Father Abraham.

INDEPENDENT AND PROGRESSIVE.

LANCASTER CITY, PA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1869.

Economy, Retrenchment, Faithful Collection of the Revenue and Payment of the Public Debt.—GRANT.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

MR. S. BAKER YOUNG, the Lancaster News Dealer, who everybody knows, is agent for FATHER ABRAHAM, and is authorized to take subscriptions and receive money for the same.

"THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE."

Thomas Nicholson, Esq., Chief Clerk and Cashier in the State Treasury Department, in reply to a letter of inquiry addressed to him by Wm. H. Frazier, Esq., of Frankford Springs, states that "the balance on hand, November 30th, 1869, amounts to one million, four hundred thousand, eight hundred and sixty-three dollars and forty-eight cents ($1,400,863.-48)." No wonder the Ring is becoming desperate in their determination to hold on to the money bags.

Mr. Nicholson deserves credit for making this statement, and thus giving the people light on the subject from the proper source.

NO REPUDIATION.

Mr. Mungen, (Cop.) of Ohio, addressed the House, last week, criticising the financial policy of the Government, and advocating repudiatian. He met with no support, but very much condemnation. Mr. Garfield then, by unanimous consent, submitted the following, which was agreed to all but unanimously, there being but one dissenting voice:

Resolved, That the proposition, direct or indirect, to repudiate any portion of the debt of the United States is unworthy the honor and good name of the nation, and that the House, without distinction of party, hereby sets its seal of condemnation on any and all such propositions.

Where's Pendleton and "sich?"

CAMERON AND FORNEY.

A contemporary truthfully says: "The action of Senator Cameron, the other day, upon the resolution providing for the closing of the accounts of Colonel John W. Forney, as Secretary of the Senate, is deserving of all praise. The people do not care a copper whether these two gentlemen are friends or not; but they will applaud any public officer who, out of his own pocket, makes up a deficiency caused by the rascality of a subordinate, and will endorse the remarks of any man—friend or foe—who acknowledges the propriety of the transaction, and the honesty of purpose that prompted it. Mr. Cameron did all of this, and did not lose any popularity by it."

RESUMPTION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS.

A late number of the New York *Tribune*, in an editorial article opposing the proposed increase of salaries of Government officers, says:

A resumption of specie payments would give *all* the functionaries, with very few exceptions, from twenty to forty per cent. more compensation than they have received for the last seven years. Such resumption we have steadily advocated since 1865: we call for it now, and insist that it may just as well be affected now as at any future period. The considerations adverse to its present achievement will be just as forcible next year, and for the next year, and for the next dozen years, as they are to day; the interests which resist it now will be as strong and as clamorous evermore as at present. If we ever resume we shall do it over their heads, not with their concurrence. Yet there is just that one way to increase safely and equally the compensation of underpaid officeholders—Resume!

"We are not a candidate for this (Appraiser) or any other office, and would not accept it if tendered."—*John A. Hiestand, per E. M. K., in Lancaster Examiner.*

We heartily congratulate the Republicans of Lancaster county upon this very important announcement—the assurance in black and white that he will annoy the public no more. For years past he has been a standing, greedy, hungry candidate for this, that and the other office—Representative, Senator, Congress, Auditor General, Deputy Secretary of Commonwealth, Notary Public, Consul, Collector, Assessor, Marshal, State Committee, (Pickings) Delegate, Treasurer Editorial Association, Paper Contracts, Overland Mail Contracts, and for how many more the powers that be only know. Jack has evidently become convinced that under the present administration, which requires sobriety, competency, character, &c., as qualifications for office he stands no chance, and that he has therefore nothing to lose by publicly declaring that he wants and would accept none.

But, let as wait, and see what we shall see. As long as this chronic office-seeker is able to navigate, or occupy a seat before his office in an arm chair, during warm weather, so long will he appear like the same Jack Hiestand, with an unquenchable thirst for—office.

