clined to give over entirely to the Abolitionists; nearly 300,000 in the Empire State, and more than 300,000 in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; 200,000 in Ohio, and 255,000 in Indiana and Illinois. The other Western States contribute nearly a quarter of a million more, bringing up the grand total in the free States to *one million and a half!* Surely this is a power in the land not to be sneered at, impeached, or in any way disregarded, whatever hot-headed partisans may say. It is a party that has worked persistently—not as a party, but as patriots—to restore the country—and it will not be without a powerful and influential voice in this matter. The auguries now are that the practical restoration of the Union may not be far off, and this fact should induce all good conservative men to renew their energies and be frequent in their counsels, so that we may not shipwreck as we seem nearer the haven of safety—the old Constitution and the restored Union.

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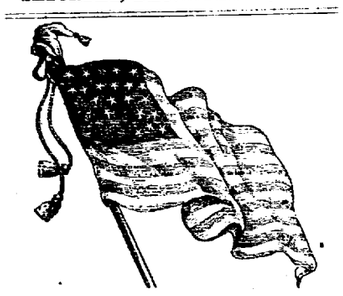
READING, PA.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1863.



HAIL! brightest banner that floats on the gale,
Flag of the country of Washington, hail!
Red are thy stripes with the blood of the brave,
Bright are thy stars as the sun on the wave;
Wrapt in thy folds are the hopes of the Free,
Banner of Washington! blessings on thee!

☞ WE ARE UNDER obligations to DR B. RANDOLPH KEIM, Esq., War Correspondent of the *New York Herald*, for copies of late New Orleans papers.

SALES OF IRON WORKS AND REAL ESTATE.—The one-eighth interest in the Robesonia Furnaces, with Farm attached, and right in the Cornwall Ore Bank, belonging to the estate of the late H. P. Robeson, Esq., was sold by order of Orphans' Court,—the Ore Bank right on Monday, and the interest in the Furnaces on Tuesday last. Mr. White purchased the whole—the Ore Bank at $8,125, and the Furnaces, &c., at $18,950.

At the same time, Mr. John L. Brown became the purchaser of two large brick houses in Robesonia, belonging to the same estate, for $4,650.

The farm in Colebrookdale township, belonging to the late John Rhoads, deceased, of Boyertown, Berks county, was sold by the administrators, at public sale, on the 21st ult., to Messrs. William and Charles Fegley, at $125 per acre.

At the same time, Henry B. Rhoads, Esq., of Boyertown, bought a house and lot in that village, belonging to the same estate, for $1064.

S. J. Stine and Dr. George Ross, have bought the "Mill Property," near Lebanon, formerly Myers & Shburs, for $13,500. It is their intention to turn it into a Paper Mill.

The "Buck Hotel," in Lebanon, was sold last week to Henry Shenk, for $10,000.

PROMOTIONS IN THE ARMY.—Bankson T. Morgan, a son of the Rev. Dr. Morgan, formerly of this city, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of the 54th Regiment New-York Volunteers. He entered the service in the Spring of 1861, as a Corporal in one of the Regiments New-York State Militia, and was afterwards promoted to a Lieutenancy in the Second Regiment Berdan's U. S. Sharpshooters, in which capacity he has served with honor during all the engagements in which the Sharpshooters took part.

Lieutenant George S. Lauman, son of Maj. George M. Lauman, of this city, who entered the regular Army in the summer of 1861, has been promoted to a Captaincy in the 10th Regiment U. S. Infantry, his commission to date from November 1st, 1863. He is now in Reading on recruiting service.

☞ CHAPLAIN GRIES, of the 104th Penna. Volunteers, arrived home a few days ago, from Port Royal, S. C., bringing with him about $7,000 of the pay of the men of the 104th and 52d Penna Regiments, for delivery to their families. Of this sum, the families of the men of Company H, 104th Regiment, living in Reading, will receive their proportion.

The Chaplain requests us to say that the soldiers are greatly in want of reading matter, and that any donations of books, magazines, and pamphlets, will be thankfully received, and promptly forwarded to the Regiment, if left with him at the residence of W. A. Richards, Esq., West Market square, at any time during the coming week.

GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—The proprietors of our Dry Goods Stores, Fancy Stores, Clothing Warerooms, Confectioneries, Bookstores, &c., have filled up their shelves and counters with a great variety of elegant articles for Christmas and New-Year's presents. The assortments this year seem to be larger than were ever before offered, and purchasers will be, probably, more numerous. The conspicuous advertisements in our columns this morning tell the whole story, and now will follow the rush. Greenbacks will be scattered like leaves by the Autumn winds. Well, let those who have them, let 'em fly!

GERMAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.—The next stated meeting of the Association of the German Press of Pennsylvania, will be held in this city, on Tuesday, the 29th of December. It is expected that the attendance will be large. The object of this Society is not alone the promotion of the interests of the German Newspaper Press of the State, but embraces the wider field, in which all Germans may co-operate, of preserving the purity of the German language, and encouraging, elevating and vindicating the German element in the domestic, social and public life of our people.

JEFF. DAVIS DENOUNCED.—In the rebel Congress, on the 8th inst., Mr. Foote, of Tennessee, denounced Jeff. Davis as a marplot, who did more injury than good to the confederate army by his visits. He accused their commissary general, Northrop, of having starved the Union prisoners, and of having placed the confederacy in a dishonorable position before the world.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT.—Captain E. C. Wilson, for a long time United States Quartermaster at Harrisburg, has resigned his position and Captain E. C. Reichenbach, now at the head of the Quartermaster's department in Reading, has been appointed in his place.

☞ WE WOULD CALL ATTENTION to the great assortment of elegant and useful Goods for Gentlemen's Wardrobes, now displayed for sale at the corner of Sixth and Penn street, by Jameson & Co.

THE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.

The Standing Committees of the Senate and House were announced on Monday last, and the same excessively unfair partiality toward the minority in both branches, which made the Committees of the last House a disgrace to the party in power, is apparent in their construction. In the Senate, the Chairmanships of all the important Committees are given to New-Englanders. Thus, SUMNER, is Chairman on Foreign Relations; FESSENDEN on Finance; WILSON on Military Affairs; HALE on Naval Affairs; COLLAMER on Post Offices, and so on. Mr. BUCKALEW, the new Senator from Pennsylvania, whose legal learning, ability and experience as a legislator peculiarly fit him for useful service on such Committees as those of Foreign Affairs, Finance or Judiciary, is placed at the tail end of the comparatively unimportant Committees on Post Offices, Indian Affairs, and Pensions. Mr. COWAN has the third place on Finance, and the Chairmanship on Patents, which is better, but by no means equal to his deservings.

In the House, THAD. STEVENS is Chairman (and the only Pennsylvanian) on Ways and Means; DAWES, of Mass., Chairman on Elections; WASHBURN, of Illinois, on Commerce; JULIAN, of Indiana, on Public Lands; ALLEY, of Mass., on Post Offices; WILSON, of Iowa, on the Judiciary; SCHENCK, of Ohio (the late Military Dictator of Maryland), on Military Affairs; RICE, of Mass., on Naval Affairs; WINTER DAVIS, of Maryland, on Foreign Affairs; ASHLEY of Ohio, on Territories; and so on. The Pennsylvania Administration members, in addition to the Chairmanship on Ways and Means, have three other unimportant Chairmanships distributed among them, namely: HALE, on Claims; THAYER, on Private Land Claims; MOORHEAD, on Manufactures; and MYERS, on Expenditures of Treasury Department. The Democratic members are cautiously disposed where they can do the Administration no possible harm. Mr. ANCONA, the Representative of this District, is on the Committees on Manufactures and the Militia. The full lists of the Committees are too long for our present crowded columns.

SUPPLIES TO UNION PRISONERS REFUSED BY THE REBEL AUTHORITIES.—The report published a few days ago, upon the authority of a telegram from Gen. Butler, that the Rebels had refused to allow any more supplies to go to Union prisoners at Richmond, is fully confirmed by a letter of the Rebel Commissioner of Exchange, Robert Ould (printed in *The Richmond Dispatch*) to Gen. Meredith, the Federal Commissioner, dated Dec. 11. Mr. Ould says:

"As the assent of the Confederate Government to the transmission by your authorities and people of food and clothing to the prisoners at Richmond and elsewhere has been the subject of so much misconstruction and misrepresentation, and has been made the occasion of so much vilification and abuse, I am directed to inform you that no more will be allowed to be delivered at City Point. The clothing and provisions already received will be devoted to the use of your prisoners. When that supply is exhausted they will receive the same rations as our soldiers in the field."

This ungenerous decision of course places it out of the power of the Northern friends of our soldiers who are confined in the loathsome Southern prisons, to send them any further relief. The only thing that can now be done for them is for the people, with one voice, to demand of the President their immediate exchange, letting the "overlasting nigger question" to be decided hereafter. It is a monstrous and inhuman outrage—we can give it no milder name—to allow the thousands of white soldiers who have bravely encountered the enemy in the field, to languish in the filthy and disease-engendering prisons, suffering the pangs of cold and hunger, when they might be instantly released, but for the persistence of the leaders of our Government in demanding that the few of their petted negro soldiers who have chanced to be taken prisoners, shall be recognized and treated by the Rebel Government as on an equality with white men.

