

Lancaster Intelligencer

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 22, 1883.

The State of Business.

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A TURKISH ESCAPE.

THE LIGHT OF THE HARBOR OFF.

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THE Republican politicians in Philadelphia have a hard row to hoe now-days. The election of gas trustees comes on before the municipal elections.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

ITS ORIGIN BEGINS EARLY.

Observations in the Public Schools—Professors Presented With Turkey—The Christmas Trees in the Square—Night Holiday Weather.

All over town are evidences of the approach of Christmas. Centre Square and the vicinity of the several markets, are filled with evergreens—the stores and shops make a most brilliant display of elegant and useful articles for Christmas presents—our markets are overflowing with everything pertaining to the Christmas festival, including unrivalled specialties of big turkeys, young geese, fat ducks, tender chickens and all the other concomitants of big dinners—the schools are decorated with Christmas trees and Sunday schools are preparing for the great holiday, and all most every family in the city has made the most extensive preparations to usher in the great holiday of the year.

The bright weather and good sleighing has greatly stimulated the Christmas trade. To-day, there is no doubt, shopping will be largely engaged in; and to-morrow the thousands who indulge in this delightful pursuit will have opportunity to re-solicit what has been forgotten, and on Monday it can be provided for.

Perhaps it is unnecessary to say more in regard to the merchants and business men of the city than that their stores and shops never presented a more beautiful and attractive appearance than they do to-day. The advance in art and aesthetic taste is seen in every branch of trade, from the costly toys that please the children to the costly work of the artist that please the eye and tempt the purses of the wealthy and refined.

The supply of Christmas greens is very abundant, and would be thought to be inexhaustible. The supply never exceeds the demand. Trees and branches of evergreen of all sizes and of all varieties blockade Centre square and sell for 15, 20, 25 cents or a dollar each, according to their excellence.

The girls' high school there was a very delightful wind-up of the session, consisting of recitations, dialogues, vocal and instrumental presentations.

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COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

Business lively to day and merchants happy—Many sleigh parties from York silver on a desk in the First National Bank.—The Black Dwarf? at the opera house.—Monday night—The "Glad Girl" Christmas party.—The Smith's funeral this morning at St. Paul's Catholic church.—Susquehanna rolling mill closes to night until next Wednesday morning the gas line was cut.—A young O. K. drank out this evening.—Three boys sent down this morning and the lodgers in the lockup over night.—Enter tenants at a number of the public schools yesterday.—Big market to-day, and closed for 20 cents, live 15, butter and eggs 30—George Martin comes for the holidays, Fred. Hooker goes to Spring City, Misses Lydia Skeen and Alice Disher to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.—John C. Clark, of the Columbia, has been appointed clerk of the Columbia national bank.—New pastor at Trinity Reformed to-morrow: Rev. Berghaus, of Carlisle, at St. Paul's P. E.; Shosh chapel Christmas entertainment, Charade, etc., Monday evening at the Columbia, where cleared up the debris caused by the breaking of the yesterday on a car of the southward bound train, No. 40, P. D. railroad, one mile south of McCall's Ferry; road blocked for two hours.

THE STREET LAMPS. A Heavy Bill for Electricity, Gas and Gasoline.

Chairman Diller, of the lamp committee of councils, having ordered that all the gas lamps in the city be put out, and Chairman Evans, of the finance committee, having declared that the city should not be liable for the use of gas from the date on which the contract for lighting the streets with electricity, was made (Dec. 15, 1882), Mr. Kitch, who has the contract for lighting the gas lamps, commenced to take them down, and up to Friday morning had cut out 229 of them, principally along the line of the electric lamps. As the taking down of the gas lamps will leave many of the back streets and alleys in darkness, a vigorous protest was made by citizens against the removal, and at a special meeting of the lamp committee held on Friday, the order of Chairman Diller was rescinded, and Mr. Kitch was instructed to take down no more gas lamps, and to put the 1,000 which have made a tour of the town and designated those that may be removed without interfering with the lighting of the streets.

This arrangement leaves 300 gas lamps still in use, at a cost of \$35 per lamp per annum, and the balance of the contract with the electric light company is for 120 electric lamps, at a cost of \$16,800 per annum; and the contract with the gas company for lighting the public places, station house, market houses, etc., at \$1,000 per annum, making a total \$52,800 per year for light. Owing to the adoption of the electric system of lighting there will be a deficiency of several thousand dollars in the appropriation for the current year, and it will have to be added to \$25,300 for this year and be provided for in next year's appropriation—which will not be less and will probably be considerably more than \$25,300. Some taxpayers are kicking at the prospect of increased taxation and persons living on the back streets are kicking at the prospect of being left in darkness.

