PRICE TWO CENTS.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS. HOW A CEREMONY ATST. JOSEPH. MO., WAS INTERRUPTED.

The Mirth Changed to Mourning-The Master of the Household Shot. The Wedding Went on, but the Bridal Feast was Left Untouched

Sr. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 26.-What opened inspiciously as a day of Christmas festivities at the residence of William J. Taylor, was turned into a scene of mourning. All arrangements had been consummated for the marriage of Willis Bunch to Miss Mary Reno, and the ceremony was to be performed at three o'clock by Squire James Mitchell. The wodding feast was spread and guests assembled, among the number being Mrs. Nathan Partlow, a friend of the contracting parties. It was against the advice of her husband that she was present. Consequently she was not surprised when he appeared at the door of Taylor's residence and inquired for her. He demanded that she accompany him home, and she returned to the parlor for the purpose of procuring her wraps, when Partlow began using abusive language in the presence of the ady guests. Mr. Taylor then stepped to the door and requested him to desist, but to no purpose,

THE PISTOL SHOT. Taylor finally ordered him to leave the premises and angry words ensued. Taylor as a last resort, took hold of Partlow for the purpose of ejecting him from the yard, when the latter drew a 38 calibre revolver and fired. The ball took effect in Taylor's left side and ranged inward and downward. Dr. France was summoned and probed the wound, but failed to find the bullet. He says that the chances are ten to one that it will prove

To add sorrow to the occasion Taylor's wife was lying in bed with a babe only a few days old, and the news of the shooting completely prostrated her. While the wounded man was receiving the attention of Dr. France the wedding party assembled in another room, and Mr. Bunch and Miss Reno were joined in wedlock, after which the guests dispersed, leaving the wedding feast untouched. Partlow gave himself up immediately after the shooting and was committed to jail, bail being refused him. Taylor has been married only about a year and has one child. Partlow has a wife and two children.

AN INDIGNANT FATHER The Harsh Indorsement He Wrote Across His

Son's Marriage License. George A. Howard was clerk in the office of his father, who is ordinary of Bartow county, Ga., and whose duty it is to issue marriage licenses and record the fact of marriage when performed. Young Howard squed himself a license, signing his father's as usual in other cases, and married Miss as usual in other cases, and married Miss Anna G. Pavne, a respectable young lady of Cartersville. When his father heard of it he was furious, and instead of recording the marriage license when returned to him by the Rev. Mr. Headens, officiating clergyman, wrote across its face an indorsement and returned it to his son. The indorsement said:

"This infernal paper was sneaked back into my office. It is hereby returned, and is good evidence to remind you of your theft, lying and virtual forgery. Little did I ever think that you would turn yourself over to the control of as low-down a scoundrel as Ned Payne and as low-down a villain as Vest Payne and as low-down a villain as Vest Harwell, and to become so infatuated with the infernal set you have taken up with. Can't you get from among them? If not, get a rope and hang yourself. How can you face respectable people? You can record this in hell.

The document creates much indignation

among the lady's friends. ANTHRACITE COAL INTERESTS. The Pennsylvania Railroad Opposes the Com-bination—The Reading Averse to It Without The Pennsylvania Following Sait.

cussion, and it is thought it may lead to the

failure of the combination. The committee

of three, appointed to arrange the allotments

to the several companies, has been in corres-

pondence with all the interests, but has

not yet obtained such data that a

final consultation can be ordered

The Reading company is averse to entering

the combination unless the Pennsylvania

railroad becomes a party to the compact. But

the latter corporation has declined to submit

any statement for the consideration of the

An official of the Pennsylvania railroad

company said to-day that it had not made any

proposition with reference to its entering any

combination for an allotment of any kind,

and did not intend to do so. He

further stated that a reasonable amount

of courtesy required his company of receive with attention any proposition that

might be made by others, and if any such

proposition could be made upon which other

to be free from objection and in accordance

with the interests of the company and of the

public from which it derives its support, it

would receive immediate and careful con-

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—The Picayune to-day, in a double leaded leader discussing

the Nicaragua treaty, says the United States

must adopt a policy of acquisition and of ter-

ritory aggrandizement to the southward, not

necessarily by armed invasion and bloodshed,

but by using the Nicaragua treaty as an open-

ing wedge and investing \$100,000,000 in a ship

canal, when American enterprise will soon

annex the whole of Central America from

Nine Buildings Burned In an Ohio Town.
Toledo, O., Dec. 26.—At Deshler, Ohio, last night, a fire, originating in the dry goods store of John Vogt, destroyed nine buildings in the business part of the town. The prin-

cipal losers are John Vogt, J. Waltmey, grocer, M. G. Coates, and Mond & Laffer

druggists. The losses aggregate \$20,00

insurance, \$9,000. The fire was caused by a

New York's Aldermanic Imbroglio. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Judge Lawrence to-

day in the supreme court rendered a decision dissolving the injunction obtained by what

New York, Dec. 26.—The delay to the

is known as the Wolf board of alder

sideration and reply.

that base line.

lamp explosion.

similar interests are agreed, and which seems

committee.

PHILADE! PHIA, Dec. 26.—The opposition Iliness of Sheriff High. of the Pennsylvania railroad company to the plan of allotment proposed by the anthracite coul interests has caused considerable dis-

Sheriff High is confined to bed with a

Repentant Elopers Return.

