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CHRISTMAS CHEER.

AN ABUNDANCE OF FINE POULTRY ON MARKET HERE TO-DAY.

Display on the stalls, the Caribbeans and others—A Fresh Snow Makes Merry Christmas—The Business at Express Offices—Christmas Celebration.

The display of supplies made on market to-day in the central part of the city, this afternoon, was as profuse and attractive as ever seen in this city on a like occasion.

A great crowd of country people have been in town all day, and the stores are crowded. The merchants dealing in Christmas goods state that business has been very good for the past few days.

About the busiest men in town are the employees of the Adams and Reading express companies. Each week a number of extra men at work and for both companies the teams are kept on the move all the time, and the offices are crowded continually.

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At the postoffice the Christmas cards have begun to come in, and their transmission has come to a traffic quite equal to the former valentine mail.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLS.

Fine Entertainments by the Pupils—Rooms That Were Handsomely Decorated—The Pupils of the various schools were closed to-day to give teachers and pupils an opportunity of enjoying the Christmas holidays.

At Miss Baker's school in New Street, there were recitations by several of the pupils, and before dismissal each of the scholars received a present from the teacher.

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At the conclusion of the programme of exercises at the high school this morning, the organ solo by Miss Huber's school was particularly noticeable.

The following was the programme of exercises at the high school this morning: Chorus—"Saw Ye Never in the Twilight"; Piano Solo—"The Poet and Peasant"; Adina Matz.

At the Girl's High School. The following was the programme of exercises at the high school this morning.

CHRISTMAS IN JAIL.

WHAT SIX GERMAN FOUND IN THE LAND OF LIBERTY.

Homesick Wanderers and Laborers, Picked-Up as Tramps—Sent to Jail for Thirty Days—Tried, Convicted and Sentenced to the Penitentiary for Three Years.

"Yes," said Keeper Burkholder of the Lancaster county prison, as he turned the key of cell No. 48, last evening, "if everybody here who ought to be out was free there would be a good many changes."

And the jail keeper went on to tell of instances of men convicted by such accidents as those by which others escaped; and to point out some mistakes of juries and inequalities of sentence.

"Here's the man you want to see," said Mr. Burkholder to the representative of the INTELLIGENCER; and "here," turning to the prisoner, said the warden, "is a young man who wants to talk with you."

The old man got down on his knees so that his head touched the top of the little wicket in the grating of his inside jail door, and in German he told his story.

Joseph Fisher, a younger and less intelligent foreign born German, in a cell near by, was one of the men who had been in jail only been in this country three years, and had not been in the woods at Litz for more than half an hour when arrested and disposed of like a stray dog.

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STABBING A THEATRE MANAGER.

Mr. Mayhew's Revenge for the Loss of his Seat at a Performance.

While Clara Morris was playing in Augusta, Ga., Monday night, in the third act of "Arcturion" was tragically seated when he was struck by the villain.

While the third act was in progress, Mayhew, considerably changed in appearance, rushed up to Cohen, who was in the vestibule, and called out: "STAY A MOMENT, YOU THIEVING CUR!"

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CHRISTMAS IN COLUMBIA.

THE WAY THE CHURCHES THERE WILL CELEBRATE IT.

People Who Have Come Home to Spend the Holidays—The Presentations—Tramps Gathered Into the Lock-Up—A Good Variety Show—Borough Briefs.

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IN THE LOWER END.

Newly Items Condensed from the Oxford Evening Telegraph.

John I. Carter has sold his farm of 195 acres in Upper Oxford township, Chester county, to Mr. Brown of Lancaster city.

There were 33,904 pounds of produce shipped to the Philadelphia markets on Monday and Tuesday from Oxford.

Edward Malony was aroused from his bed by the barking of his dog a few nights ago of last week and went out in time to see a man leaving his stable and disappear in the darkness.

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FIRE A BAD MASTER.

A CHILD'S AGONY IN A TOWN IN ILLINOIS.

A Thoughtless Mother's Act Ends in the Death of Her Infant—Two Disastrous Conflagrations Reported from Different Sections of the Country.

MOCAITA, Ills., Dec. 24.—A terrible accident occurred yesterday at the residence of James M. Workman, three miles south of this town.

A fire in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A fire in the Masonic temple here this morning caused a loss of over \$100,000.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 24.—A kerosene lamp exploded last night in Mrs. Robins' fancy goods store at Cranford.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS. The Country to be Given a Needed Rest Until Washington, Dec. 24.—After the morning business was disposed of the Senate at 12:10 p. m. went into executive session.

There were about fifty members present to-day when Carville called the House to order. No important business was transacted.

A Fraud That Didn't Work. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 24.—Last July Dr. Eli Quigley, of Reading, Ringgold county, who had \$20,000 insurance on his life, exhumed a corpse from the village graveyard, placed it in his office, and then fired the building.

The Spirit of a Missing Farmer Appears and is Identified. SALAMANCA, N. Y., Dec. 23.—There is a large circle of believers in spiritualism in this village.

An Interview With a Dynamiter. LONDON, Dec. 24.—The St. James Gazette prints an interview had in Paris with a dynamiter.

A Big Chicago Failure. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—S. R. Rothchild & Co., dealers in drygoods and notions, conducting business under the name of the "Bankrupt store" were attached last night on a judgment for \$85,000 rendered in favor of New York parties.

A Welcome Reduction. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The district U. S. cable company and the French cable company made a reduction of cable tariff this morning.

Great Damage by an Earthquake. PANAMA, Dec. 24.—The earthquake in Cauca on Nov. 5 appears to have done far more damage than reported at first.

A Merchant Killed. NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Abraham Gurnee, a grocer at Parkridge, N. J., was shot and killed in his store, last night by a negro, named Sanford Sisco.

Severe Weather in Spain. MADRID, Dec. 24.—Spain was visited yesterday and last night with severe gales and snow storms.

NEWS FROM ANOTHER WORLD.

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Weather Indications.

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St. John's Organ in Distress.

Seventy Lights Out.

Dead From a Peculiar Disease.

The Snow and the Effects of It.

Conferring With Chester Co.'s Comm'rs.