THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

HOW IT WAS OBSTRUED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY.

Imposing Services in Nearly All the Churchs on Saturday and Sunday - Many Sunday School Entertaloments-Everywhere

a Day of General Good Cheer.

Christmas of 1886 has come and gone and it leaves a pleasant memory behind. l parts of the country come reports of beautiful weather on that day and a general spirit of good cheer everywhere manifest. In Lancaster nearly all the churches held special services which were thronged. The musical programmes and decorations were notable even for this great Christian festival. merchants report Friday a very big business day despite the bad weather. Below are given the details of the day's observance;

THE LUTHERAN OBSERVANCE Prettyale at Trinity-Description of the Deco

rations of the Church. The Christmastide services at Trinity began at 7 and at 10:30 a. m. At both every pew in the church was occupied. The first service was a recounting of the birth and early years the scriptural portion of the narrative, and the one hundred and ten voices in the choir, with the instrumental music, completed a featival that was intensely interesting. There were fifteen sections, and each was in troduced by verses from Isaiah. Matthew and Luke, they being entitled as follows : First, Aforetime promises of the Messiah; 2d, Foretelling of His life and character; 3d, The prophecies fulfilled; 4th, The manger cradle; bth, The shepherds; 6th, The good things of great joy: 7th, The multitude or sngels! 8th, Going to Bettlehem; 9th, Glo-rifying and praising God: 10th, Made courch member in infancy; 11th, Presented to the Lord : 12th, Returning home

Visit of the Wise Men; lith, The flight into Egypt, and the murder of the innocents; 15th, The Christ Je us in the temple.

At the final Christmas Day exercises the pastor's sermon was upon the principal rea-sons for commemorating this joyous agniversary. There was also special most as this service.

The collections from the congregations on There was also special music at

this day were, as has been the custom for years, for the relief of the destitute of the

c.ty.
On Sunday evening at half-past six the
Sabbath school festival was held in the
church, and it was largely attended. There
were twelve carols and Scriptural reading.

The church decorations were very beautiful. Back of the chancel railing began the mountain of huge spruce trees that reached nearly to the top of the high pulpit recess. At the crest was placed an illuminated cancas, representing the Saviour. On the front wall to the right of the pulpit were the words in large ornamental carmine letters, unto you is born this day in the Cit David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lo hat on the left contained the words hold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," in the type of letters and color of those before described. Wreaths, of holly, spruce and red berries, suspended from the gas brackets, and the jet letters placed some time ago for the sesqui-centennial celebration, still in post-tion, added much to the beautiful scene. ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

At St. Stephen's Lutheran church services were held on Christmas morning at 10:15, After the liturgical service Rev. Meister preached the Christmas sermon from Isaiah, His theme was the child in the manger. J. E. Linder presided at the organ manger. J. E. Linder presided at the organ and the selections by the choir were appropriate to the day. In the evening a Sunday school entertainment was given. The programme was made up of recitations, carola and an address by the pastor. A pleasant incident, not on the programme, was the presentation to the Sunday school, on behalf of Frank Cron, of a fine work of art entitled "The Passion of Christ," Mr. Cron was a former member of St. Stephen's church and is now a student at the art scademy, New York.

city, a student of Gettyshurg theological seminary, filled the pulpit, Rev. Meister officiating at Strasburg. On Sunday evening a special programme of music was gone through. The sejections were appropriate to the season. At the conclusion of the programme the children of the Sunday school ware presented with affect and 25 of the negative. were presented with gifts and 25 of the pupils who were not absent a single sunday during the year received an extra gift. The decorations of this church were very

The decorations of this church were very fine. Christmas trees were piaced on either side of the altar and festoons of evergreens were suspended from the centre of the arch to each side. In this arch and on each side were the words in green letters "Ehre Sel Gott in der Habe, und Friede auf Erden und the menachen ein Wohlgefallen" which translated reads "Giory to God on high and peace on earth to men of good will." Evergreens were also placed around the gallery and conspicuous on the altar was a represen-

and conspicuous on the sitar was a represen-tation of Christ in the manger.

The pastor of the church was kindly re-membered. He was presented with a silk umbrella by his Sunday school class, an oil painting from the Sunday school and a student's lamp from the confirmation class. CHRIST LUTHERAN.

The Christmas sermon was preached at the 10 o'clock service on Christmas morning at Christ Lutheran church, from St. John 3: 16. In the evening a children's service was held. In the evening a children's service was held. It consisted of select passages of scripture appropriate to the day, the singing of carols, the recitation of selections from the poets suitable to the day, and fine music by the Young People's society of the church, with orchestra accompaniment, by their own members. The decorations were elaborate but tasty. A large tree containing gifts for the children occupied a prominent place on the altar, and evergreens were tastefully festioned from the altar to the rear of the church. Rev. Reed was presented by the Sunday school, through Prof. Buehrle, the superintendent, with a handsome gift. The reverend gentleman was also agreeably sursuperintendent, with a handsome git. The reverend gentleman was also agreeably sur-prised on Christmas eve on being presented with a purse, containing a handsome sure. This was the Christmas gift from his congre-

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Zion's Lutheran church on Vine street was more richly decorated this year than ever before. Around the sides of the church and gallery were festoons of evergreens.
Above the recess at the altar was a festoon of greens and in the arch in while letters were the words:" Behold I Bring You Glad Tidthe words: "Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings of Great Joy." The Christmas morning services were held at 10:15 and were
opened with an organ duett with variations
from the Cecilian bymn, by George Benkert
and Harry Mayser. The other musical selections by the choir were: "O, Glorious
Night in Which God is Come to Us." "Fear
Not, Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings of
Great Joy." The Christmas sermon was
preached by Rev. Mayser from the gospel of
the day, St. Luke 2: 1-14; and Issiah 9: 6-7.
The theme treated was the Incarnation of the
Son of God, the greatest fact in history.

The Sunday school celebration was held
on Christmas evening. Two large trees
were erected at the entrance to the altar and
these were filled with gitts for the children.

these were filled with gifts for the children. The programme of exercises consisted of the singing of Christmas carols, recitations by singing of Christmas carols, recitations by the children, liturgical services conducted by Henry Gerhart, superintendent of the Sunday school, and an address by Rev. Mayser. Books were presented to the Bible and Christmas cards and candies to the

Organist Benkert was the recipient of bandsome toilet box, the gift of the choir.
GRACE LUTHERAS CHURCH.

