THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1868.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

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Mrs. Scott-Siddons as "Resalind." On Thursday evening Mrs. Scott-Siddons made her first appearance in Philadelphia, at the Academy of Music, as "Rosalind" in Shakespears's comedy of As You Like R. The audience was good, considering that it was Christmas Eve and that the Academy is not at all popular as a place for dramatic entertainments, and the applause was hearty enough to assure the lady that the Philadelphia public is disposed to be generous as well as diseriminating. Mrs. Scott-Siddons made a very favorable impression, and when we say that her personation of "Rosalind" was a success, we acknowledge at once that she possesses abilities of no mean order, although she can make no claim to the inheritance of the mantle of the great Sarah. The character of "Rosaling" requires such peculiar personal as well as intellectual gifts that there are few actienses who have the temerity to attempt it. and the consequence is that As You Like It; one of the most captivaling and postical of Shakespeare's plays, is all but banished from the stage.

We sometimes complain of our modern playwrights that they outrage probability, but here we have the great master of the English drama setting aside not merely probability but possibility. Your modern concocter of sensationiam, however, is assidious in his efforts to give a praisemblance to his hodge-podge of stunning offects, by introducing a mass of trivial details as an apology to outraged art and nature; he is careful to have his scenes set to resemble, as much as possible, a real house, a real railroad bridge, or a real forest, and his characters must be particular to wipe their shoes on the frontdoor mat, to hang up their hats and umbrellas on a real tack, and go through with a variety of other motions to convince the audience that they are real human beings Campbell, in his refined criticisms on Shakespeare's plays, says:--"The postor the fictionist -and every great fictionist is a true poet-gives ns images of life at large, and not of the narrow and stinted probabilities of every-day life." Bhakespeare, in As You Like It for, probabilities sives us nature, character, and poetry. The play can scarcely be said to have a plot, and Augustin Daly-Heaven forgive us for mentioning him in such a connection !--might have taken it for his model so far as the arbitrary arrangement of the scenes, the action, and the denouement are concerned. With Shakespeare plot is ever secondary to character, and in As You Like It we have character in abundance, with "Rosalind" as the central figure in the group of motley personages to which the post latroduces us.

Mrs. Scott-Siddons' personal advantages for such a part as "Rosalind" are undeniable. Sue has a slight, graceful, and elegant figure, a beautiful and expressive face, large dark eyes abundant tresses, and a lady-like presence, which would have secured her the regards of the andience had she been vastly inferior to what she is as an actress. Mrs. Siddons' personation was in many respects extremely crude, and she evidently had a better conception of the character than she was able to express. Her bright, animated, and sparkling manner carried her through successfully, and secured her applause which was certainly as hearty as she could desire; but her attitudes and gestures, while frequently graceful and expressive, were evidently the spontaneous suggestions of the moment, and not the results of study; and they betrayed the artlessness of the novice rather than the art in nature of the mature and experienced actress. Mrs. Siddons' elosution is in the worst style of the cockney school. and we beg her if she hopes to win and retain the favor of the American public to reform it at once and altogether. The English "rising inflection" which ;so much troubled Mr. Dickens' critics; was a mere trifle in comparison with the peculiarity in Mrs. Siddons' case The first portion of a sentence she delivers well, with a musical voice it is a pleasure to hear, but the last five or six words are given with a sing song intonation which has a very comical effect. There are plenty of American actresses who can perform the part of "Rosalind" in a style of art that Mrs. Siddons cannot approach, although they may be inferior to her in personal qualifications. Mrs. Drew and Miss Josie Orton we will mention, as two with whom Philadelphia audiences are familiar. With neither of these ladies can Mrs. Biddons for a moment be put in comparison as an actress. Were Miss Orton a few pounds less avoirdupois-for she is undeniably a "heavy weight"-we think she would make a charming representative of "Rosalind," albeit we would scarcely like to see her at the present time in male sttire. Miss Orton, too, is sometimes inclined to be coarse, and coarseness in such a part as this would be intolerable. The refinement and eminently lady-like manuers of Mrs. Siddons are among her greatest charms. Mrs. Siddons is not a great, nor can she at present be considered even a good actress. akhough we believe that she is capable of becoming one if she is willing to give up her pretensions and act upon the judicious advice that has more than once been given her since her first appearance in this country. The name is an excellent card for her, and we believe that she has a perfect right to make the most of it in advancing herself in her profession. A great name, however, is worth nothing unless there is something to back it. We do not know whether Mrs. Siddons or her triends and agents are to blame for the very indiscreet advertising expedients that have been resorted to in this and other cities for the purpose of bringing her into notice. By announcing her as a great actress and the inheritor of the genius of the Kemble family, a comparison with the first histrionic artists of the day has been invited! and she has consequently been subjected to more searching criticisms than would have been the case under other circumstances. We heard, some weeks ago, that Mrs. Siddons had been invited by Edwin Booth to take the position of leading lady in his new theatre. If this offer has really been made, she will do a wise thing to accept it. Her personal attractions and winning manners will make her a favorite, and dispose her audiences to overlook her defects; and being called upon to play in an infinite variety of parts, she will gain the experience and power of expression that she needs at present, and not the least of the advantages will he that she will receive the hints and suggestions of critics familiar with her weak as well as her strong points. As a member of a good stock company, Mrs. Siddons will be in her proper sphere, and will more surely win fame and fortune than if she continues before the public as a star actress. Mr. Davidge, who appeard as "Touchstone," is a capable actor, who does not appear in this oity as often as we would like to have him. His performance en Thursday evening was excel ient, but the balance of the cast was not above mediocrity. Mrs. Siddons made a mistake in going to the Academy of Music for the purpose of giving her initial series of performances in this city. It is generally conceded that the building is entirely too large for dramatic purposes, and it was a matter of regret that Ristori appeared there instead of at one of the regular Lheatres, where the audience can see and hear,

