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An Apprentice To learn the Printing business will be taken at this office, if application be made soon. None but a smart, active, intelligent, good boy, and possessing a good education, need apply.

January Court. The January Term of the Court of Common Pleas, &c., of Cumberland County, will commence in this borough, on Monday, January 8, 1865, to continue two weeks.

Several Lancers and Night Fencers. Scarcely a day passes that we do not hear of some petty larceny having been committed in our midst the night previous.

Know-Nothing Election. We learn that on Saturday last the Know-Nothing, those of them at least who have taken stock in aid in the establishment of the contemplated new paper, held an election at Education Hall, for the purpose of electing an Editor.

Appointment by the Governor. We learn that Gov. Bigler has appointed D. M. Kissinger, Esq., formerly of Kingstown, this county, and now of New Castle, to be Prothonotary and Clerk of the several Courts of Lawrence county, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the demise of James D. Clark, Esq.

Moss Snow. On Sunday afternoon last we had another fall of snow—no sufficient, however, to produce good sleighing.

Sabbath School Anniversary. The exercises connected with the anniversary of the First Lutheran Sabbath School, will take place in that Church, on Monday evening next, the 25th inst., (Christmas.)

It is proper to add that the proceeds arising from this exhibition will be devoted to the furnishing of the library of the Sabbath School with new and useful books.

We have not any particular "axe to grind" upon the American movement. Carlisle Herald.

Perhaps not. But we do know that it has long been the opinion of the great body of the Whigs of this county, that the Herald itself was much too dull, and needed the sharpening process to make it a keen and effective organ of their party.

Important news for the Shareholders in PERHAM'S THIRD GIFT ENTERPRISE.—It will be seen by reference to advertisement in our paper of to-day, that the Committee appointed by the Shareholders at their last meeting, have issued a call for a final meeting of all interested, to get their instructions in reference to the distribution of the Gift property.

U. S. SENATOR.—The name of Judge Ostraman is announced among other democrats for the U. S. Senate. Judge Chapman, has occupied a Seat in the State Senate and officiated as President of the Chester Judicial District, filling both positions with distinguished ability, and with scrupulous regard for the duties of his office.

CHRISTMAS—MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Merry, dear, delightful Christmas will soon be here, with all its joys, its gayeties and festivities, and already the countenances of the "little folks" give unmistakable indications that they at least are anxiously awaiting the arrival of this time-honored Festival, and prepared to hail its advent with a most cordial welcome.

At the present time, you can hardly move in the street without encountering scores of boys and girls, whose sparkling, juvenile eyes, which, as plain as the bell tinkled, say "Christmas is coming," and whose pleasant appeal to your liberality for a "Christmas gift" can neither be resisted nor denied.

From a cursory examination which we made the other day of "Kris Kringle's Head Quarters," (Money's, on North Hanover street), we perceive that he is well supplied with a large assortment of appropriate holiday gifts—things which can attract the eye and captivate the heart of the young, and magnificent work-boxes, books, &c., suitable for presentation to sisters, sweethearts, or female friends.

Christmas, as all our readers know, is the day on which the nativity of Our Saviour is celebrated. All Christian nations religiously observe the day, and there is Divine Service in nearly all the churches throughout the land.

On this day all little folks are particularly happy, on account of the visit of old SANTA CLAUS last night, who came down the chimney and filled sundry stockings with toys, books and sweet-meats, and left many pretty tokens of remembrance behind.

Well, a "merry Christmas" to all our readers, old and young, male and female, saints and sinners! May you all on that day, be happy as mortals can, have clear consciences, and all sit down to sumptuous dinners!

Singing in the Public Schools.

We gather from our exchanges that the custom of singing in the public schools, so long practiced with success in some of our sister States, has been introduced into the schools in many parts of this State.

It is but a short time since that we heard an eminent divine of the Methodist Episcopal Church make a strong appeal to his people for aid to "educate poor young men" for the ministry.