The decorations of Grace church were very pretty, especially around the chancel, where there was a canopy of greens and many pretty devices. Around the windows also were evergreen stars, wreaths, &c. The morning services were held at 10:30, and included a sermon by the pastor, the confirma-

tion of a class of fourteen catechumens, and the baptism of three adults. In the evening there was a childrens' ser-vice consisting of earol singing, together with

solos, trios, semi-chorus, recitations, &c. One very pretty spectacle was rendered by Miss Laura Sleber, Wm. H. Weichans, Jennie Pool and Stella Cheney, who represented the rising of a star, while a trio, "We Three Kings of Crient Ara."

Gifts of books were distributed to the older scholars and confections to the infant class. Special gitts were distributed to twenty-two pupils for regular attendance at Sunday school during the year.

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On Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. C. E. Houpt, preached and administered the com-munion to a very large number. In the af-ternoon there was the usual Sunday school exercises, and the evening preaching by the

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN.

There were no services on Christmas day. On Sunday morning there was a sermon by the pastor, Rev. Stall. On Sunday evening there were very interesting services. The children baving been previously instructed in the precept that it is more blessed to give than to receive, were given an opportunity to apply it. They had been told that they would receive no Christmas presents but on the other hand they would be expected to bring to the meeting such presents as they choosed, to be forwarded to the pupils of the orphans' home at Loysville, Pa. The result was very gratify ing ; the children came with armsful of dolls, toys, cakes, candies, and all manner of Christmas goods, and deposited them upon and around the aitar. This being ended, a service of rong and responsive readings fol-lowed, together with a brief address by the

pastor.

The decorations consisted of a Christmas tree on either side of the pulpit, the altar being decked with greens and above the pulpit was suspended a large silver star.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Imposing Services Held at St. Mary's, St. Authony's and St. Joseph's, At St. Mary's Catholic church the 5 o'clock mass was attended by great throngs. The musical programme has already been given. Miss Annie Lowell sang the "Adeste Fldeles" and a quartette, composed of Miss Maggie Potts, soprano; Frank McClain, tenor; Miss Beckie Rhoads alto, and W. O. Frailey, bass, rendered "Quentam." Miss Mazie Malone sang Lam'villotte's "Pastoral" Marie Majone sang Lamwinotte's "Pastorat:
at the effortory. A low mass was
celebrated at a o'clock, and at 10:30
the same music as given at the early
mass was presented. The benediction
followed this mass at which Miss Margaret Reilly sang the "O. Salutaris." At the early mass Rev. Dr. McCullagh wished all his parishioners a merry Christmas. The decorations at this church were not of an slaborate character, consisting only of a fine

floral display on the main altar.

A fine Sunday school entertainment was given to the children at 2 p. m. on Sunday.

The children to the number of 300 assembled in the church and sang "Come All Ye Falth-ful." Then Dr. McCullagh delivered a brief address, after which "Dear Little One" was sung. Then all adjourned to the library where a beautiful Christmas tree was on exhibition. All the children received bags of candy and oranges, and the day was to them a memorable one. J. C. Gable is superintendent of the school, and be has a most efficient corps

of teachers. ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. Masses were celebrated at St Joseph's atholic church at 5, 8 and 10 o'clock on Christmas morning. The church was neatly decorated. From the ceiling above the sanc

toary evergreens were suspended and fast-ened at each side. In the centre of the fes-toon wars star. Each of the many pillars was decorated with greens, giving to the church a fine appearance. On one of the side altars was a representation of the Saviour in the stable at Bethlehem. The music was a special feature. Peter's mass in D was sung at the early mass and Mozart's Twelfth mass was sung at the lo o'clock mass. At the offertory "Adeste Fideles," with cornet acoffertory "Adeste Fideles," with cornet ac-companiment by Henry Weber, was finely rendered. Vespers was sung at 3 o'clock. All the services were largely attended and at the early masses the number of communicants was very large.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC Masses were celebrated at St. Anthony's atholic church at 5, 8 and 10 o'clock. the 5 o'clock mass the Adeste Fideles, Mozart's Twelfth mass and Lambillotte's Christmas hymn were sung. At the 10 o'clock mass Weber's mass was sung by the choir. At the end of each mass a cornet duet with organ accompaniment was ren-dered. The soloists were Miss Cella Hepting, soprane Mrs. John Hiemenz, site, Harry Drachter, tenor, and John Hiemenz, bass. Miss May Decker presided at the organ and

Ferd Weber was leader of the choir. Un Sunday Dochaner's mass was sung and a special feature was the cornet solo with organ accompaniment, "Cail Me Thine

The decorations at this church consisted of an archover the altar, between which were the words "Gloria in Excelsis Dec," and wreath decorations of different designs back of the altar and over the windows. The werd "Jesus" in gas jets occupied a prominent place over the altar. All the services were largely attended. The children of the Sun-day school received presents on Christmas

THE REFURMED OBLEBRATION.

Featival Services at St. Luke's - What Was Don-In the Other Churches.

St. Luke's chapel, Marietta avenue, Rev Wm. F. Lichitter pastor, was beautifully decorated with laurel and pine and holly for this festival season. Graceful festoons of laurel were suspended from the exposed ratters to the side and end walls, while within the chancel was a tastefully adorned Christ-mas tree, with smaller trees on either side o the altar, and in the sitar itself a cross triumed with holly and vases of cut flowers, and above the altar on the recess wa'l the motto; "For unto you is born this day, A Savion, Christia The Lord" The first of the Christmas services was held on Christmas day at 0 p. m. The pastor was assisted in the services by Rev. Newton J. Milter, and an instructive address was delivered by Prof. Geo. F. Muil. There was delivered by Prof. Geo. F. Muil. There were a few recutations by scholars of the Sunday school, which were well rendered. After the address the offering of the Sunday school and congregation was presented for Bethany Orphan Home. Then the candles on the tree were lighted by two of the scholars, and while the pastor was assisting them two of the ladies of the church presented themselves at the chancel, and on his turning round handed the pastor, in token of the good will and kindness of his people, a well filled purse, for which he in a few remarks returned thanks to them and the congregation. This service was much enjoyed. After the service closed the gifts, which had been provided, were given to the members of the the service closed the gills, which had been provided, were given to the members of the Sunday school. On Sunday, in the morning, the hely communion was celebrated, the paster being assisted by Rev. Newton J. Miler : in the afternoon the Sunday school set vice was held; and in the evening the usual service, with special reference, however, to the season. These Christmas services were all well attended; and at the Sunday school ervice on Christmas day a large number of atra seats were provided, and all were in

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED.

