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INDEPENDENT AND PROGRESSIVE.



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A PROPOSITION.

How to Save Thirty-five Thousand Dollars.

Well knowing that none but strictly honest and conscientious men were elected in October last to represent the people in the General Assembly of this State; and knowing that each member elect sincerely desires to break up the system of peculation at Harrisburg, which has not only disgraced the State Legislature, but also cost the people hundreds of thousands during the last three or four years, we propose now to offer a few suggestions, to the end that we may assist our new and more honest representatives in pushing forward the good work of reform which they have so nobly resolved upon.

We propose to begin away down below—in the basement of the State Capitol—where there is a very big leak, which demands immediate attention. We refer to the room—or, for dignity sake we will call it the department—where they fold, paste and put the wrappers round the Legislative Record and Documents. This work was performed by about fifty men at a cost of about forty thousand dollars during the last session!

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives! That's too much! We know something about this kind of work. During the last campaign we folded, pasted and put in wrappers over ten thousand copies of FATHER ABRAHAM, once a week, and we do the same weekly job now, and as this is a branch of our regular business, we now respectfully submit the following as our proposal, which, if accepted, will save not less than thirty thousand, and probably over thirty-five thousand dollars!

We, Rauch & Cochran, of the city of Lancaster, hereby propose to do all the work of "folding and pasting" for the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, at the State Capitol, Harrisburg, which work was heretofore done by men employed as "Pasters and Folders," that is to say: We will fold and pack, all the Legislative Records, Executive documents, messages and papers usually issued and circulated by the House of Representatives; the daily Records to be properly packed and in wrappers, and delivered on the desks of the members at or before 9 o'clock A. M. daily, if delivered in the folding room, by the printer, before seven o'clock on the preceding evening. This work, during the entire session, we will do and perform for the sum of Five thousand dollars, and give bond and approved security, in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars, that the work will be well done and according to contract and specification, and also, that no property belonging to the State and entrusted to our charge will be stolen or carried away; that no papers and public documents shall be stolen by underlings and hangers on about the Capitol and sold to the paper makers of the Cumberland Valley or elsewhere, but render a faithful account of all our doings, and of all property which may pass into our charge.

Now, gentlemen, here is a bid, and we respectfully submit, for your consideration, that it is your duty to give us the contract, unless somebody else should "go better" by offering to do it for less, in which case we should have notice, and a chance to come down yet lower, if necessary, to secure the job. And candor compels us to say that at the price for which we propose to do this forty thousand dollar job—only five thousand—will, we think, allow us a reasonable margin. In this price, we would consider ourselves duly "provided for." Indeed, at five thousand dollars there is yet some money in it—enough, perhaps, for a small "divvy." If we did not know that the new members have fully resolved upon Legislative honesty and purity, we might be tempted to give a figure as the amount "in it."

If we should succeed in securing this proposed contract, we may have some further propositions to make for the mutual benefit of the Pennsylvania taxpayers and ourselves.

Col. GEORGE W. ALEXANDER.

This gentleman, late Assessor of Revenue, of Berks county, was last week convicted before the United States court at Philadelphia, on a charge of defrauding the Government.

The principal witnesses against him were parties engaged in the whisky business, who were themselves guilty of extensive and bare-faced frauds, which fact they confessed under oath. About a year and a half ago, one of them was accused of fraudulently taking whisky from the distillery, and Col. A., then the Assessor, did all in his power to enforce the law against him. Yet, notwithstanding these peculiar circumstances under which his principal accusers testified against him, he was convicted! The result of this trial puts Col. Alexander behind the iron bars of a gloomy dungeon, whilst others, who have confessed their guilt under oath, escape punishment, and are moving unmolested among the "upper tens," enjoying the fruits of their extensive operations as members of the Whisky Ring!

CONGRESS.

Both Houses of Congress met at noon on Wednesday. After the appointment of the usual committees to wait on the President, and the House, a bill was introduced into the Senate, by Mr. Sumner, to secure to all, without regard to race or color, the elective franchise. Several other bills of no general interest, were introduced. The Senate adjourned.

In the House the usual committees were appointed to wait on the President and the Senate. Three new members were sworn in, including our own representative, Col. Dickey. Several bills and resolutions were introduced, among others, one looking to the amendment of the naturalization laws. Adjourned.