"IK MARVEL'S" NEW BOOK.—A new book by "Ik Marvel" is a marvelous good thing, particularly at this season, when a good book is doubly welcome. We therefore give thanks to that most liberal of New-York publishers, Mr. C. Scribner, for sending forth, with the advent of Winter, "*My Farm of Edgewood: A Country Book.*"—by our old favorite, "Ik Marvel,"—printed and bound in a style to make the book-worm's eyes water. It is written with all the depth of feeling and purity of sentiment which constituted the peculiar charm of the author's earlier writings, but conveys also sound practical lessons for those who lead a country life, gathered from his maturer experiences.

Mr. Scribner has also earned our thanks for the issue of new and elegant pocket editions of "*Reveries of A Bachelor*" and "*Dream Life*," by the same author, with the addition of new prefaces. Two more charming "books of the heart," as we may properly call them, were never written. We envy the generation that has grown into young man- and maidenhood since they were first published, the delight that a first reading of them will afford.

LONGFELLOW'S NEW POEMS.—The latest and most welcome advent in the literary world, is Longfellow's new book of Poems—"*Tales of a Wayside Inn*"—just issued in beautiful style, by those generous publishers of all that is tasteful, pure and classic, Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, of Boston. The author has chosen the parlor of an old Inn for his scene, where, on a cold autumn night, he assembles in a truly artistic group around the fire, his characters—The Landlord, a Student, a Spanish Jew, a young Sicilian, a Musician, a Cambridge Theologian, and a Poet—each of whom tells a characteristic story in verse. They are introduced to the reader in a charming prelude, and the poems are connected by graceful interludes, in which the comments of the fireside circle are introduced. We give a few extracts from these, on the first page, which will be enough to afford our readers a taste of the quality of this universally admired volume. Nothing better could be selected for a Christmas gift to a friend who appreciates intrinsic merit more than sumptuous binding and pretty pictures.

☞ HARPER'S MAGAZINE for December—commencing the 28th volume—has reached us rather late, but not the less welcome. It is a splendid number in all respects. It opens with two poems—"Saint Christopher" and "Twilight on Sumter"—beautifully illustrated. The interesting series of "Scenes in the War of 1812," and "Pictures of the Japanese," also illustrated, are continued. The short Stories in this Number, are numerous, and particularly good. Then there is an able biographical notice of Prescott, the great Historian; with other papers of superior merit; and last of all, the "Editor's Drawer," well filled with *bon mots* of the spiciest sort. There is no Magazine that approaches, or can approach *Harper's*, in the variety of its contents, the profusion and beauty of its engravings, or the excellence of its typography. Subscribe for it now.

BANK ROBBERY AND MURDER.—The Malden Bank of Massachusetts, near Boston, was entered at noon on Tuesday, and the son of the President, being alone there, was murdered, and the Bank robbed of about $5,000. The murdered boy was the son of E. C. Converse, and was only seventeen years of age.

City Affairs.

☞ EPISCOPAL SERVICE AT THE COURT HOUSE.—Divine service will be held at the Court House, to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 10 o'clock; also in the evening at 7 o'clock.

☞ THE UNION PRAYER MEETING will be held to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, in the Evangelical Mission Church, in Chestnut street, below Sixth, at 3 o'clock. All persons are respectfully invited to attend.

☞ A LADIES' FAIR, under the direction of the Sisters of the Roman Catholic Academy of the Immaculate Heart, and to aid in the payment of the debt yet due upon their House, in South Fifth street, will open on Monday next, in the large Hall of Mishler's Hotel, West Market Square, and continue open during the Holiday week. The praiseworthy efforts of the pious women who have charge of this institution, to free it from all debt, deserve a generous encouragement, and we hope that, at this season, when all partake of the liberal feelings which its associations inspire, and even the most miserly heart is touched with some degree of Christian liberality, these efforts will be handsomely rewarded.

☞ THE FAIR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WASHINGTON HOSE COMPANY, is still in progress at Aulenbach's Hall, and crowded with visitors nightly. The room is very handsomely decorated, and the display of useful and fancy articles of needle work, &c., is highly creditable to the taste and industry of the ladies. Additional attraction is also lent to the Fair by the winning ways of the fair damsels and dames who wait at the different tables; and, as our gallant neighbor of the *Times* says, "if any of our male readers can resist the temptation of going to see them, we don't envy their feelings."

The Fair will remain open a few days longer. We are requested to say that the gold Watch, diamond Ring, and other Prizes, together with a large and splendidly ornamental Cake, presented by the Southwark Hose Company, of Philadelphia, will be allotted to-night.

