

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING DEC. 23, 1882

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A GREEN Christmas.

It comes but once a year.

This is the 1887th Christmas.

PEACE on earth, to men good will.

LET us give thanks that the ice houses are filled.

THE hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.

No issue of the Lancaster dailies next Monday. Give the printer a chance.

CHRISTMAS seemed to come in tears, but the sunshine has chased them away.

WEATHER the fragrant vine with holy, fir and pine.

A ST. LOUIS genius makes iceicles out of pure whisky and finds plenty of customers for all he can turn out.

THE bellies of all Christendom now roll along.

THE Lancaster Inquirer issues a holiday supplement this week and shows other signs of enterprise.

LET us build a happy chimne for the blessed Christmas time.

THE North breeze through the skeleton is chanting the year out drearily.

IN accordance with its time-honored custom the Philadelphia Inquirer to-day prints Clement Moore's poem.

THE merry Christmas with its generous hearts its hearts and gifts, and blazings trees.

THE sunshines by the look have lost their red; the mill-wheel in the ice stands dumb and still.

THE flowers we loved in summer, are all dead; yet something makes this dreariness less drear.

THE CHINESE MINISTER at Washington dresses in the richest silks and satins.

THE HARRISBURG Telegraph is of the opinion that the reform editor may just as well save his ink and his rhetoric.

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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 23d district, residing at No. 1010 West Cumberland street, is the subject of the alleged miraculous cure.

Last Monday night, while in 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.

She was enabled to address the meeting, and her 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 awoke my husband and communicated to him the fact. I could not get my voice back 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 find 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 had been taken away by 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 invited me to the intelligence that I would never get my voice back.

Thereupon I resolved to invoke the aid of God, and 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 I reasoned to myself that He who took away my voice would give it back to me.

The Rev. M. D. Kurtz, the pastor of our church, sometimes joined me in praying. On Monday night last I resolved to get the class meeting to pray for me.

"Upon going to church I had a presentiment that the prayer would prove efficacious, and when the class began praying I was greatly excited.

One member cried out: 'God help her and loosen her tongue!' That instant I shouted, 'Glory!' in a voice that penetrated every nook and corner of the church.

One woman exclaimed: 'My dear sister, give us a sign of the Holy Spirit!' Brother Luger almost jumped over the pew in his joy.

Several others laughed, while more groaned exceedingly when they heard me begin to return thanks to the Almighty for His goodness.

When I arose to leave the table I found my husband sitting near the stove, with his back to the door. I once inquired: 'Hello! Are you up yet?'

It was so sudden that he almost started away in fright. For five minutes he stared at me in amazement.

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 her breath away.

She talked 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 Arrangement of Congressman Herr Smith York Republican.

It might be some satisfaction to the good people of York to have Hon. Herr Smith, congressman from the Lancaster district, to rise and explain, if he can, by what authority he exercises the right to interfere with civil appointments in our town.

He has the right to do so, inasmuch as he is a member of the House of Representatives, and inasmuch as he is a member of the House of Representatives, and inasmuch as he is a member of the House of Representatives.

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CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS.

Trimming the House and Keeping up the Hammer'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, except where civilization has intervened, and the forms of the mistletoe and holly, the Yule-log and Christmas candles, 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 Deity was an act of piety, and the home of the believers, preserved them from the intrusion and evil auspices of fiends.

It is regarded as a very unlucky circumstance if any leaves or sprigs are dropped or remain behind on the removal of the decorations, and the custom of not making a fire on Christmas day, and on no account should the sacred mistletoe bough—the standing symbol of rough-and-ready flirtation, without consciousness or necessity of assault—be 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 will be considered a favor to receive 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 "surmount difficulties," and many a wife has been won by this little token of assurance.

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 is of ash, and in other parts of the country an extra glass for 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 scarce, and the log was set on the highest shelf or table in the room.

The oldest person present 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 omen to have the Yule log burn out on Christmas eve until all are through, and so that there is an even number of guests that you would make friends during the year.

Be sure you have a cheese and cake untouched in the house, and let no one tempt you to cut them before Christmas day, especially if the day falls on Sunday. And the girl who is a bride on the 25th of December is said to have no other time.

It 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 sun has risen, and the judge by the incoming footsteps of a short talk.

