COLUMBIA'S AMUSEMENTS.

WHAT THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THAT TOWN FIND FUN IN.

Controversy as to the Fairness of Gum Rollers on Parlor Skates—A Coming Race in Armory Hall—A Series of Robberies—Borough Briefs.

Regular Correspondence of INTELLIGENCER.

COLUMBIA, Jan. 20.—One of the "rushers" of the Metropolitan polo club, wore a set of gum rollers in last Thursday's game with the Columbia team. This gave a great advantage, for the gum roller prevented his slipping. The captain of the Columbia said he would not allow his team to face the Mets again unless the "rushers" wore wooden rollers. Last evening when the two teams were to practice, the state of affairs was not changed, and when the referee was requested to compel the "rusher" to change the roller, he, the referee refused, perhaps because he was the father of the "rusher." At any rate the Columbia's left the floor of the rink. They were howled at and insulted by the Mets, who if their just dues had been given them, would have been ejected from the rink. Their conduct was childish in the extreme.

The race for the roller skating championship of Lancaster county, between Messrs. Strine and Cline of Lancaster, in the Metropolitan rink this evening, will attract a large concourse of spectators.

A game of polo was played in York last evening, between the Keystones of that borough, and a Baltimore team. Quite a number of Columbians witnessed the match.

In Armory Hall.

Co. C had another large drill, last evening. The boys are determined to make a creditable showing before President-elect Cleveland, both in appearance and evolution. To do the latter they will attend drill regularly. A scheme known as the "$100 bond scheme" was perfected last evening, which will issue in the former. A $100 U. S. government bond, bearing three per cent. interest, will be chanced off, on Saturday evening, Jan. 31st. The members will sell the 500 chances on the bond, if possible, at 50 cents per chance, or 11 chances for $5.

There is hardly any doubt but that the Charity ball, in Armory hall, this evening, will be other than a success. The arrangements are perfect in detail, and the attendance is all that now required to make it a financial success. The proceeds will go towards purchasing an artificial arm for James Maloney.

Among the Churches.

The congregation of Trinity Reformed church, now that their fair has closed, are looking around them trying to discover what repairs should be made to their church. Were all the plans that have been offered accepted, it would be much cheaper to erect a new church at once. However, this will not be done, neither will any repairs be made until some definite course of repair is settled upon. We were a little hasty in saying the silver watch would not be voted off. As soon as all moneys subscribed have been collected, the winner, whoever he may be, will be awarded the watch. The rag carpet was won by Mrs. Jno. Pinkerton.

Rev. J. B. Funk, pastor of the United Brethren church, was the recipient of a large donation party, consisting of members of his congregation, on Saturday evening. He was presented with a snug sum of money and a wagon load of dry goods and groceries.

The State of the River.

The river is too high to close, even though it fell several inches since our last report. If the weather continues as cold as it now is, and the river falls two feet, then our ice merchants will, after all, be able to fill their ice houses. The cut-lets are both covered with ice three or four inches in thickness, and this the merchants will cut as soon as it is deemed advisable. The Susquehanna is filled with floating ice, which moves about as rapidly as it did yesterday.

A Series of Robberies.

For some weeks past the residents along the Chiques creek have been greatly annoyed by numerous daring robberies, committed as they think of persons who are probably their neighbors, and who have organized themselves in a band of robbers. Messrs. Solomon Zeamer, John Mouk, Jacob Habecker and J. Greider, have been robbed during the past month, on an average of twice a week. Articles of food, wearing apparel, etc., are the goods stolen and the thefts bear such a resemblance to each other that they were probably committed by persons well acquainted with the grounds at these gentlemen's residences. So far the robbers have kept their identity from being known.

A Budget of Borough Briefs.

One of the best society dramas that Columbia has had the opportunity of seeing, will appear in the opera house, this evening, "Only a Woman's Heart" is endorsed by the press where it has been rendered.

Two freight cars while being shifted by the west yard shifter, No. 968, jumped the frogs at the transfer crossings, one last evening, one this morning.

An excursion to Montreal from January 24 to February 27th, will be run over the P. & R. R. R. to give Pennsylvanians an opportunity of seeing the great ice carnival.

Officer Wittick found a brass spring key, bearing the letters M. W. & Co., in Lancaster yesterday.

A ball and serenade will be held in Company I's armory, Wrightsville, this evening.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock, Chiquesaluna tribe will kindle a council fire in their wigwam.

Butcher alley was filled with frozen blood this morning. It was a terribly disgusting and sickening sight.

AMONG THE ALMANACS.

The Philadelphia *Times* almanac, as usual, is a political hand-book, packed full of information for Pennsylvanians and everybody else who wants to be posted. The issue following a presidential campaign is always of special interest and the present number quite excels anything undertaken in its line even by the enterprising publishers.