☞ ACCOMMODATION TRAIN TO HARRISBURG.—The Reading Railroad Company have promptly responded to the desire of the residents along the line of the Lebanon Valley Branch, for an early morning train to Harrisburg. On and after Monday, 28th, an accommodation passenger train will run between Reading and Harrisburg, (in addition to the Express and Mail trains now running), leaving Reading at 7.15 A. M., and arriving at Harrisburg at 10 A. M. Returning, this train will leave Harrisburg at 5 P. M., and arrive at Reading at 7.35 P. M. The residents of the two cities and intermediate stations, have good reason to be grateful to the Company for affording them these additional and highly convenient facilities of communication; and they should now see to it that the new train is sufficiently used to pay its expenses, at the least.

☞ THE RINGGOLD CORNET BAND.—This old and favorite musical organization, will give their annual Promenade Concert and Ball on Thursday evening next (Christmas Eve), in Keystone Hall. The proceeds are to be applied to the purchase of new Instruments. Aside from the entertainment which the music and dancing will afford—all appropriate enough at this festive season—the object is one that should commend itself to every citizen, for are we not all under many obligations to this excellent Band for the delightful music they have treated us to, upon numerous occasions?

The Ringgold Band have been engaged to play at the Ball of the Columbia Hose Company in Allentown, on the 30th of this month.

We are requested to state, by the Managers of the Ball, that unless the weather should prove bad, Omnibusses will not be engaged to call for ladies.

☞ EXCURSION TO ALLENTOWN, AND CONCERT.—The Mozart Musical Union will make an Excursion to Allentown on New-Year's Day (Friday, January 1, 1864), and give one of their grand Concerts in the evening, in the Odd Fellows' Hall of that borough. A special train on the East Pennsylvania Railroad, has been engaged, which will leave Reading at 8.30 A. M., and return from Allentown at 10.30 P. M., arriving home at midnight. The fare for the Excursion has been fixed at the low rate of $1 25. The Allentown people may expect a rare musical entertainment from the Mozart Union.

☞ LECTURES TO THE O. U. A. M.—The second Monthly lecture of the winter series, before the members of the Order of United American Mechanics, was delivered on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., in the Hall of Reading Council, No. 46, by the Hon. Joseph S. Hoyer, Mayor of the city. The attendance was good, and his subject—"The Laws of Nature"—was treated in an interesting and instructive manner.

Wm. P. Bard, Esq., is announced for the next lecture, on the second Thursday of January.

☞ IMPROVEMENT OF SIXTH STREET.—Councils have done a good thing, now that the improvement of North Sixth street is rapidly becoming a fixed fact, by extending the requirements of the curbing and paving Ordinance to the East side of Sixth street, between Elm street and the Askew Bridge, which is now impassable on foot. So, if the Ordinance is enforced, we shall soon have a fine avenue to the Upper Depot, both for vehicles and walkers.

☞ AMOUNT OF COAL transported on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, for the week ending Thursday, December 17, 1863.

	Tons.	Cwt.
From Port Carbon,	16,951	03
" Pottsville,	484	08
" Schuylkill Haven,	16,572	12
" Auburn,	1,769	13
" Port Clinton,	3,859	02
" Harrisburg, and Dauphin,	3,409	00
Total for week	48,196	13
Previously this year,	90,741	09
TOTAL,	138,938	02
To same time last year,	154,721	08

☞ EVERYBODY IS AWARE by this time, that CHEAP JOHN is doing a most extensive business, all through, and by the force of an indomitable energy, which is sure to secure success for its possessor. He deals fairly and squarely with his customers; sells to them as low as possible, without sustaining loss, and treats them all alike. They know that his word is not lightly given, and that he *never* attempts to palm off a bad article upon the community. Go and visit his place, and see whether we do not speak the simple truth. [dec 19

BRIEF LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

—*Mr. Daniel W. Wagner* has been appointed Postmaster of Shartlesville, Berks county, in place of Charles F. Rentschler, Esq., and the office has been removed to Beideman's Store.

—*Burned to Death.*—A daughter of Charles B. Bast, of Kutztown, named May, aged about 5 years, was so seriously burned on the 8th inst., that she died next day. She was left alone for an instant, and lighted some matches, which communicated fire to her clothing, and hence the sad result. Her mother, who hastened to her relief as soon as she heard her cries, was seriously burned in endeavoring to put out the flames.

—*John Albert Sontag*, (son of John Sontag, of Hamburg), a soldier of Company G, 96th Penna. Volunteers, who was missing since the 19th of November, has been heard from. He was taken prisoner by Rebel guerrillas near Jeffersonton, Virginia, and is now in their hands, safe and sound.

—*Jeremiah Bower* was arrested on Sunday night last by Detective Officer Lyon, in a Beer House at Ninth and Penn street, on the charge of taking letters containing checks, &c., out of the Post Office in this city, addressed to "Ira Bower," a travelling agent of the "Manhattan Soap Company." After a hearing before Alderman Schoener on Monday morning, he was committed for trial.