☞ Looking over the last number of the Lancaster *Examiner*—once a very respectable and high-toned paper—we are forced to the conclusion that an inebriate asylum is needed in the immediate vicinity of that office.

LIBEL PROSECUTIONS.

There are three libel prosecutions now pending in this State, based upon publications calculated to expose the political corruptionists who have plundered the public treasury, swindled the people and are now organizing and planning to corrupt the Legislature about to convene as they did before. One of these prosecutions is against the Pittsburg *Commercial*, another against the Beaver *Argus* and the third and last, and probably least also, against FATHER ABRAHAM. In the two first named cases, Col. M. S. Quay is the prosecutor, and referring to the case against the *Commercial*, which was heard before a Pittsburg Alderman a few days ago, that paper remarks:

"We are well aware that so far, in contesting the libel suit which has been brought by the ring against the *Commercial*, we are only fighting the shadow. We have hopes that we will yet be able to grasp the reality. Col. Quay is of the smallest possible importance, personally, in this matter. It is his backers, those who to a certain extent have controlled, and whenever they have controlled have disgraced and demoralized the politics and public service of the State, that we wage war against."

Judging from the testimony in this case, as published, Mr. Quay has entirely failed to impress the public mind either in his own favor or against the defendants. He being himself the editor of a newspaper, and as he sets himself up before the public as the leader and keeper of the representatives of the people, and has openly boasted of his influence and proclaimed his purpose to put through *his* slate at the coming session, it seems to us he should have fairly and squarely answered *all* questions asked him by defendants and not permit "counsel for the Commonwealth" to stand technically between himself and the public. Here are a few questions asked him at the hearing before the Alderman:

Question: Have you any knowledge, directly or indirectly, of a purse of money being raised by a party of gentlemen of Philadelphia to promote the election of Gov. Curtin as United States Senator, and yourself as Speaker of the House at the Session of 1867?

Col. Quay declines to answer the question.

Question: At and about the time of the election of Speaker in 1867, did you have the command of $13,000 to be used in your own election as Speaker, or in the election of any person as United States Senator?

Col. Quay declines to answer the question.

Question: State whether in the latter part of 1860 you did not have a note discounted at the Mechanic's Bank of Harrisburg for $6000?

Col. Quay declines to answer the question.

Question: Did you not, about three weeks after the election of Senator in 1867, take up that note for $6000?

Col. Quay declines to answer the question.

Question: Prior to your going into the Legislature, were you owner of any passenger railway stock or railway bonds?

Col. Quay declines to answer the question.

Question: State whether during the time you were a member of the Legislature, you became the owner of $10,000 or $12,000 worth of stock of the Union Railway Company of Philadelphia?

Col. Quay declines to answer the question.

Question: State whether you have not purchased property in Philadelphia to the amount of $15,000 or $18,000?

Col. Quay declines to answer the question.

Question: Did you propose last fall, to Mr. A. P. Tutton, Supervisor of Internal Revenue, in Philadelphia, that if he would not seize two or three distilleries in Philadelphia, $60,000 could be realized by the operation.

Col. Quay declines to answer the question.

Question: Were you present, at any time when an offer was made to Mr. Tutton, that if he complied with the proposition made in the foregoing question, he would be handed an envelope containing $1000 every Saturday evening for some weeks?

Col. Quay declines to answer the question.

Question: When you made the information against the *Commercial*, did you do it for the purpose of having the truth brought out?

Answer: I was excited, and did it for the purpose of having the truth brought out.

Notwithstanding Mr. Quay's answer that he wants to bring out the truth, there seems to be considerable difficulty in getting it out before the Alderman. The parties interested may meet with better success when they come before the Court for that purpose.

A similar prosecution is also under way against the Beaver *Argus*, for telling bad stories about Mr. Quay. As that is a case for damages there will be no hearing before an Alderman.

