Lancaster Entelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1881

Troublesome Trains.

A passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad, running at the rate of fifty miles an hour, from New York to Phil adelphia, last evening came into collision with a freight train that it found on the track, and only a speedy reversal cars being pretty well smashed. Presi- and they will keep it up for two days. dent Roberts and Vice President Cassatt were on board the train, and we are glad to hear is, and glad that they escaped unhart: for there is nothing like a personal experience of this kind to give a railroad officer a lively sense of the need for making certain provision against such disagrecable engagement between trains upon a well conducted railroad. No railroad has stood higher in the country than the Peunsylvania in the repute of its management; to read provides better cars, a better track, or uses have appointed appliances for the sife conduct of his trains. Until lately his tend has had a better reports and the speed, safety and regularity or programs. To cently is has not merited this commendation. Frequent collisions occur and the trains are so often behind the as to make and yesterday in training about the same $|F\rangle$ hour, owing to a treight train collision

The Petray lyanta railroad has reached a point in its business when that must either be cartalle bor to provided for by an exclusive set of tracing a write freight trains. It was not do to jut its passengers into see hards of discitled an their journey by the interference of its freight. If it was not for the applicationsk systensel de and there were the manninent dangeror e distant to bely, on the passenger trains. As it is a collisions are childred between the freight trains which follow mer's other continuously and without the intervention of a block, The system of a reality three seems to be very imported. Probably it is inherent The officers of the Central vania railroad have demonstrated that they know quite as much aloud railrouding as any other men do, and even more, There are no greater expects at the basiness; and when they find the problem of running their passenger and freight trains with reasonable safety and regularity on the same set of rails to be too much for them, it is safe to conclude that it is the fault of their facilities rather than their own. One thing needed is a system of braking freight trains from the engine, as passenger trains are now controlled. There appear to be great difficulties in the way ranged, and the proof is now complete of this accomplishment owing to the great power required and the diversity of the cars making up the train, gathered as they are from all the roads in the country.

But it is certain that when President Roberts and Vice President Cassatt have narrowly excaped spending their Christmas in eternity they are in a proper frame of mind to consider the ways and means of keeping passenger and freight trains out of collision and of adopting them when found. For this reason we are right; had that they had their shall ing up last night since they escaped so well. It would have been very sail if they had been killed, and left behind Bradford; ex-Mayor Fox, of Philadelphia; might have been inclined to think that

THE alleged Independent Republicans. who participated in or sympathize with the recent Continental hotel conference are out in an address by their executive committee, in which they protest their allegiance to the party and against the three big universities. management of the bosses. There is nothing essentially new is their declamation against machine methods nor in the | teachers' institute. way in which they point out the peril to the party of being controlled by them. This danger they family name. enforce by pointing to the bolt of these who, bolder and better than themselves, voted for Wolfe. The one thing that the address does not three any light upon is whether or not those who framed it propose to subseit to and ratify the already-agreed-upon nomination by the quainted in these parts, has gone wrong the only thing that the people of the state that he has gone West. They know they now are interested to hear from Mr. Lee's committee, and this is the thing its members need attfully dedge.

A VERY considerable portion of to day's INTELLIGENCER and the accompanying four-page supplement, which we issue with it to all of our readers, whom survive her. is devoted to Christmas literature. The greater pertien of this is original matter famous Greenback orators, has got the prepared specially for the INTELLIGEN-CER, and all in all comprises by far the best publication of its kind which has ever been issued in this community. We need add nothing to the matter and man- very fine-looking apples, he himself arner in which the great holiday of Christ- rayed in a dress suit of black cloth, high endom is treated in prose and poetry by beaver tile. our own regular and special contributors. They have literally given our readers a feast of fat things which we accompany, to each and all of them, with our hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS,

In accordance with the usual custom, and to give all the employees of the INTELLIGENCER office the largest opportunity to fully enjoy the celebration of Christmas, no paper will be issued from this office next Monday.

MINOR TOPICS. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE postoffice never before had such a rush of Christmas cards.

It is to be a green Christmas and maybe it will fatten the graveyards, but for all the people are going to have a merry Christmas. The thronged streets, the crowded stores, the busy expressmen, the loaded railroad cars, the thousands of of the brakes saved the lives of the pas- | Christmas eards mailed, and all the signs sengers, the locomotive and four Pullman of the times, foretell a merry Christmas-

Bestdes our Christmas supplement, the special features of which are noted elsewhere in detail, we print on our first page to-day two famous and standard old Christmas poems-one the incomparable and Philadelphia. " Night Before Christmas" and the other Dr. Harbaugh's Penasylvania Datch verses-and a variety of other Christmas literature and carrent news.

