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CHRISTMAS.

Right ahead of us there, is Christmas—just within sight, not farther off than next Sunday. All the Christian world is in honest glee over the coming anniversary of the birth of Christ—the greatest of all holidays.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, is the Reporter's greeting and wish to all its readers. May the most genial sun shine cheer their paths in the future, and the mantel of mellow moonlight bedeck them at eve in calm and serene slumbers, with undisturbed consciences in the New Year, leaving no hiding place for a speck of grief or cause for a tear of sorrow.

All mankind has reason to rejoice and be glad—no event, no battle, no achievement, no conquest, nothing has been so full of blessings for the human race, as the birth of the Saviour. Nations bow before Him. Millions seek him, for so, lace and acknowledge Him as the great deliverer and offer prayers of praise in honor of his coming, his sufferings for us, and of his matchless love.

Christmas should inspire a thought of grateful praise, fringed in purest glee, and forgetful of all sadness. Bow, not as slaves, but in reverence as freed from the law, by the King of Kings, who knows only love and kindness, and by whose will and testament a rich inheritance is set apart for all who will accept it.

A Merry Christmas, then, to all followed by the happiest of New Years Peace on earth and good will to men, is the proclamation from on high; rejoice and be glad.

ALL THE BELLS.

"All the bells on earth shall ring
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
And all the souls on earth shall sing
On Christmas day in the morning."

Another bank clerk has gone wrong but did not have a chance to go to Canada. On 15 Joseph Knight, the book-keeper of the Manufacturers' National Bank was taken before United States Commissioner Edwards charged with stealing from the funds of the bank between sixty and seventy thousand dollars. The officers of the bank discovered Knight's delinquencies several weeks ago and placed the case in the hands of the Pinkerton agency, and Knight was arrested a few days ago. It is said that Knight had been appropriating to his own use the bank's money for nearly twenty-five years. He has been in the employ of the bank for nearly thirty-five years and has always been considered trustworthy.

Among the prominent manufacturers who have indorsed the president's tariff views is Mr. A. B. Farquhar, of York, this State. Mr. Farquhar is a life-long Republican, and he believes the time has come when the oppressive and unnecessary war duties levied in the tariff should be reduced so that industry may be disburdened of the incubus they have laid upon it. There are many manufacturers who share the sentiments of Mr. Farquhar.

E. I. Harper, the president of the Fidelity Bank of Cincinnati, was found guilty yesterday of embezzling its funds and sent to the penitentiary for ten years. There was an affecting scene in court when his sentence was announced, his wife being completely prostrated by the blow; but when the number of innocent depositors and stockholders that he ruined is remembered, there is little sympathy for his misfortunes.

The queen of the Gypsies was crowned a few nights ago at Fort George, on the Sioux Reservation. The queen is Mrs. Douglass Carlin, the intelligent Indian Princess recently married to a white man. The occasion was witnessed by a number of whites and hundreds of Indians. The queen was loaded down with presents and looked very pretty.

The new President of the French Republic is near-sighted. It requires a man in that position to be far-sighted if he would accomplish anything, says an exchange. In the Reporter's opinion if he can only see as far as Germany, is all France cares for.

The snow of last Saturday night measured from 18 to 22 inches in depth in the eastern counties of our state. In this section it was only about three inches deep.

There is not a syllable in President Cleveland's message in favor of free trade, but he wants the revenues and taxation reduced, and shows how to do it.

The tariff question got into the state grantee meeting, last week, and there were advocates for and against Cleveland's policy.

WHO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY?

Even a horse would laugh, if it could, over the clumsy efforts of the *Tribune*, and the Republican leaders generally, to criticize as novel President Cleveland's insistence on an immediate obliteration of all surplus taxes. This is what each national convention said in 1884:

DEMOCRATIC.	REPUBLICAN.
"That change is necessary is proved by an excess of surplus of more than \$100,000,000, which has yearly been collected from a suffering people."—The Democratic party is pledged to reduce the surplus in a spirit of fairness to all interests.	The Democratic party has failed completely to relieve the people of the burden of unnecessary taxation by a wise reduction of the surplus. The Republican party pledges itself to correct the irregularities of the law and to reduce the surplus to a just and equitable level.