The President notified both houses that he would send in his Annual Message on Wednesday.

Both Houses held a short session on Tuesday. Nothing of interest transpired in the Senate.

In the House, the bill regulating the duties on imported copper, came up in order. It passed after some discussion, by a vote of yeas 107, nays 51. The report of the Secretary of the Treasury was presented, and several other communications of minor interest.

On Wednesday, the President's message was received and read in the House. After the reading had proceeded a short time in the Senate, a motion was made by Mr. Comess, to discontinue the reading, because it was offensive and untrue, which was debated for some time. The motion was withdrawn by Mr. Comess, and renewed by Mr. Cameron, and before a vote was taken, the Senate adjourned. Thus, for the first time in the history of the Government, was the President "snubbed" in this way. Served him right!

THE MESSAGE CONDENSED.

That part of the President's Message which relates to our late National troubles, condensed, is substantially as follows:

Gentlemen of the House: Anarchy prevails—caused by your arbitrary acts—your disregard of organic law. Your legislation during the last three years is a failure. It's unconstitutional. Virginia, Mississippi and Texas are yet excluded, and that's your fault. You have placed negroes over our white brethren of democratic persuasion, in the South, and this has destroyed the kindly relations heretofore existing between the blacks and whites—the masters and slaves—of the South. The whole country has been agitated. The federal constitution is the *quasi* *clausa*. Civil strife ceased in 1865. I went in with our fellows in the South to reconstruct, and we agreed upon my policy, which was constitutional. I had the thing all cut and dry. But you came in with your radicalism, and refused to go in for my way of fixing up things—just as I thought I had it all straight. After three years of strife, we are further from the attainment of fraternal union, based upon my plan of restoring our Southern brethren to power, than ever. You, gentlemen of the House, Congress, have repeatedly violated the Constitution. For instance, you have passed the "tenure of office" bill, to prevent me from indiscriminately dismissing all the rascals and Lincoln hangers from office. Said act is clearly unconstitutional. If you repeal it at once I may yet be able to reward some of my friends who are out in the cold.

HARRISBURG PAPERS.

The *Telegraph*, published at Harrisburg, by George Bergner, Esq., is a good paper, and will be furnished to subscribers at the following rates:

Table with 2 columns: Terms and Price. Includes 'TERMS OF THE DAILY' and 'TERMS OF THE WEEKLY'.

As the *Telegraph* is Republican all over, and gives full reports of Legislative proceedings, any one desiring to keep posted about the doings of their representatives, should subscribe for it.

The *State Guard*, also a Republican paper, at Harrisburg, is one of the best papers in the Commonwealth. It has just entered upon its second year, and has proven a remarkable success. It is independent—criticizing alike friends and foes. It gives full reports of Legislative proceedings. It offers the following terms:

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"THE INDEPENDENT."

That admirable New York paper published by Henry C. Bowen, Esq., and edited by Theodore Tilton, Esq., assisted by ten other editors of ability, has entered upon the twenty-first year of its existence, and commemorates the interesting event with a new font of type, and by adding a column to each page, and lengthening each column. The Independent is now the largest, as it is the best religious weekly in the country, and we recognize it as a power on earth for the uplifting of the poor, the teaching of impartial justice, the rooting out of intemperance, the spread of a pure Christianity, and the salvation of men.

OUR CIRCULATION.

Immediately after the result of the Presidential election was announced, FATHER ABRAHAM, as a campaign paper, ceased to exist. After a suspension of one week, we issued the first number of the present volume, commencing with a new subscription list—sending the paper only to those who have re-subscribed. Our success has been very good—better even than we expected it would be under the strict cash system of "no pay no paper"—the only system under which such an enterprise as ours can be made a success. At a number of Post Offices our list is even larger now than it was during the campaign, and subscribers continue to come in with every mail from various parts of the State. Since the twentieth of November, when the first number of the new volume appeared, our increase of subscribers has averaged over one hundred per day, with a tendency now rather to increase than decrease the daily average. We feel much encouraged by this remarkable success, because we have had no regular agents to canvass except in a single locality, and because we know that a certain party of defuncts in this city are doing all in their power to prevent people from subscribing. But they are entirely welcome to use their best efforts against us. We are already established, and expect to go on, send FATHER ABRAHAM among the people everywhere, and endeavor to deserve the prosperity which we enjoy as its publishers.