The libel case against FATHER ABRAHAM, instituted by the Honorable Andrew Armstrong, of East Donegal township, Lancaster county (which is 30 miles East from the State Capital) is also progressing. Some time ago FATHER ABRAHAM'S lawyers took out a rule to appoint arbitrators, but up to the day so appointed the Plaintiff did not file his declaration, when the rule was dropped or withdrawn, to give more time for him to file such declaration. He has since done so and laid his damages at $10,000, and a new rule will now be taken out to appoint arbitrators so as to prevent this highly interesting and important case from dying out by mere neglect.

HON. JOHN A. HIESTAND.

This gentleman, to whom we referred last week, as a candidate for the Appraisership at Philadelphia, in place of Dr. Worthington, resigned, is out in the *Examiner* of Wednesday denying that he is after *that* office, and says: "FATHER ABRAHAM has started the falsehood." In the very same paragraph, and in the next sentence he also says: "We (John A. Hiestand) heard this story *for the first time*, a few days ago, in Philadelphia."

Now, surely, "FATHER ABRAHAM" could not have "started the falsehood' for our neighbor admits that he heard it, *for the first time*, in Philadelphia. And we would also inform him that in Philadelphia we, too, heard it *for the first time*, and from a perfectly reliable source. We rather guess that Jack *was* down there, looking up for the grapes, but finding them a little beyond his reach, concluded that they were sour!

Once more we wish our readers the compliments of the season. Before another issue of our paper, Christmas will have come and gone, and we stand on the threshold of another year of the world's history, as well as of our own individual being.

Christmas! the golden day of all the year, when our hearts join the universal gladness that surround us on all hands, and are made to rejoice in the reception of kindly greetings and tokens of love and regard, gathering of family connections, and drawing closer again those bands of kindred hearts, which the cares and pleasures of the world are continually operating to cast assunder.

Christmas! By common consent it has been fixed as the anniversary of the birth of Him, who was to be the Savior of men, and the event was heralded by angelic voices, chanting the anthem; "Peace on earth; good will to men." To the Christian hearts it is associated with every thing sacred and attractive; hailed as the dawn of the world's redemption, and cherished as the birthright of immortal and imperishable souls. To the homes of the rich comes Christmas, their wealth bringing all they want; they feast, they shout, they sing, they dance. And the holy influences of the day and season will also cluster around the dwellings of the poor, whose hearts sadden as they realize that the enjoyments of Christmas' season live only in the memories of the past. And while we think of this, the thought also suggests itself, that while many repose in ease and luxury in comfortable homes, there may also be those in our midst to whom the forthcoming Christmas may be fraught only with sad memories and bitter experience, whose table may be unprovided with the necessa[illegible] life, and whose hearthstones [illegible] the cold blasts of poverty [illegible] misfortune.

Reader, if you would enjoy this anniversary set apart for the special commemoration of Him who healed the blind, the sick and the lame, seek at this early day for some such instance, that you may cheer some stricken heart and cause the light of happiness to beam in the countenances of some afflicted family in your midst. Then may all hearts return the deepest gratitude to Him who crowneth our lives with unnumbered blessings, as we hail the Christmas morn—and may the pleasures of the season lift the mind to higher scenes of enjoyment—the Christmas of eternity, the glorious indwelling of everlasting light and living hope in the soul, thrilling all with the ever blessed welcome forever in the Land of Light. We wish again to all our readers "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR."

RETRENCHMENT UNDER GRANT'S ADMINISTRATION.

In nothing has President Grant's Administration done better, says, the Washington *Chronicle*, than by teaching the young men of the nation that they should rely upon themselves and not upon office. That is the eloquent lesson of his official integrity, retrenchment and economy. When Secretary Cox says he can do the work of the Interior Department with a force one-third less than is now employed—when Secretary Belknap reports that the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau have been cut down from nine hundred and one to one hundred and fifty-eight—that the number of civilians hired by the War department has been reduced from nine thousand to four thousand—that an army of nearly a million has been brought down to less than fifty thousand—when Secretary Boutwell's plans are even sterner for the lessening of expenses—and when the Navy and Postoffice Departments complete the surprising records by facts and figures not less astounding—we gather more than the fruits of a Republican Administration. We realize that office is no longer a reward for party service, and that there are other roads to fame and fortune than the paths of patronage.

CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE delivered an opinion last week, in the United States Supreme Court, sustaining the authority of Congress to tax State banks, affirming the powers of Government to create a National Currency, and the constitutionality of the act for the issue of Treasury notes. Two of the Justices—Nelson and Davies—dissented from that part of the opinion relating to the taxation of State banks.

THE British show a disposition to reopen negotiations on the Alabama claims. The President's message may afford them a few hints on that subject when they approach it again.

[For Father Abraham.]

THE STATE TREASURERSHIP.

A Republican paper in an adjoining county, where the Republicans are largely in the minority, and according to modern usage have no right to be heard in the Legislature, has just stripped, thrown down its hat, and jumped into the prize "ring" to fight a round on behalf of the present State Treasurer. What consideration moved it to the act, or whether its action was voluntary—entirely disinterested, or prompted by "pure cussedness," it is hard to tell. The *gist* of its defence of its favorite may be found in the following extracts:—

"It is claimed that Mr. Mackey is the 'head centre' of a 'ring,' and that his sole object is to make money at the expense of the State. This it is charged he is able to do by the large 'unexpended balance' he has continually on hand, and for which he receives interest from the banks in which it is deposited. *Granting this statement to be true,*" &c.

And again:—

"If the office of State Treasurer is worth a hundred thousand dollars a year, that certainly is no fault of the Treasurer, but of the law, under which the finances of the State are managed, and a change of men cannot effect any reform. Every Treasurer will of course favor his friends. And is there crime in this? What difference does it make to the State whether A. or B. has the State funds deposited in his bank? They each pay interest, *not to the State, but to the Treasurer,*" &c.

In reply to this, I say that if the statement of this paper be true, there *is "crime in this."* The law is not in fault. It provides a salary the amount of which is known to the Treasurer before he takes the office. If he does not choose to take it at that price he can let it alone—there is no compulsion. But the law declares these very acts, the doing of which is admitted by the paper in question, to be criminal, and prescribes a punishment for them. "If any officer of this Commonwealth," it says, "shall loan out, with or without interest or return therefor, any money or valuable security received by him, * * * * by virtue of his office, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and on conviction be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and undergo an imprisonment, by separate or solitary confinement at labor, not exceeding five years," and he is to be adjudged thereafter incapable of holding his office, which shall be declared vacant. So if any such officer shall make any contract or agreement with any bank, corporation or individuals, by which he is to derive benefit, gain or advantage from the deposit, &c., of any money, &c., held by him by virtue of his said office, he shall also be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine not exceeding $1000, and imprisonment not exceeding one year, with like adjudication of incapacity. These laws are easily found, and "are put to the purpose." Mr. Mackey may well exclaim, "Save me from my friends!" when such as the paper in question by their damaging admissions make him obnoxious to the penal code and would consign him to the inside of the walls of a jail or penitentiary, instead of the comfortable quarters of the State Treasury. I do not assert these things to be true—I take them as they are given, but I do assert that the fault is not in the law, but if there be any, in the officer. Things have come to a bad pass if men cannot be found who will obey the law while they hold office.

CIVIS.

GENERAL NEWS.

HAIR combs are now made out of old boots.

NEW YORK has 315 religious, moral and charitable institutions.

19,000 acres of coal lands are offered for sale in Kansas.

A WELL executed counterfeit $20 bill, on the National Bank of Commerce, New York, is now in circulation.

THE Army of the Cumberland held a re-union last week at Indianapolis. Gen. Phil. Sheridan presided.

AN employee, connected with the Sub-Treasury, New York, has been arrested, charged with embezzling $22,000.

ALL doubts as to the confirmation of Mr. McKennan for the Third Circuit have disappeared.

EX-GOV. FLETCHER, of Missouri, has been admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court.

DURING the year ending 30th November, 1869, the sum of $1,725,587.97 interest, and $362,763.09 principal of the public debt has been paid.

