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The Business Outlook.

The failure of several banks lately is of no significance as an indication of general business embarrassment. Legitimate business is in a very healthful and prosperous state. Stock speculations are in a sick condition, and here the great harvest has been gathered; but the slower and surer harvest of the business man bids fair to stay with him for several years at any rate, and there is no need of any apprehension that industry, economy and intelligence in the management of legitimate operations will fail of their reward for a long time. The Boston bank and the Newark bank were both ruined by the failure of the speculative operations of the men who managed to absorb their funds. Such operations fail in great numbers every day. There is a luxuriant and incessant crop of them growing in this rich country coming up and fading away as the mushroom. The more they fail the better it is for legitimate business. For a couple of years stock speculation has been so temptingly successful that a great deal of capital has been employed in it without benefit to the country. The ill success of recent stock operations may bring trusting banks to ruin, but to the country it is advantageous. The money that is released will seek more useful channels of employment and safer investment. There is room in this great country for the profitable employment of all its capital. A little while ago people were saying otherwise, seeing that the rate of interest became so greatly reduced. But it no longer looks as though money was to continue cheap. It is daily commanding a higher average rate—hardening as the term is—and there is no reason to expect that it is very soon going to be a drug in the markets as it was a while ago, when frightened investors were content with any rate of interest that was offered them. The government got its loans fixed in time. If the action of the coming Congress had been awaited before refunding the overdue bonds, they would hardly have been placed at three and a-half per cent. with the privilege to the treasury of paying them off at any time.

Thanksgiving.

In our advance in material prosperity we can find abundant reason for the thankfulness that the authorities call on us to express to-morrow. Our readers know that in our judgment there is little propriety in fixing one day in the year for a general exhibition of the thankfulness that needs to be expressed quite as much on every other day of the year. It is a New England custom which we have accepted because it gives us a convenient holiday in a pleasant season, and we do not generally use it for the purpose for which it is proclaimed. A great many good people, no doubt, put their thanks into prayer and go to church, but such good people do not wait for one day in the year to come around in which to satisfy this feeling of their heart. They are always thankful and constantly expressing it. Then there are a great many other good people who are always thankful who do not trouble themselves to make any particular public or even private demonstration of it at any time, high day or holiday. Others are never thankful, but always ready to declare they are. There are in truth all sorts of grades of thankful and unthankful folk, demonstrative and undemonstrative; but there is no very big lot of them who particularly require for their satisfaction the setting apart of a special day in which to come forth and appear with their thankfulness in full bloom. There is a great deal of nonsense about the idea of Thanksgiving Day, but none at all about the day itself. We believe in holidays, and this one and Christmas are the two which are generally kept in the best holiday fashion, in family reunions and social joy. We hope that to all our readers to-morrow may be an occasion of great happiness, and that all may have an abundant board spread before them. The general employment of the people this year ought to make Thanksgiving Day one of general pleasure.

GUITEAU is not suffering from any failure in a proper presentation of his case. His brother-in-law shows himself quite competent for the duty he has assumed; and Guiteau himself is making such a daily exhibition of himself to the jury as to almost obviate the necessity of any testimony as to his insanity. People are apt to conceive that a man needs to be a fool to be insane, and such persons are bothered by the manifest fact that Guiteau is very far from being a fool. He shows great sharpness in watching his case and undoubtedly his mind entirely comprehends it. He shows such utter insensibility, that he seems to be regarding the trial as that of some other person than himself. There is an excellent opportunity for experts in mental diseases to air their knowledge before the public, which stands with whetted appetite eager to be informed as to the features of this very peculiar case of mind disease.

THE next elected Legislature in this state will not, as some assume, have the selection of Don Cameron's successor. He is not to be chosen until 1885, and the successors to the House elected next year will be chosen in the preceding fall elections of 1884, in a presidential year. But next year one-half of the state Senate will be elected to hold over until 1886, and they will vote in the senatorial election. Most of the outgoing senators in 1882 will be Republicans, and among them those who were conspicuous in last year's bolt and in this year's Reform movement "within the lines." It is likely they are not willing to run the chances of their re-election on the issue of anything short of graceful submission to the majority of the bosses, self-preservation being the first law of the Republican Citizen Independent Reformer.

MR. MACVEAGH continues to furnish a fruitful theme for newspaper discussion, although he contributes to it nothing himself. They pretend not to understand his motives, and would like him to enlighten them. But his efforts would be vain. If they would promise to accept his explanation as true, Mr. MacVeagh might be wise to give it; but it is hardly reasonable to expect him to make it without no other result than to be denounced by his foes for falsehood in addition to the other offences they charge against him. If they did not want to believe they would not; and they show their disposition very clearly by their abuse. MacVeagh would have sufficient reason for his resignation in the small compensation and great expense attached to the office. But his strong foundation for his action is in the admitted fact that he is not in sympathy with the political policy of the president and so has no proper place in his cabinet.