The Rev. today of the Harrisburg Telegraph tells us that when he was a boy in school-master compelled him to "learn the single-rule of three," and he therefore concludes that he is entitled to "know the tallest stories in the government" because of his rare attainments.

Our Rev. friend of the Harrisburg Telegraph says he would like to be Post-Master General for a short time, so that he could have the pleasure of turning us out of office.

Progress of our Country.—M. do Tocqueville speaks of the progressive settlement of the Anglo-Saxons on this continent, as "driven by the hand of God" across the Western wilderness, at the average rate of seven hundred miles per annum.

FOURTEENTH.—The Bible affords us about as good lessons in morality as the misanthropic Solomon of our day. In Leviticus, 10th chapter, 8th and 9th verses, we find the following directions on the proper treatment of foreigners:

As an APPRENTICE TEXT.—The Boston Telegraph proposes as a text for the next election sermon, the 4th and 5th verses of chapter 6 of the epistle of Timothy:

It is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strife of words, whereby cometh envy, strife, railing, evil surmising, perversities of mind, and things of this kind, which will destroy the faith of them that have learned them.

UNITED STATES SENATOR.

A correspondent of the Harrisburg Telegraph recommends our former townsman, GUARINUS B. PERRYMAN, Esq., now of Philadelphia, as a candidate for United States Senator.

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Balance of Trade.

An error is going the rounds of the press to the effect that the nominal excess of imports over exports for the year, is \$20,000,000. The truth is only \$9,000,000.

THE STATE TREASURY.—It will be seen from the following letter that the State Treasury is, at the present time, abundantly supplied with funds.

ADVISOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, Harrisburg, Dec. 1, 1864. In pursuance of the 30th section of the Act of 20th March, 1851, I have examined the public Treasury of Pennsylvania, relative to the monies therein, and deposited in the several Banks, and find a balance remaining in said treasury of available funds, of one million two hundred and forty thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy-two cents.

IN AUGURATION OF GOVERNOR POLLOCK.—The inauguration of the Governor elect will take place on Tuesday the 16th of January, and not on Tuesday the 9th, as stated by many of our exchanges.

THE MESSAGE.—Many opposition papers complain because President Pierce's Message says nothing about the Nebraska bill.

MOVEMENTS TO JOHN O. CALHOUN.—The design for the Monument to this great American Statesman; says the Philadelphia Argus, is intended to convey to the mind the idea of simple dignity admirably in keeping with the character of him whose memory it is intended to honor.

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GREAT FIRES IN PHILADELPHIA.

The extensive shoedown and gas-fitting manufactory of Messrs. Corbitt & Co., on Cherry St., above Eighth, Philadelphia, was entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour on Tuesday morning.

THE GOVERNMENT STOCK BANK OF ANN ARBOR, Mich., was suspended yesterday. It is believed that the bill-holders will suffer but slight loss.

MINNESOTA IS ABOUT FOUR TIMES AS LARGE as the State of Ohio, comprising an area of about 160,000 square miles, or 105,000,000 acres of land.

THE LOUISVILLE JOURNAL writes that Yates, who was indicted for perjury as a jurymen in the Ward case, has been acquitted. The case against the other jurymen, indicted for the same offence, have been dismissed.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGING.—The President's official Transcripts of the President's Messages, and the Messages of the several States, are now being printed.

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Col. Miller of the Eastern Argus, has returned from his trip to Kansas.

The printer of Eastern, celebrates the birthday of Franklin by a supper, and a meeting of the Legislature of this State meets on Christmas day.

Hudson, the English fleet, being said to be worth a million and a half, in the case of his abdication.

According to the statistics, there are more than 120,000 Jews in the United States.

Rev. Jas. P. Boyce, of Columbia, S. C., has given ten thousand dollars to the Burnham University.

Several hundred mechanics were last week discharged from the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The Hon. Sam'l Huston was baptised by immersion at Independence, in Texas, on the 24th ult., and joined the Baptist Church.

A person by the name of Dougherty was shot in a tavern in Columbia, S. C., on the night of the 6th inst., and was supposed to be mortally wounded.

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