NEW YORK Dec., 26.-Deacon George M. Terry, of Northville, L. I., who eloped with Pastor Downs' wife about six weeks ago, returned to his home last night, and has reconciled to his wife. They will sell out their property and go to Orange, Va., to reside. Mrs. Downs has also returned, and is living with her parents at Bridge Hampton, L. I., No reconciliation has yet taken place between her and her husband. She is thoroughly

Blazing Oil Tanks. ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 26 .- One of the two

fall short of \$100,000. Cambodia Makes a Treaty With France Parts, Dec. 26.-M. Blanchube, deputy for Cochin China, has submitted to the Hue committee of the Chamber of Deputies a telegram from Sagon which states that King Narodem, of Cambodia, has again signed the

An Ohio River Steamer Burned. Carto, Illinois, Dec. 26.-The steamer Vint Shinkle, running on the Cincinnati & Memphis line, caught fire at Columbus, Ky., yesterday and burned to the water's edge

No lives were lost, but the boat and cargo is

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 36,-A special dispatch from Steubenville, Ohio, says last night Jas. Collins, the ticket agent of the Pan Handle railroad at Cadiz Junction, disap-

longed to the company. An Old Soldier's Last Christmas. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Thomas Van Valin, aged 104 years, 11 months and 13 days,

died yesterday. He was a pensioner of the war of 1812, and had lived here 52 years. A British Steamer Wrecked.

against the board of aldermen, restraining the latter from transacting any business. LONDON, Dec. 26.-The British steamer Raisly, from Japanese and Chinese ports, for New York, has been wrecked on the Azalia mails by the snow storm to-day is confined far as known at present to the south a southwest which were one and a half ho point. The passengers are art of the cargo

An Ohio Grocer Quits Even.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

closed by the Lord's prayer and the benedic-

AT CHRIST LUTHERAN.

ings, recitations, anthems by society and an address by Rev. Reed.

> At St. John's Lutheran church the infant department of the Sunday school had a celebration on Christmas day. The exercises onsisted of recitations and songs, and refleeted credit on the participants as well as who were in charge of the school. The scholars, after an address by Rev. Stabl, received Christmas presents and were then dismissed The entertainment of the Sunday school will

Christmas was a gala occasion for the good parishioners of Sl, Mary's Cathchurch and its devoted pastor, McCullagh, Long before the began to break in the Eastern sky, little knots of two and three might have been seen hurrying over the snow-covered payements to the early morning service at a o'clock, and as the electric lights through the centre of the city were in good condition, a contrast with the days when the devout Catholies on similar occasions in the olden time was wont to carry a lantern to guide his uncertain footsters, was strongly suggested. It was pleasant to escape out of the raw air, from which the sunshine had not yet taken its chill, into the comfortable interior of St. Mary's, which was crowded with a devout throng. Across the front of the auditorium hung tasteful festoons of evergreen and laurel, while the altar, lighted by myriads of wax candles and adorned by floral designs in stars, wreaths, hearts and crosses, shone re-

It was a scene well calculated to impres the mind of the observer with the solemn vet joyous event to be commemorated, and when the music arose with its enlivening swell, the reign of "peace on earth" seemed fittingly ted by Rev. Dr. McCullagh, in the course of which he preached an eloquent sermon on the lesson of the day, prefacing his remarks with a warm Christmas greeting to his con-

atisfactory to the listener, while the vocal por very beautiful. The services closed with a To Deems. The pastor before dismissing the

Low masses were celebrated at 8 and 10 a m., and the latter service was concluded with

morning mass was celebrated at 5 o'clock by o'clock mass Father Grotemyer preached a sermon on the birth of our Saviour. Vespers were sung at 3 o'clock. By next Christmas Father Grotemyer expects to have his new

At St. Anthony's Catholic church the deco words "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" and below in arge letters, in gas gets,- the word "Jesus. Masses were celebrated at 5, 8 and 10 o'clock At the latter mass Father Kaul was the celebrant, Father Fricker deacon and Father Myers sub-deacon. The sermon, on the gospel of the day was preached by Father Kaul. After the late mass and vespers, Father Fricker, who has lately been ordained, gave his first benediction. He will celebrate his first mass, at St. Anthony's church, next

assembled in the school room, and after an address by Father Kaul, received theh

At the Duke street M. E. church, the Sun day school entertainment was held on Wednesday evening, and there was a large at Pictures"," a Christmas cantata, was well rendered. There were several departures from the usual Christmas custom this year, the principal one of which was that the monbers of the Sunday school with the exception of the infant class, brought presents instead of receiving them, and those that were brought consisting of flour, fruit, produce, were distributed to the poor of the church. Following is the programme of the

TIME PICTURES.

ano solo-" I Will Join Your Happy Greet "Carry Them Back," Faith, Hope and

PART II. SCHNE-A JEWISH HARVEST PIELD. Jewish Harvest Song—"A Beautiful, Beautiful Home," Jewish Children. Dialogue—" Lo! Tis the Time to Cather in the Wheat," Naomi and Roth. Duet—" We Know Not Why," Ruth and Na-

Barrione Solo—" Hark ! the Distant Thunders Chants, Jan. oli," Asa. Chant—" Jewish Evening Hymn," Two Choirs FART III. SCENE—THE PLAINS OF BETHLEHER.