At St. John's Reformed church, corner o Mulberry and Orange streets, the first Christ nasservices were held at 10:30 o'clock, and were opened with the anthem "Ein Kind is were opened with the anthem "Ein Kind ist was Geboren." The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. J. Kuelling from Isaiah 9: 6-7. After the sermon "Jauchzet Gott Ale Lande" was sung by the congregation. On Sunday morning hely communion was atministered. In the evening the Sunday school celebration was held. The only desorations were the large trees containing the gitts for the children, which were placed at the entrance to the altar. The programme was made up of recitations of Bible passages appropriate to the day, Christmas carols and appropriate to the day, Christmas carols and an address by the pastor, after which gift were distributed to the children.

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED.

Owing to the fact that the congregation i at present without a regular pastor, no services were held until seven o'clock in the evening, when the anniversary of the Sabbath school was celebrated. Here the deco-rations were if anything more elaborate than in former years, consisting of wreaths, festoons, flowers and lettering. Quite a number of carols were rendered under the

leadership of Mr. Wm. Heltshu and recita-tions were made by Miss Myra Haverstick, Luiu Getz, Lydia E. Johnston, Josie Mc-Cully and Masters Elmer Cogley, John Denues, George Keplinger, Wayne Hol-linger, Ciarence Bausman and David Kep-linger. The hearts of the little folks were made glad with an appropriate gift to say

linger. The hearts of the little gift to each The report of the superintendent, Mr. Pearsol, showed the school to be in a prosperous condition.

PERST REPORMED OFFICE. The following was the order of services in the First Reformed church on Christmas morning at 6 o'clock. First, the "Adeste Fideles," arranged by N. Novello, was sung as an introductory. This was followed by as an introductory. This was followed by an invocation by the pastor, the repeating of the creed by the congregation, and the rendering by the choir of the "Gloria Excelsia," from Mozart's Twelith Mass, after which the Scripture lesson, Luke 5 : 2, 40 was read, the choir chanting the various hymns contained in it. The collect and festival prayer for the day was then read. Next was sung the hymn "Brightest and best of the sons of the morning." A collection was lifted, during which the choir sang J. C. D. Parker's "Te Deum," in E. The services closed with the Lord's prayer, the doxology and the benediction. The choir of St. Paul's Reformed church assisted in the music, which was under the leadership of Mr. Hiram Stamm. Messrs. David Stamm and A. H. Fritchey presided at the organ.

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The decorations consisted largely of festoons of laurel stretching from the centre to the corners of the church building, and banging from post to post of the gallerles, while high above the altar biazed a large star formed of gas jets. Much care and taste was displayed in beautifying the altar and pulpit with greens, flowers and lettering, to describe all of which would be out of the question.

The Sunday school festival of the First Reformed church took place in the evening at 7.30. The school formed in a body in the lecture from and marched to the main auditorium singley, "Come hither, ye faithful" After taking the seals assigned them, they sang a number of Christmas carols and hymns and addresses were delivered by Rev. A. C. Witmer and Rev. Dr. Titzel. The servicce closed with the doxology and benediction.

St. James Episcopal. The Christmas service at St. James began 10:30 a. m. It was the only service held here during the day. There was a large attendance, and the church presented a beautiful appearance. It was tastefully decorated with greens and Christmas trees. A great rood screen was constructed before the chancel, made of wood in the form of arches an old English custom. This was covered with holly and laurel. The pastor, Dr. C. F. Knight, officiated, assisted by William and George Dorwart, divinity students of this city. The

Dorwart, divinity students of this city. The beautiful Episcopalian service was ably rendered by a full surpliced choir under the efficient leadership of Prof. Matz.

The order of the service was as follows: Processional bymn. "Adeste Fideles"; "Christmas Venite"; 45th and 85th psalms; "Te Daum," Whitney; "Benedictus," Strainer: hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"; Nicene creed. Tours; hymn, "White Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night"; offertory, "O Zion, That Bright

"While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night"; offertory, "O Zlon, That Bright Good Tidings," Stainer; recessional hymn, "To Hail Thy Rising, Son of Life."
Communion service was also celebrated after the regular service.
Sunday being St. Stephen the martyr's day was appropriately observed. The service was nearly the same as that of Christmas day, including communion. In the evening the requiar six o'clock service was held at the regular six o'clock service was held at nine o'clock.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL. This church broke away from its usual Christmas hour for service, 10:30 a. m., and had a full Episcopal service, including a sermon by the paster, Rev. Pratt, and the holy The attendance was quite large. The church decorations also were on a new plan. Instead of the festcons of tled greens heretolore generally used, there were fourteen trees placed upon the projecting beams which support the srched ceiling of the church. The effect was very pretty and was much admired. The altar, font, pulpit and reading desk were prettily decked with ferns, evergreens and thowers. On Sunday morning at 10:30 and in the evening at 7:30 there were full Christmas.

evening at 7:30 there were full Christmas services and sermons by the pastor. The children's Sunday school entertainment will take place this evening. Duke Street M. E. Church

At 6 o'clock Christmas morning the con gregation of the Duke street M. E. church turned out in force as usual and held an in teresting prayer and experience meeting. There was no other service during Christ mas day. On Sunday morning there was the regular service, and a collection was lifted for the sexton, the amount contributed being \$30,62. In the afternoon there was a Bunday

school neeting and in the evening a Christ mas sermon by the pastor.

