The Columbia Spy.

Saturday, January 15, 1870.

Advertisements, to secure immediate insertion, must be handed in on or before Thursday evening, each week.

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD.

TRAINS LEAVE COLUMBIA GOING EAST.

Lancaster Train..... 8.40 A. M.
Harrisburg Accommodation..... 5.20 P. M.

TRAINS LEAVE WEST.

Mail Train..... 11.50 A. M.
Harrisburg Accommodation..... 6.25 P. M.
Lancaster Train Arrives..... 8.05
Marietta Accom. leaves Columbia, at 7 40 A. M.

COLUMBIA ACCOMMODATION.

Leave Columbia for Lancaster..... 1.00 P. M
Arrive at Lancaster..... 1.55 "
Connecting with Erie Express for Phil'a.
Leave Lancaster do..... 2.45 P. M.
Arrive at Columbia..... 3.20 "
The Harrisburg accommodation will leave as before at 5.20 P. M.

WM. F. LOCKARD,
Superintendent, Phila. Div

READING AND COLUMBIA R. R.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

ON AND AFTER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1869,

PASSENGER TRAINS WILL RUN ON THIS ROAD, AS FOLLOWS:

	LEAVE.		ARRIVE.
Lancaster	8:15 A. M.	Reading	10:30 A. M.
"	3:10 P. M.	"	5:30 P. M.
Columbia	8:10 A. M.	"	10:30 A. M.
"	3:00 P. M.	"	5:30 P. M.

RETURNING:

	LEAVE.		ARRIVE.
Reading	7:15 A. M.	Lancaster	9:25 A. M.
"	3:15 P. M.	"	5:25 P. M.
"	7:15 A. M.	Columbia	9:35 A. M.
"	3:15 P. M.	"	5:30 P. M.

Trains Leaving Lancaster and Columbia as above, make close connection at Reading with Trains North and South, on Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and West on Lebanon Valley Road. Train leaving Lancaster at 8:15 A. M. and Columbia at 8:10 A. M. connects closely at Reading with Train for New York.

Tickets can be obtained at the Offices of the New Jersey Central Railroad, foot of Liberty Street, New York, and Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, 13th and Callowhill Streets, Philadelphia.

Through tickets to New York and Philadelphia sold at all the Principal Stations, and Baggage Checked Through.

☞ Mileage Ticket Books for 500 or 1000 miles, Season and Excursion Tickets, to and from all points, at reduced rates.

Trains are run by Philadelphia & Reading Rail Road Time, which is 10 minutes faster than Pennsylvania R. R. Time.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Paragraphs.

Philip Philips will sing at York on the 19th.

Seven of Pennsylvania's Governors were of Teutonic parentage.

Grant threatens to visit Europe, in company with a fleet of ironclads.

The New Jersey railroads have discontinued clergyman's half fare tickets.

The Reformed church at Newport, Perry county, will be dedicated to-morrow.

Turkeys are gradually disappearing from the York markets. They disappear suddenly here.

There will be a social hop at M. B. Burkhart's Hotel Rohrerstown, this evening. The Terpsichorean devotees will be out in strength.

The Anaconda which has been such a great attraction at Lehigh University, is dead—caused by the bite of a rat which had been thrown in to him for food.

Dr. Baum's new church in York was dedicated on sabbath last. Dr. Hay, Prof. Baugher, Dr. Bawn, Rev. Messrs, Swartz Lilly and Menges assisted in the ceremonies.

Wear paper-soled boots and muffle up your neck—you will enjoy most miserable health this winter—and will probably be cold enough to take a slow drive in the spring.

Fifty-six barrels of whisky were sold in the city of Lancaster, a few days since, by Gen. Gregory, Marshall of the Eastern District of this State, for 76 cents a gallon, including tax.

The printers of Lancaster county will give their third annual ball, "Our third impression," on the evening of the 17th, in Fulton Hall. This event celebrates the birth of Franklin.

A clergyman in Southampton, Mass., complained in his sermon on Sunday afternoon last, that there were more skaters on a pond near by than there were persons present to hear him preach.

Josh Billings says, "Any business firm that hasn't got sand enough in its craws to expend a few dollars in making its business known to 5,000 or 4,000 people, ought to pick up and go peddling peanuts."

The inauguration of Gov. Geary will take place next Tuesday. A number of military and civil organizations from different parts of the state will participate in the ceremonies. Railroads will reduce their fares.

The borough of Lebanon, Pa., has a population of ten thousand, with a large number of manufactories. The citizens, by a popular vote, have authorized the councils to introduce water into the borough. Lebanon is putting on the "airs" of a city.

"You ought to acquire the faculty of being at home in the best society," said a fashionable aunt to an honest nephew. "I manage that easy enough," responded the nephew, "by staying at home with my wife and children"

Adam Scachrist was arrested for disturbing a religious meeting in York county. A sensible jury sentenced him to a fine of five dollars, and costs, and imprisonment for fifteen days in the county prison. Served him right. Religious denominations have rights in this country.