Mercy.
Solo and Chorus—'The Day of His Coming is
Nigh.' Faith and School.
Duet—' Come. Oh, Come. Thou Star of Glory,"
Peace and Hope.
Recitation and Dialogue—Memory and the

hepherds.
Soprano Solo—"Fear Ye Not." The Angel.
Semi-Chorus and Chorus—"Glory to God,"
hoir and School. St. Paul's M. F. church did not hold any services on Christmas. The Sunday school entertainment will be held on Tuesday even-

ing and an elaborate programme has been | dwelling with a wide fireplace in which a log

St. Paul's Reformed church was tastefully descrated with festoons and wreaths of lau rel, while in the pulpit and chancel were cut flowers. The Christmas services were held which Rev. Dr. Shumaker preached from 1st Cor. 9: 15: "Thanks unto God for his unspeakable gift." In the evening the 35th anniversary of the Sunday school was observed. The following was the programme:

"All Hall the Power of Jesus' Name." Rending of scripture and prayer by Rev. Dr.

Responsive Reading - Superintendent and had been erected. After the singing of a "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," by the

Hark! A Burst of Heavenly Music," by the

school,
Responsive Reading.
Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning.
Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning.
Superintendent's report.
Recitation—"The Pennut Boy," Samuel P. Heltsin.
Recitation—"Christmas Comes but Once a Year," Amy Haveratick.
"Angels from the Realms of Glory," by the school.

ST. JOHN'S REPORMED. At St. John's Reformed church the pastor, Christmas morning from the text, Tit.: 2, 11-14. In the evening the children of th The schools received presents taken from the large tree crected in the

THE EPISCOPALIAN.

services were conducted by Doctors Stahr and

Te Deum," " Dank's Inbilate," and " Stain er's Christmas Anthem. The soloists were Adam Bender, tenor; Thomas Hamilton, soprano; William Marshall, alto. The atendance was very large. A Sunday-school

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL. Rev. J. E. Pratt officiated at the usual serrices, and spoke eloquently from the text : And the Word was made flesh." The offertory was for the fund for the support of disabled elergymen and the widows phans of deceased clergymen. Rev. Fr. Hoscins, after preaching in St. James, joined Mr. Pratt in the administration of the holy

some Christmas trees have been placed in the chapel. The chants and hymns were finely given by the choir. The Sunday school estival takes place this evening.

at each end of the communion table were

evergreen arch. On the top of the arch was the star of Bethlehem, formed of gas jets. A love feast was held at the church on Wednesday evening, commencing at 6:30 o'clock, at which hour the Sunday school children marched from the lecture room to the church. The services opened with the reading of scriptural passages by Rev. Hark after which the Sunday school sang an authem and then coffee and cakes were brought into

the church and partaken of: Rev. Hark delivered an address on "The Star of Bethlehem," the children sang a hymn, tapers were brought in and given to each child, the scholars received presents, the Sunday school sang a carol and were dismissed with the benediction. The regular Christmas service was held at 10 o'clock on Christmas morning. The exerrises commenced with the singing of the Christmas litany, which included the Adeste Fideles and Gloria in Excelsis Dec, the choir

hymn and Rev. Hark preached from Luke 2: 14. after the sermon the congregation sang a hymn and were dismissed with the dox-The Sunday school children made a new

departure, and with a large supply of oranges, fruits and candies they visited the Children's Home and made the little ones happy. A number of the children of the school visited the almshouse in the afternoon and sang : number of Christmas carols, to the delight of

The Presbyterian Memorial Church. The usual Christmas festival of the Presby terian memorial Sunday school was held on Christmas eve in the main room of the church, a very large audience being present. The exercises consisted of singing by the choic and school, and reflected much credit on the leader and organist, Harry Gibson. The usual prizes for scholarship and pune tual attendance were awarded: First, to Mise Bertie Rine; second, Master Edgar Thompson, and third, to Miss Gertie Weidle. Dur ing the evening 56 medals, were presented to pupils who had not missed one session of the school during the year, and 16 Bibles to scholars who had been regular in their attendance and had not received Bibles the previous year. Very-handsome copies of Gustave Dore's illustrated Bible were prosented to Rev. Thompson and D. B. Bartholmew, esq., a warm friend of the school, and cards and other remembrances to the super intendent, Mr. Henry Moore, C. Gibson and others. The report of the sceretary, Hersh, shows a large increase in the number scholars and their average attendance, while Mr. I. Hauman, the treasurer, report a healthy condition of the treasury. The west end of the church was fitted up to

represent the interior of an old-fashioned

THE RIVER BOROUGH.

TION IN COLUMBIA.

Order General-Personal Paragraphs-Some Accidents of the Rail-A Runaway Followed by an Upset.

The Christmas of 1884 was a lively one Columbia; hundreds of strangers were in town, and they with those of our citizens who were on the streets, made Columbia about a ively as it has been for many a long day, At least one out of every three men to be seen wandering around the street had a good load of free lunch in them, but with one exception, they were orderly, the only disturbance was a fight at Fendrich's corner, in

beautiful holiday attire in evergreen and flags, was crowded from early morn until midnight. About 2,500 persons attended the

presented with a china tea set, by the mem

served, and will long recall pleasant memo-Personal.

Mr. George B. Breneman and wife, of Philadelphia are visiting the Misses Pearce on Front street.

A quilt containing 500 patches was made by Miss Emily May, within three weeks, and

arge numbers assembled in the chapel,

have been attending college.