The Philadelphia *Record's* almanac for this year is a great improvement typographically on any that have gone before with the same imprint. Its illustrations and letter press are as fresh and comely as a bride's bonnet, and the contents are a variety of useful information. Its household department, civil directory, political table and diary of events for the past year are all of marked interest, but in its resume of sporting events the *Record's* almanac is unique and invaluable for information and reference.

The almanac of the *Public Ledger*, with its gaily illuminated cover, is in contrast with the staid and sombre appearance of the newspaper; but it is filled with the best matter and justifies all the promise of its prospectus that it is "a home book of reference and a treasury of useful information on local and general subjects and events."

The Baltimore *Sun* supplies its subscribers with an almanac of 96 pages for 1885, and it is superlative but merited praise to say that it is an improvement even on its predecessors. Though calculated and compiled mainly for the latitude of Baltimore and Maryland, it has many features of general interest and its record of the ballotings in the national convention is of unfailing interest.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* issues a profusely illustrated almanac this year, with various features of household and domestic interest.

Landreth's Seed Farms issue a Rural Register for 1885, which marks the 101st year of this business establishment, having been founded in 1784.

The Reading *News* and Trenton *Times* print very pretty annuals containing much useful information and adorned with many handsome wood cuts.

Good Shooting.

Yesterday afternoon Charles Franciscus and Henry Gardiner held their third shooting match, at Adam Snyder's saloon, in Schoenberger's park. The men first shot at ten birds and each killed nine. They then put up two more, when Franciscus killed his and Gardner missed. The score was:

Franciscus	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1—10
Gardner	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0—9

Franciscus has now won two matches and another, which was a tie, will be shot off.

Around the Station House.

Eighteen vags, accommodated with lodging at the station house last night, were discharged this morning.

Three gasoline lights were reported as not burning last night.

GOING TO FLORIDA.

The Conestoga Saw Mill Company Organized in Lancaster for Southern Operations.

On Friday the 30th inst. a party of gentlemen from this city and county will leave Lancaster for Phillipsburg, Orange county, Florida, and will take with them a sawmill with a capacity of 7,000 feet of lumber daily. Adam Hoak will have charge of them—H. W. Stein, of the Inquirer Printing company, R. D. McCaskey, son of Prof. J. P. McCaskey, Wm. G. Martin, Stanley Bruce, John Martin Messrs. Stauffer and Helm, and perhaps a few others will compose the party, and others will probably soon follow them. They represent the Conestoga Saw Mill company, of which Dr. R. R. Understood is president and Mrs. Mary F. Wilson, M. D. treasurer, and organizer of the enterprise.

Phillipsburg is a new settlement of about one hundred families from the state of Iowa. It is situated in the lake region of Orange county, and occupies a good position on the backbone of the peninsula. To reach it the party will go by steamer from New York to Fernandino, Florida; thence by rail southwest about 180 miles to Fort Mason, and thence by mules to Phillipsburg.

The company has already been offered large contracts for sawing lumber and the prospect of doing a thriving business is very good. The country abounds in fine pine lumber, and although the country is sparsely settled at present there are unmistakable indications that it will be rapidly settled by Northern emigrants.

STILL ADVOCATING CREMATION.

Matt Diggs Insists That it Is Right to Burn the Bodies of the Dead.

About fifty people gathered in the hall of Admiral Reynolds Post, G. A. R., last evening, to hear the lecture by Matthew Diggs, on the subject of "Cremation." The audience was very intelligent, being composed of the best people. The views of Matthew on this subject have been given in full in this paper, and although his lecture last evening was somewhat different from his former effort, he still clings to the opinion that it is right to burn bodies. He backs himself up by numerous works on the subject.

Although there was some fun last night, it was not as great as upon the occasion of Matt's first lecture. The interruptions were not as frequent, but he was compelled to stop several times and reprimand some of his listeners for laughing. It seems that Matt has a very learned lecture written on paper, but when he comes to deliver it he becomes pelled to make radical changes, owing to his inability to make out the large words at all times.

During the evening another colored Evangelist named Jones, came into the hall. He said his home was in Pittsburg, but he had come from Havre-de-Grace. He made a short address against cremation and delivered a prayer. There was also singing by a number of colored men.

In the colored church, at Fasnacht's, on Thursday night, Diggs and Neil Wilson will speak in favor of cremation, and Thomas Hunter against it. They also intend to have singing by the choir.

The Baltimore Crematorium.

At a meeting in Baltimore last evening of the persons interested in establishing a crematory there, Mr. John B. Rennous reported a visit that he made last week to the crematorium at Lancaster, where arrangements were then in progress for cremating a body. He said that in his efforts to get up a cremation society for Baltimore he has received communications from more than twenty citizens who are interested in it, and who will subscribe to the stock, but are not prepared to face the opposition which is the outgrowth of superstition and attachment to the pagan custom of burial. He and others had concluded that the first important step to be taken is to incorporate a society with a capital stock sufficient to build a crematory, with proper surroundings, and in that way to bring the movement squarely before the community. Then the prejudice will be overcome, and persons will not be afraid to be known as favoring it. The proposition for an incorporation met with general favor. Incorporators were named and it is expected to raise from $10,000 to $20,000 of stock in shares of $25 each.

