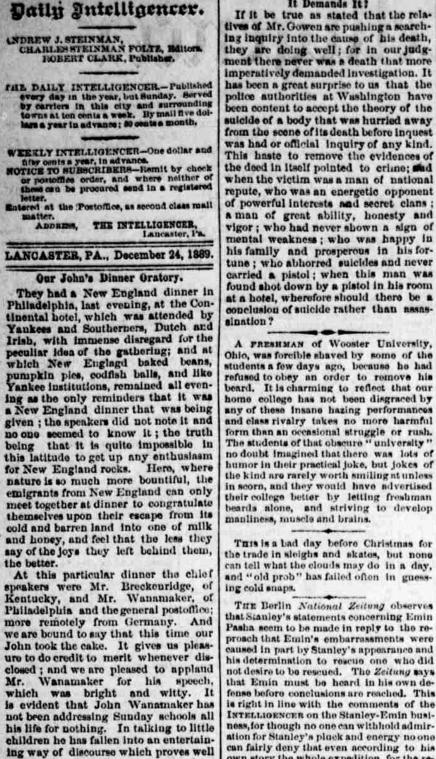
## THE LANCASTER DAILY INTELLIGENCER, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1889.



adapted to after dinner oratory, where there is no call to say anything in particular, but great occasion to say everything in a crisp and pleasant way. Mr. Wanamaker got along swimmingly He did not have occasion to talk cant and he did not even venture on the borders of a fib until he reached the conclusion of his remarks, when we fear he did trospass; and bear somewhat hardly

upon his conscience in declaring "Shoo the man who spends a cent or gives a cent for corrupt elections"; but " plant men through the state as thick as grasshoppers to see that there are fair elections and a fair count."

That is John Wanamaker's expression at the New England dinner ; this being the same Wanamaker who at the last election filled the money bags of Quay mainly from the coffers of the rich men of the city of Philadelphia. He would have us think that he thought that this money was to be used by Quay to secure fair elections and not to corrupt them. What a sweet innocent cherub of a child it is to be sure ! And what a precious Sunday school teacher ! And what a hand for Quay ! Our John draws stoutly on our credulity when he puts himself and Quay down as engaged in purifying the election of 1888 with that Philadelphia manufacturer's cash ; but he said it so sweetly to those assembled Philadelphians and their guests that perchance some of them took it down. If they ean keep it down, their digestions may be marked good ; a stomach that can take comfortably Boston baked beans and Wanamaker's tale of innocence, is as good as that of any ostrich that ever took in stones to digest. But we will not think too hard of John. A man on his legs at a dinner table is allowed lots of latitude ; and, as we have said, when he comes to the table from a long experience of Sunday school oratory, he cannot be expected to speak as accurately as friskily, or any truer than preaching.

It Demands It? If it be true as stated that the rela

refused to obey an order to remove his beard. It is charming to reflect that our and class rivalry takes no more harmful

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that Stanley's statements concerning Emin Pasha seem to be made in reply to the rehis determination to rescue one who did not desire to be rescued. The Zeitung ways fense before conclusions are reached. This is right in line with the comments of the INTELLIGENCER on the Stanley-Emin busiation for Stanley's pluck and energy no one can fairly deny that even according to his own story the whole expedition for the re-lief of Emin was a strange undertaking. He may eventually succeed in making the plans and motives of his enterprise quite clear, and both he and Emin have a claim on public patience while they write their books this winter.