John Meiskey, aged 20 years, died at his home, in Irouville, at 5 this a. m.,
The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Leber, who reside 3 miles back of Wrightsville, was celebrated yesterday, in an appropriate manner. A dozen or more an appropriate manner. A' dozen or

tion.

Mrs. H. M. Sample and son are visiting in Philadelphia.

Mr. Charles Erwin and sister, Miss Minnie. of New York, are in Columbia, the guests of their sister, Mrs. L. W. May. J. W. Willson returned to Harrisburg this

Wanted a Christmas Turkey.

pair of turkeys from the rear of the vehicle, and then start off up Market alley. The lady ran after, caught and made him return the stolen poultry. A Runaway and Upset.

As Miss Steve Breneman, who resides on the Marietta pike, and two other lady friends, when coming over Wistar's hill towards Columbia, in a wagon, their horse scared and ran off. The wagon was upset and its occu-pants spilled, but strange to say escaped injury. The animal after releasing himself from his traces returned home. The ladies after gathering themselves together, unloaded the wagon, walked to Columbia with its con-tents, and attended their duties at market.

Presentations. Charles Fleckenstein, musical director of Charles Fleckenstein, musical director of the Columbia cornet band, was presented with an overcoat by the members of that organization yesterday, in the Franklin house dining rooms. It was a complete sur-prise, and the grateful director testified his appreciation by a few well-chosen remarks. Mr. John A. Slade, past eminent com-mander of Cyrene commandery, K. T., was also surprised vesterday morning a hour 30 of also surprised yesterday morning. About 30 of the Masonic friends gathered in the Frank-liu house parlors, then sent for him. Their

A freight car was derailed at the transfe siding in the west yards, by the trucks being unable to take the curve, the body bolt of the

truck being broken.

As shifting engine No. 968 was doing work on the lower siding in Bruner's coal yards, and which lies within three feet of the edge of the canal, a rail turned and threw the engine off the tracks. Engineer Smith quickly used the air and reversed the engine, and had he not been so prompt it and its contents would have gone into the canal. Another revolution of the driver would have caused a erious accident.

Russell Supplee had the index finger of his left hand mashed on Wednesday, by a stedge in the P. R. R. round house, while holding a

pany will render that grand melo-drama in the opera house next Tuesday evening. Kelly & Conner's variety troupe, did poor business in Columbia Tuesday and Wednesday nights; but they gave a fine performaif the same. Cookman chapel Sunday school will cele brate its Christmas entertainment in

brate its Christmas entertainment in the chapel this evening.

Train Dispatcher R. E. Williams, was presented with a handsome Masonic charm, yesterday, by P. R. R. despatchers at Columbia.

An exciting wheelbarrow race between four young men was held in the Metropolitan rink on Wednesday night. The first prize, \$200, was awarded to William Humble.

As is usual union services whit be not during the week of prayer. It has been proposed that the opening service be held in the opera house on Sunday, Jan. 4th, at 4 p. m. and the closing service in the same place, on

officers were elected for the ensuing year : M. E. H. P.—Joel S. Eby. M. E. K.—J. Gust Zook. M. E. S.—J. L. Lyte. Treasurer—Charles A. Heinitsh.

Secretary—H. S. Gara. Trustees—Henry Baumgardner, William Morton, Christian Widmyer. Representative to grand chapter, George R. Welchans. The above named officers were installed by Past M. E. H. P., William J. Fordney. Christiana Lodge No. 417, F. A. M. elected the following officers on Wednesday even-

W. M.—Henry Hoover Hamilton.
S. W.—Milton Heldelbaugh.
J. W.—Rankin Martin Coulter.
Treasurer—Samuel Slokum.
Secretary—Edwin Garrett.
The above named officers were inst

Eno Wins a Billiard Prize. John C. Eno again entered a hilliard tournament at the Merchants' club, St. Rochs, Quebec, and came out victorious, carrying off a gold medal valued at \$50. PROGRESSIVE LOCAL JOURNALISM.

How Some Esteemed Contemporaries Celebra-ted the Christmas Season. The Examiner displayed enterprise in printing a double sheet issue on the day be-fore Christmas, a very large portion of its surplus matter consisting of original and well-selected Christmas literature. A good

well-selected Christmas literature. A good wood cut portrait of the late John Strohm was one of the features of the publication.

The Landisville Vipil came out with a Christmas supplement a good deal bigger than itself; but it proudly announces that its present size will be quadrupled after Jan. 3, when it will appear in a new outfit. That the Vigil is as brave as a game cock may be inferred from the fact that he calls the Mount Joy Star and News 1 an overan of concentral Joy Star and News "an organ of concentra ted flat Dutch cabbage-head journalism."

A FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

A Horse and Sleigh Run Into A Moving Last evening shortly before 8 o'clock Albert Felker, who resides near Mt. Joy, was driving down Main street of that borough when he lost control of his horse. The second section of Day Express east, was passing over the railroad crossing at a terrific rate, at the time. The animal ran against the train, and with the sleigh was dashed against a fence. Mr. Felker was thrown out, and bosides having a very ugly cut in the head, had his

hip injured.

Dr. Ziegler attended him after which he was taken to his home. He is believed to be badly hurt, but the full extent of his injuries.

The gleich was is not exactly known. The sleigh was broken to pieces, but, strange to say, the horse was not injured. Upon the arrival of the train in this city it was found that several pieces had been broken off the car steps by the accident.

