### To Our Subscribers.

Next week you will not receive a copy of the WATCHMAN. The reason, of course, most of you know and is because country journalism has not yet out-grown its longing for a period of relief from work during the gladsome holiday season.

With this issue the fortieth year of and when it greets you again it will be to begin another, in the future of which we trust there is much of prosperity and happiness for all.

It becomes no man to be gloomy or lowncast at this glad festal season. Though fortune has passed you by and may-haps death has added a bitter sting to the cup of sorrow, already overflowing, there is still the consolation that to all a Christ was born, and that in the end His love will count for more

We wish you all a season of happiness and good cheer and hope to greet you again on the morning of January 3rd. 1896.

### A Minister with Backbone.

It is gratifying to observe that the only power that is making anything like a creditable showing in the miserable Turkish embroglio is the United States. While the great Europeau powers have been displaying a shuffling policy that has been ineffectual in restraining the atrocities of the Turks in their treatment of the Armenian Christians, the vigorous protests of the American minister TERRELL, and the energetic measures he has adopted, have secured protection for the persons and property of American missionaries that has excited surprise and admiration throughout Europe. He is being recognized as the only diplomatic representative at Constantinople that is displaying the qualities of a sturdy backbone, in dealing with the Sultan, and he has astonished the other ministers by securing compliance with his demand for the punishment of the Turkish officer who was responsible for the failure to protect the property of American miseionaries at Marash, in Armenia.

This is the minister who has been charged with neglecting American interests by those whose reckless parto misrepresent the foreign policy of developments are showing that at no point in our foreign relations are Amer ican interests allowed to be injured, or American honor to be sacrificed.

# The President and the Currency.

The President's message does not please the Republican leaders, and it was not expected that it would; yet there are members of the Republican party whose good sense is no doubt favorably impressed by many of its suggestions.

It is not surprising that so thoroughly unfair and unscrupulous a partisan sheet as the Philadelphia Press President propose no plan of increased revenue, but he inferentially indicates that he doesn't want any." The Press, itself, draws this inference from its own intentional or muddled partisan view. The President has sufficiently demonstrated in his message that the revenues need no other legislation than that which will reform the currency. As long as we have a system of curreacy that imposes upon the government obligations that are "redeemed without redemption and paid without requittance" embarrassment of the treasury is inevitable. If Congress will follow the advice of the President by remedying this defect in the currency, either by the plan he suggests, or by some other that will attain the same object, it will be all that is nec essary to be done in behalf of revenue. If the revenues were twice what they are the treasury would nevertheless continue to be subject to the drain of irredeemable obligations, and to the fluctuating menaces incident to so defective a system of currency as that which has grown up under the tenure of Republican administration.

The President, with every appearance of sincerity, offers to assist Congress in putting the currency in a condition that will contribute to the stability, instead of causing the disturbance of business.

#### Gubernatorial Contrast.

There is something almost ludicrous in the tribulation Philadelphia is having over the exactions of the traction company. The old city was never stirred up as she now is by the increase of street car fare that has been enforced since that company secured control of all the lines. To say nothing of the great strike that has completely blocked traffic in that city for the past three days and threatened life and property. The newspapers of the city are overflowing with wrath on the subject, and meetings are being held for the expression of the fiercest indignation.

The meeting of the citizens in the academy of music last week to express the WATCHMAN's existence is complete their sentiments in regard to the trolley extortions, was one of the largest ever held in that building. It was equally as large as the gathering that filled that structure when Hast-INGS rallied the enthusiastic Republicans of Philadelphia in support of his gubernatorial candidacy.

One of the leading speakers at last week's meeting was ex-Gov. Pattison. and the line of remarks he adopted should have induced some queer reflections in the minds of that audience. than all the treasures wealth can buy. Among other remarks, he called up the fact that a bill consolidating the Philadelphia street railways, thereby opening the door to monopoly, was passed by the Legislature (of course Republican) during his administration. It was similar to the one signed by HASTINGS, but he vetoed it. chiefly because it was unconstitutional, but also because it was injurious to the interest of the people in that it would enable a consolidated corporation to practice extortions upon them. The state constitution prohibits the purchase and consolidation of competing lines of railroads, and the Governor construed this provision as applying to street railways as well as to others, the principle involved being the same, the protection of the interest of the people.

