The Star & Sentinel.

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Advertisers and others interested will bear in mind that the regular circulation of the "STAR AND SENTINEL" is much larger than that of any other paper published in the County, being read weekly by not less than 10,000 persons.

☞ Advertisements, to secure immediate attention, must be handed in on or before Tuesday morning.

CONGRESS.

Congress re-assembled on Thursday last, pursuant to the adjournment resolution passed at the July session. There was a quorum in each branch, and both adjourned over till Monday of this week, on which day the Speaker of the HOUSE intended to announce the Standing Committees, and the Judiciary Committee were to report on the proposed impeachment of President JOHNSON. It is understood the majority of the Committee (Messrs. BOUTWELL, WILLIAMS, THOMAS, LAWRENCE and CHURCHILL, Republicans), will report in favor of the impeachment of President JOHNSON, and submit such facts as they believe make it the duty of the House to present articles of impeachment to the Senate. The minority of the Committee (WILSON and WOODBRIDGE, Republicans, ELDRIDGE and MARSHALL, Copperheads), will report adverse to impeachment. It is understood that both reports will be very lengthy, inasmuch as a very large amount of testimony has been taken by the Committee. We hope to give an abstract of these reports in our next issue.

In the House new members were sworn: WASHBURNE of Illinois, who was in Europe when the Congress adjourned; WOODWARD of Pennsylvania, in place of DENISON, deceased; and CARY of Ohio, in place of HAYES, Governor.

All of the Tennessee members were sworn, except R. R. BUTLER, who was charged with having voted for the Secession Ordinance in the Senate of Tennessee in 1861, and with having favored the Rebellion in its earlier stages. Upon these facts, his credentials were referred to the Committee on Elections, with instructions to inquire into these charges. *All the Copperheads voted against this inquiry*, except AXTELL of California, who was a War Democrat throughout the War. In Copperhead eyes, it is nothing against a man's fitness for office, that he was in the Rebellion from first to last; and they are consistent in so voting, for that has been their position throughout the war. In its darkest hours, they resisted the enactment of the "Test Oath"; and, since that, they have constantly agitated for its repeal. From this position, it is but a short step to the other which they have publicly taken where they are a secure majority (as in Maryland and Kentucky), viz: That men who were voluntarily in the Rebel army ought to be preferred, for public office, over those who served in the Union army.

The President's Annual Message will not come in till the Second Tuesday in December next, the second day of the second Session of the Congress; nor will any of the Department Reports be presented sooner.

Our representative, General KOONTZ, is not in Washington, and will not be till after the Somerset Court which began on Monday last.

Mr. STEVENS was able to be in his seat on Thursday, and remained during most of the sitting. He is probably somewhat feebler than in July, but is much stronger than newspaper accounts led the public to believe. He was warmly welcomed by men of all parties. Previous to the assembling of the House he had been quietly reposing on a sofa in his committee-room, and replied to offers to assist him to his seat by saying, "I can go alone; I am not as dead as some of my newspaper friends have reported me."—His interest in public affairs is unabated; and his views are as clear and strong as ever. He will not be able to participate actively in debate but, in all other respects, will be as influential as before.—He will occupy his old place, the Chairman for Appropriations. Some of the more malignant Copperheads, North and South, have not concealed their disappointment that he has been able to resume his place. Their wishes for his death have been, not covertly insinuated, but openly expressed, for they realize how great a power he has been in the controversy, not yet entirely settled, between the true and false friends of the Union. But Providence has spared him to enter upon a most important session; during which, we hope, he may be able to add to the distinguished public services which mark him as the leading spirit in the era of Reconstruction.

Congress re-assembled on Monday, the House being the centre of attraction, by reason of the impeachment proceedings. The galleries were crowded. After the disposition of some routine business, Mr. BOUTWELL presented the evidence taken by the committee, together with the majority report, signed by himself, and Messrs. CHURCHILL, LAWRENCE, WILLIAMS and THOMAS, in favor of impeachment. Two minority reports, against impeachment, one on the part of Messrs. WILSON and WOODBRIDGE, republicans, and the other from Messrs. ELDRIDGE and MARSHALL, Democratic members of the committee, were also presented. After the reading of a portion of the majority report, the several reports were ordered to be printed, and the subject made the order of the day for Wednesday next. A bill providing for the suspension from office of the President during trial was referred to the Judiciary Committee, a motion to have it acted on at once being voted down. The Speaker announced the regular Standing Committees. Mr. SCHENCK, of Ohio, is appointed Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means.—Mr. STEVENS is continued as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations.—Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, remains at the head of the Judiciary Committee, to which is also re-appointed the same members as constitute the committee at present. Mr. GARFIELD succeeds Mr. SCHENCK as Chairman of the Military Committee.

