Saturday, December 18 1869.

Advertisements, to secure immediate in ertion, must be handed in on or before Thurs

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Local Paragraphs. Attend the writing school.
A good imitator—Dr. McClintock. Prof. McClintock is a live lecturer.

Black's Hotel is offered at Public Sale. SoulB came too late for this week's SPY. For Christmas gifts go to May & Erwin's For an assortment of holiday present's

call at Wright's. As a lecturer Dr. McClintock is a phenomona.—Guardian.

Jordan's services can be procured at all times. Give him a call.

Remember the sacred concert to-night in the German Lutheran Church. Columbia has a commodious post office

much better than larger towns. The Columbia Fire Company's ball will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 3, 1870, The post office opens at 7 A. M. and closes at S P. M. On Sunday it is open from 8 to

Dr. John Levergood has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for Laneas-

The Susquehanna Rolling mill has resumed operations; running at about three fourths the capacity. No physician in America stands higher,

county.

or is more universally esteemed than Dr. McClintock .- City Item. Stuart A. Wylie, and Chas. Denues, Esq, have been re-appointed Notaries Public for Lancaster for three years from Jan. 1st, 1870. Prof. Unseld offers in another column

some of the finest Christmas gift to the friends and lovers of music. Don't forget Dr. McClintock's enunciation is as distinet and emphatic as his arguments and

illustrations are forcible and perspicuous .-Guardian. The night school is in successful operation. About fifty scholars in attendance, Prof. Palm, the Principal, manages and L.

C. Oberlein, assists.

Benj. Misbler with present the poor of Lancaster city with a Christmas gift of five hundred loaves of bread and five hundred pounds of beef.

have been patients of Dr. James McClin tock's. Some of the greatest physician have been his pupils.—N. Y, "Times." The Masquerade sociable will come off

The wisest and best men in the country

on Thursday evening next. From the spirit manifested in the preparations, the occasion will no doubt be a jolly time. Geo. F. Breneman Esq, of Lancaster met with a severe accident last Monday. As he was descending the steps leading from his office he fell, fracturing his left leg above

the knee. A stupid editor over in New Jersey thinks all the Smiths are one Smith, all the Browns one Brown, and all the Wools, civil and military, one Wool with 200 carriages at his funeral?

The boys, who wait in the post office for the mails are disorderly, noisy and often impudent. We know of no better remedy than the exercise of some of Constable Me-Ginness' official authority.

Among those men, who by their learning and skill have given us the celebrity of which intelligent Philadelphians are proud, Dr. McClintock by general consent has for years occupied a prominent position .- Phila .

'Anjold well in the alley of the Keystone House Lancaster sprung a leak and flooded a restaurant and two or three cellars. The water can not be kept out as the well is supplied by a running stream. A sewer must be heilt.

New Jersey has an editor who loiters about the post office and other public places criticising his exchanges, noting typographical errors &c., forgetful of the maxim that he live in glass houses, should not throw stones.

We fear that Jabe's hosses have become so confounded with respect to the identity of distinguished persons, that they will con sider it a glaring personality if we ever re-fer to Brigham Young, or to Grier, the Mas-

COLUMBIA READING ROOM.—It would afford us the keenest pleasure to be able to give a glowing description of a public reading room located somewhere in the central or business portions of Columbia. No one can fail to comprehend the wants and the necessities which should awaken an interest in such a praiseworthy enterprise. The long winter evenings, the temptations to vice and crime, the danger of unemployed time, the necessity of literary culture, local pride, the prosperity of our churches, and numerous other reasons are urged for the establishment of a central reading room. No town in the State has yet failed to recognize the importance of earing for the wants, and of educating the tastes of those who in the future will disect the affairs of State in a greater or less degree. Common intelligence, social culture and personal character-can be moulded and influenced by the proper efforts, with proper agencies. There is no class of literature, which exerts such an influence as the public press, especially when associated with books of the best standard authors,

That we need a public library and reading room is the conviction of every citizen. Let us no longer talk of the matter, but take hold of it and push it to an successful issue. Other cities and towns talk of it, advocate it, and languish over it. Norristown, and we think West Chester, have succeeded in establishing very fine rooms, and the enterprise is a great social and moral success.

What can we do in Columbia! We, personally, are willing to do all within our present means. We will give each day at least ten of the best dailies in the country as an initial contribution from the Sey office. A large portion too of our weekly exchanges, including news and religious, literary and scientific, will be donsted regularly each week. We are also willing from time to time to make valuable donations of useful and interesting books and periodicals. Who will make the next step? We have at least a dozen men, whom we could name, who could readily contribute several hundred dollars each towards the enterprise. We want a free library and an open reading room-not under the control of any religious denomination, with proper regulations, and competent provisions for assessing a nominal sum sufficient to pay the current expenses for fuel, light, attendance, &c.

