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----A Dead Dog.

Senator Mahone has spoken in the Senate in defense of his conduct in levying assessments upon United States officials in his state. His defense consists in a declaration that his efforts to raise funds in this way were ineffective. He does not deny the issue of a circular signed with his name on behalf of his party organization calling upon the Virgin ians who held United States offices to contribute to his campaign fund. What he does deny is that all Virginia officials were thus favored, or that all who were summoned to pay stepped up to settle. Only 252, for instance, of the 1,800 postmasters in the state got the circular, and of these only 92 responded. Of the 342 Virginia desks in the Washington departments only 92 had the circular and only 49 responded. And no authority over these people had been consulted about the demand on them nor as to the response made to it. Why he sought to make his levy on but a part of the government beneficiaries the Senator does not explain. And it is not material to the public. That the raid made on these government employees was with the assent of their superiors, is not part of the charge against the Virginia serator. The weight of the allegation against agement of this journal has greatly imhim is that he assumed authority to demand a contribution from government officers, and that he held his reputation of power with the administration to compel their response. Whether he did this with all or with some, is not mate rial. If not with all, he had reason for it which was apart from a sense of the impropriety of the demand. Why he has not, since the election, sought to execute the vengeance which was expected to follow a failure to meet his request is sufficiently ex plained by the Democratic ascendancy which has come upon the country and which thoroughly emasculated Mahone of his supposed political strength. He does not strike because he has not the power. He made a narrow escape from defeat in his state and, with the disaster which so widely overtook the party in the country with which he allied him self, he is left standing as a blasted tree in the political forest. He is of no pessible account any more in the politics of the country. He is a dog that has had his day and is now too enfeebled to bite kept standing year in and year out, and or even to bark with any intimidating with each recurring Christmas it appears cious, and when the class began praying I sound.

Christmas.

the holiday of the whole world has come ence is felt in every sphere. Commerce as well as society, trade and sentiment alike pay homage to it. From a home and a church festival it has developed into an event of general significance, a period of the year which regularly influences the current of the world's events. Many branches of labor and trade are devoted exclusively to preparations for

it. Merchants find the business of several months centering upon it. Legislatures adjourn for it. Stock boards quiet their speculations and commercial exchanges cease their clamon The railroad, express company, newspaper, telegraph and other great agencies of later civilization feel its delights and disadvantages, its profits and its burdens, most sensibly. But all of these only contribute to the more marked ob servance of the Christmastide as preeminently the festival of HOME. This sentiment, which is the flower of Christianity, is the one most prominent in the popular appreciation of the present holiday season. The family reunion and the practice of gift-making are the universal and enduring characteristics of Christmas celebraticu, alike of twenty-two weeks in the United States typical of the institution of the occasion. most fragrant of its historical associations and most gracious in their influ- have not been received, and the Danish

Free Passes.

The Harrisburg Telegraph is of the opinion that "the reform editor may just as well save his ink and his rhetoric" now being wasted in condemnation of the use of free passes by members of the Legislature. "The judges of the supreme court ride on free his wife every evening all that happened to passes, the local judiciary use them, every official whose decisions or public to improve their memories, take notice. acts may affect the interests of railroads is supplied with free transportation. Even the pure members of the late constitutional convention did not despise them. It is a species of petty bribery, but its universality has robbed it of reaches forty, one year doesn't matter its ugly name." The facts may be much. as stated, but the universality of a bad practice does not rob it of its bad character, however it may relieve its bad name. A judge who rides on a free pass issued by a company turned him seven hundred and six copies which comes before his court as a suitor might just as well have a money favor in his pocket from one of the litigants in another action in which he is expected to hold the scales evenly. Members of the Legislature who swear the list of speakers. There need be no to support the constitution, forbidding the issue of free passes, and then accept them, cannot be expected to make that constitution effective. But, if from no higher consideration, we have attempted to excite public reprobation upon the practice of free pass-taking, because it leads to a waste of the people's time by their legislative servants. Members with passes in their pockets travel too much. The mileage allowed them will pay all their necessary traveling expenses. More than they have no right to.

CHRISTMAS after Sunday is not as popular an occurrence as when the day of rest intervenes to heal the headaches of at this season will be glad of a day to the water and the others shot and threw granted Friday afternoon and there will stones at him. He was finally rescued by not be a quorum in attendance any time sel, and Judge VanVorst reserved his deready for the morrow's merry making. a passing boat, which was followed two miles along the bank by the excited mob.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A GREEN Christmas. Ir comes but once a year.

THIS is the 1887th Christmas

PEACE on earth, to men good will. LET us give thanks that the ice house

are filled. THE hand that rocks the cradle is the

hand that rules the world. No issue of the Lancaster dailies nex Monday. Give the printer a chance.

the sunshine has chased them away. All the same, clear and frosty weather would be more seasonable.

> O WREATHE the fragrant vine With holly, fir and pine; And brighten every spot forlorn in token that the Lord is born.