A Massachusetts Mayor got off the following in his annual Message:—"As the eastern horizon of the present is made glorious with its beaming rays of opportunity so may the sunset hour of the future, by the refractive influences of faithful duty, greet us with its gorgeous panoply of prismatic light."

On Friday last, while Mr. John Vanhinning of Chanceford twp, York county, was driving along Front street, Wrightsville, his horse became frightened at an engine standing on the track, and plunged into the foundation of the turn-table. Mr. V. was severely bruised, the buggy broken, but the horse sustained no injury.

A barn belonging to J. D. Warfel, of Leacock township, was destroyed by fire on the 5th inst. Mr. Warfel intended to butcher in the morning, and got up early. He made a fire in the wash-house, for butchering, and the barn was set on fire by sparks from the wash-house near by. The barn was insured in the Lancaster County Mutual Insurance Company.—*Examiner.*

Bridgeville, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania rejoices in an old lady named Hoyt, ninety-three years of age, who, a few nights ago, attended a hop at Westfall's hotel, and went through all the mystic rounds of the mazy quadrille. The Monticello *Republican* calls on the devotees of Terpsichore to salute this old and venerable dancist. Bridgeville stumps the world to find her match.

The Post Office at Norristown, was broken open and robbed, on Monday night of last week. They secured some seventy or eighty dollars in stamps and money. The tobacco store of H. B. Ritter & Co., which is in the same building—(Odd Fellows Hall,)—was also entered, where they blew open an iron safe with powder. The safe contained the books of the firm and about eight dollars in money. The key of the safe was hanging on the wall near by, but does not appear to have been observed by the thieves. The safe was an old Farrel and Herring, and was used simply to preserve the books of the firm against the loss by fire.

The thermometer stood at 70 on Thursday.

The Drummer Boy draws crowded houses in Reading.

Coasting is called "tobogganning" in Montreal.

Breneman has a few more of those beautiful neck ties.

The Norristown Semi-weekly *Herald* is to be discontinued.

The colored people are to have a national organ in Washington.

The *Independent*, published at Norristown, is to have a new office.

Two hundred pounds of wrapping paper for sale cheap at the SPY office.

Lancaster complains of bad gas, unprecedentedly high prices, and abominable smell.

At this auspicious season of the year all kinds of bills are plenty except bankbills.

The best cheese manufactured can be bought at Max Bucher's popular grocery store.

A barn belonging to Wm. A. Grubb, in Fulton twp, was destroyed by fire on last Thursday.

Our patrons will oblige us by remitting the amount of subscription due. "Little drops make the ocean."

There has appeared at Mechanicsburg, Penna., a band of "Mohawk and Chippewa Indian vocalists."

We notice that people are in the habit of throwing their ashes in the gutters. This is contrary to regulations.

The Columbia Fire Company realized $350.00 at the late fair; one-fourth has been voted to the monument fund.

Mr. Owen P. Bricker, formerly of Lancaster is associated with Young in the *Pennsylvania* office, Lebanon.

New matrimonial injunction: "For better, for worse, for richer—if poorer, till Indiana divorce doth you part."

The directors of the First National Bank have declared a dividend of 5½ per cent clear of U. S. taxes, payable on demand.

The farmers will meet this morning at the Market House to petition Congress for the repeal of the odious ten dollar License tax.

Haldeman's store issued 3000 circulars announcing their grand closing out, and remnants for sale. Their business has doubled since.

The bakers of Philadelphia have reduced the price of the small sized loaves of bread from five to four cents. Columbia bakers attend.

Mayor Atlee of Lancaster is enforcing the ordinance which requires pavements to be kept clear of boxes, and the streets clear of ashes.

The store room and house occupied by Mrs. Hunter is for rent cheap. It is a desirable location, being only two doors from the post office.

John Knight, an aged citizen of Port Deposit was killed on the railroad at the latter place on last Friday. He was about 70 years of age.

The Order of Masons in the city of Wilmington, are preparing to erect a new Hall. Some $60,000 have been subscribed to the capital stock.

W. K. Seltzer, Esq., of Ephrata has been appointed Deputy Coroner for the townships of Ephrata, Elizabeth, Clay, West Cocalico, Earl and West Earl.

At a recent sale, Montgomery County Bank Stock sold for $88,75 per share. The par value is $50. The bank has a surplus fund of some $200,000.

The series of meetings at the Presbyteri an church are well attended, and much good has been done. The exercises during the week have been interesting.

The attention of Council is invited to the old house on the corner of Fifth and Locust streets, which very much obstructs the latter street. Let it be removed.

In Waterloo, Iowa, you can buy turkeys at ten cents a pound, chickens at eight cents, and prairie chickens at $2,50 a dozen—but it is a long way to go to market.

