

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

ALL of the ladies of this borough who feel an interest in the Firemen's Fair, will meet at the Hall of the New England House, on Monday evening next, the 3d. instant.

FINE HOGS.—Mr. Jack Jordan has two of the finest hogs he has ever seen this season. They are the "York County whites," and it is thought, that when slaughtered and dressed they will weigh over a thousand pounds.

STEPS DEMOLISHED.—Mr. Hiram Wilson had the steps in front of his house demolished by a runaway horse on Wednesday last. The horse, attached to a wagon, was hitched at Suborts, when by some means he slipped out of the bridle and came dashing down Locust street at a furious rate, and in attempting to turn into Second street ran into Mr. Wilson's steps. The horse was somewhat injured, carriage ditto.

COLUMBIA MARKETS.—Our markets are well attended and well supplied. The following are the ruling prices of some of the staple articles:—Dressed pork 13c per pound; Beef—hind-quarter 14c, fore-quarter 12c; lard \$12 to \$14 per barrel; chickens, per pair 75c to \$1; Turkeys \$1.25 to \$2.50; butter 35c; lard 18c; eggs 35c per doz.; cabbage 5c to 6c per head; potatoes \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel; apples \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel.

BASE BALL.—An exciting game of base ball was played on Thursday, Nov. 29th, (Thanksgiving) between the Stella Club of Wrightsville, and the Elite of this place, on the grounds of the latter, in which the Elite were victorious by a handsome score of 57 to 27.

TEMPERANCE THANKSGIVING PRAYER MEETING.—On last Thursday evening the members of Hope Lodge I. O. of G. T., held a thanksgiving prayer meeting at their Lodge room, in Second street. An invitation had been extended to all the friends of the cause, and many availed themselves of it. The exercises consisted of prayers interspersed with singing and remarks. After two hours spent in this manner, the meeting adjourned to meet again on next Monday evening, at the same place, at 7 o'clock. All are invited to be present.

THE COLUMBIA BRIDGE.—The Committee of Councilmen and citizens appointed by the borough council to take measures in reference to the Columbia bridge, met on Thursday evening last. It was resolved that the Secretary be requested to notify the authorities and citizens of York, Wrightsville, Marietta, Lancaster, Mount Joy, Litiz and Reading, for them to appoint committees to attend a meeting, to be held on Thursday, December 13th, at 1 o'clock, at the Town Hall, in Columbia, to devise some means to bring about the early reconstruction of the Columbia bridge.

PRICES OF PROVISIONS.—It is, no doubt, very cheerful for housekeepers to read in the papers that the wholesale prices of provisions of all kinds have been materially reduced, and they eat breakfast with an accession of relish on the assumption that their next meal will cost much less. But their hopes are speedily dashed by a visit to their retail dealer, who either has not heard of the wholesale fall, or has heard of something else—a rise in gold, or some financial exploit of Secretary McCulloch; which always forbids a reduction of rates, and sometimes necessitates an increase.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF DRY GOODS.—Haldeman's are creating quite a sensation at their large and well-filled store in Locust street, above Front. They are receiving another large supply of elegant Dress Goods, Domestic, Cassimeres, Furs, &c., which are now open to the public for inspection, and that they are offering them at greatly reduced prices. Their stock is full and complete, and they do not hesitate in saying that they are selling goods cheaper than any other establishment outside of the city. They don't propose going into an argument on this point, but simply invite all to call and judge for themselves.

LUTHERAN FAIR.—The ladies connected with the Lutheran Church, are now holding a Fair in Odd Fellows' Hall, which meets with a full share of success. Great taste has been displayed in decorating the Hall; the style is new, and the effect striking and very fine. Many handsome articles are offered for sale, while the "good things" are spread around in such a tempting manner as to appeal strongly to the palate of the beholder. We felt like going into some of the turkey, oysters, &c., but on going down into our breeches pocket, "nary red was there." The Fair will be opened at an early hour this evening, when no doubt but that the Hall will be filled to overflowing.

FOOT BALL.—As the season for base ball, cricket, and other out-door sports of a kindred character is at an end, our athletic youths should organize foot ball clubs, as this exhilarating sport is better adapted to the winter season than any other. It is an exciting pastime, and its practice would be much more conducive to health than hugging the stoves and offices too closely, or scalding the abdominal regions with hot whiskey during the winter months. Last year we had an idea that this sport would become an institution among us, but whether from the superiority of skating, sleighing, or ice-skating, we cannot tell, but little was done however; and now we venture to hint to our young men that this is the time to be up and doing. The only thing necessary is one or two good balls; no preparation of the ground is necessary as for base ball.—Furthermore, our base ball players and all those who practice athletic sport during the summer will find it an excellent exercise, which will save them the pains and penalties of practice for their favorite games in the Spring. We would here suggest that base ball clubs already organized could easily set the ball going at once, as a little study of the mode of play, and the rules, which are simple, would prepare them for match playing in a few days. At all events there is no reason why the attempt should not be made.