—*A Young Man* named W. H. Gallon, said to be from Hagerstown, Md., and a painter by trade, was arrested at Pottsville, last Saturday night by Detective Officer Lyon, and after a hearing before Alderman Schoener, committed to prison in default of bail, for trial on the charge of obtaining $30 in money from Mrs. John Messersmith, of this city, upon the false representation that he was agent for several Sewing Machine Companies, and authorized to receive orders for Machines, part of the money to be paid on taking the order, and the remainder three months after the delivery of the Machine. Upon these terms, Mrs M. gave him an order, and paid him the sum above stated last Friday; but as he left town the same evening, her suspicions were aroused, and hence the pursuit of him and arrest.

Town Meeting in Aid of our Soldiers in Southern Prisons.

In pursuance of public notice from the Pulpit and the Press, a large and highly respectable meeting of citizens convened in the Court House in Reading, on Tuesday evening, December 15, 1863; with the expectation of hearing the Rev. E. C. Ambler, Chaplain of the 67th Penna. Volunteers, lately confined in the Libby Prison at Richmond, give an account of his imprisonment. From some cause, as yet unexplained, Mr. Ambler failed to appear; and after the audience had waited nearly an hour beyond the time appointed,

On motion of the Rev. E. J. Richards, J. LAWRENCE GETZ, Esq., was called to the Chair, and CHARLES DAVIS was appointed Secretary.

The Chairman addressed the meeting briefly and eloquently, stating the object to be the making some provision for the relief and comfort of our soldiers taken captive by the enemy, and now detained in the prisons in Richmond and elsewhere South. The Chairman regretted the absence of Mr. Ambler, and at the close of his remarks, the Rev. C. Rightmyer being called out, made a short, appropriate and stirring address, and moved that the Chairman, Secretary and Dr. H. H. Muhlenberg, be a committee to act as the almoners or distributors of the bounty of this meeting; which motion being carried, it was then moved that the Chairman appoint a committee of four to take up the collections; and accordingly, the Rev. C. Rightmyer, Rev. C. F. McCauley, Joseph Ritter and Edward H. Shearer, were appointed.

On motion of Dr. Muhlenberg, it was resolved that the collections be appropriated to the prisoners from Berks county now confined in the Libby and other prisons in the South, if the rebel authorities shall allow transmission of the collections to them; and if not, that the same shall be sent to and distributed amongst our Pennsylvania Regiments.

The Collecting Committee reported a collection amounting to eighty-one dollars and four cents, and the same was handed over to the Distributing Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. LAWRENCE GETZ, Chairman.

Attest: CHARLES DAVIS, Secretary.

BOARD OF CONTROLLERS.

The Board of Controllers of Reading School District held their stated monthly meeting on Monday evening, December 14, 1863, at the High School building.

The following members were present, viz:

Messrs. Briner, Frees, Garnand, Getz, Hagenman, Hahn, Hain; Jones, Knerr, M'Cauley, Mengel, Miers, Mulligan, Maxton, Peace, Richards, Robinson, Roland, Seidle, Scull, Stout, Turner—22.

Absent—Messrs. Arnold, Crecilius, Eckert, Hoff, Hooker, M'Curdy, Peacock, Van Leer—8.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Treasurer made a report relative to the amount of Taxes received, and offered the following:

Resolved, That the Collectors of School Taxes for 1863 (to be appointed) be allowed a commission of 10 per cent. on Real Estate and 15 per cent. on occupation tax, on condition that they settle their duplicates on or before the first day of June, 1864.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hagenman moved that the Committee on Finance be authorized and directed to advertise for Collectors of School taxes remaining unpaid on Duplicates of 1863.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Frees, Chairman School Property, stated that there was no insurance on school house at Second and Chestnut streets, and suggesting that the perpetual insurance on the other school house in said Ward be withdrawn and both houses be insured in the Sinking Spring Insurance Company.

On motion, the Committee were authorized to act in the matter as suggested.

On motion of Mr. Mulligan, the Committee on Buildings and Repairs were authorized to make such changes in the furniture of 2d Ward Male Grammar School, as may be necessary.

On motion, the same Committee were also authorized to procure a new stove for school in Franklin street.

The Committee on Primary Schools, submitted the following nominations, viz:

Eliza Nunemacher, Principal 1st Female Primary First Ward.

Sallie Clous, 1st Assistant Male and Female Primary, 10th and Washington, in place of Miss Nunemacher, promoted.

Clara J. Lott, 2d Assistant, in place of Miss Clous, promoted.

The nominations were approved by the Board.

