Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 18, 1883.

No More of Them.

The Doylestown *Democrat* in view of the clear fact that the Legislature has neglected its sworn duty to carry out the constitutional mandate that it should apportion the state, thinks that it should be again reassembled to do this duty, and to also revise the revenue laws. It thinks that their is danger that Pennsylvania representatives in Congress, choosen under the present law, may be refused admission into Congress. This danger we think is quite imaginary. But whatever may be the necessity of new apportionments, the present Legislature has so fully demonstrated its unwillingness to make them that we cannot think that their recall would be profitable, or is desired by the people. During this year its members have managed to receive from the state treasury about thirty five hundred dollars for services very dear at half the money. No doubt a majority of them would be very willing to serve the state in a similar way next year for like compensation. We do not think they should be given the opportunity. Having once shown that their consciences are of that elastic kind which will permit them to refuse to discharge an undoubted duty, and to accept their full per diem while doing the state no service, they certainly have been sufficiently tested and conclusively proved to be wanting in the proper disposition and intelligence of a legislator. What hope the Doylestown *Democrat* can have of their future essay at apportionment, or how it can expect good revenue or other legislation from them, we do not understand. They have gone; let them stay.

Getting Well.

Senator Cameron has been heard from in Europe, and the report is that his condition of health is improving and will enable him shortly to return to us. Fresh scenes, good diet, temperate living, and a quiet mind have worked the good to the senator. We trust that he will not hazard his improvement by a premature return. We are willing to spare him from this session of the Senate. It is true that there are some persons interested in the proposed change of its officers, who would like to see his vote represented. If Senator Anthony should not be able to continue in his seat until this matter is settled, Mahone and Riddleberger hold the balance of power in Senator Cameron's absence; and in that event the worthy McCook would hardly be the secretary. McCook is known to a great many of our citizens as the officer who was in command of the camp of Ohio troops here in the earliest days of the war, and we should be sorry to see his pleasant prospects dissipated. Still the health of our senator is a prime consideration with us and we would not have him risk it.

THERE was a blind pool formed some time ago in the Northern Pacific speculation, and there has been great blindness, ever since in that gigantic operation. Everything went swimmingly until the golden spike was driven a few months ago, but since then there has been a dreadful rattling down of values, and the millions made by the blind have been lost in their blindness and millions more to boot. It seems that Mr. Villard the leader of the blind, has saved a million-dollar house, and some hundred of thousands of dollars in government bonds are said to have been snugly put away by his careful wife. What else Mr. Villard has is not known, save the maledictions of those who trusted him. Very shrewd men they were, too; and Mr. Villard must have been a very smart Dutchman indeed to ensnare them. He did the trick, however, some years ago to Jay Gould; and that is a good certificate of his sharpness. At present he seems to have come to the end of his rope, and retires gracefully from two of his presidencies, being finally convinced that the Northern Pacific is enough for him to look after. He has just succeeded in getting its floating debt paid off and it is in good order for the leech.

THE Republicans of Philadelphia, flushed with their late successes in that city, are troubled with the too numerous candidates for mayor and other city officers. One William B. Smith, a most importunate place hunter, is striving earnestly to be nominated for mayor, with some show of success. He is not enough of a Reformer to make a strong popular candidate, and he is too much of one to be entirely approved by Leeds, Rowan and the other bosses. While they are vainly looking for a man to beat him with, he is gathering up delegates, and those who dread his candidacy are put to their wits' ends to get rid of his pretensions. Meanwhile there is a little stir among the Democrats, but a very strong undercurrent of feeling that their party can do no better than run the old "citizens ticket" which it elected three years ago, King and Hunter. Their administrations have been non-partisan, and a vast advantage to the Democrats over the unscrupulous use which the opposition made of their offices when in control of them.

MR. JAMES W. BOSLER, who died suddenly of apoplexy in Carlisle yesterday, was a conspicuous figure in this state. He was a man of remarkable energy and success in business affairs; and he applied the principles which ruled him in commercial speculation to his ventures in politics. They did not serve his purposes so well in that field. Although stalwart in his methods he was the firm friend of Blaine, this relation growing out of associations in Washington; and in any struggle that is to ensue in this state between the Cameron and Blaine interests, the latter will feel the loss they have suffered in Bosler's death.

THE new postoffice building in Philadelphia, which cost the government eight million dollars, is about ready for occupancy. It reaches from Chestnut to Market street, the two great thoroughfares of the city, which are respectively lined with the principal retail and wholesale business places of the city; but the new postoffice has no entrance upon either of these streets. The architect might be forgiven if this had been an unintentional blunder, but his wilful design to make it so can never be condoned.