The *Revolution*, the woman's organ edited by "It is I"—Susan B. Anthony—has entered upon its third year. It is a success so far. Annie D. and Susan are a strong team.

In Boston it is said that the color of a certain clergyman's eyes has never been determined; when he prays he shuts his own and when he preaches he shuts other people's.

One of our cotemporaries suggests to housewives, that the most convenient and easy mode of chipping dried beef, is to use an ordinary cabbage cutter. The knife should be well sharpened.

Gov. Geary has tendered to Hon. John Strohm, of this county the appointment to fill a vacancy in the Board of Public Charities.—The appointment is a good one and we hope Mr. Strohm will accept.

An exchange has the following: "A young lady at Keokuk, Iowa, has had her under jaw amputated and her occupation is gone. She is in great demand among young men who want to marry."

Olive Logan says she "never saw a pretty girl in her life, upon whose cheeks the roses were blooming, but that she wanted to fold her in her arms and kiss her." Good for Logan. That suits us exactly.

Capt. Miller, "the old soldier" called to see us on Wednesday. The Captain looks well, and enjoys excellent health. He still champions the cause of the survivors. His old military relics are interesting.

We are indebted to Geo. W. Childs for a copy of the *Public Ledger* Almanac. It is the most complete we have ever seen, and as a specimen of typography can not be excelled. Eighty thousand copies have been published.

One of our enterprising citizens has filled his ice house already. Weather prophets predict a severe change to-morrow. We wait patiently. We saw a lady carrying a parasol in one hand and a muff in the other on Thursday.

The new members of council "ovated" themselves at Richard's Oyster Saloon. The banquet was nicely prepared and the new members together with the new clerk of councils "safely deposited" said banquet in a short time.

Several gentlemen from Marietta who were attending the regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias drove over the embankment near Truscott's oil works. The night was very dark. The damage and injury were quite inconsiderable.

Newly-married couples in Chicago are terribly bored just now, by the flood of cards and circulars which immediately after the ceremony flow in upon them through the mails, from lawyers, announcing terms and instructions how to procure a divorce.

A young man away down in Martic township, in company with two young ladies, took a drive. The horse was spirited, the carriage light and the roads bad. The horse ran off, upset the buggy, and threw out the occupants. The ladies were severely hurt, horse considerably injured and the buggy broken up and scattered along the railroad track.

The *Evening Star*, a Reading daily which was becoming quite popular, suspended publication on Saturday. Mr. A. C. Buckwalter, the senior partner, states that the *Star* will be reissued in two weeks, under the management of a new firm. Mr. C. D. Elliott, the junior partner, announces that he leaves the business with a view of assuming a more lucrative situation.

Select with care and insure your property only in first class Companies. H. A. Fondersmith, agent for the Etna of Hartford, Conn., and the Home of New York the two most successful Insurance companies in the United States. No premium Notes are taken consequently no assessments will be made, all Policies issued on the day of application. Give him a call.

COUNCIL. The council met on Saturday evening last for the purpose of reorganization. Messrs. Baker, Craig, Crane, Detwiler, and Hippey were present.

Mr. Shreiner was *chosen* President *pro tem.* The new officers presented themselves and were sworn in. The new members of council having taken their seats, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

President, Robt. Crane; Secretary, W. H. Grier; Treasurer, First National Bank; Solicitor, H. M. North, Esq.; Supervisor, John Hysinger; M. C. & L. L., R. E. Barrack.

Uuon taking the chair, Mr. Crane said:

GENTLEMEN: I thank you for the high honor you have conferred upon me by selecting me to preside over your deliberations. I will always endeavor to discharge my duties in a fair and impartial manner. Still, I am not here to make a speech. It is my duty to work, I would say, however, that our borough has now a heavy debt to bear—a debt of $40,000, and I would therefore impress upon you the necessity of exercising, at all times, the strictest economy in your disbursements.

On motion of Mr. Craig, the salaries of the various officers, were made the same as last year.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Finance—Detwiler, Nourse and Bletz.
Market—Patton, Detwiler and Craig.
Road—Nourse, Patton and Hippey.
Pavement—Craig, Arms and Hippey.
Fire Dep't—Bletz, Patton and Craig.
Sanitary—Baker, Bletz and Detwiler.
Gas—Arms, Nourse and Baker.
Wharves—Hippy, Baker and Arms.

A Communication was received from R. M. Harry, complaining of injury done to his property, corner of Cherry and Fifth streets, by corner loungers; referred to Chief Burgess and High Constable.

On motion of Mr. Detwiler, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Geo. H. Richards for the prompt and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties as Secretary. To which Mr. R. replied substantially as follows:

I thank you indeed for the unexpected tribute paid me by your passage of a resolution of thanks for the manner in which I have performed my duties as Secretary of the Borough Council. Having always endeavored to discharge my duties to the best of my ability, it is a gratification to know that I have merited your approval. It has been my privilege to be associated with the Town Council for a period of five years, during which many measures were proposed and carried out, resulting in the extension, improvement and prosperity of the Borough. Of that association I am proud. I have ever received the most courteous treatment from you, and I assure you I entertain a high regard for you all.—Hoping you may find as much pleasure in your official labors as they who have gone before, I again thank you.