THE postmaster of Philadelphia reports a neat little saving of over six thousand dollars during the past year by the substitution of the electric light in place of gas in the postoffice there.

IN accordance with time-honored precedent, and in order to allow the attaches of the INTELLIGENCER to unite in the observance of Thanksgiving day, no paper will be issued from this office to-morrow.

IN a report by Dr. J. P. Wickersham, published by the Bureau of Education, it is stated that one sixth of the crime of the country is committed by wholly illiterate persons, one-third by those practically illiterate, and that the proportion of criminals among the illiterate is ten times as great as among the educated.

How thoughtful it was in Mr. Bergner to send a batch of *Legislative Records* at this time. To-morrow being a general holiday, subscribers to that valuable publication can remain at home in the bosom of their families and regale them with the proceedings of a body that adjourned finally some time last June. "And still there's more to follow!"

THE sketch of the operations of the Seamen's Friend society reproduced elsewhere from a Philadelphia newspaper will claim attention, as well from the insight it gives into marine matters that have local interest as from the worthiness of the cause represented, which is so convincingly set forth in the array of facts and figures therein collated.

THE Columbia *Herald* celebrates its entrance upon its sixteenth volume by appearing in a partially new dress that greatly enhances its appearance, the type being neat and handsome. The continued prosperity of our esteemed contemporary is a matter for self-congratulation on the part of its editor and publisher, and our own cordial good wishes go out to him at this time, when another milestone in his journalistic career is successfully passed.

A "JACK KNIFE" for centuries past, in Scotland, has been known as a "jock-to-leg," which barbarism is nothing more nor less than a corruption of "Jacques de Liege," the name of a Flemish cutler whose knives were once highly esteemed in North Britain, and always bore their maker's name. No doubt Jacques de Liege sent cutlery to England as well as to Scotland, and from Jacques' knife to "jackknife" is a very short step—But how about "jack plane."

Mr. MAHONE's lieutenants have all been provided for—on paper. Collector Brady, of Petersburg, is to have a place in Mr. Arthur's cabinet. It has been arranged that the legislature shall so manipulate the Richmond district as to give Mr John S. Wise a seat in the next house of representatives; while Mr. Riddleberger is understood to have a mortgage upon Mr. Johnston's seat in the United States Senate. It will be seen from this that everything is pleasantly fixed, but as the poet remarks, the best laid plans of mice and men "aft gang agley."

UNDER the terms of the notice given by ex-Secretary Windom the treasury department will purchase $2,000,000 of the extended six per cent bonds, if they are presented during the next two weeks. But few bonds have been offered for sale under the Department's circular. Of the $4,000,000 which the secretary in accordance with the terms of their circulation is ready to purchase, only $68,000 worth of these bonds have been presented for sale. Secretary Folger, is in readiness to purchase $6,000,000 of bonds if they are presented, and he expects quite a large amount of bonds to be offered the Government.

THE Philadelphia *Evening Telegraph* drops its eyelid and listens to the announcement of Brother Blaine's purposed retirement from politics and his future devotion to private affairs. Our contemporary, which doesn't like Blaine and his ilk any better than it does Conkling and his, is inclined to believe that the private affair that will engage the attention of the late premier will be the preparation of a grand coup for 1884, and then it contemplates with serene satisfaction the counter movement certain to be initiated by Arthur's administration, the only question concerning it apparently being whether antagonisms from that source will most benefit or harm him. And it does't seem to care a bit, either.

PERSONAL.

The taxes Senator FAIR pays on real estate in San Francisco, amount to considerably more than $10,000.

Ex-Senator SHARON's health has so far improved that he is able to drive occasionally in the suburbs of San Francisco.

BRICK POMEROY is a bankrupt at Denver, where he has been concerned in mining operations.

Congressman HISCOCK, candidate for speaker, a large, good natured man, was among the Greely Liberals of 1872.

The Cambridge *Tribune* has found a menagerie proprietor who is a follower of Darwin. He is looking for the missing lynx.

The ladies of Montreal, Canada, have an association of their own for introducing female help from Europe. The minister of agriculture is aiding them.

Mlle. de BOIS GUILBERT, "a lineal descendant" of the Templar in "Ivanhoe," is about to be married to M. Buffet, nephew of the former president of the French Assembly.

Major DANIEL and Colonel CAMERON, the opposing candidates for governor at recent election in Virginia, received the same majority—986—in their respective cities, Lynchburg and Petersburg.

Mr. GLADSTONE recently received a letter in the Welsh tongue, and immediately sat down and wrote a reply in the purest vernacular. His accomplishments are legion. Now they say he is to enter the Upper House as Earl of Liverpool.

A Washington photographer says that there is a great demand for photographs of President ARTHUR. The sales of Mrs. Hayes' pictures used to average 250 a week. The theatrical favorites, so far as concerns the sale of their portraits at the capital, are Lotta, Mary Anderson and John McCullough.