The children's Christmas entertainmen will come off Tuesday evening, on which oc-casion the church will be handsomely deco and an interesting programme pre

On Christmas morning services were held at 7 o clock at St. Paul's M. E. church This was chiefly a service of song. Rev Roads preached a short sermon appropriate to the day. The Sunday school celebration was held in the evening. The decerations were entirely new and the room presented a handsome appearance. A grove of trees was arranged occupying part of the main room and extending to the infant's room. The trees were laden with oranges and under the trees were seated the smaller pupils of the Sunday school. Behind the grove was a large star, representative of the star of Bethieben. The programme was made up of recitations, musle by the children, a solo "O Divine Night" by Miss Cora Urban, presentation of gifts and the reading of the annual report of the Sunday school by George W. Kulian, the superintendent. This report showed the Sunday school to be in a Roads preached a short sermon appropriate George W. Killian, the superintendent. This report showed the Sunday school to be in a flourishing condition, a large increase of membership during the past year, the debt on the Sunday school was paid and a handsome sum in the treasury. On behalf of the Sunday school, Rev. Rhoads presented a handsome gift to Frankie Springer, the organist, an easy chair to Superintendent Killian and a copy of Dore's gallery of the Bittle to B. F. W. Urban, the leader of the chair.

Presbyterian Memorial. At the Presbyterian Memorial church the usual large audience gathered on Friday evening to participate in the Christmas en-tertainment of the school, which was some tertainment of the school, which was somewhat similar to that of the preceding year. The decorations were not very extensive but were very tasty and prettily arranged. The home of Santa Claus was represented by a snow-covered house surrounded by pine trees, also covered with snow, erected on the pulpit platform at the west end of the room. From this Kris Kingle was to come at an appointed signal, but being tired after his long trip around the world was found asleep. He was routed out, however, and producing a plentiful supply of sweetmeats and gifts soon had the young folks happy.

The programme, which occupied an hour and a halt, was an excellent one. The music, for which the school has quite a reputation, was well rendered, the selections being all new except the old favorite "O Come all ye Faithful."

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Faithful."
The pastor, Rev. Thomas Thompson, made a very happy address, taking his tople from the illuminated title page of the programme. Ed. R. Garvin road a report of the work of the school for the year which shows it to be in a very flourishing condition; the number of pupils is large and their average of attendance very high—the banner class having a record of 100 per cent. The prizes for lessons and attendance were awarded; ist, to D. B. Bartholomew; 2d. Miss Lizzie Hersh; 3d. Bartholomew; 2d, Miss Lizzle Hersh; 3d, Lemuel Wolf. Twelve pupils were perfect in the golden texts for the year and received handsome books; three recited correctly the shorter catechism and received Bibles. The roll of honor bears the names of 61 members of the school who were present at every ses sion during the year, and 37 who missed but one session. They each received silver medals.

During the evening Rev. Thompson and wife were each presented with handsome silk umbrellas by the ladies of the congregation, while many gifts were exchanged between teachers and scholars. The music of

the main room is in charge of Prof Christ.
Oblender, and that of the infant department
is conducted by Miss Gertle Herr. Mr. H. C.
Moore, the superintendent, is to be compil-

mented on the excellent condition of the school and the success of the evening's en-

LANCASTER, PA., MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1886.

The Moravian Vigil and Celebration. The Christmas vigit of the Moravian Sunday chool was pronounced by all who had the pleasure of being present a most beautiful and appropriate service. The children entered the church in procession through the doors to the right and left of the chancel and opened to the right and left of the chancel and opened their devotion by singing a Christmas carol. It was a service of song almost from beginning to end and the little ones were evidently greatly pleased. After the singing of carols and hymns they partook of the love feast. The cofice was handed by young ladies and the cake by young man, and meanwhile the choir rendered an appropriate selection with

good effect.

Then the doors again opened and through each of them came two eiders bearing broad trays blazing with the soft light of many candles typifying the light of the world.

The effect was beautiful, and as the little flames were distributed to the eager children it would have been hard to imagine a more appropriate way of passing a Christmas eve. It was a matter for regret, however, that the school did not rise to receive the symbolic school did not rise to receive the symbolic light as on former occasions. Boxes of candy were distributed among the older scholars, and confections in Chinese bags of strange and beautiful design were given to the younger children. The vigits were ended by the singing of the doxology.

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On Christmas thorning the litany for Christmas day was read and the Rev. J. Max Hark presched a sermon on the Star of Bethletem. The solection rendered by the choir was worthy of special mention.

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On Sunday morning at half-past ten the Christmas litany was read a second time.

Mr. Hark preached on Immanuel and there was an anthem by the choir well sung.

Mr. Hark announced that George Mc-Ciclian Shultz had determined to study for the ministry and devote his life to home mission labor. The baptismal litany was read and the ceremony of baptism of Mr. Shultz by regreating a most solemn and impressive rformed in a most solemn and impressive

manner.
William Schlaugh, leader of the choir, was presented with a baton by the choir on Christma day.

The Evangeitcal Church

At the Second Evangelical church, on North Mulberry street, the only Christmas service were in the evening. It was a Sun-day school celebration, and the programme was made up of recitations, singing by two quartettes, and a solo by Clara Krauskop. A feature of the programme was the recita-tion of twelve girls on "Jesus Born, Jesus Slain, Jesus Risen and Jesus Crowned." As the last word was pronounced the words
"Jesus Crowned" were placed in gilt letters
across the altar. The decorations consisted
of greens over the altar beneath which was merry Christmas and a largegiar

Church of God. There were no services at the Union Bethel church on Christmas. On Sunday morning the services were opened with the singing of an anthem, "There were Shepherds." The singing of the morning was herds." The singing of the morning was very fine. The soprano solos were sting by Miss Lilly Baker, the contraits by Mrs. P. S. Goodman and the baritone by Hiram Coome. The sermon was preached by Elder Price from Mathew 1: 17th and 18th verses, and the theme discussed was the genealogy of Charles In the affections. and the theme discussed was the genealogy of Christ. In the afternoon the Sunday school celebration was held, and addresses were delivered by S. J. Owens, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Rev. Price, and Paul Owens and Paul Sieber revited appropriate selections. Each scholar was presented with a box of caudy and an orange. The feature of Sunday evening's services was the anthem, "Rejoice in the Land."

