THE DAILY EAGLE.

READING, PA.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1868.

CITY AND COUNTY.

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N. C.—We adhere to our motto "For the good that lacks assistance; for the wrong that needs resistance." We take the names in our Police Report from the record in the Mayor's office, and will *not* change a name for any one. If you want to keep your name from the public, you must keep out of the station house.

C. P.—You must evidently be a lazy man. If you refer to Webster's, right at your elbow, you will find the information you desire.

STONE BOXES for sale. Apply at Adler office.

THE carriers of the EAGLE will present their patrons with a handsome Almanac on New Year.

A mad dog was killed near Doylestown, and two mad dogs were killed near West Chester, last week.

THE month draws to a close, and with it the year ends—let us hope that the trials and troubles annoying our people may all end with it.

THERE is still living, according to the pension report, one of those aged individuals whom Solon Shingle says, "fit in our Revolutionary war."

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Sunday evening Mr. Samuel Rolfsnyder was run over by the cars on the East Penn. R. R., at Mortstown, and was so badly injured that he died about 5 hours after the accident.

ABOUT CHEESE.—Rich cheese feels soft under the pressure of the finger. That which is very strong is neither good nor healthy. To keep one that is cut, tip it in a cloth, put it in a cool, dry place. If mold appears on it, wipe it off with a dry cloth.

CHANGED HANDS.—Mr. Frank Ludwig, of Hamburg, sold his mill property, situate at Fleetwood, to Daniel Koch, for the sum of $11,300. The mill was formerly the property of Mr. Koch. Mr. Ludwig bought of Jacob Gehret, a mill and 71 acres of land, situate in Jefferson township, for the sum of $13,800.

WILL RESUME.—The revival season at the Ebenezer M. E. Church, which has been suspended for a few days, will re-open this evening. Much good has already been accomplished at this church since the commencement of the season, and it is believed that much more will be done during the winter. All are invited to attend.

NEW YEAR.—But a little more than a day will be left of 1868 when this issue reaches the readers of the EAGLE. The old year is tottering to its fall, and the new one will in a few hours dawn upon us. And yet how brief appears the time since we welcomed 1868. But what joys and sorrows have been crowded into the months that have elapsed since the beginning of this now old year. Time flies.

THE following are the officers of the Douglassville Bridge Company for the ensuing year: President, Henry Flannery; Managers, Samuel Guldin, S. H. Custer, William Yocom, Jacob S. Root, John Kupp, James Healey; Secretary and Treasurer, D. B. Mattger. The above officers are the same as for the past year, excepting Mr. James Healey, who takes the place of Henry McKenty, deceased.

HOTEL CHANGES.—The well known Hotel property, the "Yellow House," in Amity township, this county, owned by Samuel Guldin, Esq., will change landlords next spring. Mr. Lewis L. Custer, who has kept it for several years, will be succeeded by Mr. Wm. David, helser, of Hereford township, this county. We understand that Mr. Custer has leased the Mansion House of the late Henry McKenty, at Douglassville, and intends opening, next spring, a Boarding House for city and other boarders.

ACCIDENT.—Richard M. Shalters, of the firm of George Shalters & Son, Mount Penn Furnace, met with quite a serious accident on Saturday afternoon last. He was en-route for home, having left Reading where he had arranged his business, and when near the Furnace he met several of his employees, and while speaking with them, another party came up and as usual in the country the salutation was not of the most mild kind, and Mr. Shalter slipping, fell and broke the *tibia* and *fibula* (small bones) of his right leg.

BANQUET OF TEUTONIA LODGE.—St. John's day was duly celebrated by the brethren of Teutonia Lodge, No. 307, at the public house of Philip Hissinger, and was graced by their wives and daughters. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Arnold Mellert, presided at the table with marked ability and grace, and the banquet was most *recherché*, both in the preparation of the viands and the decoration, and did credit to the host and hostess. Teutonia Lodge, although young in years, is fast gaining influence and members.

THE CRYSTALS' ANNUAL BAL MASQUE.—The Annual Bal Masque of the Crystal Social Club will be given at the Keystone Opera House, on Tuesday evening, January 12th. The Crystals have made for themselves an enviable reputation in all soirees and masquerade matters, and there cannot be a doubt that they will receive the most liberal encouragement on this occasion from the lovers and devotees of pleasures terpsichorean. We will endeavor to be present, and shake a foot or two in the "divine poetry of motion."