and the actors perform their parts withoustraining their vocal powers, Mrs. Lander and Janauschek both appeared to better advantage at the theatres than at the Academy, and Mrs Siddons, who is certainly not the rival of any of these artistes, could scarcely expect to suc ceed when their success was only partial.

The "Orange Girl" at the Walnut,

The drama of the Orange Girl, by Henry Leslie, was produced yesterday at the Walnut as a Christmas piece, and it was performed both in the afternoon and evening to large aud'ences. The story is not remarkable for novelty but it is well told and interesting, and ithe drama is well adapted to the holidays, as the scenes and incidents are supposed take place about Christmas time, Opportunities are ;af forded for the introduction of games, revels, and festivities, and the moral is wholesome and appropriate to the season. In the way of characters we have our old familiar friends the baronet, who wrongfully possesses the estate; the villato who assists him in his wickedness for a consideration; the virtuous heroine who turns out to be the heiress; the poor but honest hero, and a host of others who visit us as surely as Christmas comes round in the magazine stories and the dramas concocted from them. Indeed, these old acquaintances of ours have so won their way to our affections that Christmas would scarcely have the good old-fashioned flavor which belongs to the day without; them. We love them all, even to the heavy villain, who, albeit he appears such a murderous rascal on the stage. is a good-hearted fellow at the bottom, and onjoys his roast turkey, and drinks the toast "God bless us every one," with as much fervor as the best of us. The play, however, would be absolutely good for nothing, and not to be mentioned as a Christmas piece, if the villain did not get punished according to his deserts in the last act; so he comes to grief in the most approved style of dramatic [art; the wicked baronet, too, is forced to relinquish possession of the old manorial hall, the heiress comes to her own, virtue is rewarded and vice is punished. and all the good people are happy, as they ought to be in a Chr'stmas drama. The Orange Girl is placed upon the stage in

good style: the scenery is new and appropriate, and the "Lord of Misrule" and his jolly crew disport themselves after the fashion of the olden time. There are some good sensation effects in the piece, which we suppose will not be considered as the least of its recommendations with many play-goers. The frozen lake in the second act is a remarkably well arranged scene, and the attempted murder and the rescue by breaking through the lee make a situation of exciting interest for the curtain to descend upon. The characters are creditably sustained. and if the play does not make a hit it will be because there has been a revolution in public taste of late that we know not of.

The City Amusements.

AT THE CHESNUT there will be performances AT THE VALUE AND THE WIT DE PERFORMANCES THE SILETNOON AND EVENTING BY THE CIRCUSTORDE. AT THE WALNUT THE GRAMM OF THE ORDER Girl, and the farce of Up for the Holidays, will be performed this afternoon and evening. AT THE ANCH Daly's drama of A Flash of Lightning will be given this evening. AT THE ANCH Daly's an attractive variety on

AT THE AMERICAN an attractive variety entertainment will be given this afternoon and evening.

