Lancaster Intelligencer. WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 26. 1889.

The House Committees. Mr. Carlisle seems to have given general satisfaction in the House with his committees, and has certainly made them up without regard to the antagonisms of his election contest. Mr. Cox is one of the prominent Democrats who is not satisfied that he did not get the chairmanship of foreign affairs, but he has a very honorable place at the head of naval affairs, where he will have an equal opportunity for distinction and usefulness. Neither of these high class committees has a great deal of work to what Mr. Cox is especially anxious for. past. Mr. Springer seems to be the Democrat of prominence who has most to complain of, as he has a small chairmanship and no place on an important committee. Mr. Springer is not a very strong man, but on the floor. He very naturally looked for a more important assignment than he received, and probably should have received it He attributes his discomfiture to his colleague Morrison, who is credited with having the speaker's confihave been tempted to sit down too heavily on his colleague in the Illinois delegation, without due regard to the confidence the constituents of his asso ciate have shown in his ability by their

#### Large Land Holdings.

caster county's representative.

member, Mr. Smith, gets a place on the

Mr. Hopkins proposes in Congress to forbid the holding by individuals or cor-He would require the railroad compa nies holding grants to dispose of them within three years and forbid the purchase by any person of more than a It is well known that foreigners demand. Pike county, this state, furnishhave bought immense tracts of land, in the Mississippi region, intending to hold them until they advance in value. These acquisitions by aliens Mr. Hopkins proposes to make unlawful. It is certainly contrary to public policy that very large quantities of land shall be held in single hands just as it is not well that great masses of wealth should be under single control.

But the question is one very difficult to deal with, and perhaps the time is not yet for its treatment. Congress, how ever, may very well now determine to put a stop to the growth of the evil, so far at least as the disposition of the pub lie lands is concerned. It is just that the railroad corporations shall be com pelled to dispose of their lands within a short period; and that no citizen should be permitted to purchase from them or that the Irish prople regard any system of burned out, at a less of \$30,000. The less the government more than a limited Irish emigration as "a murderous blow on the building is \$20,000. acreage. Whether any further steps in against the life of the nation." limiting the ownership of lands may be consideration.

STOKELY has entered the political field in Philadelphia again as a candidate for mayor, and his candidacy tends to still further complicate the condition of things on the Republican side. He successor. He would have been elected had he given certain non partisan pledges to the Committee of One Hun dred, which he now seems willing to sort come too late to fully satisfy the independent element of his party which defeated him were non-partisau candidates. three years ago, and the individual members of it who express an opinion manifestations of independence cause his old associates to withhold their support in their "reena" to the veriest mite that from him. It looks as if he had entered | wields a brush. the race just in time to suffer defeat. The truth about him is that he is a man of great executive ability and under some circumstances, notably as the head at dinner in the evening. He received of the police department in an emergen | many presents, mostly canes and umbrellas cy, he appears to good advantage; but he and gave the White House domestics \$15 is wholly unscrupulous in his methods each. and seeks his ends regardless of the means to be employed. He has excited bitter antagonisms in his own party and A Train Ditched an I seven Persons Killed. these, operating in secret, contributed largely to his last defeat and should be be nominated again, will render his election well nigh impossible. The Democrats of Philadelphia, still hold the winning card in the probable renomination of King and Hunter.

THE tender of a public reception to Speaker Carlisle, by the Commonwealth club of Philadelphia, is no afterthought, Lake, will probably die. The men were induced by the fair and even generous caught in the shattered caboose in such a treatment which that distinguished gen tleman has accorded to the Pennsylvania Democratic members in the make-up of the committees of the House. This freight cars on a siding. Several box cars courtesy, from a representative Demo. and two passenger coaches were wrecked, cratic organization in the city and state and the engine was disabled. James of Mr. Carlisle's chief competitor, was devised by gentlemen who believe in the future of the party of Carlisle and Randall-and it met with Mr. Randall's warm approval-and who do not see in the election of Mr. Carlisle any reason for believing that there is no future for the Democracy. It will, no doubt, be made the happy occasion for demonstrating that no such serious differences exist between the different sections and elements of the party as endanger its in tegrity; and as a social event, designed to bring into closer communication and better understanding distinguished Democrats from this and other states, it is most fittingly designed and will serve a felicitous purpose.

THE Philadelphia courts have amended their rules in divorce proceedings and made them more stringent. The Lancaster county court should do the same. The ease with which divorces, for triffing cause, have been obtained here committed swicide six months ago, at 2420 Mascher street, but was a man of dissipain the past has been the cause of scandal. It has offered an invitation for those less

favorably situated to come here and live long enough to get " a Lancaster divorce "-and some have county availed themselves of it. Reform is necessary.

It was a right merry Christmas and gave no promise of a fat graveyard. BELMONT and Cox are miffed, but the

country will worry through it.

Yesterday one hundred years ago was the first Christmas that Washington had enjoyed as a private citizen at his own home for nine years.