NORTH AND SOUTH.

A More General Observance of the Day that Ever Before Known. The observance of Christmas day, both religious and secular, throughout the United states, was marked by unusual features of devotion, charity and rejoicing. In New York, thousands attended the services at the Catholic and Episcopal churches; the inmates of homes, reformatories and penal institu-tutions were given bountiful dinners, and the poor were remembered in the distribu-tion of gifts. "The Five Points mission made thousands happy, and even the Jewish hos-pital spread an unusual feast for its immates." In New Orleans, a Christmas tree from "Ike In New Orieans, a Christmas tree from "Ike Marvel's" place in Connecticut was erected in the main building, and gifts were distributed from it to all the men, women and children who applied for them. The supply was so bountiful that considerable remained over. The gifts were mostly contributed by Director General Burke, and Commissioner Pickering was the Santa Claus. ering was the Santa Claus.

Commendable Modesty. From the Lebanon Independent.

The Lancaster Intelligencer came to our table last Thursday dressed up in an elegant new suit of type and having its entire makeup completely metamorphosed, so that even its best friends failed to recognize it at first. The change is a decided improvement. The INTELLIGENCER now takes its stand aside of the best and most progressive inland daily newspapers. Without any flourish of trum pets announcing the "wonderful" improve ments they have made and to which they "point with just pride," the editors simply quote the trite saying: "Good wine needs no bush." This is modesty, indeed.

Hart by Falls.

Taylor Myers, while walking on Middle street, on Wednesday night, fell and broke his leg. He was taken to his boarding hous on Water street, where his injuries were attended by Dr. Roland.

A three-years old child of John Chambers, residing on North street, fell down stairs on Wednesday evening and broke its arm in two places. Dr. Shirk is the attending phys-

From the Lititz Express.
On Wednesday there arrived at this place three large bells for the Mary Dixon Memo rial chapel at Linden Hall seminary. The first bell weighs 837 pounds; the second, 472, and the third, 236, or 1545 together. They will chime every morning. They cost about

severe attack of neuralgia. He was con-sidered to be in a critical condition on Wednesday, but to-day he is much im-

30,000 barrel oil tanks, situated at West Junetion, five miles from Elmira, exploded at 7:40 this morning, and both tanks were soon a seething mass of flames. The shock of the explosion was felt in Elmira. In many cases dishes being thrown from shelves and mirrors broken. No one was seriously hurt, although the houses near by were badly damaged, being riddled as if by cannons. The fire is still raging and the loss will not

treaty of peace with France placing, his king dom under French protection. This action makes the validity of the treaty incontestible.

Disappeared With \$10,000. peared with \$10,000, a part of which was borrowed from friends, while the rest be-

was saved.

late, and the western mail on the New Y Central was two and a half bours lais. Juvenile Jati Breakers Recepts LEBANON, Dec. 28.—The four boy

who escaped from jail recently, were tured to-day in a barn near hore. The go stolen by them since their escape from were captured with them.

GHRISTMAS DAY.

How the Glad Tidings of Great Joy Were Received in Lancaster.

AN IDEAL HOLIDAY THAT WAS BRIM MING WITH MERRIMENT.

Noteworthy Religious Features of the Day's Observance- Fine Music and Excellent Sermons-How the Fun-Loying Portion of the Public Put in Their Time-The thay on the Road and Some of

Its Minor Features.

The great Christmas festival was joyonsly commemorated in Lancaster, and believer and unbeliever alike have occasion to remember it as a day of gladness. The religious feature of the day's observance was more than usually significant, and the services in the churches of all denominations were of a high order of excellence, and all were attended by large congregations. The day abroad was an ideal Christmas. The air was just cold enough to be bracing, and the merry jingle of the sleigh bells kept time with the joyous beat of the Christian pulse. Within doors old Santa Claus was kept busy distributing presents to the little ones, and few were the homes where his work was not on exhibition. Though the volume of business at the stores was much smaller, the business men had been prepared for a decreased traffic, and they profess themselves satisfied with the results of the Christmas trade. Below will be found the main features.

religious and secular, of the day's celebra

THE LUTHERAN CHURCHES. How the Glad Christmas Tidings were heard by the Followers of the Reformation Leader. At St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, corner of Duke and Church streets, the decorations were elaborate, but neat. The pillars were twined with evergreen, there were wreaths on the walls, above the pulpit a heavy festoon of evergreens, on each side of the altarlarge Christmas tree, filled with gifts, and between the festoons over the altar was the inscription in blue letters on a silver background, "Glory to God, in the Highest." The morning service was opened with the singing of Christmas anthems by the choir which was followed by congregational singing. The sermon was preached by Rev.

Meister from Luke 2: 10-11, "Behold I bring

you good tidings of great joy, which shall be

Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.' In the evening the Sunday school celebration was held and the programme was gone through with, reflecting great credit on all concerned. It consisted of recitations, dia logues, responsive reading and an address by the pastor. The Sunday school officers were unable to secure an orchestra for this evening and they have decided on giving another en tertainment on Sunday evening, when there will be a full orchestra present. A special programme has been prepared for the day evening entertainment. Mr. Meister was especially fortunate this Christmas in school presented him with a writing desk, the bible class with a handsome dressing case,

and the confirmation class also made him handsome present.