If individual contributions can not be secured, we suggest that an organization of active citizens be formed, then carry the appeal to each of the religious denominations, let special services be held, and we have no doubt a sufficient amount can be secured to accomplish this very desirable end. We have in view at the time of writing a very suitable place on one of our principal streets, where the library can be lo-

This appeal we make to the ladies of Columbia as well as to our male citizens. They can do much towards accomplishing this great object. Their encouragement in any enterprise can not be over estimated. Mothers and sisters should interest themselves in this movement. Let us see what

can be done. Acknowledgement.—We have received a very beautiful poem on "September," by a Columbian, which will appear soon-nowt week if possible. Christmas

odes may delay it.

CHRISTMAS WEEK AND THE FAIR. the coming holidays, we trust our friends, and especially the citizens of Columbia will not forget the braye and self-sacrificing firemen. No one who has not experienced losses by fire can fully appreciate the great ervice which an effective fire department renders. There is no better way of approxmating to a just appreciation than by lacing ourselves in the position of one whose house or other building is on fire or even threatened. The first thought is that of help, and the first and only effective help is the fire department. The brave soul, who scales fiery walls, who trusts to cracking timbers to secure a life, or who directs the liquid stream upon the raging, fast-devourelement is the fireman. The one who leaves a comfortable fireside to encounter the bitter cold of a wintry night is the fireman. He who places his life in jeopardy to save a oved wife or perishing child from the jaws of a horrible death, while the flames seem to wrap him in their terrible folds, is the fireman. All these and countless other sacrifices he makes for us. What can we not render in return?

The Muse has sung his praise, the finest gems of art have been dedicated as a memorial of his noble sacrifices, and history's pages are emblazoned with the story of his devotion. Music has been placed under contribution; no department of art, science or government has failed to recognize The inestimable blessings, the heroic firemen have conferred upon the people. Can we repay all this debt? How can we secure them for the future.

This can be done only by manifesting a proper appreciation of their services, and by rendering them still more effective. Let our fire department be our pride in the future as in the past. Both companies are ments necessary to secure efficiency. But still more is needed. The Columbia boys appeal to our citizens during this festal ason. They do not ask for much, and are so liberal and public-spirited and patriotic as to offer even one-fourth of what they do realize towards the commemoration of the deeds of the nation's sainted dead. The humblest offering will be accepted thankfully. All can, and we know will unite in making the coming fair a grand financial success. It is for the common interest of every one to protect ourselves from the ravyield in time a botter return than fire insurance. It is our only protection, our only

We make this appeal without solicitation, and because we know that if our citizens will reflect for a moment upon the interest which each one has personally in the future efficiency of our fire companies, they will cheerfully contribute their quota towards making the fair of the Columbia boys the means of securing this desirable end. Let us relieve the company from the burden of a debt, and with their treasury replenished wish them a Happy New Year.

RAILROAD SURVEY MADE.—The West Chester Record says that a preliminary survey of a new reilroad, projected as part of a through line from Lancastor to New York has lately been made, and the engeneor, D. E. Culvert, has made his report. The survev in question was from Phonixville to Point Pleasant, on the Delaware river. From Phonixville the road crosses the Schuvlkill, and then proceeds across an undulating country. The length of the line from Phænixville to the Delaware river is about thirty-seven and a half miles. The engineer says "the work is not heavy, including the bridge over the Schuylkill river, and without that the cost is very moderate. The rout is entirely feasible. and I consider the country through which the line runs able to support such a railroad is is contemplated, and pay dividends upon its cost." If this line is considered as part of a through line from talkaster to New

York, its importance can be hardly estimated to all the country east of Lancaster. The distance from Lancaster to West Philadelphia by rail is 69 miles, and from there to New York is 90 miles, total distance 159 miles. Estimating the distance from Lancaster to Phænixville at 45 miles, Phænixville to Point Pleasant at 374 miles, and from there to New York at 621 miles, the streets. Our streets, with very few exceptotal is 145 miles, a saving of 14 miles." The tions, and our pavements and crossings ost of the road is estimated at \$1,274,150. PAINFUL ACCIDENT .- On last Tueslay morning about eleven o'clock, Mr. Martin Smyser, residing in the Fifth Ward

in this borough, met with a very severe and painful accident. He was engaged in target-shooting at the time of the occurrence. and it appears that the gun, which was a large double-barrelled one, had been too heavily loaded, and when discharged, it exploded, the pieces flying in every direction parts of which struck Mr. Smyser on the left jaw, inflicting a terrible wound, and causing the loss of a large amount of blood, and intense suffering to the wounded man. Medical aid was immediately summoned, and everything done to relieve the sufferer. who is now getting along as well as can be expected under the existing circu astances. This is another warning to persons who undle fire arms. The greatest carc shoul). be exercised in their use, and thus numerous accidents would be avoided and many kept from going to premature graves.-York Democrat.