The libel suit in the English court of Queen's Bench in which the parties were Clement Scott, a dramatic critic, plaintiff, and Mr. Sampson, editor of a Sunday sporting paper, has terminated in a verdict of £1,500 damages for the plaintiff, thus vindicating the fair fame of Miss NEILSON, the dead actress, whose name was involved in the proceedings.

In Red Oak, Iowa, the other day, Mr. CHARLES WELLS and Miss MOLLIE JEFFRIES, members of a traveling dramatic company, were married upon the stage of the opera house immediately after the conclusion of the entertainment and in full view of the audience, the mayor of the city performing the important operation of tying the nuptial knot. Programmes printed in blue ink on white satin, were presented to the ladies in the audience as a souvenir of the occasion.

AND FOR SAILORS.

Those Who Go Down to the Sea in Ships.

Philadelphia Record.

During the year 1880 there were 8,465 foreign and coastwise arrivals at this port, of which 1,602 were foreign vessels. At a rough estimate fully 20,000 sailors of various nationalities sojourn temporarily in this city in the course of a single year. While on shore they are exposed to peculiar temptations, and the influences to which they are subjected are unusually of of a demoralizing character. Forty-seven years ago an effort was made by a band of philanthropic Philadelphia ladies to minister to the temporal and spiritual welfare of this neglected class, and the "Female Seamen's Friend society" has ever since been doing a helpful work for them. The annual report of this association and of its auxiliary, known as the "Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend society," exhibits a very satisfactory and highly creditable record of humane and successful labor. The aim of this two fold organization is to bring Christian influences in the largest sense, without sectarianism, to bear upon these men of the sea both while on shore in the intervals between their voyages and when afloat. At 422 South Front street a spacious and well-kept "Sailors' Home" has been maintained for many years, where no less than 34,473 boarders have been accommodated since it was opened. A good table and good lodging are provided at a reasonable price, and opportunities for moral and religious improvement are afforded to all but not intruded upon any. Family worship every morning, a Bible class on Sundays, religious services on Monday evenings and prayer meetings on Thursday nights, with frequent preaching in various languages, are among the agencies employed, but attendance upon these exercises is not compulsory.

An important part of the work of this admirable society is its care for shipwrecked and destitute mariners. Shipwreck and marine disasters are, as is well known, of frequent occurrence. The number of total losses of vessels belonging to and bound to or from ports in the United States in 1880 was 427; in 1879, 545; in 1878, 536, and in 1877 496. Such of the rescued men as are brought to this port become subjects for the kindly care of this institution, which takes them in and clothes, feeds and shelters them until they are enabled to ship again. In thus blending physical relief with moral and spiritual benefaction the true Scriptural charity is realized. Bibles and Testaments in different languages are placed in the hands of sailors, 33,212 copies having been thus distributed in this port since 1842. Vessels are provided with libraries, including copies of the Scriptures; fifty five new libraries containing 619 volumes, printed in five different languages, having been put on shipboard last year, while the aggregate number of volumes thus disposed of from May, 1862, to May, 1881, was 42,447. This is surely a good showing of good work. The "Seamen's Friend Society" has a reason for existing, and it claims favorable consideration and substantial aid of the humane citizens of Philadelphia of all religious communions. It is one of the most deserving of our local charities, and it should be encouraged to the end that its means of doing good may be increased.

Rev. George W. Maclaughlin, a member of the Philadelphia conference, is now assistant corresponding secretary, and is doing good service in securing funds to help forward this good work. He preached in St. Paul's Methodist church last Sunday and expects to remain here for further effort in advancement of the cause he represents.

MRS. LINCOLN IN WANT.

Sick and Unable to Obtain Attentions.

Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, the widow of the president, has been in New York for nearly two months, submitting to medical treatment at the hands of Dr. Lewis A. Sayre. She has been suffering for the past two years, and during the entire time has scarcely been able to walk without assistance. It is said that she has needed the means to secure the proper attention of nurses, and that the three-thousand dollar pension granted her by Congress is utterly inadequate to supply her wants in her present condition. Cyrus W. Field has been applied to to take an interest in her case, and he announced yesterday that he was actively exerting his influence to secure the passage of a bill through Congress to increase the amount of her pension to a figure which will render the remaining years of her life a comfortable as her sickly condition will permit.

Egypt for Sale.

M. Gambetta's organ, *Paris*, publishes a sensational telegram from London stating that Prince Bismarck's son, Herbert, had arrived in London on a secret mission. His errand, the telegram says, is to offer England possession of Egypt to the exclusion of France, and to guarantee that no power having interests in the Mediterranean will be permitted to go beyond diplomatic means in resisting such annexation. An English correspondent says that but for the peculiar position the *Paris* occupies in relation to M. Gambetta the story would hardly be worthy of serious notice.

