

The following lines breathe a spirit of pure Christianity, and are worthy of notice not only for their exalted piety, but also because of their literary merit, which is of no mean value.—

THE AGED MARTYR. BY JESSE OLSEN. Just before Bishop Polycarp, the martyr of ninety years, perished at the stake, the Pro-Consul said to him, "Republish Christ, and I will release thee."

What did I hear? Yet no, it cannot be; Thou wouldst not ask what fit is me with alarm, Surely I did mistake; the sounds to me Are misinterpreted; thou didst mean no harm; A thou wouldst not bid me do vile a thing As to blaspheme my King!

Approach my Saviour—He who ever smiled Upon me when a boy—who, when at play, Protected me from harm; and though a child Of sin, yet softly guided me each day, Until the hours of infancy were passed, And manhood reached at last!

Approach my Saviour—He who by us still, When youthful hopes and dreams were in my heart, Allured me from sin, and made one fill A higher place, and choose a better part!

So did this good old man, thanking the Lord "That He had judged him worthy of that hour And day." Then, as the fire arose and burned Those aged limbs, in all that crushing weight Of agony and flame, those pale lips moved In prayer and praise; and as death slowly came To bear his soul to God, it found his lips Still whispering of Jesus.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. The following are the Congressional proceedings of yesterday, continued from our Fourth Edition:—

SENATE. Mr. Sprague, of Rhode Island, called up the joint resolution concerning the survey of the Isthmus of Isthmus, which was passed by the House on the 12th of December.

Mr. Hendricks, of Indiana, took the floor in opposition to the bill and pending amendment, taking the ground that the majority in favor of the bill was not a majority of the whole.

Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, called for the reading of the resolution, and he was discovered that the amendment provided only for an adjournment of the House.

of a resolution of the last session, directing the Committee on Claims to reject all claims for damages to property in Rebel States during the war.

CITY INTELLIGENCE. [For Additional City Intelligence see Fifth Page.] THE WEATHER NOW, AND THEN.—The cold spell of this year thus contrasts with the ratings of last year:—

Table with 3 columns: Date, A.M., P.M. showing temperature readings for various dates in 1866.

CHARGED WITH RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.—James Glasby, manufacturer of pearl buttons, had a hearing before Alderman Bentler yesterday, on the charge of receiving stolen goods.

KEEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE.—William Morris, keeper of a public house at the southeast corner of Ninth and Vine streets, had a hearing before Alderman Bentler yesterday on the charge of keeping a disorderly house.

WOOLLEN MILL BURNED.—About six o'clock last evening, a fire broke out in Mr. Armstrong's large stone woolen mill, near the Germantown bridge, which contained a large quantity of wool.

FIREMEN'S EXCURSION.—A delegation of the William Penn Hose and Steam Fire Engine Company, of this city, intend visiting Boston during the holidays.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—The Coroner held an inquest yesterday on the body of Ann McQuillan, who died at the St. Joseph's Hospital on the 12th instant.

KICKED BY A HORSE.—Lewis Schmidt, aged forty-two years, living at No. 13 Rolliet street, had his leg broken by the kick of a horse yesterday, at Mr. E. Matthews's stable, No. 120 Lombard street.

COLORED LEAGUE.—The executive committee of the Colored Soldiers and Sailors' League of the city met yesterday and issued an address setting forth the objects of the Association.

THE OCEAN YACHT RACE. One of the Yachts Seen by the Captain of the "Cuba," on Wednesday Afternoon, Two Hundred and Sixty Miles East of Sandy Hook, Etc. Etc.

MEDICAL. FOND'S EXTRACT OF HAMAMELIS, Or Pain Destroyer, Is one of the few domestic remedies which have come into general use and favor, without puffing.

CHRONIC DISEASES TREATED BY MEDICAL ELECTRICITY. DR. S. W. BECKWITH'S ELECTRICAL INSTITUTE, No. 1220 WALNUT STREET.

LOOK AND LIVE! ELECTROPATHY. Drs. GALLOWAY, WHITE & BOLLES. THE OLD MEDICAL ELECTRICIANS, AND TEACHERS of this new system of curing diseases.

WONDERFUL RHEUMATISM REMEDY. FOR RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, GOUT, AND ASTHMA, POSITIVELY CURED AT LAST! NO CURE, NO PAY.

FRANKLIN MILLS SELF-RAISING BUCKWHEAT. A new and very choice article. Every family should use it.

FOR SALE—STATE AND COUNTY RIGHTS of Capewell & Co.'s Patent Wind Guard and Air Heater for Coal Stoves.

AMUSEMENTS. TICKET OFFICE, No. 630 CHESNUT ST. Remember the Little Ones! The Destitute and Orphan Children of OUR COUNTRY'S DEFENDERS.

GRAND CHARITABLE FAIR AND Presentation Festival, In Aid of the Home and School for the Maintenance and Education of the Destitute Children of our Soldiers and Sailors.

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