Display on the Stalls, the Curbstones and Stores-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 morning, and at the Eastern market this afternoon, was as profuse and attractive as ever seen in this city on a like occasion. The most satisfactory feature of it was that supply and demand were alike strong, buyers and sellers numerous, and while there was abundance of everything there was no such glut as to depreciate prices. Such a quantity of dressed turkeys were probably never before offered for sale here. They brought from 16 to 18 cents per pound; and, "as they were," sold at from \$1.25 to \$3.50 apiece. There were a great many geese on sale, also, some ducks, chickens, rabbits, partridges, and pigeons. Celery, nuts, apples and other Christmas supplies helped to give the market a cheerful

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

At the Express Offices.

About the busiest men in town are the employes of the Adams and Reading express companies. Each have 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.

The boxes and packages being shipped are mostly small, and nearly all contain Christmas goods. A large number of turkeys, both alive and dressed, are being sent away by express. The superintendents of both companies state that their rush did not begin until Monday, but since that time they have been kept on the run. They think their will be somewhat larger this than At the postoffice the Christmas eards have

begun to come in, and their transmission has come to be a traffic quite equal to the former

CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLS. Fine Entertainments by the Pupils Rooms That Were Handsomely Decorated.

The public schools of the city were closed to-day to give teachers and pupils an opportunity of enjoying the Christmas holidays. They will not be re-opened until January 5, The rules provide for their re-opening on Friday January 2d, but the superintending committee, after consulting with the majority of the board, directed that nothing could be gained by opening the schools for that one day—Friday, and teachers and pupils will have one additional holiday. In several of the schools entertainments were held and programmes prepared for the occasion were gone through with.

At the Various Schools. At Miss Lola Zug's school on East Lemon street, a fine entertainment was given yester-day afterneon. The programme consisted of recitation, songs, and quotations from standard authors. Miss Zug presided at the standard authors. Miss Zug presided at the organ, and she was accompanied on the violin by Master Rengier. Addresses were made by Rev. J. Max Hark and William McComsey, chairman of the superintending committee. Before the school was dismissed each pupil was presented by Miss Zug with a beautiful control of the careful.

There were entertainments this morning at a number of schools. One feature particu-larly noticeable this year is that all the school rooms have been tastefully decorated with evergreens, and they present a handsome ap-

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 their teacher.

At Miss Falck's and Miss Dougherty's schools readings and recitations appropriate to the season were assigned to the pupils.

At Miss Huber's and Miss Bundell's schools, at the corner of Prince and Chestnut streets, claborate programmes were prepared, and all the pupils participating acquitted themselves with credit.

PROGRAMME AT MISS HEBEE'S SCHOOL.

Selves with credit.

PROGRAMME AT MISS HUBBE'S SCHOOL.

Chorus—"Holy Night," by the school.

Recitation—"Tillie's Christmas," Gertrude
Hoffer.

Duet—"Troika, the Russian Dinner Song,"
Laura Dellaven and Minnie Clement.

Recitation—"The Settler's Christmas Eve," L.

Wusketnuss and M. Ziegler.

Dialogue—"Behavior versus Appearance,"
Annie Shank, Myra Atlee, Emma Wiley, Mattle
Williams.

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Chorus—"Nancy Lee," School,
Recitation—"Annie"s and Willie's Prayer,"
Katie Wilson.

Recitation—"Santa Claus," Phobe Mellinger.
Solo—"O, Ye Tears," Gertrude Swenk,
Recitation—"Henny," Rosa Gasser,
Recitation—"Christmas," Lizzie Web.
Duct—"Silent Night," Alice Weidler and Minnie Wolf.
Recitation—"Night Before Christmas," Helen
Huebner.
Recitation—"Compliments of the Scason,"
Bessie Copland.
Solo and Semi Chorus—"Juanita," Annie
Campbell.
Recitation—"Hunchback Joe," Annie Thompson. on.

Recitation—" The Good Little Sisters," Gertic
wenk and Gertie Heck.
Chorus—" Recked in the Cradle of the Deep,"

School.

Recitation—"Jack Frost," Mamie Linsemyer.
Recitation—"The Finding of the Lyre," Salile
Humphreyville.
Salo—"Jolly Old St. Nicholas," Harry De-

Solo—"Jolly Gu al. Stellars, "Ly members of the school.
Chorus—"Come, Cheerful Companions,"
Closing Remarks—Katie Coho. PROGRAMME AT MISS BUNDELL'S SCHOOL.

Organ Solo-" Confidence," E. Adams. Scripture Lesson-Rev. Dr. Dubbs, St. Luke xt., 8-45. l., 8-15. Song—"Oh Happy Are We," School. Recitation—"The Queen's Gift," L. Kready. Recitation—"The Watch on Xmas Night,"

Recitation—"The Watch on Kinas Signs, Inving.
Solo and Chorus—"Out of Work Without a
Penny," T. Jeffries.

Recitation—"In Winter Wild," L. Getz.
Recitation—"How Happy 171" Be," F, Bitner.
Song—"Johnny Sands," School.
Recitation—"Bob's Wouderful Bicycle," F.

err. Recitation—" The Homeless Child's Christmas Tree," A. Spindler. Solo—" Gathering Shells by the Sea Shore," K.

Solo—"Gathering Shells by the Sea Shore," K. Michael.
Michael.
Hecitation—"Barbara Fritchie," M. Acheson.
Recitation—"You Put No Flowers on Papa's
Grave," M. Hartman.
Song—"Nancy Lee," School.
Recitation—"The Two Angels," c. Shank.
Recitation—"Santa Claus," L. Hubley.
Solo and Chorus—"Take Me Back to Home,
Mother," C. Sheely.
Recitation—"Guilty or Not Guilty," L. Haverstick.