"Dem folks that 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 Mark Twain has put out a story of a Christmas eve before 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.

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 not proceeded, whereupon Engleke said to Livingston, "Are you satisfied now?"

Livingston replied by applying on appropos epigram Engleke, and a rough and tumble fight ensued in court, and was the result. Bystanders attempted to separate them, but an ex-justice of the criminal court and bystanders interfered in the interest of a fair fight, and the two men rolled over and over on the floor.

The judge ordered the judge brought them to stop fighting, and finally went to the office of the clerk of the court. This was agreed to and the fight was resumed and lasted fully five minutes.

Engleke got Livingston down and choked him until his face turned blue. 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 speak.

The seventy-seventh annual dinner of the New England society took place at Delmonico's, New York city, Friday evening. Josiah M. Fiske presided.

Among those on the platform were Gen. Grant, Mayor Grace, Judge Abraham R. Lawrence, Hon. Charles F. Smith, Hon. M. Depew, and Governor Bigelow, of Connecticut, Dr. Usher, Mark Twain, Gen. Horace Porter and Senator Miller, of California, were among the guests.

Mark Twain, in his usual hearty and humorous style, took for his subject "Women." He described the matter of dress, comparing the daughter of savagery and the daughter of civilization, and said the daughter of savagery when she went to church wore nothing but a loincloth, and the daughter of civilization is the neatest and most graceful costume now in fashion.

It wears well, is 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 the quarters of an hour in the parlor before she is dressed.

The daughter of savagery do not go to church to see what their neighbors have on, and don't return to describe and slander it. A large part of the daughter of civilization is her dress. Some civilized women lose half their value without dress, and some 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 a thing which is dressed, and then he rolled round and round her head, he has fashion, and then took the end in under the hair 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 Pall-mall car and dignified not being able to succeed. He closed his speech by uttering, with sincerity: "Woman, God bless her."

Remored Journalistic Changes. There are rumors that Thomas H. Conroy, who for a long time has been the 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. Conroy has not as yet resigned, but is generally understood that he soon will, and that other changes will take place in the staffs of both the Herald and the Telegraph.

Lombard's Suit for Restatement. Preliminary proceedings were had in the supreme court of New York in the suit of F. L. Lombard for reinstatement in the Union club, whence he was expelled for conduct unbecoming a gentleman. The treasurer of the club was examined as to the facts in the case. He was asked: "What was the reason for your expulsion?"

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A DAYS EVENTS.

NEW ENGLAND'S BONS AT DINNER.

How the Society Celebrated the Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers—Other Items of Interest from All Parts.

With pork and beans and pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce and turkey and the New England society of Pennsylvania celebrated the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers by a dinner 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, all 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 and flowers, and the 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 Hoy on his left.

Sitting near them were Attorney General Palmer, Prof. Cyrus H. K. Curtis, William W. Washburn, 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. Bennett, W. H. Jenks, Benjamin Rolan, H. C. Ashmead, M. M. Thacker, R. A. Lewis, B. B. Comings, Clayton McMichael, Professor Kendall of the University of Pennsylvania, and others.

The most important speech of the evening was by Mr. Rollins, the president, who, in his address, reviewed the history of the Pilgrim Fathers, and the part they played in the history of the nation, and the part they played in the history of the nation.

Subsequently the negro war was reviewed, and while on his way to jail the mob took him from the officers and lynched him.

Thomas Morris, working as a filler at No. 1 furnace of the Crane iron works, Catawissa, was instantly killed Friday morning by being struck on the head by the brace of the frame work of the hoist, crushing his temple.

Forty infantry soldiers at Tampico, Mexico, after a desperate fight with the guard, escaped. Captain Burgos was killed. One lieutenant and six 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 hotels and saloons to close their bars for nineteen days.

Crushed Under a Falling Car. At Shenandoah, by the breaking of a rope at the rear of the engine, a passenger car, Friday afternoon, Theodore Wase, a young man, was struck by the car and horribly mangled. His injuries may prove fatal.

BEHNSAY'S MURDERERS. Leon and Armand Peltzer Found Guilty and Sentenced to Death.

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 of all the counts in the indictment against them and both were sentenced to death.