THE Northern Copperhead papers find a chief employment in ridiculing the reconstruction Conventions in the Southern States. The "Secession" Conventions of 1861 were more to their mind, than the Reconstruction Conventions of 1867. Anything tainted with the spirit of rebellion, is grateful to them.

IN anticipation of the trial of Jeff. Davis, British papers beg that he be not punished, if convicted.

Yet, Fenian conspirators have recently been convicted and hung in England, who were as pure as angels compared with DAVIS.

WITH the present issue we commence a new volume of the STAR & SENTINEL. Sixty-seven years ago, the SENTINEL was established by ROBERT HARPER, father of the senior member of the present firm, who had previously had control of the FRANKLIN REPOSITORY, and in the fall of 1800 came to Gettysburg and started the new paper. He conducted the SENTINEL until his death, in the fall of 1816, when his son then a lad of 17 years of age, took charge of it, and continued as its sole editor and proprietor until its consolidation with the STAR last May. During these sixty-seven years the Republic has marched steadily on with giant strides in the development of material and political greatness, unparalleled in the histories of nationalities, and to-day challenges precedence in the world by reason of its greatness and power. During these sixty-seven years, the SENTINEL has witnessed the rise and fall of various political organizations, developed by the changing character of the issues which from time to time claimed the attention of the country, and has recorded the definite settlement of many questions which for a time divided great political parties. During all these changes in parties and issues, the SENTINEL has stood firmly and unchangeably in its advocacy of the great principles of constitutional freedom, and to-day advocates essentially the same principles which it espoused in the year of its establishment.

Although the STAR was established subsequent to the SENTINEL, it also lays claim to age and experience, having been established forty years ago during the memorable conflict between the adherents of Adams and Jackson. From that day to this, it has taken an active part in the political arena, and has been an acknowledged power in State and local politics. The consolidation of the two papers has in no wise changed the political character of either. It will be the aim of the editorial management to make the STAR & SENTINEL every way worthy of the liberal support extended to it. With enlarged facilities to which we are daily making additions, we hope to present a Printing Office, in all its details, equal to the best in the State, and a weekly newspaper that may be read with profit in every family.

COPPERHEAD papers are growing very uneasy lest the Southern States may be re-constructed and restored in time to take part in the next Presidential election; and they cry aloud against allowing "negroes to elect the next President." The New York *Tribune* thus disposes of this Copperhead rant:

"We have but one consolation for *The World* under this afflicting dispensation of Divine Providence and Thaddeus Stevens; that is, that *the negroes of the South always have elected the President since Jackson's Administration.* In the capacity of chattels, their importance controlled the white vote which elected Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler, Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, and Buchanan. If as slaves they were of sufficient importance to elect eight Presidents, through ballots cast by their masters, will the country perish if as freemen they assist in electing one by casting the ballot themselves? The sooner equal rights are given to any class of oppressed human beings the sooner they will cease to be the disturbing and controlling element in politics. The disfranchised masses of England gave rise to the Reform policy, and so control the Government. The enslaved negroes elected Lincoln. The disfranchised freedmen reconstruct the South; and the disfranchised Rebels carried the recent Northern elections. The quickest way to take away the political consequence of the weak and feeble is to give them their rights."

The Copperhead leaders would rather see the Southern States reduced to anarchy and devastated by another war, than have the Rebel party overthrown in them. But they are not likely to be gratified in either wish.

THE trial of JEFF. DAVIS was to have commenced at Richmond on Monday, but Chief Justice CHASE not having reached the city, nothing was done. Both sides, it is understood, desire his presence on the bench, with Judge UNDERWOOD. District Attorney CHANDLER will be assisted by WM. M. EVARTS, of New York, R. H. DANA, of Boston, and other able counsel, for the Government, while a formidable array of legal talent appear for the defence, including CHARLES O'CONNOR, of New York, and WM. B. REED, of Philadelphia. Among the witnesses summoned for the Government are the Rebel ex-Generals Lee, Magruder, Mahone, Wickham and others.

THE Southern telegrams to the Associated Press are in the rebel interest, are grossly unfair, and often positively false. We put our readers on their guard against them.

A recent telegram, for instance, stated the expense of reconstruction in Virginia, at five millions of dollars! The truth is, the whole expense up to October 1st last, was but $145,000. The telegram was one-fortieth part true! The balance was a clear lie.

This is about the proportion of truth to be found in Copperhead statements about Reconstruction and the condition of the South.

A NEW Daily and Weekly Republican paper is about being established at Harrisburg, the initial number of which is to appear on December 2d. It will be called the *State Guard*, and will be edited by J. R. DUNGLISON, the private Secretary of Governor GEARY, WIER FORNEY, State Librarian, and LEVI KAUFFMAN, Esq. These gentlemen are old journalists, and have the ability to publish a first class paper. The subscription price will be $6.00 for the daily, and $1.50 for the weekly issue.