Recitation—"The Purest Pearl," M. Erisman. Recitation—"The Frost Spirit," B. Snyder. Solo—"Take Back Thy Heart, "J. Skeen. Recitation—"Santa Claus and the Mouse," M. mehoer. Huebner,
Recitation—"The Death of Tiberius," M
Dubbs,

Dubbe.

Song—Slumber Song, School.

At the conclusion of the programme of exercises at Misses Huber and Bundell's school, remarks were made by Prof. Buehrle, Mr. McComsey and Rev. Dr. Dubbs.

The organ used at Miss Huber's school was kindly loaned for the occasion by Paull & Hamilton. The musical part of the programme was directed by Prof. J. B. Kevinski.

At the Girl's High School.

The following was the programme of exercises at the girls' high school this morning: Chorus—"Saw Ye Never in the Twilight," School.

Plano Solo—"The Poet and Peasant," Adeia Matz.

Recitation by Annie Klugh.
Plano solo by Lulu Stamm.
Reading by Mame Etchells.
Piano solo by Maria Watson.
Vocal solo by Grace Wylle.

Recitation—"Annie and Willie's Prayer," Gertle Brosins.

Recitation—" Annie and Willie" i Ingelia Brosius.
Piano Solo—" Rohemian Giri," Edith Metzger.
Recitation by Carrie Metirann.
Chorus—" Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly," School.
Recitation by Myra Haverstick.
Recitation by Daisy King.
Reading by Josie Rüheffer
Reading by Minnie Breneman.
Piano Solo by Prof. Matz.
Christmas carols by the school.

At Other Schools The boy's high school is handsomely deco-rated. The pillars have been twined with evergreens, the pictures framed with holly

and festoons of evergreens adorn the sides of the room. Over the teacher's desk in green letters is the motte, "Merry Chrismas and Happy New Year." This afternoon Mr. Mc-Caskey read Dickens' Christmas carol, and the boys sang a number of carols, after which they were dismissed for the holidays. The mysteal programme of the high school entermusical programme of the high school enter-tainment was under the direction of Prof.

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W. H. Levergood's school room is likewise very handsomely decorated. Mr.
L. was agreeably surprised yesterday afternoon upon receiving a present of a large
turkey, a bottle of wine, slik handkerchief,
candies, fruits, &c., from his boys. The closing exercises to-day consisted of the reading
of selections by the scholars, appropriate to the
day.

day.

The closing exercises at St. Mary's academy took place yesterday and were entirely of a musicial character. Before dismissal each of the pupils received a handsome Christmas card.

ORITUARY NOTES. Intended to Para Christmas in Lancaster - Deaths of Old Citizens.

From the Chambersburg Repository.
Word was received in Chambersburg Friday that Miss Bessie Duffield, youngest daughter of the late Dr. Duffield, of McConnellsburg, has died early Monday morning. Miss Duffield has been suffering with consumption for some time but her death was a sudden one. She attended the teacher's institute in McConnellsburg on Tuesday. A few days ago she wrote to a friend in this place that she would pass through Chambersburg on Wednesday next on her way to Lancaster, where she intended spending her Christmas. Truly man proposes but God disposes. Miss Duffield attended Wilson sollege only a few years ago and is wellknown to a number of our citizens. Death has dealt severely in this household. Within the past seven years, father, mother and four children have been called away. The funeral of Miss Duffield will take place on Monday.

Death of George Weitzel. Weitzel, an old resident of this ity, died at his home on South Queen, Puesday forenoon in the 81st year of his age Deceased was a son of the late Jacob Weitzel and was born in this city. For some years his father was treasurer of Lancaster. of his uncles were soldiers in the Revolutiary war, one being a captain. George learned the trade of a coppersmith with Major John Getz and afterwards went to Pittsburgh and New York in which cities he worked for some time. Upon cities he worked for some time. Com-his return to Lancaster he started in business for himself in his father's building which stood on the spot of Baer's Sons' book store. He afterwards worked for Christian Kieffer, Deaner & Schaum and John P. Schaum. He was in the employ of the last named gentlewas in the employ of the mas name genterman until last spring, when he was obliged to stop work on account of old age and declining health. He leaves one son and two daughters, but his brother and two sisters are dead. Deceased was an ardent Demo-

Death of George Moses George Moser, a sen of the late Wm. Moser, of 555 West King street, died yesterday in the 17th year of his ago. Deceased was an apprentice of the INTELLIGENCER office Job a until the time of the illness which ed his death. The funeral takes place on

Death of John Gever. John Geyer, an aged citizen of Florin, near Mount Joy, died at his home on Tuesday, aged 75 years. He leaves surviving him three children, Mrs. Harvey Raymond, George, who lives at home, and John, of Freeport, Illinois. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Saturday

SUICIDE, NOT MARRIAGE.

A Defrauding Clerk Takes Prussic Acid on the Eve of His Wedding. Rudolph Schicke, a young man 28 years old, employed at the notion house of J. W. McFadden, on Pearl street, Cincinnati, com ner. For four years he had been a trusted lerk and book-keeper in McFadden's store. His employers recently noticed his dissolute and extravagant habits and about two weeks

ago discharged him. They then set an expert on his books and found a deficit in his accounts of from \$500 to \$5,000.