The Governor's address should have made a deep impression upon that audience, the majority of whom, in their blind partisan fanaticism, had helped to defeat him for the mayoralty of their city less than a year ago, and rejoiced over it as a great party victory. Ashe stood before them he called their attention to the fact that he had protected them from the rapacity of a corporate monopoly to which they have been sold out by the Governor for whom they rolled up an unprecedented majority.

# Nicaraguan Barbarism

Approval can be accorded to a lynchtisanism has made it a political object although, on general principles, that method of punishment is to be conthe CLEVELAND administration. But demned. In this particular case it appears that an American named Joseph HERSMAIER went to Nicaragua with the Upon its being discovered by the natives that HERSMAIER had this amount of money, a party of eight of them | cipal thoroughfares. broke into his residence, at night, murdered him and got away with his treas-

This crime created great indignation among the American residents who had but little hope of Nicaraguan justice bringing the offenders to punishment. One of the suspects was arshould declare that "not only does the easily managed to escape. The Ameri- torman and conductor, smashed the cans, being fully convinced that there was no chance of punishing the offenders in the courts, broke into the ers took little if any part in the work of jail, seized the only prisoner that had destruction. been arrested for this great crime, and lynched him. Who can condemn this great act of violence, when proba- no longer a contest between a railway bly it was the only measure of justice company and its employes, but a battle that was possible in the case? The lynchers were arrested, but not pun- States army. ished, the miserable apology for a government, however, being careful to confiscate the residue of the murdered | this afternoon by Mr. Welsh, Mr. Sulliman's estate which the scoundrels who had robbed and killed him had not the city and county would be held re-

gotten away with. It may point a moral to remark in this connection that it was to redress a tion to an outrage practiced upon their consul, that the English seized the port cured from the Nicaraguan authorities, an act which the yelping Republican jingoes represented as an outrage upon the Monroe doctrine, and attempted to hold the CLEVELAND administration responsible for not interfering. These miserable partisan fault-finders would. for a political purpose, misrepresent doctrine, and prostitute it to the protection of a set of semi-barbarians,

-Next year the WATCHMAN will -CLEVELAND'S latest message to be better than ever. Are you one of gleaming weapons. Some few attempts Congress, on the Monroe doctrine and its readers? If not, why don't you to stone cars were made, but they had no its bearing on the Venezuelan ques- subscribe at once and keep well posted grave results. Trouble will surely tion was applauded by all parties when in all matters political, general and operate the cars without this heavy it was read on Tuesday There is local? There is nothing of the sense- guard or at night. no mistaking GROVER in it. He is tional or slanderous to be found in its for the Union first, last and all the columns. Always clean, bright and that they are gaining recruits every

### Intelligence and Suffrage.

A great deal of unjust criticism has been expended upon that part of the new state constitution of South Caro lina which requires intelligent voting by providing that the right of suffrage shall be exercised only by those who can read and write. It was asserted that the object of this provision was to disfranchise the negroes. This position cannot be maintained in view of the fact that the intelligence qualification applies to both races, and that it will exclude from the polls quite a number of what are classed as the poor white trash.

Some may question the policy of abridging the right of suffrage, but it cannot be charged that in this South Carolina case it has been Jone with the object of discriminating against any particular race; but as there is the greatest amount of ignorance among the negroes they will, of course, be the most affected by the restriction. ceived Ruthven's notification of his in-The same constitution, however, that imposes this qualification, shows an earnest disposition to make all the citizens qualified voters by making ample provision for the education of all classes and races. If the object was to distranchise the negroes there would be no arrangements made, at great expense, for their education.

The President's message assumes almost the importance of a commission to CHANDLER to show, now, whether his jingoistic demand for war with England was all wind or a genuine desire to slake his blood-thirstiness.