O'DONNELL died bravely, probably with the conviction that his death was honorable and that he would be held to be a martyr by his countrymen. No doubt he will. That he slew Carey, not in self defense, in accordance with the verdict of the jury, seems more probable than his own statement that it was a defensive act. That he was sent to do the deed was not shown. He would seem to have been actuated by the belief that it was a praiseworthy act to relieve the world of such a wretch as Carey. That Carey was a very bad man there is no doubt; that he deserved hanging more than those whom he caused to be hung is certain. The English government, in giving him his liberty, shocked the sentiment of mankind. In sneaking him out of the country, it showed its knowledge of its unrighteous act. It put before every man, who met the wretch it sought to save, the temptation to slay him as one wholly unworthy to live. It is itself responsible for O'Donnell's act. Carey should at least have been imprisoned for life, if his life was to be given him. In hanging O'Donnell England has made a mistake. His trial was not fair and the refusal to listen to the request of our government for a delay of execution was most ungracious.

COL. F. A. BURR, in his recently published interesting chapter of autobiography of Simon Cameron, anticipated what must be a story full of graphic incident whenever the history of his life is told. Viewed in whatever light it may be, a career which began with Andrew Jackson's participation in politics and still comprehends a good deal that is vital in public affairs, is bound to challenge attention. There is a readily discernible disposition on the part of Mr. Cameron, as the shadows lengthen, to have men think well of him and of his part in our political history. In his last contribution to contemporary history he lays claims to a degree of confidence reposed in him by Mr. Lincoln, which some of his enemies of his own party have denied him; and his rasping reference to the attempt of Seward, Chase, Stevens, Wade and other radicals to defeat Lincoln's renomination is not likely to escape notice and perhaps to provoke attack.

THE New York *Times* criticises the removal of the officers of the late House of Representatives by the incoming Democratic majority of the new House as a departure from the spirit of civil service reform. Anything more ridiculous than this hypercriticism it would be hard to imagine. In the first place, the late Republican incumbents were only installed two years ago by a clean sweep of all the Democrats then in place; again, the present House is a distinct organization under no obligation whatever to retain the officers of any previous body; while finally, the Republicans of the Senate are ready now and have been for two years only waiting for votes enough to turn out every Democratic officer in the Senate simply because he is a Democrat.

CHRISTMAS is now only a week off, and the bells can already be faintly heard jingling on Santa Claus's reindeer steeds.

ABUNDANCE of money and dullness of trade are the paradoxical conditions under which the business world is now living.

IF it be true, as stated, that Senator Eckley B. Coxe will not be a candidate for re-election, the state loses one of the purest and best men that has ever graced its legislative halls.

THOSE who buy their Christmas presents now when the stock to choose from is large and the bustle and confusion attendant on the close of the holiday season is absent, are wise in their generation

PERHAPS the ruddy glow of the western sky after sunset has some connection with the bloody shirt which has been so industriously waved since Carlisle's election. At any rate astronomers find its explanation a very hard nut to crack. One after another of the theories concerning it has been upset. It is said not to be zodiacal light, aqueous vapor, volcanic gas, a comet's tail, meteoric dust, or the sun's red light. After observations of the phenomenon from all quarters of the globe have been compared and the concentrated light of science brought to bear on it, some satisfying explanation of its existence may be discovered.

SAXONY must be a blessed country for those who go out into domestic service, for the rights and privileges of servants are there secured by the most stringent legislation. The mistress is obliged by law to allow the servant one pound of butter and one of coffee per month, or the equivalent in money. If the girl furnishes her own bedding she secures 1½ cents per night for so doing. Seventy cents a month is allowed for her washing, and she receives 5 per cent, upon all purchases she makes The fact that the law must step in to enforce that which common humanity and decency would suggest, argues a not very delectable condition of domestic affairs in the northern portion of the German empire.

PROBABLY never before in the history of the state have there been so many miles of railroad under construction and in contemplation as during the present year. The Pennsylvania road has been devoting large sums of money to the straightening of its main line and in addition is bending every energy to the completion of its Schuylkill Valley extension, which will enable it to compete directly with Reading. The latter is now operating the Pine Creek connection with the New York Central, and orders to proceed with the building of the South Pennsylvania road, the western link of the Vanderbilt system, are daily expected. Rumors are afloat that the Pennsylvania people will construct a shorter route to Pittsburg from Chambersburg and no later than yesterday the Seaboard, Pennsylvania & Great Western R. R. announced their intention of building a road from the Delaware Water Gap, in Monroe county, to Pittsburg, a distance of 453 miles. Lines have also been projected into Ridgway, Elk county, and Bellefonte, Centre county. Local roads are also building in all sections, and it begins to look as though ere long the state would be as well supplied with railroads as it is at present with turnpikes.

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS.

The Philadelphia *Chronicle Herald* pleads for the retention of the Santa Claus delusion.

The West Chester *Local News* knows of of no name better suited to barbed wire fence than that of "barbarous."

The Pittsburg *Post* advises the Republicans to adopt the two thirds rule in the nomination of their candidates at Chicago.