The Committee on Janitors made a report, accompanied by a resolution, recommending an increase of the salaries of the several Janitors, as follows:

High School—From $150 to $170 a year.

First Ward—From $175 to $200.

Second Ward—(Two houses), from $200 to $240.

Third Ward—Franklin street, $150 to $170; Grammar School, $50 to $75; Methodist Church, $36 to $50.

Fourth Ward—Poplar alley, $85 to $100; Washington street (between 8th & 9th), $75 to $85; Green street, $50 to $72; Tenth and Washington, $40 to $50; Colored School, $25 to $30.

Fifth Ward—Washington street, $180 to $210; Sixth and Walnut, $36 to $50; Kickstown, $36 to $50.

The aggregate increase amounts to the sum of $264.

Signed by Messrs. PETER JONES, Chairman: HENRY HAHN, ALONZO B. TURNER, J. F. MORES and JACOB H. HAIN, Committee.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Teachers asking for an increase of salaries, submitted the following report:

To the Board of Controllers of the Reading School District:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the teachers of the Public Schools of Reading, relative to an increase of salaries, beg leave to report, that the committee held a meeting on the evening of Nov. 24th, and, after a free and full discussion of the subject, agreed to recommend an increase of salary to the *Principals of Female Secondaries, Assistants of Male and Female Secondaries*, and to the Principals and Assistants of *Male and Female Primaries*; as follows:

Principal of Female Secondary, to be	$22 00	per month.
Assistants of Male & Female Secondary,	18 00	" "
Principals of Primary, to be	17 00	" "
Assistants of " "	15 00	" "

This will be an average increase of perhaps $3 per month to the teachers of the lower grade of schools.

The committee, in confining their action to the salaries of the teachers of the Primary and Secondary Schools, were well aware that the reasons assigned in asking for an increase of salary apply also to those of higher grades. They have to say, however, in justification of their action, that the funds of the Board would not admit of any very large increase of expenditure without embarrassment. They were therefore confined their action to those salaries that were more manifestly inadequate; and which, therefore, demanded more urgently an increase.

The Committee recommend that this increase commence on the first of January, 1864.

They would further say that the gross amount of the increase for the current year, will be about $1,120 00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. M'CURDY, B. VAN LEER, JAMES M. ROLAND, } Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stout, the report was accepted and the salaries as fixed by the Committee were approved.

On motion of Mr. Knerr, the salary of Teachers of Female Grammar Schools was increased to $30 per month.

On motion of Mr. Roland, the salary of Teachers of Male Grammar Schools was increased to $35 per month.

Mr. Stout moved that Potter & Hammond's system of Penmanship be re-introduced into the Schools of the city. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Scull, from Committee on School Property, asked for an appropriation of $20 for necessary repairs at School house in Washington, between 8th & 9th streets. The appropriation was granted.

A Committee of gentlemen from Trinity, St. James' and St. Matthew's Lutheran Churches were present, to ask the use of a room, for a Sunday School, in 3d Ward; whereupon

Mr. Frees moved that a room in said Ward, to be selected by the Committee, be granted for said purpose. The motion was adopted.

The resignation of Mr. C. H. Schaffer, Principal of Male Grammar School, 5th Ward, was presented and referred to the Committee on Grammar Schools.

Mr. Stout nominated Mr. B. F. Kennedy as Principal of Male Grammar School 5th Ward, in place of Mr Schaffer, resigned. The nomination was confirmed by the Board.

The monthly Visiting Committees presented reports, which were read. They contain nothing of public interest.

Mr. Stout moved that the High School Committee be authorized to hold an examination of pupils for admission to the High School, during the Christmas vacation, and to admit so many as they may find seats for in either department; *Provided* those examined are found qualified to enter any class at its present stage of progress; and *Provided* also, that the rule requiring that applicants for admission to the High School shall have passed at least six months in the Grammar Schools of this city, shall not be held to apply to children whose parents have moved into the city within six months previous to the last examination, and that the pupils so applying attended the Public Schools in their last place of residence. The motion was adopted.

The resignation of Miss Orpha B. Kimes, 1st Female Assistant in High School, was announced by the President; whereupon

On motion, the High School Committee were authorized to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Kimes.

The following bills, reported by the Committee of Finance, were approved and directed to be paid:

B. F. Owen, Printing,	$28 00
J. K. M'Curdy, acids, &c., High School,	3 12
E. C. Hiester, Kindling Wood,	3 20
Geo. D. Scott, Black-board rubbers,	3 05
Jacob Clammer, Water Rent for Green Street School,	3 00
Wm. H. Gornand, Bills paid for painting Black-boards, &c., 4th Ward,	3 25

On motion, the Board adjourned.