## Quaker City Held by Mobs.

Many Ecenes of Violence When the Various Street Cars Started to Run .- Over 100 Ar. rests Made. - Strikers are not Taking Part in cd .- The Employes of the Union Traction adelphia Street Railways To-day.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 .-- The meeting of the Amalgamated association of street railway employes to night decided Union Traction company, at 4 o'clock to-merrow morning. This was a ratito order a strike on all the lines of the fication of the decision made by the Executive committee earlier in the evening, when ex-Gov. Pattison and Thomas with the company. Of the 6,100 employes, 4,500 are members of the assorranning things themselves, when they ciation, but is believed that fully 95 ain't, any more'n a horse runs a per cent. of the entire force of the company will refuse to man their cars in Arch street line, and the Race and Vine street line, which are not controlled by the Union Traction company.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Philadel-

phia is all but at the mercy of a gang pagne, but Tony declined it. of hoodlums, and the traction strike is not yet 24 hours old. To-night not a promised myself I wouldn't take anystreet car of the Union traction company is running, and that company controls every line in the city with the the same thing; but if you won't, we'll exception of two comparatively short take coffee instead." cross-town lines.

Over 100 arrests were made to-day and nearly all the prisoners were held cor stable and at points along the prin-

J. J. Sullivan, president of the Electric traction, one of the branch lines was recognized by a mob at Fourth and Market streets this afternoon, and the clothes were almost torn from his back before policemen rescued him.

The police were absolutely unable to control the mob violence of to-day. From early morning until dark, each branch line made desperate efforts to start, howling mobs surroundrested and imprisoned, but the others ed the car, stoned and hooted the mowindows, cut the trolley ropes and wrecked all possible destruction. Then the attempt was abandoned. The strik-

BATTLE AGAINST VIOLENCE The city's executive declared to-night in unmistakable terms that the strike is

between the city and violence, and the city will win, if it takes the United

THE CITY RESPONSIBLE Separate letters were sent to the mayor van and William H. Shelmerdine, president of the Peoples line, declaring that sponsible for the value of the property destroyed.

It it impossible to learn to-night whether or not an attempt to start any wrong somewhat of this kind, in addi- cars will be made to-morrow. On the dozen divisions of the company to-day an aggregate of about 56 cars were start. ed out. The total number in the serof Corinto, about a year ago, and held vice of the company is 2,500, and the it until reparation in damages was se- entire road covers about 500 miles and over 6,000 men are employed. About 5,000 of these are out.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.-The second day of the traction strike ends with every wheel yet at a standstill. Excitement has been at a high- pitch all day, but the formidable police arrangements prevented any serious outbreaks. The calm was not natural, and more violence the true object of that great American is expected at any moment. A few cars were run to-day over branch lines, guarded at all points by armed policemen. In many instances they carried their revolvers drawn. The mobs were no smaller, but they respected the come the moment an effort is made to

At midnight both sides appeared to be firmer than ever. The strikers declare

# MR. RUTHVEN'S BLACK-LIST.

do a lot-ready for anything on earth Well, I'm glad he's come," said Tony, "but I'm sorter sorry too."

"So am I," said Ruthven. "I don't man like you often, Tony. What's the matter with my staying longer? I've lost my train; I can't get away to-night; it will hurt this ankle like the mischief to be jolted over that road in the dark. If—" He paused, a little embarrassed.

"I'd be proud to have you stay here for the night, sir, if you can put up before. with my accommodations-

"Capital accommodations," inter-"It's a bargain; rupted Ruthven. we'll finish our talk. Oh, come in, doctor .- '

The doctor was rather surprised at the picture of Ruthven propped up in chairs with the pipe of peace in his hand; but he examined the sprain with professional gentleness and retention of staying at Tony's with pro-

"Lend me a bit of paper and pencil. and I'll make a list of things you since Tony and I are going to make a hundred baseless rumors, each a night of it, we may as well lay in a stock.'