The Doylestown *Democrat*, wants the Legislature recalled for apportionment purposes and suggests that it be done after the February election.

The Norristown *Herald* sees in the offer of the presidency of the Reading system in New Jersey to George M. Robeson, a vindication of the ex-secretary.

The Harrisburg *Independent* considers that it is time for magistrates and courts to deal more sternly with the fraud in petticoats, the meanest of impostors.

A good fisherman has pluck, patience and endurance, and is never a bad man at heart, says the Altoona *Times*, and that's why Arthur has moved so quietly along in his presidential career.

PERSONAL.

CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG is said to be a very skilful poker player.

THE DWYER BROTHERS' of Brooklyn, won with their stable of horses last year a fraction over $128,000.

DWIGHT M. SABIN, the new chairman of the national Republican committee, has an income of $100,000 a year.

RIGHT REV. FRANCIS SILAS CHATARD, bishop of Vincennes, who, it is thought, will succeed to the vacant archbishopric of Philadelphia, is said to be the most scholarly clergyman in America.

GEN. GRANT is very careless in his dress and appearance. He goes about the streets of New York with his shoulders covered with dandruff. His coat collar is sprinkled with what appears to be yellow corn-meal.

R. H. THOMAS, JR., editor of the Mechanicsburg *Saturday Journal*, was knocked down and badly beaten by Martin Milleson, a teller in the Second national bank, of Mechanicsburg, for the publication of an article said to refer to him.

JAMES W. BOSLER, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Carlisle, died suddenly yesterday of apoplexy, aged 52 years. He was extensively engaged in Western cattle raising, and was considerably interested in national politics.

HENRY VILLARD has resigned the presidency of the Oregon and Transcontinental and Oregon navigation companies, being succeeded in the former by William Endicott, jr., and in the latter by T. Jefferson Coolidge, both of Boston.

SENATOR COXE TO RETIRE.

His Letter to the Democrats of His District Declining to Be a Candidate Again.

At Wilkesbarre, Senator Eckley B. Coxe, addressed a letter to the Democrats of the Twenty-first senatorial district Monday, saying:

"As the time for selecting a person to represent this district in the state Senate is fast approaching, and as many inquiries have been made privately to me as to what were my intentions, I deem it my duty to state publicly that under no circumstances will I be a candidate for renomination. I do this not because I have lost any of my interest in the success of our party, but that any of my friends who might wish to enter the contest may not be prevented by any considerations for me. When the fight begins I will be found, as usual, in the ranks, trying to do what I can for the success of the Democratic party."

Although it has been well known among the politicians for some time that Senator Coxe would decline to stand for another term, the letter created quite a consternation, nevertheless, when it was made public and it is the general subject of conversation among the members of both parties. Several prominent Democrats are mentioned as his successor, among them Representative Hines.

Criminal Calendar.

Burglars entered the house of S. P. Creasinger, at Fowler, Michigan, yesterday morning, and stole $2,100. They then set fire to the house and it was totally destroyed. Loss, $21,000.

At Durango, Colorado, early yesterday morning, several burglars, led by a colored man known as "Big Ike," picked the lock of the door of the bank of Durango. The negro entered the building, while the others remained outside Three citizens who were watching the bank attempted to capture the negro, but he drew a revolver and fired, killing Bruce Hunt, son of ex Governor Hunt. The robbers then made their escape.

A dispatch from Wheeling, W. Va., says the people of Doddridge county are indignant that the false report of the lynching of "Big Bill" Kinney has been given publicity, as he was not harmed by the mob.

The Fire Record.

Nearly all that was left of the town of Rat Portage, Manitoba, by the recent fire was swept away by a similar disaster yesterday morning. Only one store and a few isolated dwellings are left. The loss is estimated at $100,000. There was no fire appliance in the place.—About half of the business portion of the village of Rockford, Mich., was burned on Sunday morning. The loss is about $30,000. —Fire destroyed sixteen buildings in Candelria, Nevada, on Sunday. Loss, $80,000.—The house of William Proctor, at Glendale, Ohio, was burned yesterday morning. Loss, $30,000.—The residence of Frank H. Miller, in Augusta, Georgia was burned yesterday morning. Loss $20,000.

Honors to the Dead Arctic Explorers.

Secretary Chandler received the following telegram Monday morning from Minister Hunt at St. Petersburg: "Harber telegraphs from Irkutsk: 'Arrived from Jakutsk in nineteen days. Military honors paid bodies on departure from Jakutsk. Bodies received here by the authorities and geographical societies of East Siberia. Bodies now lying in catafalque in public square. Will leave Friday.'"

A Woman Wanted for Governor.

At Vancouver, W. T., a grand rally was held Monday night in honor of the passage of the women's suffrage law. Leading politicians, irrespective of party, are getting up a petition to President Arthur to appoint a Mrs. Durway, the leader of the women's enfranchisement cause, governor of the territory.