Similar resolutions were passed thanking the retiring Chief Burgess, High Constable, Market Clerk, Lamp Lighter and Regulator, for their official fidelity.

The Council then adjourned.

ELECTIONS.—The Columbia Water Company elected the following Directors on the 3d inst:

Samuel Shoch, John Cooper, W. Righter, Jos. H. Black, Thomas Collins, George Bogle and Geo. W. Mehaffey.

Officers of Presbyterian Sabbath School, elected on the 5th inst.

Superintendent, H. B. Essick; Assistants Jas. Meyers and J. C. Pfahler; Secretary, C. H. Pfahler; Treasurer, J. L. Fondersmith; Librarian, J. L. Pinkerton; Assistants, A. R. Breneman, J. A. Meyers, S. A. Beckins and Harry Mullen; Instructor of Music, B. C. Unseld.

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Reading & Columbia Railroad Company held on Monday last, the following officers were elected:

President, Franklin B. Gowen; Directors H. P. McKean, A. E. Borie, R. B. Cabeen, J. B. Lippincott, John Ashhurst, John Tucker, W. G Case, Geo. Bogle, T. Baumgardner, Frederick Lauer, G. A. Nicolls, Samuel Small; Secretary and Treasurer, J. J. B. White.

The following officers, of the Columbia & Port Deposit R. R. Co., were elected on Monday last:

President, J. Edgar Thompson. Directors Josiah Bacon, J. D. Cameron, Philip Gossler, Maris Hoopes, Wm. J. Howard, C. S. Kauffman, H. J. Lombeart, Wistar Morris, Joseph B. Meyers, Thomas A. Scott, Edmund Smith, Jacob Tome.

At a meeting of the Trustees of Old Columbia Public Ground Co., held on Tuesday Evening, 4th inst., the following officers were chosen:

President, M. S. Shuman; Sec. & Treas., J. C. Pfahler.

The President appointed the following committees:

Finance, Jos. H. Black, J. A. Jordan and John C. Clark: Rents, P. Fraley, J. H. Black and H. Hippey; Repairs, C. Breneman, Jno. Klingbeil, and C. P. Shoener; Surveys, J. A. Jordan, Jno. Klingbeil and Peter Fraley.

Mt. Bethel Cemetery Company elected managers as follows:

J. G. Hess, Jas. Meyers, J. H. Mifflin, E. Hershey, C. S. Kauffman, J. C. Pfahler, Hiram Wilson, Geo. Young, Jr., and Wm. Patton.

UNDERBIDDING AT SALES.—The following case, lately decided in Chester County, before Judge Butler, will be interesting to the public:

Joseph P. Wilson vs. Yerkes and Jones.—This is a suit to recover the sum of $1615.00, with interest from January, 1867, the said note having been given as part of the purchase money of real estate of Defendants. The question is one of underbidding at a public sale. The defendants were owners of the old Ellicott property at Avondale, Londongrove township. On December of 1866, they exposed it to public sale. It was first put up as one tract, but failing to find a buyer, it was then put up in parcels. Mr. Wilson, the plaintiff, had purchased the mansion tract for $140 per acre. He gave the note in question for part of the purchase money, and paid the same when it became due. He afterwards learned that three gentlemen were present who bid at this and other tracts, and who, in fact were merely underbidders or "puffers." On learning this, Mr. W. immediately gave notice that he would not take the property and demanded to be repaid the amount of the note. On refusal he brought this suit. The law is well settled that if a party procures men to bid up a property, and the person who buys is deceived thereby he cannot be held to his bid. It vitiates the sale and makes it void. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount of his claim.

A NEW WAY TO TELL TIME.—An exchange gives the following singular method of telling the time of day or night, which we copy for the benefit of those who wish to try the experiment: Seat yourself at a table. Attach a piece of metal, say a shilling to a thread. Having placed your elbow on a table, hold the thread between your thumb and forefinger, and allow the shilling to hang in the centre of a glass tumbler. The pulse will immediately cause the shilling to vibrate like a pendulum, and the vibrations will increase until the shilling strikes the side of the glass; and supposing the time of the experiment to be at the hour of seven, or half-past seven, the pendulum will strike the glass seven times, and then lose its momentum and return to the centre. If you hold the thread a sufficient length of time the effect will be repeated; not until a sufficient length of time has elapsed to convince you that the experiment is complete. We need not add that the thread must be held with a steady hand, otherwise the vibrating motion would be counteracted. At whatever hour of the day or night the experiment is made, the coincidence will be the same.

