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care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."—A. L.

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IO TRIUMPHET! A Thanksgiving Song for 1868. BY BREVET LIEUT. COL. J. H. MEREDITH. Ring out, glad joy bells, O'er land and o'er sea; Right is triumphant, The Nation is free.

Miscellaneous.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. PART III.

One of the principal public institutions, thirty and forty years ago, was that very patriotic and self-sacrificing body known as the Pennsylvania militia. Occasionally, rumors of possible war with foreign nations disturbed our fathers and mothers.

number—probably a majority of these volunteer companies—immediately disbanded, and were not to be heard from any more. They proved themselves soldiers in peace and citizens in war. And the fact that some of our most successful military officers during the war did not know how to face a company when they commenced, proves, clearly and conclusively, that the best and most intelligent citizens in time of peace, are most reliable as soldiers when called upon, not to show off and display buttons and feathers, but to meet a bold and powerful enemy in the open field of battle.

and two assistants. The salaries of these officers were from \$500 down to \$250 for a session, amounting in all to about \$4,000, or possibly \$5,000, but certainly not exceeding the latter sum. In addition to these officers, there were also employed in the House, four pages at \$1 per diem each, and two men as pasters and folders of documents, at \$1.50 each, per diem. The total expense of the House, including the per diem and mileage of members, officers, stationery, contingent expenses and all, may then have reached \$50,000.

had three ribs broken by a fall of coal in a mine at Strongsville, on Monday, Nov. 26, Saturday, the 14th inst., Mr. J. C. White, of Swatara, in company with police officer Clauser, of Trenton, were on their way to the office of the Swatara Coal Company, with \$14,000 to pay the men, when they were surprised by a band of ruffians and several pistol shots were fired on both sides. Clauser succeeded in shooting one of the ruffians through the arm and shoulder, when the party fled, leaving the wounded man a prisoner in the hands of the officer, who conveyed him to the County Jail at Pottsville.

Table with columns for TIME (1 week, 2 weeks, 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 1 year) and columns for different ad rates (1 Col., 1/2 Col., 1/4 Col., 1/8 Col.).

Father Abraham's Chips.

SLEIGHING in Erie last week. HARRISBURG passenger railway don't pay. PLENTY of wild turkeys in Bedford county. ALABAMA gives Grant about 4,200 majority. NEARLY two feet of snow fell at Quebec last week.