AT THE THEATRE COMIQUE Miss Susan Galton and her comic opera troupe will appear in Levy's operetta of Funchet's this evening. A

in Levy's operetta of *Funchetts* this evening. A matinee performance at 2 o'clock. MISS HENRIETTA MARKSTEIN will give a matinee at Concert Hall to day. MISS Caroline McCaffrey, Signor,Severin Frohlicn, and Mr. Herman Volgat will assist. HERR EDWARD HETZ, the German planist, will give a concert at Musical Fund Hall this evening. Herr Helz is a pupil of Liszt, and he is said to be a remarkably fine performer. He will be assisted by Miss Carrie Rentz, Mr. C. R. Rentz, Herr Carl Gaertner, and Professor L. Engelke. . Engelke, CARL SENTZ' and Mark Hassler's orchestra

will give a performance at Musical Fund Hall this afternoon. McEvov's new Hibernicon, representing a tour through Ireland, will open at Concert Hall on Monday evening. Selections from the works of the great Irish poets and authors will be given by Miss Julie Esmonde, Miss O'Brien, Miss T. McEvoy, Mr. Robert Byrne, Mr. J. R. Heron, and Professor J. McEvoy. The pictorial portion of the entertainment illustrates the scenery and principal citles of Ireland. THE FUBLIC REHEARSATS of the Germania Orchestra at Horticniural Hall will be resumed. afternoon.

upon the streets. No noise, no confusion-in fact, no crowds. Christmas Eve was unlike the Ohristmas Eves of years agone. On Eighth street especially the difference was well marked. There you got mashed in no yelling, josifing througs-saw no women tossed in the air-be-held no hats doment in the suiters or throngs—saw no women tossed in the air—be-beld no hats doused in the gutters, or coats ripped from tail to collar. Grotesque processions, after the man-ner of the ancient mummers, were often to be seen, but then they made no noise and kicked up no disorder. The imme-morial horn was silent. Our policemen had morial horn was silent. Our polleemen had received instructions to arrest every person-man, woman, or child-who was found in the street blowing one, and the publicity given to this order in the papers had the desired effect, for in very few cases had the pollee to assort their authority to subdue any infringement upon a law so long needed to insure a peaceful Onristings Eve to our quietly-inclined citizens. Chesnut street presented a scene of order commingled with gayety—no noise, no rowdy-ism, no drankenness. This is certainly a new feature, and its advent is to be warmly wel-comed by the law-abiding population of our city. In a religious sense the festival was very

generally observed, and services were beid in the churches of several of the denominations. The Episcopal courches all held regular ser-vices, emitting only the fitaby, and some fine music was given in many of them, especially St. Mark's, St. Stophen's, S', Peter's, St. Luke's, the Epiphany, St. Andrew's, St. Clement's, St. James', St. Paul's, and Grace churches.

The Catholic churches was open at 5 A. M., when solemn High Mass was celebrated, fol-lowed by other (low) masses until half past 10 b'clock, when the principal service was held and sermons preached. In the morning the usual impressive services

incident to the celebration of the festival were hold in most of the different churches through out the city. In the Cathedral the music was out the city. In the Cathedral the music was very interesting, consisting of a new "Te Deum," by Romberg, first time in Philadelphia; Haydn's Mass, No. 4. In B flat; at the Offertory "Adeste Fideles," and before the sermon, a new "Veni Creator Spiritue," The compositions generally sang included the best Masses of Mozart, Haydn, Mercadante, Gounod, Schied-ermayer, Hummell, and other composers, the "Adeste Fideles" of Novello, the fine anthem of Handel, and other appropriate selections. At St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Augustine's, St. Joseph's, and St. Peter's, the music was a marked feature of the day's observance, and at all the churches, of both the Episcopal and Uatholic denominations large congregations Catholic denominations large congregations were present.