The interpretation put upon the alleged mission of Herbert Bismarck to London is that Germany, vexed if not displeased at the cordial relations between France and England, is trying to transform into discord the financial and political pledge the two great powers have taken in regard to Egypt.

Henry J. Spooner, Republican, was elected representative to Congress from Rhode Island in place of Aldrich, elected United States senator, receiving 3617 to 1116 votes for Henry T. Sessions, Democrat. In the municipal election at Providence, Hayward, Republican, was re-elected mayor. The liquor license was voted by 1754 against 1380.

CALLING FOR KEELY'S SECRET.

Philadelphia Stockholders Manifest an Aggressive Spirit.

The meeting of Keely motor stockholders at the board of trade rooms Philadelphia last night was a decidedly unique affair. It was called by "order of the committee," but of the thirty individuals who were present at 8 o'clock not one would admit that he had any hand in the call. A half hour later, the same condition of affairs prevailing, Mr. W. G. Gross was elected chairman, and as the entire audience in succession declined the nomination for secretary Mr. F. Schullerman volunteered to fill the position. The chairman, after alluding to Keely's motor as a "grand enterprise," called upon the promotors of the gathering to explain their intentions. No one responding, Mr. C. W. Schullerman, secretary of the company, made a long address. He said that recently, at the request of Mr. Havemeyer, of New York, representing a large number of stockholders, the board of directors decided that it would be advisable for Mr. Keely to secure as many of his inventions as have been completed by taking out patents, to be placed in trust as a surety for the capital already expended upon the enterprise, as well as for the future development of the invention in case of his death, litigation to follow if this suggestion was not adopted. On the same day that this was considered, however, Mr. J. H. Loring, one of the Philadelphia directors, induced Keely to sign a "dastardly paper" asking that 60,000 shares of stock should be secured and placed in trust in his name, together with other propositions. This paper was laid upon the table. The secretary went on to say that the directors had suggested a compromise by which Keely should confide his secret to Director Bechtel, and that it was to have been done two weeks ago. At the last moment, however, Keely changed his mind and declared that it would be unsafe to make any revelations at that time. "No man in the room," said the speaker, "is a warmer friend to Keely than I am, but at the same time I believe that we are entitled to something and that we ought to get it." He concluded by moving that the action of the directors be indorsed. O. M. Babcock, who has been associated with the enterprise since its inception, denounced the idiotic management of the company during the past few years, and advised deliberation in dealing with Keely, who, he said, was a man who could not be moved by threats of prosecution. In his opinion, if litigation were decided upon the litigants would come out second best. Secretary Schullerman reiterated the statement that the New York stock holders were determined to get the secret, and that Keely would find out that they were playing no bluff game. Several passages at arms indulged in by the various speakers made the proceedings lively, and finally the action of the directors was indorsed by a vote of 11 to 8.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE DRAMA.

Gus Williams in His New Play.

Last evening Mr. Gus Williams appeared in the opera house before a good audience, in a new play, written especially for him by a couple of journalists, as pretentiously announced by the advertisements. It is called "Wanted, a Carpenter." Our journalistic brethren, and we say it in all kindness, had better promptly retire from the field of dramatic effort and devote themselves to their legitimate calling; for the alleged play given to the public as the product of their joint endeavors is, judged by the ordinary standard, of no earthly account. A string of senseless situations, hung together with very commonplace dialogue, and withal devoid of the slightest indication of motive or meaning, this journalistic "comedy" is a sorry piece of patchwork. The only possible point of interest it contains, and it it does not develop itself until near the end of the piece, when the audience has grown tired of waiting for something to turn up, is the spectacle presented of a detective hunting for himself. The stupidity of the whole thing, though, does not prevent the audience from getting a glimpse of the delightful humor that has given Mr. Williams his favor with the public. He is a clever actor, possesses a keen sense of the "fun of the thing," as the saying goes, and sings capitally. In fact his auditors last night were never so well pleased as when the opportunity appeared for him to refresh their weary spirits with a song or two, which he did several times during the course of the evening, these episodes appearing as oases in the midst of an unprofitable desert. If some one would only write a play for Witliams that was free from the coarseness of his "German Senator," while at the same time it was not wholly vacant of interest, as this latest venture most decidedly is, his transition from the variety to the "legitimate" business might possibly become a success. In the present state of affairs our genial friend is in danger of marring a reputation earned by good work in one sphere by essaying another under the disadvantage of abridged opportunities. He wants a play more than the parties to last night's performance "wanted a Carpenter." Miss Dora Stuart, bright and buxom as of old, remains with Mr. Williams in his present distress, and performs heroic but well-nigh futile work; while the most astonishing performance that has been recently seen upon the opera house stage was that of the person who played the part of the scheming attorney in the case, and whose acting was "too utterly utter" in style and character to be capable of intelligent description.

Thanksgiving Market.