ANOTHER RAILROAD PROJECT .- We are informed that the Reading and Columbia Railroad Company have under contemplation the construction of a branch road to the furnaces below Marietta, thence to Marietta to open up a market for Schuylkill coal, and offer additional facilities for travelling. The branch will, it is supposed, intersect with the main line near Kauffman's

This branch once completed would furnish markets for an immense supply of coal, and be the avenue of a heavy trade. The population and business of Marietta would increase largely, and her railroad facilities for travel improve accordingly. Every enterprise which looks to the further levelopment and wealth of our great county should be pushed forward to completion. With the probable construction of the other oads spoken of elsewhere, ours will be the milroad county of the State. We may as vell be the county of r ilroads, as well as

WARNING TO SKATERS .- At Chester Delaware county, Pa., on Saturday after, noon two young people, named Miss Mattie Irwin and Herman Cocheran, highly respected and well known residents of this city, while skating on a small lake in the cemetery, broke through the ice at the deepest part. Before aid could be got by the little girl who accompanied them they had disappeared beneath the ice. Great efforts were made to save them, but without success, owing to the rotten condition of the ice and the want of ropes or other material, It was nearly an hour before the bodies were recovered from the water. When found, they were tightly locked in each other's arms.

THE SPY LAST WEEK .- The last num ber of the Sey was badly printed; complaint was justly made. We made it ourselves, but this would not better the matter. It secured through an accident, which could not be remedied in time for last week's paper; accidents do happen even in the best egulated families as well as in business establishments. Contingencies can not be provided against always.

AMOUNT OF DAMAGES .- In the suit of the Columbia Manufacturing Company, vs., the Reading & Columbia Railroad, brought for damages against the Railroad Company, the jury awarded damages to the amount of 1,786.10. Reasons for new trial have been filed by the plaintiff.

THE VOICES OF THE STORES. To the effective mind there is much mental diversion in contemplating the extraordinary range which mercantile literature assumes to itself, and the many devices which are resorted to to attractattention and advertise goods. The best business men are those onerally who advertise liberally but iudiciously; advertising through the very best medium, pays well. Besides the regular newspaper advertisements, they generally issue their annual, semi-annual; quarterly or even monthly budgets. To the public, these budgets and advertisements are use ful and valuable because full confidence is

placed in them. But the language of the stores is refresh ing now to the consumer because their announcements are well adapted to the stringency of the money market, and the hard times so universally complained of. A glance at our stores will satisfy any one of the beauty of their language. Go up Locust or Front and you will learn how to appreciate their voices. "Great Reduction in Prices" is the first bold announcement that greets you. Another merchant has " Holiday presents at Reduced prices;" "Gold Panic," and "Cheaper than the cleapest" says another, while a third not to be outdone has goods " lower than the lowest, all selected with care." That's the place we

think bargains can be had. "Fifteen per cent lower than last year" is the good news from another quarter, while as a reminder of the ante-war times, it is announced that, goods are offered at prices "the lowest sinco 1860." These pronunciamentos are not startling to the quiet unsuspecting mind, and to the poor they are crumbs of comfort.

The modes of advertising are numerous novel. One cries "murder" only because he has cheap goods. Another simplifies his provided with good engines, commodious announcement by making it a terrible houses and some of the necessary equipfall five per cent, So we go on. We have rhymes about hats, poetical effusion about store-loafing, gracefully intertwined with flourishes, and books of scriptural names made easy. "Victory" perches upon the display line of a handbill, while "Old Barnes" mounts another, with the "Old Covey" following close in the rear.

Soon we will have "the good old times again." Even with the almost unprecedented scarcity of money, our merchants are doing a large business. With the spirit of Columbians they push their business ages of fire, and every investment in the fire department, though small it be, will never appeared to more advantage, than never appeared to more advantage, than now when dressed in their most attractive holiday attire, and those who use printer's ink and standard newspapers liberally, are is " busy as bees."

THE DRUMMER BOY OF SHILOH. Those of our readers who witnessed the Drummer Boy Allegory, and especially hose who participated in that affecting drana, can fully appreciate the following from the Pittsburg Dispatch in an article entitled

'The Thankless Part :" " We pity the man who acts the implacable Confederate sergeant in the "Drummer Boy of Shiloh." His is indeed, a thankless office, and poor indeed is the encouragement he receives to perform its functions well. The better he acts the more he is hooted and hissed at. When he shoots the little drummer in the Andersonville prison pen, the disapproving excitement of the two upper galleries is fearful to contemplate, and when he is shot himself by the Federal avenger, the cries of the newsboys to "kill him," " give him another for his nother," etc., etc., are the sole reward the berated actor receives for his faithful rendering of the part assigned him. We presume that he is a philosophical individual nowever, and can stand this contamely, for the sake of the cause for which he plays. Our STREETS .- There is no town in

street-crossings are in better condition than our own. With the deep snow of last week, and the rain and warm weather following ings in neighboring towns, especially in Lancaster, were almost impassable. Philadelphia complained of two inches of mud, while New York was still deeper in dirt. Where there is so much traveling there is, of course, a greater accumulation of dirt.