Lightines, all of you, I warn, If the day that Christ was born rail upon a Sunday.
The winter shall be good I say,
But great winds aloft shall be;
The summer shall be fine and dry.
En had skill and without loss,
Through all hands there shall be peace,
Good time for all things to be done;
but he that realistic hall be found on. But he that scalette shall be found soon,
What child that day born may be,
A steat for life shall live to be,
—Offer English Diagnoses,

The man who has a large sam of money to expend for Christmas gets rid of it in their appearance on the a bester of a short time, but the man who has only a caused excitement to such a degree that surprise, agreeable to the balanced frave dollar semetimes must take hours to the authorities have prepared two war eler, but quite of hearing a the prompt make his purchases. Do not find fault people. The trains Last pass through with him who, less fortunate than yourhere in the early morning often get self, occupies much time in trying to obalong several hours helded time: this thin for his children all that can be morning they came in all eight o'clock | bought for the little money that he hav,-

near Altoona: and nearly every night | Tanlaw of Pennsylvacia provides for there seems to be trouble with the five holidays, viz: New Year's, the 1st of freights Perhaps it is because the road | January : Washington's Birthday, the 21d is doing a very heavy business that its of February ; Decoration Day, the Soth freight cars get in the way of its passen of May; Independence Day, the 4th of gers so often. It would be belief July; Christmas, the 25th of December. for it to do less and do it hade By statute, whenever these days happen safely. It must be an expensive on Sanday, the following Monday is debusiness to have so many collisions, clared to be a public holiday.

A THE LO CHESTALS METODS. " De Lord, he come to Bette'em. An' He income de hay : De Lord, he come to Bede'em. Del fur-off Claristmus Day, He come, he come, He come to Berle'em, "De Lord, he come to Bede'en.
An wil de cattle lay:
De Lord, he come to Bede con,
Det fur off Christmas Dry.
He come, he come,
He come to Bede'en. " De Lord, he come to Bedelens. Je s'as de angels say : De Lard, he come to Bede'enc Pat fur off Christmas Day, Bress God, he come Pleant tind because

The moral and reformatory element of the Republican party were much shocked not be the facts of the management, when Mr. Zachariah Chandler made a bar- her cargo, consisting of 124 bales of gain with Mr. Isaag Christianey in virtue cotton 600 barrels of rosin, of which Mr. Christiancy went to Peru and Mr. Chandler went back to the Senate in his place. But the World points out au character of our medera politics is the sight presented by Windom retiring to let Folger in, Senator Edgerton retiring to let Windom back to the Senate, and the final consummation of the bargain by the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Edgerion as chief justice of Dakota. It was charged when Edgerton was induced to withdraw in favor of Windom that some bargain of this kind had been ar-

> The Philadelphia Times Washington correspondent now amuses himself helding a Pennsylvania Democratic state convention, and reviews the chances of Hopkins, Steuger, Speer, Mutchler, Yerkes and Pattison. He regards Wallace, Randall and Curtin as party leaders not libely to be Dill as able Democrats, whose pa t defeats have taken them out of the list; while of dark horses in the stables this governormaker counts Judge Trunkey, of the sn prome court; Judge Bucher, of the Union district, and Judge Baer, of the Somerset ex-Congressman Maish, of York, and Colonel Boyle, of Fayette, Some people in this state was so big and respectable.

PERSONAL.

Now he wants it pronounced "Kelleria. Loxofellow condemis too many poorly equipped colleges; he prefers two or

Prof. E. ORAM LYTE has been lecturing on grammar at the Dauphin county Senator SUMBER left only three nicees,

There are no male decendants of that Arthur must have done it intentionally. Secretary Folicen is a widower, and the new associate justice of the supreme court, GRAY, a bachelor, steut, hand-

FRANK CHEEVER, a well-known drover from about West Chester, but well aebosses of Beaver. A frank declar- and the people who indersed for him er ation upon this subject is about who hold papers forged by him suspect

> Mrs. Many Wixx, who died in Pidladelphia, yesterday, aged 101, was the mother of ten children, six of whom, three sons and three daughters, survive her, the eldest, a daughter, being 73, and the youngest, a son, 59. She also had 25 grand children, 97 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great grandchildren, nearly all of

Ex-Judge Mappoy, one of the most right and the privilege to open an apple stand near the main door of the House, in

A Florentine Defaulter. The cashier of the large banking house of Fenzi & Co. Florence, has absconded, being a defaulter to the amount of 2,000, 000 lire. He is seventy-one years old, and was forty years in the employ of the firm. He had been speculating on the Paris Bourse, paying his losses with the securities deposited in the bank. He has just been arrested in a village near Florence. It is hoped that about 750,000 lire in Indian rentes will be recovered.

THE NEWS.

WHO PERISHED AT VIENNA.