The Covenant Lutted Brethren On account of alterations and repairs being made at the Covenant United Brothren church, on Orange street, no services were held on Christmas. On Sunday morning services were held in the basement, and Rev J. B. Funk preached a sermon on lessons drawn from man's first search for Jesus, from Matthew 2, 2d and sit verses. Gifts were distributed to the children after Sunday in the afternoon. The main church room will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks, and the church will be dedicated on

The Haptist Churches,

The Baptist churches do not celebrate any set holidays, such as Christmas, Easter and Good Friday. There were no decorations at either the First or Olivet church, though services were held and sermons preached at both, the birth of Christ being the theme of the discourses.

PLANWHERE IN THE COUNTY Interesting Observance of the Day to Manhelm

Pastors Remembered. All the churches in Manhelm had interes ing celebrations, the Sunday school entertain ments taking place in the evening. At St. Paul's Reformed church the cantata, " Fine Pictures" was rendered in Jewish costume, upon a large platform erected in front of the church. In the recess was a large painting, made for the occasion, 12 feet long and 13 feet high, representing the plains and town of Bethlehem, with a flock of sheep under a large tree. This piece of art, placed beneath the brilliant gas lights of the pulpit recess, ent a beautiful charm to the performances. This painting is the work of Miss Katle White, an artist from Indians, and was uni-

White, an artist from Indians, and was universally admired.

The performers acquitted themselves with great credit, and won high praises.

Those taking the leading characters were as follows: Faith, Hope and Love, Misses Lizzie Helina, Libble Zeilers, Susle Arndt; Naomi, Mrs. Ida Reist; Ruth, Miss Katle Hostetter: Zilpah, Miss Lizzie Duniap, Media, Miss Sadie Arndt; Mercy, Miss Eila Mengle; recitation, Miss Lizzie Meixell; memory, Miss Lizzie Houser; Boaz, Mr. Harry C. Stauffer; Asa, H. H. Gingrich, Jewish Maidens, Misses Minnie Reiß, Sadie Arndt, Josle Martin, Florence Long, Susie Miller, Minnie Wiest, Lizzie Houser, Susie Mengle, Ophelia Edy. Shepherds, Messrs Harry Kline, Rutins Royd, Geo, Hurst, Chas. P. Gibble. The entire school took part in the choruses.

the choruses.

The various congregations remembered The various congregations reminded their pristors very kindly. The Reformed congregation surprised their pastor, Rev. W. J. Johnson, on Thursday evening, tendering him an acceptable donation, consisting of provisions, clothing, an envelope containing money, and an album qu'it having on it al-most 500 names of individuals, a gift of the ladies' sewing circle of the congregation, Mrs. H. H. Gingrich making a pleasing pre-sentation thereof to the pastor's wife. This sentation thereof to the pastor's whe. This handsome donation, occurring as it does in the midst of a large expenditure of money on the part of the congregation for the ropairs of their church, attests the esteem and regard which which Rev. Johnson is regarded.

Other pastors were similarly remembered.
Zion's Lutheran church, Mechanicsburg,
had interesting services Christmas morning.
In the evening a pleasant Sunday school entertainment was given.

The Sunday school of Heller's church had a fine entertainment on Sunday evening.

Welsh Mountain Chapel Dedication. The dedication of the Weish mountain chapel took place on Sunday, the services cuspet took place on Sunday, the services beginning at 2 p. m. The services were participated in by Rev. C. Reimensnyder, Rev. Dr. J. M. Crowell, Rev. Dr. C. W. Stewart and George Reimensnyder. A large crowd was present. Two handsome collection baskets were presented by Prison Keeper Burkholder. About \$100 remains to be paid on the building.

Mr. George Reimensnyder made an appeal to the people in behalf of the nominal presented.

to the people in behalf of the nominal presecutor (Adam Dennis) in a late suit for violation of liquor laws in the immediate neighborhood, who had been burdened with half the cost of the suit, some fifty-eight dollars, and had also lost his little property by fire, supposed to be a result of the prosecution.

Runaway and Smash Up A horse belonging to Benjamin Barraud in charge of David Borger broke loose from the post to which it was hitched in front of a hotel in Rohrerstown on Saturday night and ran nearly a mile along the turnpike, bring-ing up at the farm of Andrew Brubaker and after running through his premises for a while, ran out again. The wagon to which the horse was attached was run against the gate post and badly broken, and the horse getting loose from it ran down the pike half a mile further and twas stopped at the toli gate this side of Rohrerstown.

GEN, JOHN A. LOGAN'S END.

THE ILLINOIS SENATOR DIES FROM ACUTE SHEUMATISM ON SUNDAY.

After a Brief Diness He Passes Quietly Away. Sketch of His Career - A Soldler and states man-Representing His State in Congress Except Oue Term Since 1865.

General John A. Logan died about three o clock Sunday afternoon, at his residence in Washington, of rheumatic fever. He was atacked with scute inflammatory rheumatism in the first week of the session of Congress and has not been in his seat in the Senate since December 10. When first attacked there was nothing of an slarming characte in the disease, and so little apprehension was felt about him that until the past week the fact of his sickness was not generally known among his friends in that city. During the past week, however, alarming symptoms were manifested. The disease resisted all efforts of his medical attendants, and most of the time the general was in a state of unconsciousness. On Saturday the physician grew apprehensive, and plainly intimated to Mrs. Logan and members of the family that there was very slight hope fee he general's recovery. Since Saturday at rnoon he was unconscious, all efforts of his attendants to rally him proving abortive, and he quietly breathed his last surrounded by his faithful wife and children and by a large number of

personal friends.

When it became known that General Logan When it became known that General Logar-was in danger the greatest interest was ex-hibited in his condition by all classes of people in Washington and throughout the country. A large number of persons were constantly calling at the house to learn the condition of the sufferer, and from all parts of the country telegraphic inquiries were of the country telegraphic inquiries were Western Union company rau a wire to the general's house and detailed an expert opera-tor to dispatch replies to the messages re-ceived asking for information as to his con-

WHEN THE END CAME.