Here, There and Everywhere. J. B. Long has sold six shares of Farmers' National bank stock at \$10.

Chas. Lippold's fancy pigeons took nine prizes at the Chester fair.

Allerman McGinn, charged with assault on Mrs. Lippold, held to answer at court by Allerman Barr.

The curbstone market places on Centre square, Duke, East King and North King streets, were sold this morning at from \$5 to \$11 each.

Fred. Brimmer, contractor, has put a new and best improved mail wagon on the route from the postoffice to the P. R. R. station.

At the meeting of Southern market house stockholders last evening, the committee on site was instructed to retain the refuse on the corner of the west side of South Queen street, between Andrew and Middle.

THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH.

THE INHARMONIOUS JUSTICE AGATE DISAGREES.

In the Seventh Day Baptist church case, in which Noid et al. are plaintiff, and Madlem et al. defendants, Judge Livingston this morning delivered an opinion which overruled and dismissed the exceptions to the master's report, and dismissed the complaint with costs. Judge Patterson filed a dissenting opinion.

THE motion for a new trial for Jacob Gangaway, train wrecker, was argued. The argument of a like motion in the case of Jere Dangas, arson, was continued to make further inquiry regarding the witnesses. The exceptions to the auditor's report in the estate of Hannah Eberly, deceased, were dismissed; also in the estate of Geo. Willins. In the estate of Thomas Collins, deceased, an inquiry to make partition was awarded.

THE Columbia Light Infantry received a charter. Geo. A. Lane was appointed to audit the accounts of the county officers. Ida L. Warfel sued for a divorce from her husband, Wm. S. Warfel.

B. Lintner Hess convicted of violating the auction law, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, which amount to \$115. Herman Miller convicted of maintaining a nuisance was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs; the costs amount to \$54.

PRESENABLY OFFICIAL. A. Herr Smith still in the Field. Washington Dispatch to the Times.

THE announcement that Representative A. Herr Smith would not again be a candidate for Congress is not sanctioned by that gentleman and he has never authorized any person to make such an assertion. It is for Mr. Smith's constituents to decide whether he is acceptable or not and their wishes will govern his actions.

REMEMBERING THE EMPLOYEES. Many business men and manufacturers remembered their employes by presenting to each of them a Christmas turkey. Wm. Waitz, cigar maker; Geo. B. Schaum, furniture dealer; Fred. Brimmer, liveryman; Lewis Haily, marble mason, are among those who engaged in this laudable way of observing the season.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS. At the annual entertainment of the Presbyterian mission on Monday evening there will be official reports, addresses by Revs. Mitchell and Thompson, Christmas music and other happy gifts, including a prize class banner, a bible, candies, etc. St. Stephen's Lutheran church, at the Sunday school celebration on Tuesday evening there will be recitations, dialogues, music and two large Christmas trees.

BUCHANAN RELIEF. Distributing Coal to the Poor. A meeting of the Buchanan McEvoy Reynolds relief committee of city councils met yesterday. The fund, at the disposal of the committee for relief purposes, is larger than it was last year, but the number of the needy who are to be distributed among the needy will not be so large, because of the better quality of the coal and the higher price. The lists of applicants for coal were placed into the hands of the police officers, and they were also directed to canvass their several wards and add to the lists the names of deserving poor. The

THE FOX AND THE HEN.

A NEW FABLE WITH MANY MORALS.

St. Nicholas.

How big a brood shall you have this year, ma'am? said the Fox to the Hen, on a winter evening in the barnyard.

"What's that to you?" said the Hen to the Fox.

"Supper!" replied the Fox, promptly.

"Well, I don't know," said the Hen, in reply; "I may have ten; but I never count my chickens before they are hatched."

"Quite right," said the Fox; "neither do I; and, as a hen in the present is worth ten chickens in the future, I will eat you now." Saying, he carried her off.

The next morning the farmer, seeing the tracks of the fox in the snow, took his gun and went out and shot him.

"Alas!" said the Fox, "I should have waited for the ten chickens; there is no snow in summer time!"

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