QUIET CHRISTMAS IN PHILADELPHIA. Excitement in San Domingo-Fire in Red

A corrected list of the victims of the Vinna theatre gives the total at 449. The Austro Hungarian Lloyds will start direct steamship communication with the United States and Brazil on January 25,

1881. Thomas McKeever, who was recently indicted for killing his wife in New York. was yesterday sentenced to tifteen years

imprisonment. The Baltimore Grain Shippers' association yesterday agreed upon the terms of a contract which will be submitted next Tuesday to the associations of New York

In the trial by court-martial at Miejin of persons who participated in the anti-Jewish riots last August among the prisoners are some wealthy merchants accused of inciting the mob.

No iforns and no Goopen der. The entire police force of Philadelphia is ordered on duty to night, with strict orders from the mayor and Chief Given to stop horn blowing and gun and pistol-firing and arrest all offenders of this kind and disorderly characters who overstep the bounds affortied to the devotees of the lord of misrule.

Excitement in San Domlifgo. The news that a United States war steamer will survey Samana bay has schooners, the Thunder and Capatillo, to watch the American man-of-war.

A Strange Disease Among Cous.

The discovery made by a veterinary surgeon of Williamsburg, N. Y., of the prevalence of a strange disease among milch cows is attracting considerable attention. The sale of milk from the sick cows has been prohibited, and the veterinary surgeon of the board of health is preparing a report on the subject. There are lifteen cows affected with the malady. The animals have been properly quaran-

rlames in a Jersey Town. In Red Bank, N. J., a fire which started in the cellar of the Agricultural and Furniture company's building destroyed that structure and spreading burned Mrs. De-Forest's house, French's Central hotel, Mrs. Dayton's confectionery store, Vandevere's jewelry store and Mrs. DeMott's millinery store. Two small houses in the near were also destroyed, and then the fire, owing to a burst hose, which crippled the thre department, consumed Ketcham's livcry stable and Richard Applegate's residence. It is impossible so ascertain the most of the houses were partially insured.

A STEAMER IN FLAMES.

Passengers Saving Themselves by Jumping on Board of Colliding Vessels.

The steamer Granger, of the Charleston and Sautee line, took fire last evening while on her way to Charleston, and was burned to the water's edge, together with barrels of crude turpentine and 99 barrels of spirits of turpentine. The fire was discovered when the steamer, which was on her way from Santee, had reached equally marked example of the trading Castle Pinckney, inside the harbor. The tlames spread so rapidly that the passengers and crew only saved themselves by jumping on board the vessels with which she came in collison. The passengers consisted of six negroes, four of whom have reached the city. Two are missing, but are supposed to be on board of one of the vessels anchored in the stream. The steamer belonged to Ravenal Holmes & Co., and had been running on the line about two months. The vessel is insured for \$15,000. The loss on the cargo will reach nearly \$40,000. As far as can be ascertain d this was not insured.

Fatal Shooting Affair.

Andrew Pfoutz was arrested and lodged in jail at Westminster, Carroll county, Md., on a charge of killing Jacob Lochman, The accused alleges that he was gunning near Carrollton, on the Western Maryland railroad, and had just shot at a rabbit, when Lockman and his son came along thought of for the gubernatorial nomina- and threw stones at him. He, in selftion; Backalew, Pershing, Clymer and defence, shot at Lochman, killing him in-

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. A NNOUNCEMENT.

In connection with to-day's issue of the DARLY INTELLIGENCER is published a full sheet

containing four pages, of seven columns each, filled with choice reading matter, prepared railroad collisions were not unmixed evi's, never before knew the Democratic party happy Christmas season. Every subscriber to the Intelligences is furnished with this applement in addition to the regular daily is ue. Following ar some of the special features of the Christmas Intelligences to which we invite attention .

> CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM, A Poem. Written for the CHRISTMAS INTELLIGENCER. By Will F.

> Tunen Comstanting, A Christmas Story, Written for the Christmas Intelligences. By J. M. H., a Professional Gentleman of this city. Andrew Ellison's Christmas, A Christmas Story. Written for the Christmas Intelli-GENERAL By Oscar Fay Adams.

> THE CHRISTMAN FLOWER. A Study in Popular GENCER, By a Member of the Linnwan So-

> CHEISTMAN POLITICS. The Religion of Democ-GENCER, By C. F. E. A CHRISTMAS STORY OF TWENTY YEARS AGO. The Parsonage and the Army. Written for

Written for the Christmas Intelligences, By Prof. William Marrell Nevin, LL. D. IMPLITMAS SIXTY YEARS AGO-Reminiscences of Christmas "Then," Written for the CHRISTMAN INTELLIGENCIAL By Prof. & S. Rathron, Ph. D. And a variety of other matter, a lected and

St. dames, The music at St. James' church to mor row at the morning service will be as fol-

Processional Hymn, Adeste Fideles.

Venite by Savage. Gloria by Hayes. Te Deum by Whitney. Jubilate by Danks. Humn, "Hark the Herald Angels Ming." Kyrie by Mendelssohn. Gloria Tibi by Gunod.