Nothing could be more appropriate in cele-brating the festival of Christmas than exercises and entertainments by juvenile organizations. Among the institutions and societies which selected that day as the occasion for their cele-brations we find several Sabbath schools as

well as the Homes in which the poor orphans of our city are cared for. A Christmas dinner was given to the inmates of the Home for Little Wanderers, No 823 Shippen street, previous to which interesting exercises were held, commencing at 10 A. M. The festival was also celebrated in the Sol-diers' and Sallors' Orphans' Home, where there was an interesting entertainment, consisting of dialogue recitations and singing by the orphans, at the conclusion of which the little ones were treated to a Christmas dinner.

The boot-blacks of the city were kindly remembered by Judge Allison, who gave them a dinner, which was presided over by William J Mullin, Prison Inspector. The dinner was given at the building on South Sixth street, opposite the new Court House. In the evening the following Sunday School

elebration took place: Sunday School of M. E. Church, Twelfth street,

above Poplar.

above Poplar. Sunday School concert of sacred music at Church of Redemption, Twenty second and Callowhill streets, Grand Juvenile concert of Central M. E. Sab-

bath School, in the church, Vine street, above Tweifth.

Anniversary celebration of the Ebenezer M. E. Sabbath School, church, Christian street,

Anniversary celebration of the Ebenezer M. E. Sabbath School, church, Christian street, above Third. The reopening of the Sanctuary M. E. Church took place at 10 A. M., the occasion of which was the subject of a sermon by Bishop Simoson. A fair for the benefit of the African M. E. Allen Mission Church opened on Christmas Eve and will continue during the holidays. Fairs are also being held for worthy objects in the Assembly Buildings; in the Tweifth Baptist Church, Richmond street, near Shackamaxon; in the school-room of St. Francis' Cnurch, Twenty-fifth street, above Callownill; and in the Baptist Church at Broad and Areh streets. Christmas was celebrated with unusual spirit at the Northern Home for Friendless Children. The main building, as well as the Soldiers' and Sallors' Orphans' Home, were pro-fusely and tastefully decorated. Huge Christ-mas trees, laden almost to breaking down, abounded everywhere. The children of both Homes were treated to a first-class Christmas to a bountiful repast of nuts, cakes, candies, and coffee ell of which had been provided by kind. bountiful repast of nuts, cakes, candies, and coffee, all of which had been provided by kind-hearted people. Everybody appeared to enjoy the occasion, and, of course, none more so that At 3 o'slock the exercises in the Union Home were commenced with appropriate prayer by Mr. Field, after which J. W. Claghorn, Esq., was called to preside. The exercises were conwhich the children performed the various parts assigned them was creditable alike to them-selves and the teachers. The singing was, as usual, excellent, while the dialogues and reci-tations were given in a style that elicited uni-versal approval from the large growd of spectaversal approval from the large crowd of specta-tors. The appearance of the children was that of remarkable neatness and cleanliness. The same may be said of the entire building, every At 4 o'clock the exercises at the Soldiers' and At 4 o'clock the exercises at the Soldiers' and Sallors' Orphans' Home were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Clag-horn presided here also, and the exercises, as at the Union Home, were conducted by Mr. Spangler. They consisted of vocal and instru-mental performances by the children, dia-logues, recitations, original compositions, etc. They were throughout of a most interesting character, and although necessarily protracted until late in the afternoon, the large crowd of visitors did non manifest the slightest disposi-tion to leave until they were concluded, visitors did not manifest the signest disposi-tion to leave until they were concluded. In view of the large increase in the sumber of children at these prayseworthy institutions, efforts are now being made to secure funds for the erection of a hall or chapel which will ac-commodate them on occasions such as yesterday, and at the same time afford room for the crowds of visitors who always attend them. We hope they may be successful. With a view we hope they may be successful. With a view to the furtherance of this object, the Academy of Music has been engaged for the anniversary in the spring, which, in point of attraction, will exceed that of any which has preceded it. DASTABLLY HIGHWAY ROBBRRY .- Last evening a couple of young ladies, residing in the house of Mr. S. Morgan Ramsey, at Tioga Station, on the line of the Philadelphia, Germantown, and Norristown Railroad, returned thither on the train which leaves the depot at Ninth and Green streets at 11 o'clock. They reached the station, issued from the cars, and proceeded up the street on their way home. Hardly had they gone a hundred yards, however, when they the street on their way home. Hardly had they gone a hundred yards, however, when they were sud-enly confronted by a short, thickset fellow, evidently a German. Without a word or any hesitation, he selzed them, choking one and holding on to the other. They of course raised an outery, but to no avail, for the scoun-drel, instead of relinquishing them, grasped a muff from the one he was choking, and made efforts to secure the other articles they were carrying. The young ladies, frightened, bewil-dered, weak, and defenseless, would assuredly have been robbed of everything worth the taking about them, had not the down train fortunately stopped at the station just at this juncture. The thief, seeing persons approach-ing from the baffled their pursuit and escaped. Prosance Howcone — Vesterday evening PROBABLE HONICIDE. - Yesterday evening Lientenant Witcraft, of the Eleventh district eccived information that a man was bein udely assaulted by two men at Plank road an Hart lane. He took men and proceeded to the spot. On the way he took into custody John Clarenden and Samuel Leney. Arriving at the spot indicated he found Archibald Roney, who spot indicated he found Archibald Roney, who resided at Huntingdon street and Frankford road, lying on the ground in an insenable con-dition. He was taken to his residence, where it was ascertained that there were several severe wounds on the top of the head and over the eyes. His condition was pronounced dangerons, and the accused were subsequently held by Alderman Heins to await the result of the in-juries. It seems that the three were together, and got to quarrelling about a female, and it is alleged that the two set upon Roney and beat him,