HALF a ton of nitro-glycerine exploded near Titusville, on Thursday of last week, killing one man, and doing considerable damage to the city.

ANDREW SLADE, a bright mulatto boy, son of Slade, the late colored steward at the White House, has been appointed a page to the Senate by Sergeant-at-arms French.

GEN. O'NEILL, head of one branch of the Fenian Brotherhood, talks about a contemplated movement on a large scale against the British Government, but the officers of the rival branch scout the idea.

A FRIGHTFUL accident occurred at Stockton, Luzerne county, near Hazleton, on Saturday morning, the ground over a mine giving way, carrying with it a block of houses, in which were eleven persons, all but one of whom perished.

THE decision of Chief Justice Chase affirming the constitutionality of the tax imposed by Congress on the circulation of State banks, is regarded here as an indication that the Court will sustain the constitutionality of the Legal Tender act.

A FIRE broke out in the engine house of the Jersey Coal Mine, Scranton, on Thursday of last week. Three men were shut up in the mine, but succeeded in getting out safely. A man, who went down to search for them, was suffocated by the foul air.

COMMISSIONER Delano has decided that officers of Internal Revenue shall not be allowed to charge citizens for making out papers which the latter are required to furnish, and gives notice that those who make such charges will be instantly dismissed from the service.

A BREACH of promise case in Detroit turns upon the question whether the defendant intended, by enclosing a leaf of rose geranium to the lady, to use the language of flowers, in which case the innocent leaf would have said, "Thou art my choice."

Local News.

ITEMS: Abraham Bitner, jr., of this city, has received letters patent, dated December 14th, 1869, for an improved wagon and chute for delivering coal direct to cellar.

The Children of the Home were on Thursday of last week the recipients of a feast of "good things," given by our fellow-citizen, Mr. Godfried Zahm.

Rev. W. H. Steck, for the past four years pastor of the E. E. Lutheran Church of Columbia, has accepted a call to take charge of a parish in Kansas city, Missouri.

Work on the Lebanon and Pine Grove Railroad between Manheim and Lebanon, is progressing.

Peter Ruth, of this city, slaughtered two hogs one day last week, which weighed together 1139 pounds.

On Monday afternoon week, a drunken man named George Strohm, fell off the Fast Line at Mount Joy, and was badly injured.

F. G. Pennell of Mount Joy, while skating on Friday, the 10th inst., broke through the ice, and in falling dislocated his shoulder.

On Tuesday of last week, a young man named Jacob Habecker, had the fingers cut off of one hand by a circular saw at the wood yard of Jacob Scheetz, in Elizabeth-twp.

On Sunday week, a son of Henry Huber, in Warwick township, was severely injured by being kicked in the head by a colt.

Last week we noticed the arrest of a man named John Baker, charged with horse stealing. The animal found in his possession has been recognized by a Mr. A. Horst, of Washington county, Md., who has taken him home with him. Baker, is still confined in our County Prison awaiting a requisition from the Governor of Maryland.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' Society will convene in this city, January 12th, 1870. The meetings to be held in the Orphan's Court Room.

A fair and festival, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Parsonage of Strasburg, is now being held in Massasoit Hall of that borough.

The route for a railroad from Columbia to Port Deposit has been viewed and staked out. The opinion is general that the road will be built.

On Friday, the 10th instant, Richard Heilig of Elizabethtown, attempted suicide, but the rope breaking the attempt was unsuccessful.

Peter Fraley, Esq., has been appointed Deputy Coroner for Columbia.

The Reading and Columbia Railroad have under contemplation the construction of a branch road to the furnaces below Marietta, thence to Marietta. It is supposed that it will intersect the main road near Kauffman's Furnace.

H. M. North, Esq., of Columbia, has been appointed a Solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, at that place.

The Keystone Club will give their first annual ball at Fulton Hall, on New Year's Eve.