Hymn, "While Shepherds Watched." Offertory, "O Zion, that I ringe t gool The music at the evening service

also be of high character.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Sunday School. n St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran churc'i, the directors present. corner of South Duke and Church streets. on Christmas evening, December 25th. by the Sunday school and Bible class of the congregation. There will be two Emanuel Dietrich, as erroneously printed). large Christmas trees for the children. who was stricken with paralysis on West The exercises of the evening will consist nesday, is still confined to his bed and is in recitations and dialogues, by the Sab-bath school children, interspersed with Rohrer, has hopes of his ultimate revocal and instrumental music.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A MAN FALLS DOWN STAIRS.

Fractures His Skull-Coroner's Inquest. Patrick McDonald, aged 37 years, who for a month past has been in the employ of Keller & Reilly, contractors, on their new work above the city, met with a fatal accident last night. He was boarding with Patrick Coreoran, at Dillerville, and he was paid off on Thursday. Yesterday he did not work and came home about four o'clock in the afternoon. He complained of feeling unwell and went up stairs to his room, where seated on his bed, he talked awhile with Lewis Smith. In a short time he arose and accidentally fell down the flight of stairs leading to the ground floor, fracturing his skull. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and Dr. S. T. Davis sent for. He arrived in a short time, but pronounced the case a hopeless one. The man lingered until near 8 o'clock when he died. He did not speak from the time he was hurt, having been unconscious. About midnight Coroner Mishler was notified, and at 1 o'clock held an inquest on the remains. Dr. J. A. Fitzpatrick, who accompanied the coroner and acted as his surgeon, made an examination of the body, and found that the back part of the skull had been badly fractured; that one of the blood was issuing from the left car. The entire back of the corpus wa also badly bruised, showing that the man had fallen down stairs backwards. This is accounted for by the fact that the man was lame, having had his ankle broken across the aisle from that of the sheriff, some time ago in a coal mine. He prob ably made a misstep at the head of the Harry Strokm, a son of John Strohm, ir., stairs, and, clutching at the wall to save 2 jahimself, probably turned around and fell

six years; his father lives at Centralia, Columbia county, Pa.; and has two or three brothers living in the coal regions, After hearing the evidence the coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Patrick Me

the skull by an accidental fall. the accident to McDonaid's father, and and are popular. hold the remains subject to his disposal. Coroner Mishler offered to take charge of and have them interred at the expense of that unless the oather orders otherwise, they will have the remains interral at their

Argument Court.

In the case of the Moshannam land and lumber company vs. Prederick S. Bletz, the rule to show cause why the execution should not be stayed, judgment opened amount of insurance, but it is believed and defendant let into a defense, was discharged with a stay of execution for 30

sylvania vs. Jacob Henry, certiorari to Kauffman as deputy. Mr. Kauffman has been there for years. He is a hard worker proceedings of Justice Gibble, the exceptions filed were dismissed and the pastecedings of justice affirmed.

George W. Zook vs. Why. A. Milborn.

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The rule to show cause why the execu- the work himself. tion should not be set aside was discharge l. The exceptions to the auditor's report

The exeptions to the widow's appraise

ment of \$300 out of the estate of her has band, Thomas Kerr, for the reason that it had been appraised too low, were dis-In the rule to show cause why a writ of

foreign attachment, used by Levi Sherr vs. Noah Dohner, should not be quashed, after the argument by Cyros N. Derr, esq., of Reading, for the defendant. the case was continued, the rule not being to dissolve, as it should have been. The bond of the Peansylvania railroad

company in the sam of \$6,000, with John | gentleman of intelligence, quick, prompt Keller and Michael Reiliy as surcties, was and of elected experience. He is now in presented to the court and approved. The bond is given to seeme Catharine J. Mc Govern, widow, and the heirs of John R McGovern, dee'd, for any damages that may arise from the taking of the land of Solomon Sholl, of Mt. Joy, who is the the late John R. McGovern in Manheim | father in law of Commissioner Myers. township, through which the new railroad is being built.

At the calling of the docket 18 judgments were entered for want of appearance and affidavits of defense.

Part of the viewers appointed to assess the damages done by the opening of East | that he was down looking after the apand West Marion streets met this morning and then adjourned until January 6 The surviving executors of the late John S. Gable filed an answer to the citation issued against them, asking to be released has been complimented with two relections, from any further continuance in the management of the same, and that successors be appointed to whom they may pay over all moneys, &c. Held under advisement.