DISTRESSING EVENT.

An Entire Family Nearly Suffocated-One Member Dead.

On Thursday last John McDonald, with his family, moved into the dwelling No. 1007 South Tenth street, which was still in an unfinished condition. But one bed-room was completed, and all slept there on Thursday night. For the and all slept there on Thursday night. For the purpose of rendering it as comfortable as pos-sible, a stove was put up and a fire kindled. On the first floor there was a gas oven, the flue of which passed up alongsise of the sleeping-room, and into which the stovepipe went. Mr. McDonaid, his wife Ann, their daughter Mary, aged five years, and Sarah Carr, the servant, retired for sleep at a late hour, with the win-dows and door closed. Late yesterday morning Mr. McDonaid awoke, feeling a cnoking sensa-tion. Comprehending the situation, for the room was filled with gas, he immediately opened the door and windows, and then pro-ceeded to arouse the rest of the family. All were in a siup-field condition. McDonaid man-aged to alarm his neighbors, when he fell to the floor in an exhausted condition. The residents floor in an exhausted condition. The residents in the vicinity went to the house, and all used their utmost endeavors to restore the afflicted their utmost endeavors to restore the inflicted ones. Physicians were sent for, and they promptly replied to the call. The proper res-toratives were administered, and proved effec-tual in all the cases except little Mary, who died shortly after the arrival of the doctors. Deputy Corener Fletcher was notified, repaired to the spot, and proceeded to investigate the matter, but could not give it the attention it demanded owing to the suffering ones attill ocdemanded, owing to the suffering ones still oc-cupying the sleeping apartment. The supposi-tion is that the flue to which the even is attached was imperfect, and the gas which was created during the night found an escape through the stove and from under the closet lo the room. The Corpoer will fully investigate the affair to day. The remainder of the family were doing well this morning.

CITY CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

Malicious Mischief-Broke into a Tavern -A Man Assaulted-A Poultry Tutef-

Stole a Horse and Wagon-Street Fighters,

Fighters. -Ben. Duffy and Pat. Morris yesterday went into a tavern at Cumberland and Cedar streets, and after imbibing proceeded to work and smashed glasses, chairs, and a looking-glass. Alcerman Heins committed them. -Alfred Lilly, a whisky-drinker, last night knocked at the door of a tavern at Seventh and Bedford streets, and receiving no reply, put his shoulder against it and bursted it open. He then went behind the bar, took two doilars out of the till, and filled nimself with whisky. He was caught in the place, and sent to prison by Alderman Bonsall

Alderman Bonsall. -Joseph Kern and a German yesterday got into a wrangle over a bagatelle table in a tavern at Twenty-first and Coates streets, which ended in blows. The German received the worst of the affray, and thereupon repaired to Alder-man Pascoast's office, where ne had a warrant issued Korn was arread and hald to even

man randoms is onde, where he had a warrant issued. Kern was arrested and held to answer. -The police of the Twenty-fifth ward yester-day overhauled James Dounelly at Frankford road and the Reading Railroad, with a bag containing poultry and shirts, of which he could give no satisfactory account. He was committed by Alderman Nelll