A Would-Be Suicide Discovered.

Jacob Sheaffer, an old man living on Manor street, was arrested last evening by Officer Ritchey on a warrant issued by Alderman Donnelly, of the Eighth ward, charging him with drunkenness and disorderly conduct and threatening to do Mrs. Fetterly great bodily harm. Sheaffer was unable to furnish bail and was locked up. Early this morning Officer Ritchey went to the cell in the station house in which Sheaffer was confined, to see if he wanted anything. When the officer looked in the cell he saw Sheaffer making arrangements to commit suicide. The strap used by him to bind up his pantaloons he had around his neck, and he was about fastening it to the cage when the officer opened the door and took the strap from him. Sheaffer was given a hearing at 9 o'clock and committed to the county prison for 10 days for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

An Abe Buzzard Rumor.

A report was current on the streets this morning that Abe Buzzard was in the city, and that he had been seen in the southeastern section of the city. The report originated through Undertaker Shindel and Officers Barnhold and Rose being seen going to the southeastern section of the city, between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning. They were in search of a party wanted for false pretense, who was supposed to be hiding in that part of the city, but they failed to find their man.

Praising the Lancaster Watch.

Oppenheimer Bros. & Veith, who sold about 600 of the Lancaster watch movements, write to Manager Bitner that they gave better satisfaction to their customers than any other movement handled in their business experience; that not one half of one per cent. of the entire lot sold were returned, and those only for inferior jewels caused by careless handling. They also sent Mr. Bitner a card to one from the Milford, N. Y., jewelry store, that the Lancaster movements perform more better in all respects than either the Elgin Waltham or Illinois movements of the same original price and that they compare very favorably with the Rockford at a much less price.

Little Boys "Playing Doctor."

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Sunday afternoon, George and Ray Sweet, little boys, were "playing doctor," when George got on a chair and secured a package from the top of a clock, which he had seen his father put there a few days before. He gave a portion of the contents to his brother, who died in a short time. The powder in the package was found to be strychnine, bought to kill rats.

Telephone Connection.

Chas. A. Fon Dersmith's residence, No. 340 North Duke street, has been connected with the telephone.

Entertainment.

An evening entertainment, consisting of select readings and singing, will be given in Christ Lutheran church, West King street this evening. Coffee and cake will be served.

Amusements.

The "Cold Day" Party.—To-morrow evening Frank Girard's company will play "A Cold Day When We Get Left," and will no doubt draw a big house. Charles Burke, one of the leading men, was formerly a member of Rice's "Evangeline" company. Miss Gracie Lambert, the soubrette, is a near relative of J. K. Emmet, the famous German dialect comedian and is said to inherit the talent of the Emmets. She is one of the prettiest ladies on the stage.

Series of Races.—The second of the series of races for a beautiful silver medal will be held this evening at the Metropolitan rink. The contestants will be Rudolph Gelies, Robert Geiger, Charles Willis, Frank Taylor and John Mettlestick.

DEATHS.

DALEY.—In this city, on the 18th inst., Mary A., relict of the late Patrick P. Daley, in the 74th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday morning at 8½ o'clock, from her late residence, No. 109 Church street. High mass at St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock. To proceed to St. Mary's cemetery for interment. 2*

KROTEL.—In this city, on the 17th inst., Henry J., son of Mary and the late John Krotel, aged 9 years, 4 months and 22 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his mother's residence, No. 230 Low street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Woodward Hill cemetery. 1t*

LEFEVER.—January 19, 1885, Henry M. Lefever, in the 51st year of his age.

Funeral to take place from his late residence, No. 442 North Queen street, Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, and services, with interment, at Landisville meeting house, at 10 o'clock. 2t*

SHANNON.—In this city, January 19, 1885, Franklin Agel, youngest son of James R. and Caroline D. Shandberg, aged 6 years, 7 months and 4 days.

[New York and San Francisco papers copy.]

REYNOLDS.—In Philadelphia, on the 19th inst., J. R. Reynolds, 69y.

Funeral from the residence of Dr. J. Ang Ehler, on Thursday afternoon at 2½ o'clock. Interment at Woods and Hill cemetery. 2t*

MARKETS.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—Flour firm; quiet demand; superfine, $2.50@2.75; extra, $2.75@3.12½; Penna. family, $3.25@3.50; Minn. extra, $3.25@3.50; Minn. family, $3.75@4.25; Minn. patent, $4.25@4.50; Penna. and Ohio family, $3.75@4.25; patent, $4.25@4.50; Penna. roller process, $3.75@4.25; patent, $4.25@4.50; Minn. clear, $3.50@3.75; straight, $3.75@4.00; patent, $4.00@4.50; Penna. and Ohio