MORE SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS

Miss Lizzie Marshall's Primary School. Yesterday afternoon Miss Lizzio Marshall's primary school room was crowded to its utmost capacity with school directors, teachers from other schools, parents and pupils to see and hear the Christmas of the present under keepers, are cardientertainment given by the pupils of the school. The room was very prettily decorated, there being a very fine Christmas tree filled with Christmas toys and trinkets furnished by the pupils. The programme was a long one, but the selections, consisting of songs, choruses, dresses, recitations, &c., were chosen to show off the various merits of Science. Written for the Cheistmas Intelli- the twenty-five pupils who took part in the entertainment, and all of whom did so well that it would perhaps be in bad taste to discriminate. At the close of the enterracy. Written for the Christmas Intelli- tainment Director McComsey made a complimentary address to the children. Strawberry Street School,

Mr. Couzzins' Strawberry street school, composed of colored children, also gave an entertainment which was largely attended by teachers of other schools, directors and parents. The school room was tastefully decorated, and bags of candy were presented to each of the pupils. The programme was as follows: "Deel

the Hall with Boughs of Holly," by the school; Sleighing song, by little folks: Dialogue, "Examination of a Witness, by Moses Maxwell and Richard Neal Recitation, "Santa Claus," by Cora Smith : Music, "O, Come, Come Away," by the school; Dialogue, "The Careful Boy," by Wm. Maxwell and Will Book Recitation, "Faith in God," by Maggie Clark; Music, "Cherish Kindly Feel-Boy and the Vase," by Poll Henry Eliza of physicians are candidates, but it is im-Smith and Edw. Smith : Music, "Rece-s Time," by the school; Dialogue, "The Danger of Delay," by Katie Archey and Mamie Burgess: "Recitation, "Bruce's Address," by Charles Wilson; Music, "Skating Song," by the school; Recitation, "The Housekeeper's Soliloquy," will | Martha Fells : Music, "Good Night" by hands both here and at the prison before | Dinkelberg piece of beef; Isaac Curley. the school.

The boys and girls acquitted themselves handsomely, received due applause from A Christmas entertainment will be held the spectators and congratulations from

In a Critical Condition

Adam S. Dietrich, of Manor (not covery.

NEW BROOMS,

IN THE COUNTY OFFICES

CHANGES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Guigelings and Incomings-A Goodly Number of Cierks Retained.

On next Monday a week, Jan. 2, the newly-elected county officers will take

The sheriff's office is one of the best in does the work in the office, and Charles M. Strine, son of Sheriff Strine, who perlarge arteries had been severed and that and will be retained by the new sheriff, who could not make better selections, as they are very clever gentlemen and the country understand their business. The County Treasury.

The collectof the county treasurer directly ties and at varying prices. will be taken charge of by John J. Good, or of the passes in Providence townslop, who is one of Mr. Good's bondsmen, backwards, the was also in evidence that the man had been drinking during the Miller swille school and for a time worked Register's Office.

widower and has a daughter aged about In the register's office some change will be made. Benj. Bauman, who has been in the court-house for many years will retire and Capt, Umble will employ but one clerk, as he will be in the office hims Donald came to his death from fracture of self. C. F. Stoner, of West Willow will remain in his old position. Both he His comrades telegraphed the news of and Mr. Bansaan understand their work

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ome ties. The three former ones are sible positions, in which they have done

Jos Res er takes charge of the orphans In the case of commonwealth of Penn, court chies, and he will keep Samuel L.

that, as has been shown during the time that holms been Mr. Urban's clerk, and although he will be quite busy at times, in the estate of Nelson Talbot were with- he will be found to be equal to the enerdrawn and the report was confirmed at gency. In quarter sections week he will eral of the pieces was very much enjoyed.

have the assistance of his sor. The Commissioners Office. In the commissioners' office Frank Griest, son of Ellwood Griest, of the Inquirer, will be the new clerk, having been agreed upon already by Commissioners Myers and Summy. He takes the place of I. N. S. Will, who will go to Harris-The reporters are glad to know that the latter has regard a good position, but are sorry to see him leave, as they have been indebted to him for many a good item during the three years that he has been chark. Mr. Griest is a young

the office. George Hunter, the efficient and accommodating janitor of the court-house, will have to go and his place will be filled by

The New Coroner. Damy Shifter takes the place of Coroner Mishler, and he has not as yet appointed any deputies as far as can be learned. Yesterday Squire Frank, of Columbia, was seen with him and it is very likely pointment for Columbia.