This morning they sent for him. He came to the counting-room and was there confronted with his crime and arrested by a constable who was in waiting. He asked to be permitted to go into the closet a moment before being taken to jail. His request was granted. In two minutes he returned, but, on reaching the desk, fell at the feet of his late employer and died in a few minutes. No post-mortem has yet been made, but the surgeons think it was a case of prussic acid poisoning. No signs of the fatal drug were found about the premises. He evidently suspected that his deficit had been discovered

suspected that his deficit had been discovered and came prepared for suicide.

He was to have been married to-morrow to Miss Gertrude Edwards, an estimable young woman of Dayton, Ky. Everything was ready for the nuptials, and he was to have taken the wedding suit from his tailor at noon. His parents are highly respectable.

THE RINGS OWN.

A Canens of the Republican Legislators From This County. From the Columbia Herald.

On Thursday last the members-elect of the Legislature from this county met in Lancas-Davis, of Lancaster. The object of the gathering was to fix things. Davis inclines to run the machine for the county, but he found a lusty kicker in Member Courtney. Davis wants the spoils for a Eighth warder, who it is said was a Democratic Blaine man and to secure his man Davis wanted Brosiu on the state committee, but Courtney in-formed the assembled wisdom that states were made in Harrisburg, and that it would be a cold day if Courtney did not get on the state com-mittee, Day's wanted it understood that he must show his constituents that he amounts to something, and Courtney didn't care a snap for Davis' constituents. A resolution to bind the boys for senator elicited from Court ney the remark "that he would deliver his own goods." The members from the Northern district

are in favor of Mr. Druckenmiller, of Vesta Furnace, for a position, and you can write it down that Courtney will be on the slate com-mittee and get his man and Member Davis will be compelled to leave his Eighth warder

CONVERTING ABE BUZZARD.

A Chester County Quaker Who Found His Folks at Home.

Reading Sensationalist's Disputch. Price Z. Supplee, a Quaker, of Honey-brook, who accompanied Rev. Joseph Lame, pastor of the Honeybrook M. E. church, on a religious tour among the inhabitants of the Welsh mountains, writes of their trip:

"We found a great amount of misery and degretation. We found families living in huts with nothing but a damp earth door; found some living in mud shantles. We saw fam-ilies of half-clad children, where the father was a black man and the mother a white woman."

He says that Abe Buzzard's mother is professing Christian. Mr. Supplies wrote a letter urging Buzzard to lead a better life and received a reply from him. The following is

an extract:

"I promised the Lord many days ago, if I could but once be a free man I would, by H is help, lead a new life and show to the world some things they now think impossible."

Mr. Supplee adds that Abram Buzzard de sires to lead a better life. He tried to work several times, but had to stop on account of officers continually hounding him. He certainly possesses a bright mind.

affright, For Jesus Christ, your saviour, was born this

happy night ; Along the hills of Galilee, the white flocks sleeping lay. When Christ, the Child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas day.

CHRISTMAS IN JAIL.

WHAT SIX GERMANS FOUND IN THE LAND OF LIBERTY.

Homeless Wanderers and Laborers, Picked Up as Tramps-Sent to Jall 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 was in jail who ought to be and everybody here who ought to be out was free there would be a good many changes. I fear this jail even if largely emptied of its present inmates could not be big enough to hold all

the new comers."

And the jail keeper went on to tell of instances of men convicted by just such acci-dents as those by which others escaped; and to point out some mistakes of juries and inequalities of sentence; but by this time the door was open, and it would not be good for prison discipline to indulge in such reflections, however just, in the presence of con-

"Here's the man you want to see," said Mr. Burkholder to the representative of the In-TELLIGENCER; 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 reached just to the top of the little wicket in the grating of his inside jail door, and in German he told his story ; William Smeych was his name. He was a native of Wurtemburg and came to America four years ago. He was a book bidder by trade but failing to get work in the cities he took to the ountry; got into this county and worked above Mt. Joy and at other places in harvest. After the wheat was up he started on the road. One day in passing along near Lititz he met Jos. Kirchner-then a stranger to him, now in prison-who asked him where he was going and on being told that he was tramping, Kirchner who was on his way to the store for a farmer to bring him some molasses, told him to wait in the woods for his return. He did. In half an hour he was siezed by constables, brought to this city, put on bread and water for 26 days, brought into court, tried for being a tramp, convicted and sent to jail at hard labor for three years.

He says he never was a drinking man; and when asked if he had ever stolen anything. with no slight degree of pride and emotion he answered that no one had ever made such an accusation against him. His wife is dead ; he has two children in New York state, but does not know where to write to them.

JO FISHER'S STORY. Joseph Fisher, a younger and less intelligent foreign born German, in a cell near by, was one of the same party. He says he has only been in this country three years, and had not been in the woods at Littz more than half an hour when arrested and disposed of like Smeych.

JOHN OFF, TRAMP, NOT THIEF. John Ott, is a bright faced young German, with a good head. He says he was born in Munich and is 25 years old. He has worked for several years in this county, in harvest, and spent three successive winters in Baltimore. Before his arrest he had been working for ten days around Lititz, and after he quit took to the road. He had got to the woods in which he was arrested two hours before the rodice came; he and the others had a fire which he was arreated two mans base the police came; he and the others had a fire there; they had stolen nothing, and though tried on a charge of stealing chickens, he was acquitted. He had been in jail nearly a month when tried and got a three year sentence for being a tramp.

FROM NUREMBERG. George Frank, the fourth of the party, is German of 27 years of age, two of which he had spent in America. He has no trade, tramped the country in search of work; wes not drunk nor disorderly; never stole anything, never before was in jail; understood he was to serve three years at hard labor for traveling the roads.