THE Copperheads of Louisiana have considerately announced that they will not attempt to break up the Convention now in session in New Orleans to bring that State back to the Union. The Copperheads of Pennsylvania will be mortified at this, as they did, all they could to drive the South into bloodshed, by advising their friends to disregard the Reconstruction Law.

THE London *Times* is chuckling over Copperhead gains in the late elections. So it rejoiced over Rebel victories during the war.

The tyrants of Europe know their friends.

GENERAL Grant emphatically denies having used any such expression as that attributed to him by Colonel Hillyer, and published in the Copperhead papers, for the purpose of injuring the General in the estimation of the Union party. The machines for the manufacture of lies against the great soldier are already in operation and their fabrications will speedily fill the opposition journals.

Local Items.

GOOD SHOT.—On the 21st inst., GRANVILLE STULTZ, of Highland township, at one shot, killed two Fox Squirrels.

TOM THUMB and wife, with Com. NUTT and MINNIE WARREN, exhibit in Agricultural Hall Wednesday afternoon and evening.

☞ REV. T. C. BILLHEIMER late of the Theological Seminary, at this place, has accepted a call from the Lutheran congregation in Watsontown, Northumberland county.

WOOD WANTED.—Those of our subscribers who expect to pay their subscriptions in Wood, will oblige us by delivering it at ONCE. Cold weather is upon us, and if delivered NOW we can use it advantageously.

DRY GOODS have fallen greatly in price and can now be had at nearly the rates that ruled before the war. The advertisements of dry goods, &c., in the STAR & SENTINEL will show our lady readers where the cheap goods can be obtained.

LAW FIRM.—By card in to-day's paper it will be seen that D. MCCONAUGHY, Esq. has associated with him in the practice of law, JOHN M. KRAUTH, Esq. The latter was admitted to the bar last week, after a very creditable examination.

A USEFUL ARTICLE.—We direct the attention of Housekeepers to the Metallic Wire Clothes Line in to-day's paper. It is highly endorsed by those who have used it. LUTHER MCDANNELL, of this place, is Agent for the sale of it.

BEQUEST.—Mrs. SUSAN H. THORN, of Carlisle, who died a few days ago, left a will in which she makes specific bequests to various religious and benevolent objects, in the aggregate amounting to $21,500. Princeton Theological Seminary and the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg each receive $2,500.

INSTALLATION.—We observe that Rev. JOHN R. WARNER, lately of this place, has been recently installed as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Kirkwood, Missouri.—Rev. S. J. NICCOLLS, formerly of Chambersburg, Vicar of St. Louis, assisted in the ceremony.

☞ REV. MR. BETTS, one of the oldest Lutheran ministers in the country, recently died in Lancaster, Pa. In his Will he directs his Library to be divided between the Lutheran Theological Seminaries at Gettysburg and Philadelphia.

THANKSGIVING.—Thursday, the 28th, has been designated by Gov. GEARY to be observed by the people of Pennsylvania as a day of Thanksgiving. It will be generally recognized throughout the country, the President and a number of Governors having designated the same day.

NEW COUNTERFEIT.—Spurious twenty-five cent notes have just made their appearance. They may be known by the paper being a trifle thicker than the genuine, and the green on the back a trifle lighter.—The vignette of Fessenden is, at first glance, fully as correct as that of the genuine; but a close scrutiny shows that it is a good woodcut, and not a steel engraving.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On the 14th inst. Mr. JACOB DRESLER, of Union township, died very suddenly while on his way to work, some distance from his residence. In company with a neighbor he left his home, and on the way sat down to rest, and while there but a few moments he was observed to fall over, and instantly expired. His age was about 48 years.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Moses Raffensperger has nearly finished a fine two-story brick house, and George Plank a handsome two-story brick house and barn in Arendtsville. Other improvements are talked of to be made in the spring.

Anthony K. Myers has recently much improved his dwelling in Latimore township, including the addition of a large back building, 2½ stories, brick.

SENSIBLE.—HORACE GREELEY gets off a good thing now and then. In a lecture recently delivered on "Advertising," he said: "Some men who know enough to advertise are yet so narrow-minded as to confine their advertisements to journals of their own creed and party. If they do not choose to trade with any but men of like faith, this is wise; but if they desire the whole public for customers, it is otherwise."

BUILDING ASSOCIATION.—Application was made at the Court last week for the charter of a Building Association at Petersburg, (Y. S.) The Association founded in this place last spring, has proved a success. The stock is commanding a high premium, while the town is reaping the benefits of the association in a number of new buildings started since the Association was formed.