A Sr. Louis genius makes icicles out of pure whisky and finds pleuty of custom. ers for all he can turn out. Frozen whisky tastes like the best imported champagne.

Tambelfries of all Christendom Now roll ulong
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

THE Lancaster Inquirer issues a holiday supplement this week and shows other signs of enterprise. The editorial manproved of late, and in many respects it is a model of weekly journalism.

Let us sound a happy chime, For the blessed Christmas time, May good-will on earth and peace, Newly come and never cease, Just as once the angels sang, When the Christmas chorns rang Glory sing to God again. Peace on earth, good will to men

THE old North breeze through the skelet is chanting the year out drearily :

But, loud let it blow for at home we know The dry logs crackle cheerly; And the frozen ground is in fetters bound; But plie up the wood, we can burn it. For Christmas has come and in every home To summer our hearts we can turn i Wassail! Wassail! Wassaii : Wassaii : Here's happiness to all, at home and abroad ; Wassaii ! Wassaii ! Here's happiness to all, for Christmas is come.

In accordance with its time-honored custom the Philadelphia Inquirer to-day prints Clement Moore's poem, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," additional interest being given to its perusal by the fact that it is printed from the same identical types in which it was originally set up many years ago. The matter is in the Inquirer in the precise form of the was greatly excited. One member early publication.

THE CHRISTMAS TIME. No longer Christendom's only, but Its firelit hearths, and gitts, and blazing clutched my coat and glared at me. Supper on Christmas eve until all are the holiday of the whole world has come around again. The story of Christmas Its gentle mirth attuned to sweet accords, Its holy memories The fairest season of the passing year— The merry Christmas time is here.

The sumaes by the brook have lost their red: The leaves have fallen and the birds have

The flowers we loved in summer, are all dead; And wintry winds blow chill Yet something makes this dreariness less drear--The merry, merry Christmas time is here. Since last the panes were hoar with Christmas

Unto our lives some changes have been Some of our barks have labored tempest Some of us, too, have loved, and some have Some found their rest in heaven

So, humanly, we mingle smile and tear, When merry Christmas time is drawing near,

PERSONAL.

Sir Hugh Allan's twelve children wil

Mr. Robeson is said to be a candidate for the Spanish mission.

GOVERNOR PLAISTED, of Maine, is goil & to practice law at Lewiston. FRED GEBHARDT is fair; Mrs. Labou-

chere, fat; Mrs. Langtry, 40. It is a SARA BERNHARDT, is said to have signed a contract to play an engagement

DR. WICKERSHAM'S letters of recall government still recognizes Dr. Wickersham as the American minister.

THE CHINESE MINISTER at Washington dresses in the richest silks and satins, and never appears twice, it is said, in the same suit, his wardrobe being worth the in- usurps the right to take a hand in the credible sum of a hundred and fifty thou- local contests for important appoint-

fast, trained his memory by repeating to him during the day. Husbands anxious

MRS. LANGTRY Will visit Brooklyn soon and the young men there intend to unharness her carriage horses and draw her to her hotel by hand. They did the same for Patti a year ago and Langtry is only oue year older than Patti ; after a woman

THOREAU used to boast that he had a library of nine hundred volumes, seven hundred of which he wrote himself. "Week on the Concord and Merrimac Rivers" not selling, the publisher reof the edition of a thousand, which he laid away in his garret.

D. WILLIAM EVERETT, a professor in Harvard, refused to speak at Plymouth yesterday, on Forefathers' Day, because General Butler's name was at the head of fear, however, that the general will not go galloping across Charleston bridge to receive the degree of LL.D. from the ancient college at the next commencement.

W. H. HURLBURT, of the New York World, lives in sumptuous quarters in the university building. No visitors ever euter his rooms. Their portal has no bell. no knocker, no knob; only a slit for a Yale lock key, and a larger slit for letters. But they are furnished, it is said, in a style of barbaric splendor. Trophies of travel hang thick on the wall -rare paintings, china, glass, silver and gold arms and armor. The floors are covered with Oriental rugs and Arctic furs. And there are many choice souvenirs in the shape of autograph leters.

Chased by Infuriated Chinas Near Victoria, B. C, Thursday a blast Soon after the reassembling of Congress, intemperate indulgence in the festivities was set off at a rock cut and a piece of the season. But, after all, there are lock thrown a considerable distance bills will be reported. The army appropriation bills will be reported. The army appropriation bills will be reported. make preparations for the holiday. The A crowd of excited Chinamen chased Milbut the attendance of members was so treasurer of the club was examined as to make preparations for the holiday. The tradesman busy until midnight and lor, the foreman of the work, and he jumped into the river to save his life. Some of the Chinamen followed him into the river to save his life. Some of the Chinamen followed him into thirty additional leaves of absence were thirty additional leaves and the additional le

THE POWER OF PRAYER.