ENOLISH journals are publishing a singular letter written by a Mahdist general and found in the camp of the Dervishes before their recent crushing defeat on the Nile. The story is that a young Arab scribe entered the divan of the Dervish chiefs at night and found and copied the

letter which a press correspondent some time after secured from him. The St. James Gazette comments on the dignity of the language and simple nobility of thought in such a passage as the following :

"We belong to God's army, and follow his word only. We have now come by his order, and there is no possible result but what is good from his commands in this changeful world. We have given ourselves, our children, and possessions to him as an offering to God, and he has achim as an offering to God, and he has ac-cepted them from us. He has brought his true believers their sculs and possessions with his word, and Paradise belongs to them. If they are killed, they are killed as an offering to God, and if they kill, they kill in his cause, as it is written in the Old Testament, and in the Khoran. Whoever fulfils his duty towards God is by his bless-ing bought by him, as he also buys him, and he is master of the world." These Christmas times the reader mast These Christmas times the reader may feel happy that so stern a faith of killing and self sacrifice has not been his lot by birth or training. It is a matter for grave thought that there are now in the countries of the upper Nile many thousands of devoted believers in this faith, who are quite undismayed by the fearful slaughter of the battles with the English and Egyptian troops. They look forward to death in battle as their natural and proper fate and a short road to Paradise. They need only discipline and repeating ritles to enable them to make Europe tremble. Fortunately the nobility and dignity which their religion has borrowed from the scriptures has no civilizing power that can ever compete with Christianity, and Europe need not fear that the inventive and industrial spirit that has made the Christian nations masters of the world will ever arise to an equal level outside of Christianity. THE GOWEN MURDER. For the INTELLIGENCER. Some brutal tiar has of Gowen's death A fearful tale of wild self-slaughter made ; By saying that his room was found locked fast. So that no murderer could thence escape. Well, it may be, as marvels never end ; But better proof this miracle demands. He was a man of firm and happy mind ; He had no motive for this sudden crime He held a Christian horror of self-murder And scaled the doom of many murderers. Those who escaped with life to prison woes, Had vowed undying vengeance on his head Fairer it is to think that one of these Had played a bloody plot of flerce revenge, Concessing a time when none were nigh to hear Composing evidence of snicide And then, with steady hand and stealthy tread, Working the deed of blood. To eram one's head full of knowledge and the stomach full of food, and then neglect to ob-serve the simplest laws of nature are the un-failing means to induce nervousness and con-stipation and certain loss of health. Laxation prevents all this trouble. Price only 25 cents a machine.



A Merry Christmas.

A green Christmas is not a very rare thing in this latitude, and it cannot be said to make a particularly full graveyard. The croakers who are so ready to quote this ancient saying should be heartily discouraged and forced to admit that it was never intended to apply to all the earth from Greenland to Florida, and the line of its territory must be several hundred miles north of Lancaster, where a green Christmas only makes a full coal bin and gives comfort to those without fuel. This is a time to be merry, and any one who does or says anything calculated to throw the smallest shadow on a community blazing with spontaneous good will should be summarily sat upon and suppressed with all the vigor available.

Christmas is not a time for gloomy omens but for cheerful hopes ; it is a day for the most unfortunate to turn from a dark past to a bright future, and no matter how straitened their circumstances. every one can at least have hope,-and no gift can be more cheering.

Christmas is a time when we all bend down to the little folks and take a lesson from them in faith in Santa Claus, and kindliness to one another. The scene in Miss Baldwin's school, as described in our news columns, does not need much imagination to make a touching and beautiful Christmas picture in the mind of every reader, and in many a family the children will to-night awaken the better feelings of thousands of men and women.

There Is Consolation.

There is some consolation in a green Christmas, even if it be true that it be a deadly one. If we set ourselves down as we should to extract all the comfort out of the situation about us that it will bear, we will not find it hard to conclude that a pleasant sky, a pleas-ant temperature and a dry land make vory agreeable surroundings even at Christmus time ; and they ought not to be very fatal ones, either. If we had slush and mud and rain we might think that there was particular danger to our healths, as there certainly would be great discomfort to us. But we can get along very well and com-fortably with such Christmas weather as we are having this year, and we need not repine very much that the earth is not covered with snow. We are likely to have plenty of it yet ; and if we do not, we can do very well without 4. It is not the greatest boon to man ; or even to boys and girls, who are par-

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