On Thursday of last week, a shocking drowning accident occurred in Newark, New Jersey. A party of workmen who were engaged in putting up the iron trestle work of the draw bridge of the New Jersey Railroad, were coming ashore for their dinner in a small boat, when the boat being shallow and over crowded, and the water rough, the boat was swamped, and the men thrown into the water. Five persons were drowned, and among those who narrowly escaped the same unhappy fate were seven men, three of whom live in Marietta and two in Columbia, this county.

James L. Fariere, Esq., of this county, was admitted to practice law in the District Court and Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, last week.

George B. Coleman, of this city, had one of the bones of one of his legs fractured by a fall on the ice on last Saturday.

A very pleasant affair took place on last Sabbath evening at the Shiffler Hose House, in South Queen street. The officers and teachers of the Presbyterian Mission School, which meets in the building, gave to the scholars of the school an agreeable surprise in the way of treating them with presents and sweetmeats.

Charles Hambright and John Frankford, who escaped some time since from the Lancaster County Prison, were arrested in Harrisburg on Saturday last, charged with the larceny of goods belonging to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and committed in default of bail to the Dauphin County Prison. David Beard, of this city, has also been arrested charged with being implicated in the above larceny. He was held in the bail of $3,000 to answer the charge at the Allegheny County Court in January.

A mare belonging to Dr. John Kendig, of Conestoga Centre, died last week, and on examination, as to the cause, a hard solid, concretion like a stone, of an oval shape, weighing 10 pounds was found in her intestines.

Let us have better gas. If the consumers of it have to pay for it, why should those who furnish it give them an inferior article. Complaints are general as to the quality of gas now furnished by the Gas Company. We trust the officers of the Company will at once take steps to remedy the matter.

A little girl aged about four years, daughter of Mr. Jno. Bryson, living near May Post Office this county, met with a painful accident on Tuesday, the 14th inst. While alone and playing, her clothing took fire, but fortunately she was discovered a short time after and the fire put out. She was badly burned, but is expected to recover.

Persons desiring to consult Dr. McClintock or have him operate, will find him daily from 10 to 3 o'clock at Mrs. McSorley's, No. 23 West King St., Lancaster, from Dec. 27, 1869 to January 3d, 1870.

Dr. McClintock was born in Lancaster county.

The Reading and Columbia Railroad will issue Excursion Tickets to and from all points of their road and Philadelphia, commencing Dec. 24, 1869 to Jan. 3, 1870.

The annual ball of Hancock Lodge, No. 28, Ancient Order of Good Fellows, will be held at Fulton Hall this evening.

Mr. Baxter Black, of this county, has purchased and brought to this county, a bay colt, one year old last Spring, got by Hambletonian, a mare by Long Island Black Hawk.

The case of James Pettit vs. Smith, President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, which had been on trial in our Court, during last week, creating great interest, was brought to a sudden termination on Tuesday morning last, by the plaintiff taking *non suit*, owing to the fact of one of the jurors having had conversation with one of the witnesses.

DEATH OF AN ESTEEMED CITIZEN: Hon. Emanuel C. Reigart, one of our most prominent and respected citizens, died on Monday morning last, of apoplexy of the heart, in about the 74th year of his age. Mr. Reigart was a lawyer by profession, having been admitted to practise in the year 1822, and was the oldest living member of the Lancaster Bar, from which he retired in the year 1848. He was in the years 1834-5, elected by the Anti-masonic party to the Legislature of the State. In 1837-8, he was a member of the State Convention, and took a prominent part in the debates. In 1847, he was the Native American candidate for Governor against Shunk, Democrat, and Irwin, Whig. In 1851, he was appointed by President Fillmore Commissioner to the World's Fair at London, the duties of which he fulfilled, making a tour of Europe ere his return home. He was the first one to nominate Hon. Thaddeus Stevens for Congress, which he did at a public outdoor meeting in 1848. A few years since he was appointed U. S. Commissioner for this District, and held that position at the time of his death. The latter years of his life have been spent in the management of his extensive estate and in retirement. On the announcement of his death, on Monday morning last, the Court of Common Pleas adjourned, and a meeting of the members of the Bar was held in the Orphans' Court Room. Appropriate addresses were made and a committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Bar on his decease. Mr. Reigart, as a private citizen, was highly esteemed and always lent his aid and means in promoting the welfare of charitable and other institutions, and the many public positions he held during life he fulfilled with fidelity and honor. His death severs another link in the chain that binds the present with the past.