ALMOST A FIRE.—We are informed that DANIEL BAKER's hotel, in East Berlin, made a narrow escape from being consumed by fire, one day week before last. The circumstances which led to it, are as follows: One of the family sent a child for a box of matches in the second story of the building. Soon after the child returned with the matches, and a few moments later some of the neighbors discovered smoke in a room in the second story. On arriving at the room, it was discovered that a bed in it was all in a blaze and partially burned up. Some of the wood work of the building that came in contact with the flames, had already been scorched by the heat. The fire was soon extinguished. The child, it is supposed, played with the matches, and thus set fire to the building.—*Hanover Citizen.*

MELANCHOLY DEATH.—Mr. HENRY LOWER, a respectable and substantial farmer, and owner of what was long known as Bell's Mill, in Butler township, this county, met a sad and somewhat mysterious death on Wednesday last. After breakfast he went to a quarry on his farm adjoining that on which he resided, and occupied by his son JOHN LOWER, for the purpose of getting out some stone for a dwelling and barn he was prepared to build. Not coming to dinner at the usual time, his son went for him, and found him lying in the quarry, lifeless, one arm and both legs broken and his body bruised and crushed—resulting, it is supposed, from the falling of earth and stone from the top of the bank upon him—a large rock being found near him, which is supposed to have rolled over him. His death is lamented by a large relationship, and the community generally.

AFFIXING POSTAGE STAMPS.—The U. S. *Mail*, the official organ of the Post-office Department, in reply to inquiries as to the duty of Postmasters in regard to affixing stamps on letters handed to them at the post-office, accompanied by the necessary amount of postage money, say—"The duty of a postmaster in regard to this matter is very clear. It is to see that all matter sent from his office, on which pre-payment is required, is *prepaid by stamps.* It is *not* his duty to affix the stamps; that is the business of the person who deposits the matter in the post-office. There are circumstances under which it is proper for a postmaster or clerk to affix them, as a matter of common courtesy or charity—as in the case of a woman, a child, a cripple, an aged or very ignorant person; but he is not only not required to do it in ordinary cases, but it is, for various reasons, very desirable that he should not make a practice of it. Where it involves a neglect of his regular prescribed duties, it should *never* be done."

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—Court continued in session during the week, adjourning on Saturday noon. We annex a condensed report of the cases disposed of.

IN COMMON PLEAS.

Henry Mayer and John Yeager vs. Peter Doll and others.—Issue to try the validity of the will of Sarah Doll, deceased. The trial occupied two days, the contestants endeavoring to show that the deceased, who resided in Abbottstown, at the time of making her will, was not in condition to enable her to make an intelligent disposition of her estate. The jury thought otherwise, and rendered a verdict in favor of the Will.

George B. Brandt, Administrator of Thos. Stephens, deceased, vs. John Evans, Administrator of Henry Fickel, deceased. A compromise verdict was taken in this case by consent of parties, for defendant.

Edwin P. Fisher vs. Sylvester Harner.—Replevin for a grey mare. Plaintiff had sold the mare in dispute to a third party, who, after getting possession, transferred her to defendant, claiming to have acted as defendant's agent in the purchase—the latter having a claim on plaintiff, declined payment for the mare. Plaintiff refused to recognize the agency, and brought suit to recover the mare at her value. Verdict for plaintiff $91 89.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

Commonwealth vs. Benjamin Klouser.—Surety of the peace, on oath of Elizabeth Yingling. Defendant directed to pay all the costs.

Comm. vs. Geo. W. Rex.—Selling liquor to minors. Verdict, not guilty, and prosecutor, George Dittenhafer, to pay all the costs.

Comm. vs. Same.—Selling liquor on Sunday, on information of the same. Nolle prosequi entered by leave of Court, for want of evidence.

Comm. vs. Daniel Small.—Fornication and bastardy, on oath of Matilda Shull. Verdict, guilty, and usual sentence.

Comm. vs. John Slonaker.—Larceny of a gun from Christian Sheffer. Both plaintiff and defendant lived in same house, in Cumberland township, and not on most pleasant terms—using each other's property in common, as suited their fancies. The jury did not think under the circumstances, plaintiff had any felonious intent, and rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Comm. vs. John Martin.—Larceny of chickens from Richard Mummert, of Oxford township. Verdict, guilty. Sentenced to county prison 60 days, and to pay costs of prosecution.

Comm. vs. Philip Group.—Malicious Mischief, in injuring the sale of cider and vinegar, property of Jacob Brame, of Latimore township. Verdict, guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and costs; and give security in sum of $200 to keep the peace for two years.

Comm vs. Silas Griner.—Malicious mischief. Defendant in previous case made the information in this case, involving the same charge, being in the nature of a cross-fire. Griner having previously testified against Group. Verdict, not guilty, but prosecutor and defendant each to pay half the costs.

