

Local Department.

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To Correspondents.

Communications, letters, contributions, generally of merit and interest to the reader, will be acceptable from friends from all quarters.

RELIGIOUS.—Rev. Mr. Erskine will preach in the Presbyterian church to-morrow, Sabbath morning and evening.

CHANGE OF TIME.—It will be seen by an advertisement in another column, the Philadelphia and Reading railroad have made important changes in the departure and arrival of trains.

GERMAN HOP.—On Tuesday evening last, the folks of the "Faderland" indulged in some recreation in the Old Fellows' Hall. From the quantity of "limberger, switzer, and et cetera," found outside, next morning it is to be presumed they enjoyed themselves hugely.

THE CONTINENTAL.—This famous saloon and restaurant, kept by Captain G. E. Brismar, has become one of the most popular resorts in town and why? Because "Bowry" is an amiable, genial host, and has won a renown which justly belongs to a man who can "keep a hotel."

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.—M. H. Moore & Co., have sold their rolling mill, at Rohrerstown, with all the appertinances thereunto belonging, to Grubb and Heister, of Lancaster city, for \$45,000.

PERSONAL.—Our good looking friend and contributor James S. Watkins, of Baltimore, is now engaged with Raymond and Burton, manufacturers and dealers in gentlemen's furnishing goods, of that city, 38 "V" Baltimore street.

THE COTILLION PARTY.—The party given by the Koffers, on Wednesday evening last, was a decided success. Everything went off smoothly, and the "light fantastic toe" was tripped to the "wee mus hours."

J. A. REYNOLDS, Esq., of Lexington, Ky., who is one of the finest writers in the west, and who has written a number of tales, sketches, &c., for our paper is now engaged on a story especially for our columns.

PROTECT YOUR HYDRANTS.—Now that the cold weather is coming on many persons are put to great inconvenience by the freezing of their hydrants.

DEMOREST'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY.—Wm. U. Hess has received the December number of Demorest's Mirror of Fashion. This is a superb number.

THE EXPERIENCES OF A FRENCH DETECTIVE.—This is the title of a new work by "Waters," author of "Autobiography of a London Detective," "Diary of a Detective Officer," &c.

ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE FOR 1865.—The Home Magazine closes its volume for 1864 with the widest circulation it has yet attained.

ELECTION OF TURNPIKE OFFICERS.—The following gentlemen were elected to serve as managers of the Columbia and Washington Turnpike company for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT—Col. Samuel Shoch. MANAGERS—J. B. Shuman, Jacob Lutze, Benjamin Hershey, Abraham Bruner, W. T. Lowrey, George Bogie.

PETROLEUM.—Persons who predicted that the petroleum excitement would die out and the enterprise prove to be a mere speculation, have, by this time, discovered their mistake.

LOCUST STREET AND ITS PLACES OF BUSINESS.—We have often thought of giving our readers in the country a few words on the "best and cheapest" places to buy their wares or anything pertaining to wear and tear in our Borough.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS. Reported by Janney & Andrews, Commission Merchants, No. 331 Market street, Philadelphia.

COLUMBIA FLOUR AND GRAIN. Reported weekly for the Spy by Ephraim Hershey, Columbia November 25, 1864.

COLUMBIA COAL MARKET. COLUMBIA, NOV. 18, 1864. Retail prices of Coal at Bruner & Moore's Yard, delivered in Columbia.

COLUMBIA LUMBER PRICES CURRENT. Reported for the Columbia Spy by John B. Bachman, Susquehanna Planning Mills, Front street.

COLUMBIA PRODUCE MARKET. COLUMBIA, NOV. 25, 1864.

CEMETERY.—There is no expense in civilized life which is paid more cheerfully than that incurred at the funeral of our friends.

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LETTERS REMAINING UNCLAIMED IN THE Post Office at Columbia, Pa., Saturday, November 26, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT PETROLEUM COMPANY. PRESIDENT, VENANGO CO., PENN. Organized under the Laws of Pennsylvania.

Its lands form its capital stock \$500,000. In Shares of the above value. Subscription price \$5 per Share, being in full payment for a \$25 share.

THE WELLS on the adjoining property, known as the celebrated "Heldrick" and "Pitole" Creek wells, are famous for the quantity and quality of the oil.

REOPENED! GEORGE A. EYERS would respectfully inform the citizens of Columbia and vicinity that he has returned to Columbia, and re-opened his PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY.

Continental Saloon, AND RESTAURANT. Corner of Front and Locust Streets, COLUMBIA, PA.

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LADIES FANCY FURS! JOHN FABER'S OLD ESTABLISHED FUR MANUFACTORY. 718 Arch Street, Above Third Philadelphia.

CLOCKS, WATCHES, JEWELRY. Silver and Silver-Plated Ware. SHREINER & SPERING, FRONT ST., COLUMBIA, PA.

AMERICAN WATCHES! AMERICAN WATCHES!!! AMERICAN WATCHES!!! We would especially call the attention of persons wishing to purchase an assortment of American Watches.

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BENJAMIN HERR, SUCCESSOR TO I. O. BRUNER. HAS JUST OPENED. A new stock of goods, at Third and Union Sts.

Family Groceries, Coffee, Tea and Sugar of all kinds. PRIME SUGAR CURED HAMS.

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