THE rage for Christmas cards seems to be abating, as the postal authorities report pany, the Murphy varnish company and less handling of matter of this kind during do; but work in itself is probably not the holiday season than for several years

France of the fiture, so far as the wine production of the world is concerned. Although wheat is largely grown in that state at present, it is predicted that its alarm. No danger was apprehended when occupies a large share of public attention reign will soon come to an end, as did the men entered the warerooms, for the those of gold, of hides and tallow and of fire had barely taken hold of the building. fur bunting; and that the near future will see California a land of fruit trees and ing them beneath a pile of brick, morta vines. Its climate and soil preeminently and debris, crushing two of them to death fit it for wine production.

"CHRISTMAS comes but once a year' dence, as he has that of the country. He everybody knows, but who put the fact is a strong and rugged man, and may into this pat phrase has been involved in some obscurity. It seems that the man who wrote it was the author of the first didactic poem in the English language. His name was Thomas Tusser. He was born in Riverbill, England, about 1545, frequent return of him to Congress. Our and died when Shakespeare was but sixteen years old. While a farmer and poet committee on Indian affairs and another he wrote the poem "The Farmer's Daily on a small committee. There is plenty Det," and the sentiment runs thus :

of room in Indian affairs for the indus " At Chrismas pray, and make good obeer For Christmas comes but once a year." trious and investigating habits of Lan-A half score other familiar aphorisms are coinage from his mint.

WHEN it is considered that 300 cross ties a year are required to keep a mile of railroad in repair ; that the railroads pay porations of great tracts of public land, \$6,000,000 a year for cross ties ; and that it takes from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 new the stablished test per annum to keep the established touck of the country in operation, as idea street and Franklin avenue, where the H tives of the Western Union company to roads of the country in operation, so idea street and Franklin avenue, where the H is obtained of the way in which the forests thousand acres in one county, of the country are denuded to meet the es the bulk of the ties used by the eastern roads, and the amount of timber shipped from there every year is said to be some thing fabluous. New York has recently become very much alarmed over forest denudation, and it would seem that it is high time for Pennsylvania to profit by her sister state's solicitude.

---PERSONAL.

PRESIDENT PACKARD, of Bowdoin college is 84 and was never sick a day in his life. GENERAL ROSECBANS' wife died in Washington of paralysis on Tuesday.

SPEAKER CARLISLE, is to have a recep tion from the Commouwealth club, of Philadelphia, on Jan. 12. CHARLIE BACKUS' interest in the San

Francisco minatrels has been disposed of a: my lose \$20,000. to another party on account of losses in stocks. Mr. PARNELI is said to have declared

L. RICHARD VON STERNBERGER, son of well taken new is a question for mature a pretty German nobleman, committed suicide in New York because he could not

marry the woman of his choice. WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT, J. P. Mor. gan, Miss C. L. Wolf, John Jacob Astor and William Astor have each subscribed

\$10,000 to the Bishop Potter fund. REUBEN R. SPRINGER, of Cincinnati, has bequeathed to the Cincinnati art museum detay smoke. The people account par politics is reaccomplicities actuated either his valuable art collection, also the pic. algorithm and then arose in a body, party. served two terms in the office and was his valuable art collection, also the picdefeated in his aspirations to be his own | tures willed him by his niece, Mrs. Mills It is also stated that he has given \$10,000 Father McLucik called upon them to remore to the college of music for a new bailding.

BRADFORD MILLER, in favor of probibition and "a strict administration of the make. But his concessions of that city's affairs on a business basis," has been elected mayor of Topeka, Kansas, over Allen Sills, who was in favor of the city deriving a revenue from the saleons. Both

Hon Joseph Allison, president judge of common pleas court No. 1. of Philadelshow no readiness to take him; while his phia, yesterday gave the bootblacks of the city a Christmas dinner. There were about 75 of the lads present ranging from boys

PRESIDENT ARTHUR attended Christmas service at St. John's Church in Washington, He spent the day at the White House,

# RAILEDAD DISASTERS.

The bridge over Blue river, on the Louis. ill, New Albany and Chicago railroads, about 1 miles south of Salem, Indiana, was washed away, and a train ran into the washout, killing Charles Sanford, baggage master, Dora Eddings, of Lafayette, Jacob Helfreich, of Louisville, and four other passengers. Ten persons were injured.

A freight train was wrecked at the west end of the railroad bridge at Minneapolis, Minnesota, by a wild engine running into it. Three men were seriously injured, and one of them, named Patterson, of Big way that they had to be chopped out from the burning car.

An Erie mail train ran off the track at Sunbury, Pa., and dashed through several Wheeler, fireman, leaped from the train and was dangerously injured. The passengers were severely shaken up.

The rear coach of a passenger train on the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad to deny that any young girl had been was struck by a switch engine near Fort there. The man left. In the morning the Waye. Eight persons were dangerously injured among them the wife of Judge no one thought of Neilie West, as leep in Eilison.