WEATHER VAGARIES.—The weather for the past few days has been very changable. Thursday was mild and pleasant; Friday cold, stormy and signs of snow

BANK DIRECTORS ELECTED.—Elections were held, Tuesday, by the Lancaster County National Bank and by the First National Bank of Lancaster. Below are the names of the gentleman elected:

Lancaster County National Bank—Chrn. B. Herr, George G. Brush, David Landis, (Miller), Jacob Bachman, Levi G. Getz, Benjamin B. Herr, Adam Lefever, Abraham Buchwalter, Benjamin Long, jr., Dr. Isaac C. Weidler, Benjamin L. Landis, John Leaman, Martin G. Landis.

First National Bank of Lancaster: John Gyger, Thos. S. Woods, C. B. Grubb, H. Baumgardner, A. Herr Smith, D. G. Swertz, Peter S. Reist, A. S. Bard, John H. Moore.

Farmers' Bank of Lancaster—The following gentleman were on Wednesday elected Directors of the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster: Jacob Bausman, Daniel Heitshu, A. K. Witmer, N. Ellmaker, Lewis Haines, Jno. Baker, John C. Hager, D. A. Frueauff, J. P. Wickersham, Philip Bausman, Reuben A. Baer, Abraham Peters, John Rohrer.

The National Banks of Columbia, elected the following named Directors, on Tuesday:

First National—E. K. Smith, Robt. Crane, John Fendrich, J. J. McTague, H. W. Kehler, Jac. Seitz, D. H. Detwiler, John Forrey.

Columbia National—John Cooper, Samuel Musselman, Geo. W. Mehaffey, Geo. Bogle, Henry Suydam, J. C. Stoner, James L. Kerr, Henry Copenheffer, D. W. Witmer.

MIXED.—The *Herald* men are very sadly mixed. On the question of syntax, the Classical Dictionary man asserts that *we* are right. The local editor, Secretary of council, &c., don't care, because he don't know. The Tariff man will not take issue with us, and produces no "author on syntax" that will. He evidently realizes the untenable position he occupies, and of course we'll let him "back down," just to relieve him of the embarrassment. The tariff man has yet to learn that the use of words, phrases or sentences must often be justified by higher authority than some miserable author on syntax, who compiles a book to sustain life comfortably. There is not a page of Webster's Dictionary, which does not give numerous instances of the use of words, based entirely upon the authority of distinguished scholars.

There is such a quality as hypercriticism; to be guilty of that, indicates weakness. The occasional hurry, incident to all newspaper offices, requires the greatest care in order to avoid slight errors, as a plural for a singular verb. Such errors, together with such unfinished sentences as the following, ought not to be referred to Bullion:

"Although it was made during the war when prices were inflated, and all of our city fathers belonged to the party of great moral ideas."—*Herald*, Jan. 13th.

Mr. Shreiner was chose President, *pro tem.*—*Herald*, Jan. 13th.

THE SILVER SPRINGS RUNAWAY.—"Observer," our Silver Springs Correspondent, furnished us a communication last week in regard to the reported *ungratefulness* of Mr. John Moore, after the rescue of his horse by several friends. Mr. Moore has called at this office and desires us to state that though regarding the communication as the effusion of some delirious fop, he denies the allegations contained in it. Mr. Moore promptly thanked his friends for their kindness in arresting his animal, but *declined to invite them into the hotel near by and help to make hogs of men*, who accept gratitude only in the shape of bad whisky. Mr. Moore feels grateful for all such acts of kindness, and will return similar favors whenever opportunities present themselves. His sense of duty and right, however, teaches him to decline repaying kindness with whisky.

THE FREIGHT BUSINESS OF 1869.—The daily average of eight-wheel freight cars passing over the Pennsylvania Central Railroad east and west, from the several points along the line, during the year 1869, is as follows:

	Eastward.	Westward.
West Philadelphia	497	485
Columbia	524	540
Harrisburg	544	722
Mifflin	594	715
Altoona	528	565
Derry	459	476
Pittsburg	415	418

Stock shipments equal in 1869 average of 72 cars.

The Philadelphia division had a daily average of 41 freight trains, or 1064 cars. The middle division had a daily average of 45 freight trains, or 1919 cars. The Pittsburg division had a daily average of 43 freight trains, or 935 cars.

WHAT WE PAY TO THE STATE TREASURY.—Of the total amount of taxes paid into the State Treasury, Lancaster county pays $176,298.39, or about one thirtieth of the entire amount. Columbia and vicinity contribute to this quota as follows:

TAX ON CORPORATION STOCK.

Col. & Chestnut Hill Turnpike Co.	$40.46
Col. & Washington Turnpike Co.	9.83
Chestnut Hill Iron Ore Co.	655.00
Columbia Gas Company	53.72
Water Company	7.41

TAX ON INCOMES.