LEWIS BRINER, Secretary.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IMPORTANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA RESERVES.—Any Soldier of the Pennsylvania Reserve Regiments, who may have been discharged, or who is in the city, can hear something greatly to his advantage by calling upon or sending his address to JOSEPH E. DEVITT, No. 427 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., the Military and Naval Agency. [dec 19-1t

ANY WIDOW, OR PARENT, OR ORPHAN, or Brother, or Sister of any Soldier, Sailor, Marine, killed, or who has died in the service of the United States, who deserves Ninety-six Dollars ($96) a year Pension, from Twenty Four Hundred Dollars ($100 to $400) Cash Bounty and all the arrears of pay due him, should call at once or write to JOSEPH E. DEVITT & CO., No. 427 Walnut street, Philadelphia. Also State pay, if there is any due. [dec 19-1t

CEMETERY DEDICATION.

THE NEW CEMETERY AT THE TULPEHOCCON Church (Rev. T. H. Leinbach's), in Jackson township, Lebanon county, near Stouchsburg, will be dedicated with appropriate religious services on New-Year's Day—January 1st, 1864. Preaching in the morning and afternoon. A number of Clergymen from abroad are expected to be present. The public are respectfully invited to attend. [dec 19-2t

NOTICE

To Persons Enrolled in the 8th District of Pennsylvania.

ALL PERSONS WHO HOLD A CERTIFICATE of Exemption from this Board, and also persons who were in the service on March 3d, 1863, are not required to appear before the Board for re-examination.

JEREMIAH SCHAFFER, Captain and Provost Marshal 8th Dist. Pa.

dec 19-4[]

SEGAR MAKERS WANTED.

5 HANDS TO MAKE SEGARS, WANTED IMMEDIATELY. The highest wages paid. Apply at THIS OFFICE.

dec 19-4t[]

NOTICE.

Estate of Doctor Isaac Davis, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT LETTERS Testamentary to the Estate of Dr. Isaac Davis, deceased, late of Heidelberg township, Berks county, have been granted to the Subscriber, of the same place. All persons, indebted are requested to make payment, and those having demands against said Estate, will present them for settlement, to

S. SHEARER, Executor.

dec 19-3t*

Estate of George M. Schmeck, late of the City of Reading, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT LETTERS of Administration to the estate of the above named decedent, have been granted to the subscriber, residing in the same city. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment without delay, and all who have claims or demands against the same, are also requested to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement, to

MARIA SCHMECK, Administratrix, Or DANIEL EBMENTHOUT, her Attorney, Sixth & Court street, Reading.

dec 19-6t*

WINDOW SHADES AND BLINDS.

NOTICE—SPLENDID STOCK.

J. J. HESSLER,

No. 22 North Fifth Street, Reading,

TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN INFORMING his numerous customers that he has just received

A New and Varied Stock of

SHADES.

All of which, in consequence of the lateness of the season, will be offered at EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.

☞ SHADES put up without extra charge.

ALL KINDS OF BLINDS,

Made, trimmed and hung, as usual, at the lowest Cash Prices. [dec 19

SUPERIOR HOME-MADE MINCE MEAT AT FRANK B. FICHTHORN'S, NO. 604 PENN STREET.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE LADIES' FAIR!

FOR THE

WASHINGTON HOSE,

OPEN AT

AULENBACH'S HALL,

This (Saturday) Afternoon and Evening. Also on Monday next.

December 19-1t

PUBLIC SALE

Of Personal Property.

THE SUBSCRIBER WILL SELL AT PUBLIC Sale, on Thursday, January 14th, 1864, on the premises, in Oley township, Berks county, near Pleasantville, at 12 o'clock, M., the following personal property, to wit:

Two HORSES, 2 MARES, 3 Shoats, one Buckeye Mower and Reaper Combined, 1 Hay Rake, (Wade's Patent); 1 Threshing Machine, 1 Corn Sheller, Spring Wagon, 2 Farm Wagons, Winnowing Mill, Yankee Harness, Check Line and other Lines, Hay Ladders, Crowbar, 3 Plows, Hoe Harrows, Harrows, Hokoplow, 3 Double Trees, Single Trees, Rakes, Forks, Shovels, and many other articles, too numerous to mention.

Conditions of sale made known at the time and place, by

dec 19-3t*] HENRY G. LANDIS.

PUBLIC SALE.

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1863, at the public house of Eli S. Fox, in the city of Reading, (known as the Berks County House,) at 1 o'clock in the afternoon:

All that certain LOT OF GROUND, situate at the North-East Corner of Ninth and Penn streets. Containing in front on Penn street 60 feet, and in depth on Ninth street 270 feet, and upon which is a three-story

BRICK STORE HOUSE,

And a two and a half-story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE and a Frame Shop, on Penn street, with Frame Barn, and other buildings, on Ninth street. The above is the most desirable property in the Eastern part of the city, and well worth the attention of buyers and capitalists.