The removal of a rail by track hands caused a Passumpsic railroad freight train strong odor of gas was perceptible in the to run off the track near Barton Landing, Vermont. The engine and four cars were wrecked, but no person was injured.

#### ---A Philadelphian's Suicide. News was received in Philadelphia that

Christian Haas, formerly in Baldwins's locomotive works, had shot himself in the Washington street tunnel, near Chicago, III. Martin Haas, of 1529 Germantown avenue, a brother of the suicide, said last night that he could not conceive any rea-son for the suicide. When the suicide left that city he had \$3,000 in cash, and being a man of temperate habits he had either lost the money by speculation or been swindled out of it, if the story of the suicide was true. Another brother had ted habits.

FATAL FLAMES. FOUR ST. LOUIS FIREMEN PERISH.

York Unorch. pecial Disputch to the Times. The St. Louis fire department boys say that Tuesday was the saddest Christmas they have ever know. During 1883 not a death by violence has been recorded among members of the fire department up to last night, since which time four soor fellows have perished. During the night the fire department was summoned to fight a great fire which destroyed several stores and consumed property to the amount of \$400 000 The Bush wine com other firms were the sufferers. The fire burned steadily. An explosion in the Bush building shattered the walls and John Conway and Michael Kehoe, salvage corps men, were taken from the ruins of the CALIFORNIA, it is thought, will be the Bush building yesterday morning. The

Loss of Life and Property to the West-

Averting a Fire Panto to a New

bodies were charred and disfigured. Conway met with a terrible fate. was in the Bush building at a time when there seemed no immediate cause for But while the brave fellows, six in number, were at work, the rear wall fell, bury and injuring the others. The men who were held beneath the debris and could not extricate themselves were Conway and A heavy weight of timbers ell across Conway's logs and held him there. Lieutenant Williams was near the loor at the time the wall fell and immedia ely endeavored to relieve the imprisoned men. He and a party of rescuers entered the building and got near enough to Con-way to hear him ory: "Fred. I'm burning

No trace of Kehoe could be found un'il morning, when his body and Conway's were taken from the ruins. C Gallagher, counsel for the conceptor of the car Patrick Powers, T. W. Williams and Juo. falling wall.

were brought to the surface the death of Patrick Conway was announced. He was the Southern hotel hero, who was fatally injured at the Occidental hotel fire a week ago, and he was a brother to John DIEWAY.

Just after the extinguishment of the L Neidringhaus store and ware rooms were found in flames. Johnny Chogan, one of the firemen, tried to gain an entrance to the building, but was overcome. by the smoke and fell in the doorway. The | The board of accounts not usingly having fire was so hot that Coogan's comrades could not rescue him at once and when his body was taken out it was terribly burned and life seemed nearly extinct.

By the first fire the Samuel Cupples company lesses on stock, \$100,000, and which, it is understood, he will divide without the understood, he will divide the remaining \$5,000, as portion of which, it is understood, he will divide the remaining \$5,000, as portions. company loses on stock, \$100,000; on withex Deputy Attorney General Grit buildings owned by J. E. Leggett, \$75. who is associated with him in the and Elm streets, was damaged \$25,000 the syttlement \$2,500, which the W

The Isador Bush wine company's stock in the basement was valued at \$150,000. The missions outside of the \$50,000. company's loss cannot yet be estimated. A Kuights of Honor lodge and Frank blair post, G. A. R., lose \$10,000 on furniture and paraphernalia. The Murphy variush company, adjoining the Hoyle come factory, lose \$12 000 on stock. The loss on the building is \$75,000. The United States army paymaster's and quarterma tee's

By the second fire H. L. Neidringhaus loses \$90,000 on his stock and furniture. The house furnishing store of Charles

# A CHURCH ON FIRE

A Plucky Priest Averts a Panic St. Paul's Catholic church, in New York, was discove ed to be on fire Christ with every indication of a panic to come, main quiet, while Father McCabe, who weighs 250 pounds, and who is as brave as he is bug, jumped to a rail, thence to the altar, and, after his hauds and face had been severely scorehed and his vestments almost burned off, succeeded in pulling lown the wax flowers and decorations, all ablaze, when willing hands cast them through the windows into the snow. The great congregation became quiet, and Pather McCabe resumed the mass as if

nothing had happened. other Fires. The large flouring mill of George C Thilenius, at Cape Girardeau, Mo., was burned Monday. The loss is \$60,000. A fire at Chippewa Palls, Wis , Tuesday morning destroyed the Lafayette mill, a warehouse and other buildings, Las-

Fire Tuesday evening destroyed a build ing owned by Buckhartz, Miller & Hattler at Red Wing, Minn. Loss, \$25,000.

# A GIBL'S DESPAIR.

about \$35,000.