But fill this can be avoided by careful attention to the grading and drainage of the generally, are clean and passable at all times. Property owners and tenants can help the street committee materially in maintaining this condition of the streets, by keeping the gutters unobstructed, and by removing the snow and ice. The gutters once blocked with ice, the water is forced on the pavement, and renders pedestrianism dangerous. Let us contribute in every way possible to the beauty of our town.

SABBATH SCHOOL CELEBRATION .-- A grand Sabbath School celebration and concert will be held on the 18th and 25th of Dec., 1869, at the German Lutheran Church on Walnut street, for the benefit of the school. The entertainment will consist of speeches and Dialogues by the scholars of, an interesting and moral character, both in the English and German language. Singing of the choicest hymns by the children and the Salem Choir. The Columbia Quartette has volunteered to sing three of their choicest pieces, viz: "Die Kapelle" (The Chapel); "Das Abendleid" (The Evening Hyma); "Glaube, Liebe, Hofnung" (Faith Charity and Hope). All will be under the direction of Prof. Harm. Tickets ten cents, children five cents, to be good for either

Anxious mothers will do well to take note of a little incident which occurred the other day. One Mary Cronin, of Pittsburg, aged twelve months, was drowned in exnetly three pints of water. It happened in this way: Mary was playing about the room during her mother's absence—a little girl was " minding" her-when she came across a common house pail. This stupendous curiosity naturally attracted the close attention of Mary. She gazed into the strange machine, and when her mother returned, some hours afterward, the poor child was found head downward in the pail -stone dead. There were only three pints of water in the vessel. The plan of leaving children in charge of each other seldom an-

WONDERFUL PEOPLE.-One of the atest novelties in publications is a "map of Boston and adjacent country, showing that city to be the geographical as well as the intellectual and moral center of one half of the globe." It is compiled for the use of schools. The "Hub" of course glorifies itself through Mr. Shortfellow, the author. The letters "N. P." indicate the North Pole, around which the world revolved before "these (Boston) ele ments in mutiny had from her axle torn

ROAD AND BRIDGE VIEWERS &C., AP-COINTED AT THE NOVEMBER COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS .- To view and lay out road in Mt. Joy twp: Jacob Hoffer, Henry I. Nissley and Peter Oberholtzer,
To view and lay out a road in West

THE GREAT WEST. Substance of a lecture delivered by Rev.

W. S. H. Keys, before his people on his return from the West: After the usual lesson for the evening, singing and prayer, Mr. Keys remarke

singing and prayer, Mr. Keys remarked that he proposed to-night, to step outside of the ordinary rule for prayer and lecture service, and instead of talking to them from the "inspired Book," he would talk of the broad fields, the growing cities, and wonderful enterprises of the great west.

Nor need they be alarmed at the apparent incongruity between the subject and the devotional ends of the bour. There is religation in a hill, a valley, a stream, a cloud, a shadow, a sunbeam, as realy as in the Bible. And the soal is an instrument so delicately strung, that the subtile influences of the other world will work themselves in upon its spiritual conditions, exalting or depressing, onnobling or degrading its every power. very power. A shadow on a hillside will often start a

A shadow on a hillside will often start a train of thoughts which stretch away beyond all carthly landscapes; a whispering wind breathing its otherial song 'mid the creeping shades of grove or forest, will awaken in the thoughtful spirit echoes of eternal harmonies; a pensive light flushing the evening sky will arouse aspirations that can find their ideal only in the sweet, radiance that beams from out the throne of the Eternal.

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Few there are, who are not greatly the creatures of outward circumstances. Our inner conditions depend almost as much on the winds and the sunbeams, and our religion takes color and fragrance from the light, the soil, and the atmosphere, in a measure almost as great as do the flowers of the field. And the more beautifuly developed becomes a human well the processing the more supported the processing the processin ineasure atmost as great as do the howers of the field. And the more beautifuly developed becomes a human soul, the more closely does it find itself in sympathy with nature, the more linely spiritualized grow the eye and ear, the grander is the significance of its infinite volume, the nobler are the harmonies of its ten thousand voices, the more delicious the meaning of its awe-inspiring silences. No doubt, when our mental and spiritual development shall have realized a certain fallness, nature in all her scenes, and seasons will bring beautiful offerings ladened with the incense of divinest worship, and laying them down upon the altar of man's immortality, the path from nature up to nature's God shall become full of light. On the bright wing of the morning, on the golden chariot of the noon, round the saintly garments of the evening, and in the cool hand of night, from every mountain and valley, rock and plant, river and sea, shall come divinest thoughts, and the wisdom and power of Godhead shall be known from the things he hath made.

