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REMOVAL. The rapid increase of circulation and business of FATHER ABRAHAM has compelled us to procure a better and more extensive publication office.

FEES OF COUNTY OFFICERS. We notice that a resolution has passed both branches of the Philadelphia City Councils, requesting the Legislature to enact some law looking towards the regulation of the fees of the county officers of that city.

THE LAST ACT OF A TRAITOR! Andrew Johnson has filled his cup of infamy. He has issued his proclamation granting unconditional pardon to Jeff. Davis, Robert E. Lee, John C. Breckinridge, and other rebels.

THE POOR PEOPLE. We recently referred to the constant harping of some of the Democratic papers among which the Reading Daily Eagle is most prominent about the everlasting "poor people."

THE U. S. SENATORSHIP. Thus far we have carefully avoided any expression of preference for this or that candidate for the Senatorship. We have, however, expressed a strong desire to secure a sound, radical and true representative man.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW. The year 1868, which has just closed, has been one of the most eventful in the history of our country. Political issues of immense importance have been settled, as we believe, finally, by means of the never-failing ballots of the most intelligent and powerful people on the globe.

As citizens of Pennsylvania, and more particularly of Lancaster county, the year 1868 will long be remembered on account of the passing away from Earth to Eternity, of two of our most prominent public men.

What the new year will do for us remains to be seen. It is sufficient for us to know that it is all before us, and that we have many very high and important duties to perform.

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According to present indications the right man will be chosen—Gen. James K. Moorhead, at present one of the Representatives in Congress, from glorious Old Allegheny.

LEGISLATIVE REFORM. We have a number of letters in regard to Legislative reform—of which several were intended for publication, but excluded because they are not free from serious objection.

We will only add, to what we have already said, that the people of the State—particularly the Republicans—want radical reform; that, for the purpose of proving, beyond the shadow of doubt, that about \$30,000 can be saved in a single department, we propose to do the same work by contract which has cost the State over \$20,000 in 1867, and nearly, or quite, \$40,000 during the session of 1868.

THADDEUS STEVENS. A Reminiscence. From the eulogy pronounced by the Hon. J. K. Moorehead, on Mr. Stevens, in Congress, we extract the following paragraph, which cannot but be read with interest.

TERrible AFFAIR AT CINCINNATI.—Between two and three o'clock on Wednesday morning, cries of a woman exclaiming "Oh God! Oh God!" followed by the report of a gun, were heard to proceed from a house on Central Avenue.

A LARGE RINK.—The new Chestnut street rink in Philadelphia will accommodate fifteen hundred skaters, besides seating four thousand spectators in a gallery, with promenade room for two thousand.

THE NEW YORK WORLD has turned its attention to the swindles practiced by the grocery dealers in that city, exposing the "tricks" of the retailers in a most heartless manner.

IN the article of tea alone, the adulterants are tea leaves, leaves of the beach, elm, horse chestnut, starch, rice, husks, excrement of silk worms, and sand.

Spices are adulterated with wheat, as well as ground oil cake, arrow root, mustard husks, etc. To give bulk and weight to flour, hydrated sulphate of lime, powdered flints, plaster of Paris, chalk, while alum is used to give a proper taste to adulterated flour.

MARYLAND JUSTICE. The Baltimore American has a letter from Cumberland, Md., giving a special account of a terrible assassination committed there, at a fair, held by colored people, in the Methodist church, on Christmas night.

LEBANON COUNTY.—Blind Tom was performing at Lebanon last week. The Courier mentions a steam slaughtering establishment at Lebanon, slaughtering by steam isn't new.

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DEATH TO THE "RINGS."—The New York Herald correspondent says: General Grant says he is "so much of a radical that he will tear up the whisky railroad, and insular rings" by the roots if he has to fill every important civil office in the country with army and navy regular officers.

BERKS COUNTY.—The Methodists of Birdsboro are going to build a new Church next Summer. At the mill of Messrs. E. & G. Brooks, Birdsboro, 3,000 kegs of nails are made every week.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.—Out of 170 teachers employed in the county, 130 were present at the recent convention held in Bloomsburg.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.—Rev. George Norcross, of Galesburg, Ill., has accepted the Pastorship of the Second Presbyterian Church of Carlisle.

DACAPIN COUNTY.—Nash will lecture in Harrisburg on the night of the 5th inst., and Gough on Monday evening the 11th inst.

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SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.—The Mirror Journal will appear this week in an enlarged form—from thirty-six to forty columns. It is one of the most valuable and interesting papers on our exchange list.

YORK COUNTY.—On Christmas eve somebody not having the fear of the man with the poker before him, broke into Spangler's saloon, in York, and stole a demijohn of whisky and a keg of beer.

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Calendar for 1869, showing days of the week for each month from January to December.

Local News.

ITEMS: For some time complaints have been made of the loss of letters in the mail, directed to the Lancaster City Post Office.

A correspondent of the Express has been venturing the Duxter Indian claim. From the Express we learn that the people of Manor, Conestoga, &c., need not have any apprehensions of trouble.

A gentleman of Columbia, whose name is not published, has established a free night school in that place, at which upwards of seventy men and boys attend.

The Army of Capt. Rockafellow's "Fencibles" was organized on Christmas afternoon. It was handsomely decorated with evergreens, &c.

Messrs. Levy & Kaufman have built a large brick Tobacco warehouse at Mountville, on the Railroad.

Mrs. Eliza Barr has sold a dwelling and lot in Strasburg, to Blain Mowling, for \$1,000.

Dr. Henry Carpenter has purchased the brick dwelling house, in South Queen street, late the property of Mrs. Mary Mathiot, for \$4,500.

The Linman Society held a stated meeting on Saturday afternoon last. The annual report for officers for the ensuing year, P. Wickersham was elected President; H. C. Bruckhart and C. A. Heintz, Vice Presidents; Jacob Stauffer, Secretary; H. A. Rockafellow, Assistant Secretary; C. H. Naiman, Corresponding Secretary; S. S. Rathvon, Treasurer, and J. B. Kevisnik, Librarian.

DAVID HARTMAN & CO. have purchased the ground, known as the "Chestnut Street Tract," near the Locomotive Works.

THE MORAVIAN CHURCH, of this city, which has been enlarged and otherwise improved, will be re-dedicated on Sunday, January 10th.

THE LANCASTER AND EPHRATA TURPIKE COMPANY declared a dividend of one dollar per share for the last six months.

THE EPHRATA COUNCIL of the American Mechanic have elected their officers for the ensuing term: Concllitor, Simon N. Klausner; Vice Concllitor, Jacob Keel; Jr. Ex. C., S. G. Norton; Sen' Ex. C., W. W. Wickel; Recording Secretary, Wm. K. Seltzer; A. J. Secretary, Elam A. Hertz; Inductor, Geo. L. Samsing; Examiner, Martin S. Frey; Inspector, Jacob S. Samsing; Treasurer, Harry D. Spangler; Financial Secretary, W. H. Spera; Trustee, J. A. Stober.