The Daughter of a Wealthy Banker Attemps to Take Her Own Life. A little girlish figure stood before the derk in Brown's hotel in Chicago, on

eyes which peered at him from a poke

bonnet. "You will please show me to a room," With great coolness she inscribed upon the register, "Nellie West, New York She paid for a room and before retiring requested, in case any one inquired for her, that she should not be called. After she had been in the room a short time she sent to the office for pen and

paper. No more was heard from the

big blue eyes, chestnut hair and baby face

girlish lodger, and the clerk dreamed of

dancing before his mind. At ten o'clock a man entered and in quired whether a girl named "Maud had been there that evening. He was young, well dressed, wore diamonds and was very attentive to a small, dark mous His air of extreme nervousness, tache. coupled with the request of the girl that no one be allowed to see her, led the clerk different occupants of the house arose, but

room 36. About 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon a neighborhood of room No. 36. Porters finally opened the door. The gas that rushed out was suffocating. On the bed lay the little lodger. A tranquil smile seemed to hover about the well-shaped mouth and the chestnut hair in a tangled mass formed a halo about the little head The eyes were closed. Her face was white and still, and on the table a half ounce bottle of laudanum was found, with only little of the deadly drug left in the

Dr. Tunis was called. At first be thought the girl was dead and be gravely shook his head when he saw the amount of poison taken from the b tile and realized how long that stream of gas had flowed into the room. He went promptly to work, however, and within an hour she was able to talk.

Send for Mrs. George R. Clarke," was all she said. Then she turned over on her

pillow and wept, at which the physician folded up his medicine case and said :

She will recover " Mrs. Ciarke arrived and at once recogized Nellie West as the girl whom she had rescued from the hands of a gambler who was about to take her to Omaha. Mrs. Clarke looked hersels to with the betrayed girl, giving strict orders that no one be allowed to see her. The girl's history was published a few works ago in connection with an account of his rescuby Mrs. Clarke from a gamble, who bearing her off awa life of shame. The is ran away from her hour two years ago, because she did not like her step mother Her father soon recovered her and locker her up in a convent. During her brief time of freedom she because acquired with the man from whom Mrs. Clarke researcher. By his assistance she oscaped from the convent. She ran away with him to New York. After come mentice it residence there they came to Chicago. Through ber missionary wick Mrs. Clarke became acquainted with her. She was close y guarded by the lady for some days and appeared contented with her surround The gambler seems, however, to nave regained his influence over her and

#### THE WESTERN UNION TAXES

tored her away.

the Links for the thundred and Forey The agreement made by the state board of accounts, as Harrisburg, with legal representatives of the Western Unio elegraph company total stille memorab sise against the Units one transportation company several years ago. the state obtained along \$100,000 less than was alleged to have been due the state from the corporation, two Harrisburg lawyers recovering \$10.000 for obtaining the money which the company paid to state. J. W. M. Nowlen, of Philade to death. Get water; get these timber off phia, last y ar gave flur accounting me." of the Western Union telegraph compar which led to his emplesment as spewith the approval of Audit r General Hanley were all seriously injured by the Palmer The andrear general employe falling wall. At just about the moment their bodies for the first \$50,000 c diected, seven at serie brought to the surface the death of a half per cent, for any excess above t latter amount. In a solidance with t ing department settled an a count agains he company for over \$147,000.

At the meeting of the board of account last week Auditor General Lemon as the settlement \$2,500, which the Woster Umon will be obliged to pay him in a com

#### CHRISTMAN CHIMES

In Yazon City, Moslasippi, John T osey, of the firm of Williams & Poscy was maulted " by John James, a colore butcher. Posey collected his friends and returned to the place where he last saw anies, but the atter had gathered som olored friends, and when the Posey party appeared: the colored men dramediate opened fire J bn T. Posey, C and two others named Ellet and Hallder were woulded, the former dangerously John James, the colored leader in the rest. A meeting of the city council was hald, the mayor presiding, to investigate the matter. After an inquiry into the mas morning during the celebration of facts it was declared "that said difficulty mass. Two thousand people were kneed ing, when suddenly a great flame shot up form the left side of the altar, and in a shot flat flateness of both parties were very short time the church was filled with | drawn between conflict, but that neither

In Cleveland, Henry Schroeder and some friends, being drunk, were refused dricks and ejected from George Ossare's salion by Ossare and his brother-in law. Edward Eyring. The ejected party bomwhich they found on the sidewalk, while upon Eyring took up a shotgun and fired through a windaw, tatally shooting Schroeder, who died in a quarter of an

our. Eyring gave himself up.
William McCaurey, a prominent local politician and assistant superintendent of narkets in New Orleans, was shot and mortally wounded Tuesday morning in gambling hell by "Bud" Renaud, the proprietor, with whom he quarreled. Rer and gave himself up to the police.

Emanuel Bolich, aged 50 years, a wealthy farmer of New Media, was found dead in a hotel at the Lebigh Valley rail. road depot at Mount Carmel, Pa. face was terribly disfigured, and it is believed he was assaulted by unknown parties.