Daly Takes the Lead.

In the billiard contest Monday night between Maurice Daly and Albert Garnier, at Lyons, France, the former scored 643 and the latter 595. The total scores for the three nights are: Daly, 1,800; Garnier, 1,795.

IN FOREIGN LANDS.

THE FRANCO-CHINA IMBROGLIO.

The Black Flags Formally Taken Into the Pay of China—The War in the Soudan—to Avenge O'Donnell.

At Paris the Marquis Tseng said Monday he wished distinctly to affirm that China would break off official relations with France if the troops of the latter government took possession of either Bac Ninh or Sontay. He should rejoice to see Prime Minister Ferry to go to London and talk with Earl Granville, the British foreign minister, on the Tonquin matter. He said: "There is not much time left, and I sincerely trust that M. Ferry will find some disinterested party who is entitled to ask of each nation those concessions which we are not inclined to make directly."

President Grevy has signed the commission appointing General Millet to the command of the Tonquin expedition. The report of the committee of the chamber of deputies on the supplementary Tonquin credit of twenty million francs, was presented by M. Leon Renault in the chamber Monday. The report recommends that the credit be granted. The chamber of deputies approved the project for the laying of a cable between Saigon and Tonquin.

General Campenon, minister of war, in view of the multitude of offers he has received for service in Tonquin, has decided to accept only offers from available fortress battalions.

At a meeting of the Senate committee on Tonquin credits, M. Ferry read a dispatch from Admiral Courbet, dated the 10th instant, stating that the march on Sontay would begin on the 11th.

Annam's New King.

An Annamite devoted to the Chinese policy will probably be nominated for king of Annam to succeed King Hiephema, who was recently poisoned. The new king, if necessary, will reside at Bac Ninh or Sontay, surrounded by Chinese soldiers. China has taken the black flags into her pay. A French expedition, composed of 6,000 men, with a flotilla of gunboats and steam launches, started several days ago from Hanoi for Sontay. The troops were landed seven miles from the town, and encamped without meeting the enemy or firing a shot. The assault upon Sontay was expected to be made on December 12. The enemy's force is estimated at 30,000 men.

THE WAR IN THE SOUDAN.

Two Officers of Hicks Pacha Said to be in the Desert.

Further native accounts of the battle between El Mahdi's forces and those of Hicks Pacha's say the latter's hands were first cut off, and that he was afterwards cut to pieces. Three thousand men of Hicks Pacha's army were taken prisoners. Two Europeans and twelve Egyptians, who were trying to reach Khartoum by the way of Darfour, have not yet arrived. They have probably lost their way. It is believed, from the descriptions given of the two Europeans, that they are Mr. Edmund O'Donovan, correspondent of the London *Daily News*, and Mr. Frank Vizitelly, of the London *Graphic*.

The Berlin press intimates that the British government has taken steps to negotiate secretly with El Mahdi, the terms being that England will countenance his control of the Soudan, upon the condition that he leaves Lower Egypt undisturbed.

Large purchases of transport mules have been made in Cyprus for Egypt, 120 mules sailing Egypt to-day.

The British government is said to have notified Egypt that Great Britain is unable to interfere in the Soudan, but will try to induce the porte to dispatch an expedition thither by way of Souakin.

Vengeance Vowed on England.

A largely attended meeting was held under the auspices of the Manhattan circle of the Fenian Brotherhood, at Clarendon Hall, New York, Monday evening, to take action in regard to the execution of O'Donnell, the murderer of Carey, the informer. After a number of inflammatory speeches had been made by the more enthusiastic members, resolutions were adopted, calling on Irishmen all over the world to avenge the death of O'Donnell, and pledging the members of the Brotherhood to renewed energy in striking down "England, the enemy of Ireland, who sets at naught the laws of humanity and civilization".

Robert Blissert, O'Donovan Rossa and Colonel Mezzeroff were among the speakers.

LAND HELD BY FORRIGNERS

Many Thousands of Acres in British Hands A Plan to Limit Operations.

At Washington Representative Hopkins of Pennsylvania, has been investigating the subject of the ownership by aliens of land in the United States, as a result of which he has drawn up a bill placing certain restrictions upon such owners. It was ascertained that the Earl of Dunraven owned sixty thousand acres in Colorado; the Earl of Donmore, one thousand acres; a Scotch company of Dundee, fifty thousand acres the Danish vice consul, fifty thousand acres in Minnesota; Phil. Marshal & company, of London, England, one hundred and thirty thousand acres in Mississippi; another English company, seven thousand acres in Yazoo Delta and three millions acres in Texas, and Benjamin Newgas, Liverpool, one hundred acres in Arkansas. These are only a few cases on the list prepared by Mr. Hopkins, and in is bill he proposes to limit the quantity of public land which may be acquired or held by aliens within the jurisdiction of the United States not to exceed one thousand acres, unless the prospective purchaser has made declaration of an intention to become a citizen of the United States, otherwise an alien cannot acquire, hold by purchase grant or devise, and in case he should secure land in excess of one thousand acres he cannot hold it longer than two years. The penalty of violating the act is declared to be forfeiture of title and the land to revent to the United States. Aliens are to include all associations and corporation formed under the laws of any foreign government.

