

TWO THANKSGIVINGS AT THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

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fully shown as the examination of its accounts proceeds. The evidences up to the present do not point to anything worse than fatal errors of judgment, which are frankly enough avowed.

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of a prohibitory duty on foreign wools will be abandoned. There is, however, just as much reason to believe that the British syndicate, if it is a real thing, will labor just as heartily with soul and pocketbook to kill competition by legislation in its best manner.

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THE TOPICAL TALKER.

The Bank Failure of To-Day Recalls Incidents of a Grand Predecessor—McCull's Affairs—An Idyl of the Sixth Street Bridge.

EVERYBODY was talking of bank failures yesterday, retelling experiences and bits of gossip about the Penn Bank smash and other dark days.

One story of that awful Penn Bank collapse that was told to me has never been in print, although a good many people know it.

A VERY shrewd business man had some \$70,000 in the Penn Bank when it went under the first time.

When a woman takes her revenge with a revolver it is usually her lot to be innocent spectator, but not dangerous to the designated victim.

THE exploded of natural gas, which brought destruction and probably death to two households in this vicinity yesterday, prove to be not the dangerous quality of our fuel gas as the carelessness of the average person in dealing with it.

THE discovery Stanley can give us is of himself, whole and sane in body and mind in some place with a pronounceable name beyond the confines of barbarism.

NATURAL gas had a boom all to itself yesterday. But its upward tendency was not all healthy for those who were in its path.

IF any weather could be more disagreeable than yesterday's we should like to have a piece of it to send to our enemies about Thanksgiving time.

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A PHI KAPPA PSI BANQUET.

Collegians Made Merry at the Seventh Avenue Last Evening.

The Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity held its first reception banquet last evening in the parlors and special dining room of the Seventh Avenue Hotel.

All present had some things to enjoy themselves, and their highest expectations were fully realized.

After the menu had been fully discussed, the tables were cleared off, cigars were brought on, and the evening was spent in conversation.

They divided the honors about equally. Mrs. Lavinia Muddell-Satell was first soprano, Mrs. Helen Muddell was first alto, Mrs. M. J. Muddell was first tenor, and Mrs. M. J. Muddell was first bass.

THE ladies of the Society for the Improvement of the Poor were busy for several days distributing tickets among people known to be worthy.

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GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM.

Two Old Italians Imposed On. NEW YORK BUREAU SPECIAL.

NEW YORK, November 22.—Two elderly Italians to-day carried a little bundle, knooped in a handkerchief, into the bank of F. Caponetti, at Mathew street, on the glass shelf before the receiving teller's window.

The handkerchief was open, and exposed to view a bundle of worthless paper.

Both fell upon their knees, and with innumerable "madre de Dios" and Santa Maria's, implored the return of their money.

It was some time before they could be quieted, but finally they managed to tell the story of how they had been robbed. They were workmen, who had saved \$250 between them during their residence in America.

They started to the bank to get their money changed into Italian currency, preparatory to sailing for the old country to-morrow.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

Riverside, Cal., markets showed a 27 1/2-pound potato and a 40-pound turkey this week.

Only 13 of the 375 Senators and Representatives who sat in Congress in 1870, the Centennial year, still remain their seats.

The Kentucky University this year opened its doors to female students, and now the names of 20 young women are entered upon its rolls.

Buffalo Bill contemplates taking his Wild West show to India. Certain Indian princes have visited Paris this summer and visited him to do so.

A young brakeman named Frank Binnatt fell from an Erie train near Newburg, N. Y., and three cars and a caboose passed over his body.

A Smith county, Kan., girl won \$50 the other day by husking and cribbing 60 bushels of corn in five hours.

Of the seven weeks which the "weed law" of Wisconsin requires farmers, under penalty to destroy, only one is a native of the United States.

During the last two years the Italian army has been increased by 20,000 men, 20 field guns, and 6,000 cavalry.

Something like the miracle of the leaves and fishes was recently performed at Oakland, Me. The manager of a church supper presided at Washington, Pa., in September did not reach him till the following May.

It is singular that 63 per cent. of the West Point cadets fail on mental examination. The plan of competitive examinations for their admission was introduced in 1870.

The Paris almanacs are always faulty, when they contain any sort of news. One of them for 1890 contains a list of names of Presidents of the United States.

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