

# WENONAH

## Historical Society Newsletter



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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Holiday Party is upon us again and will be held at the regular meeting time of 7:30 on Friday, December 8th. "Chef Bud" will be catering for us—as he did last year—with ample food! A Wenonah Historical Society tradition, the holiday event is usually well attended, so it is advised that you contact Jane Ramsay at 468-5593 as soon as possible to reserve your seats: The cost will be the same as last year, \$12 per person, and we request that everyone attending please bring

an unwrapped "door prize" for the drawing (it's always nice if everyone present receives a gift). We'd also like to remind anyone who volunteered to help decorate and set-up to arrive around 10am the morning of the party. We've all been extremely pleased at our meeting turnouts lately, and hope you'll all attend!

*Santa hasn't changed much in the last hundred years, except nowadays he does not deliver rifles with affixed bayonets. This illustration from the December 24, 1900 Woodbury Daily Times seems to also be making a political statement about the raging Spanish-American War, or as "twain" referred to it, "the incident in the Philippines."*



## WENONAH 100 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 1900

*Merry Christmas from Martha and Milton Webb!*

On Saturday real estate agent William C. Cattell bought in the land recently sold by the Mantua Land Company to Isaac Stevenson on the west side of the Mantua creek for a party of capitalists who will organize and at once begin to lay out the spot in one of the finest cemeteries in South Jersey. The land has many advantages for vaults, etc.

Marie Knibloe, the Boston Warbler, is to give one of her unique entertainments in Noblitt's Hall next Tuesday for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Hollinger will open her select dancing class in Noblitt's Hall tomorrow evening. The cost will be 25 cents a lesson.

John Colbert would like the party who took half of his hen roost to bring it back or come take the rest. Divided up it is not worth much good to either party.

Dr. Harvy is talking of taking a trip to Honduras in the near future on an exploration expedition with Dr. M.B. Huey of Philadelphia. The doctor has been an extensive traveler. Winter struck us rather suddenly after all and we have some skating for the boys and girls.

Surveyor Cattell and George L. Dilkes are running out the lines of the new cemetery on the bluff today.

A parlor meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hamilton Turner in honor of Mrs. Gilmour, Brown, Greene, Holeton and Savage delegates to the Women's Christian Temperance Convention held in Washington last week. The delegates gave a very interesting report of the convention and also of their sightseeing on their trip having the honor of shaking hands with President McKinley and an introduction to Mrs. McKinley. Mrs. Gage with four other ladies helped receive the delegates at the White House, a sight long to be remembered by them and which seemed like entering fairyland of which Mrs. McKinley was the sweet looking fairy, everything was so beautiful.

Christmas trees are being erected in many homes.

By the number of express bundles it looks as though Santa Claus was not to overlook the little ones in our borough. We hope he will remember the poor ones as the more well to do.

Our grocers are prepared for a big holiday trade.

The holiday festival of the Methodist Sunday School was held last night and was enjoyed by a large audience. Sune Taro, a Japanese magician, formed considerable amusement with his deft tricks. The Christmas exercises of the public school were held last Sunday evening.

B.F. Buzby is wondering who snow balled him. He will be surprised that it was not a boy.

It is stated the electric light plant from which we get our service has changed hands. (Electric service during this period was very undependable.)

The public feels grateful to Tom Savage for opening up the paths after the snow stopped falling last night.

It is said Ed Farr's children have the prettiest tree in this place. It is sure a handsome one.

Our stores are trimmed in holiday attire.

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