The Farmers Northern market yesterday and the Central market to-day were well patronized by housekeepers in search of delicacies for the great Thanksgiving dinner to-morrow. At the Northern market, dressed turkeys were rather scarce, and all that were offered were snapped up in quick time, at prices averaging 15 or 16 cents per pound; of live turkeys there was a better supply, and they sold at 10 and 12 cents a pound. At the Central market this morning, the supply of both dressed and live turkeys was much beyond the demand, and everybody who had a dollar to invest could get a live ten-pounder. Geese sold at $1 each, ducks, $1 per pair; guineas, 75 cents per pair; chickens, 50 @ 80 cents per pair; chickens, dressed, 35 @ 60 cents each; pigeons, 25 cents per pair; beef roast and steak, 12 @ 16 cents a pound; boiling pieces, 10 @ 12; beef per quarter, 6½ @ 9; pork, whole or half hog, 9 cents; steak or chops, 14 cents; ham, whole, 16 cents; sliced, 24 cents; dried beef, round, 25; sliced, 35; veal 12 @ 16; lamb, 15 @ 20; mutton, 12 @ 18; sausage, 12 @ 15; pudding, 10; scrapple, 8; ponhoss, 5; butter, opened at 40 cents, fell to 38, then to 35, and after market closed was offered at 32; eggs scarce at 35 cents; potatoes 12@15 cents half peck; turnips 15 cents half peck; sweet potatoes 15@25 cents half peck; onions 20 cents half peck; cabbage 8@20 cents per head; celery 10 cents bunch; cranberries 10@15 cents quart; apples $4@4.50 per barrel, and 20@30 cents half peck; lemons 12 cents dozen; oranges 40 cents dozen; "forbidden fruit" oranges 8@10 cents each.

Sale of Real Estate.

H. Shubert, auctioneer, sold at public sale November 22, at the Leopard hotel, for John W. Jackson, administrator of the estate of John Swartz, deceased, a lot of ground situated on the North side of East Grant street, between Ann and Franklin streets, to John Evans, for $750.

NOVEMBER COURT.

THE MILL OF JUSTICE IN OPERATION.

Grinding Out Business With a Full Head of Water.

Tuesday Afternoon.—The jury in the cases of com'th vs. B. F. Davis, *et. al.*, charged with being tramps, found all of the men guilty, and each was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

Henry Palmer plead guilty to breaking into the lock factory of J. F. Stauffer, in this city, and stealing a lot of locks, and was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

Henry Smith plead guilty to the charge of breaking into Dana Graham's comb factory, this city, and stealing some combs, and was sentenced to eleven months imprisonment.

Com'th vs. Henry Flagg, of this city, larceny. The defendant was charged with stealing $60 in money from William Seda, a stranger in this city, on the night of September 3d. The evidence showed that on this night the defendant fell in with Seda, both were drunk, and they went to Flagg's boarding house on Harrisburg avenue. The stranger left the house the next morning and soon found that his money was gone. Flagg was arrested and considerable money was found on him.

The defendant was called and admitted having taken the man home. The next morning after he had left he found a lot of money under the carpet. He did not know to whom it belonged and he came down street and got drunk, hired a carriage and spent some of the money; what remained he gave to a policeman. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty. Sentenced to fifteen months's imprisonment.

Com'th vs. Alice Gerber, larceny. The defendant, a pretty girl about 19 years of age, was charged with stealing a dress, necklace and gold ring from the house of Edward Fraim, on Lemon street, this city. The evidence showed that some time during October Mrs. Fraim left her house to make a call, leaving the defendant, who was employed as a domestic, in charge of the house. When she returned in the evening she found that the defendant was gone; the house had been ransacked and the above mentioned articles were missing. The girl was afterward arrested in Columbia, and the goods found in her possession.

The defense according to the girl's testimony was, she took these things with the permission of Mr. Fraim, who told her the day before to help herself, as he had no money to give her then. Several witnesses were called who testified to the defendant's good character previous to this charge. One of them stated that she had heard stories of her dishonesty before.

After the defense closed Mr. Fraim was recalled and he stated that he offered the girl her wages every week. She refused to take it, saying that she wanted it when she had earned sufficient to buy a dress; a dress was finally bought and given her; witness never told her to take any of the things in the house. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy. Sentence deferred.

Michael Mullen, one of the gang tried this morning, plead guilty to being a tramp and was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

Com'th vs. Edward Faegley and Wm. Hinder, larceny and felonious entry, and Wm. Hinder, assault and battery. The evidence of a number witnesses for the commonwealth showed that sometime during October the lock shop of J. F. Stauffer was broken into by some one, who stole a number of new locks. Some time afterwards these defendants and Harry Palmer were found selling locks at prices below their value in the neighborhood of Paradise and Gordonville. They were arrested and Mr. Stauffer identified the locks which they had sold to different parties and which had been thrown away by them; when they sold the locks they told some that they had bought them.