The Prison will retire to make room for Mr. D. K. Burkholder. The board will organize on will come in-Messrs. Bitzer and Weaver. There are several candidates for underkeeper, and it is settled that G. Al. Smith, who was a candidate against Mr. Burkholder for keeper, will be one of these. He has been around the prison for years, knows the workings of it, and is acquainted with the prisoners and their habits. David Rettew and Mr. Murr, one dates for the second under-keepership, and it is hard to tell who will be the successful one. Mr. Cooper, the present clerk, and David Warfel, now in the county treasurer's office, both want to be the prison depend upon one man's vote in the board. | a large circle of friends, Edward Frailey, who has been one of the best eighr bosses the prison has ever known, will retire. He does not desire to be retained, as he is going into business in Philadelphia. Who will be his successor if the present system is continued is not known, but a leading candidate is Fred Breek, who is now the messenger. Wm. Reed will probably temain, as one of the watchmen, a position which has been well filled by him. Frank Thompson will have

to go and Fred Miller wants his place. W. F. Beyer, esq., the solicitor at pres ent, who is a son in law of Mr. Warfel, of the New Eco, wants to be re-elected; C.N. Sproul, esq., wants to go back, and he has probably the best show as matters now stand; Harry Houser, ezq., who was recently admitted to the bar, was talked of as a candidate, but he has no show. There are a number of candidates for prison physician, but Dr. Compton, who is always on hand, is said to have the inside track The present baker will remain.

At the Poor House At this place Superintendents Brock and Sparrier are said to have no opposition possible to tell toly who will be successful. The successor of Owen P. Bricker, the solicifor, has not yet been fixed. Nearly all of the directors live in the country, and as they do not get to town often it is difficult the contests are over.

The Changes. What effect the changes will have is not knows, but it will likely be very slight. The officials around the court-house are nearly all well suited for their positions. They have always been found courteous and polite, especially to the newspaper men, to whom they are wiiting to extend favor and aid in their search for items. Whoever goes or remains, there is one thing found in a short time than those who have | court.

slung their pens in the court-house during the past three years.

A Dinner. The retiring and new officials, together with their deputies, will shortly have a big dinner, but when it will take place has not yet been determined.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The Centre Square Venders of Trees, Greens,

Centre Square has looked as if Birnam's word had veritably come to Dunsinane. charge of their positions and there will be | The collection of Christmas trees this year a new deal. There will be a number of was the largest ever seen here and the changes in the court house and some of dealers report that the trade is increasing them will be important. The INTELLI-GENCER has been endeavoring to learn the story of having cut and gathered them names of the men who will draw the win- down in the Martic hills, or along the ning numbers and the result of our efforts | rocky and abrupt banks of the Conestoga, is here given. It will likely be found to and they say they have hard work gatherbe almost correct, although there are ing them, though property holders do not some things that have not yet been interfere much with them, as they are glad to have the cedars and scrub pines cut away. One nurseryman sold four loads of the court-house, and John H. High (who, the shapely Norway spruce trees at from by the way, has moved his family to this 75 cents to \$1.25; cedar, spruce this morning he went to Dillerville, and the city) will have charge of it for the next and hemlock bringing from 20 cents up to three years. The present deputies are \$1.50 for the finest specimens; the assort-Harry Hippey, of Columbia, who now ment was good and nobody need have had any trouble finding a satisfactory and cheap Christmas tree. Among the pretforms the duties outside of the office, tiest were the cedars with thick clusters Both of these gentlemen are very efficient of blue berries. Beautiful moss has been offered at from 39 to 69 cents a basket, averaging about 50 cents a bushel. Holly boughs and wreaths, crosses and other designs worked out of mosses and greens, bave been on the market in large quanti-

Billy Boas, Bucky Hambright and other well-known hucksters of the city; a number of persons who have made a venture hold Christmas services, and Sunday in Christmas trees just before going to work in the tobacco warehouses, and the Cookman chapet M. E. and Salem chapet colored men from Providence and Martie, the man had been drinking during the day, but was not drunk. He was a native of county Mayo, Ireland; came recently from Ashland, Schuylkill county; is a Millersville school and for a time worked by the principal dealers. They have paid the principal dealers and the principal dealers are paid to principal dealers. They have paid the principal dealers are paid to principal dealers. They have paid the principal dealers are paid to principal dealers. They have paid the principal dealers are paid to principal dealers. They have paid the principal dealers are paid to principal dealers. They have paid the principal dealers are paid to principal dealers. They have paid the principal dealers are paid to principal dealers are paid to principal dealers. They have paid the principal dealers are paid to principal dealers are paid stock which has adorned Centre square will attend their Christmas serthis week will be cleared up before it is vice to morrow morning at the usual time to begin to put up the Christmas hour in the church. The cantata given by tree to-night.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