During a drunken affray aming Hunga rians in Uniontown, Pa, as sukstowe man tried to stab Michael Sobietionsz, but was shot dead by the latter.

John Large, a farmer, was fatally stabbed by a neighbor named Hympke in Saturday evening. The clerk looked up stabbed by a neighbor named Bly and met the gaze of a pair of dark brown a quarrel at East Saginaw, Mich. The Snowspiles in the Mountain

When the news of the disaster at the Virginia mine, near Ouray, Colorado, reached Ouray, a party of 31 persons left for the mine to bring in the bodies of the dead. The journey was made during a terrible storm. After having cared for the wounded, sleds were improvised for the on their return. On reaching the Cumberland basin, a second approximation on the combined basin, a second approximation of the combined basin, and the combined basin of the combined basin bodies of the killed and the party started berland basin, a second snow slide occurred, but the party being just beyond the edge of the avalauche escaped death, The sleds containing the bodies, however, were carried 2,000 feet down the mountain side and buried over a precipice 500 feet high. They must remain were they have fallen until spring.

# THE BLACK DWARP "

A Good Specialty Performance.

Owing to the very ball weather yester day atternoon, Maxwell & Vincent's Black Dwarf "company did not give a matinee. At the evening performance there was a large audience. The piece is to be in a very prosperous condition. The the " Black Crook " with a number of its features left out, and it was put upon the stage by this party in much better style are larger than heretofore. than others with more pretentions. Some of the scenery was very good. The ballets were not very heavy and no more than teu girls were seen in any of them. They were only fair daucers but the marches were good. The characters in the piece were passably well taken. Decidedlythe best part of the show was the performance of the specialty people. Nellie Brooks, a pleas ing little lady, who is well known here, cap-tured the audience with her songs and was repeatedly called back. The trapeze performance of Al Lawrence and wife was excellent. Frankie Jones, who is but eight years of age, is a wonderful little actor. For some unknown reason the Suydam Brothers, the well known acrobats, did not appear although their names were on the bills and to excuse was given for their absence.

# CHRISTMAS DAY.

DETAILS OF ITS LOCAL OBSERVANCE. Fair Morning Weather Followed by Snow-Crowded Churches and Interesting

Celebrations Luneaster has had an old fashioned white Christmas," and its celebration was after the old fashtoned style. As early as 5 o'clock the Catholics were hastuning to their respective churches, and later the streets were filled with people in holiday attire, sauntering along in the enjoyment of ocesation from toil, or bending their footsteps to the city churches, at all of which interesting Christmas services were held. The morning was pleasant enough abroad, but towards noon a drivdriving pleasure seekers to their homes. But little sleighing was indulged in owing to the unbroken condition of the reads. Little disorder was noticeable anywhere, though most of the saloous did a thriving business in the morning and many closed later in the day. Below is given in detail the events of the day's celebration.

#### THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES

The Observance of the Uny at St. Mary's. In the early hours of the morning long before the sun began to brighten in the East, devout worshippers might have been seen on the streets hurrying by twos and threes to the three Catholic churches of the city, all of which held the first ser vice of the day at 5 o'clock. St. Mary's was thronged with an immense gathering. and the scene on entering the church out of the bleak morning air was well calcu lated to arouse emotion in the beholder. The altar was ablaze with wax caudles artistically arranged and myriads of the choicest flowers lent to the adornment of the scene. High over the tabernacle suspended in mid-air, hung a floral star, emblematic of the bright luminary that appeared in the Bethlehem sky when the Saviour was born. The side altars were handsomely decorated and festoons of ever greeos hung in graceful folds over the

sanctuary. The choir rendered Dachauer's mass in ceiving gilt or silvered medals of Lather excellent style, Miss Mazie Malone singing and the smaller ones pretty books. Lambillotte's Christmas bymn " Adeste Fidules," with time effect. Large numbers received communion, after which Dr. Mc Cullingly preached an effective sermon appropriate to the day. A second mass was celebrated at 8 a. m., and a third, a high mass, at 10 o'clock, at the latter of which the services of the day were closed with solemn benediction.

St. Anthony's

The interior of St. Authory's church was decorated as never before. A handsome evergreen arch was over the altar with the floral legend "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," and beautiful flowers and greens were everywhere visible. The 5 a. m. mass was crowded. The choir at this mass sang in fine form Weber's mass in G. Services were also held at 8 and 10 a. m. At the latter Mercadanti's Tuird mass was green chaos of laurel and cedar of the The soles were taken by Messrs. Weber, Hiemenz, Drachbar and Burger and Misses L. Strobel, M. Kaul, C. Hepting, Mrs. J Hiemenz and Mrs. H. Drach-Miss In Strobel sang Lambil'otte's Christmas hymn, "Pastorale," accompan-ied on the cornet by Mr. Ford. Weber. Father Kaul, the pastor, preached at late services. Vespers were celebrated at 3 p. m, followed by benediction, after which the Sunday school children were given their presents from a huge Chris mas tree a the basement. The decorations reflect much credit on the young men of the church who had them in charge.

at doseph's The services in St. Joseph's church were at 5, 8 and 10 a. m., and were all largely attended. The usual Christmas decorations were observable and large numbers received holy communion.