At the time of his death the general was surrounded by Mrs. Legan, his son, his daughter, Mrs. Tucker, Major Tucker, his attending physicians and a number of personal friends. The snow was falling rapidly at the time, but the storm did not prevent sonal friends. The snow was faiting rapidly at the time, but the storm did not prevent persons from visiting the house, which is situated on Columbian Heights, just beyond the boundary line of the city. The manifestations of sorrow over General Logan's death are universal among the people of Washington, to most of whom he was known and with many of whom he had personal acquaintance. Mrs. Logan, who has been an almost constant watcher at the bedside of her husband, is terribly afflicted by the blow that has fallen upon her. At by the blow that has fallen upon her. At first she could not realize that death had taken place, and, upon being informed by the physicians that life had ceased she re-ceived the communication without any ex-hibition of emotion. She seemed dazed and paralyzed by the silliction, apparently losing for the time all power of speech and feeling. Upon recovering, however, from her stupor to a full realization of her great loss, she broke down completely, becoming hysterical, and is so utterly prostrated as to be unable to give any directions for arrangements for the interment.

General Logan's death cannot fail to pr duce a marked impression throughout the country, and particularly among members of the Grand Army of the Republic, among whom he possessed a greater degree of popuwhom he possessed a greater to gree to probability than any living man, not excepting Generals Sherman and Sheridan. In political circles his death will also be marked in its influence. He was one of the most prominent and likely candidates for the presidential nomination by the Republicans in 1888 and bly several of this time will make. dential nomination by the Republicans in 1888, and his removal at this time will materially change the prospects of those who were his competitors for the Republican nomination. With the exception of two years, from 1877 to 1879, General Logan has served continuously in Congress since 1865. He was elected twice to the House of Representatives, serving in the Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses and was three times choose. first Congresses, and was three times o the Senate, his term expiring in 1891. The iegislature of lilinois will assemble on January 5th, and a successor will be chosen by that body on the 15th. In the meantime Governor Oglesby may appoint a man to temporary fill the vacancy. As the legisla ture is largely Republican a Republican suc cessor is assured.

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

John Alexander Logan was born on a farm near what is now Murphysboro, Jackson county, Ill., February 9, 1826, and was the eldest of eleven children. His father, Dr. John Logan, came from Ireland in 1821 and married a Tennessee lady, Elizabeth Jenkins. He was taught to read and write by his parents, and attended the Shiloh college for two months in 1840. The Mexican war broke out when young Logan was in his 20th year, and he was chosen lieutenant of one of the companies of the First Illinois regiment. He made an excellent record as a soldier, and came home in Oct. 1848, as adjutant of the remade an excellent record as a solution, and came home in Oct. 1848, as adjutant of the regiment. He then began the study of law, and was admitted to the bar at Louisville, Ky, in 1851. He represented Jackson and Franklin counties in the Illinois state legislature in 1852, 1853 and 1854. In 1856 he was chosen a presidential elector, and cast his ballot for James Buchanan. He was elected to the Thirty-sixth Congress by the Democrats of the Ninth Illinois congressional district, and served as chalman of the committee on unfinished busines. He was reelected to Congress in 1860, the year Lincoln was nominated by the Republicans at Chicago and Stephen A. Douglas and John C. Breckhridge at Baitimore by the Democrats. Logan warmly advocated the election of Douglas, but when he observed the attitude of the South he declared that although he hoped Lincoln would not be elected, yet tude of the South be declared that although he hoped Lincoln would not be elected, yet if he were, and his election should provoke an outbreak of hostile Southern sentiment, he "would shoulder his musket to have him inaugurated." Logan attended the special session of Congress called by Lincoln in the early summer of 18cl, but left his seat to join the Union forces, then on their way to meet the enemy in Virginia, and fought in the battle of Bull Run.

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When it was seen that w larger force would be necessary to crush the receilion, Logan returned to Illinois, where his stirring appeals gained thousands of volunteers. He joined the Thirty-first regiment of Illinois, was elected colonel. The regiment was rustered into service September 13, 1861, and was attached to General McClernand's belonger. It was first under fire at Belmont. brigade. It was first under fire at Belmon seven weeks later, when Logan led a timely bayonet charge which broke the enemy's lines and saved a portion of the command from capture. During this encounter Col lines and saved a portion of the command from capture. During this encounter Col. Logan's horse was shot from under him, and a pistol at his side was shattered by rebel builets. He led his regiment at Fort Henry, and was wounded while doing brave work at Fort Donaldson, disabling him from active service. After his recovery he reported for duty to General Grant at Pittsburg Landing, and on March 5, 1862, was made brigadier general of volunteers. In the May following he gained additional laurels, by his skillful work in the siege of Corinth and after the occupation of the town his brigade guarded the rail communications with Jackson, Tenn. He was made a major general November 29, 1862, in recognition of his skill and bravery during Grant's campaign along the Mississippi. He took a conspleuous part in the battle of Port Gibson and that of Raymond on May 12; helped to drive the rebels out of Jackson two days later, and was in the battle of Champion Hill. He led the centre in the siege of Vicksburg, and his column first entered the city after the surrender, July 4, 1863. He was appointed military governor of the city and was presented with a gold medal, the badge of honor of the Seventeenth army corps. During that year he visited the North and made several eloquent Union speeches. The following winter he was stationed at Huntsville, Ala., having succeeded General Sherman as commander of the Fifteenth army corps. Early in the summer of 1864 the division of the Mississippi was preparing for "Sherman's march to the see." General Logan led the army of the was preparing for "Sherman's march to the sea." General Logan led the army of the Tennessee on the night of the march and was renesses of the figure is an action was successively engaged in the battle at Resarca in the repulse of Hardee's forces at Dallas, at Little Kenesaw mountain and in that of Peach Tree creek, where General Mc-Pherson fell, General Logan at once

took command, and his men lought with such desperate fury that 8,000 confederate dead were left on the field. General Logan also took part in the battle at Ezra chapel. In fact, he participated in every battle of that historic campaign from Missionary Ridge to the fall of Atlanta. After this he made numerous speeches in the Western states in layor of Lincoln. He joined his command again at Savannab, and marched with Sherman through the Carolinas, and after Johnston's surrender, to Washington. He was appointed to succeed General Howard in the command of the army of the Tennessee, on May 23, 1865. Thus ended his brilliant army career.