MRS. KEYSER REGAINS HER SPEECH

A Wonderful Example of the Effect of Faith On a Woman Who has Been Dumb for Over a Year.

A remarkable instance of what is termed "faith cure" is agitating the members of the Memorial M. E. church, at Eighth and Cumberland streets, one of whose members regained the power of speech after being deprived of the use of her voice for a year. Mrs. Francis Keyser, whose husband is a police officer in the 22d district residing at No. 1010 West Cumberland street, is the subject of the alleged mirac ulous cure. Last Monday night, while in CHRISTMAS seemed to come in tears, but attendance at the class meeting of the church, special prayers were offered for her benefit, and at their conclusion Mrs. Keyser was enabled to address the meeting and pray and sing in a voice as loud as anybody present.

No change has occurred since that time, and the lady now thinks that her voice has been permanently restored. The story of the wonderful cure, as related to a Record reporter last evening by Mrs. Keyser, is interesting. "It was on the morning of December 4, 1881," began the lady in a remarkably strong voice, "that after arising I discovered that I could not speak. I aroused my husband and communicated to him the best I could that my voice had left me during the night. He became frightened. After the effects of the shock passed away my husband dressed himself and summoned a physician, but the latter was as dumbfounded as my husband, when he found that I was in perfect health, and he could not ascribe any cause for the strange occurrence. I did not feel any sensation in my throat, as might be supposed, but when I attempted to talk I felt as though something was catching me there, which prevented me from talking above the merest whisper.

"I was under medical treatment for three months. Drs. Albert Keller Charles Porter and Richardson prescribed for me: but upon finding that their efforts proved of no avail they concluded that it was due to paralysis, because nine months before my voice left me I was stricken with the same disease, which rendered my right side powerless. After the doctors found that they could do nothing for me they ceased their visits, having first imparted to me the intelligence that I would never get well. Thereupon I resolved to invoke the aid of God, and I accordingly prayed diligently every hour in the day. My relatives and friends used to frequently assemble at my house and pray, but I never lost faith in my ultimate recovery, for l reasoned to myself that He who took away my voice would give it back again if I proved worthy. The Rev. M. D. Kurtz. fore the proper time, which is at sunset, the pastor of our church, sometimes joined me in praying. On Monday night last I candles should be lit soon after, but for

"Upon goir g to church I had a presentiment that the prayers would prove efficacried out : 'God help her and loosen her tongue! That instant I shouted. 'Glory!' in a voice that penetrated every nook and mighty for His goodness. Of course everybody congratulated me. When I take or give shelter at Christmas time. near the stove, with his back to the door. I at once inquired : 'Hello? Are you up swooned away in fright. For five minutes he stared at me in astonishment, and when he spoke his voice was hoarse with emotion. The next day I visited a lady friend of mine, with whom I had become acquainted during the present year. She had never heard me talk, and when she opened the door I said : 'Good morning. It almost took away her breath to hear by the incoming footsteps of a man. me talk, and her head got dizzy. I explained everything. She was so thankful that she sank upon her knees and prayed." About four years ago Mrs. Keyser lost her voice in the same manner, and after

the lapse of ten weeks regained it while friends were holding prayer-services at her residence.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

An Arraignment of Congressman Herr Smith York Republican. It might be some satisfaction to the good people of York to have Hop. Herr Smith, congressman from the Lancaster district, to rise and explain, if he can, by town, as he has in the matter of the appointment of postmaster of York. That too in a way most objectionable to every one of our citizens, who feels the least particle of town pride and self respect. Perhaps not so much because the dignified and popular member of the lower house from the land of the "Red Rose" sand dollars.

Thurlow Weed, who at first could not remember at night what he had for breakfast trained his methors by representation to sional influence to direct the choice of the executive in selecting a person to fill scribed it as the neatest and most graceful our most important civil office for the next costume now in fashion. It wears well, four years; but because he in so doing apparently forgot the usual caution which ripe years and a long term of public service brings to most of men of his high character, and without consulting with our people, without seeking the advice of those who knew him best, recom mending to his fellow members of the Lower House of Congress and to the president of the United States a man of the of postmaster of York, and then be compelled to inquire as to his standing and character after he had done his dangerous

Is this conduct consistent with the respect he owes to the people of a neighboring district? Is it consistent with his dignified refusal to take any part in like contests of former years? Is it doing justice to his fellow members of the House from the state and to the appointive power. And finally; is it adding materially to the high social position he occupies, to be found in political company with and working to elevate a man like Young to a bless her." position so close to a respectable people We most decidedly think not, and if by any great misfortune the people of York should be afflicted by such a calamity as the appointment of Young, they will hold the honorable gentleman from Lancaster directly responsible for his share in the unfortunate work.