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The God of Nature is as real, and his fatherhood as deep and as broad as is the God of Revelation. And he that can find Religious food only in his Bible, must often have a famishing soul indeed, and especially where that Bible is as little read as it is in the multitude of cases. But let us hear its voice to-night: "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

To what extent man would have been migratory or wandering in his habits had he never fallen, it is not possible for us to say. The first instance, so far as we know, was in connection with sin,—that of Cain, the fratricide, unless, indeed, man's departure from the Garden of Eden involved a long and painful journey. But be this as it may, the facts gleaned by travel have always possessed a peculiar charm, and the literature thus formed constitutes by far the most attractive portion of a people's literature And it is needed. literature thus formed constitutes by far the most attractive portion of a people's literature. And it is possible, that man's everlasting thirst to know might have impelled him to a life of travel, even had "the fall" never entered into the history of his race. It might have been true of a sinless race, as it is of a sinful one, that knowledge would be increased by the many "running to and fro." And this is what distinguishes man with an eminence so far above the more brutes. There, as in the world ofman, you find strangest migrations and most wonderful travels; but the travels of the brute are travels of necessity—growing out you find strangest migrations and most wonderful travels; but the travels of the brute are trivels of necessity—growing out of the demands for food, or atmospheric change, and not for knowledge. The migrations of the buffulo, or the flights of the summer birds arise from no desire to see and to know, nor yet to impart knowledge to others, but for certain providential instincts looking to the simple preservation of life, without knowing why they thus do. Not so with man. A desire to know impells your Bayard Taylors to travel footsore and weary over the highways of Europe, or push his canoe up the historic rivers of the old world, until field and workers, town and artisans, Prince and subject were old and familiar things; it was this that fired the heart and nerved the deathless ambition of a Kane as he plunged amid the floating mountains of ice, and dared the hearton of Arctic seas; it was this that inspired the brave Livingstone to delve the jungles and range the burning sands of 'Ceutral' Africa. Mon's losinetes know heartinged his tens of thousands of flying ships, has polarized the steel, shaped the rudder and left the footprints of inquiry on every soil and water.

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To what extent this forms an argument as to man's higher and spiritual nature, we have not time now to examine. But it most certainly forms a strong presumption if not demonstration, that man is destined to a state of "perfect knowledge," "I shall soon see," exclaimed the dying blind man. "Then shall we know, as we are known?, said the hungry soul of Paul, as he felt the pressure of present ignorance and looked forward to the inheritance of perfect knowledge. Earth's history is largely a history of travel, and, indeed, a large portion of the book of our Faith is made up of incidents growing out of travel, and it would form no dull volume that would collect and arrange in proper order and detail, all the travel-pictures of this Holy Book. I should like to read such a volume—what thrilling pictures would enter into its composition.

And first. Here would be the carliest emigration earth ever knew, two blighted impoverished ones, going forth from Eden's blasted howers to seek a new "Home." Strauge emigration! And had their old home lost its charms? Did they think to better their condition by the change? And were thore tears "atparting?" and did they linger at the gate to take one "last look" of the dear old walks, which they were to know, alas! never more.

And there would be the traveler with the strange mark on his brow, and a red hand. Or take the travels of Abraham alone, and

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And there would be the traveler with the strange mark on his brow, and a red hand. Or take the travels of Abraham alone, and what avolume of interest you have. His journies through the land of Canaan, while the "promised inheritance" was still held by the idolatrous millions who knew not God; his travels down to Egypt, when hungry famine gnawed like a wolf at his door. And now returning, when Lot comes before us as a keen-eyed land speculator, caring mere for the well watered acres in the vale of Sodom than for his own soul. An, Lot! Lot! that rich soil may, cost you Heaven! And "what is a man profited if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul." To be sure, you are no worse than thousands who call themselves christians, but who barier Christ and immortality for the sake of gold! But mark it, that alone is wealth, which fire cannot destroy, and he is a fool who builds his expectations of good upon the rich loams of earth, for the fire storms shall sweep over "all terrene," and they shall perish and vanish away! Ah, even now, three mysterious ones are saying strunge things in the ear of Abraham, and ever anon, they point over the well watered valley to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. I ask not their secret; the smouldering ruins of printely palace and humbler home, the "pillar of salt," and the dark waters of the Dead Sea as they chant the requiem of their million dead—tell it all! Sin is punished, nor can wealth redeen the soul in the day of God's anger. And now, are you fond of romance? Let us then go down with our traveler, to a royal city of the Philistine king... "Tis said that "beauty is only skin deep," but enough of trouble has been caused by that "skin-deep beauty" to outweigh all other troubles. The world's great sorrow began with its most beautiful. A beautiful. Cleopatra cost Antony his crown; but a beautiful. Eve cost Adam a paradise, and filled a world with graves! And is it to be

The year and lay out a road in West Hempfield township: Samuel Musselman, B. F. Hiestand and Emanuel Roath, Esq. To lay out a new election district out of part of West Hempfield twp: A, N. Cassel, Jos. M. Watts and J. C. Bucher.

Reading is to have another daily paper, to be called the "Evening Star." It is to be a penny paper and will be published by Messrs. Elliott & Buckwalter. The first number will appear on Monday. Reading will soon be the city of papers, having already four dailies—three English and one Gernan.

Churchi Dedication.—Rev. S. H. C. Smith, of this borough, assisted at the respening services of St. Paul's M. E. Church at Lancaster on last Sabbath, officiating during the afternoon service.