REAL ESTATE MARKET.—Samuel L. Rhoads, of Reading, has purchased a fine meadow farm of 113 acres, belonging to the estate of Frederick Koch, dec'd, situated near Reinholdsville, Lancaster county.

A two-story brick dwelling house in West Orange street, between Mary and Charlotte streets, this city, belonging to Casper Forrest, was sold on Saturday evening at public sale by Jacob Gundaker, Auctioneer, to Sebastian Grau for $1,350.

The two-story brick dwelling house in North Queen street, this city, belonging to the estate of William Frick, esq., deceased, was sold on Monday evening, to Julius Loeb, for $9,210.

The farm of Jacob C. Stauffer, in Manor township, containing 180 acres, was sold at assignee sale for $180.50 per acre. Eli Kendig, of York county, purchaser. No. 1, Mill property of same, in West Hempfield township, to Benjamin Rutt, for $5,057. No. 3, Five and a half acres of ground with house, &c., in the village of Millersville, to Jacob S. Witmer, for $2,212. No. 4, The undivided half of a timber lot, in Manor township, to John G. Brush, for $397.

A LITERARY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: Mr. John Hart, of our city, whose ability as an elocutionist is well known to our citizens, will give an entertainment in Fulton Hall, on to-morrow (Christmas) evening. Mr. Hart will be assisted by Miss Nellie Johnston, Prof. Joseph Steinhauser and the City Cornet Band, and the exercises will consist of choice selections from various authors and vocal and instrumental music. To those of our readers who are desirous to spend an evening pleasantly and at the same time profitably, we would urge their attendance, feeling assured that the time will be well spent and they will never regret it.

IF you have a discharge from the nose, offensive or otherwise, partial loss of the sense of smell, taste or hearing, eyes watering or weak, feel dull and stupid or debilitated, pain or pressure in the head, take cold easily, you may be sure you have the Catarrh. Thousands annually, without manifesting half of the above symptoms, terminate in consumption and end in the grave. No disease is so common, more deceptive or less understood by physicians. Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., is the proprietor of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy—*a perfect specific* for Catarrh, "Cold in the Head," or Catarrhal Headache, which he sends to any address by mail on receipt of sixty cents. Sold by most druggists everywhere.

IF you do not want gray hair, use Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer, which will not stain the skin, or soil linen.

PERIODICALS.

We have received from Messrs. Claxton, Remson & Heffelfinger, of Philadelphia, a copy of a new work issued by them, entitled "WESTBROOK PARSONAGE," written by Harriet B. M'Keever. From a cursory reading of the book, we cheerfully recommend it to the perusal of our readers, embodying as it does, in the shape of a narrative, the various differences existing between the two branches of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The volume abounds in wholesome Christian truths and will not fail to interest the reader.

We have received from the same publishers, a copy of a work entitled "NANNY'S CHRISTMAS," a book adapted for children, which we recommend to parents as a suitable present for the season.

We acknowledge the receipt from the author of a work entitled "ARTIFICIAL SOMNAMBULISM, KNOWN HERTOFORE AS MESMARISM, OR ANIMAL MAGNATISM," written by Dr. Wm. Baker Fahnestock, M. D., formerly of this city, now of Marietta. The subject is presented in all various phrases and bearings, and we would recommend all interested in this subject to peruse the work.

We have received the first number of a new journal in the field of Sabbath School labor, entitled "THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKMAN." It is published in New York City. Subscription price $1.50 a year in advance. Rev. Alfred Taylor is the Editor, and its contributors embrace the names of leading Sunday School men throughout the country. We wish it success in all respect, and trust that it will receive the support of all interested in the success of Sabbath Schools.

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