" STON'S LUTHINGAN CHURCH. Zion's Lutheran church is very tastefully with evergreens, there is a large archabove the pulpit, between which is the inscription, in white letters on a green background, " Be hold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy,' and above the arch is a star. The exercises on Christmas morning opened with Christmas anthems by the choir, after which Rev. Mayser preached a sermon from John i., 16,

The Sunday-school held their annual cele bration in the evening, and two large trees, one on each side of the altar, filled with gifts, added to the beauty of the church. The programme of the evening was made up of recitations, dialogues, hymns, presentations of valuable books to the larger members of the Sunday-school, and addresses by Rev. May ser, and Henry Gerhard, superintendent of the Sunday-school. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Sunday-school at the

evening service, and a handsome sum wa GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN.

The committee in charge of the decoration of Grace Lutheran church did their work well, and the interior of the church presents a handsome appearance. At the morning service on Christmas morning, Rev. Houpt small class was confirmed. The Sunday school heid their usual Christmas celebration in the evening, when the following Christ mas service was observed : Processional—" Joy to the World," cheir, co-

gregation and school.

Prayer.

Carol—"Christmas Music Merrily Makes the Carol—" Christmas Music Merrily Makes the Echo."

"The Prophetic Christ"—Responsive reading. Carol—" We are Watching."

"The Holy Child"—Responsive reading. Carol—" No Room in the Inn."
Infant Carol—" Our Christ is Born."
Carol—" To us this day in David's Town."
Carol—" To us this day in David's Town."
Carol—" The Hills of Rethiehem."
Carol—" Never Shown a Light so Fair."

"The Guiding Star"—Responsive reading.
Carol—" Star—Bright and Wonderful."

Hymn—" Gladly the Trumpet Sounds."

After the distribution of prizes the large

congregation present were dismissed with

TRINITY LUTHERAN. A beautiful scene met the eyes of the large congregation attending the musical festival in Old Trinity. The decoration was never so elaborate, and its arrangement showed that master-hands were at work. Around the edges of the galleries were placed large, bulky spruce trees about eight feet apart : above the higher front windows on the left and right of the pulpit were the words in black extended text letters "HUMAN"-"DIVINE," respectively; upon the right gasbracket of the pulpit hung a banner of silk, on which the inscription "LADDER SET UPON THE EARTH." was tastefully wrought, and on the left another of similar design was inscribed "THE TOP OF IT REACHING TO HEAVEN"; from the centre of the pulpit a dder of evergreen rested upon the end wal

flected the rays upon an angel suspended The choir of fifty male voices, under the direction of Rev. C. L. Fry, rendered a Christmas hymn in pleasing manner. Miss Ella Musser presided at the organ. The thrilling sweetness of the following

within a yard from the ceiling, and immedi-

ately above the ladder a creased metal star

with a gas-jet burning brightly before it, re-

Knight, Hager, Mohring, Weber, Apple, Zahm, Biser and Master Zahm : Overture—"Temcredi"—(Rossine.)
"Four Songs"—(Mendelssohn.)
"Selection Puritani."
Clarionet solo—"Francenia"—by Prof. Thor

out by Prof. Thorbahn's orchestra, composed

of Messrs. Krebs, Robertson, Bowman, Lotz,

ing portions of the second and sixth chapters of St. Luke. The 218th hymn was sung by the congregation. A collection was lifted for the poor of the church, and the services were

In the afternoon Christmas carols were sung by the scholars of the Sunday school in the chapel and candy was distributed to all

At Christ Lutheran church the walls of the building were handsomely festomed with evergreens and a large Christmas tree was placed near the pulpit. At the morning service Rev. E. L. Reed preached a sermon from Luke 2, xi. In the evening the Sunday school entertainment was held and consisted of "The Holy Child" carols, responsive read

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN.

interesting programme has been prepared.

AMONG THE CATHOLICS. Fine Musical Service at St. Mary's The Day in St. Anthony's and St. Joseph's.

splendent.

The most strking feature of the early morn ing service was the music, which has, persaps, never before been surpassed in the histoev of the church. Prof. Carl. Thorbahn's rehestra of four pieces added to the music of the organ presided over in fine style by Prof. Heas, a completeness that was more than tion, under the able leadership of Wm. B. Altick, won golden opinions from all. The mass sumo was Generalli's mass in G., a beautiful and difficult production. Mrs. B. J. MeGrann, with a soprano voice, rich, clear and correct, sang Novello's Adeste Fideles, Lambillote's Christmas bymn was very sweetly rendered by Mrs. W. B. Altick. The solos in the mass were taken by Misses Mazie Malone and Lizzie Bachler, sopranos, and Miss Edith Johnston, controlto, all of whom acquitted then selves with distinction. Messes, Harry tenors, and Messers, Joe, Altick, Frailey and Mr. Ford Weber's work on the cornet during the rendition of the Christmas hymn was

individually and collectively for their ser-

the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC There were no decorations at St. Joseph's Catholic church this year, on account of work going on around the building, preparatory to the erection of a new edifice. The early Father Grotemyer, and masses were also

church ready for occupancy. ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC. rations were fine. Between the arches of evergreen spanning the sanctuary were the

After vespers the Sunday school children

PART I. SCENE-THE SCHOOL BOOM. Prologue—Planist or organist. Chistmas Carol—"Hark, the Bells !" School. Rectintion—"God's First Promise of a Saviour," Master Frank Shaub. Quartet and Chorns—"Come, Gentle Faith."