Tony looked after the paper, and flushed a little. Then he bit his lip, remembering just how his cupboard "I'm not going to sponge on your

Christmas provisions; Tony,"

Ruthven. After they were gone Ruthven did a strange thing. At least it would have been such to most men, though it seemed only part of the humor of the situation to Ruthven then and afterwards. He deliberately explained his business to this workman, who had been a stranger to him until that night. silence unbroken even by a cough, the Disturbances .-- State Troops May be Need- He showed him how small a margin of profit there was in any business un-Company will Endeavor to Tie Up the Phil. der the condition of the times. He figured out materials and work, and amazed Tony with many facts which he had never known, until his feelings

forced their way in the question. "Why didn't you explain it to us

"I wish I had now," said Ruthven. "The trouble, it seems to me," said Tony, "is many times that the men Martindale, representing a citizens' and the masters don't get near enough committee, pleaded in vain with the to see each other's position. The men members to attempt another arbitration | don't realize how much brains it takes

They talked until late. When Ruth. the morning. This strike will ie up every line in the city excepting the per. His contribution was the bread and some toasted fish-to tell the truth, his own proposed Christmas dinner. Ruthven had a bottle of cam-"I don't hardly ever drink, and I

thing until this riot was over."
"Well, it's over," said Ruthven; "or

And Tony sat smiling, looking at his employer drink up at a sitting what was to last him for the next object of engaging in an enterprise, and of a striker, was held in \$4,000 bail whole souled way that working men whole-souled way that working-men had \$2,000 in gold in his possession. for cutting the rope on a mail car. He still can admire their heroes; his quick will be a government prisoner. Large mind followed Ruthven's analysis with details of police are on duty at every a delight in every step; his eyes sparkled with appreciation—and Ruthven liked it. He told Tony of his early youth, of his struggles, of his mother, of his wife. He took out the photographs in his breast pocket and showed them. On his part, Tony brought an enlarged photograph of a smiling,

> Ruthven looked at it long and care fully. "There's a pretty woman, and a good one too. Tony, you are to be congratulated," said he. "I knew you'd see it," said

delicate little woman and a sturdy

"you always do see things." "Not always," Ruthven answered, rather wearily; and Tony, noting his pale face, insisted on his going straight to bed, although he himself was keenly enjoying every moment. He had built a fire in the bedroom, and he put Ruthven to bed with the tenderness that makes some men nurses by nature.

Ruthven was long awake. The chimes were playing Christmas carols. The last tune was one that his father often gave out from his pulpit and his mother loved. She used to sing it over the baby's cradle; and he could see her rocking the cradle and lifting her finger to hush him as he would run into the room. The forefinger of her right hand was calloused by needle pricks, and the joints enlarged by toil. He had seen just such hands, delicate and toil-marred, clasped over piteous little bundles, that afternoon. The thought of them affected him strangely. Though she was a gentlewoman. she was a working-woman too, his poor, brave, loving mother, who died

before he was rich The words of the hymn rang out of the music:

> "All men are equal at their birth, Heirs of the earth and skies; All men are equal when that earth Fades from their dying eyes. 'Tis man alone that difference sees, And speaks of high and low, And worships those and tramples these While the same path they go!"

Some fine thread of feeling, such as had not thrilled him since he was a boy, dreaming a boy's beautiful impossible dreams, ran through his veins now and set his heart to a half-forgotten tune. "I suppose that is the lesson of Christmas," he said to himhas tiptoed in here twice to keep my partment and draw her salary. fire going, and is using up all his little stock of fuel for me, and whom I no

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man in me recognizing another man! He lay motionless, seeing his mother's face so plainly that it startled him. "It is not strange," he said, finally, "that they go wrong if no one bothers to He stopped hearing the roll of teach them better. When it comes to carriage wheels. "That's the doctor- that, why in thunder shouldn't I show a little sympathy for my own men? I feel it!" Then he added, just as he used to add when he was a little boy have an opportunity to talk with a penitent for boyish mischief. "Yes mother, I won't do so any more." And so fell very soundly asleep. When Tony woke him, it was broad daylight, the pain in his ankle was gone, and the carriage was waiting for him. Tony had prepared eggs and toast

> silent after the expansion of the night "I'll pack away the dishes," said Tony, "I-in fact, I got to go to a meeting of the men at ten.

and coffee. Both men were rather

"Have you?" said Ruthven. "Why, so have I. And, Tony-Merry Christ

mas !"