Columbia Water Company	$7.56
Columbia Gas Company	139.52
Col. & Chestnut Hill Turnpike	17.95

Besides these amounts the Bridge and Water Companies pay $20.00 each under the "enrollment of Laws."

FIRES.—There were two fires on Thursday morning about 4 o'clock. A small carpenter shop, situated in the alley in rear of the market house, and owned by Mr. Newcommer, was slightly damaged before assistance could be rendered by the fire companies.

A small house on Fourth street, was set on fire by flames from the chimney. This was soon extinguished and no serious damage done. The property of our citizens is at the mercy of unprincipled boys or men, who either set fire to buildings for mere sport or for maliciousness. We trust they will be brought to summary justice.

RELIGIOUS.—The basement of the M. E. Church, which has been thoroughly renovated and beautifully refitted will be reopened on next sabbath. The Rev. J. A. Price of the Baltimore conference will preach morning and evening. There will be a reunion of the sabbath school in the afternoon at 1½ o'clock, address by Rev. J. A. Price and others. Singing by the children; all are cordially invited.

There will be divine service next sabbath morning and evening in the Lutheran church, at the usual time. Rev. S. Curtis of Ashland will preach.

INTERESTING REVIVAL.—The "United Brethren" are having a meeting of considerable interest. Up to this present time from 15 to 18 persons have presented themselves for the prayers of the church. The meeting will continue over next week. Services on sabbath at usual hours. Morning subject—Hinderances to a revival. Evening subject—sermon to men.

SCHOOL HOUSE ROBBED.—The primary department of the Central Graded school, at Millersville, taught by Miss Brady, was entered on Tuesday night and robbed of a clock, and several other articles of small value. Some of the articles bear the initials of Miss B's. name.

THE war of words between "Observer" and "Reflector" in regard to the best place of crossing the Octoraro on the Oxford and Hanover Junction Railroad having satisfied the public that both routes are the best we will decline any more correspondence on that subject.—Oxford *Press.*

SERVICES AT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE.—Darlington Hoops, a ministering friend will have meeting in the Friends Meeting House, on Cherry street, Columbia, on First day morning, 16th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. A general invitation is hereby extended to all whomay wish to attend.

A DISTRICT SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION will be held at Strasburg on Thursday and Friday, the 3d and 4th days of February. Delegates from schools throughout the county are invited to be present.

From Rohrerstown.

ROHRERSTOWN, JAN. 12, 1870.

EDITOR SPY:—Since writing my last letter the spirits of many of our citizens have been very much revived by the arrival of a company of persons from a distance, who intend leasing the large rolling mill at this place, and set it again in working order. The prospects of this enterprise are good, and if the persons succeed in closing a bargain with the owner, Col. Patterson, we will have a very brisk time again. Then probably the railroad company will condescend to build us a depot that will be respectable enough for persons to enter, as the cabin now used as a depot is certainly not, in the condition it is now kept.

Our friend, Mr. Geo. Gish, who is now carrying on the retail meat business here, is always supplied with the choicest slices of that very necessary article.

Yesterday evening while Mr. Henry Musser was coming to this place with a porker for one of our residents, he had the fortune of picking from the dust, on the Harrisburg pike, a ten dollar note. The owner can have the money by proving it to be his property, as Mr. Musser is a very honorable man.

On Jan 10th, Mr. Daniel Haverstick of this place, slaughtered two very fine porkers whose combined weight was a little less than eight hundred pounds. These are the best we have heard of yet in our neighborhood.

On last Saturday night the secondary department of our school house was entered by some person. Nothing of any value has been missed by the teacher in charge, and the conclusion arrived at by him is that it was a person who had no better place to rest during the night.

During the cold weather of the past week some of our citizens, who have large ice houses, were watching the ice very closely so as to procure it at the earliest moment, but the rain and warm weather of last night has caused much doubt as to the winter's ice crop.

The peace of our town is at present very much disturbed at night by a crowd of boys who are allowed to prowl about the streets and make night hideous with their incessant yelling. We trust that the proper persons will take the matter in hand, and prohibit it in the future. GASPER.

KENNET SQUARE.—Kennet Square has had a first-class horse story. It does not implicate any of the heroes of the "Story of Kennet;" but several neighbors figure rather conspicuously. A West Chester paper tells the story thus:

It seems that on Tuesday of last week a Mr. Jackson of East Marlborough went to Kennet Square and hitched his horse to a post while he attended to some business. On his return the horse was gone and no trace of him could be discovered. The amusing feature of the scene now comes in. It appears that Mr. James Wilson, of New London township, was to get a horse from his brother Henry, who lives in Londongrove township. The arrangement was, that the latter should bring the horse to Kennet Square, and hitch it at the corner, near Mr. Garret's shoe store. Mr. W. took his hired man with him to the borough, and upon their arrival instructed him to go to the point designed, and if a horse was hitched there to take it home. The man did so, but unfortunately rode off the horse belonging to Mr. Jackson, the other not having arrived. After transacting some business, in passing along the street, Mr. Wilson noticed his brother's horse—the same that was to have been sent him—standing at the place agreed upon. Fearing that his hired man might have missed the animal, or gone off without it, he untied and took it along. He was not a little surprised upon arriving at home to find that his hired man had reached there sometime before him with a strange horse. The loss of Mr. Jackson caused considerable excitement in the usually quiet borough of Kennet, but when the matter became known, all parties enjoyed a hearty laugh at the singular mistake that had been made.