At the Presbyterian Chapel. The Christmas jubilee to the pupils of the Presbyterian chapel Sunday-school held last night was the best ever given in the chapel. An overflowing house greeted The present clorks in the prothonotary's the management and long before the hour office are W. F. Kreider, P. Eek Slay of opening it was impossible to get a seat the county, but his fellow workmen say maker and A. S. Edwards, while J. Kahler and standing room was scarce before the Suyder has also been employed there for exercises were fully under way. The decorations included a very handsome banown expense, and with proper religious expected to keep their positions, and Mr. Pridy may put in one man from Mount-Prime of Pence, and star and A. Chelchens, Pentence of Pence, and Star and Pentence of Pence, and Penten ville for fourth place. Mr. Pridy could not border in greens, while from two tall trees held in that church in the morning wille for fourth place. Mr. Fridy could not do hatter than it is said he intends doing, as the men who will be kept on by him are word. "Welcome" in gold. The gas jets, and German Catholic churches are said to be well known, and have proven themselves to be fully capable of filling their respondrested in greens, while in the fibrary corner was the identical chinacy down which has been very handsomely decorated with old Santa Claus dropped to fill the stockings of good little boys and girls, only is this ease he came up instead of down, and caused great merriment by his humor while distributing gifts and canches. The programme was long and varied, and in cluded carols by the school, prayer by the H. Bartholomew, an address by R. v. Dr. Mitcheil, a solo and chorus by Marter Mitcheil, a solo and chorus by Marter and the first and a special content of the second of the Harry Gibson and little Misses Ben dress by Rev. Heavy Wheeler, der and Snyder, and one by Master Jimmy Garvin; accrnet solo by Minnie Cogley. a pupil of the school, was encored, and

> eleven handsome Bibles were given to scholars who had not missed one session during the year; a bandsome basket of flowers to Mr. Moore, the superintendent, and a bouquet, with the strange legend, as in terpreted by Dr. Mitchell, "To Mister More, a good Christmas, and be a good boy. The "what is it," which proved to be a handsome gold-hended cane for Mr. Moore, was presented by Mr. Hume and responded to by the receiver in a few welltimed remarks. To the kind friend, who The Catasanqua and Cabanda men who from year to year has furnished the work at the Shawa colling hall had scholars with their annual gift (last night another "set to" lass evening a result it was a pretty handkerchief) a few of the head cut, two pair of black eyes teachers presented two very handsome and a bitten fin so. Excepthing horns, filled with feather-flowers and frozen up. Water going out of the grasses, and Mr. Bartholomew was ap-1 canal on account of the cobi. - Mr. Charles pointed the detective to find the gentle- Wann home from Pocomole City; also man and deliver the goods. The exercises | Dr. Goorke, - John | E. Owens next Tuesclosed with an author and the benedic- day; Buffalo Bill We harsday, "All the tion, but not until a vote of thanks had Rige" on Saturday. been given to Mr. J. P. Stackhouse, who had charge of Kriss Kingle.

her accompaniment on the cornet of any

O. C. A. M. Death of State Council Secretary, John P.

At this institution Captain Weise, who has been keeper for almost nine years and has been complimented with two releasings. As a matter of death of State Secretary John P. Batt, of coarse, our country courses, who are kept Philadelphia, on the evening of the 20th at home by the bad weather, are in town Philadelphia, on the evening of the 20th of this month. He has been secretary of Monday week, when two new inspectors the State Council of the Order United Americans Mechanics of Pennsylvania for a number of years, a very carnest and faithful worker not only for the O. U. A. M., but also an active member of No. 138 O. O. F., No. 21 K of P., No. 36 O. U A. M., Degree No. 1, and also a trustee of ben efit associations and building and loan associations. The funeral will take place in Philadelphia on Sunday, the 25th inst, at 2 p. m., the body to be interred in the The storekeepers are all smiles, and are American Mechanics cemetery. The order of the O. U. A. M. has lost one of its best and most faithful workers, and his death has created a vacancy which will selves almost to death, and in their hearts be hard to fill, as he was well fitted for clerk, and the election of either is said to the position he was employed in and had ended.

> tack of Proper Accommodations. At dresent there is no passenger train will be delivered in time to meet the east on the Pennsylvania railroad from wishes of the senders and receivers. this city between 6:50 p. m. and 4:10 a. m. For passengers coming from Harrisburg business in the distribution of small to Lancaster or going to New York from packages and Christmas cards. this city, this is a very serious inconvenience, and a very retrograde state of affairs from the former schedule. It used to be that persons could leave here in the early afternoon and get to New York in the evening in good time to devote the night if desired to a place of amusement, or they could leave here at midnight and Bill Marshall has been arrested for steal get to New York for breakfast and a full ing turkeys from David Baxter, at the old day's business. Both of these conveni-ences are now ficking, and passengers for leg while kanling rails; I-aac Schnader Harrisburg were accustomed to go up the surprise party on their first west in ; anaiafternoon or evening and return about versary. midnight. Now they cannot get home after 6:56 p. m. until 4:10 a m. The trains from here to Philad Iphia are not well timed, though it is of the greatest importance that they should be.

Acknowledgments.