JUSTICE TO WOMEN.

Hon. E. E. Spinner, the Treasurer of the United States, recommends in his report to Congress, that in the matter of salary the female clerks be put on equality with male clerks. The highest salary now paid to female clerks is \$900, while male clerks receive \$1,600, for the same services. There is no sense, reason or justice in this discrimination. It is a disgrace to the civilization of the age, and Gen. Spinner deserves the thanks of every right-thinking man, and woman too, for the stand he takes in this matter—whether he be a benedict, bachelor or widower.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

The *Kansas State Journal* is in favor of female suffrage, and enforces its views in a sort of woman's rights catechism, entitled a "Plea for Women," from which we clip the three following questions:

- Who was the greatest politician France ever produced? Mme. Roland.
Who is the most popular speaker in our country? A woman—Anne E. Dickenson.
Who was the first to convey a pail of water at the recent fire at Topoka? A woman—Miss Sally Young. Could't Sally Young carry a printed bullock as easily as a water-bucket?

The *Lebanon Courier* is misinformed in regard to Hon. E. McPherson's connection with the *Gettysburg Star*. He is the principal editor, and his vigorous and able editorials appear regularly in the columns of the paper.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The President's Message was laid before Congress this afternoon at one o'clock.

On the subject of reconstruction, constitution, rights of States, &c., the President simply repeats his "policy," in his usual style, without a single new idea. This part of the Message will be found condensed, in another column.

On the subject of National debt, the President says if it is to be paid, retrenchment must be made in all branches of the public service. Judicious legislation and prudent economy is the only remedy. The President considers our foreign relations generally satisfactory. Minister McMahon has instructions to fully investigate the whole subject of the Paraguayan difficulties.

Our relations with Mexico during the past year have been marked by increasing growth and mutual confidence. After referring to negotiations now pending on the purchase of the Island of St. Thomas and St. John, the President says: Comprehensive national policy would seem to sanction the acquisition and incorporation into the federal union of the several adjacent, continental and insular communities, as speedily as it can be done peacefully, lawfully, and without any violation of national justice, faith or honor.

Foreign possession or control of those communities has hitherto hindered the growth and impaired the influence of the United States. Chronic revolution and anarchy there would be equally injurious. Each one of them, when firmly established as an independent republic, or when incorporated into the United States, would be a new source of strength and power. But little is said in reference to our relations with England. The President expresses a hope of their speedy adjustment. He renews his recommendation for an amendment of the Constitution sent to Congress on the 18th of July last, viz: For election of President and Vice President by direct vote of the people, instead of through the agency of electors; for a distinct designation of the person who shall discharge the duties of President in the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or removal of both President and Vice President; for the election of Senators of the United States directly by the people, instead of by the Legislature, and for the limitation to a period of years the terms of federal judges.

After urging upon Congress the adoption of his views, and picturing the beneficent results that will follow, the President concludes: Let us earnestly hope that before the expiration of our respective terms of service now rapidly drawing to a close, an All-wise Providence will guide our councils as to strengthen and preserve the Federal Union, inspire reverence for the Constitution, restore prosperity and happiness to our whole people, and promote on earth "peace and good-will towards men."

STATE NEWS.

CHESTER COUNTY: Mr. Jacob Christian, Jr., of East Coventry, was severely gored by a bull, on Friday before last. A faithful dog came to Mr. Christian's aid, and probably saved his life. His injuries are severe. A young man named Hartenstein, residing in Warwick township, whilst out gunning, accidentally shot himself and immediately expired. It is supposed that whilst going down a hill he stumbled over a stone and struck the lock of his gun. The load entered his head and neck. Rev. I. N. Grier, D. D., the aged pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Brandywine Manor, resigned on account of infirmity; after having served as pastor of the congregation for fifty years. An aged colored man, whilst walking on the Railroad near Parkburg, was struck by the Express train and had one foot crushed, leg broken, three fingers taken off and otherwise severely injured. He will probably recover. Elwood Bates, employed on the Railroad, near Chad's Ford, was killed last week by a derrick falling on him. A bogus insurance Agent, named Bove, has swindled several individuals at Phoenixville. He was arrested, but succeeded in making his escape afterwards. Parties are trying to get up a boarding school at Waynesburg, with a capital of \$25,000. George Ryan, restaurant keeper at Chester Valley depot, was robbed of \$100. Whilst Major Pomeroy, of Sadsbury, was crossing Do Run, one day last week, his horse took fright at a stump that had been deposited near the bridge, and commenced backing until the carriage went over and the Major spilled out into three feet deep water.