The above property will be sold in whole or parts, according to a plan which can be seen on day of sale.

☞ For further information apply to Morris Rambo, on the premises, or to Rhode & Fisher, corner Penn and Eighth streets.

Conditions made known at the time and place, by

RHODE & FISHER, Real Estate Agents.

dec 19-2t]

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE ORPHANS' Court of Berks county, will be sold at Public Vendue, on Saturday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1864, at the late dwelling house of Jacob Eagel, deceased, in Douglass Township, Berks county: All that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land, situate in Douglass township, Berks county, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Adjoining lands of Esther Baker, Abraham Guldin, Joseph Yeager, Dr. Stauffer, Isaac Kemmerer and others, containing forty acres, and one hundred and fifty perches. The improvements consist of a two-story and a half STONE DWELLING HOUSE, with a spring of never-failing water, &c. Late the property of *Jacob Engel*, deceased.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when due attendance will be given, and the terms of sale made known by

PHILIP EAGEL, Administrator.

By order of the Court.—DANIEL HAHN, Clerk. [dec 19-4t

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE ORPHANS' Court of Berks county, will be sold at Public Vendue, on Saturday, the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1864, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the public house of Daniel Heller, in Boyerstown, Colebrookdale township, Berks county: All that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land, situate in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, bounded by lands of Jacob Guldin, Abraham Houck, Daniel Boyer, Isaac Johnson and others, containing twenty-six acres and one hundred and fifty-one perches—five acres of which is heavy White Oak Timber land.

Also, a certain two-story BRICK HOUSE with back-buildings, &c., and lot or piece of ground, situate in the village of Boyerstown, Colebrookdale township, Berks county, on the road leading from Swamp Churches to Kutztown, bounded by property of John Fegely, and other property of John Schaeffer, deceased, and others, containing one acre and nine perches, more or less. Late the property of *John Schaeffer*, deceased.

Sale to commence at one o'clock in the afternoon, when due attendance will be given, and the terms of sale made known by

JEREMIAH SCHAEFFER, JOHN H. SCHAEFFER, } Administrators.

By order of the Court.—SOLOMON CLOSE, Clerk.

dec 19-4t

PUBLIC SALE

Of Valuable City Property,

Situate on the North-West Corner of Sixth and Franklin Streets.

THE SUBSCRIBER WILL OFFER AT PUBLIC SALE, on Saturday, the 2d day of January, 1864, at the Schmucker House, kept by Israel Ritter, South-West corner of Sixth and Penn streets, in the city of Reading, the following described Real Estate, viz:

No. 1.—A substantial two-story STONE DWELLING with Stone Kitchen attached, and lot thereto appurtenant, situate on the North-West corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, in said city, containing in front on said Sixth street 27 feet, and in depth along said Franklin street 90 feet.

No. 2.—The vacant Lot adjoining the above described property on the North, containing in front on said Sixth street 33 feet, and in depth 90 feet.

No. 3.—A one-story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, with large Brick Back Building attached, having dormer windows, and its appurtenant, adjoining said above described vacant lot No. 2, on the North, containing in depth 90 feet, and in front on said Sixth street 23 feet, with the privilege of a three foot alley, extending back 42 feet, from which front the lot is 30 feet in width.

A good title, free from incumbrances will be assured to the purchaser, and the purchase money, to the extent of $2,000, can remain on the first two properties if desired.

Conditions of sale made known at the time and place, by

dec 19-2t] A. G. GREEN, Court Street.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE ORPHANS' Court of Berks county, will be sold at Public Vendue, on Friday, the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1864, at the late dwelling house of George Davidheiser, in Amity township, Berks county, about one mile from Douglassville Station: A messuage, tenement and tract of land, situate in Amity township, county aforesaid, bounded by lands of Samuel Weitzel, Jeremiah Hine, Adam Egolf, Samuel Fritz, Amos Potts and Peter Rothermel, containing one hundred and eighty-seven acres, more or less. The improvements consist of a large two-story STONE DWELLING HOUSE, one-story Wash House, large Swiss Barn, Wagon House with Corn Crib, Carpenter Shop and Blacksmith Shop, a well of never-failing water, with pump, in front of said dwelling.

Also, a certain tract of WOODLAND, situate in Union township, said county, bounded by lands of Henry Zerr, George Wanasher, Henry Kupp and George Francis, containing five acres, more or less. Late the property of *George Davidheiser*.

Sale to commence at one o'clock in the afternoon, when due attendance will be given, and the terms of sale made known by

JOHN DAVIDHEISER, GEORGE DAVIDHEISER, JACOB DAVIDHEISER, } Administr