Mr. Jacob Adams this morning collected in following money and articles for the family of Wm. Shay: Geo. Wilfong, 50c.; Chas. Miller, 25c.; Geo. Brown, 25c.: N. to learn much concerning the fight at these Knox, piece of meat : Mr. Killian, pud- by their pupils. institutions. The bosses will show their ding; Geo. Sandoe, piece of pork; C. sausage; J. Adams, 5 loaves of bread and 20 pounds of meat. The INTELLIGENCER acknowledges the

> warded to the afflicted family. Committed for Trial. Andreas Perchhad a hearing before Al-

derman Barr this morning on the charge of stealing a turkey from John Martin on COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE Mr. Wm. Baker, colored, came near osing both eyes last evening. He is in the habit of spitting in top of the stove, and tried this on at Warren's oyster saleon, but the stove respected itself and blew a cloud of flame into William's face, badly

burning it and singeing his whiskers. The cold weather of last night has made our streets as hard as a rock.-Fred. Bucher vs. Wm. Morris's trial will come off this afternoon at Squire Frank's .- Miss Nannie Bockins left town this morning to risit friends in Philadelphia. - Miss Annie Wentz is visiting Miss Sallie Gossler .-Mr. B. B. Broomell will be home to day .-Mr. Charles Haldeman is home from school to spend the holidays. - Mr. Dave Coleman is having his shaving establish ment remodeled. Dave works for the confort of his customers.

Christmas in Columbia.

To merrow is Christmas, but Monday

will be celebrated. And how will this be

done is the question asked, but cannot be

answered until Taesday. We side with Rev. John McCoy, pastor of the Presby-terian church, who, at the prayer meeting on Wednesday, said: "If persons intend celebrating Christmas by getting drunk and becoming a disgrace to themselves the sooner this ancient custom is stopped the better it will be for the community at large. Persons are more upt to be come intoxicated on holidays than any scenes will be enacted this Christmas. Let us have one that will be pleasant to remember. The following churches will schools their annual entertainments Presbyterian Sunday schools hold their the S. S. will be held in the opera house next Friday evening. Appropriate service in the Sanday school room by the St. John's Lutheran to morrow afternoon, The United Brethren Sanday school gave their entertainment last evening, and from what we hear it was a success. The Presbyterian Sunday school's cantata closed last evening after a two days' successful run. The Methodist Episcopal S. S. entertainment to morrow evening. The exercises will consist of singing and a sacred dialogue, introducing young ladies very elegant. Their services will be at the mas morning at 6 o'clock, consisting of while distributing gifts and candles. The prayer and song and short addresses by Reve John McCoy and Wm. P. Evans. He is regularly laxified to their above, ser-

vices. An Appendion to steer, the worlds our Columbia readers and The special prizes awarded for scholar him for warphysical card aristmas addisenjoy the ble sings to this given you, do not forget and help the little ence, be they white or black, whereak for their Christ than colors; for transmiss of me do not help them dong jost think what kind of a Christman they will have. The good Book says: the unto others as year

would have them do note you."

CHRISTMAS TRADI. Big Crowd in Town and Erisk Ensiness The day before Christmas is a very pleasant one. The few dull, damp, disa greeable days preceding have been fol to day in unusual numbers. All the railread trains coming into this city were crowded; so were the stage coaches, and many hundreds came in their own private conveyances. The main object of all appears to be to lay in a stock of Christmas presents for the loved ones at home-or abread. The stores have been all day thronged with impatient customers who enter empty-handed, but with well-filled pockets, and make their oxit cire zersa. mentally reckening up their gains, while the salesmen and saleswomen and easie boys are running or walking or talking them-

wishing that the long day's work was The freight depeas and express offices are crowded with boxes and bundles of every conceivable size and shape, and it is very doubtful indeed whether all of them

The postoffice also is doing an immense

Christmas Times Around New Holland. The New Holland Charles feels a thrill of joy at the very mention of Christmas : and in its newsy local column tells how Judge Wm Ellmaker gives every poor family in town a Christmus loaf of bread New York must leave at 5 p. m. or 4:10 has slied a few weeks after his wife, and a. m. So, too, persons having business at Mr. and Mrs. Joel B. ir had a family

Christmas in the manheim Schools. The Macheim grammar school pupils, through their spokesome, Frank Biems-derfer, saryrised the principal of the bor-ough schools, Prof. J. B. Keylor, with a besutiful Christmas present in the shape of a combination gold penholder and pen-cil. Mr. Cyrus Miller, Mr. Lincoln Bonberger and Miss L. J. Falk, of the Man being schools, were also kindly remembered

What, Again ?

John A. Shober, who last Christmas supplied the tables of the editors and reporters of the INTELLIGENCER with mamreceipt of 50 cents from a lady. Any moth turkeys, has repeated the munifice further contributions will be duly forour sanctum three birds that will not perhaps weigh quite a hundred pounds, but they are giants for all that.

Another Good Employer. Geo. B. Sebaum, furniture dealer, south

ecrtain, and that is, that a more clever lot of gentlemen, as a whole, will not be mitted in default of bail for trial at men with a large tackey as a Christmes