Henry Palmer, who plead guilty to breaking into this shop was put upon the stand and he testified that he broke into this shop and stole the locks; he met defendants and told them to help him to sell the locks. They asked him if he had stolen them and he told them he had not. They then went to the country and each sold the locks. The money was all placed in the hands of the witness who paid the defendants for helping to sell them; afterwards he told them they were stolen.

Constable John L. Miller testified that he learned that the defendants were selling locks and followed them; when he came up to them they still had some locks; he attempted to arrest them, having no warrant, and Hinder hit him with a lock; the men then escaped and run; Hinder dropped a lock and both ran along a fence where locks were afterwards found.

The counsel for the defense here asked that Hinder and Faegley be discharged on the larceny and felonious entry cases, as the commonwealth had failed to show that they had any guilty knowledge, as they did not know that the locks had been stolen until they had been disposed of. The court directed that the two defendants named be discharged and verdicts of not guilty be taken on those charges.

In the assault and battery case Hinder was called He testified that Miller had no warrant and no star; he said he was a constable, but witness did not know that he was, and as he had two ugly tramps with him defendant was afraid and struck the officer. Jury out.

Jerome Stouter plead guilty to the larceny of a pocketbook containing $35, the property of E. P. Sloat, of Terre Hill. Sentenced to sixteen months' imprisonment.

The grand jury returned the following bills:

True Bills.—John Kaffold and Harry Bair, fornication and bastardy; Jacob Buzzard, felonious entry.

Ignored.—George Weaver, larceny; Amos Albright, larceny and felonious entry; Amos Heisler, larceny; Caroline Thompson, robbery; James Smith, carrying concealed weapons; Edwin B. Wilhelm, felonious entry.

Wednesday Morning.—In the case charging Wm. Hinder with assault and battery, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty; verdicts of not guilty were rendered in the other cases against Hinder and Faegly, as ordered last night.

Com'th vs. John Gansen, larceny (two cases). The defendant was charged with stealing a watch and chain and a dress coat from the house of C. H. Weaver, in Mt. Joy township, where he was boarding. The watch was taken on the night of July 27, and the coat on the night of August 15. The chain to the watch, and the coat, were found in the trunk; both were identified by Mr. Weaver. There was no evidence for the defense, and the jury rendered verdicts of guilty. Sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

Com'th vs. Elmer Houston Boots, colored, larceny. The defendent was charged with stealing some chopped feed and corn from the barn of Abraham King, near Intercourse, on the night of August 13. The defendent, with Arthur Boots, his father (who is also indicted for this offense), were seen near King's house on this night with these things in a wagon. They were arrested and the property was identified.

The defense was that Boots did not steal the goods, which were taken by his father and brother while he drove the horse. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty. Sentence deferred.

In the case of Com'th vs. Jacob Buzzard charged with felonious entry, a verdict of not guilty was taken for want of evidence.

In the case against Jacob Bullock and John Denkey, charged with the larceny of sweet potatoes from Peter L. Arnold, of East Donegal, a verdict of not guilty was taken, the commonwealth failing to make out a case.

Calvin Carey, colored, of this city, plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Frank Wittig, of Columbia, for the same offence received the same sentence.

Com'th vs. John Kauffhold, fornication and bastardy. The defendant was charged with being the father of a child of Catherine Tillman, of Creswell, Manor township. There was no defense, and the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. Sentenced as usual.

Com'th vs. Henry Snyder, James L. Messenkop and Wayne Shay, of this city. All three of the defendants were charged with assault and battery, and Messenkop and Snyder with malicious mischief. It was alleged by the commonwealth that on the 26th of September the three defendants while drunk went to the hotel of Wm. Roehm on South Queen street this city; Messenkop had a dog, which he put upon the bar. Roehm asked him to take the animal away, and he refused; then Roehm pushed the dog, whereupon Messenkop struck him in the face; Roehm drew an empty pistol and Messenkop picked up a beer glass and spittoon and attempted to throw them. A fight then ensued and all of the men struck Roehm; the men were finally ejected from the barroom, after which Messenkop and Snyder threw stones against the building and through the windows and glass doors Messenkop threw a beer keg against the house and broke the panel of a shutter. On trial.

The grand jury returned the following bills:

True Bills—John H. Shroad, larceny; Henry Hauk, fornication and bastardy; Hugo Nickle, larceny, as bailee; Henry Newcomer, larceny, as bailee.

Ignored—B. F. Gochenour, forgery; John Denkey and Jacob Bullock, malicious trespass, with Peter L. Arnold, prosecutor, to pay costs; Henry Kreider, malicious mischief, with Joseph Stokes to pay costs; David Stokes, malicious mischief, with Henry Kreider for costs.

The Finney Case.

In the case of com'th vs. Wm. B. Finney, counsel for the commonwealth asked to have the second count of the indictment, which charges involuntary manslaughter, amended so that the word "unlawfully" be inserted before the word "kill." After some talk it was agreed to send in a new bill to the grand jury with the above amendment.

MANHEIM.

News and Notes from the Borough.