ni, Chorus—" Reaping, Reaping," Reapers, Dialogue—" Midden, T Am But a Stranger," uth, Zlipah and Beaz, Duet—" Moab's Fairest Daughter," Zilpah and

Recitation-"O People Honored of the Lord

THE REFORMED CHURCH.

fire burned brightly. The ancient andirons, shovel, tongs and poker, the brass candle, sticks and grandfather's clock on the mantle Pine Programme at St. Paui's-Elabora Decorations in the First Church. at 1050 o'elock, and were opened with the singing of an anthem by the choir, after

"Carol, Carol, Christmas, by the school, Recitation..." Merry Christmas," Alice Wel-

school.
Recitation—" In the Solemn Midnight," Laura Kready.
Hymn—Solo and Chorns—Infant school.
Responsive Reading—Superintendent and

Rev. Neff, preached a Christmas sermon on Sabbath school assembled in the church and participated in the entertainment. Each of the members of the Bible class recited verses from the Old and New Testament appropriate to the day. The children of the infant department sang several selections and recited

Early morning service was held at the First Reformed church and there was a large congregation present. The choir, assisted by the choir of the Second Reformed church and Keffer's Institute orchestra, eighteen pieces, rendered the "Adeste Fidelis," Mozart's Gloria" and Darland's "Te Deum." The solos were sung by Misses Locher and Sener, Messrs, Stamm and Souter. The decorations were finer this year than ever before and re-fleet great credit upon the ladies who had charge of the same. The altar was filled with ferns and tropical plants and the sides of the church were festooned with evergreens. The

The Reautiful Decorations and Fine Music at St. James. At St. James' Episcopal the font, chancel, ectern and altar were handsomely decorated with holly and evergreen. There were special Christmas services at this church, iducted by Rev. Dr. Knight, after which Rev. Prof. Francis D. Hoskins of Fairbault, Minnesota, preached an eloquent sermon on the incarnation of our Lord. The musica part of the morning service was in charge of Prof, Matz and he was assisted by an enlarged eneir. Among the music was "The Adeste Fideles," "Knapp's

entertainment, will be given on the evening of Holy Innocents day, and an interesting programme has been prepared for the occa-

communion. Mr. Hoskins, with his family, left this afternoon for his new position as warden of Hobart college at Faribault, Minne-Festoons of lycopodium adorned the pul-pit, font and chancel furniture, and two hand-

The Moravian Church. At the Moravian church the decorations were elaborate. Garlands were placed over the doors on either side of the pulpit, Christmas trees werr placed by the side of the lecturn and pulpit, in the rear of these and

larger trees and between these trees a large

sang Mozart's Gloria, the congregation a

hung in readiness for Santa Claus' visit, made a very good imitation of an old-time Christmas Eve. Santa Claus was personated by Master Harry Falk, and delighted the little ones. The entertainment was in charge of Assistant Superintendent D. H. Bartholomew the superintendent, Mr. H. C. Moore, baving been called to Philadelphia by the death of At the Union Bethel. Rev. W. R. Coovert, of Pittsburg, preached at the Union Bethel church on Wednesday evening on the birth of Christ, On Christmas morning the Sunday school scholars assembled in the lecture room, where two large Christmas trees, filled with candies and toys

and the rows of stockings of all sizes which

LANCASTER, PA., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1884.

number of Christmas carols and address by Rev. Selheimer and S. J. Owens, superintendent of the Sunday school, gifts were distributed to the children. Second Evangelical Sunday School. The Second Evangelical Sunday school, or Mulberry street, held their celebration last evening. The exercises consisted of respon-sive readings, recitations by the scholars singing of Christmas carols and an address by the pastor, Rev. L. N. Worman. All the children were made happy by being present-

ed with handsome gifts. At the County Poor House and Hospital. Early in the morning all the inmates of these institutions were treated to a bountiful supply of cakes and apples, after which Steward Brock delivered an address kindly urging upon all the duty of observing the day in a proper and becoming manner, concluding his remarks by wishing all a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," At the onclusion of Mr. Brock's address the inmates rose to their feet and returned him their thanks for his kind attention to their every want. The dinner at the poor house consisted of

and pie. At the hospital Dr. McCleary subdituted oyster soup for yeal. In the afternoon A. C. Leonard held a service of song and prayer at the lower hos pital (better known as the pest house), and also at the colored people's apartments in the basement of the insune asylum. At the conclusion of these services Mr. Leonard distributed dainties to the sick, the same having seen kindly provided for the purpose by Mr. Joshua L. Lyte, of this city. At 5 o'clock in the evening the inmates in

coast yeal, dressing, potatoes, celery, sauces,

presched by Chaplain Swank, after which eautiful Christmas cards were presented to all present. Notes of the Day's Celebration. Alderman Barr presented each of the shifts of the potice force with a box of Havanas. Harry Stehman, eigar manufacturer, enter tained his employes at a supper on Christmas

Edward F. Powell, instructor, gave

Christmas sociable at Excelsior hall on

where an able and appropriate sermon was

Christmas afternoon. The attendance was The skating rinks were well patronized. In the afternoon both were crowded. In the evening, at the West King street rink, the Midgets" gave an exhibition of fancy skat-

Mr. John Trissier of this city received from his son Harry H. Trissler of Peale City, Centre county, Pa., on Wednesday, a deep weighing 125 pounds. The hills in several sections of the city were crowded with coasters on Christmas afteroon, and several hundred persons availed themselves of the good skating on the