FROM THE YORK DEMOCRAT.—Proceedings were started in our criminal court last week against two of our commissioners, charging those officials with corruption in their office. The Grand Jury were occupied in investigating the charge, but there was not sufficient evidence laid before that body to authorize them in finding a bill. We are told that the parties preferring the charches against those officials, are not satisfied with the result and intend renewing their proceedings at another day, but in what shape or form remains to be seen. There are some honest conscientious democrats, we find, in the county, who are dissatisfied with the manner in which the people's money is expended and are determined, if possible, to put a stop to all extravagance and corruption even if in doing it they incur the displeasure and ill will of their party.

A young man by the name of Peter Helfrick, from Heidelberg township, who was attending court last week and who stopped at one of our hotels, had his pocket book stolen out of his bed room on Thursday night. It was taken, by some one, out of his vest pocket while he was asleep. It contained a considerable sum of money in currency, a promisory note of one hundred dollars and a check for his overcoat which had been left in charge of the clerk of the hotel. There were three other persons sleeping in the room, at the time, but as they are well known to be respectable, no suspicion attaches in that quarter. One of the doors leading in the chamber was not locked and it is supposed that some night prowler entered there and did the robbery, and then escaped.

AN ODD WAY OF MAKING BUTTER.—A singular method of making butter has lately come into quite extensive use in France, based upon the observed fact that cream is changed into butter by being simply buried in the earth. The theory of this result is not very intelligible, though the fact is stated to be beyond question; and in Normandy and other parts of France butter is actually prepared on a large scale in this way. The process consists in placing the cream in a linen bag of moderate thickness, which is carefully closed; then burying the bag about a foot and a half deep in the earth, and allowing it to remain from twenty-four to twenty-five hours. After the expiration of this period the cream is found to have become hard, and it is then broken up by means of a wooden beater, into small pieces, and enough water poured upon it to wash out the buttermilk. To prevent any mixture of earth it is advisable to enclose the bag in a second one of larger size and coarser quality. This method of making butter saves a great deal of labor, and separates the butter more perfectly than the ordinary process, and it is said that butter thus prepared is of most excellent quality. —*Ex.*

A Gem.

If a pilgrim has been shadowed
By a tree that I have nursed;
If a cup of clean cold water
I have raised to lips athirst;
If I've planted one sweet flower
By an else too barren way;
If I've whispered in the midnight
One sweet word to tell of day;
If, in one poor bleeding bosom,
In a woe swept chord have stilled;
If a dark and restless spirit
I with hope of Heaven have filled;
If I've made for life's hard battle
One faint heart grow warm and strong;
Then my God! I thank Thee—bless Thee,
For the precious gift of song.

M. L. C.

THINK OF THIS!—If you are under thirty years of age and in the habit of smoking, by economizing to the amount of only one segar a day, you can pay the premium on a policy of two thousand dollars in the American Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia. The American Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia is a company reliable and well managed.

From Strasbug.

From a letter by our correspondent, Frank, written some time ago, and received too late for publication in current number of the SPY, we take the privilege of extracting the following:

Building operations are still going on, not even the hardships of winter are severe enough to check the indomitable will and energy of some of our enterprising citizens. The cellars for two new buildings have been dug within the month. The demand for houses is so great that it seems necessary to have new ones ready for spring.

The parsonage of the Presbyterian church has been pushed forward with astonishing vigor; it is now ready for the plasterers, and is fast approaching completion.

A gay and festive time was enjoyed during holiday week.