THANKSGIVING.—This day was more generally observed as a day of thanksgiving than any corresponding day, for a number of years past. All the stores, offices and banks were closed and no business done, which made it a general holiday occasion. There was a Union service held in the Lutheran Church, which was well attended. Revs. Steek, Major, and Brown addressed the large assemblage. The incense of grateful hearts were sent forth to the Father of Mercies for his many favors vouchsafed to our land. Such a day as this, if properly observed, must be well pleasing in the sight of Heaven. Great may be the advantages resulting from such a solemn religious service.—In itself it is calculated to impress the minds of all with a sense of dependence on the Almighty, and to awaken feelings of gratitude to Him for His providential goodness and care.

How becoming, and how pleasant to see the inhabitants of a land presenting themselves before the Lord! A general cessation from the usual worldly avocations—the husbandmen leaving his implements of labor to lie in quietness for the time; the mechanic closing his place of employ; that he may assemble with the people, to participate in the grateful devotions of the day; and the professional man, and the man of business, all going up to the house of the Lord together, to give thanks at the remembrance of His mercies—to recount His multiplied blessings vouchsafed to the land, unitedly lifting up the heart and voice, saying, "O! give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." "Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee!"

IRON WORKS OF SUPPLEE & BRO.—These works, situated in Second street, between Union and Perry, immediately on the line of the Pennsylvania Central, and Reading & Columbia Railroads, are now in a flourishing condition. When they were first started in 1859, but eight hands were employed; now constant employment is given to about twenty-four, which is as many as the present capacity of their building will allow. Up to January, 1865, the several departments included a Foundry, Machine, Pattern and Smith Shops. A Boiler Shop has since been added, and from it have been turned out boilers of all descriptions, oil stills and "agitators" of the best and most satisfactory character. An immense Sill for the Oil Refinery of Messrs. Truscott & Guernsey, is now in course of construction. The Machine Shop is plentifully supplied with lathes, planes and drills, adapted to the heaviest work. The engines manufactured by the Messrs. Supplee, are noted for their strength, accuracy and finish.—Their work in this line can be seen in almost every manufacturing establishment in our town, and in several establishments in the city of Lancaster and adjoining towns. They are now busily engaged upon two twenty-horse power engines, ordered by different manufacturing firms doing business in Lancaster. We wish no better proof of their mechanical skill than the fact that their engines will be the second ones made for the Lancaster firms. The Pattern department is well supplied with patterns for cog-wheels, pulleys, fly-wheels, heating and puddling furnaces, &c. Brass castings are made to order.

THE CAMP, THE BATTLE-FIELD AND THE HOSPITAL.—We have just received a copy of this great work, which has just been published by the National Publishing Company, 507 Minor Street, Philadelphia. The author, Dr. L. P. Brockert, has delved most industriously amongst the masses of curious incidents which have marked the late war, and has grouped and classified them under appropriate heads, and in a very attractive form. There is a certain portion of the war that will never go into the regular histories, nor be embodied in romance or poetry, which is a very real part of it, and will, if preserved, convey to succeeding generations a better idea of the spirit of conflict than many dry reports or careful narratives of events, and this part may be called the gossip, the fun, the pathos of the war.—These illustrate the character of the leaders, the humor of the soldiers, the devotion of women, the bravery of men, the pluck of our heroes, the romance and hardships of the service. From the beginning of the war the author has been engaged in collecting all the anecdotes connected with or illustrative of it.

The volume is profusely illustrated with over 100 engravings. The book's contents include: the romance of camp, picket, spy, reconnoissance, siege and battle-field adventures; thrilling feats of bravery, wit, drollery, comical and ludicrous adventures, &c., &c.