Conestoga creek at Graeff's landing. Christmas services were held by the Sunlay-schools of the Reformed, Lutheran and United Brethren churches last evening. At the Reformed church, the decorations were elaborate. The audience chamber was crowded, chairs were carried in to increase the scating capacity, and yet many were compelled to stand. The exercises consisted or anthems by the choir and Christmas carols by the school. The superintandent Mr. H. C. Boyd, presided, Mr. W. J. Johnson, of Lancaster, conducted the devotional exercises nd delivered an address. Mr. Stauffer on the part of the choir and congregation in appropriate words, presented a beautiful silver aiter, pitcher and goblet, chased and gold lined, to Miss Hostetter, the organist of the

the school and church. Mr. H. C. Gingrich, leader of the choir, responded on the part of Miss Hostetter. Boxes of candy and orange were distributed to all the scholars. The Day at Quarryville.

The usual Christmas festivities at St. Paui' Reformed church, Quarryville, last evening were on a grander scale this year than usual, the church was finely decorated, and tw beautifully trimmed trees with a large lighted arch was in front of the pulpit. The programme consisted of a fine collec-tion of music by the choir accompanied by

the cornet. All the children of the Sunday

school were presented with Christmas cards

A LARGE MILL BURNED. A Fire Near Refton Involving a Considerable Loss of Property. On Wednesday evening the large frame flour and saw mill owned by Samuel Miller of Quarryville, and situated about a mile and a half south of Refton on the Rig Beaver creek, was totally destroyed by fire. Th

flames were first seen shortly after 7 o'clock

and they spread so rapidly that in a short time the structure was laid in ashes. The fire is supposed to have originated from a de-Up to a short time ago the mill was op erated by Daniel Helm, and when he left Frank Miller, the brother of the owner, took it in charge. In the building at the time of the fire there were 450 bushels of corn, 100 bushels of wheat and 150 bushels of oats, all of which was burned. The valuable chinery, including the circular saw in the saw mill, was either totally destroyed ruined. The grain was owned by Frank Miller, Benjamin Herr, Jacob M. Miller and

others. The building was insured for \$5,000, and the contents for \$300 in the Penn mutual company. It is said that this will not cover the loss. Whilst the Christmas festival was being held at Wesley church in Colerain twp., the large Christmas tree took fire from a candle, and for a short time it looked rather serious The large crowd in the church were badly frightened, but with a little coolness on the part of a few a stampede was prevented and the fire extinguished.

the use of Elizabeth Harberger, on Saturday afternoon issued execution against Henry W. Harberger, Alexander Harberger and The sheriff commenced the sale of the stock at the grocery store of Joseph Herzog at ten o'clock this morning to satisfy the exe ention issued by Dana Graham fer \$14,000. F.S. Bletz of Columbia has made an assign ment of his property for the benefit of his creditors to Robert A. Evans.

Eliza B. S. Harberger, widow, in trust for

Articles of agreement for the sparring natch between Frank Montroville and Lewis Munroe at the entertainment on New Year night, have been left at the INTEL-LIGENCER office. They have been signed by Montroville and his friend and they await the approval and sighature of Muurob.

Lewis S. Hartman presented each of his employes with a turkey on Christmas eve

NOTES OF THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRA

The Town Filled With Strangers and G

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the morning.
The Metropolitan rink, which had on

hree sessions.

The different Sunday schools were packed with an audience that was attentive to and inerested in the exercises, all of which were of an exceptionally fine character. Besides pro viding candies, etc., to the children, several other incidents occurred at these entertain ments, which were pleasant to all concerned. The bible class of Mr. L. W. May, of the E. E. Lutheran Sunday school, presented him with a magnificient gold-headed cane; Mr. W. N. Barr's and Mrs. Ella Weiser's classes in the M. E. church, also made presents, the former receiving a pair of roller club skates, and the latter a silk umbrella. Rev. J. F. Meixell, pastor of the Bethel church, was

bers of the Sunday school. On the whole the day was properly ob-

Mr. A. S. Dautrick, of Reading, spent Christmass in Columbia, as the guest of Mr.

presented to her grandfrther, Mr. Martin Erwin, yesterday. It was a lively piece of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pearce, of New York, are in town.

Messrs, Harry and William Bruner, are
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Columbians were present and express them-selves as being delighted with their recep-

Mrs. Joshua Sourbeer, of York county, while unloading her wagon at the Columbia market, on Wednesday afternoon, saw a young man, whose name is unknown, steal a

appearance was a great surprise, but when A. J. Kauffman esq., arose and on behalf of those present presented him with an elegant K. T. mark, it was complete. Mr. Slade accepted the beautiful gift with a few well-chosen words.

Rail Accidents.

The Vigilant ball in Armory hall Wednes day night was a success. But few distur-bances were caused, and before any blows were struck peace and quiet was restored by the able and efficient floor managers. Morris & Bock's "Power of Money" com-

Chas. Rankey was hauled home on a sled yesterday in a haif-frozen condition. To much Xmas. As is usual union services will be held

At the meeting of Chapter No. 43, R. A M., held on Thursday evening, the following

ers were installed by

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—For the Middle Atlantic states partly cloudy weather, and local snows, north to east winds, higher temperature, lower baro, neter.

XENIA, O., Dec. 26.—John Ewing, grocer has failed; assets 27,000; liabilities about the