests in this city, Canton and Fostoria, and will probably go to Fostoria tomorrow morning. Mr. Harter's family will return to Philadelphia some time next month.

Congressman Harter, in speaking of the new tariff law, said that although it is less than he desired, still it is a vast improvement over the McKinley law, and will prove beneficial.

Mr. Harter is feeling exceedingly well, but he says the long and hot summer and the hotter congressional debates have reduced his weight.

A PLEASANT EVENT.

12/16/1894

Assistant Postmaster Martin Banquets the Postoffice Employees.

One of the pleasant events of the season was the banquet given to the attaches of the postoffice last evening by Assistant Postmaster Martin in honor of his recent marriage. It has been the custom for every attache of the office to give a banquet on the occasion of a special event, and "Billy" has recognized this custom.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the letter carriers, the other attaches of the office and a SHIELD reporter, headed by Postmaster Bell and Assistant Postmaster Martin, numbering twenty in all, filed across the street from the postoffice to The Star restaurant, where they were seated to a heavy laden table. Everybody had been saving up for the occasion for a week and the way the good things disappeared made the caterer tremble. It was indeed a jovial crowd and the way they fired jokes up and down and across the table made "Billy" think he had been in the ranks for years. About an hour later, after extending best wishes to the host, the party dispersed.

THE RECEPTION

8/22/1894

GIVEN BY GENERAL AND MRS. R. BRINKERHOFF

In Honor of Their Son, Robt. B. Brinkerhoff, and Wife, in the Masonic Temple Parlors, a Brilliant Success.

The society people of this city will long remember the reception held in the Masonic Temple parlors last evening by General and Mrs. R. Brinkerhoff in honor of their son, Robert B. Brinkerhoff, and wife, of New York. About 600 invitations had been issued, and nearly all of those invited were present. One-half were invitations to the older people from 7 to 10 o'clock. The younger people were invited from 9 to 12 o'clock.

There is no family in our city whom our people more delight to honor than that of Gen. Brinkerhoff. The eldest son, Robert, is one of the young men of Mansfield in whom Mansfield people take pride. He was Deputy Insurance Commissioner of Ohio during Governor Hoadly's administration and since then he has been connected with the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, of New York, one of the largest insurance companies in the United States. He was married last Jan. 4th to Miss Grace Empey, one of the most estimable young ladies of Brooklyn, and Robert's many friends in this city congratulate him upon obtaining such a pleasant and charming wife. This is their first visit to Mansfield since their marriage.

At 7 o'clock the handsome parlors of the Temple were thrown open, beautifully decorated with flowers, ferns, etc. The guests soon began to arrive and were received by General and Mrs. R. Brinkerhoff, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Brinkerhoff, assisted by Roeliff Brinkerhoff, Jr., Miss Addie Brinkerhoff and Miss Harriett McCrory.

Bange's orchestra furnished the music during the evening and the melodious strains rang through the brilliantly-decorated room, above the hum of the many voices.

The guests were invited out to the dining room, where excellent refreshments were served from a table handsomely decorated with flowers. After 10 o'clock the evening was passed in dancing, the grand march being led by General Brinkerhoff and Miss Harriett McCrory.

When the last strains of the "home" waltz had died away the guests bade a good night to the host and hostess and parted from one of the most pleasant social events ever held in the city.

The spacious rooms of the Masonic building proved to be just the place for the satisfactory entertainment and perfect enjoyment of so large an assemblage. The weather was delightful and everything was in harmony with the pleasant event.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinkerhoff leave tomorrow night for their home in Brooklyn.

It is William Sturges.

The SHIELD yesterday copied a dispatch in the Ohio State Journal stating that John Sturges had lost his mind in Chicago and that his unfortunate condition was due to worry over a large law suit against the Farwell Company. It has since been learned that the Sturges mentioned is William Sturges, a son of Solomon Sturges, and a former resident of Zanesville. He is a cousin of Willis Sturges, H. H. Sturges and Don Sturges, of this city. 4/11/1894