REBEKAH MEETING.—According to announcement a meeting took place in the lodge room of Susquehanna Lodge No. 30 I. O. of O. P. And as always should be the case, when this most interesting Degree is conferred, the attendance was very large, and in addition to the presence of many new Brothers, Woman's smiling, happy face, appeared on every side. Several ladies took upon themselves the obligations; after which the evening was most happily passed in the transaction of business, and in listening to the extemporaneous addresses of the brothers present.—Wm. Clark, H. F. Bruner and others assisted in conferring the Degree. Susquehanna has cause to congratulate itself that it has brethren who are capable of rendering such a meeting so great a success.—The next meeting will take place on Friday evening, December 21st, when it is expected that there will be a full turn out.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—Letters remaining in Columbia Post office, unclaimed up to this date: Ladies' List.—Miss Addie P. Hanson, Miss Anna M. Adams, Miss J. P. Jones, Miss Anna M. Keyler, Louisa Smith, Gentlemen's List.—John Brown, Sam'l B. Baid, Sam'l Burnhousel, Christian Baker, Wm. C. B. Baid, D. Canby, E. C. F. Baid, L. G. George, Geo. W. Hummel, Joseph Hooper, N. B. Holden, Henry Kaufman, Henry Lehr, D. H. Levan, J. Mann, Thomas O'Neil, Thomas Reaser, George S. Roland, Wm. H. Smith, Isaac Seigfried, John T. Seuserderfer, Wm. Thomas, John T. George B. Trout, Wm. Way, Wm. Kennedy, John Sun, Robert Kendall Savage.

POLICE CASES.—The following cases were before Samuel Evans, Esq., Assessor and Bailiff.—Jos. Zeamer was arrested for chastising severely a son of Christian Herbst, whilst at school at Chestnut-street. Defendant was bound over to answer, &c.

Larceny.—John Okey (colored) was arrested by Old Ironsides, for stealing a pair of shoes from the store of Samuel Heise. Defendant was committed to jail to answer.

For the Spy. Public Libraries, when well selected and properly maintained, have ever been blessed to the communities in which they were established. The mind must have food as well as the body; yet the majority of mankind have not the means of supplying their minds with that which the world offers. Literature which tends to strengthen, elevate and improve the mind. They must therefore either do without any at all or with a scanty supply of the best. A slight exercise of generosity on the part of our wealthier citizens in the way of donations of money or useful books would create a plan to establish a public library. In such matters as these all that is necessary is a proper start. We are far behind many of the smallest cities in this respect. It is very desirable that some effort in this direction be made among us, and we would urge it upon the attention of our citizens. Let something be done for the young of our town an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the standard literature of the present day in every department.

All who are willing to unite in an effort to start a public library are requested to send their names to the Spy Office, where, if a sufficient number are received, a time and place of meeting will be determined on and notice thereof given.

For the Spy. Deaths and Marriages are published in this paper without charge. When accompanied by commendation or eulogy, five cents per line will be charged. General notices extra per line payable in advance.

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called an antidote to the cholera poison, or that could be used with the assurance that a cure would follow. But thanks to a kind Providence the remedy has at length been discovered and is within the reach of all—it is B. MISHLER'S Bitters. When a person is attacked with anything like Cholera let the stomach of the patient be covered with a piece of flannel saturated with Bitters as warm as can be borne, and drink freely of the same and our word for it, a cure will be the result. We assert this without the fear of contradiction, for we have seen too often the results that speedily follow the above mode of treatment to allow us to doubt.

Dr. Mishler has now in his possession a number of certificates of startling cures of Cholera, performed by his Herb Bitters. Among these may be mentioned the case of Mr. John Brock, a plasterer of this city; Mr. Jacob Norbeck, coachmaker, working for S. B. Cox & Co., of Mt. Pearl of York county, and others.

Satisfied that his Herb Bitters were a grand specific for all cases of choleric symptoms, Dr. Mishler forwarded, through the kindness of Geo. S. Rowbotham, one case of Bitters to Dr. Bissel, physician in charge of the Cholera Hospital ship "Falcon," and received the following highly flattering letter:

Dear Sir.—Yours of the 22nd inst. is to hand. In reply I beg leave to say, that I received the case of Bitters sent me for trial, and that I gave them to patients in the Hospital. I believe them to be an excellent and adapted to cases requiring such remedies.

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READY-MADE CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. The choicest stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING FOR FALL AND WINTER WEAR.

Boys' Department. Our newly fitted up custom department for Gentlemen, Youths and Boys, now contains a carefully selected stock of Foreign and Domestic Goods,

Gentlemen, Youths, and Boys, Washing Clothing made to order, by sending their measures, as per diagram, will have their orders promptly attended to.

Great Bargains in DRESS GOODS! MALTBY & CASE ARE NOW RECEIVING ANOTHER Large Stock of Goods,

Special Opening of FRESH FURS, FOR LADIES, MISSES, AND CHILDREN.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS INSTITUTION have this day declared a dividend of six and one-half per cent, free from all National and State taxes, and after the first day of December, 1865.