# EPISCOPAL.

St. James' church, as usual, was prettily trimmed there were masses of greens closed, the audience dispersed and all about the pulpit, a large tree near the organ, and boughs of evergreen on the memorial tablets and between each of the windows. The Christmas service at 10:30 a. m., was opened with a processional hymn, "O, come all ye faithful," by a large surpliced choir. The Te Deum, the were admirable rendered. The rector, Rev. Dr. C. F. Knight, preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, an offertory by the choir was finely executed-the offering being in aid of worn out clergymen. The holy communion was partaken of by burded the satoon with empty beer kegs, a large number of communicants. The

> sidering the stormy weather. There was no service at St. John's Episcopal church, owing to the illness of the rector.

# REFORMED.

Early Services in First Reformed Unurch This church was very elaborately trimmed. Garlands of evergreen depended from the centre of the lofty ceiling and were looped at the four corners of the galleries. Double festoons of evergreens were hung along the front of the galleries and the choir. The pulpit front was covered with greens and the altar with flowers. The large columns on either side of the pulpit were garlanded and the pilasters and chancel front were covered with greens. The service conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Peters, commenced at 6 o'clock a. m., in presence of a large congregation. The music was rendered by a very full choir led by Hiram Stamm and an orchestra led by Prof. W. H. Keffer. The selections were from the best composers and were given with an effect which has long distinguished the First Reformed Christmas services. There was

no service later in the day. St. Paul's Keformed Church. The pulpit and altar were prettily decorated with flowers and greens. The service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. B.

choirs of St. Paul's and the first Reformed

church, and was of a high order of excel-

lence. A sermon was preached by the paster from the text, "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?" In the evening the Sunday school anniversary took place, and was largely at-The service opened with an anthem, which was followed by the invocation. Ira W. Kline, esq., read the first twenty verses of the second chapter of Luke. Atter a prayer by the paster there was antiphonal reading by the school. An address by the pastor was followed by the distribution of confections among the scholars. The annual report of the super intendent was read. It shows the school

# LUTHERAN.

membership has increased very considera

Old Trinity Takes a New Departure, Trinity Lutheran held an early musical service Christmas morning, at which were present the combined schools of Trinity, John's, Christ and Grace churches The decorations were as elaborate as those of the late Luther festival. The pulpit recess was filled with a mass of greens and above the pulpit, on a base of evergreens, arose a pillar of rose buds four or five feet in height, and upon it was placed a statue of the Saviour. The front of large German text were the names of "Bethlehem," "Nazareth," "Capernaum," of the school showing most marked pro" and other places made gress, and also the names of the school showing most marked pro the galleries and choir were covered with garlands, and between the windows in "Bethlehem," "Nazareth," "Caperbaum," of the school showing mass of some forty gress, and also the names of some forty famous by the presence of Christ. The odd scholars who had not missed a session

and choral singing by the schools followed.

After prayer by the pastor, Rev. Dr.
Greenwald, Rev. E. L. Reed of Christ church conducted a responsive service, and was followed successively by Rev. C. E. Houpt, of Grace, and Rev. Sylvanus Stall of St. John's church, the lessons being interspersed with anthems and bymus by the schools. During the early service a handsome coll-ction was lifted. At 10:30 a m. Dr. Greenwald preached an instructive and entertaining sermon. The choir sang the anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest," and the Christmas carol, " Hark, I Hear an Angel Sing," was given with great power. At 2 p m. the august entertainment of the infant department of the Sunday school ing snow storm began falling which lasted was given. There was some very fine a few hours and effectually succeeded in singing by the little folks, each of whom was presented with a Christmas present.

S. John's. There were no services at St. John's yesterday, except the rehearsal of the programme of the Christmas entertainment, to be given in that church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

At the conclusion of the rehearsal Mr. John F. Zimmerman, leader of the choir, was presented by the Sunday school with an ebony silver mounted baton. Dr. H. D. Knight made the presentation speech, which was briefly responded to by Mr. Zimmerman.

Some fears having been felt that the weight of snow upon the roof of the church might make it insceure, the snow

was shoveled off the roof this morning. Zion Church. The church is profusely trimmed with evergreens; large ornamental Christmas trees laden with all manner of pretty trinkets are placed on either side of the pulpit, and a large star formed of burning gas jets hangs above the pulpit. The usual Christmas services were held at 10:30 a. m. The paster, Rev. F. P. Mayser preached a sermon on the birth of Christ, and the choir furnished excellent music In the evening the annual Sunday school festival was held. The entertain ment consisted of singing, recitations dialogues, &c., and the presentation of gifts to the pupils-the larger scholars re-