Comm. vs. Charles Heist.—Indictment for House-breaking, on information of Hiram Kepner, who charged defendant with having entered his residence through a window, during his absence. Defendant admitted having so entered, but not with felonious intent, his object being to get a gun to shoot a hawk. The jury thought there was no felonious intent, and rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Comm. vs. John Vanhausta and Mary Vanhausta. Indictment for larceny of clothing, property of David Brinkerhoff, of Straban township. Defendants plead guilty, and were sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment and to pay costs.

Comm. vs. Same—Larceny of clothing, property of Druscilla Herbst, residing with Mr. Brinkerhoff. Defendants plead guilty, and were sentenced to 30 days' additional imprisonment.

Comm. vs. Adam McElroy and Wm. McElroy.—Assault and Battery, on information of James Thompson. Indictment ignored by Grand Jury. Prosecutor to pay costs.

Comm. vs. James Thompson.—Assault and Battery, on information of Adam McElroy. Indictment ignored, and prosecutor to pay costs.

Comm. vs. Hezekiah Motter.—Charge, administering drugs to produce abortion, on information of Henry Willet. Indictment ignored by Grand Jury.

Comm. vs. J. R. Metcalfe, Eli Arnold, Edward Dotterar, John Trimmer, and Cornelius Larew.—Charge, Riot and Assault and Battery, on information of Washington Myers. Ignored by Grand Jury, and county to pay costs.

Isaac Kane, convicted of stealing Jacob R. Witmor's horse, at August term, was granted a new trial.

PROPERTY SALES.—The real estate of Sebastian Hafer, deceased, in the borough of Abbottstown, was recently sold, as follows: No. 1—the corner property, late residence of decedent, was bought by Wm. Hafer, at $3,350; No. 2—house and three acres of land, by Wm. Bittinger, $1,125; No. 3—three acres adjoining, by Wm. Bittinger, at $600; No. 4—three acres adjoining, by Wm. Bittinger, at $475; No. 5—three acres adjoining, by Wm. Bittinger at $505.

John McMaster has sold a tract of 16 acres, with the buildings, in Mountpleasant township, to Nicholas Kephart, of York county, at $1,550—and 2½ acres of timber adjoining, at $180 per acre—parts of the Spitler property.

Adam Hartlaub has sold his farm, in Mountjoy township, to John Sheely.

J. F. Houck has purchased the home farm of the late Samuel Gilliland, in Tyrone township—202 acres, at $22 per acre, or $4,444.

Joseph Wolf has sold his property, in Butler township, to John Mummert—11 acres and improvements, at $2,500 cash.

Jacob Hartman has sold his property, in Huntington township, to Benjamin Weaver—33 acres, with buildings, at $3,200. Also a timber lot to Eli Gochenour—3 acres, at $250.

Wm. Rider, Executor of Joseph Rider, deceased, has sold the farm of said decedent, in Germany township—125 acres, at $60 per acre—Jonas Stonesifer, of Frederick county, Md., purchaser. Also, wood lot in Union township, to the same—10 acres, at $400 cash.

Wm. Rider has sold a farm, in Mountjoy township—134 acres, at $60 per acre—to Joseph Plunkert, of Carroll county, Md.

Jesse B. Spahr has sold his house and blacksmith shop, in Arendtsville, to the Misses Reever, for $2,250.

The property of the Misses Stallsmith, in Arendtsville, has been purchased by George Lower, at $1,400.

Adam Hartlaub, Jr., has purchased of Henry Forry, an acre of ground in Bonaughtown, at $200. Mr. Hartlaub intends to erect a dwelling thereon immediately.

On the 19th inst, Jeremiah Diehl, Executor of John Diehl, deceased, sold at public sale, at McClellan's Hotel, eleven shares of stock in the Gettysburg National Bank, to James J. Wills, at $60 per share—par value $50. Also a $500 Gettysburg Railroad bond, to W. A. Duncan, Esq., at $264.

At the same time, three shares of stock in the Gettysburg and York Turnpike, belonging to Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, were sold to George Swope, Esq., at $17 per share.

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WATCHES, Jewelry, &c., suitable for Holiday Presents, advertised by J. E. STOUFFER, Phila. See card. 1t

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The Adams County Teachers' Institute met at New Oxford on Monday, and will continue in session until Friday evening, the new act requiring Institutes to be kept open five days. The attendance, we learn, is large and encouraging. On Monday evening Rev. Dr. BROWN addressed the Institute on the importance of Vocal Music in Common Schools, and Dr. PFEIFFER on the Laws of Health, Ventilation, &c. On Tuesday evening the Institute was addressed by Prof. BOYD, and Hon. J. P. WICKERSHAM, State Superintendent. This evening Prof. EHRENHART will lecture on "Geology and Revelation." Thursday evening addresses will be delivered by Hon. C. R. COBURN, Prof. THOMSON, Prof. BROOKS, and Mr. SHEELY. Besides these addresses, there will be essays, reports, &c., by members of the Institute at the various meetings.