Jos. Kirchner, the man who was going for molasses when he met Smeych, and who got back in time to go to jad is a Bavarian; is a tall, muscular fellow, 36 years old, who came to America in 1873, and who has been working at farm and general labor around Lititz for eight years. He says he never stole; got on a little spree now and then, but never hurt anybody else than himself. His offense and punishment were the same as the foregoing.

Fred. Miller was born in Brunswick, 44 years ago; ten years since he came to America and for two years and a half he worked out in the country at farm work in summer. He is a cabinet maker by trade, and until after is a cabinet maker by trace, and unit and wheat harvest this year worked in the field near Mount Hope. He says he has also worked around Elizabethtown, and for Jacob Nissley, Levi Forney and others. He has two years and eight months more to serve at hard labor, and like Kirchner is turning out to be a fair carpet weaver.

What's to be Done About It. These men agree in their story that they were tramps, in the sense of having no homes, steady work nor domestic attachments. They were found together in a woods where a fire had been built, and the owner of which made no complaint against them. They stole nothing; were not drunk or disorderly; threatened nobody, and committed no breach of the peace.

They were brought to this city by town

mitted no breach of the peace.

They were brought to this city by town officers, committed to jail for drunken and disorderly conduct, put on bread and water for twenty-six days and then brought into court for trial. They had no money, friends nor witnesses; were promptly convicted of being tramps and Judge Patterson sentenced them each to undergo imprisonment at hard labor in the county jail for three years.

At the same court a fellow who had shot to kill a conductor on the R. & C. railroad was sent to jail for ten days.

Since then various other persons have been sentenced, three for attempt to commit rape,

sentenced, three for attempt to commit rape, one for murderously assaulting and trying to kill his wife, and another for trying to mur-der a young girl on the street. Their sen-tences were substantially the same as those

of the "tramps."

Under the rules laid down by the board of pardons that body would not hear the cases of these unfortunate men, nor listen to any plea for a commutation of their severe sentences but it is not considered at all probable. tence; but it is not considered at all probable that they would refuse to suspend their rules in such an extraordinary case, and some gentlemen in this city propose to take up the cases and make an effort to have the severe punishment inflicted on the men in some degree commuted.

No trumpet-blast profaned The hour in which the Prince of Peace was born ;

No bloody streamlet stained Earth's silver rivers on that sacred more But o'er the peaceful plain

The war-horse drew the peasant's loaded

Shooting Match. Yesterday a good-sized crowd attended hooting match at Kauffman's hotel, on the Harrisburg pike, and the majority were from this city. Each man shot at seven birds with

McCaskey ... The first prize was won by McCaskey and five others divided the second money, Dom-

Deserves Substantial Support.

From the Getty-burg Compiler. The Lancaster Intelligences comes to us in an enlarged form and new type, all of which means steady growth in circulation and general prosperity on the part of this favorite old journal. The firm of Steinman & Hensel deserves substantial support at the hands of the Democracy.

STADBING A THEATRE MANAGER.

Mr. Mayben's Revenge for the Loss of his Sent at a Performance. While Clara Morris was playing in Augusta, Ga., Monday night, in the third act of "Article 37," a tragedy occurred which was not on the bills. While the first act was on the boards, an usher escorted Mr. C. H. Mayhew to a seat only to find it occupied already, duplicate tickets having been issued by mistake for the seat. Mr. Mayhew was given a seat in the rear, but was evidently very angry and disturbed the audience. Mr. Cohen, the manager of the theatre, went to him, when Mayhew called him a cowardly cur. In-stantly Cohen slapped Mayhew's face. When the men were separated, Mayhew left the building, saying he would be heard from

later.

While the third act was in progress, Mayhew, considerably changed in appearance,
rushed up to Cohen, who was in the vestibule, and called out: "You are a cowardly
thleving cur." Immediately Cohen slapped
him in the face again, when Mayhew closed
in on him, and cut him vigorously with a
long keen knife. Cohen fell to the floor exclaiming: "Arrest that man; he has killed
me; I am bleeding to death." The wounded
man was carried to the Globe Hotel, where
he lies with a wound between the eleventh
and tweight ribs and piercing the liver. His and tweifth ribs and piercing the liver. His condition is exceedingly critical. The as-sassin is in jail.

Ar Christmas I no more desire a rose. Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled shows -Shakespeare.

A New Cotton Plant.

Attention is now attracted in the South to new cotton plant, which bids fair to prove immensely valuable. For many years A. A. Subers, of Macon, Ga., has been carefully experimenting to hybridise the cotton plant that grows wild in Florida with the common The new plant retains the okra stalk and the foliage of the cotton. Its flower and and the lotage of the cotton. Its flower and fruit, however, are strikingly unlike either cotton or okra. The plant has an average height of two feet, and each plant has only one bloom. This is a magnificent flower, very much like the great magnolia in ragrance, and equally as large. Like he cotton bloom, the flower is white or several days after it opens, after which it is first pale pink, and gradually as-sumes darker shades of this color until it be-comes red, when it drops, disclosing a won-derful boll. For about ten days this boll reembles the cotton boll, and then its growth suddenly increases, as if by magic, until it reaches the size of a big cocoanut. Not until it reaches this size does the lint appear. Then it reaches this size does the lint appear. Then its snowy threads begin to burst from the boll, but are securely held in place by the okra-like thorns or points that line the boll. One inexperienced picker can easily gather 800 pounds a day, and fast hands much more. Were the only saving that of labor in gathering the lint, the result of Mr. Suber's experiment would entitle him to the everlasting grating of the Southern of Mr. Suber's experiment would entitle him to the everlasting gratifude of the Southern farmer. But this is not all—there are no seeds in the lint. Each boll produces about two pounds of very long stapled cotton, su-perior to the Sea Island, and at the bottom of the boll there are from four to six seeds, re-sembling persimmon seed. This new cotton, therefore, needs no ginning. Such a plant would revolutionize the cotton industry of

> MERRY CHRISTMAS. "Be merry all, be merry all With holly dress the festive hall, Prepare the song, the feast, the ball To welcome merry Christmas all."