Mr. S. A. Eusminger lately caught quite a large string of fine fish.

Game is beginning to be very scarce now and hunters are in despair.

The teachers are treating their pupils with handsome cards, received last week while in Lancaster.

Our business places are closed at eight o'clock.

The pupils of C. Miller's school have rented an organ for the rest of the term.

R. Brandt has purchased the property in which he now resides, on Prussian street. He intends enlarging his wareroom and also his already fine stock of furniture.

Mr. Horace Zeber will return to Atlanta, Ga., on Thursday.

S. G. Summy has introduced the gasoline gas into the first, second and third stories of his hotel. His motto is let there be light.

Eby & Steaman's mill has commenced grinding flour and feed but cannot continue on account of not having enough steam.

A few nights since an old lady, being tired of life, resolved to put an end to it but was caught just as she was about to apply the knife to her throat.

The Liberty cornet band is practicing for the excursion. We may expect fine music as there is none in the county to compare with it.

Down in Salisbury.

H. Brisbin Skiles sold the following tracts of land and timber at public sale on Friday, at Mount Vernon hotel: No. 1, Mount Vernon hotel property and farm, containing 115 acres, to Amos Skiles, of Springville, at $61.75 per acre. No. 2, farm containing 20 acres, to the same, at $40 per acre. No 3, 9 acres of chestnut timber, to John Seaboldt, at $84 an acre. Nos. 4 and 5, woodlands, were not sold. Mr. Skiles has purchased the Nine Points hotel property, to which he will remove in the spring. Salisbury will lose one of its best hotel hosts; and also one of its most consistent Democrats when Brisbin leaves.

On last Wednesday by Judge Patterson Edward Wallace, of East Earl township, was married to Miss Florence Ellmaker, of this township. We extend our congratulations.

On Thursday evening some young folks of Springville enjoyed themselves by having a "hop" in Penn Monument hall, at the Gap. Elmer's Rising Sun string band furnished the music.

Mr. H. Hoover Hamilton's child died on Saturday. It was interred in Bellevue cemetery on Monday afternoon.

Supper to Geo. K. Reed.

Last evening, at the Stevens house, the board of directors of the old Lancaster gas company gave a complimentary supper to Geo. K. Reed, who so long and so faithfully acted as the secretary of the board. The party comprised the old board of directors and a few invited guests, as follows: Dr. John L. Atlee, Dr. Henry Carpenter, Jacob Bausman, Dr. Charles A. Heinitsh, Henry E. Slaymaker, R. H. Brubaker, Hon. John T. MacGonigle, Peter McConomy, B. J. McGrann, John D. Skiles, Hon. J. L. Steinmetz and Aaron Teller.

The supper was in all respects a sumptuous one and the party a delightful one throughout. The health of Mr. Reed was drunk with enthusiasm and his management of the company's affairs heartily commended; several brief speeches were made, and interesting events in the history of the old company were recalled. Wit and humor, anecdote and repartee were the order of the evening and went around the board until the wee small hours were reached.

The Boy Orator.

Ralph Bingham, the boy orator, from Richmond, Va. appeared at St. Paul's M. E. church last evening, quite a large audience being assembled to greet him. He does not appear to be more than ten years old, but possesses many of the accomplishments of the mature elocutionist. He has a good voice, easy and graceful carriage and expressive, mobile features, and declaims accurately and without hesitation. Among his declamations last evening were, "the old man in the model modern church;" "the new organ;" "the Broadway police;" John Adams's "liberty and union" speech" and some others, all of which were well rendered, the boy being dressed in costume suited to the several personations. To add to the entertainment the choir of St. Paul's sang several selections.

His Honor the Mayor.

Hon. John T. MacGonigle, mayor of the city, is to-day fifty-two years of age. A few of his friends who were aware that this was the anniversary of the mayor's birth day determined to give him an agreeable surprise. They contracted with Mr. Schroyer the florist, for a magnificent basket of choice flowers, and bright and early this morning visited the mayor's rooms in the Stevens house and in a brief complimentary speech presented him the floral tribute. The mayor, though completely taken by surprise, made a fitting response.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

The river has a heavy swell on it.

A number of cars westward bound had a number of icicles on them.

The wreckers were unable to go down the Port Deposit road to attempt the raising of the engine, on account of their new wrecking material not arriving. An attempt will be made to morrow or next Sunday.

Snow fell this morning, but would not lay as everything was wet.

The raft chute still remains closed.

Co. C will be paid off for services rendered at the Wilkesbarre encampment in a week or two.

Several sales of real estate will take place on Saturday evening at the Franklin house.

John Imgrand, who was run over by a train at Watts' station, and had one leg taken off, and it was thought that the other would also have to be amputated, is doing well. The left leg can be saved.

Several parties started on a gunning expedition for York county this morning but returned in a few hours on account of the inclemency of the weather.