-Thomas Brady yesterday morning hitched up a horse and carriage at the stables of Michael awn, Twenty-third and Locust streets, and

Lawn, Twenty-third and Locust streets, and drove away with it. In turning the corner of Twenty-second and Spruce streets he smashed the railing of the residence of Mr. Guoy. The wagon was also broken, and by this means Thomas was captured. The horse belonged to Mr. Hall and the carriage to Mr. Dougherty. Thomas was sent below for trial by Alderman Thomas was sent below for trial by Aiderman Patchel. Patrick Burns and John Kerns, residing at

No. 1113 Locust street, were before Alderman Morrow yesterday for malicious mischief. The offense was breaking the plate-glass in the dorr of Flaheriy's tavern, at Eleventh and Locust streets. Having paid the costs, they were discharged.

were discharged. —Reserves Ferguson and Kendig yesterday arrested Henry Russell and Bernard Bryan while engaged in hammering each other at Ninth and Sansom streets. Alderman Beitler bound them over to keep the peace.

MOETALITY OF THE CITY .- The number of deaths in the city for the week ending at noon t) day wes 186, b in tan decrease of 58 during toe to day wes [86,b] in tan decrease of 58 during tree correr prinding period of last year. Of these 95 wers adults, 91 minors; 135 were born in the United States, 44 were forsign, 7 were un-known, 5 were people of color, and 8 from the country. Of the number, 2 died of conges-tion of the lungs, 10 convulsions, 30 consumption of the lungs, 7 inflammation of the lungs, and 7 marasmus. The deaths were divided as fol-lows surports the works... lows smong the wards:-

To Young Man .- The Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D. of Brooklyn, will preach a sermon to young men at the North Broad Street Pres-byterian Church, corner of Broad and Green streets, to morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock. On Sabbath evening Rev. George A. Feltz

will preach a sermon to young men at the Ta-bernacie Baptist Church, on Chesnut street, above Eighteenth. These sermons are both under the atspices of the Young Men's Chris-tian Association of the total tian Association of this city.

PRETTY COLD .- Such was the condition of the weather yesterday morning that the driver of the Washington Engine Company's steamer was frozen almost stiff. On arriving at the engine-house he had to be lifted from his seat.h

Boy INJURED .- At noon to-day a lad, while passing the building of T. Morris Perot & Co., on Market street, above Sixth, was struck on the head with a stone which feil from the top of the structure.

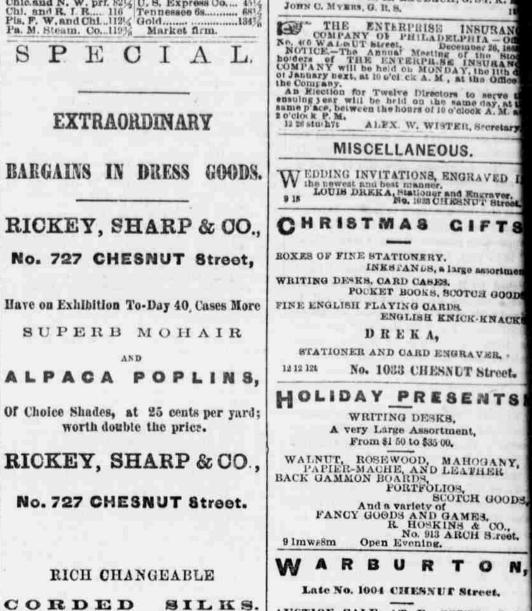
AN OWNER WANTED for a wagon and a bay horse, which were ploked up yesterday at Front and Green streets. They are at the Harbor Police Station.

Stock Quotations by Telegraph-2 P.M.

Chi. and R. I. R. 116 Tennessee 6s. Pis. F. W. and Chi. 1121 Gold. Pa. M. Steam. Co. 1193 Market firm.

2500 yards of RICH CHANGEABLE CORDED

SILKS at \$1.45 per yard.



AUCTION SALE AT B. SCOTT, Jr.'s, No. 1020 CHESNUT Street.