"Thank you, sir," said Tonv. The men had gathered in a suller mood. Somehow it had been noised among them that Ruthven was in town. They hardly knew what to expect; but the general story was that the factories were to open and that there would be a long black-list. A tew of the more reckless spirits talked

might send back," said Ruthven; of prolonging the fight, flinging about professional strike-makers use to blow vigor into a dving flame. Ruthven had contracts on hand, he must meet them, he never could get together such a body of skilled workmen as he had and the like stories. To these most of the men returned only a gloomy silence. There were loud calls of "Tony!"

"Davis!" "Tony's the boy!" As if in answer, Tony and Ruthven entered the hall. Every man jumped to his feet as Tony assisted the man with him (who walked with a cane) up the platform steps and rapped on the

"Gentlemen," said Tony, amid a "you all know the object of this meet ing; I have the honor to introduce to you Mr. Ruthven."

Then Ruthven made the first speech of his life. He said, looking over the audience and supporting himself by the edge of the table : "Boys, don't you think you have rested long enough? The whistle will blow the day after Christmas, and we will let the strike be ended. You will all be welcome, and Mr. Davis here will explain to you that we have gone over the wage question together, and he is satisfied that, for the present, I cannot give you better wages; but he is good enough to say you all know me to be a man of my word and when the times warrant al!-only this is a special sort of Christmas to me. I suppose the turkeys are rather low to-day, but I think with roast pig and beef the grocers can make out to give each married man a good dinner, and they will see to the single men. Mr. Davis and I have seen the butchers. That's all, except that I wish you all a Merry Christmas !"

The men looked at each a simultaneous impulse rolled a cheer out of every throat. There was a break in some of the voices, coming from a relief so deep the men could hardly realize the change. In the midst of the cheering a man made himself heard. He was moving that the strike be declared off by a rising vote.

The man who put the vote was Tom Brady. Davis adjourned the meeting, but not a man left the room; they crowded around the door to look at Ruthven as he went out.

shake hands with you, sir," said Tony, but I'm afraid it would hurt your "Not a bit of it," said Ruthven.

mean to be better acquainted, and this s a good time to begin.' The first man that Ruthven greeted was Tom Brady himself. Brady was

choking so that he could only gasp profanely something about having been a drunken fool yesterday.
"Yesterday's wiped out," said Ruthven; "we'll all take a fresh start." But for Tony's vigorous elbows Ruthven could hardly have gotten away from the crowd, and he could

hear them cheering him far down the street. As they drove along Ruthven took something out of his pocket and tore it up slowly. "It just something I have no use

for," said he. It was the Zoar Wagon Company's black-list .- Harper's Bazar.

# A Stunner for the Jingoes,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17--President Cleveland in a message to congress today regarding England's reply on the Venezuela dispute says that the dispute has reached such a stage as to make it incumbent upon the United States to take measures to determine with sufficient certainty which is the true division line between Venezuela and British Guiana. This done, says the president, it will be, in my opinion, the duty of the United States to resist by every means in its power as wilful aggression upon its rights, the appropriation by Great Britain of any lands we have determined belongs to Venezuela.

# An Easy Job

From the Clearfield Republican. Among the countless useless offices established by the recent Republican Legislature, an exchange note of clerk to the State Economic Zoologist. Miss Mary Rhone of Centre county, is the lucky person to fill this important (?) office and she has already reported for | ly part of this week. On account of the duty. She is the daughter of Worthy Master Leonard Rhone, of the State grange, and she will receive a salary of \$1.500 a year. The office is a sinecure self, "and this queer attraction that I and about all she will have to do will now. feel for the good fellow out there, who be to report now and then at the De-

-You can buy as good a cloth

Reduced Rate Tickets to Atlanta Exposition via Pennsylvania Railroad.