It is to be regretted that this County Institute and the Sabbath School Convention were fixed for the same week, as there are many persons who would have been glad to attend both. It is but proper to say, however, that the Sabbath School Convention was fixed for this week, to suit the convenience of Rev. TAYLOR and others, of Philadelphia, and in ignorance of the fact that the Teachers' Institute had adjourned to meet as above. The conflict in time was ascertained only after engagements had been made, which could not be changed.

S. S. CONVENTION.—The Sunday School Convention now being held in this place, has been a perfect success, the attendance being large and exercises very interesting. On Monday evening Rev. Dr. HAY opened the exercises in an introductory address and welcome, and was followed by JACOB A. GARDNER who delivered an interesting address on the "Origin and object of Sabbath School Instruction," Rev. ALFRED TAYLOR closing with an exercise in Blackboard instruction, on the words "I have sinned."—Yesterday morning Ex-Gov. POLLOCK spoke eloquently on the advantages of an open Bible and the importance of "Bible classes," Rev. TAYLOR following with a Blackboard exercise on the 57th Psalm. In the afternoon there was a gathering of the Sunday School children, the house being densely crowded, Rev. A. TAYLOR, Dr. WILLITS and Ex-Gov. POLLOCK addressing the children. Last evening Rev. Dr. WILLITS delivered an eloquent address on the "New features of Sabbath School Instruction," followed by another interesting Blackboard exercise by Mr. TAYLOR, and a discussion of the question, "How to retain the older scholars in Sabbath Schools?" participated in by Rev. S. BARNITZ, Dr. HAY, J. A. GARDNER, D. A. BUEHLER, Dr. BROWN, and Dr. SCHMUCKER. The sessions will be continued this morning and to-night.

MAIL LETTINGS.—The Post Office Department advertises for proposals to carry the mails in Pennsylvania and Maryland, from July 1st, 1868, to June 30, 1872—said proposals to be received at the Contract Office, Washington, until 3 o'clock, P. M., of Wednesday, March 4th, 1868. We copy those relating to the mail service in this county. It will be seen that important changes are made in some of the routes. The service on routes No. 2163 (Mummasburg, Bendersville, &c.), No. 2162 (Hunterstown), and No. 2165 (Hampton) are reduced to twice a week.

2155 From Hanover, by Abbottstown, to East Berlin, 10 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Hanover Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 1.30 p. m.—Arrive at East Berlin by 4.30 p. m. Leave East Berlin Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 9 a. m. Arrive at Hanover by 12 m.

2156 From Hanover, by Hunterstown and Red Land to Square Corner, 12 miles and back, six times a week to McSherrystown, and three times a week the residue. Leave Hanover daily, except Sunday, at 1 p m Arrive at McSherrystown at 2 p m. Leave McSherrystown daily, except Sunday, at 11 a m. Arrive in Hanover by 12 m. Leave McSherrystown Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2 p m. Arrive at Square Corner by 4 p m. Leave Square Corner Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4 p m. Arrive at McSherrystown by 6 p m.

2161 From Gettysburg by Fairfield, Fountain Dale, Ringgold and Leitersburg to Hagerstown, 30 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Gettysburg Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 8 a m. Arrive at Hagerstown by 3 p m. Leave Hagerstown Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8 a m. Arrive at Gettysburg by 3 p m.

2162 From Gettysburg by Hunterstown to New Chester, 9 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Gettysburg Tuesday and Saturday, at 8 a m. Arrive at New Chester by 11 a m. Leave New Chester Tuesday and Saturday at 1 p m. Arrive at Gettysburg by 4 p m.

2163 From Gettysburg by Mummasburg, Arendtsville, Bigler, Flora Dale and Bendersville to Idaville, 18 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Gettysburg Tuesday and Saturday at 6 a m. Arrive at Idaville by 12 m. Leave Idaville Tuesday and Saturday at 1 p m. Arrive at Gettysburg by 7 p m.

2164 From Gettysburg by Table Rock and Menallen to Idaville, 18 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Gettysburg Monday and Thursday at 8 a m. Arrive at Idaville by 12 m. Leave Idaville Monday and Thursday at 1 p m. Arrive at Gettysburg by 5 p m.

2165 From New Oxford by Green Ridge, Hampton and Round Hill to York Sulphur Springs, 11 miles and back twice a week. Leave New Oxford Tuesday and Saturday at 1 p m. Arrive at York Sulphur Springs by 4 p m. Leave York Sulphur Springs Tuesday and Saturday at 5 a m. Arrive at New Oxford by 8 a m.