Received too late for Classification

DEDICATION. - THE LECTU FORTIETH STREE, below Chesnut, will be dedic for the service of God to m'rrow (Sunday, Dec. Serv cas at 10 o'clock A. M., 2, and 7% o'clock P. I Blahop Simpson will efficiate during the day,

Church of THE MEAST LOUEST Eirest below Broad, Services morrow morning and evening by the Patter. Dr E G. BROOKS, A apretal callection will tken up to foiray the expenses of the Christ Festival to take place on WEDNESDAY EVEN text.

DEE ICATORY SERVICES-I TIETH STAKET M & CHURCH (Fore street, below Chessui). - Rev. Bishop Size Park preach at 10 30 A. M To-morrow, Rev. JAN NELL At 7:30 P. M. Interesting Exercise

Tateresting exercises at 2:55 P. M. Addressee Bishep Simpson and others, All srecordially lay

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The HALL OF KNIGHTS OF FRIENDSHIP. E. corner of TENTH and SPRING GARDEN SITE

will be dedicated to the services of the Order

TUESDAY EVENING, Decomber 29, at 8 o'el

Past Grand Sir K. M. Dr. MARK G. KERR will

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GEORGE N. CORSON, Faq, of Norristown, the D

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Fy order of WM. H. LAUBACH, G. Sir. K. 1

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ON WEDNESDAY, December 80, at 10 o'clock. RICKEY, SHARP & CO., BalaLce of Slock, constating of REAL AND IMI-TATION LACE GOODS, EMBROIDERIES, HAND-KERCHIEFS, NETS, GLOVES, RIBBONS, ETC.,

Orchestra at Horticuitural Hall will be resumed on Wednesday.

OITY INTELLIGENCE CHRISTMAS.

How the Day was Observed in our City Well, the twenty-four hours embraced best tween 12 o'clock on "the night before Christ-mas" and 12 o'clock on Christmas night itself have passed away. The festival came-was greeted, greeted us-then departed. Merry old Kriss Kingle has sooted his way down our chimneys, and now the mystical tinkle of his tiny sleigh-bells will be heard no more for a twelvemonth. The "hung stockings" have all been taken down, emplied of their contents, and restored to their wonted use. The little all been taken down, emplied of their contents, and restored to their wonted use. The little ones are making merry with their presents. Youthful hearis which beat high in anticipa-tion of the coming of the day, and giad-dened at thoughts of gifts and bon-bons have been quieted and satisfied, the suspense of expectation being removed in the enjoyment of possession. Hobby-horses are now speeding it o'er many a carpet; toy houses are being erected and demolished in a jiffy; waxen dolls are being dressed and crying babies whipped; new peaknives are cutting into old furniture; trinkets are being plifered from the Christmas tree; children are gorging themselves to surfelt with sugar-plums. To day balances are being struck—that is, people are balances are being struck-that is, people are comparing what they gave with what they received, and many, we guess, have already dis-covered that, owing to the hardness of the times, they have come off second best. Bat the Bat then, you know, "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and so all are satisfied. The religion of yesterday consisted not so much in fasting as in feasting, not so much is praying as in praising. Faitened turkeys pushed everybody's stomach hard against waistbands, and the contents of the Christmas wassall cup curled everybody's hair. Bones of myriads of shaughtered lowis'ornament the gut-ters, wings, feathers, and chaws slick auda-cionals up from the cakes and caws slick audaciously up from ice cakes, and egg shells broken over the rim of the "flip" glass crackle under your feet. Seidliz powders are in demand this

your feet. Seidlitz powders are in demand this morning, so that even the apotheoaries get benefit from the time. Sharp,clear,cold.and bracing was the day. The car horses, plump on Christmas oats, trotted himbly over the cobbles, and the car-wheels creaked in ringing Christmas rhymes over the frost-bitten raits. As all volces had pronounced the "Merry Christmas," all faces were happy. Gladness beamed in every eye, and every mouth seemed stretching in a perpetusi smile to reach either ear. Amusing it was, in going along the streets, to note with what ingenuity to reach either ear. Amusing it was, in going along the streets, to note with what ingenuity Christmas presents were displayed. Here you encountered an awkward youth rejoleing in a pair of warmly-lined kids, too bulky for his fingers, and interfering with the buttons as he tried to fasten his coat. Here you came upon a budding miss over whose new fur collar tried to fasten his coat. Here you came upon a budding miss over whose new fur collar a new breastpin glittered, and from whose cars new drops hung dang-ling. Of course all eyes saw them-at least so she imagined, and that amounted to the same thing. Next you stumbled on a portly old chap of fifty or thereabouts, who flourished, in pompous major-domo style, a massive gold-headed came, and who in its honor had had his wig nice perfamed, his moustache curled and blackenes. So too, you met another feilow, rather younger in years. met another feilow, rather younger in years, but possessing much more apparent vanity, who could not refrain from an exhibition of a who could not refrain from an exhibition of a new lever watch in the excessive politeness with which he wanted to tell everybody the hour. Thus the string passed before you-a panorama-a sight as good as a show. And probably you, too, were just as foolish as they. The day, as a whole, was celebrated in quiet and order. But few men with tangled legs and displaying a propensity to prop up dead-walks and lamp-posts were