Then the Republicans condemned, and very justly condemned, the Democratic party (so far as concerned the House of Representatives), because it had not completely relieved the people of the burden of unnecessary taxes.

Many newspaper editors have short memories. During the last twenty years each Democratic House, each Democratic Speaker and each Democratic ways and means committee has endeavored, or professed to endeavor, to reduce taxes on the lines laid down by the President on Tuesday last. If those editors will turn to President Cleveland's inaugural address, and to his annual message of 1886 they will find the same ideas on taxation reduction as are in the message of last Tuesday. The only difference is in more elaboration in the last message, but not more than Mr. Manning presented in 1885 and 1886, as the advice to Congress of the administration. The President and Mr. Manning were, in 1886, quite as drastic for tariff reform as is the President in 1887. Not a proposition of sound political economy can be found in the President's latest message that cannot be found in the Democratic national platforms of 1876, 1880 and 1884. Governor Tilden was chosen to be President in 1876 on the very tariff ideas which were elaborated by President Cleveland on Tuesday last.

One of the earliest suggested uses for electric lights and electric motors was in coal and other mines, where want of fresh air and sometimes the presence of dangerous gases limit the use of other lights and motors. Thus far, however, very little has been done in the way of improving mine equipments by the use of electricity. The *Electrical World* describes an electrical railway recently introduced in the Lykens Valley collieries (Pennsylvania) as the first in America and the largest in the world. It was put in operation July last, is a little more than a mile long, and has been in use ever since, hauling with ease trains of from 10 to 21 cars loaded with rock or coal, weighing from 50 to 100 tons. The Schlessinger system and machines are used. In the mine the conductor of electricity is an iron rail, supported on props alongside the track and from two to six feet above it. The current returns to the dynamo by the rails on which the cars run. The electric railway is said to be more economical than steam or mule power, but its greatest advantage is that it consumes no oxygen and does not give forth smoke or other noxious gases. The trains are run at the rate of six miles an hour, and are under perfect control. The electricity is furnished from a dynamo set up outside of the mine.

Mr. J. G. McSparran, overseer of the state grange, Patrons of Husbandry, in his report made to that body opposed the repeal of the internal revenue and favored tariff reform. He said that in order to protect the wool industry amounting \$45,000,000, the people pay as consumers an excessive tax of \$146,000,000. He also stated that from 1850 to 1860, under a low tariff, the valuation of farms increased 100 per cent, while from 1870 to 1880, under a high tariff, it increased but 9 per cent.

Overseer McSparran has evidently given some study to the effect of the tariff upon industry. He is not bitten by the tarantula of protectionism, nor is he frightened by the bugaboo of "free trade." His ideas are based upon stubborn facts, demonstrable figures. He does not deal in glittering generalities or use misleading terms, but goes straight to the heart of his subject with an incisiveness of manner that is simply irresistible. Mr. McSparran has the logic of truth on his side and therefore his arguments are irrefutable.

Secretary Fairchild took official notice to day of the report that 2,000 Belgian miners are to be imported to take the place of the Lehigh region now on a strike. He sent telegrams to the collectors of customs at New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore, calling their attention to the report and instructing them to be vigilant in preventing any violation of the alien contract labor law.

The Pennsylvania Republicans think of offering Don Cameron for president. Well, let it be don.

MILLIONS OF CHINESE HOMELESS.

The steamer City of Sydney arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama. The Chinese give details of a disaster occasioned by the Yellow river overflowing its banks in the province of Honan and describe it as one of the most appalling occurrences in the loss of life and property recorded in recent times. The river broke its banks on the morning of September 28, southwest of the city of Chingchow, and not only completely inundated that city, but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a raging sea, ten to thirty feet deep, where it was once densely populated and a rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow river is now dry and the present lake was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is incalculable, and a statement is made by the missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving.