Telegraphing Extraordinary. A London contemporary supplies some interesting particulars as to the number of words transmitted by telegraph to all parts of the kingdom on the occasion of the prime minister's recent visit to Edinburgh. On the evening of Mr. Gladstone's arrival press messages containing over 7,000 words were handed in at the telegraph department of the postoffice, but the actual number of words transmitted was over 67,000. Owing to the fact of the same report being sent to more than one newspaper. Mr. Gladstone's visit to the Fort Bridge works led to the transmission of 12,000 words, and his movements on the following day to 19,000. On the occasion of his first speech on Saturday evening (August 30) in the Corn exchange, 62,471 words were handed in and 138,445 transmitted. The number would have been greater lad not Sunday intervened, allowing the transmission of many messages by train. On had not Sunday intervened, allowing the transmission of many messages by train. On Monday evening (September 1) the press messages reached the enormous number of 127,000, causing the transmission of about 427,000 words, the largest number ever trans-nitted in any one night from Edinburgh. After the Waverly market speech on Tuesday night, (September 2,) 172,821 words were transmitted.

transmitted.
On Monday evening, when the strain was heaviest, 130 operators were kept at work, and in spite of the constant stream of messages the department kept abreast of the reporters. As many as four towns in the same telegraphic circuit were enabled to read almost the same messages at the same time. The message having been "punched" on long slips of prepared paper, the plan was adopted, instead of running it entirely through one machine, of taking the slip out of the first machine after it was three yards clear and running it into a second and a third.

The Inauguration Ball in Washington. Mr. William M. Galt, General C. M. Me Keever, and Mr. James P. Willett, of the special sub-committee on the inauguration services, which has charge of the matter of services, which has charge of the matter of providing a hall for the inauguration ball, had interviews on Monday with Mr. Joslyn, acting secretary of the interior, and General M. C. Meigs, who has charge of the work on the new pension building, and received from both gentlemen assurances that they would do all in their power to give the committee the use of the pension building for the ball. Mr. Joslyn gave the consent of the Interior department to the use of the building, provided the necessary authority of Congress is obtained. It essary authority of Congress is obtained. It is now said that the court of the building can be roofed over early in January, and the floor work done in time for the ball.

Ten Thousand Dollars for a Widow. Judge Dixon, of the supreme court of New Jersey, has just decided the interesting Hampson-Hinchliffe breach of promise case John Hinchliffe is one of Paterson's most prominent citizens. He is a millionaire and a widower. Four years ago he became intia widower. Four years ago he became intimate with Julia Hampson, a widow, who kept a wayside inn near Paterson. He told her all his business affairs and asked her to share his handsome home. She consented. Hinchliffe's daughters and sons objected and made things so unpleasant that Hinchliffe concluded to give the widow up. He tried to break off the engagement by telling her he had heard bad stories of her carly life. She began suit for breach of promise in 1882. The jury gave her \$8,000 damages. Judge Dixon set the verdict aside as being excessive and a new trial was had. The second jury gave the widow \$10,000 damages. A new trial was again asked, and this Judge Dixon has just refused. He declares the verdict excessive, but says the justification is not sufficient for a third trial.

A Very Sensitive Young Man. A Very Sensitive Young Man.
Tibballs Clark, aged 21 years, visited an
anatomical museum in Bridgeport, Conn.,
on Saturday evening. At the sight of one of
the wax figures exhibited in a case he fainted
and fell against the case, breaking the glass,
by which he was severely cut about the
throat and fixee, It is thought his injuries
will result in his death.

The steamer Oregon, from New York, December 17 for Queenstown and Liverpool, arrived off Fastnet at 7 p. m. Tuesday. The corrected time of passage is six days, six hours, fifty-two minutes, which beats her own record and is the qui kest passage yet made. WE ring the bells and we ruise the strain,

We hang up garlands everywhere,

And bid the tapers twinkle fair, And feast and frolic—and then we go Back to the same old lives again.

—Susan Coolidge

CHRISTMAS IN COLUMBIA.

THE WAY THE CHURCHES THERE WILL CELEBRATE IT.

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

Regular Correspondence of INTELLIGENCES.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 24.—Christmas in Colum bia will be quietly celebrated, as are all holidays. No especial attractions are offered, excepting Sunday school entertainments. hold religious services, and they will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Banks, stores, etc., will be closed, and this alone, excepting the exchange of presents, will tell our citizens that Christmas is at hand. We extend a merry Christmas to all our readers.

The Sunday school entertainments will be held as follows : E. E. Lutheran, at 6:30 p.m.; St. John's Lutheran, at 7 p. m.; Bethel Church of God, at 2 p. m.; St. Paul's P. E. on Friday at 6:30 p. m.; Trinity Reformed, at 7:15 p. m.; Methodist Episcopal, at 6 p. m.; Presbyterian, at 6:30 p.m. The entertain-ments will consist of vocal music, recitations, addresses, distribution of presents to the children, etc. All the churches will be more or less decorated, those in the Trinity Reformed being probably the finest.