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General Logan was mustered out of service late in 1805, and in that year President Johnson offered him the position of minister to Mexico, which he declined. The Republicans of illinois elected him to represent the state at large in Congress by over 60,000 majority. He was one of the managers on the part of the House in the investment that state at large in Congress by over 60,000 ma-jority. He was one of the managers on the part of the House in the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson in the spring of 1867. He was returned to the House of Representa-tives in 1868 and 1870, but in 1871 he was elected to the Senate to succeed Senator Yates. His term expired in 1877, when David Davis was chosen to succeed him. The Republi-cans in the Illinois legislature then had only two majority on joint ballot, and three of the Republicans voted with the Democrata for Mr. Davis. Two years later Logan was the Republicans voted with the Democrats for Mr. Davis. Two years later Legan was elected to succeed United States Senator Oglesby. He has introduced and supported many bilis concerning pensions and rewards to soldiers and army matters in general. At military reunions he has always been active. Logan was one of the founders of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was organized at Decatur, Iil., and he was its first national commander. His most conspicuous and active work in the Senate of first national commander. His most con-spicuous and active work in the Senate of late was his elaborate defense of the findings of the court-martial which tried Fitz John

Gen. Logan was married in 1855 to Miss Gen. Logan was married in 1855 to Miss Mary Cunningham, of Shawneetown, Ill., who was but 16 years old, but she had already, by her services to her father, who was sheriff of the court, clerk of the court, and register of the land office, shown her value as a help-meet. In all of General Logan's life, whether in the political or the martial field, she accompanied her husband whenever possible, and assisted in every way his advancement among men. Among both sexes and all classes she is universally admired for her bravery and genius, trans sexes and all classes and 18 universally admired for her bravery and genius, trans acting almost all of her husband's business correspondence, and assisting in social circles to maintain his position.

General Logan leaves two children, a son now in the United States army, and a daughter, the wife of Paymaster Tucker, of the army. army.

Griefin Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- Scores of telegrams of condolence continue to come to Mrs. Logan from friends all over the coun-Ex-Governor Fairchild, commander-in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and Whitelaw Reid both sent very touching and tender messages of regret sympathy and condoience. Calumet Place was surrounded with carriages long before noon to-day, bringing friends from every section of the city who called to extend sympathy to the be-reaved family. A steady stream of callers, some on toot, other in carriages continued to pass in and out of the mansion at an early

Mrs. Logan was so completely prostrated by her husband's death that she was kept under the influence of opistes all night. This morning she was somewhat better. Senators Sherman and Cullom called to see Mrs Logan early with a view to ascertaining her wishes respecting the funeral arrangements. After a few moments conversation Mrs. Logan again became hysterical and the interview was broken off. They will call again a 3 o'clock this afternoon, when it is hoped that Mrs. Logan will be calm enough to make known her wishes. From what little was said by Mrs. Logan and by her son and funeral services will be held in the Senate chamber the latter part of this week

SIEBER SURRENDERED HIMSELF He Spends the Greater Part of Christmas Day

in the Station House. Christmas was not a happy day for Alfred Sieber, the North Queen street business man whose troubles have been alluded to in these week. On Friday it was stated that a war rant had been issued for his arrest for obtain ing goods by false and fraudulent represen tations. Sieber was out of town on that day and could not be found by the officer and the supposition was that he had skipped the town. To the surprise of the alder-man and Officer Stormfeltz, Sieber sur-rendered himself at a late hour on Friday night at Alderman Barr's office. Sieber was informed during the day that a warrant had been issued for him, and on his homeward trip, he says, from Reading, he left the train at Dillerville and walked to this city. He went to the house of his attorney, Thos. B. Holohan, and with that gentleman walked to Alderman Barr's office. Sieber sent out to a number of his friends to go his bail, but they all declined, and about midnight he was taken to the station house. He remained there until 3 o'clock on Christmas Sieber was informed during the day that i remained there until 3 o'clock on Christmas afternoon, when a friend was found willing to become his bondsman in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at a hearing before Alder

FIRM IN A DWELLING.

The Residence of William E. Lant Endang ered by a Serious Blaze. About dusk Christmas afternoon the residence of William E. Lant, No. 219 East King street, was in great danger from a fire. A Christmas tree adorned the library on the second floor and Master Joseph Lant, a lad of eight, in lighting up the tree threw the match under one of the window curtains. The latter were at once in a blaze and the fire communicated to the Christmas tree. Mr. Lant and the older members of the family rushed to the scene and by vigorous applications of water succeeded in subduing the flames. An examination revealed that the woodwork of the window was badly charred, the curtain consumed, half of the Christmas tree burned and the ceiling and wail paper damaged. Mr. Lant estimates his loss at 2001, The young man will not be allowed to The young man will not be allowed light any more Christmas trees.

Another Tree in Fiames. The Christmas tree at the house of Benja min Landis, on South Queen street, opposite Woodward Hill cemetery, caught fire on Christmas night. David Gundaker, who was passing and saw the fire, ran into the house and extinguished the flames. The only damage done was the loss of a greater part of the tree and a few yards of carpet. Slight Fire at Gordonville,

A defective flue caused a slight fire at Hershey & Brother's Gordonville store this morning. Fortunately the fire was dis-covered in time and was extinguished. The

BRIEF NEWS NOTES. President Cleveland is again down

The Harrisburg Patriot after January will be a penny paper.

Jim Cummings has been arrested for the robbery of the express car on the Missouri

Pacific of \$50,000.

The Reading railroad company has side tracked 3,500 coal cars on the main line sidings which they are are unable to take to their destination owing to the strike of employes at Richmond.

Andrew Reinhart, living at No. 223 Love Lane, fell dead on Friday afternoon. He had not enjoyed good health for some time, but he was not considered to be in a critical condition. Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon he walked across the floor, complained of a sharp pain in the region of the heart, and fell over dead. Coroner Honaman was notified and he held an inquest on Saturday. The verdict of the jury was that leath resulted from heart disease. Deceased death resulted from heart disease. Deceased was the father of thirteen children, all of whom are living. The family of deceased are in destitute circumstances, and the cost of burial was defrayed by the contributions of those of our citizens who were called upon.