UNCLE GUNTHER'S MILL.

In Whiting, Washington county, Maine, lives an old fellow named Gunther, who has acquired the title of "Champion Crank of Maine." He recently completed, after months of hard work and at considerable expense, a saw and grist-mill upon the summit of a lofty hill. On the side of the building is a big over-shoot wheel, while just under the roof is an immense tank. Uncle Gunther, who is a religious fanatic of the first order, says that he built the mill to convince people that all prayers will be answered when accompanied by a sufficient degree of faith. He declares that God will send rain enough to keep the mill-wheel going whenever he prays for it.

One of his neighbors asked him, "What is the matter with building the mill down on the stream?" He replied that it wasn't a mill he was after, but a method of reclaiming sinners.

The mill hasn't started, but Uncle Gunther says he hasn't asked for any rain yet. He thinks the neighbors will all be converted in time, and meanwhile the mill on the hill will serve as a landmark.

The resolutions and speeches in the State granges of Pennsylvania and Delaware, approving the principles of President Cleveland's message, are significant indications of the sentiment of American farmers on the subject of tax reduction. It will soon become evident that not only agriculturists and merchants, but financiers and a large majority of manufacturers will unite in bringing to the support of the Democratic policy of 1888 such a combination of patriotic influence as has never been known before.

The 16,000,000 laborers who are not protected by a tariff should be regarded fully as much as the 2,000,000 who are protected, especially as these 2,000,000 are also forced to pay back as consumers the bonus they exact as producers.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

After the marriage of Albert and Victoria, Christmas gifts came into vogue in England, and the pretty German custom has grown well-nigh universal now. Saint Nicholas does New York in lieu of a patron saint, and Knecht Rupert—but let us hope there are no bad boys now, and that the servants' rod is never needed on Christmas day at least.

"Yule's come and Yule's gone,
And we have feasted well,
See Jock man to his fall again
And Jenny to her wheel."

Now one of the best things about this little ditty is that it isn't true. Christmas is a fine thing in itself—we like it because it is Christmas, because it stands out in the winter a bright glow in the cold, because the shops are shut and mammon for one day is suspended; but about Christmas that New Year comes after it. Christmas ushers in a set of holidays, and one needn't settle down into the commonplace immediately after it.

TROUBLE AT THE STERLING MINES.

Trone, Pa., Dec. 17.—Yesterday should have been pay day at the Sterling mines, in the Clearfield region, but the operators failed to pay off. All the miners refused to go to work until their pay which is overdue for some time, shall be forthcoming.

ITEMS FROM TUSSEYVILLE.

Every one on tip-ice for Christmas and "My Christmas Gift" on every lip. Harry Decker was fortunate to kill a deer recently. Cora, daughter of Wm. Love, is recovering from her fever. George Miss is putting a new store building on the burned site. Mr. James Glasgow died here of dropsy, aged 75 years. The sausage making season is not over yet. Who is the chap that was not allowed to "go in" with his gal, because pap was about 7 that follow might get a deer in the mountains.

Having added to our stock of material we are ready to do poster work, at low rates; Sale bills, large sheet \$1.25; and sheet, \$1.00. All poster work in same proportion. Envelopes at 2 1/2 c per 1000. Bill heads and statements \$1.75 per 1000. Cash to accompany order.

Keep your family well, supplied with "Bellers Cough Syrup." Use it in time you will avert bronchial and pulmonary affections. 75c per bottle.

DEATH'S BRIDGE.

Eight Men Killed by an Engine's Fall From a Bridge.