The "illustrated sermon" entertainment, given in the Bethel church last evening, by Templin & Sons, was a grand affair. The audience, however, might have been larger. The scenes as thrown on canvas, were startling in their reality, and a short explanation followed each; it was quite an interesting affair. It will be repeated this evening.

A turkey which escaped from a farmer this a. m. at Third and Locust streets, and which flew on Gable's house, had to be shot, as it could be dislodged from its perch in no other way.

One hundred and fifty loaves of bread

will be distributed to the poor of Columbia, on New Year's day, by William Curlich, baker, at Nos. 125 and 127 South Fifth street. A silver wedding celebration will be held by the Lebar family, residing back of Wrightsville, and the merry occasion will be participated in by several Columbians.

A pure white turkey is a rare novelty in Columbia. Mr. R. E. Williams has been presented with one, and it is nearly as white as The M. E. church choir during practice

last evening presented their conductor, C. W. Stevenson, with a handsome silk umbrella. Mr. George DeHuff yesterday presented

turkey to each of his employes for their Christmas dinner. Points of Personal Interest.

The Columbia National bank directors resolve that they are reluctantly "compelled to accept the resignation of J. H. Zeamer, individual bookkeeper in the institution of which we are directors. We have known him many years, as a man of staid integrity,

an able and efficient bookkeeper, enjoying the confidence of the community and com-manding the esteem of all who knew him." A former Columbian, Michael Rollen, has gone insane through sickness, and his case was so bad he had to be placed in an asylum. He has been living in Harrisburg for the past

He has been fiving in Harrisotry for the past several years.

Miss Silas Krum, left for her home in Bing hampton, N. Y., this morning. Her many friends regretted her departure.

Bonj. Minnich, who is attending a veteri-nary college, in New York city, is home to spend the holidays.

High Constable C. Strawbridge has not yet decided to again run for that office. He does not favor the reduction made by council in his salary.

Mr. Herman Reller, who is studying for seminary, is the guest of his brother, Rev. J. H. Reller, pastor of Salem Lutheran church, Andrew Groff, of Philadelphia, intends remaining in Columbia over winter. He for-

Railroad News. If the P. R. Co., would attach another passenger coach to the train which leaves Columbia for Lancaster, at 12:25 p. m., it would be a great accommodation. The two now in use are not enough to comfortably seat the large number who travel in them—they are always crowded. ilways crowded.

The heavy shipments now being made over the different railroads, makes freight traffic The cause of delays in railways just now is the slippery conditions of the track. Borough Briefs.

A better variety performance could not be wished for than that given in the Columbia opera house last evening, by the Kelley & Conner's troupe. It was excellent. The attendance was poor, but, it is hoped, it will be much larger this evening.

Several young men, yesterday, crossed the river on the ice. But few air holes were discovered, the ice being thick and sound.

Another fall of snow occurred last night. Excellent sleighing can be enjoyed.

John Bainer fell on Locust street, yesterday, and severely injured his back.

Orion Lodge, No. 876, I. O. O. F. meets at 8 o'clock p. m.

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The Criminal Calendar.

'Squire Young committed Julia Flynn,

'Squire Young committed Julia Flynn, of York, who was arrested by Officer Gilbert, yesterday for drunken and disorderly conduct in Columbia, to Jail for 30 days.

Two attempts have been made to rob W. A. Glosser, 'on Walnut street, one on Monday night at his chicken coop, and last night his residence. The thieves were discovered in both attempts and scared away.

The lock-up contained thirty-one tramps last night.

Tuesday morning the county commissioners of Lancaster county, Samuel M. Myers Abraham Summy and Martin Hildebrant, accompanied by clerk to the commissioners Frank Griest, visited West Chester and spen several hours with the commissioners o several hours with the commissioners of Chester county in reaching settlement of their portion of the expense of rebuilding the several inter-county bridges crossing the Octoraro which were destroyed by the floods of last June. Lee's and Blackburn's bridges were settled for. A bill was presented for extra compensation for the bridge at Kirk's, which extra bill was not approved. The Pine Grove bridge was not accepted.

Pine Grove bridge was not accepted. The Snow and the Effects of It. The snow of to-day has improved the

sleighing, which is now very good and the prospects for a real merry Christmas excel-On occount of the heavy fall of snow the Lancaster street railway company have Lancaster street railway company have stopped running their cars between Centre Square and the Park house. Large sleighs have been put on and the regular trips are being made. The Millersville company show a great deal of pluck and do not intend to stop running until they must. They have succeeded in keeping the track clear so far, and their cars are running on time.

HEAP on more wood ! the wind is chill ; But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christmas merry still,"

Dead From a Peculiar Disease.

Richard Coyle, a fresco painter, died at his residence in Bridgeport, Conn., on Tuesday, aged 43 years. He has been sick two years with a peculiar disease. His benes had apparently turned to chalk during the past year and he was barely able to move in bed for fear of breaking them. One of his arms has been broken several times recently by merely raising it from the bed. He leaves a large family in destitute circumstances.

Owing to a breakage of a part of one of the engines at the electric light works, one of the

IN THE LOWER END.

Newsy Items Condensed from the Oxford "Press"—A Young Levite's Ordination. John I. Carter has sold his farm of 136 acres in Upper Oxford township, Chester There were 33,904 pounds of produce shipped to the Philadelphia markets on Mon-

day 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 dark-ness. He found one of his horses unhaltered. After inside repairs the Octoraro United Presbyterian church will hold open services on Friday, December 26, at 2 p. m., when the Revs. T. W. Anderson, of Baltimore, and A. H. Crosbie, of Oxford, and others are expected o participate.

An Enterprising Farmer.