BERKS COUNTY: A. S. Whitman, Esq., for a number of years connected with the Reading Daily Times, goes to Hazleton, Luzerne county, to take editorial charge of the *Saturday*. A pumpkin was raised by Jacob Dier, of Birdsboro, weighing 125 pounds. J. B. Maxton is the new W. M. of Chandler Lodge, No. 227, A. Y. M., of Reading. Scarlet fever prevails among the little ones in the upper part of the county. An owl measuring three feet and seven inches over the wings, was shot in Bern township. Falls Landing are announced as follows: Liberty Fire Company, on Christmas eve; Young Men's assembly on the night of the 23th; Harmony Assembly on the night of the 31st. John M. Shonater is the new W. M. of Williamsport Lodge, No. 297, A. Y. M., at Womelsdorf. Levi K. Moore had his hand badly crushed, and a finger torn off by being caught in the machinery of a manufacturing establishment at Carpenter and Cherry streets, Reading. Messrs. Bush & Bro, have the contract for furnishing the Ringgold Bank of Reading with new uniforms of dark blue coats and red pants. The new Lutheran Church at Lyons was dedicated on last Sunday. Hon. J. Lawrence Getz, the present member of Congress, disposed of the Reading Daily and Weekly Gazette Printing establishment, to Messrs. Ritter & Hawley, Publishers of the Daily Eagle, who will continue the weekly Gazette, and unite the Daily list with that of the Eagle. Revival meetings are now holding nightly in the 4th street M. E. Church of Reading. Samuel Frick publishes a card in the daily Eagle, headed "challenge," in which he says: "I will shoot Mr. Arthur B. Vance any day my name appears in the Reading paper, twenty-one days on end." Probably Mr. Vance wouldn't object to this fellow; he will agree to be shot himself. On Thursday last week, Mr. Henry Bley and his wife, in Maxataway township, were driving to a funeral, when the horse took fright from the barking of a dog, ran off, upsetting the carriage and fatally injuring Mrs. Bley. She died on the same evening. Reading has a sensation—married man and wife—husband goes away—wife good looking—grows lonely—gone out—promenades—a merchant sees her—is charmed—gets introduced—takes a drive together—horses run off—both tumble out—lady's face scratched—keep shady—found out at last—husband furious—going to leave—thinks better of it—probably pistols and coffee for two—if scene progresses any further 'twill be continued in our next.

LEHIGH COUNTY: The village of Slatington is rapidly improving, and now supports a very neat and spicy weekly newspaper—the *News*. The erection of a new furnace and rolling mill is talked of, to be located north of the town. The County Institute will hold its next session at Allentown, on Monday, December 21. Three hundred and twenty-seven new houses were erected in the City of Allentown during the past season.

SNYDER COUNTY: Five divorce cases to be tried next Court. A German who stole a horse from David Ewy of Perry township, was followed to Huntingden where he was arrested. He is now in the Snyder County Jail for trial.