BATHURST, N. B., Dec. 19.—A terrible accident occurred Saturday afternoon near Caraque Station, on the northern division of the International railroad. While the train which left Caraque at 3 p. m. for Gloucester Junction, in charge of Conductor Daniel Kearney and Driver Michael Lanigan, was near McKintooch's Cove Bridge, six miles west of Caraque, the train men noticed heavy drifts of snow on the west side of the bridge. The train consisted of one passenger car, an engine and a snow plow. Eight section men were aboard for the purpose of assisting in clearing the road of the snow which fell in Friday's storm.

The passenger car was left on the east side of the bridge. The section men, the conductor, Brewster, and a young man named Frank Miller, Driver Lanigan and Fireman Boucher, thirteen persons in all, were on the engine.

They then started, but when they got on the bridge the plow and engine left the track and fell into the river. The rest, eight men, were pinned down under the engine, which was lying bottom up in the river. The train was running slowly at the time, as they had plenty of time when they got over the bridge to get a run at the bridge.

Mr. Litchman Schooled to Patience.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—In reference to the report that criminal proceedings would probably be the outcome of the present meeting of the general executive board of the Knights of Labor in this city in regard to the expenditures as reported by General Secretary Charles H. Litchman, that officer said to-day: "I have been the victim of an erroneous amount of misunderstanding and vindictive attack since my connection with the Knights of Labor. I have become schooled to patience. This new endeavor to bring me into disrepute with the order and without outside friends will not be successful. If the board should deem it fitting to demand an explanation from me I can assure you that my vindication will be complete. I have not the slightest fear of what my acts will bear the light of the strongest criticism." It was stated that the secretary's printing bill alone for the year was \$40,000.

Will They Indict the Mayor?

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—Rumors were current Saturday that an attempt will be made to indict Mayor Smith, together with the late clerk of the police board, Dick Johnson. Mayor Smith sent Johnson to Kentucky to buy horses, and on Johnson's return the mayor approved the bill, which was afterwards declared fraudulent. Johnson was discharged and the matter dropped until last night, when Prosecutor Pugh asked for the papers in the Johnson investigation, thus putting the report of Mayor Smith's intended indictment. Johnson's offense is the same as that for which Charley Doll is now under sentence to the penitentiary for two years.

Exonerating a Pastor.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—With regard to the recent scandal about the Rev. George H. Tilton of Rehoboth, which has stirred up the town and which consisted of certain statements made by Mrs. Lillie Carpenter and her husband to the effect that the pastor had made insinuating remarks to her and connecting his name with another woman, friends of the pastor have now come forward with affidavits to relieve the pastor of the reflections. The report of the investigating committee exonerates the Rev. Mr. Tilton of all charges, and in an affidavit Mrs. Carpenter states that she and her husband withdrew all their past utterances.

Lives in a Red Hot Fire.

STRAUCER, N. Y., Dec. 15.—As Mrs. R. G. Asthorth of Lyons drew a pail of water from a well yesterday morning she saw a bright red reptile, resembling a lizard, 8 or 9 inches long, in the pail. She threw the reptile into the stove, where there was a hot coal fire. One hour later she was surprised to find the reptile skipping merrily about on the red hot coals. She called Dr. Freyand, who says it is a genuine salamander and a fine specimen. He put it in his crucible would allow, and yet the reptile showed no signs of disfigurement.

Damages Awarded on Author.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 18.—In the circuit court here, Judge Jackman sued Mrs. Hannah Perkins for \$1.00 claimed for writing the latter's life in the form of a romance, to be published under Mrs. Perkins's name. Mrs. Perkins wished to rival Marietta Holly, so that the lady could not walk by her "with her head up." The best lawyers of the county were engaged on both sides and interest in the case was widespread. The jury rendered a verdict after six hours' deliberation for the plaintiff for \$1,068.75. Judgment and levy were ordered.

The Oklahoma Boom.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 18.—Col. E. C. Child one of the acknowledged leaders of the Oklahoma boom in the past, has just returned from that country, accompanied by several colleagues. His trip, which lasted nearly four weeks, was made in the interest of the present movement. He is very reticent about giving information concerning the "New Oregon," as it is called, but admitted that before long another great effort will be made to occupy the coveted country.