The House Eans Home. The House will adjourn to-day until Wednesday of next week. The few members who may then happen to be in the city will meet and adjourn until Saturday. and no business will be transacted until January 3. The appropriations committee

CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS. Trimming the Rouse and Keeping Up the

Harper's Bazar. It is a curious fact that the forms and traditions of our ancestors, connected

with our festivals, have been retained and handed down from one generation to another with very few changes; none, however, except where civilization has softened and beautified them, for the mistletoe and holly, the Yule-log and Christmas candies, are as full of meaning in the New York homes of to day as they were in merry old England when Herrick wrote, "Kindle the Christmas brand and then Till sunset let it burn."

One of the earliest customs is the decorating of our homes and churches with evergreens at Christmas time, for our forefathers believed that the decoration of private dwellings in recognition of the Incarnation of the Divinity would, by marking the homes of the believers, preserve them from the intrusion and evil auspices of fiends. It is regarded as a very unlucky circum-

stance if any leaves or sprigs are dropped or remain behind on the removal of the church or home decorarions, and all must be cleared away before Candlemas day, (February 2); and on no account should the sacred mistletoe bough—the standing symbol of rough-and-ready flirtation, without consciousness or necessity of harm-be cast into the street or carelessly thrown aside: for love luck it must be burned by the oldest unmarried member of the family, male or female.

If one wishes to revive an old Roman custom, let him send a holly branch to his friends as typical of good wishes, and it may have a double meaning by adding a sprig of mistletoe, the gleaming berries conveying a message of hope, for if the holly carries good wishes and foresight or forethought, the mistletoe is an assurance of "I surmount difficulties," and many a wife has been won by this little token of

From the remotest times of the burning of the Yule or Christmas log, it has had all kinds of superstitions connected with it. In some parts of Europe the log must be of a certain kind of wood, as in Devonshire it consists of fagots of ash bound together, and an extra glass from the cider barrel is expected by the guest for every crack made by the blazing fagots. One log is the general custom, but we have known a hod of coal selected for that purpose when wood was inaccessible. A bit of the Christmas log must always be saved to light next year's Christmas fire with, and be sure that the fire does not go out during the night, nor until Christmas day at sundown. In many homes music is played during the ceremony of lighting the fire, but on no account must it be lighted behighest shelf or table in the The oldest person present room. must extinguish them, but a bit of each must be saved to relight on New Year's eve, to see the old year out and the new year in. It is considered a very bad pew in his joy. Several of the sisters number of guests if you would make National Government." others laughed, while more grew friends during the year. Be sure you have exceedingly serious when they heard a cheese and cake untouched in the house, me begin to return thanks to the A!- and let no one tempt you to cut them before the proper time. Never refuse to arrived home I found my husband sitting It is very lucky for a child to be born

on Christmas day, especially if the day falls on Sunday. And the girl who is a yet?' It was so sudden that he almost bride on the 25th of December is said to have nothing to fear. At no other time is a black cat-a strange black cat-thought to be lucky

but at Christmas. If one comes into the house, it is a sure sign of money. No person but the boys must presume to go out-of-doors on Christmas morning until the threshold has been consecrated

"Dem folks what hab short talking [quarrels] on Christmas day or night won't hab no luck in friendship, love, or pocket, said an old colored mammy; and be sure you wish some one a "Merry Christmas" before you put your shoes and stockings on; and for real good luck kiss the oldest person in the house first on Christmas morning, and the youngest on New Year's morning.

ASPERCH BY MARK TWAIN.

The Humorist Discussing Women at the New England Dinner in New York. The seventy-seventh annual ner of the New England society took place at Delmonico's, New York city, Friday what authority he exercises the right to evening. Josiah M. Fiske presided. interfere with civil appointments in our Among those on the platform were Gen. Grant, Mayor Grace, Judge Abraham R. Lawrence, Rev. Arthur Brooks, Chauncey M. Depew, and Governor Bigelow, of Connecticut, Robert L. McCurdy, Colonel Vilas, Rev. D. Upsher, Mark Twain, Gen. Horace Porter and Senator Miller, of Cali fornia, were among the guests.

Mark Twain made one of his charac teristic after-dinner speeches, taking for his subject "Women," He described savagery when she went to church wore nothing but her complexion. He deis a fast color, it doesn't show the dirt, in fact it is the handiest dress in the whole realm of fashion. One don't have to wait for three quarters of an hour in the parlor before she is dressed. The daughters of savagery do not go to church to see what their neighbors have on, and don't re-turn to describe and slander it. A large part of the daughter of civilization is her dress. Some civilized women lose half character and standing of Hiram Young, their charms without dress and some for the respectable and lucrative position would lose all. The modern daughter of would lose all. The modern daughter of civilization is a marvel of exquisite art and expense. He didn't know where her hair was from. He could never find out-that is, the hair that she did not go to bed with. He described a switch as thing which she twists and then coils round and round her head, bee hive fash ion, and then tucks the end in under the hive and harpoons it with a hair-pin. He gave a very graphic description of his hunt for an owner of a hair pin in a Pullman car and his disgust at not being able to succeed. He closed his speech by uttering, with sincerity: "Woman, God

Rumored Journalistic Changes There were rumors that Thomas B. Con nory, who for the past ten years has been managing editor of the New York Herald, has sent in his resignation, to take effect on January 1, and that he was to be succeeded by Edward Flynn, managing editor of the Evening Telegram. Inquiry at the Herald office shows that Mr. Connery has not as yet resigned, but it is generally understood that he soon will, and that other changes will take place in the staffs of both the Herald and the Telegraph.

