



BEDEFORD, PA., FRIDAY, DEC. 22, 1865.

CHRISTMAS.—A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers! We hope that all the folks, little folks, big folks, old folks and new folks, will enter into the spirit of the occasion, with such a fund of humor and liberality that a carnival will reign throughout the land from Christmas Eve until the New Year has ushered in with a bright token of future prosperity. Let all enjoy the occasion, blessed as it will be with all the luxuries of the land, and seasoned by peace and harmony. But in the midst of your enjoyment and pleasure, we beg of you not to forget the poor, the destitute little orphans made so by a father's patriotism. Do not kind mother and dear father we pray you, while with pride regarding the happiness of your own sweet cherubs, forget these little ones and their widowed mother which our fortune has bereft of the kind provider, who once with the same manliness and pride, perhaps, regarded his own dear household, as you do now, but in an hour when patriotism called, he bade them a sad, sweet farewell, and went to—return no more. And there are others, not made destitute by the ravages of war, that need your charity, give it to them, we pray you, and remember that they that give to the poor only lead to Him whom we all would serve. Let every body, rich and poor, old and young, married and unmarried, enjoy the rich holiday occasion.

RECORD OF THE FEDERAL DEAD.—A record of the Federal dead buried from Libby, Belle Isle, Danville and Camp Lawton prisons and at City Point, and in the field before Petersburg and Richmond has been published by the U. S. Christian Commission to save the friends of the deceased at home, the weary task of groping among the dead for their loved and lost ones. The only objection to the pamphlet, that we experienced in looking over it, is the promiscuous distribution of names, instead of being carefully arranged in alphabetical order. Four parents out of five would be as likely to find the lost one among the lamented dead in the field or the camp as in this confused mass of names. It can never be a book for ready reference. We have been requested to say that it can be had, free of charge, by applying by letter or otherwise, to the headquarters of the Christian Commission, Philadelphia.

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School Reform, No. 6.

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THE REPORT BOOKS.—The report books should be kept in the school room. Visitors wish to see it. They have a right to see it. The book is intended to be kept in the school so that they can see it. Teachers who keep it out of sight, frequently do so because they fear it will not bear inspection. If the school-room is not a safe place to leave it over night, it can be carried home evenings.

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New Advertisements.

BOND'S OYSTER and PICNIC CRACKERS.—and BUTTER BISCUIT, the best in the United States. The latter particularly well adapted for school children as delicate persons; very light, palatable and nutritious.

KINGSDORF'S CELEBRATED CORN-STARCH, FAHNESTOCK'S FARINA and HOMINY, just received and for sale at the bargain store of G. B. & W. OSTER.

LONDON LAYER RAISONS, Richardson's Celebrated French canned PEACHES, and Fresh Baltimore Canned COY OYSTERS, just received for the Holidays and for sale by G. B. & W. OSTER.

CORNBREAD and SOUTHERN PA. R. R. Co., Philadelphia, Dec. 22, 1865.

THE Annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the office of the company No. 230 South 53rd street, on MONDAY, January 8th, 1866, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing officers to serve for the ensuing year.

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PUBLIC SALE OF Real Estate.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, the undersigned Administrator of David H. Steyer, deceased, administers the real estate, which will be sold at public sale on the premises on Monday January the 15th 1866 at 10 o'clock A. M.

A LOT OF GROUND in the town of Rainburg, about eighty-two feet front and one hundred and ninety feet deep with a large Tavern House, adjoining lot of George Morgan on the North and C. F. Helzel on the South, formerly the property of Joshua Fuller. Terms of sale as usual.

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MOST IMPORTANT NEWS.

A CONTINUAL FLOW OF BARGAINS FROM THE CHEAP STORE. \$20,000 WORTH TO BE SLAUGHTERED IN NINETY DAYS. BEST PRINTS AT 25 CTS.

G. R. & W. OSTER, ARE NOW RECEIVING A VERY LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF NEW AND CHEAP WINTER GOODS, PURCHASED SINCE THE RECENT DECLINE IN PRICES.

NEW STYLES AND SHADES FRENCH MERINOES, COBRUGS, CASHMERE, ALPACA, SHEPHERD'S PLAID, POPINS, DELAINES, DRESS FABRICS, BLANKETS, CANTON FRANCES, SHIRTING AND SHEETING MUSLIN, FROM 25 CENTS UP.

LADIES' FURS, Shawls, Coats and Cloak, Hoop and Balmoral Skirts, Cloths, Cashmires, Satines and Jeans, Wool and Merino Undershirts and Drawers to match, Shirt Fronts, Collars and Neckties, Hosiery and Gloves, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Queensware, &c. &c. &c.

GOOD GOODS AT LOW PRICES. BUT DON'T COME WITHOUT THE MONET. OUR TERMS ARE CASH, UNLESS BY SPECIAL AGREEMENT.

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IRON BUILDINGS, No. 37 Fifth St., PITTSBURGH, PA.

BOOK KEEPING, BUSINESS PENMANSHIP, COMMERCIAL CALCULATIONS, LECTURES UPON LAW, ETHICS, DETECTING COUNTERFEIT MONEY, &c.

HUNTINGTON & BROAD TOP RAILROAD. On and after Monday, November 13, 1865, Passenger trains will arrive and depart as follows:

STATIONS	Arrives	Departs
Huntingdon	11:39	11:45
M'Connellstown	11:19	11:24
Manchester	11:11	11:16
Coffee Run	10:39	10:45
Rough and Ready	10:31	10:36
Cove	10:23	10:28
Fisher's Summit	10:15	10:20
Broad Top	10:00	10:05

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