For Robbing a District-Attorney.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 19.—Thomas Reynolds, who was arrested in Providence on Thursday charged with breaking and entering the house of District-Attorney Knowlton, in this city, and larceny of twenty-three silver spoons, was before the district court in this city Saturday and bound over in the sum of \$5,000 to the superior court. Reynolds was born in Foughtles and claims to belong in Gloucester.

Oyster Dealers Swindled.

SCRANTON, Dec. 19.—Dale & Cox, who opened an office here about a month ago for the sale of oysters at wholesale, have disappeared after swindling oyster dealers in many places in the south as well as in Philadelphia for large amounts. The losers had filed the orders of Dale & Cox in the belief that they were Dale & Co., the widely known commission merchants.

LOCAL SQUIBS.

—The first snow of the season drifted and rendered the walk to the station useless.

—A fine lot of albums, toilet cases, illustrated poems, suitable Xmas presents at Bairfoot's book store, Bellefonte.

—Sam Leister and family are now located in rooms on second floor of bank building.

—Try Fleming, the tailor, Bellefonte; he has a fine line of goods in stock and keeps up with the styles.

—To make your friend a Christmas gift that will last a whole year, send him the Reporter.

—Lohr's grocery will have a complete stock of candies, confectionery, nuts, etc., for the holidays season.

—Our Reformed brethren are busy decorating their church for their Christmas eve exercises.

—Fancy articles, work-boxes, perfume, etc., can be had at Zeller's drug store, Bellefonte, at low figures.

—Wednesdays were quite disagreeable. Streets were more or less slushy and the atmosphere damp.

—Sunday Schools, Societies, Bands, etc., can get candy for festivals at reduced rates at Jacob's bakery, Bellefonte.

—A little girl made its appearance at the home of our young friend, George Emerick, below town. He has made up his mind to have Mrs. Emerick raise it, and she will.

—Don't forget that Bushman and Kreamer have a number of fine organs in stock which they offer at exceptionally low figures. Go and see them.

—The Centre Hall Cornet Band will make application at Jan'y term of court for articles of incorporation, which will be the first chartered institution of the kind in this section of the state.

—Candies, finest, best, all kinds, nuts, cakes, and tree ornaments not to be excelled and a large lot of Christmas toils—Cox's, Bellefonte.

—The Reporter has a large commentary, in German, on the Pentateuch, which is 125 years old. There is not a more comprehensive work on the five books of the Bible extant.

—Professor A. L. Guss, at one time principal of a soldiers' orphan school and afterward editor of the *Huntington Globe*, died at Wakefield, Dakota, a few days ago, aged 60 years. His death was caused by pneumonia.

—Colonel Thomas in his report shows that twenty-nine new granges were organized during the past year. There was an increase of membership of 3,000 and there are \$5,000 in the treasury, with all expenses paid.

—Reesman, the stove man, has been putting out a large number of square iron stoves this fall. As fast as they go, new ones arrive. See his stock before buying. Rosemont, Princess and Beaver take the lead.

—The exact number of deer taken from the Paddy mountain hunting ground as we learn from Frank Bradford, at that station, was 47 this season. Taking the mountain range of the valley, there must have been nigh unto 100 deer killed this fall.

—The Centre Hall roller flouring mills have been making regular night runs of late, altho' the capacity for manufacturing was increased, yet the demand for Cream and Calla Lily flour is on the increase. These brands are giving the utmost satisfaction and equal to any in market. An addition will be put to the mill buildings in order to accommodate an increase of trade.

—Please call and examine our large stock of cloths and casimeres suitable for any garment in men's wear—a full assortment of overcoats "READY MADE." The largest line of hats, caps and furnishing goods in the county—all work guaranteed to fit or no pay.

MONTGOMERY & Co.