Hell every day and hour of life. Shame, shame. Shame.

But then, Abraham feared, because he "thought of the first of the wish of

and get along the fastest. Fast cars, fast horses, fast men, everything is fast. A slow man has no business out there,—he'll be run over. They run cars, and make the road afterward. To day you may not have a railroad, or sign of road within fifty miles of you, and by this time next week the locomotive will be shricking its shout of joy at your very door. The people seem to feel that much is to be done, a great country to be possessed and but little time to do it in, and they foiler not. No where in the world have you the personification of a restless, moving, onward age, as you have it in the west. the importance of Religion as a safeguard to individual and social well-doing. A man's life is safer in any community because of the fear of God being in the place, and just in proportion as the public mind is pervaded with a deep toned godliness will our homes, our property and our lives be secure. Infidelity has owned this truth in more than one instance. Said Voltaire, the belief in a God is absolutely necessary to the peace and good order of society. And whom a certain sceptic was travelling among our wild woods and night had overtaken him in the mountains, he beheld in the distance a glimmering light, telling him of the abode of man; to this he directed his weary steps, and sought refuge for the night. As

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Again, as they appeared to me, these western people are marked by a sterling honesty and a freedom from wickedness that is almost painful (?) to an eastern man. Here, we all believe in "total depravity," and are not satisfied unless our faith is confirmed by a kind of universal ruscality, so that we can look upon all men as villians, and "bolts and bars" give evidence that in this article, at least, we are sincere. But out there, houses are left open day and night. No matter how much money may pass thro' the hands of the inmates, the house is scarcely ever bolted. They will go to meeting for miles, leaving unlocked doors right on the highway, and "no one at home."

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tance a glimmering light, telling him of the abode of man; to this he directed his weary steps, and sought refuge for the night. As he, beheld the rougu immates his heart hed strange misgivings as to his safety, and when the father shortly after entered with his rifle, and other implements of death, he then felt sure that this was none-other than a den of robbers, and resolved to give no sleep to his eyes that night, but involuntarily placed his hand on his pistol, determined to sell his life dear as possible. But after some minutes, the old man went to a shelf and took down a well worn family bible, remarking to the infidel atranger, that it was customary with him and his family to read a portion of God's word, and engage in thanksgiving and prayer before retiring to rest at night, and he hoped it would not prove offensive to him to be one of their number in the worship of the evening. "Never said this unbeliever did I feel the power of christian belief as I felt it then. All fear of danger was gone; my hand reluxed its hold of the pistol, and I went to bed and slept as sweetly as I ever slept in my life." And thus felt Abraham among the Philistines. But he will yet redeem his name and honor from the stain ot weakness and falsehood. One more journey and it is the last. His how. Isanc is by his side. doors right on the highway, and "no one at home."

I confess, this confidence in human nature was almost too liberal for my comfort. All men are not villians, I know, but there are some men in the east who would find it wondrously convenient if windows and doors had no bolts or bars, And this general sense of security speaks volumes for the honesty of the western man.

And then, the religious life of your western people is marked by a greater earnestnest religious work, and they enter upon it with all the earnness than what we find here. A man, or woman, who professes religion out there seems to think that it means work,—carnestness, and passionate purpose, which marks their whole life. Distance, and weather do not deter them from the house of God. A wet Sunday is no wetter than a wet Monday or wet Tuesday. Shoes are no thinner on prayer meeting night than on the night of a concert. The people-liave not yot learned that it takes longer to 'do the work up,' on Sabbath morning than on any other morning of the week. And could you but stand on some Lord's day morning and look out upon the great prairies, as far as eye could reach you would see the two-horse wagons, each with their sixteen passengers hurrying on to some holy place of worship. They are in carnest, and five or ten miles distance is a small matter.

And then they know what "giving" is, with them it is a business and a pleasure to give, and to give largely of their means to the charities and enterprise of the day. the Philistines. But he will yet redeem his name and honor from the stain of weakness and falsehood. One more journey and it is the last. His boy, Isane is by his side. The wood and the fire tell of the sacrifice, aye, and the lamb that is to bleed and burn is that bright eyed, loving child led by his arm. He goes in the greatness of a faith that his swallowed up all the weakness of flesh, to offer "Isane his son, his only son, his well beloved son" on the far distant Mount Moriah, as God has commanded him. Ah, there is no compromise with a cowardly heart now! No! I dwell not on a seene around which my heart could linger. forever!—It was his last journey! No wonder that he rested then; brains and heart, and nerve had done their utmost, and he stands forth from that hour, as the highest the grandest moral hero, that earth or Heaven ever beheld! And thus we might spend hours, wandering in Bible lands with Bible travellers, (for I have merely estimated the richness of this book in this most interesting department of interature hoping to awaken in your minds a thirst after its contents) and I would gladly stay in a field so full of life pictures, but the lessons of to-day may not be lost sight of, in the lessons of the past.