DAUPHIN COUNTY: John B. Gough is engaged to lecture on "Circumstances," for the benefit of the "Home of the Friendless." The house of Peter Moyer, East Hanover township, was entered by a burglar, who hid himself on the garret, and was discovered by Mrs. M. when he made his escape. The Harrisburg Daily Telegraph will contain full and correct reports of the proceedings of the State Legislature, beginning on the first Tuesday in January. Terms of subscription, during the session, \$1.50. The new Bethel, erected by the Church of God, at Progress, was dedicated last Sunday. William S. McCormick, from Lewisburg, Union county, died on a settee in the bar-room of the St. Charles Hotel, on Canal street, Harrisburg, last Monday. The coroner's Jury found that the said Wm. S. McCormick came to his death by intemperance and exposure. The Susquehanna township Teachers' Institute held a meeting on the 5th inst., in the Spring Dale school house. An Encampment of Odd Fellows will be instituted at Middletown, on Wednesday evening next. The Street Railway of Harrisburg is a failure. The cars, stock, horses, (cats played out), are offered for sale. Citizens of Allentown. Reading and Lancaster, please take notice. The new Evangelical Church of Lower Paxton will be dedicated on Sunday December 20th, on which occasion Rev. C. S. Haman of Pine Grove, will officiate.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY: Deer are plenty in the mountains of Westmoreland; eleven were killed during the late snow, in Ligonier township, including a buck which weighed 247 pounds. A fine skating pond is being prepared within half a mile of Greensburg.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY: A lad 13 years old, lost a leg by being crushed in the "Monkey-rolls," at the colliery colliery, Shanforkin. A thief entered the office of Drs. Robbers & Weaver, Shanforkin, one night week before last, and stole \$40 and several valuable Medical works. Philip M. Shay has been appointed Post Master at Watsonstown. A son of Mr. Benj. Hoover, proprietor of the Sunbury Dairy, had his nose bitten off by a vicious horse, whilst attending him in the stable. A steam ferry across the Susquehanna, at Sunbury, is strongly urged by the *American*.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY: The Carlisle Herald goes in for a skating park. Lodge No. 650, I. O. O. F., was organized on Tuesday last week, at Mount Holly Springs. The fifth annual meeting of the County Teachers' Institute was held at Mechanicsburg week before last. The Cumberland Engine Company, of Carlisle, intend holding a Fair and Festival during the Holidays.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY: Gleanings from the *Journal*—The explosion of a coal oil lamp caused \$100 damage to Samuel Houser's clothing store, at Cresson. A ten year old son of George Fry, employed as a slate picker, at Bell's Tunnel colliery, near Mount Carmel, on Wednesday last week, was caught in the cogs of a screen, and instantly killed. The Good Templars of St. Clair gave a grand entertainment on Thanksgiving evening, and were assisted by the M. E. Church choir, and the celebrated association of St. Clair vocalists. Robert McKelmevy, who was burned during the late explosion at David Beveridge's powder mill, died on Sunday before last. On Monday, George Beaumont was instantly killed in a coal mine at St. Clair, by the fall of a lump of coal. John Finley, a highway man, who was shot a few weeks ago by officer Clauser whilst attempting to rob Major J. C. White, since died, in the county prison, from the effects of the wound. Burglars attempted to break into the jewelry store of Mr. Abraham H. Kline, at Pinegrove, on Tuesday night of last week. Mr. K., who was a soldier, and understands the use of shooting irons, hearing the burglars at work, went out the back way and around the house and saw them at work, when they ran, and he fired bringing one of them down. His confederates, however, succeeded in helping him off, and after going ten miles in the direction of Lykens Valley, the wounded man could go no farther. He was taken to a shantie where he since died. One of the party has since been arrested. The body of Capt. Edward L. Hartz, who died at Fort Scully, D. T., was brought to Pottsville and buried. John Duffy, who was shot by Edward Pursel, at Newtown, on Thanksgiving day, lingered until Tuesday when he died. Strong drink the cause. A new council of the Order of United American Mechanics is about to be organized at Tremont.

YORK COUNTY: The "Ziegler Guard" of York borough attend the inauguration of President Grant on the 4th of March next. Corn thieves have been operating about Hanover. A telegraph office has just been established at Wrightsville, and an Express office is also needed. The Irving Literary Association of York elected N. H. Busby, President; Wm. H. Lanier, Vice President; Wm. L. Boyd, Secretary, and J. Jessop, Treasurer. A public hall is needed in York. A series of religious meetings have been held at Margarotta Furnace, under charge of Rev. Max Lautz, of the M. E. Church, and a number of persons have been converted. Col. R. Stockett Matthews will lecture at Hanover, on Tuesday evening. Subject—"Romance of American Progress." Prices in York: Potatoes, \$1 to 1.25; Eggs, 35; Butter, 30 to 40c; Chickens 40c to \$1 per pair; Beef, from wagons, per 100 pounds, \$7 to \$15; Pork, per 100 pounds, from \$8 to \$12; White Wheat \$2.10 a 2.20; Red, \$1.80 a \$2.00; Rye, \$1.30; corn, \$1.