Brockerhoff Row & Humes Block.

—It now transpires that the law of 1885 requiring the election of tax collectors has not been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court as was reported. The text of the decision, which has been reversed, discloses that the law is perfectly constitutional, but is inoperative in those districts having local laws on that point. Therefore all those districts not controlled by local legislation will elect their tax collectors next February.

—Sam Lewins, of the Philad Branch, is busy day and evening waiting on customers. They are after clothing, and know they will get just what they ask for and at the lowest figures. The tailoring establishment is in full blast employing a large force to keep up with the orders. If he can't suit you in ready made goods, his tailor is ready to fit you with a first class suit. Give this establishment a call if in need of anything in the line of clothing.

—The funeral of Calvin Fischer, of whose death by an accidental discharge of his gun we gave an account last week, took place at Salem Reformed church, near Pers Hall, on last Saturday forenoon, and was largely attended. Rev. Yearick officiated upon the solemn occasion.

We have received a few minutes particulars of the accident. When the unfortunate young man's gun was discharged, about 2 p. m., one of his companions was about 50 yards away and thinking that the quiet that followed was to avoid alarming game, he did not make an investigation and proceeded on his hunt, and when Calvin did not appear at noon, the first fears were entertained and search was instituted in the direction where he had been stationed, and was found at 2 p. m. dead as given in our last week's account. He was four miles from the railroad station and this distance the corpse was carried by the hunters. J.C. Harper, A.A. Dale, and one or two others, constituted another hunting party on the same ground and assisted in conveying the corpse to the home of Maj. Fischer. The bullet entered the ball of his right hand passed up and out through the upper part shattering every bone, then entered under his chin and went to his brain.

What You Want.

If you are trying to find something suitable for a Christmas Gift, we think we can show you what you want. We have a new stock of

Easy Chairs, Rocking Chairs, Fine Parlor Stands,

Wall Brackets, Pictures, Lounges, Parlor Suits,

Sofas, and many other articles.

All are invited to visit our rooms and examine the stock.

McCormick Bros.,

CENTRE HALL, PENNA.

BIG RUSH.

at Powers' shoe store Bellefonte the last few weeks from every section of the county to get bargains in boots and shoes. They carry an immense stock and can show any style, quality, finish, and price shoe you may want. No one need fear dealing

as their word is as reliable as their goods. Another very important point in their favor is that they can beat any shoe dealer in this section for low prices. This is no brag, but a fact. They handle immense quantities of boots and shoes in a season and can sell them at low figures. Don't fail to call at Powers'

SHOE STORE

Bellefonte Pa.

Cedar's :-Bakery,

BELLEFONTE, PA.

The Holiday Season will soon be here and we will have an immense stock of new goods for the occasion. We handle only Pure Candies and Confectionery. Oranges, Banannas, Figs, Dates, Raisins, Almonds, Nuts a new Stock Schools Societies, Festivals supplied at reduced rates.

Large lot of Dolls and finest Tree Ornaments in the county.

BIG TIME! WHERE?

AT LUDWIG'S STORE, Unpacking his Holiday Goods. He will give

TONS of Candy, French Mixtures, Dainties, etc.

BUSHELS of Peanuts, Creamnuts, Almonds, etc.

BARRELS full of Oranges, Lemons, Dates, Banannas, etc.

BOXES full of Toys, presents from "Old Santa Claus."

by the stow or quart, always in stock.

DALE & CO.,

Will be supplied with a brand new stock of goods for

XMAS AND NEW YEAR.

Will have something for young and old. Will have a fresh stock of

CANDIES, — ORANGES,

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PEANUTS, — ALMONDS,

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Etc., Etc. A fine line of Toys, China Ware, etc., in stock.

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STORE, - Centre Hall.

An Immense Stock of Candies, Fruits, Raisins, Confectionery, Figs, Nuts, Toys, Novelties, and a Thousand other articles suitable for Holiday Presents, at

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