DUTIES OF POSTMASTERS.—Much trouble would be saved, if postmasters were more generally familiar with their duties. Postmasters should remember that when a paper, remains dead in the office for four consecutive weeks, it is their duty to send the publisher of the papers a written notice of the fact, stating, if possible, the reason why the paper is not taken. The returning to the publisher of a paper marked "not taken," "refused," or "uncalled for," is not a legal notice. Postmasters who fail to comply with the law in this respect are liable for the time said papers remain dead in their office.

MASTER WILLIS STANFORD, a little son of Mr. Wm. Stanford, of this borough, narrowly escaped death by drowning in the Schuylkill River, on Saturday afternoon last. He was engaged in skating on the river, immediately below the upper bridge, when he accidentally ran upon a spot of ice not sufficiently thick to sustain his weight, and broke through. The current was very strong, and consequently made it difficult for such a little boy to prevent being carried under foot, but he battled bravely with the chilly waters until assistance arrived, when he was rescued from his perilous position.—*Pottstown Ledger.*

POLICE AFFAIRS.—Navy a "drunk" or other violator of the law found a grateful embrace within the classical walls of our elegant and splendidly-furnished Station House last night. 16 lodgers, however, found accommodations there.

A mysterious bundle, containing pantaloons, shirts, neck-ties, and what not, was picked up by one of the police officers, in Cherry alley, between Fourth and Fifth streets, last night. Very likely the one who dropped it (accidentally, of course) intended starting a little Freedmen's Bureau of his own. The goods are at the Mayor's office.

MRS. ELIZABETH FISHER, who is now in Allentown jail on charge of infanticide, is about 38 years old, originally belonged to Oley township, this county, and was the widow of Henry Fisher, who died at Forgodale some ten years ago. Her maiden name was Hoch. She say that her child which disappeared was still-born, and that being unable to meet the expenses of a decent burial, she threw the child into Jordan creek, near Allentown. The case has caused considerable excitement and feeling in Allentown, and by some, it is believed the woman is partially deranged. Her trial will take place at the January Term of Lehigh County Court.

THE CASE OF GEO. W. ALEXANDER.—In the U. S. District Court, yesterday, the case of G. W. Alexander came up for final disposition. The defendant, while Assessor of the Eighth Collection District, was alleged to have connived at the removal of whiskey in fraud of the revenue, and the jury found him guilty of that offence, with a recommendation to mercy. Motions were made for a new trial, and argued fully before Judge Cadwalader by Messrs. Bull and Hepburn. Mr. Hoffman, one of the counsel for the defence, wrote his argument in support of the motions, and submitted it to the Court. Yesterday, after Judge Cadwalader had gone over the written argument, he said that there was but one point in the case about which he had any doubt, and that was in respect to the bill of indictment. The only authority cited was against the motion, and that, he thought, must govern him in deciding the question. That the conviction was a proper one upon the merits of the case he had no doubt whatever. The returns offered in evidence, the letters of the defendant, and the testimony of Mr. Jacobs, satisfied him, beyond all doubt, of Col. Alexander's guilt. The sentence which he had announced previously must stand, therefore—a fine of one thousand dollars and an imprisonment of one year.

Mr. Bull called attention to the act of Congress, under which the indictment was drawn, as fixing the maximum punishment at one year's imprisonment, or one thousand dollars fine. The Judge then directed the clerk to record the sentence to be imprisonment for one year.—*Phila. Ledger.*

HOME AFTER BUSINESS HOURS.—The road along which the man of business travels in the pursuit of competence and wealth, is not a macadamized one, nor does it ordinarily lead through pleasant scenes, and by well-springs of delight. On the contrary it is a rough and rugged path, beset with wait a bit thorns, and full of pit-falls, which can only be avoided by the most watchful care. After every day's journey over these worse than rough turnpike roads, the wayfarer needs something more than rest; he requires solace. He is weary of the dull prose of life, and is athirst for pleasure at home. Warm greetings from a loving heart, fond glances from bright eyes, and a thousand little welcomes may be silently given that will tell of thoughtful and expectant love; these, and like tokens of affection and sympathy, constitute the poetry that reconciles us to the dull routine of life. Think of this ye wives of business men. Think of the toils, the anxieties, the mortifications, the wear of both body and mind the husband must undergo to secure for you pleasant and comfortable homes. Why should not woman do her part, and compensate them for the toils and trials, by making them happy by their own fireside? The sober and industrious man's home ought always be a happy one.