Loubat's Suit for Reinstatement. supreme court of New York in the suit of posed to have been caused by jea'ousy at kept it before the public. F. L. Loubat for reinstatement in the the preference of the Jacksons and Hicks Union club, whence he was expelled for for his brother.

A DAY'S EVENTS.

NEW ENGLAND'S SONS AT DINNER flow the Society Celebrated the Landing the Pilgrim Fathers-Other Items of

Interest from all Parts,

With pork and beaus and pumpkin pi

and canvas-back and terrapin among the

courses, the New England society of Pennsylvania Friday night celebrated the land ing of the Pilgrim Fathers by a dinner banging. and speech-making in the new annex of the Union League, Philadelphia. About 175 gentlemen, residents of the city and state and a few from distant points, al claiming New England nativity or ancestry, sat down to the attractive table, and after regaling themselves listened to half a dozen entertaining speeches, in which some very bright things were said. The handsome apartment was in a blaze of light, and thick clusters of fine foliage plants, some of them bearing flowers, shone from the four corners and hid the four walls. President E. A. Rollins occupied the head of the table, with General W. T. Sherman on his right and Governor Hoyt on his left. Sitting near them were

Attorney General Palmer, Prof. Cyrus Northrop, of Yale college; Bishop Howe, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Central Pennsylvania; Judge Thayer and Rev. Mr. Dana, who made the opening prayer. There were a number of other elergymen present, among them the Revs. George Dana Boardman, Dr. L. Wayland, editor of the National Baptist; Dr. Thos. Cooper, W. Nelson McVickar, Charles S. Ames and Dr. David R. Goodwin, of the Episcopal seminary. There were also present Henry Lewis,

Colonel W. P. Drew, Dr. J. G. Getchell, Edward Shippen, William Wanamaker, Charles Emory Smith, Caleb J. Milne, James H. Claghorn, George H. Stuart, G. F. Tyler, E D. Lockwood, Geo. W.Boyd, Samuel B. Huey. J. E. Kingsley, Seth Caldwell, jr., A. G. Hetherington, W. B. Bement, W. H. Jenks, Benjamin Roland. H. G. Ashmead, L. M. Thackera, R. A. Lewis, B.B. Comegys, Clayton McMichael, Professor Kendall of the University of

Pennsylvania, and others. The most important speech of the even ing was by Mr. Rollins, the president, who, in sketching the important part New England has played in history, mentioned a few of the men who at the breaking out of the war were in positions under the national government, all of whom were born in the little state of New Hampshire, Among these were Henry Wilson, General Dix, Horace Greeley, John W. Grimes, Zachariah Chandler, John P. Hale, Wil-liam Pitt Fessenden, Daniel Clark and "All these great Salmon P. Chase. men," said the speaker, "are but the thoughts which inspired their lives and the the deeds they did are incorporated in the history and the statntes and the lite of the United States.' Governor Hoyt, in responding to the toast resolved to get the class meeting to pray good luck the light must be taken frem of "The State of Pennsylvania," spoke for me. Yankee descent. General Sherman re

snuff them, and they should be set on the such of its native sons as were not of sponded to the toast of "The Army and Navy." Professor Northrop to the "Pilgrim Fathers," Judge Thayer to "The Judiciary" and Rev. Dr. Wayland to "New England and its Institutions." In omen for any one to leave the table during the absence of Senator Hawley, who was detained in Washington, the Rev. H. Clay Brother Lugar almost jumped over the through, and see that there is an even Trumbull spoke to the toast of "The

SETTLING A DISPUTE WITH FISTS.

A Free Fight Between Two Contestants in an Open Court Room. J. H. Livingston and B. H. Engleke appeared in the criminal court at St. Louis respectively in the role of plaintiff and defendant. The case was nolle prossed, whereupon Engleke said to Livingston, 'Are you satisfied now?" Livingston replied by applying on approbious epithet to Engleke, and a rough and tumble fight in open court the result. Bystanders was attempted to separate them, but an exjudge of the criminal court and bystanding lawyers interfered in the interest of a fair fight, and the two men rolled over and over upon the floor. The judge besought them to stop fighting, and finally one of the lawyers proposed an adjournment to the office of the clerk of the court. This was agreed to and the fight was resumed there and lasted fully five minutes. Engleke got Livingston down and choked him until his tongue protruded. The fight was assuming a serious aspect when the police, who had been tardily summoned from the chief's office, appeared upon the scene and rescued Livingston, who was black in the face, and for several minutes was unable to walk. No arrests were made. Engleke is an attorney and Livingston is the proprietor of the Wind. sor hotel, one of the fashionable hostleries of the city. The charge against Engleke was that of conspiring to secure possession of the hotel.