2166 From East Berlin by Bermudian and Franklintown to Dillsburg, 12 miles and back, once a week. Leave East Berlin Thursday at 1 p m. Arrive at Dillsburg by 4 p m. Leave Dillsburg Thursday at 9 a m. Arrive at East Berlin by 12 m.

2168 From Littlestown to Harney, 7 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Littlestown Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 1 p m. Arrive at Harney by 3 p m. Leave Harney Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10 a m. Arrive at Littlestown by 12 m.

2169 From York Sulphur Springs by Bermudian, Hall, Mulberry and Davidsburg to York, 22 miles and back, once a week. Leave York Sulphur Springs Saturday at 1 p m. Arrive at York by 7 p m. Leave York Saturday at 6 a m. Arrive at York Sulphur Springs by 12 m.

2192 From Mechanicstown by Shepherdstown, Dillsburg, Clearspring, York Sulphur Springs and Heidlersburg to Gettysburg, 30 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Mechanicsburg Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 a m. Arrive at Gettysburg by 6 p m. Leave Gettysburg Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 a m. Arrive at Mechanicsburg by 4 p m.

2201 From Carlisle by Mount Holly Springs to York Sulphur Springs, 16½ miles and back, six times a week. Leave Carlisle daily except Sunday at 2 p m. Arrive at York Sulphur Springs by 6 p m. Leave York Sulphur Springs daily except Sunday at 6 a m. Arrive at Carlisle by 10 a m.

2240 From Westminster by Union Mills, Silver Run, Littlestown, Two Taverns, Gettysburg, Seven Stars, Cashtown, Grafenburg and Fayetteville to Chambersburg, 49 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Westminster daily except Sunday at 1 p m. Arrive at Gettysburg by 5 p m. Leave Gettysburg daily except Sunday at 3.30 p m. Arrive at Westminster by 9.30 p m. Leave Chambersburg daily except Sunday at 7 a m. Arrive at Gettysburg by 1 p m. Leave Gettysburg daily except Sunday at 4 a m. Arrive at Chambersburg by 11 a m.

IMPORTANT TO BIDDERS.—Since the foregoing was in type, we learn that the Second Assistant Postmaster General has issued a circular requesting bidders on the Bendersville route (No. 2163), in addition to bidding for the service as advertised, to bid for an additional trip on Thursday. Bidders on Routes No. 2161 (Gettysburg and Hagerstown), and No. 2192 (Gettysburg and Mechanicstown) are also invited to bid additionally on these routes for reverse days, viz:—to leave Hagerstown and Mechanicstown, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and leave Gettysburg on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

HARTMAN & SADLER at York Springs have just opened a large stock of Fall and Winter Goods of the latest styles, and having purchased when goods were at the lowest decline, are prepared to sell them astonishingly cheap. Our readers in that vicinity will save money by calling and examining their goods and prices. 1t

It is announced, that at the termination of the present tour of the Tom Thumb troup, Commodore Nutt (of twenty-five pounds,) will lead to the alter little Minnie Warren (of twenty pounds.) Their united fortunes, accumulated by their public exhibitions within six years, are said to amount to a quarter of a million of dollars.

EDITORS' BOOK TABLE.

THE GALAXY, for December, completes the fourth volume of this Magazine, which is one of the best on our exchange. The publishers announce their purpose to make the succeeding volumes of the magazine still more valuable and attractive than those already issued—the aim being to make the *Galaxy* a Magazine which, while it shall always be readable and entertaining, shall also maintain a high standard of literary excellence. Horace Greely, William Swinton, Richard Grant White, H. T. Tuckerman, Bayard Taylor, Theodore Tilton, Anna Cora Ritchie, and other popular writers, will contribute to the next volume, while Hennessy, Linton, Fay and Fenn will furnish the illustrations. Single subscriptions $3.50 a year, two copies, $6; five copies, $14; ten copies, $25; twenty copies, $50, and one free copy to the person who sends the club. Subscriptions should be addressed to W. C. & F. P. Church, No. 39 Park Row, New York.

☞ We are indebted to TICKNOR & FIELDS, Boston, for a neat copy of "American Notes for General Circulation, by CHARLES DICKENS." This is the work, which, after Mr. DICKENS' return to Europe from his American trip, excited so much bitter remark. The plainness with which he portrayed the defects in American social life, was thought to be an unkind return for the marked courtesies extended to him. After all, the candid, thoughtful American reader may have more cause to quarrel with the defects themselves than with Mr. DICKENS for exposing them. As Mr. DICKENS is about delivering a series of lectures in this country, TICKNOR & FIELDS—his only authorized American publishers—have done a wise thing in putting on the market a new edition of the American Notes, assured that the sober, second thought of our people will furnish ample vindication against the harsh criticisms which their first appearance called forth.