BRIEF MENTIONS.—Our financial tinkers now have a great deal to say of the effects of hoarding up gold. We should like to experience a few of the effects.——High-heeled boots are said to be one of the principal causes of the immense increase of the corn crop this season.——Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall—is a text that was often practically illustrated on our pavements last week.——Peach speculators are already preparing for next summer's campaign by announcing that cold weather has already had a bad effect on the trees.——Bonner feeds his horses from boxes on the floor—he believing that nature intended they should take their food from the level of their feet.——We are promised snow to-day.——Some of our iron works are running on double time.——The boys were skating on the canal this morning.——Thomas Cat lay stretched out on Sixth street. Came to his death by being run over.——In spite of the cold weather we notice, in various parts of the city, building still going on.——The little son that shines for all—the boot-black.——Ole Bull opens at Baltimore to-night.——The Peak Family is at Allentown.——The Reading Maennerchor intend giving another concert ere long.

TO YOUNG MEN.—Those young gentlemen (?) who "make night hideous" with their drunken brawling, will be profited by the following extract, which we clip from an exchange. "There are many boys, yes, boys, not yet sixteen, we daily meet in our walks, who have started out upon this road, which ends in unutterable misery, and many a mother sits waiting for him until far into the night. In our own city these things are transpiring.

My Boy Drunk!—Drunk! my boy drunk! and the tears started to the mother's eyes, and she bent her head in unutterable sorrow. In that moment the vision of a useful and honorable career was destroyed; and one of worthlessness, if not absolute dishonor, presented itself. Well did she know that intemperance walks hand in hand with poverty, shame and death; and her mother's heart was pierced as with a pointed steel. Ah, young man, if the holy feeling of a love for her who bore you is not dead within you, shun that which gives her pain; adhere to that which gives her joy. If she is with you on earth, she does not, cannot desire to see her son a drunkard; if she is with her Father in Heaven, she knows that your conduct shuts heaven against you, and debars you out from her society forever. The drunkard cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

A VENERABLE TREE.—A white-oak tree was lately cut near Haney's Bridge on the line of the Brandywine and Reading Railroad, 225 years old, and six feet across the stump at the ground. It is thought to contain seven cords of wood. It was sound and healthy, and if the Railroad had not encroached on it, it might have lived several hundred years longer. It was a good sized sapling when Wm. Penn founded Phila., and formed the treaty with the Indians. It was more than 125 years old when the Battle of Brandywine was fought. It was a giant, not of the forest, but one that had outlived the forest—and, a good sized tree, when the Indians fished in the Brandywine and roamed the thick tangled wood that lined the banks of their favorite stream in pursuit of game.—*Village Record.*

THE FAIR.—The Sisters' Fair this evening, will be enlivened by music from Rocholl's Quadrille Orchestra, and on Thursday evening by the Mechanics' Brass Band of Reading, under the leadership of D. W. Neifrich.

By order of D. D. WENTZEL, President.

DIED.

MCKINNEY.—In this city, on the 28th inst., Hannah McKinney, wife of Peter McKinney, in the 20th year of her age.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from her parents' residence, No. 524 South Fifth street, on Thursday, 31st, at 2 o'clock P. M., without further notice. Funeral to proceed to Charles Evans' Cemetery.

One we loved has left our number,
For the dark and silent tomb;
Closed her eyes in deathless slumber—
Faded in her early bloom.

From our circle, dearest Hannah,
Early hast thou passed away;
But the angels say—"Another
Joins our holy song to-day!"
Weep no longer.

SMINK—In this city, on the 30th inst., Mary Elizabeth Smink, in the 22d year of her age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 121 North Sixth street, on Thursday, at 1 o'clock, P. M., without further notice. Services at First German Reformed Church. Funeral to proceed to Charles Evans Cemetery.

ALLGAIER.—In this city, on the 29th of December, Miss Margaret L. Allgaier, in the 63d year of her age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday morning at 9½ o'clock, from the residence of Anthony Felix, No. 219 South Fifth street, to proceed to St. Peter's Catholic Church, and from thence to the Catholic Cemetery.