CRIME AND CASUALTY.

A Series of Disastrous Happenings Two women employed as cleaners by the New York central railroad company were run over by a switch engine in the depot in New York. Their injuries are

believed to be fatal. In a quarrel about one cent, near Newton, North Carolina, Jonas Hefner drove a knife into Alfred Sigman's head, and two inches of the blade broke off and remained in the wound. It is feared Sig-

man will die. A fire in the building in St. Louis occupied by W. H. Hagerty & Sons, auctioneers; Ely, Walker & Co., and others, one Thursday night, caused a loss estimated at \$141,000.

The Brownsville cotton factory at Brownsville, Tenn., was burned yesterday. Loss, \$75,900. The Mount Tom thread company's mill

and offices, in Springfield, Mass., was burned Friday. Loss, \$50,000. A fire in Birmingham, Conn., destroyed Hallock's hardware store and Bassett's paper box shop, with two small storeouses. Loss,000.

Murders in the Coal Regions A terrible outrage occurred at Eckley

near Wilkesbarre, on Wednesday evening. A party of Hungarians were enjoying hemselves in one of their neighbor's houses when a crowd of Irishmen entered and kicked up a row. The Hungarians were too much for them and cleared them out. The Irishmen subsequently returned armed to the teeth, and surrounded the house. The Hungarians were not aware that enemies were about, and when one of them went out on his way home he received a shot from a gun and fell dead. The next person to emerge from the house was a woman and she too received a charge of shot in the breast and arms and is proba bly fatally injured. She lies in a critical condition. The murderers are unknown. In Brooklyn, N. Y, on Thursday night, Alexander Jefferson, colored, made a brother, Celestial, and also upon Mrs.

Religious Frenzy-Suicide or Murder? A most remarkable and tragic case of Christopher Roechel, a religious enthusi-ast, was reported missing and his neigh-bors believed him murdered by his wife tenant, John Spellhaas, has no insurance on his crops and cattle. Four sheep were burned to death.

and son. An officer went out and found the son, twenty-two years of age, in bed singing hymns and shouting. The missing man's wife said the spirits had her husband in the woods. A search revealed the dead body of the man hanging to tree. It is not yet known whether the case is one of suicide or murder. The mother and son were taken to the city Friday. Both are stark mad, and from all that can be learned the dead man was in the same candition before his

A Murderer at Twelve Last March, near Ambria, Warren county, Ind., Quince Hartless, a boy of twelve years, took his father's revolver, loaded it and went to the farm house where Henry Nern, also twelve years old was building a chicken coop. After a Philadelphia will be good until January short stay he started away, when young 2. To all other points only until Dec. said: "Quince, I thought you came to 26, whip me." Hartless replied: "I did come for that, but now I'll kill you." With this remark he fired. The ball passed through Nern's neck and he died in a few minutes. Hartless was tried at Covington on a change of venue. The jury late Thursday night, after being out two hours, came in with a verdict of guilty, for which they fixed the penalty at two years in the penitentiary.

tion for a new trial was granted. A Mississippi Murder Hanged. F. L. Jones, who murdered Thomas J. Jones on July 3 last, was handged at Louisville, Miss., at 3 p. m., Friday in the jail yard. Only a few persons were allowed to witness the execution. Jones seemed to have no fear of death. He told the officers an hour before the execution to give him two good pistols and let him go an hour and then he would de cheerfully. He leaves a wife and two children in Alabama, who he had abandoned several

years ago.

A Colored Man Lynched. A colored man attempted to outrage a white girl near Millen, Ga. She was going through the woods from her father's to her brother-in-law's residence, half a mile distant when the negro assaulted her. He cut her twice across the breast, severing her clothes. She resisted calling loudly for help and frightening the miscreant off without accomplishing his purpose. Subsequently the negro was arrested and while on his way to jail the mob took him from the officers and lynched him.

Kitted by a Hoisting Machine. Thomas Morris, working as a filler at No. 1 furnace of the Crane iron works, Catasauqua, was instantly killed Friday morning by being struck on the head by the brace of the frame work of the hoist, crushing his temple. The hoist was started by the man on top, who was blinded by the steam and thought the man below was out of the way.

A Desperate Fight With Deserters Forty infantry soldiers at Tampico, Mexico, after a desperate fight with the guard, escaped. Captain Burgos was killed. One lieutenant and several soldiers were wounded. A detachment of troops pursued the deserters. Half of them were captured and will be shot. Compelled to Close Their Bars.