Jos. H. Brosius is making about 1,600 pounds of butter a week at his creamery on the Octoraro, which is sent to the Philadelphia market and sold at over 40 cents a pound. He paid 3½ cents a quart for milk last month. Mr. Brosius recently built a large and very complete log house in which he now has 150 hogs housed. To these pige he is feeding 30 bushels of corn a day besides all the milk they require. When ready for market in February they will produce over 40,000 pounds of pork.

Ordination Service.

Ordination Service. On Sunday evening, December 28, at 2 o'clock, the presbytery of Westminster will meet in Chestnut Level church and ordain, if the way be clear, by prayer and the laying on of hands of the presbytery, Mr. Robert P. Boyd. Mr. Boyd is a graduate of the last Boyd. Mr. Boyd is a graduate of the last class from Princeton seminary, and will soon go under a commission from the board of home missions to labor in Paris, Idaho. Rev. Dr. MeDougal, of York, will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock, and in connection with the ordination service in the evening; Rev. L. C. Rutter, of the presbytery of Chester, will offer the ordaining prayer, and Rev. C. W. Stewart, D. D., will offer the charge to the minister.

UP AND DOWN THE STATE. Coroner Powers, of Philadelphia, held an nquest on the body of Mrs. Emma Kitzmiller, aged 33 years, of No. 1,315 Davis street,

who died on Saturday without the attendan of a physician. The lady and her husband were members of the "Heavently Recruits, an offshoot of the Salvation Army, and implicitly to believed in the faith cure, depend ing entirely on prayer in case of sickness. It is the belief of medical men that a dose of castor oil administered in time would have saved the woman's life.

Rev. Dr. Cornelius H. Edgar died at his Rev. Dr. Cornelius H. Edgar died at his residence in Easton, Tuesday evening after an illness of four days. He was born in Rahway, N. J., April II., 1811, graduated in the Princeton class of '31, was principal of New York University grammar school for eight years, pastor of Bridgehampton, L. L. Presbyterian church eight years, pastor of the American Reformed church in Easton for twenty, who years.

twenty-nine years.

The special election for a representative in Congress from the Nineteenth district—York, Adams and Cumberland counties—to fill out the unexpired term of the late William A.

Adams and Cumberland confines—to fit out the unexpired term of the late William A. Duncan, was one of the quietest ever known. The candidates were John A. Swope, Democrat, and Charles H. Bressler, Republican. Swope is elected by a good majority.

Last Friday evening a well-dressed, respectable looking man with gray hair, moustache and beard, and apparently about 50 years of age, appeared at the Girard hotel, Allegheny City, in company with a darkhaired, dark-eyed miss of about 15, whom he said was his daughter. He registered as S. M. Inman and daughter, and the couple were assigned to room 25. Saturday morning Inman paid the bill for his lodging and went away, stating he would be back shortly. He has not been seen since. It has since been found that he enticed the girl, Amelia Launbert, from her home.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

Excursion Visitors Walting for the Great Festi-val of Mardi Gras.
On the grounds of the New Orleans exposition the work of improvement is being pushed as rapidly as an army of men can prosecute their labors. Within the buildings prosecute their labors. Within the buildings exhibitors are covering space with great rapidity. Everything has settled down in a systematic groove, and as a result not a moment is lost. While the attendance is good very little business has been done in the way of sales, direct or by sample. The exhibitors, however, are cheerful, claiming that the investing community have yet to come. The near approach of the Christmas holidays has also had it effect financially. To-day is a field day as the first influx of organized excursionists will arrive. The visitors are from Nebraska, Minnesota, and Indiana, and number about 5,000 in all. Among the number a large percentage are school teachers.

The excursionists are booked to return within fifteen days, the limit of their tickets. Though rather far to look in the future, pre-parations for the Mardi Gras reception of visitors have already been inaugurated, and it is confidently asserted by the accomoda-tion bureau that the regular tribute of 100,000 visitors will hardly inconvenience them.

A Young Lawyer Held for Court. From the Reading Herald. Daniel Guldin, a young lawyer formerly of this city, was brought to Reading, Monday, by Constable Sassaman, of Boyertown, on a warrant issued by 'Squire Schoenly, of Ga warrant issued by 'Squire Schoenly, of Ga-belsville, charged with surety of the pace, on oath of Levi Updegrove. Updegrove is driver of the stage between Reading and Boyertown, and had the accused as a passen-ger on Saturday. It is alleged that at the Oiey Line hotel Guldin struck Updegrove on the head with a violin, the property of the hotel proprietor, Mr. Snyder, cutting his cap and drawing blood. It is also alleged that at Pleasantville Guldin asked for a pistol to shoot Updegrove. The accused was held in \$500 bail for appearance at court.

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Mr. Guldin is well known in this city, having attended Franklin and Marshall college

From the Columbia Herald.
Our Lancaster contemporaries,

come proud and will celebrate Christmas in a bran-span-new cut of journalistic garments There is no dude business about the pattern either. Both in their new get up have a dignified appearance about them that commands respect and invites favorable comment from all who have noted the change. It is not only an inprovement in the matter of convenience to the reader but is an admirable departure, from an artistic standpoint. If we would keep pace with the time we must adopt modern styles, and in this respect alone the departure of the papers noted is to be commended. 'The Lancaster papers, like the town they represent, are continually on the move.

Opposed to Circuit Courts.

The committee appointed by the York county bar to report on the advisability of recommending to the Legislature the passage of an act establishing circuit courts declare, with one member dissenting and one declin-ing to express an opinion, against the measure suggested by the Philadelphia circular.