TO LET.—A splendid office, suitable for a Lawyer or Physician. First floor. Inquire at 533 Court street. dec30 3t*

THE holidays have come and gone, but not so with the rush for dry goods at Charles Levan & Co.'s, 441 Penn street. They continue to dispose of their large and well selected stock of goods, at astonishingly low prices. Call and see.

"'Tis the penalty of nature that all must fade and wither." The first inroad upon our personal charms is generally denoted by the hair, and in most cases prematurely. Let all who would preserve their natural capillary adornments make haste to apply that never-failing potency, "Barrett's Vegetable Hair Restorer."—*Hartford Courant.* dec28-1w

THE MARKETS.

Daily Review of Business.

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Money Market.

In Philadelphia, the pressure for money still continues heavy, but the rates of interest are unchanged, and the demand both at the Banks and on the street, is fully met. Trade, as usual at this period, is dull and most unsatisfactory, without, however, any very violent fluctuations in prices.

Business at the Stock Board was very dull yesterday morning and prices weak. Government securities are not quite as strong as at the close on Monday. State 6's 2d series, sold at 107. City 6's, are steady at 96 for the old and 100¾ for the new certificates.

There were no transactions in Reading Railroad at the session of the board, but no marked falling off in prices occurred, closing at 49¾@50¼. Pennsylvania Railroad sold at 54½; 54¼ was bid for Catawissa preferred; 28 for Philadelphia and Erie, and 26 for North Pennsylvania.

Bushong & Bro., Bankers, No. 16, North 6th street quote as follows:

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Old U. S. 6's, 1881	[illegible]
Old U. S. 5's 1874	114
New U. S. 5-20's, 1864, July and Jan.	110
New U. S. 5-20's 1865, May and Nov.	107
New U. S. 1865, new	107
New U. S. 5-20's 1867, July and Jan.	110
New U. S. 5-20's, 1868	110¼
Ten Forty Bonds	105
Gold in New York up to 12 o'clock	134¼
Gold in Reading at Bushong & Bros.	134¼

Boston Wool Market.

THE Wool market is firm for all grades, but the current demand is moderate, owing to the operation of general causes peculiar to this stage of the season. Just now there is very little to note in this branch of trade that is new or interesting. With the money market working very close, manufacturers are buying to the extent of present wants only, but many of them are short of staple, and will probably be forced in for considerable supplies within the next thirty days. A few large corporations, who bought heavily early in the season, will be able to continue on for some time to come, without recourse to the dealer.

But the season immediately before us must necessarily be one of active and large consumption. The aggregate of stocks is very small as compared with the supply usually available at this stage of the wool season. At the current rate of consumption, with most of the woollen mills throughout the country running up to their full capacity, the article must necessarily be scarce long before the next clip is matured.

Hence it would seem that higher prices are inevitable before the season is much farther advanced, since the only alternative presented—a stoppage of machinery and curtailed production of goods—is hardly a probable one. All parts of the country are now in good condition to absorb a large quantity of spring fabrics. Manufacturers are already making sales and have liberal orders ahead, so that the raw material must be forthcoming at any cost.

With an easier money market after the first week in January, the demand for wool will doubtless be active, with considerable competition for desirable grades on the part of buyers. The scarcity of low western fleeces is likely to be a permanent feature of the market, as there is but little more of this grade to come forward, and hence it must sustain relatively high prices up to the close of the season. The difficulty of obtaining supplies of coarse and medium wool just now causes the demand to run on the corresponding grades of pulled, and extra fleeces are also in better request for substitution.

Double and extra choice fine wools are more inquired for, and large sales of these will doubtless be made early in the coming year. Combing wools are in demand and very scarce; all passable lots of native are taken at sellers' prices as fast as received. Pulled wools are the most active of any description, as they meet a want of consumers that could not otherwise be supplied. Though the current receipts are liberal, the stock of supers is sold up very close for the season.

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

THE receipts of Beef Cattle continue large, reaching about 1,000 head. Last week the market was moderately active and prices were higher. Extra Pennsylvania and Western Steers, selling at 9½@10¾c.; choice show cattle at 12@15c.; fair to good at 8@9c., and common at 5@7½c. per ℔, gross, as to condition. Cows were unchanged; 150 head sold at $45@75 for springers, and $30@90 per head for cow and calf. Sheep were in fair demand; 8,000 head arrived and sold at 4@6½c. ℔ pound, gross, as to condition. Hogs were also in fair demand at an advance of 25c. per 100 pounds; 5,000 head sold at the Union and Avenue Drove Yards, at $12@12 50 per 100 pounds net.