SLIGHT FIRES .- Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning the residence of William Black, on Hope street, Nineteenth ward, was slightly damaged by fire. It originated from the burst-ing of a coal-oil lamp. A slight fire occurred last evening at the dweiling No. 1423 Walnut street.

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FIRE ON NORTH FRONT STREET-ACCIDENTS ro Finemen.—A few minutes past 12 o'clock, yesterday morning, a fire broke out on the second floor of the building occupied by J. Brayman & Co., chair manufacturers No. 111 North Front street. It is four stories in height on Front street and six on Water street, to which it extends. The fismes spread to the upper stories which were entirely consumed. The adjoining structure, occupied on the lower floors adjoining structure, occupied on the lower floors by Samuel Haight, woollen manufacturer, and on the upper floors by Bartleit & Oo, blacking manufacturers, received considerable damage from water. The stock of goods on hand was pretty heavy, but a considerable quantity was removed nnharmed. The weather was so in-tensely cold during the prevalence of the fire, that the water froze as it reached the pavement, and several firemen sustained injuries by slip-ping on the ice. A ladder against one of the buildings slipped and fell, and in its descent struck two members of the Washington Hose Company, who were serionsly injured. Edward J. Dowling, a member of the Reliance Eagine Company, fell while on the way to the fire, and had a foot badly crushed. On Water street, building No. 110, occupied by Winn & Robinson, coopers, was drenched with water. Lodge & Daliy, commission mer-ctants, used the lower floor of No. 112. They sustain slight damage by water.

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ROBBERIES .- Robbers entered the tailoring store of Dunseith Brothers, No. 1019 Wainut street, some time during last night, and com-pletely cleaned it of cloins, clothing, etc. The

rear window was broken open. A set of instruments was stolen from the carriage of Dr. E. Wallace, which was standing on Ninth street, above Catharine. The residence of Mr. Horstmann, No. 1600 Wal-nut street, was broken into after six o'clock yesterday morning, by means of boring the back shutters, and robbed of table linen valued at \$400. The thieves evidently waited until the

servant girl went to church. CLOING EXERCISES.—The pupils of the Jef-fersor Grammar School, in the Six eanth Sec-ilon, are now enjoying their winter vacation. On Wednesday morning the closing exercises of the Boys' Department took place, and on the enceecaing morning those of the Giris' Depart-ment. There was at each exhibition a large audience of ladies and gentlemen, who were pleasantly entertained with the songs, recita-tions, and dialogues delivered by the scholars. This school stands high as an educational insti-tution, and its periodical exhibitions give ample evidence of that fact. evidence of that fact.

THE BROADWAY M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL OF Camden had interesting ceremonies last evenpointed addresses by Messra. Stiles and Swin-ney, and by the pastor, Rev R. A. Chalker; after which Kriss Kringle appeared in their midst and distributed a gift to each scholar. Altogether, the exercises were entertaining and profiteher. profitable

THE ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF FRIENDSHIP have made all the arrangements for the dedication of their hall, at the southeast corner of Tenth and Spring Garden streets, on the 20th of De-cember. Past G. Sir K. M. Dr. Mark G. Kerr will deliver the dedicatory address, and Past Sir K. M. George N. Corson, Esq., of Norristown, will deliver an appropriate poem for that occa-sion

ACCIDENT TO A FIREMAN .- Major William A. Delancy, a member of the Good Intent Hose Company, while returning home from the fire at Front and Arch streets yesterday morning, fell on the ice ou Arch street opposite the Ash-land House, fracturing his ankle and dislo-cating his shoulder.

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