Grace Lutherau. The regular morning service was held at 10:30, the church decoration being tasteful but not elaborate, a few wreaths, greens and triangles being the principal ones. A sermon was preached by the pastor Rev. C. E. Houpt. In the evening there was a children's merry making. which included an interview with a living Santa Claus, blowing soap bubbles, play ing blind man's buff, &c. &r. Confections were given to the smaller scholars and books to the larger ones. St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

Long before the holiday season in this church busy hands and active minds had been working steadily. With love for God's temple they brought out of the week previous a most stately and beauti ful adornment. Around the walls were heavy festoons, terminating in pendants wreaths. Two beautiful and tall Christmas trees stood, one on each side of the chancel, while overhead and above the altar and pulpit a grand arch rose from the tall pillars wound with evergreen. In the arching letters formed the "Glory to God in the motto: Highest." On Christmas morning Rov. E. Meister, the paster, preached a T. E. O. club was discovered on Monday sermon from Luke 2, 10. In the evening night in time to extinguish the flames; the Sunday school anniversary was held, slight fire at Harry Haughey's and notwithstanding the inclemency of residence Tuesday morning caused by the weather, the attendance was quite defective flue-" The Black Dwarf" had good, the greater part of the audience a small house Monday night-Thirty eight chamber below being filled by the children masked couples were in the grand march of the Sunday school and Bible class, the at the Vigilant fire company's bail on galleries with adults. A special programme had been prepared for the occa-sion, consisting of suitable Christmas —Company C has received its annual aphymns, questions and answers on the birth | propriation-The Columbia wreekers were of our Lord, and saveral dialogues were at the wreek at Landisville .- Abram Brun rendered well. After the address by the ner's sleigh broken by an accident yester pastor and singing, the services were day. seemed to have enjoyed the occasion

Remembering the Paster. On Monday evening Rev. E. Meister was the recipient of a very handsome pro class and the teachers of the Sunday county, Pa. school. The presentaion speech was made Jubilate and several Christmas hymns by Miss Emily Wisner. The surprise was a complete one.

# THE MURAVIAN.

Children's Feettyal and Unristmas Litau; The annual festival of the Sunday school a large number of communicants. The of the Moravian church took place Monattendance at the service was large containment, which was largely at tended. consisted of the usual children's love feast and the sing-ing of some fine Christmas carols. While the hymn " Light of the World ' was being sung the children marched into the church and each was given a lighted candie on a tray, emblematic of the light Hon. W. H. McCormick, Jacksonville, Before the close of the service each child was presented with a pretty book.

The regular Christmas service took place at 10:30 Christmas morning. It opened with Lloyd's fine anthem, "While Shep herds Watched Their Flocks by Night, the solos being rendered by Miss Maggie Potts, soprano, and Mr. John Warfel, bass. During the Christmas litany the "Adesta Fideles" was sung. The choir also sang very effectively the "Gloria" from Mozart's twelfth mass. Rev. J. Max Hark preached an eloquent sermon, and the service closed with "Te Deum Lauda mus.

At the close of the service Miss Maggie Potts, the leading soprano of the choir was presented with a very handsome jewel case, and Mr. Al. M. Zahm, the leader of the choir with an elegant reclining chair. Every member of the choir, also, was presented with a pretty Christmas card. These gifts were given by the congregation as tokens of regard for the the services of the choir.

# THE METHODISTS.

Early Services at Duke Street. At six o'clock Christmas morning there was a service of prayer in the Duke street M. E. church, conducted by Rev. Satchell. The attendance was quite large. There was no other service in the church during the day.

PRESETTERIAN MISSION CHAPEL. Santa Claus Distributing Presents to the

The Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Mission Sunday school on Monday evening attracted more people than could be crowded into the chapel at the opening hour, 740'clock. The room been lately papered and painted no special decorations were made, except that bly during the year, and the contributions an imitation brick house made of tobacco cases had been erected on the platform at the west end, down the chimney of which Santa Claus was to come with his presents. Rev. Dr. Mitchell opened the occasion with a reading from Scriptures, followed by Rev. Thomas Scriptures, followed by Rev. 1 and by Thompson in prayer. A welcome song by the school was led by Miss Sue Bender in law R. C. McCulley, 804 Manor street, in the 94th year of his age. Deceased was and Harry Gibson. Several telegrams born at Oxford, Philadelphia, May 17, and was a tanner by trade. He has Mr. Moore, the superintendent, announcing his departure from the North Pole and arrival at the several stations along his law. His wife died 31 years ago. The route. Rev. Thompson made a short and deceased had four children, Frank Magarinteresting address, followed by Dr.