A Miser's Miserable Death. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—Eliza Ross, aged 103, was found dead in bed yesterday in a miserable hovel. She was too miserly to buy sufficient food and died from hunger

A Great London Failure. London, Dec. 24.—Ingall, Phillips & Co., varfingers, have failed; liabilities £200,000. It is said they can meet all claims.

St. John's Organ in Distress. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 24.—Yesterday the material of the Kansas Prohibitionist (St. John's Kansas organ) was sold by the

School Bonds Sold.

The finance committee of the school board this afternoon disposed of \$4,500 of school bonds at premiums ranging from 3-10 to 1½

PRICE TWO CENTS. FIRE A BAD MASTER.

CHILD'S AGONY IN A TOWN TO ILLINOIS.

Thoughtless Mother's Act Ends in the Be of Her Infant-Two Disastrous Confis grations Reported from Differ-

Mocaqua, Ills., Dec 24 .- A thrilling socident occurred yesterday at the residence of James M. Workman, three miles south of James M. Workman, three miles sound this town. A one-year-old child was horribly burned by having boiling water poured over its body by its mother. The latter applied coal oil to the wounds and then thought lessly set the oil can in a saucer on the stove. The oil caught fire, and it was with great effort that a disastrous blaze was avoided. Mrs. Workman sent her little fouryear-old girl for Mr. Workman who was engaged two miles distant. The brave child eached a school house almost overcome with cold. A physician was procured but too late.

The infant died in great agony.

A \$100,000 Fire in Cinema CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24.-A fire in the Masonic temple here this morning caused a loss of over \$100,000. Two firemen were se verely injured by falling walls.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 24-A kerosene lamp exploded last night in Mrs. Robins' fancy goods store at Cranford, totally destroying the stock worth \$500 and the building. The fire communicated to an adjacent dwelling, which was also burned. Both buildings were owned by Josiah Crane; the loss is

CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

The Country to Be Given a Needed Rest Until January Fifth.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-After the mornng business was disposed of the Senate at 12:10 p. m. went into executive session. When the doors were reopened, the chair announced his signature to the concurrent resolution providing for a holiday recess from Pec. 24th o Jan. 5th. The Senate then adjourned until January 5.

There were about fifty members present to-day when Carlisle called the House to order. No important business was transacted. Randall moved concurrence in the Se amendment providing that the frecess begin to-day, and last until January 5th, which was

agreed to.

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 grave yard, placed it in his office, and then fired the building. The fire was discovered and put out, and the decomposed corpse found revealed the reason for the doctor's absence. Dr. Quigley had wandered to Canada and back, and he was arrested in Davis county on Friday, where he was detained on susp cion till his identification yesterday. passed through here in custody last night. He has made a formal confession, and ha plicates a physician and a merchant of Ringgold county as co-conspirators. He was not aware till his return to his family that the plot had failed, and says he would not have been arrested if he had a weapon.

NEWS FROM ANOTHER WORLD.

The Spirit of a Missing Farmer Appears and Reports Him Murdered. SALAMANCA. N. Y., Dec. 23.-There is a large circle of believers in spiritualism in this village. Regular seances are held weekly. A week or so ago Martin Ayers, a farmer of the town of Otto, disappeared from home, and no trace of him has been found by his family. Spiritualists who were present at a seance in this village, on Saturday night last, declare in this village, on Saturday night last, declare that the spirit of the missing farmer appeared among them during the evening, and said through the medium that he had been met by a man on the road near his home on the night he disappeared. The man demanded his money. The farmer refused to give it up. The man then murdered him with a club, robbed him of \$25, and threw his body in the Allecheny river, where it now lies in the ice Allegheny river, where it now lies in the lee four miles below Salamanca.

The spirit described the murderer as a large man, wearing a muffler, a shaggy overcoat, and a slouched hat. A search has been made for the body, but as yet it has not been found. An Interview With a Dyna LONDON, Dec. 24.-The St. James Gazette prints an interview had in Paris with a dynamiter. The dynamiter said the headquar ters of the conspirators were in Paris, but that the funds came from America. The explosion at London bridge was arranged at Paris three

months ago by a man who is now in Amer-

ica. Two men were sent to London to exe-

ente the plot in September, but a delay occurred. They returned to Paris after the

A Big Chicago Fallure. CHICAGO, Dec.,24.—S. R. Rothschild & Co., dealers in drygoods and notions, conducting husiness under the name of the "Bankrupt store" were attached last night on a judgment for \$35,000 rendered in favor of New York parties. The firm confessed judg-ment in \$30,000 this morning. The proprie-tors intimate that arrangements will be

A Welcome Reduction.

New YORK, Dec. 24.—The direct U. S. cable company and the French cable company made a reduction of cable tariff this morning to Great Britain, Ireland and France, to 4 cents per word, meeting the cut made by the Mackay-Bennett cable company.

Pennsylvania Day in New Orleans.
HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Governor
Pattison to-day sent notice to the director general of the New Orleans Exposition, designating March 10th next, as Pennsylvania day, that being the date in 1683 when the first provincial council presided over by William Penn met in Philadelphia.

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. All the churches, public edifices and many private residences fell down and those remaining standing are badly damaged. The loss is estimated at from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Abram Gurnee, grocer at Parkridge, N. J., was shot and killed in his store, last night by a negro, named Sanford Sisco. Officers are in pursuit

Severe Weather in spain.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—Spain was vis yesterday and last night with severe a and snow storms. Many ships wreshed reported from the coast and much dam done to telegraph lines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 34.
Middle Atlantic states cloudy west
snow and rain, east to south wind;
to westerly, higher, followed by persture.