"COMETH UP AS A FLOWER," is the title of an autobiographical story of the richest kind just issued by D. Appleton & Co., New York. The London *Times* speaks of it with great praise. Its chief merits consist in the powerful and vigorous manner in which it is told, in the exceeding beauty and poetry of its sketches of scenery, and in the soliloquies, sometimes quaintly humorous, sometimes cynically bitter, sometimes plaintive and melancholy, which are uttered by the heroine.—It is written by a lady—a new hand, and is said to be so extraordinarily good, that whenever you begin it you cannot lay it down again, hardly even when it is finished. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price, 60 cents.

THE LADY'S FRIEND, for December, is a holiday number, containing two handsome Steel Engravings called "The Happiest Time," "The Immortal Crown," also expressly engraved for this magazine, of the very first quality in every respect. Then we have a handsomely Colored Engraving of a "Jewel-Case and Pin-Cushion:" and a Double-Page Fashion Plate, finely engraved on Steel; with a number of Wood Engravings illustrative of the Fashions, Needle-Work, &c., with the usual piece of Music, worth of itself the cost of the book.—The Literary Matter is as choice as usual—"Only a Glove," by Gabrielle Lee; "How a Woman Had Her Way," by Elizabeth Prescott; "German Lessons," by E. B. Ripley; "The Old Maid," a Poem by Florence Percy; "Preserved Flowers;" "Disillusion; or Mary of the Mill and the Countess Maria;" "Flower Stand and Vase," Editorials, &c. Great inducements in the way of Premiums, &c., are promised to new subscribers, *and our readers should sent for a sample copy, containing all these liberal offers.* Sample copies will be sent for fifteen cents. Price (with engraving) $2.50 a year; Four copies (with one engraving) $6.00. One copy of Lady's Friend and one of Saturday Evening Post (and one engraving), $4.00. Address Deacon & Peterson, 319 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

OLIVER OPTIC'S MAGAZINE.—This favorite of the young folks comes to our table weekly, filled with choice and attractive reading for Boys and Girls. "Oliver Optic," the editor, is widely known as a popular juvenile writer and gives his contributions exclusively to this publication. The publishers have made liberal arrangements for the coming year, and announce their determination to make this magazine the cheapest and most acceptable juvenile in the country. We advise our young friends to subscribe for it. LEE & SHEPHARD, publishers, 149 Washington street, Boston.—$2.50 per annum, 3 copies $6.50, 5 copies $10

GODEY LADY'S BOOK.—The December number of this old and popular Periodical, is really what its Proprietor pronounces to be, a "Prize Number." Its embellishments consist of six costly and beautiful plates, one of which is a representation of a Chrismas party, showing the contrast between poverty and affluence, which is exceedingly appropriate to the season and the mounth. The others give the fashions for December, and picture other matters of interest. In the work department will be found the usual amount of embroidery, braiding, &c., while the literary department is filled with excellent articles, including several stories by popular writers.

As the New Year is approaching, this is the time to commence making up clubs, the rates of which are two copies one year $5.50; three $7.50; four $10 and five $14.00 with an extra copy to the person getting up the club.

CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—The report on the state of religion in the United States, prepared by Rev. Henry B. Smith, D. D., of the Union Theological Seminary, and presented to the General Conference of the Evangelical Alliance recently in session at Amsterdam, is a document of great interest and value, containing within a small compass a vast amount of information in regard to the state and progress of religion in this country. We condense from the annexed statistics, which will be found convenient for reference:

NUMBER OF CHURCHES, &c., IN THE U. STATES.

	Churches.	Communicants.
Roman Catholic	3,800	4,000,000
Methodists	10,460	2,000,000
Baptists	17,220	1,690,000
Presbyterians	5,000	700,000
Lutherans	2,900	323,800
Congregationalists	2'780	267,400
Protestant Episcopalians	2,300	161,200
German Reformed	1,160	110,000
Dutch Reformed	440	30,000

United Brethren about 3,000 societies.

Moravians about 12,000 communicants.

Unitarians about 300, churches.

Universalists include about 600,000 of the population.

Friends or Quakers, orthodox, about 54,000 members.

Friends or Quakers, Hicksites, about 40,000 members.

STOVES! STOVES! for sale at S. G. COOK'S (formerly Andrew Polley's) York street, Gettysburg. Particular attention is called to the Small & Smyser Pennsylvania Cook, No. 8. The fire place of this stove is long enough to take in a two foot stick of wood, which makes it the cheapest stove in the market. It has been thoroughly tried by hundreds of persons, and never failed to give satisfaction. He has the exclusive