That Prince of Ministers, the Apostle Paul, made use of his travels in one church to stimulate and encourage on ther church. To his Corinthian brethern he writes of the Macedonian Churches, how they abounded in liberality and good works; with them it is a business and a pleasure to give, and to give largely of their means to the charities and enterprise of the day. Men will give five and ten dollars there for a single lecture or sermon with as much heartiness and good will as most men east give ten cents. Their generosity is really wonderful. They know nothing of little-heartedness, and their is nothing that a western man so much despises as a mean, niggardly, stingy soul. There school houses and their churches are monuments of while they can be proud.

To his Corinthian brethern he writes of the Macedonian Churches, how they abounded in liberality and good works; and of the Thessalonians he says, "ye were examples to all them that believe in Macedonia and Achia." Thus, by comparing notes, with other places, may our own zeal be excited. It is for this end, that I make my remarks, and give my impression of the "Great West." niggardly, stingy soul. There senson nouses and their churches are monuments of while they can be proud.

And finally they are marked by a greater personality and independence of thought, and hence, more seets, and greater sittings of religious creeds, than what we have in the east. This peculiarity will make the west the great buttlefield of the church. There infidelity and popery will rally their forces in the Armagoddon contest, but will rally only to die foreyer. Truth has nothing to fear from the most exhaustive investigations; it is error alone that dies in the furnace heat of inquiry. Infidelity with its sophisms, and popery with its beliements of History, of reason and of the word of God must wither and crumble into powder under the millstone grindings of the coming strife, but truth can never die. Already that war has begun. The shock of the gathering storm is already felt. The west answers back to the east, and the north shouts to the south. "Quit you like men and be strong!" Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints! And woe to that man that handleth the sword desceitfully! No room for cowards or laggards now, when the onlick heat of moving events call to THE COUNTRY.

If I were speaking before an ordinay lecture association, I would feel called upon to describe the country,—The "Great" wondown "West." But how to perform such a task, I confess, I know not. Infinity, Boundlessness, and Incomprehensibleness, are things that caunot be described. Who has ever described a Niagara? Or who has ever penciled a sunset? Or who, has painted motion, or sketched the throb of power? I might tell you of the sentiments that possess the mind, as you stand and gaze over the illimitable expanse, until the eye grows weary of its boundless travel, and turns from Earth to Heaven to find a cloud, a vapor, a something on which to rest its turns from Earth to Heaven to find a cloud, a vapor, a something on which to rest its tired gaze; you are lost under a sense of incarnated loveliness. You are "out at sea," and though neither wave, nor breaker rocks you upon its bosom, no matter your heart sinks within you under an awful sense of being all alone. To a Pennsylvanian the absence of trees and mountains is absolutely oppressive, and chills the heart with a feeling of isolation and soul-makedness that is perfectly painful. I never know how

THE COUNTRY.

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is perfectly painful. I never know how much of companionship there was in a mountain until I got out in the solitudes of infinite levels, where no hill or mountain ever meets the eye. And yet, to me the mountains have always possessed a tender charm; something akin to that of loving friends, they seem to rise up all around me and watch my footsteps with the fond eye of conscious love. They come near to me press

its boundless greatness.

The soil, in its almost total absence of all

But to the eye of the intelligent traveller all these boundless fields are marked with evidence of revolution and decay. Everywhere the signs of change are to be seen. The smooth, rounded pebble that lies under your feet and the numberless shells that

motion, so that stagnation becomes next to impossible. But while these perpotual winds are one of the kind provisions of

Providence to prevent that great country from becoming a vast charnel house, by exhaling its miasma and drying off its great levels, which otherwise, would breed doath to all human beings, they must be exceedingly trying to any system.

Ingly trying to any system.

They tell me that persons soon get used to them so that they no longer mind them. But if they do, they are pretty well used up by the time they get used to them. To my eyes, the people have the marks of premature age, carrying about a worn and used up Appearance which cannot be attributed aftigether to the everlasting hurry and turmoil of wostern life. Expecially is this true of western women. It is an admitted fact that the mortality of woman is much greater than that of man. Go into their graveyards and perhaps six out of every ten graves

er-d to the saints! And woe to that man that handleth the sword desceitfully! No room for cowards or laggards now, when the quick beat of moving events call to arms! to arms!