A WIDOW'S FIND.

Discovering $215,000 Which Her Husband Had Hidden Before His Death.

Harrison Ramon lived for many years in Hinckley, Medina county, Ohio, and amassed considerable property, most of which was in cash. He would not trust his money to the keeping of a bank, but hid it about his own premises, keeping the hiding place secret even from his own family. A short time ago he told his wife that he had hidden about $30,000 in money, and that pretty soon he would inform her of its whereabouts so that, in case of his death, she would know where to look for it. He neglected to do this, and about a week ago he died of apoplexy. After his death an examination of his papers showed that he had $335,000 in money all hidden about his premises. The most thorough search failed to reveal the hiding place, and the widow began to despair. Then she was impressed with the notion that if she prayed with faith the Lord would direct her to the place where the money was hidden. On Wednesday she prayed all day and all night. On Thursday morning she was impelled to go to the beehives, which stood on a bench near the house, and in the excitement of expectation she knocked over one of the hives, disclosing to her view the top of a bench with a pile of green backs of large denomination upon it. A search under the other hives resulted in finding a total of $15,000. In the afternoon one of the family dropped a bunch of keys through the barn floor, which necessitated taking up a plank to find them, and when the young man put his hand down he struck a half gallon fruit jar, which he pulled out to find partly filled with $10 gold pieces. Other jars and grain bag were also found containing gold and silver, and when it had been counted the total amount figured up over $218,000. The widow was overjoyed, and in her statement to the correspondent said she believed that the discoveries were in direct answer to her prayers.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

What the Players are Doing.

Bartley Campbell's "Siberia" is to be played in French.

Haverly has made the Broad street theatre in Philadelphia a great success.

Bryant & Hoey, musicians, are the husbands of the French twin sisters.

The show business has been bad in Lancaster this season.

Minstrel troupes are plenty this season and some are getting shaky.

Harrigan & Hart are playing "Cordelia's Aspirations" to big business.

Barry and Fay are giving "Irish Aristocracy" at the National, Philadelphia.

Wm. T. Doyle, John T. Raymond's leading man, has left him and will sue for salary.

Alice Oates has a company out this year which includes her fourth or fifth husband.

There is some talk of Haverly and T. B. Pugh becoming partners in the amusement business in Philadelphia.

The Grand Central Philadelphia is playing strong attractions this season, and the managers are making money.

Kitty O'Neil, the nimble clog dancer, who recently appeared here, is the wife of Harry Kernell, the Irish comedian.

"Uncle Tom" companies have been scarce here this winter, notwithstanding the open weather and good walking.

Callender's big minstrel party, which is now run by the Frohman Brothers, will open in Philadelphia on January 1st.

Miss Belle Archer, of Annie Pixley's "M'liss" company, was formerly Belle McKenzie, and is now the wife of Herbert Archer.

Morton, of Murphy and Morton song and dance men, has been seriously ill in Philadelphia for some time past, but is now recovering.

Emma Abbot is having trouble in her troupe. She and her husband are one side and Zelda Seguin-Wallace and her husband on the other.

I. W. Baird now has two minstrel companies. Tom Warfield is leading comedian of one, and Low Benedict also draws salary from the same head.

Tomy Denier's pantomine company is at the Central Philadelphia this week. The Silbons, the great aerial performers, recently joined the company.

George Davenport, once a leading Irish comedian, is lying seriously ill with consumption in Bellevue hospital. He was once the husband of Mrs. Charles Backus.

Reading has a permanent variety theatre at Fairview park, which is said to be doing well. In that particular it is ahead of Lancaster, which, however, formerly had two.

Two colored men of Whiteley's "Hidden Hand" company fell to fighting while performing on the stage in Middletown, Conn., and used razors on each in full view of the audience.

A Cincinnati jewelry dealer roped Pat Rooney in for $175 with a bogus diamond. Pat don't know much about diamonds but like certain other actors he thinks they are necessary for his outfit.

Mike Leavitt's big minstrel company, with Cool Burgess and a lot of other ancient comedians, is playing in Baltimore. The company is strengthened for big cities by the addition of one of Leavitt's variety parties.

Patrick Rooney denies that he recently attempted to shoot his wife and child in the west and claims that the story was started by a newspaper correspondent who was refused admission to his show. Pat thinks it was a very poor way of getting revenge.

Messrs. Nixon and Zimmerman will present "Jalma" the great spectacular piece, which made such a great hit in Boston, at the Academy Philadelphia for several weeks, commencing next Monday night. About 500 people are employed in the play.

Fleischman and Hall, of the Walnut Philadelphia, have secured "Excelsior" for January. In this play not a word is spoken but the spectacular part is grand. Kiralfys have made lots of money out of it and they will soon send little companies out to astonish country towns.

Columbia must be a nice town for hall shows if the stories sent to the Lancaster papers by correspondents are true concerning the behavior of the hoodlums, who sit in the gallery at performances in the opera house at that place. The police regulation must be very fine to allow such conduct and the actors who face that kind of people certainly are men of nerve. There is no other town in the state that complains so much of their bad boys at shows.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Near and Across the County Lines.

Articles of agreement were filed in the state department at Harrisburg Monday for the merging of the Seaboard, Pittsburg & Great Western railroad company and the Delaware Water Gap & Southwestern railroad company.

Governor Pattison Monday appointed Charles R. Buckalew trustee of the Danville insane hospital, in place of W. H. Bradley, resigned, and C. Stuart Patterson inspector of the Eastern penitentiary, vice Alexander Henry, deceased.

An eight months old child of Francis Shitler, of Washington township, Berks county, while sitting in the room, pulled a bucket of boiling water from a chair and spilled the contents over itself, scalding it so severely that it died within twenty-four hours after the accident.

Of the legislators who received their pay at Harrisburg, Monday, Senator Wallace turned in $943.20 and Senator Adams $600. Representative George Morgan, of Philadelphia, returned $110. Senator Hall has indicated that he will take no salary except for days actually in attendance on the sessions.

Peter Heller, of Reading, who has for some time been in ill health, committed suicide late Monday night by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor, in the presence of his family. The head was nearly severed from the body. After committing the deed he walked to the front door, where he fell to the pavement, dead. An autopsy was held, and it was discovered that Heller had swallowed pulverized glass, three large brass buttons, four small corks, four large copper pennies and several small pieces of slate pencils, evidently with the intention of ending his life. He was about 50 years old, and leaves a wife and three children.

Sales of Real Estate.

J. S. McPherson has sold to George D. Gall his small farm near Quarryville, for $2,100. It contains 11 acres and has stone house and barn.

J. Witmer Lefever sold a house and lot in Quarryville, to James Collins, for $1,000.

Close of the College.

The fall term of Franklin & Marshall college closed this morning with a short address by Dr. Thomas G. Appel in the chapel. It will open again on January 3d when Prof. Gast will deliver an address.

CHRISTMAS COMING!

THE BELLS BEGIN TO JINGLE.

"Peace on Earth, to Men Good Will"—The Christmas Letter Mission—A Charity That Deserves Approbation.

The cold snap of last week, followed by the only snow fall of any consequence this season; the collection of winter greens and Christmas trees in Centre Square; the crowded thoroughfares during shopping hours and the brisker scenes and signs in centres of trade and in the toy marts, all tell of the approach of Christmas. With the indications that bespeak merry times for happy households and the gift giving and gift getting that mark the observance of the season among the well to do, it is to be hoped that common charity, which is thrice blessed, will inspire each one to remember those in greatest need of attention. Their number is large but it is not nearly as great as of them who can be helpers if they will. The poor and sick, the suffering and sorrowing, the inmates of hospitals and almshouses, and even of the jails, merit charitable attention in this gladsome season.

A Praiseworthy Mission.

One of the most beneficent agencies for such work that has yet been established is the Christmas letter mission of the C. L. M., as it is usually called, which was started about eight years ago in England. It was begun and has been carried out entirely by ladies in a thoroughly systematic way. Its object was to distribute on Christmas morning a Christmas letter and card to each one of the inmates of the hospitals, almshouses, orphans' homes and prisons of England. The success of the mission was wonderful, the English people responding so willingly and gladly that no difficulty was found in collecting the small amount of money necessary Efforts were then made to establish branch missions in other countries. Last year's report speaks for itself. In addition to the distribution throughout Great Britain the letters were generally distributed in France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Spain, and even in India and China, and of course translated into all these different languages. Last Christmas the mission was organized in the United States and met with a cordial reception. The letters are simply and prettily written so that even the most ignorant can understand them. They tell the Christmas story to these poor, sick and suffering people, and try to show them why they too should rejoice on the Saviour's birthday, inasmuch as the glad tidings were *for all* mankind. The cards are bright and pretty and much more suitable for the day than the more elaborate ones we often see. That the letters and cards give pleasure has been abundantly proved by the notes received by the ladies from some of the recipients.

The Lancaster Branch.

Those who distribute them in our poorhouse, hospital and prison, say that it was touching to see with what eager delight the inmates received the letters, read them to each other, compared the bright cards and expressed in their own way their appreciation of the fact that some one had remembered them at Christmas time, and in the hospital, how the wan pale faces grew a little brighter as they drew the letters from under their pillows, and how the sad hearts seemed cheered and comforted by the loving words of interest and sympathy.

If this were all, surely it would be enough, but some of the seed must fall on good ground and will bring forth fruit in due season, and it was He whose birthday we would fitly celebrate who said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye did it unto Me." In the Eastern country there are certain times when, at a signal given from the mosques, the pious Moslems, wherever they may be, pause in their work, fall on their knees and devoutly offer up their prayers to Allah. There is something very beautiful in this idea of united prayers, but equally beautiful is the thought that on the glad morning of Christmas Day, our wishes for happiness and peace should be spoken not only in our own bright homes and to our own dear friends, but that the echo should be heard through the length and breadth of our land, and reach the ears and touch the hearts of the homeless, the sick and the sorrowful.

"M'LISS."

Annie Pixley in Her Popular Role.

It might not be impossible for Miss Annie Pixley, the popular actress, to erect a theatre in Lancaster, and conduct it remuneratively with naught else appearing in it but her admirable play, "M'liss," as interpreted by a good support and her own incomparable personation of the "wild flower of the Sierras"; since her every visit to this city is a repetition of former conquests. Last evening she was greeted in Fulton opera house by a brilliant audience that crowded the building above and below, and which had nothing but words of admiration and praise for the little artiste. A fourth consecutive presentation of a play here certainly permits no need of criticism, and as this was Miss Pixley's fourth visitation to Lancaster the spectators did nothing but listen and look in delight and, mayhap, note the superior excellence she has attained in her role and observe her felicitous suppression of inclination to the exaggeration which marked her earlier presentations. Miss Pixley's support, as intimated above, is notably satisfactory. Mr. Frank Losee appeared for the first time in Lancaster as the great-hearted, bluff and ruggedly chivalric *Yuba Bill*, and gave a very acceptable interpretation, well in accord with the bright versatility and unobjectionable and natural abandon of *M'liss*. That favorite and genial actor, Alonzo Schwartz, whom to see in any piece in his peculiar characters, is to remember with pleasure, gave an exceedingly nice and natural bit of acting in his role of *Judge Beeswinger*, which was immensely enjoyed. Miss Bell Archer, better known here as Belle McKenzie, is Miss Pixley's leading lady, and appears as *Clythe*, in a part that altogether disbars this popular lady from executing anything worthy of mention, but what little she has to do is done with ability. Mr. Herbert Archer, as *Juan Walters*, the Mexican, gave a creditable performance. The audience was very demonstrative in its appreciation during the evening.

THE PENN IRON WORKS.

Closed Over the Coming Holidays

Some one in this city advises the newspapers abroad that the Penn iron company has shut down its mill here because of the refusal of its workmen to accept a reduced scale of wages, and that the suspension is likely to be permanent because of that refusal. This is a misstatement. The mill has shut down for the holidays, and has advised its employes that when it resumes in January, it will be at a reduction of wages. Only a few of them have said that they would not work at the reduction. These are among the puddlers, the best paid class in the mill. The places of those who do not accept the reduction will be supplied without difficulty, as the supply of workmen is greater than the demand, and the wages offered are more than those which have been for some time paid in the great iron region of the Schuylkill valley. The cost of making iron at the Penn mill is quite as low as at any rolling mill, but it has for a few weeks past been above the current price of the manufactured iron. As there is little prospect of the price advancing, it follows that the cost must be reduced; and this must be done at every mill which intends to keep in a solvent financial condition.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

The Susquehanna river here, is frozen over. The ice is an inch thick. Canal boat navigation on the Pennsylvania and the Susquehanna and Tidewater canals is entirely suspended, and boats are frozen in all along those water ways. A man residing on an island in the river near Columbia was obliged to break his way in a boat through the ice to the shore to prevent starving, as his supply of food was exhausted. The snow white hills around Columbia present a decidedly wintry appearance The young folks are out on the hills of town in full force with their sleds. This snow fall does not admit of the appearance of sleighs. Those persons who have not yet cleared their pavements of the snow had better do so before some person is injured by falling on the slippery walk.

Endorsing Judge Livingston.

At the Congregational meeting held last night, at the Presbyterian church, no election of elders was held on account of the small number of members of the congregation present. The next meeting of the membership will be held on the evening of January 2, when the question of adopting a rotary system of eldership will be dismissed. At last night's meeting Hon. C. C. Kauffman presented a resolution endorsing the action of Judge Livingston in demanding the iron clad oath from hotel and restaurant keepers relative to the sale of liquors. The resolution was unanimously adopted. A copy of it will be sent to the judge.

Struck by an Engine.

Wm. Findley, a Pennsylvania railroad carpenter from this place, narrowly escaped being killed at Middletown, while standing on the track. He was struck by an engine and tossed several feet into the air, landing on the side of the track. He sustained only a few bruises.

Society Meetings.

Chiquesalunga tribe, No. 39, I. O. of R. M., meets in its wigwam this evening.

This evening will be held a meeting of Putnam circle, No. 113, B. U. (H. F.) C. A.

Company C held no drill last night, although the time of drill was made earlier to suit members. The attendance was small.

A business meeting of the T. T. E. O. club was held last night. The members will hold a reception at the club room on New Year's Day.

Town Notes

Market was poorly attended to-day.

The snow has put a check on building operations.

The Janson Brothers have begun operations at their new slate works here.

Business in Wrightsville is booming. No cries of hard times and dull trade is heard there.

The "Black Dwarf," a play similar to the "Black Crook," will be presented here next Monday evening.

The Trinity Reformed and Presbyterian Sunday schools will hold their Christmas celebrations on Christmas night

A Swiss named Emile Weaver was sent to the county jail by 'Squire Patton this morning, for drunken and disorderly conduct.

A lively fight occurred between whites and blacks on Union street last evening. Lots of ruby drops reddened the snow.

A fine likeness of the late Geo. M. Hains has been presented by his widow to St. John's Lutheran Sunday school. The gift is highly prized.

The mirthful comedy of "Wrinkles," by Harry Watson's comedy company, will be presented here this evening. The play is full of laughable scenes. The troupe is well recommended

Christian Y. imer, aged 60 years, a resident of this place, died on Sunday in Cornwall, while there on a visit. The remains were brought here to day, and will buried to-morrow

The armory will be open next Monday from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m., for the purpose of allowing those desiring to hire costumes for the Vigilant firemen's ball that evening to do so.

Mr. Frederick Bucher has purchased from the Episcopal building association the frame dwelling owned by that organization on Fifth street, between West Walnut and Chestnut streets at private sale.

Argument Court.

In the case of A. F. Kaul, et al., vs. Hugh McCort, issue to try the validity of the will of Daniel McCort, in which a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff last week, for the reason that Frank Quinn, the alleged agent of the defense did not appear when called, Quinn filed reasons for a new trial. He did this after the time had expired, but the court allowed the case to be put upon the trial list Monday. Neither defendant nor his agent appeared yesterday, and the motion for rule was dismissed.

So far eight suppœnas for divorces were issued for the January session. Five of the applicants are women and three men. Saturday is the last day for making these applications. The parties to the suits are as follows: Gustave Kercheff vs Amelia Kercheff; James Parmer vs. Caroline Parmer, Annie Bair, vs. George F. Bair; Elizabeth Comfert vs. Daniel Comfert; Caroline Charles vs. Benj. Charles; Mary M. Green vs. Henry Green; Alice B. Eager vs. James Eager; Samuel Clark vs. Emma Clark.

Close of the R. of H. Fair

The ladies' fair for the benefit of the Knights of the Revolution; in Excelsior hall, closed last evening. The following articles were chanced off to the persons named: Frank Donnelly, silver cake dish; Mary Brison, wax pond lillies; J. B. Donnmyer, fancy grass; Margaret Gertz, black bead collar; Charles Fisher, silver castor; John Shoenberger, pickle dish; C. Rudy, bed and bedstead for doll; Sallie Person, hanging bracket; Sue Fritz, fancy cushion; M. E. Gast, fancy lamp; Miss Rose Westwood, pin cushion; B. Phillips, doll; M. Rote, splasher of wash stand; Annie Danner, parlor vase.

The following articles were voted for: Mary Hennecke, small castor; Ida Weaver, wax doll; Mrs. Jacob Weaver, pair vases; Clara Jones, bed quilt; Maggie McKinley, cushion; H. W. Bucklus, boxing gloves; D. O Brown, bedroom furniture.

Ticket No. 1,039 won the silver tea set. The owner of the lucky ticket has not yet turned up to claim his good fortune.

In a pecuniary point of view the fair was a substantial success.

Jumped the Train.

A passenger for the west, whose name is unknown, jumped from the limited express train, west, yesterday afternoon, a short distance east of Dillerville. The train was running at a high rate of speed, and the man was thrown heavily to the ground. On regaining his feet it was noticed that he had received a cut above the eye and one of his hands was disabled. He ran towards Lancaster and the railroad people have heard nothing of him since. He had a ticket for a point on the road further west, was a well dressed man with a silk plug hat and made a former attempt to get off the road near the Big Conestoga bridge, but the train at that point was running very fast, and he waited until it slowed up a little near Dillerville. He evidently wanted to get off at Lancaster, and some interest is felt to learn whether he was seriously hurt.

Lights Out.

The police reported four of the electric lights not burning last night, and there were no reports from the Fourth and Ninth wards.

The Mayor's Court.

This morning the mayor sent one drunk to jail for two days and discharged two vagrants.