THE SUBSCRIBERS WILL SELL AT Public Sale, at the FRANKLIN HOUSE, Columbia, Dec. 1, 1865.

AGENTS WANTED FOR THE MOST POPULAR AND Best Selling Subscription Books Published!

PHILADELPHIA Cancer Hospital.—Professor R. H. Kline, Principal Physician and Surgeon to the Philadelphia Cancer Hospital, office No. 621 ARCH Street, is daily making and publishing the most successful and most reliable cures of Cancer by the most scientific and latest approved remedies known to the civilized world.

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JOHN M. GREEN Successor to JESSE SMITH. NEW HAT & CAP STORE, No. 64 North Queen Street, Howell's Building, Lancaster, Pa.

GOLD PENS. GOLD PENS. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED AN ENTIRE NEW STOCK OF FOLEY'S CELEBRATED GOLD PENS.

Valuable Hotel Property in Columbia at Public Sale. THE undersigned will sell at public sale, on the premises, as per diagram, SAURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1865.

HENRY HARPER, No. 520 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA. Has a large Stock of Fine WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER-WARE, and PLATED WARE.

HEUSSLER & WOODWARD, 27 SOUTH FOURTH ST., between Market and Chestnut, PHILADELPHIA. Manufacturers of TRAVELING BAGS, POCKET BOOKS, BANKERS' & PHYS. CASES, PORTFOLIOS, WRITING DESKS, DRESSING CASES, PORTMONNAIES, PURSES, &c., &c.

NOTICE. SPECIAL OPENING OF FRESH FURS, FOR LADIES, MISSES, AND CHILDREN.

Public Sale of Personal Property. THE undersigned will sell at Public Sale, at his residence, one mile and a quarter from Columbia, on the Lancaster and Columbia turnpike, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1865, the following described Personal Property.

COLUMBIA GAS CO. ELECTION. A meeting of the Stockholders of the Columbia Gas Company will be held at their office in Columbia, on Saturday, December 31st, 1865, to elect one President and six managers to serve for one year.

LADIES' FANCY FURS! AT JOHN FARBER'S. Old Established Fur Manufacturer, No. 718 ARCH Street, above 7th, Philadelphia.

THE FAMILY MEDICINE STORE. ODD FELLOWS' HALL. ATTENTION is invited to our present stock of Drugs, Family Medicines, Toilet Soaps, Perfumes, and Druggists' Sundries generally.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COLUMBIA. Is prepared to make Collections on all Accessible Points on Liberal Terms, Discount the Broker's commission only.

LADIES' SHOE MANUFACTORY. Having increased my facilities for turning out superior work I would announce to my old customers and all new ones that my factory will manufacture all kinds of LADIES' MISSES' And Children's Shoes & Gaiters.

MILITARY AND NAVAL CLAIM AGENCY. Authorized by U. S. License, At No. 56 East King Street, Lancaster, Pa.

Experience and competent Assistants enable me to prosecute with dispatch and success all kinds of Claims before the several Courts of the United States, and of the several States. Being duly licensed as a claim Agent, prompt attention will be given to the collection of the following classes of claims:—

PENSIONS for invalid Soldiers or Sailors, totally disabled, or who have been discharged from the service of the United States, and of the several States. Being duly licensed as a claim Agent, prompt attention will be given to the collection of the following classes of claims:—

PENSIONS for Widows or Children of deceased Soldiers or Sailors. PENSIONS for Widows for each Child. PENSIONS for Fathers or Mothers, Brothers or Sisters of deceased Soldiers, upon whom they were dependent. PENSIONS for Teamsters and Artificers, hospital stewards, saddlers, or all persons enlisted in the civil services of the United States.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES for Soldiers or their Widows from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and other States. PAY due from Pennsylvania to Officers and Privates of Co's B, D and E, of first regiment, and all soldiers of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps.

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TO THE PUBLIC. BEFORE BUYING YOUR COAL Elsewhere, give us a call and EXAMINE OUR STOCK. Our Coal is all kept in separate bins and not mixed. We only keep the four first-class articles.

TRUSCOTT TEA. We have the genuine article of Truscott's Tea. It is the best black tea ever introduced into this market, for sale only by H. MULLEN & BRO., Old Fellows' Hall.

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, TEAS AND SPICES. Fiecher's celebrated sugar cured ham, No. 1, and all other choice Groceries, Extra fine syrups, Refined sugars of all kinds, Old Rio and Java Coffee, English and American Pickles.