service opened with fine orchestral music, of the school during the year, presenting to each of them, who had not already received one, a handsome Bible. A class banner for the best record for the year was presented to Miss Lizzie Simpson's class, and as the contest for this had been very close, its award was received with loud applause. The prizes for sonolarship were awarded to Willie Brinkman, Johnny Kurtz and Miss Ida Watson. Just then the jingling of bells announced the coming of Kriss Kringle, who was welcomed with shouts. He was warmly clad in a suit of finest ermine for made of Can ton flannel (by a lady friend of the school) which, for the sake of warmth, had little patches of black paint judiciously distrited over it. He went down the chimney very quickly, and at the front door distributed the candies, &c., which had been

abundantly provided. Among the presents made were very handsomely bound volumes of the Presby erian Hymnal to Miss Sus Beuder and Harry Gibson. Cards and easels to Miss Emma Fallek and John Black, jr., of the infant school, and also a handsome card to the superintendent, Mr. H. C. Moore, There were a number of Christmas carols by the school and a recitation, "Little Stockings," by a little Miss of the infant department, all of which were well rendered, and made up one of the most pleas ing entertainments given by the mission

#### PRIVATE PESTIVALS.

A Jolly Party at Johnny Sayder's,

One of the finest private parties of the season was given Christmas evening by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Snyder, North Queen street, above Orange. About forty guests, some of whom were from abroad assembled in the parlors and several hours were delightfully spent, vocal and instrumental music and dancing forming interesting features of the festival. The enter tainment closed with an clegant lunch spread in the winter garden.

#### Wedding Reception

George Waller, who is well known here, was married at Lykens vesterday morning. The newly wedded couple came at once to this city and were given a reception last evening at the residence of Chief of Police Deichler, a brother in law of the groom, on South Queen street. A large number of triends and invited guests were present and enjoyed themselves heartily.

#### COLUMBIA NEWS.

From Our Regular Correspondent. Frank Pierce, an acto in "The Amish Girl" company, was accidentally struck with a bottle in the barroom scene, when the play was presented last night; he was not seriously hurt .- F. S . Bletz's brick stable was caved in by the weight of snow; the tobacco shed of Geo. Groom & Sons was entirely crushed, much of the tobacco in it being destroyed; and the ice house attached to the American house was demolished by a similar accident .- J. Wil son home from New Mexico; Dr. Wm. Leaman, Jack Wilson and Luther J. Sobroder in town over Christmas; J. W. Me

Elhany and S. W. Guiles visiting Pit's burg. Christmas passed off quietly; three fights occurred but no acrests were made. -Sunday school entertainments were held by the Presbyterian, St. John's and Salem Lutheran, the Methodist and the Trinity Reformed churenes .- No skating yet on the river .- An incendiary attempt to burn the building occupied by the T. night in time to extinguish the flames ; Monday night; it was very successful-

# LITTLE LOUALS.

Here and there and Everywhere Rev. Wm. O. Owen has been called to sent for his study, presented by the Bible | the Baptist church in St. Clair, Schuylkill

The sleet broke down a number of telephone wires but they were soon repaired. Samuel Hess & Son sold at Logan's stables on Monday for Howard Bailey, 14 pair of Kentucky two year old mules,

averaging \$317 per pair S. H. Farce, of this county, on a drunk in York, fell, cut his face and had his

hard frozen. Three men, sleighing, met with an upset and runaway on South Queen, near Church, yesterday; the horse fell and was caught near Leibley's meat store.

Dr. D. R. McCormick has presented us with some sample oranges, the excellence of which leaves no room to doubt that they came from the groves of his brother, Florida.

Cy. Colvin's four horse sleigh, drawn by two grays and a pair of black horses, was the most notable turn-out on the streets last evening.

Hofford and Miller, late of the Ironsides

baseball club; Hyland and Wetzell, late of the August Flower, and now of the Lancaster; and Hilsey, the young Athletic pitcher, spent Christmas in Lancaster. Fred. Stamm's two story brick stable on Mifflin street was crushed to day by

the weight of snow on the roof. It is a total wreck; loss from \$300 to \$400. The Northern market house company firectors resolved this morning to rebuild heir wrecked house at orce; about a hundred men have been put to work clearing up the debris; the markets will be resumed on Saturday on the curb, and renters will be given stalls for three

# DEUMORE DOINGS.

months free when the new building is com-

pleted.

News From the Lower End. Mrs. Rachel Penrose, wife of Lukens Penrose and daughter of Jackson Ankrum, died on the 16th inst., and was buried at Chestnut Level on the 9th. She died of pseumonia. She was in her thirtyourth year and leaves four small children. The wife of John Snavely, of Snavely's mill, died last week. Burial on Wednes-

day of this week. On the 19th inst. Miss Hannah Morgao became Mrs. Harry Fairlamb. The wedding was quite a social event among the friends of the contracting parties. The bride was attended by four maids of honor and the same number of flower girls. They were married by Friends' ceremony and have the well wishes of their wide

circle of friends and acquaintances. Jere Morris, of Peach Bostom, died on Saturday night. The Sunday school of Chestnut Level

#### church has closed for the winter. OBITUARY.

Death of a Nonagenarian. Yesterday afternoon at 5:30 Allen lived 24 years in this city with his son ingil, of Painesville, Onlo; Mary McCulley; He returned from Philadelphia only two