The ladies of the borough and vicinity held a grand fair and festival in aid of the Presbyterian parsonage. On Thursday evening, the 23d ult., the fair opened. Extensive preparations were made to make the occasion as attractive as possible, and right well they succeeded. The large room in Massasoit Hall, in which the fair was held, was handsomely decorated with flags, garlands and wreaths of evergreens. Many useful and fancy articles were offered for sale, thus affording persons an excellent opportunity to purchase christmas presents. Supper was provided each evening, for the trifling sum of twenty-five cents, when the palate of the most devoted follower of Epicurus could be tickled with the choice viands that graced the table. Hot coffee, raw and stewed oysters, and ice cream, were served at all times during the continuance of the festival. The kitchen and cooking department were under the supervision of the matronly ladies of the society, and the tables for the sale of useful and fancy articles, toys, confectionaries, &c., were presided over by the single ladies, whose youth and beauty was a sure guarantee of their magnetic power to attract the greenbacks from the pockets of the sterner sex. The fair closed on Saturday evening. On Monday afternoon, Dec. 27th, the Superintendend and teachers of the Presbyterian Sabbath School gave the children of the school an entertainment, after which the articles remaining on hand, unsold, were disposed of at auction. Music was furnished each evening by the Harmonie Society of Strasburg. A prominent feature of the fair was a daily paper, edited and published by Geo. B. Eager, of this place, who gratuitously exhibited each evening the celebrated elephant, "Romeo." The "side shows" were also under the efficient management of Mr. Eager, whose mirth-provoking and side-splitting abilities are well calculated to make him popular among those who are fond of indulging in a hearty laugh. The season for butchering fat hogs is nearly past. Thus far the heaviest one slaughtered was fattened by Geo. B. Eager, it weighed when dressed 511 pounds. Mr. John Horner killed one that dressed about 535 pounds. Fat turkeys were in demand for Christmas dinners. One of the ways of disposing of them here, is by getting up shooting matches at twenty-five cents a shot, the the best shot taking the fowl. It sometimes happens that one turkey is put up several times, thus realizing a profit each time to the owner, and in the end, perhaps, costing the one who last wins it as much as if he had bought one in a regular way.

A very fine improvement made here within the last year and worthy of notice is the dwelling house and drug store owned and occupied by Dr. J. E. Weaver. The old brick front of the store room has been torn out and a new wooden one put in. Instead of one door and a window, there is now a window on each side of the door, a neat, handsome and permanent awning supported by an iron frame, extends over the front of the store. The alterations have greatly added to the light inside of the store, and when lit up at night shows to a very great advantage. The whole building has been freshly painted. The Doctor is one of our young and enterprising citizens, and being unmarried is deserving of a good wife and liberal patronage. P.

REV. W. H. STECK IN KANSAS CITY.—We clip the following from the Kansas City *Evening Bulletin* of the third inst. It will be read with interest by the many friends of Mr. Steck in this community:

"We are gratified to learn that the English Lutheran Congregation on New Delaware street have at last secured the services of a minister in the person of the Rev. Wm. H. Steck, recently of Columbia, Penn. Yesterday morning and evening, services were held in their church, of a very interesting character. The congregation seemed to appreciate deeply the occasion and the discourses, which were both able and thoroughly practical. This congregation has been without a pastor since last April, yet notwithstanding this, they have kept together, holding their regular Wednesday evening prayer meetings and Sabbath schools, lacking none of the interest common to a regularly supplied congregation. They have now secured a pastor—a man of considerable ability as a preacher—and as a theologian and one who has heretofore met with great success as a pastor. In taking charge of this congregation he has doubtless sacrificed many of the comforts incident to the pastoral life in the East, where the church to which he belongs, is large and wealthy, but being fully sensible of the wants of the congregation here, their absolute need of a pastor, and the importance of the task before him, he accepted the call unanimously extended to him, and is already in his field of labor.

It is to be hoped that Rev. Mr. S. will receive the cordial support and hearty co-operation of his members, his ministerial brethern and the public generally. The field in which he is called to labor is a great one. All over this western world it is ripe for the harvest. The province of the Church to which he is attached is peculiar, owing to its German origin, and thousands—and we might say hundreds of thousands of German Lutherans are scattered over our broad acres, whose children become anglicised, adopt our language and naturally seek the church of their fathers. We doubt not that Mr. S. will find much to do in our city; in that particular it will test his pastoral skill and his ability to collect together "the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

FLATTERING NOTICE.—We clip the following from the Mechanicsburg *Valley Democrat* of the 5th inst. After referring to the musical soiree, by the Female Institute in that place, the paper says:

"The musical performances during the evening contributed in no small degree to the success of the soiree. As all the young ladies who participated in these exercises did well, we will mention but a few whose performances and vocalization entitle them to special notice. In our judgment, the best vocal solo was "Come E Bello," as rendered by Miss Lizzie Hess. The vocal duet, "Two Forest Nymphs," by Miss M. Bird and Miss Lizzie Hess was exquisitly sung. Miss Maggie Hess gave the best instrumental solo—Marche de Concert—of the evening.

REMOVAL OF REMAINS.—The work of removing the remains of those buried along the North side of what was known as the Mifflin Cemetery, and now forming a part of Mount Bethel Cemetery, will be commenced in a day or two. The relatives and all others interested in preserving the identity of these remains, are requested to attend and give such information as will enable the Cemetery Company to carry out their plan of preserving such identity; and so far as practicable, to comply with the wishes of the friends and relatives of the deceased, whose remains are to be removed.

FOR RENT.—The very desirable store and house now occupied by Mrs. Hunter, two doors above the post office. This is one of the best business locations in town.

INDIAN CONCERT.—The celebrated Tro