Reading Hay Market.

ON Monday and yesterday, nine loads of hay were brought to this city from the country. Some was also received by rail in bales. County hay was disposed of at $15@18 per ton. Several loads of straw were also disposed of.

Grain Market.

READING PRICES.

White Wheat Flour per bbl.	$13 00
Red " " " " "	12 00
Corn Chop (old)	11 50
" " (new)	1 35
Corn (old)	1 10
" (new)	1 05
Best Middlings	1 10
Common	1 30
Bran	1 00
Corn Meal	40
	1 30

PAYING PRICES.

White Wheat per bushel	2 10
Red " " "	2 00
Corn (old)	1 15
Corn (new)	65

Coal Market.

BOTH the press and the people are loud in their complaints at the extordinary high price of coal. It is asserted, and we believe with truth, that the strikes at the mines were induced by the owners in order to afford them an opportunity to put up the price of coal. There is just as much coal as ever, and the wages paid for mining are not sufficient to justify the present rate demanded for this much needed article of fuel. The poor will feel this extortion heavily and an otherwise hard winter will be made still harder for them to weather. It is proper to say, however, that the dealers in Reading, are selling at prices as low as they can afford; they receiving only a small advance upon the price paid at the mines.

READING PRICES.

Egg and Broken Coal	$7 00 per ton.
Stove	7 25 "
Nut	6 25 "
Pea	3 50 "
Bituminous Coal	25 cts. ℔ bu

The Iron Market.

IN Pig Metal there is no material change to notice. Sales of No. 1 Anthracite at $42@43, and No. 2 at 38@40. Scotch Pig sells at $42 50@43 ℔ ton, and Forge at 35@35 50 ℔ ton. Manufactured Iron commands $87 50 ℔ ton for Bars. Blooms are quiet.

THE housekeepers' market yesterday afternoon and this morning was not so well attended. Since Christmas has come and gone, people will now be sparing, and not buy more than they really need. Prices in some articles are somewhat lower. Butter, however, holds on to 50 cents; eggs 45. The supply of Pork was somewhat smaller than on Saturday last; selling at 13@14, Beef, 11@16.

Reading Housekeepers' Market.

BUTTER—Fresh dairy, ℔ lb.	50
" Lump	45
CHEESE—Cheese ℔ lb.	20@23
LARD—Lard ℔ lb.	24
EGGS—Eggs ℔ dozen	45
APPLES—Apples ℔ peck	20@30
" Dried ℔ quart	12
PEACHES—" ℔ lb.	20
MEAT—Beefsteak, round ℔ lb.	20
" " sirloin	20
" " rump	18
" Beef roast	18
" Beef dried	20
" Veal Cutlets	23
" " chops	18
" Mutton	18@20
" Pork	18@20

SECOND EDITION.

State of Thermometer.

	7 A. M.	1 P. M.
Monday	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tuesday	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wednesday	[illegible]	[illegible]

YESTERDAY was a dismal sort of a day. A drizzling rain made pedestrianism anything but pleasant.

MR. JOHN WALTZ, of Lebanon, has been appointed Gauger in the Revenue department for Lebanon county.

SHOOTING MATCH.—A shooting Match will take place on Saturday, Jan. 9, 1869, at the public house of Peter Addam, in Molltown, for a Mammoth Hog weighing 500 lbs. Distance, 50 yards; No. 6 shot, and no objections to the use of any gun.

THE FAIR.—Emphatically, the Sisters' Fair, now progressing at Library Hall, is *the* Fair of the season. A truly pleasant hour is passed each evening by the assemblage who not only listen to music's sweetest strain, but behold with delight and admiration, the profusion of a display in every sense worthy the continued patronage of our fellow-citizens.

A GANG OF HORSE THIEVES FRESHTEN OUT.—Some time ago Detective Lyon, of this city, gained some important information in reference to a gang of horse thieves, who were committing their depredations in various parts of the State. He went quietly to work, and at last succeeded in tracing them to their headquarters, at a place called Hell's Gate, in Luzerne county. On proceeding there, Mr. Lyon found a double team, with harness, buffalo robe and cushions, belonging to Mr. J. Wormwood, of Riegelsville, Bucks county, which were stolen in the month of September last. On the first trip made by the Detective, he succeeded in arresting three of the gang, and on Monday last arrested one at Bridgeton, N. J., and another near Bethlehem, in this State. On Tuesday these two latter had a hearing before Justice Pugh, of Doylestown, this State, who held them to bail each in the sum of $3,000 for trial at the February Court of Quarter Sessions. Detective Lyon is in hopes that he will be able to break up the entire gang, and have them brought to justice.