The Dauphin county court, at Harrisburg, by a recent order, changed the date for taking out licenses for the sale of liquor from February 1st to the 19th, thus compelling the notels and saloons to close their bars for nineteen days. A petition, asking that a special license be granted,

Crushed Under a Falling Car. At Shenandoab, by the breaking of a rope at the west Shenandoah colliery, Friday afternoon, Theodore Wise, a young man, was struck by the car and horribly mangled. His injuries may prove fatal.

BERNAYS' MURDERERS.

Leon and Armand Peltzer Found Guilty and A dispatch from Brussels says the trial of Leon and Armand Peltzer for the murder of M. Bernays was concluded Friday. The brothers were found guilty on all the counts in the indictment against them and both were sentenced to death. After seutences had been pronounce

Leon Peltzer, whose face betrayed no emotion, said: "I have what I deserve, but in the case of my brother the jury committed a judicial crime." Armand appeared greatly dejected. Rousing himself for a moment he cried

ont: "May the curse of my little girl fall upon the heads of the jury. The judge declared this speech of Armand's infamous. The prisoners were then removed.

THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. Large Markets-Business Booming-Ship The last business day before Christmas,

opened bright and clear, after several days of dark, damp, dreary weather. The market people came in in strong force and both the Central and Northern markets were packed with all kinds of provisions and country produce. Poultry was, of course, a chief article of marketing and was displayed in abundance, both dresse i and live. Dressed turkeys ranged in price from \$1.25 to \$4, the average being from 16 to 18 cents per lb. Live turkeys sold for \$1 up to \$3.50. Dressed geese brought from \$1.25 to \$1.60: ducks from 50 to 60 cents; chickens from 40 to 75 cents. Live chickens from 60 cents to \$1 per pair. The butchers offered unusually fine meats at about the usual pricas. Butter sold like hot cakes at 40 cents a pound and eggs at 38 and 40 cents per dozen. Mince meat was in lively demand at 14 cents per pound; celery at 10 cents per bunch; oranges at 25@70 cents per dozen, lemons 25@30 cents per dozen, apples, 20@30 cents per half peck, and nuts of all kinds

at prices heretofore quoted. The great masses of Christmas greens with which Centre square has been blockaded for several days past, had almost entirely disappeared by 10 o'clock this morning, and the dealers expressed themselves satisfied with their trade, though it was not equal to that done last year. All day the streets have been crowded

with people, and the storekeepers, who have been looking accidedly blue for several days past, are crowded with customers and appear to be happy.

The postoffice, the express office and the freight offices are piled full of parcels packages, bags, and boxes of all conceivable sizes and shapes, containing Christmas presents to be forwarded to friends at

a distance. The prospects are that after a very dull season we are going to have a very merry Christmas.

"Only a Farmer's Daughter." Before a small audience at Fulton opera house last night Miss Agnes Herndon and her company appeared in an alleged melo-dramo called "Only a Farmer's Daughsudden and murderous attack upon his ter." The performance throughout was as worthless as it well could be, the only Jackson, her daughter Annie, and on an question in the minds of that portion of an old man named Hicks. All the porties | the audience who had the courage to sit were colored. Mrs. Jackson and Hicks the piece through being as to which was were killed, and Annie Jackson was the worse, the play or the playing. It of trespass vi et armis against Robert H. fatally wounded. Celestial Jefferson will recover. The murderer escaped. He was a "tart snap" all around, and it is a Groff, of Paradise township. It appears recover and the specific levied upon the personal wonder how the performance was ever that the sheriff levied upon the personal that t Preliminary proceedings were had in the a hard character, and the murder is sup- able to secure the reputation that has property of Groff, which his wife claimed

> Destruction of a Sarn and Cattle. The new barn on the farm of Dr. Ed. L. Melsheim, near Davidsburg, York religious frenzy, resulting in the hopeless county, was totally consumed by fire on lunacy of three persons and the death of one, is just reported from Milwaukee. There is an insurance on the barn, but the

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE Interest in and Around the Boroach

Picked Up by the Intelligencer's Reporter. On Christmas night "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be played in the opera house. Thieves attempted to enter Mr. John Madden's store on Walnut street, last

light, but failed. The men employed in removing the buildings which are to be replaced by the new Reading & Columbia railroad depot,

were paid off to day.

The R. & C. railroad commenced selling excursion tickets to-day. Tickets for Philadelphia will be good until January A little child of Mr. Thomas Dunnau

residing on Perry street, had its face badly hurt last night by being struck with a flat-iron, which fell upon the little one from a table. The poet Whittier's birthday was celebrated at all the public schools here yes-

terday. The exercises at the high and

grammar schools were particularly inter-A handsome suit of regalia is now displayed in one of Shenberger's furniture store windows. It is to be presented to Susquehanna lodge No. 80, I. O. of O. F.,

next Thursday evening.

Mr. Peter Saylor died yesterday at 5 p. m. from the effects of a paralytic stroke. Deceased was 63 years of age. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The friends are in-

vited to attend.