LEBANON COUNTY: Henry Brightbill, of Campbellstown, slaughtered a hog, last week, which weighed 816 pounds. A mass of earth fell in at Hauck's ore mine, in Cornwall township, and killed Henry Kridler. The County Teachers' Institute will convene at the Court House, on January 19th, and continue in session five days. Work has commenced on the Pine Grove Railroad south of Lebanon. From Pine Grove to Lebanon the road will be finished next Spring. The editor of the *Courier* says he appreciates the compliment intended by persons who call upon him to "head the list," when it comes to subscribe, but as he is not of a jealous or envious nature, he would be just as well satisfied if they would secure the honor for themselves. Butter, in Lebanon, 44 cts.; Lard, 18; Tallow, 10; Eggs, 36 cts. per dozen; Potatoes, \$1.20 per bushel; Onions, \$1.25.

MODEST.

What a modest set of rascals we have among the Copperheads. Some of their journals, with a coolness that would be refreshing in the dog-days, evidently expect and hope that General Grant will appoint, say to at least half the offices, fine old Democrats—capable and honest, of course—some of whom would have voted for Grant if Seymour, &c. But we incline to the opinion expressed by the *New York Sun*, that while Grant will be very rigid as to the first two requisites, and bestow office on neither fools nor knaves, he will not confide them to those who have done nothing towards creating or educating the public sentiment which bore him into power, or who did not find out on which side they stood until, through the exertions of others, it had become clear which was to be the winning side. From this we regret to be obliged to add, in conclusion, that the fine old honest and capable Democrats, even those who would have voted for Grant if Seymour had not, &c., have very little chance.

Their theory of the distribution of office, from what now appears since the election, may be thus stated: If Seymour is elected, Democrats are to have all the offices; whereas, if Grant is elected, they are only to get half. It is a very pretty theory, indeed, and the only difficulty will be to get the Republican party under Grant to see it.

STEAMBOAT COLLISION—LOSS OF LIFE.

MADISON, Ind., Dec. 5.—The Madison *Courier* says a terrible accident occurred on the Ohio river last night, at 11.30. The steamer United States, which was descending, and the America, ascending, collided at Rilli's Landing, about two miles above Warsaw, on the Indiana side. The United States had a quantity of petroleum on her gards. The America struck her on the starboard side forward of her steps, cutting into her a considerable distance, and sinking her to about the main deck. In ten minutes fire was communicated in some way to the petroleum, and both boats were soop in flames.

It is said that from seventy-five to eighty passengers have been lost, including thirty-eight women who were on board of the United States. W. C. Taylor, Clerk of the America, after securing the books, register and valuables, went through the cabin, kicking in the doors of state-rooms. Through his intrepidity no lives were lost on his boat. Mr. Foster and lady jumped to the deck of the America, a distance of fifteen feet and were saved. The survivors of this terrible accident unite in praise of the America after the collision.

The snow on the mountains, North, along the Penn. Railroad, is two feet deep.

Local News.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

For gloves, collars, under-clothing and other articles calculated to make gentlemen feel comfortable during the Holidays, call at Erisman's, 417 North Queen street.

For the inner man—the best groceries, fruits of all kinds, and also for the best quality of glass and quensaw, go to Bursk's, No. 18 East King street.

For first-rate confectionery, the best place west of us is at John T. Wehn's, No. 327 North Queen street.

For all kinds of books, periodicals, fancy articles, &c.—for big and little folks—walk into Westhauler's, corner of North Queen and Orange—to J. H. Shaeffer's, No. 32 North Queen, or to D. S. Bar's, corner of Fulton Row and West King street.

Everybody ought to own something in the line of watches, clocks, silver ware, jewelry, &c. The best places are at Messrs. H. L. & E. J. Zahm's, corner of North Queen and Centre Square, and at Zahm & Jackson's, No. 15 North Queen.

To be merry we must have music—pianos, melodeons, organs, violins, &c., &c., all of which can be obtained at Reynolds's, No. 3 North Prince street.

A new hat for Christmas is always in order. Go and buy one, either at Shultz's, No. 29 North Queen street, or at Smith's, No. 117 West King—don't care which—both A No. 1. Don't forget to buy a pair of new slawms, muffs, woolen goods, ready-made garments for men and boys, of every style and best quality, and at the lowest prices, go to Hager & Brothers, West King street.