After sentences had been pronounced 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 error." Armand appeared greatly dejected. Rousing himself for a moment he cried out: "May the curse of my little girl fall upon the heads of the jury."

The judge declared this speech of Armand infamous. The prisoners were then removed.

THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. Large Markets—Business Booming—Shipment of Christmas Goods by Express and Mail.

The last business day before Christmas, opened bright and clear, after several days of dark, damp, dreary weather. The market was very active, and business was 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 dressed and undressed. Live 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; and chickens from 40 to 75 cents.

Live chickens from 60 cents to \$1 per pair. The other birds followed in the same order, but at the usual prices. 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; colley at 10 cents per bush; and corn at 25¢ to 30¢ per bush.

The Mount Tom thread company's mill and offices, in Springfield, Mass., was burned Friday night, \$50,000 worth of goods were made. Engleke is an attorney and Livingston is the proprietor of the Windsor 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 New-North Carolina, James Heffer drove a knife into Albert Smith's head, and the two inches of the blade broke off and remained in the wound. It is feared Sigman will die.

A fire in the building in St. Louis occupied by W. H. Hagerty & Sons, auctioneers; Ely, Walker & Co., and others, on Friday night, caused a loss estimated at \$111,000.

The Brownsville cotton factory at Brownsville, Tenn., was burned yesterday. Loss, \$75,900.

A fire in Birmingham, Conn., destroyed Hallow's hardware store and Bassett's paper box shop, with two small storehouses. Loss, \$60,000.

Murders in the Coal Regions. A terrible outrage occurred at Eckley, near Wilkesbarre, on Wednesday evening. A party of Hungarian miners enjoying themselves 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 lead in the breast and was probably fatally injured. She lies in a critical condition. The murderers are unknown. In Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday night, Alexander Jefferson, colored, made a sudden and murderous attack upon his brother, Celestial, also upon Mrs. Jackson, her daughter Annie, and on an old man named Hicks. All the parties were killed, and Annie Jackson was fatally wounded. Celestial Jefferson will recover. The murderer escaped. He was a hard character, and the murder is supposed to have been committed by jealousy on the part of the Jacksons and Hicks for his brother.

Religious Frenzy—Suicide or Murder? A most remarkable and tragic case of religious frenzy, resulting in the hopeless lunacy of three persons and the death of one, is just reported from Milwaukee. Christopher Koehel, a religious enthusiast, was reported to have murdered his neighbors believed him murdered by his wife

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Events Along the Susquehanna—Items of Interest in and Around the Borough 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 night, 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 2. To all other points only until Dec. 30.

A little child of Mr. Thomas Dunnam, 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 the primary school here yesterday. The exercises at the high and grammar schools were particularly interesting.

A handsome suit of regalia is now displayed in one of Shenberger's furniture store windows. It is to be presented to the railroad No. 30, I. O. of O. F., next Thursday evening.

Mr. Peter Naylor 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 invited to attend.

A Christmas Present. Mr. Robert E. Williams, yard master and 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 Reading railroad, was the presentation speaker. Mr. Williams replied in a neat speech, and with much feeling expressed his thanks for the token of the regard in which he was held by his friends.

Freight Smash-up. Last night at 8:30 engine No. 576, eastward bound, ran into the rear end of the freight train at Hobartstown. 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 springing. Engineer Grob was killed, and several men 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 smash.

Personal Mention. Mr. Frank Given, of Philadelphia, is a guest of his brother, Wm. B. Given, east, on Chestnut street.

Miss Lyla Henderson has gone to visit relatives in Maumussaukin, New York, her old home.

Miss Emily Oberlin is home for the holidays from the normal school at Millersville.

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

Miss Kate Cook, of Pottstown, Pa., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. H. F. Yergy.

Mr. Horace Boyd and sister, Mattie, have gone on a short visit to Hokenandale, Pa.

Miss Annie Bockius has gone to Philadelphia on a visit to friends.

Mr. H. C. Carter is attending school at Hackettstown, N. J., in spending the holiday vacation with his parents.

Miss Annie Saner of Chowsville, Md., and Miss Lela Hartle of Hagerstown, Md., are visiting Miss May Grier.

Christmas Celebrations. School's Presbyterians chapel Sunday school held its Christmas celebration last evening. The exercises were of a very interesting nature.

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 7 o'clock.

The Rev