A Christmas Present. Mr. Robert E. Williams, yard master and dispatcher of the Pennsylvania railand dispatcher of the Pennsylvania railroad at this place, was presented with a
handsome gift by his friends, last evening.
Mr. John H. Nichols, supervisor of the
Fredarick railroad, made the presentation
speech. Mr. Williams replied in a neat
speech, and with much feeling expressed
his thanks for the token of the regard in
thick he was held by his friends. which he was held by his friends.

Freight Smash-up. Last night at 8:20 engine No. 576, eastward bound, ran into the rear end of another train at Rohrerstown. The caboose and a car loaded with grain were telescoped. The pilot and headlight of engine 576 were knocked to pieces and 7 cars of the train were thrown from the track by the rails spreading. Engineer Jacob Vanasdalan and his fireman jumped from their engine just before it struck the caboose, and were injured slightly about the head, arms and legs by falling upon the ballast of the track. The Columbia and Parkesburg wreckers were ordered to the scene of the wreck, and by 4 a. m. to-day the track had been cleared of the

Personal Mention Mr Frank Given, of Philadelphia, is a guest of his brother, Wm. B. Given, esq., on Chestnut street. Miss Lycia Henderson has gone to visit

relatives in Manmusmuskin, New York, her old home. Miss Emily Oberlin is home for the holidays from the normal school at Millers-

Dr. Will Paine is visiting his parents or 2nd street.

Miss Kate Root, of Pottstown, Pa., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. H. F. Yergey. Mr. Horace Boyd and sister, Matie, have gene on a short visit to Hokendauqua, Miss Annie Bockius has gone to Phila-

delphia on a visit to friends. Mr. Harry Bruner, who is attending school at Hackettstown, N. J., is spending the holiday vacation with his parents. Miss Annie Saner of Chewsville, Md., and Miss Icia Hartle of Hagerstown, Md., are visiting Miss May Grier.

Christmas Celebrations Shoch's Presbyterian chapel Sunday school held its Christmas celebration last evening. The exercises were of a very interesting pature.

On Tuesday evening the Presbyterian Sunday school will hold its celebration in the church. A magic lantern exhibition will be one of its features. Price of admission 15 cents. The doors will open at

The Rev. Geo. W. Ely will preach a Christmas sermon in the Presbyterian church at 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. The evening service will commence at 7 o'clock. The Rev. W. R. Humphriss will preach

his Christmas sermon in the Lutheran church to-morrow morning. A special sermon to the young folks will be preached in the evening, the subject of which is, "In the Fire but Unburned." On Christmas evening the Sunday school exercises will be held in the church. Following is the programme: 1, organ voluntary; 2, anthem by the choir; 3, singing by the school; 4, prayer by the pastor; 5, infant school exercises; 6, responsive reading; 7, singing by the school; 8, responsive reading; 9, recitation; 10, singing by the school; 11, responsive reading; 12, singing by the school; 13, address by the pastor; 14, distribution of gifts; 15, doxology and benediction.

Desperate Fight With Burg'ars-An Uff An attempt was made this morning between 2 and 3 o'clock to enter the clothing store of M. Bachenteimer. The burglars were seen and pursued by Officer Dysinger, who captured one of them. The others fled, followed by several volleys from the policeman's revolver. Mr. E. C. Carter then took up the chase and followed the men to the corner of Walnut and Commerce streets, where he laid hold of one. While they were strug gling the other returned to his companion and a pointed revolver convinced the pursuer that he had better not begin in that neighborhood. The man with whom Mr. Carter had the struggle had evidently been struck by one of the officer's bullets, as his hands were bloody after the encounter. The prisoner captured by the officer was secured in the lockup, and was liberated this morning through the carriemans of Officer Struck, who thought he was one of the regular night lodgers. It almost takes away a person's breath to think that any officer could be so ignorant of his duties as to liberate a man from jail that be only supposed was a tramp.

Argument Court, In argument court this morning cases in quarter sessions were heard.

Mt. Joy Borough, street. Exceptions to report of viewers. Exceptions sustained and report of viewers set aside, the borough under the special act of Assembly having sole control of its streets. The tavern license of B. F. Slough, of

the Sorrel Horse hotel, 1st ward, this city, was transferred to J. W. Frantz. Louisa E. Demarra, of this city, was divorced from her husband, Jeremiah Demarra, on the grounds of cruel treatment

and adultery.

The docket was called at 10 o'clock when eight judgments were entered for

different reasons. Yesterday Sheriff High entered a suit the sheriff took a rule upon her to interplead and enter the required bail. Instead of doing so they sold the goods levied upon, hence the suit. Groff was arrested yesterday afternoon and he gave bail in the sum of \$1,000. This case at noon to-day was setled, and the original debt, on which the first execution was

issued, was paid. Court then adjourned until 2½ o'clock on Tuesday.