December 19 and 24 are the last days on which tickets for the Atlanta Exposition will be sold by the Pennsylvania railroad at reduced rates. These tickets will be good for ten

Rates and time tables can be ob tained on application to ticket agents

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

MARRIAGE LICENSES .- Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week : John W. Dale, of Benner township,

William S. Scaif, of Chester Hill.

and Annie E. Tressler, of College town-

Clearfield county, and Rebecca Walker, of Rush township. Philip L. Stere, of Union township,

and Arvilla Lucas, of Snow Shoe. J. Collins Mattern, of Half Moon township, and Candace B. Woodring, of

Worth township. William H. Calvert, of Williamsport, and Fannie L. Butler, of Axe Mann. Clarence W. Adams, of Philipsburg,

and Susie Rowland, of Dudley, Huntingdon county, Pa. John F. Miller and Mary Ball Best,

both of Madisonburg. Philip Grenoble, of Pine Grove Mills,

and Bella Corl, of State College. Albert Dillen and Susan Shunkweiler,

both of Philipsburg. Wm. Byron and Sarah Ashurst, both

of Philipsburg. Eugene Heverly, of Lewistown, and

Annie Stuart, of Spring township. -Good morning, have you seen

Zeller's holiday goods ?

-The largest assortment of men's dress overcoats, that can be found in the State, from \$3.50 to \$18 a piece, at Lyon & Co's

FOSTER PREDICTS SNOW FOR CHRIST-MAS. - My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 16th to the 20th, and the next will cross the Pacific coast about the 20th, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 21st, great central valleys the 22nd to 24th, and the eastern States the 25th. This disturbance will occur during the cold part of the month, and this storm will bring the blizzard kind, followed by very cold weather. Precipitation will extend to it the wages shall be raised. That is nearly the whole of North America, principally snows in the north, snows and sleet along the fortieth parallel and cold rains in the south. The warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 20th, great central valleys the 22nd, and the eastern States the 24th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 23rd, great central valleys the 25th and th eastern States the 27th.

The last weather disturbance of December will reach the Pacific coast about the 26th, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 27th. great central valleys the 28th or 30th and the eastern States the 31st. Temperature will not go so low with this disturbance as the one preceding and precipitation will be less. The cool wave following will soon give way and "I guess they'd like awful much to January will come in under a high temperature average. Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 26th, great central valleys the 28th, and eastern States the 30th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 29th, great central valleys the 31st and eastern States Jan. 2.

> Some people will not forget the great storms, cold wave and blizzard that crossed the country Nov. 22 to 26, the date given in my bulletin for this dis turbance, but they might overlook the facts that these severe storms were clearly predicted in the bulletin of Oct. 9, which said: "This disturbance will bring in the coldest part of the month." The general forecast of this month was low averages from 21st to 28th.

-A boy's fine chinchilla storm overcoat for \$4, worth \$5.50, at Lyon

#### Pine Grove Mention To all a Merry Christmas.

Gossip has a Christmas wedding slated,

At the Saturday evening meeting of the Pennsvalley I. O. O. F. a number of friends from State College were present. Prof. G. W. Weaver, of Curwensville is

in attendance at his father's bedside, who

has been seriously ill with heart trouble, but is now better. The mossbacks are home without the sign of a trophy. They tell wonderful stories about the game they wounded, but

how strange it is they did not bring any of it home with them. The Lutheran church and Sunday school will hold the usual Christmas entertainment on Christmas evening, while

our Pine Hall friends will have their celebration on Christmas eve. Dr. Alexander and wife, of Potters

Mills, were welcome guests at father inlaw H. R. Smith's, on Main street, the eardoctor's practice he returned home while Mrs. Alexander remained to cheer her invalid father, who is helpless from paralysis but is able to speak quite distinctly

The W. J. Meyers carriage works, one of our most prosperous industries, has been crowded with orders all season, extra time is worked in several departmore dare offer anything to than I dare lady's cape at Lyon & Co's. for \$3.50 ments and from present indications the offer to cut his throat—that is just the as you pay \$4.50 for elsewhere.