And to you my brethren, let me say, that your privileges enhance your responsibility. You ought to be far in advance in every christian enterprise and work. "To whom much is given of him will much be required." Let not the West put you to shame because of your backwarness in the great duties of your profession, but seek to be the "sait of the earth and the light of the world,"so that men seeing your good works may glorify your Father in Heaven. After while you will either hear the "well done, Good and Faithful servant!" or the "depart, thou wicked and slothful servant into outer darkness." O! Brethron, which of these characters is yours? Pause; the dying bed, the judgement hour, eternity will reveal it all! when you and I shall be saved or lost! May God bless, you, and may you be christians, Indeed!

and watch my footsteps with the fond eye of conscious love. They come near to me pross around my feet, or look down in the eternal vigils of a fond friendship,—stable and real as the love of mother. And it may be that this friendliness that invests the mountain—representation of God's Church on earth. The Church should and it does embody and hallow the holiest friendship that heart can ever know. Yes, the mountains are emblems of the friendship of God itself. But out yonder, in the "shoreless seas" of vision, the great world runs right off from you, nor once looks you in the face, but sweeps on, and away in its everlasting flight of distance, and you seem to stand in its vast immensity all "unclothed." I never feft utter insignificance so much as when I stood thus "unclothed, in its boundless greatness. BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY GOODS .- The ace collars, handkerchiefs &c., displayed in Fondersmith's windows are very attract tive and are meeting with steady sales, We verheard a lady remark that "they were the cheapest goods she had seen anywhere this season." And the same may be said of the many kinds of seasonable drap goods shawls, velvetteen &c., which are offered of buyers. We are requested to a mounc a third opening of furs for this week. Truly this does not look like "dull times" judging from the way our neighbor Fondersmit! pushes things.

The soil, in its almost total absence of all aluminous or clayey conditions, might lead one to suppose that all the conl'dust in creation had been transported right. Here, and it answers the double purpose of raising grander crops of coruthan evergrew on the banks of the Nile, and making black linens black faces, and black—overything. Our ladies, here in the East, complain of a little coal dust, and they must have anti-dust stoves, anti-dust sweepers, anti-dust everything; but out there, it is under your feet, in your gardens, in your fields, on your highways everywhere, travelling on the wings of the wind, and entering your ears, your cyes, your nose, mouth, every crevice. And there is no patent anti-duster large enough to bar it from your door; still this black dust is the wealth of the West. It is the ill-hillosophers stonen ground into powder, and whatever it touches is changed into gold. Special Religious Notice.-The ollowing service will take place in the U 3. Church on next Sabbath : Morning subject, "Crime and its les-ons," or "The Murder of Richardson."

Evening subject: Nahum, 11, 4. "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against the other in the broad ways. They shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings." A sermon to Locomotive Engineers and Raitroad Em ployees, by request. All invited to attend

PROF. McCLINTOCK will deliver a course of four lectures in the Odd Fellows' Hall. The extracts from the Press show his course to be very popular, and instructive. As the Professor enjoys a very wide reputation and is well known throughout the State, we bespeak for him good houses. Money can ot be invested in a better way than in gaining a knowledge of ourselves.

REV. B. BAUSMAN, of Reading, has een appointed President of the Board of Home Missions, elected at the recent sesion of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in Philadelphia. The Board has control of the subject of home missions throughout the entire Reformed Church in his country.

The smooth, rounded pebble that lies under your feet and the numberless shells that are mixed up in its substratum formations tell you beyond all doubt that the whole west was at one time a vast "lake or sea." And how were the waters dislodged? By earth-quakes? volcanoes? Or by what great and mighty power was the late of Sodom here reversed? And where did the waters go? Were they forced thro' their mountain boundaries westward, or did they slak thro' earthquake chasins, and spread themselves beneath, to bide their time, when they should rally in their strength, and again repossess themselves of their old inheritance? Who can tell?

At all events, no one will pretend, that they have entirely deserted their old dominions after getting into, what is there called a "Sluice," but what a Bunyan would have named a 'Sough of Despond.' And it was from the great proximity of this underground sea, that the Hilinoians have become known by the singular appellation of "Snickers." Many of the western prairies are full of hotes, made by the crawfish, (a fresh water shell-fish) for the purpose of ascending to the surface. And it is said that the early travellers used to provide themselves with hollow-reeds, by which they were wont to slake their thirst, by thrusting its end down one of these holes and sucking up water as they needed. Thus, there and here, and everywhere, "the fashion of this RELIGIOUS.—Rev. S. H. C. Smith will oreach, next Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock, i the M. E. church, a sermon to the faculv and students of Columbia Classical Institute, Rev. Mr. Alexander Principal. The chool will be present in a body. All young men are especially invited. Mr. Hay, Republican member of Congress

rom Illinois introduced a bill in the lower house last week, which provides for the re its end down one of these holes and sucking up water as they needed. Thus, there and here, and everywhere, "the fashion of this world passeth away."

THE LAW OF COMPENSATION.

And here too, the "law of compensation," may be studied, as it carries out its providential ends in its owns way, and with the best results. If the country is wet above, beneath and around, there is plenty of windto keep water, earth, and people all in motion, so that stagnation becomes next to peal of so much of the Internal Revenue law as requires farmers and gardeners to take out broker's license to sell their own productions.

DEPUTY CORONER.—Coroner Robert Dysart has appointed Peter Fraley, Esq., Deputy Coroner for this Borough, The apointment is a good one, but we hope there will be no occasion for the fulfillment of me branch of his duties.

HOTEL accommodations being very lim ted in Columbia, Black's Hotel will be offered at public sale sometime during the present month; notice of time and place of sale lins been given.

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