FANCY BREADS.—Persons who are accustomed to breakfast at restaurants, will be at no loss to account for the dyspepsia, that has so long been the scourge of the American people. Hot bread, as everybody ought to know, is highly indigestible, and never should be eaten under any circumstances unless as an alternative with death by starvation. Observe the feeders at restaurant tables of a morning, and you will see that eight out of every ten, or thereabouts, prefer hot bread to cold. A majority of them order two or three kinds of fancy bread, all hot, and all these are soaked thoroughly with butter by the bolters of them, so as to render them, if possible, more indigestible than they were as served. In England dyspepsia is absolutely unknown among the agricultural classes, who live much upon bacon and well-baked cakes or bread, eaten cold. In some parts of the Western States nearly every farmer and farm-laborer is a victim to it, and there is good reason to believe that this is mainly owing to the universal hot dough-cakes which form the staple of country fare in those districts, and to the collateral abomination in the way of fancy hot cakes gorged by the farmers on festive occasions.

[From the Pottstown *Ledger.*]

At Birdsboro, on Christmas Eve, was held in St. Michael's Church, a festival for children of the Sunday School. The church—tastefully decorated with evergreens, and filled with a congregation consisting of mothers and maids, men and boys, old men and children, all seemingly influenced by the cheerful associations of the season,—presented a spectacle specially pleasing to the pastor's eye, and generally grateful to all who love to commemorate the human birth of the Divine Redeemer. A prominent feature of the joyful occassion, was the Christmas Tree, bearing a heavy burden of unwonted fruit, such as golden oranges, and books replete with instructive matter, and pictures of varied color illustrating scripture scenes, and ornamental horns full of mingled sweetness—the whole lit up and sparkling with numerous lights. The tree, however, like others of less varied aspect, was destined to lose its fruit, for, after a short service and address by the Pastor, the tree was deprived of its grafted gift—which in the general distribution passed into the welcoming hands of the children.

About one hundred and fifty members of the school came forward, in their regular classes, to partake in the distribution and receive the gifts. During the service, before and after the ceremony of stripping the tree, several appropriate songs of praise were beautifully sung by teachers and children—among which the piece called the "Three Kings of Orient," was particularly suitable to both time and place. Thus was honored by due observance the sacred season, we might almost say to the equal delight of both old and young, and both Pastor and people.

On the afternoon of Christmas day, was held at Douglassville, Berks county, a service for children similar in most particulars to that above described. There also a tree was found flourishing and beautiful, and although it did not produce quite so rich a crop, it still presented on its verdant branches a tempting display to the sparkling eyes of the little ones. Here, too, Christmas joy was felt by both parents and children, and by both those of larger and smaller growth it was found a pleasure and a profitable thing, thus to honor the day in the sacred precincts of the sanctuary.

P. S.—Mention should not be omitted of the fact that the Christmas Trees at Birdsboro and Douglassville were by some kind hearted teachers made to bear gifts also for the Pastor, which of course did not lessen his gratification. E. L.

THE Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Sinking Spring have levied an assessment of one dollar on every thousand dollars insured. Mr. Wollington Van Reed, 320 Penn street, will receive payments for the city of Reading and the townships of Muhlenberg, Alsace and Exeter.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30.

The public debt statement for December will, it is said, show an increase of over two millions.

R. T. Darrell, Commonwealth Attorney at Richmond, Va., has been removed by General Stoneman, and L. H. Chandler appointed in his stead. Darrell is disqualified by the Fourteenth Amendment.

General Sherman has received despatches from Gens. Hazen and Sheridan, relative to the Indians. Hazen says the Cheyennes and Arapahoes are all hostile, and the Kiowas divided. The hostile Indians had gone to the head of the north fork of the Red river. He expected a junction with Sheridan in a few days, when an attack would be made. Gen. Sherman has ordered that the chiefs, Satanta and Bull Bear, be killed, or if captured, imprisoned at Fort Gibson.

A sleeping car on the Great Western Railroad, Canada, rolled down an embankment yesterday. