

LIGHTING THE CITY.

Electricity and Gasoline-Burnt Woods of Light Being Paid For.

At the last meeting of the city council by the Maxim electric light company for light in this city, were accepted, conditionally, and by right, the last year's contract with the Globus gaslight company should have terminated, as far as the electric lamps took the place of the gasoline lamps. But, through neglect of the lamp committee, light continues to be furnished by both the electric and gasoline companies, and the city is paying for both. There are about 550 gasoline lamps in the streets and alleys of the city, and they cost between six and seven cents per light per night—making a total of \$85 per night, or \$245 per week. If the electric light is just half as good as it was promised to be, at least one-half—probably three-fourths—of the gasoline lamps should be dispensed with. This is a heavy item of expense to the city, and the lamp committee should at once see that it is discontinued. We understand that the committee directed the lamp lighters to take down such gasoline lamps as are no longer needed, and that 55 should be done this morning. The committee should not be left with the lamp lighters, whose interest it is to retain as many lamps as possible, so that their pay will be larger. The lamp committee should at once designate the gasoline lamps that are no longer needed and order their removal.

Only four of the electric lamps were reported by the police as having been broken last night, though the Seventh ward was not heard from. A subscriber complains that the lamp at the corner of East Orange and Ann streets is "no good" and is seldom lit.

SALES OF MARKET STALLS.

Proposed Sales of the Committee Subsidiaries.

The market committee this morning sold the use of the stalls in the central market houses for the ensuing year, Jacob Gundaker acting as auctioneer. There are 25 stalls in all, and of this number 220 were sold at prices generally lower than were realized a year ago. Last year the minimum price was \$30; this year, owing to the competition caused by the erection of the Eastern and Western market houses the minimum was reduced to \$25. Prices paid this morning range from \$25 to \$40, according to location, and the total market rents will probably aggregate \$6,000. Notice was given by the committee that the carburetor market stands would be sold on Saturday next. This is to be regretted.

With the increased facilities afforded by the erection of the new market houses there is no excuse for the longer continuance of the curb market. The revenue derived from them by the city is only \$600 per year, a sum which but poorly pays for the dirt, inconvenience and obstruction to travel which they cause. Had the market committee announced their entire abolition, instead of reducing the minimum price of market stalls, the revenue received from the latter would have been greatly increased, and persons could have done their marketing much more comfortably and conveniently inside the market houses than is possible along the streets.

THE BUZZARD PLUNDER.

Some of the Stolen Goods Awaiting Identification.

H. B. Keller, justice of the peace at Lincoln, Ephrata township, has written a note to Geo. W. Eby, clerk of quarter sessions, enclosing a list of stolen goods found by the posse that pursued the Buzzard gang through the Ephrata mountains some weeks ago. The goods are now in Squire Keller's office where they await identification by the parties from whom they were stolen. They are as follows:

The pair No. 9 boots, 10 pieces of calico, 1 black skirt, 2 blue skirt, 1 white skirt, 1 dangled 1 pair opera hamel, (red and white barred), 1 pair cotton stockings, 1 satin finished skirt, 3 pieces ladies' striped shawl, 2 pair felt shoes, 2 children's kid shoes, buttoned.

A Lancaster Lady's Mishap.

The Baltimore Sun of today contains the following account of an accident to a lady resident of this city:

Miss Lizzie Graft, of Lancaster, Pa., who is on a visit to her uncle, Mr. Henry Graft, butcher, on the Belair road, near the city limits, yesterday evening fell into the ice house, a distance of twenty feet, and received some injuries about the side and head.

Moyer's Court.

The man had six lodgers to dispose of this morning. On account of the near approach of Christmas he let the whole gang run, hoping that they may able to get a better dinner than Burkholder is in the habit of dealing to his boarders.

Southern Market Meeting.

A meeting of those interested in the Southern market project will be held at George Hastings' Fountain Inn, South Queen street, to morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The committee on selection of a site will present their report.

Holiday Excursions.

The Philadelphia & Reading railroad company will sell holiday excursion tickets for December 22d to 25th, and from 29th to January 1st, good to return until Jan. 24th.

Argument Court.

In argument court, the common pleas cases are still being heard. Some current business was transacted this morning, but it was nothing of importance.

Held for Court.

David Mowrowski was arrested for peddling goods through the county without a license, and Alderman McGinn held him in bail for his appearance in court.

Live Christmas Presents.

The popularity of birds for Christmas presents grows each year. Their sweet singing is a constant reminder of the donor. A good singing canary costs \$2.50, and a suitable cage from \$1. to \$2. Five dollars will purchase a very superior canary and his cage. Live presents are not expensive. A few little birds and girls, rabbits, white mice, guinea pigs, maltese kittens, a globe oil-gold fisher or puppy will be more appreciated than anything you can give; and for a lady nothing can be more suitable than a bright plumed bird, a parrot or a doily of any particular breed. The trout is welcome to many, and where you will to those things are sold and where you will not be imposed upon. There is at least one place where everything is one price and guaranteed, and where is kept the largest stock in America of the Wonderful Night Singing Canaries, cage birds of all species, parrots of every kind, and bats and squirrels, ducks, geese, turkeys, pheasants, pigeons, these cats, fine breed toads and pigeons, besides all kinds of cages, twenty-five per cent. lower than regular prices. This store is that of the Bird Food Company, 237 South Eighth Street, Philadelphia.

If you cannot call in person, send a two-cent stamp for their illustrated catalogue, and you can have your present sent by express with perfect safety, no matter how far the distance.

DEATHS.

"SWELL'S IN THIS CITY, on Dec. 18, 1883, Pat Clark, 57 years. In the 30th year of his age, he died of a heart attack. He was a member of the local Masonic Lodge, and the San Fire Compay are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the late residence, No. 35 East German street, on Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock. High Mass at St. Mary's church at 9:30 o'clock. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery."—Died 12/18/83.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CALL AND EXAMINE THE

FINE GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS,

AT ROHRER'S LIQUOR STORE,

No. 22 Penn Square

CHRISTMAS TAKES.

On Saturday and Monday, Dec. 22 and 24, I will have for sale at my Tres Stand, in Center Square, an extra fine lot of Cultivated English and French for Christmas.

Louis G. LYTE.

I OPENED MY FINE CASHES YESTERDAY.

My Banana Room is full of Choice like Bananas, Elegant Cluster Grapes, 25 boxes Florida Oranges, besides a full line of Choice Apples, and a large quantity of fruit brought to the city, at

CHAS. W. ECKER,

No. 13 E. King St.

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