TEMPLE THEATRE BURNED.

PRILADELPRIA OPERA HOUSE OF

PLETBLY QUITED.

The Fire Caused by a Curtain Coming Inc Contact With a Gas Jet-Two Fire Killed by Falling Walls - Washing-

PRILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Fire broke call about 11 o'clock this morning in the Teache theatre on Chestnut street above Several and, despite the efforts of the fire departments of the building to all parts of the fire departs. and at this hour, 12:30, is still burning. The building is completely gutted and the is will be heavy.

The fire has spread to adjoining property on the east and the Washington hotel is now ablaze and will probably be totally con-A heavy wind from the west is fanning the flames and a very destructive

conflagration is threatened. The fire was caused by a curtain in one The hre was caused by a curtain in one of the boxes coming in contact with a gas jet. The fismes spread rapidly and although a second alarm was sent out, bringing a large number of fire engines to the scene, the firemen did not succeed in getting the fire under control until the theatre was completely guited. When the fire was discovered the Fawcett Rowe's new opera "Phyllis," which has been in preparation for some time, and which was soon to have replaced the "Little Tycoon," which has been on the boards for several weeks. So rapidly did the fames spread that the girls had barely time to escape from the burning building with their lives, and snatching up such effects as they could quickly lay their hands on.

The building is owned by William M. Singerly, proprietor of the Philadelphia Record, and the theatre was under the management of George Brotherton. The loss is ot yet known.

LATER—2:25 p. m.—The Washington hotel is completely destroyed. Wm. Gibson, of the chemical engine, and Robt. Johnson, of

truck B, were killed by falling walls.

A Rumor That They 7 Prevent Secretary
Lamas's Marriage.
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A special from Macon,
Ga., dated Dec. 26 to the *Pribune* myst
"When Secretary Lamar came here last cummer he came to renew the relations that existed between him and Mrs. Holt when both were young. He succeeded and thay would doubtless have been married some of Mrs. Holt's two daughters. They did not months ago had it not been for the oppose wish their mother to marry again. Deepite Secretary Lamar's importunities Mrs. Holt yielded to the protests of her daughters. The secretary returned, protected his suit by letter and at the same time sought to remove the objections urged by Mrs. Holt's daughters. About ton days ago a letter was received by Secretary Lamar which renewed his hopes. He immediately which renewed his hopes. He immediately made preparations to visit Macon, and now he is here, comfortably domiciled with his friend, Col. Wm. H. Ross. It is currently reported that Mrs. Holt's daughters bave not agreed to put aside their objections to the marriage, but other reports are to the effect that they have. From reliable sources it is learned that the marriage will take place to morrow. If it does not the failure will be due to the fact that Mrs. Holt's affection for her daughters is stronger than that she entertains for her old-time sweetheart. Secretary Lamar has kept very close since he arrived here, only two Georgia papers having noted his arrival. In the meantime the city is in a fever of excitement, everybody; beinglon tip-toe to learn whether the secretary will triumph over the objections of Mrs. Hole's

KNIGHTS OF LABOR REPOLT. Ten Thousand Will Withdraw Ita Trades Char

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Unless the de-mands of the assemblies of machine con-structors for a local trades charter is granted structors for a local trades charter is grat o-day by the general executive board of the Knights of Labor, nearly 4,000 Knights in this city and thousands in other parts of the country will withdraw from the order. Twenty one assemblies throughout the country n fled the general executive board that unless the trades charter is granted they will leave the order, and most of those in this city have given notice that unless the demand is ac ceded to to-day they will withdraw. The machinists claim as a right under the col tution of the order that they shall be allo to direct the business pertaining to their own interests. Mr. Powderly, with a majority of the board, is opposed to the scheme, and it is not likely that any work will be received by dissatisfied assemblies to day. Some of t machinists' assemblies have decided to walt until the first of the new year, and if the na-tional charter is not granted by that time they will follow the lead of the Philadelphia ssemblies and 10,000 Knights will leave the

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS.

The big dry goods store of S. Guy Sea, Chicago, was this morning closed by the sheriff on judgments amounting to \$15,000.

The St. Louis express struck a street oar in Chicago this morning. The street car was knocked into splinters and its occupants were thrown in all directions. No one was killed.

The severest snow storm ever known in Great Britain has been sweeping England during the past twenty-four hours, and still

during the past twenty-four hours, and still continues.

H. C. Wilson, an ice dealer, of Rockford, Ill., while at the West Side togobban slide Saturday, was run into by a sled. He was knocked down, falling on his head. One leg and one arm are paralyzed and he has been unconscious since.

Charles Burger, a farmer living ten mile south of Rushville, Neb., returned home from town Christmas evening and found his wife and three children dead in the house. His wile had been subject to temporary fits of insanity and it is supposed did the deed.

A New York Evening Post special from Trenton, N. J., says: "Governor A bost will be chosen United States senstor and it is condently asserted that Senstor McPherson will succeed Mr. Manning as accretary of the treasury. Mr. McPherson is quoted as making this statement in private.

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CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—Frank Weigmen, aged 105, died at 8:30 last night. He has been living at No. 7 Collard street with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Schroeder, since 1870. He was only four feet and a few inches in height

Died Aged 105.

WRATHER INDICATIONS Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware: Snow, followed by fair weather, variable winds becoming northwest-

erly, colder with a cold wave.

A Heavy Sale For Booth. The chart for the sale of reserved seets to Edwin Booth's performance opened this morning at 5 o'clock and the sale was one of the largest known here in a long time. Mr. Yecker's office at the opera house was when the sale began the folks formed in it as and were obliged to await their turn, noon there were not a hundred unpurchasseats left down stairs and all will no doubt taken before evening. At 1 o'clock this am noon the sale of the gallery began and demand for it also was very great. The chart for the sale of reserved see

Presented With a Wild Turkey. John Horting was presented on Chi-with a wild turkey weighing 18)4 pour George W. Bixon, of Upper Stre