All reading people have periodicals, books and files of FATHER ABRAHAM to bind about the time of the year. The place is at George Wiant's, North North Queen street.

A very substantial and appropriate Christmas present, from man to wife, or sister, daughter or intended, would be a first-rate Sewing machine. For particulars, go to C. Fate and he will show you *how*, or, if your favorite is a good *Singer*, step in at Beard's. Mr. George H. Cole, of the city, has bought Eber's old stand, No. 42 North Queen street, will execute merclant tailor work at short notice—warranted to give fits to all his customers.

Our Reading friends all know where to go for the best and cheapest clothing—at Birch & Brothers, in Port Deposit, about 5 1/2 miles out. Before eating your next Christmas dinner, be sure to get your "ivories" into good working order. Walk into Dr. Whiteside's dental office, East King street, next door to the Court House.

As it is impossible to get over the Holidays comfortably without well fitted boots and shoes, Messrs. Marshall & Son have made ample preparations for a general rush of customers, at their extensive boot and shoe establishment, North East angle of Centre Square.

To secure your own happiness; to clear your conscience; to enjoy the best treat of all, and make all around you happy, you happy, subscribe for FATHER ABRAHAM.

OUR MEMBER: Hon. O. J. Dickey was in York on Friday evening, stopping at the Washington House. The *York True Democrat* says: He was visited by a number of his friends and acquaintances, who were pleased to see him in the enjoyment of good health, and evidently prepared to give an excellent account of himself in the coming session. Mr. Dickey is now in the prime of his years and usefulness, is well and familiarly known as one of the ablest lawyers in the Commonwealth, is essentially radical in all his opinions and destined to make a mark in the world if his life and health are spared.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Evening Telegraph*, writing on the 7th inst., O. J. Dickey, the successor of Thaddeus Stevens, is pointed out with considerable curiosity. Everybody is anxious to see if he looks anything like the "old man," whose striking features are so familiar. Everybody wonders if he will be as good as the great Commoner did. Dickey is a spare man, below the medium height, with a good-sized, well-shaped head, and sharp, clear-cut intellectual features. His dark hair and beard are thickly mixed with gray, and his general features give you the idea of a close, laborious student, which I learn he has been at his life. Stepping into the shoes of a giant like Thaddeus Stevens, he has a difficult position to fill, for it would take a man far above the ordinary standard of ability to even approach what he was, much less to come up to him. Mr. Dickey, however, will make a useful member. He is a good lawyer and an earnest and constant worker. The House has yet to hear from him. His first effort will probably be in announcing the death of his lamented predecessor.

REAL ESTATE SALES: A tract of 49 acres, with improvements, in East Hempfield township, was sold by Benjamin Rutt to Frederick Hess, for \$300 per acre. Also, a tract of 18 acres, without buildings, for \$222 per acre.

W. J. Kafrotis sold a lot with improvements, in Brownstown, to Mrs. Elizabeth Johns, for \$1,900.

The double two-story brick dwelling house of Jacob King, in South Duke street, opposite Trinity Lutheran Sunday School buildings, sold to J. Marshall & Son, for \$4,800 per acre.

The one-story brick dwelling house on the east side of South Duke street, belonging to John W. Miller, sold to Oliver W. Snyder, for \$2,100.

Col. C. S. Kauffman sold 12 acres of the Review farm, adjoining Columbia, with a handsome dwelling house, on a Saturday evening, to Henry E. Wolfe, for \$480 per acre. Another tract of 7 1/2 acres was sold to John Stein, for \$288 per acre.

The farm of 144 acres, of J. Nelson Brown, in Little Britain township, has been sold to James Vason for \$5,300.

The property belonging to the Demuth estate, in East King street, was sold at public sale to Fred. Demuth. Price, \$8,000.

Farm of Mrs. Annie Bowman, in Pequea township, containing 45 acres, sold to John Harman, at \$190 per acre.

MANHEIM: Protracted meeting in the Evangelical Church. Prices as published in the *Sentinel*, at Manheim: Flour per 100 lbs., \$2.20; Prime Wheat, \$1.00; Rye, 65c; Corn, 70c; Potatoes, \$1; Butter, 42c; Eggs, 34c.