Shawnee furnace No. 2 will start up on Dec. 1st. Fires have already been lit to dig out the interior.

Cantatas will be held in several of our churches on Christmas eve.

The postoffice will be open to morrow from 8 to 9 a. m., and 6 to 7 p. m.

Mr. A. V. Rogers, commonly known as "Buzz" Rogers, and who has for the past year or two been working for himself out West, surprised his many friends this morning by making an unexpected appearance. The Vigie company welcomed their old friend home again in quite a complimentary manner.

The Shillow vs. Leberger case has caused considerable excitement here.

No more shows this week. What a wonder!

Last night was the coldest night we had this winter, the thermometer indicating freezing point. Ice was found in several places this morning.

Mr. Geo. Redsecker has just purchased four new sleighs. They are handsome and very strongly built. Snow is now wanted.

The majority of row boats have been removed from out of the river, and placed in winter quarters.

The "Vigie" boys are cleaning their engine house preparatory to receiving their new steamer.

A number of Columbia Masons will attend a meeting of their order in Lancaster this evening. The York meeting has been postponed indefinitely.

Anothers runaway occurred on Cherry street last evening, but luckily no other damage was done excepting a wheel being broken off.

One year ago boating had stopped on the canal, but now business is as brisk on that body of water as it has been any month this summer, and from present appearances will continue so.

The fair for the benefit of the First Baptist church is being pooly attended.

Rain and hail began falling this morning about 9 o'clock and continues. Our streets are nearly deserted of pedestrians, and everything has a dreary aspect. The pavements all have a thin coating of ice, making walking somewhat dangerous.

For the first time in three months the east and west yards of the Pennsylvania railroad at Columbia are cleared of standing freight cars, and if it be possible they will be kept in that condition all the time.

Geo. Adams, living on Barber street, had a narrow escape yesterday afternoon. While returning home from work, a brick fell from a chimney, having become loosened, and struck him slantingly on the breast, inflicting a severe wound. Had it struck him fairly more serious consesequences might have resulted. Dr. Kay attended the injury.

A ball was held in Desch's hall last night, under the management of Wolfe's orchestra. It was largely attended, and was conspicuous for the quiet way in which it passed off.

A goodly number of drunken roughs made "Rome howl" last night in the vicinity of the Five Points. No arrests were made, as the policemen were all engaged in maintaining order at the opera house and fair.

The Convent fair closed last evening, and was a big success, both socially and financially. The hall was crowded to suffocation all evening, and when the lucky number was announced, considerable noise was made by their friends offering gratulations. The ladys' gold watch cleared over four hundred dollars.

The opera house was crowded to its utmost capacity last night, by eager persons come to see "Hazel Kirke." The performance was excellent, and more than fulfilled the high expectations of the audience.

The *Herald* made its appearance yesterday, full of interesting reading matter, and the local page had a new "dress." The type used is new minion, and is very clear and fine. The paper looks well, and as Squire Grier is now devoting a great deal of his time on it, it will be a satisfaction to its many readers when they hereafter receive it.

A joke was played on a drunken pump maker yesterday afternoon. He had left his horse and wagon standing on the street while he entered a saloon on Front street to have a stimulant. While he was drinking some of the young men about the saloon took the large wheels off his wagon and placed them in front The pump-maker did not notice the difference, being too full of "stimulent" and drove off homewards in this manner. What happened afterwards is not definitely known.

To-morrow, in honor of Thanksgiving, the fattest turkey will be killed and eaten. How will Columbia celebrate that memorble day? Already a number of our young gentlemen have signified their intention of leaving town for the day. But clerks will only receive a half-holiday, and can thank town council for it. Market could have been changed to Wednesday as easily as not, but council did not think so. They very seldom do think until it is too late. Services will be held in all the churches in the morning. The E. E. Lutheran Mite society open their festival in Odd Fellows' hall in the evening, and it promises to be largely attended. No public demonstration will be had and the day will be spent as usual—in a quiet manner.

The committee of the Schock library are using all their efforts to have more subscribers. If they succeed new books will be purchased. As it now stands it is one of the most complete and handsome libraries to be found in Lancaster county. That it is not appreciated is visible by the few subscribers. If our older as well as younger class of citizens would give up reading "trashy" papers, such as the *Boys of New York*, etc., and subscribe for books at the library it would not only be a benefit to them, but be much cheaper. You can get four books a week out of the library, making 208 books a year, for $2 per annum. The papers cost five cents a piece, one a week, making $2.60 a year and only fifty-two papers. The books are instructive and by the best authors. The above statement shows the advantage gained by taking books from the library. Now, citizens of Columbia, if you are fond of reading, when the library committee comes around soliciting subscribers give them your name and two dollars, and at the end of the year see what you have learned.

Case Again Postponed.

The application of John Echternacht of this county, for pardon, was again before the Board of pardons at Harrisburg, yesterday, and was again continued for further action. It will be recollected that Echternacht was convicted for burglary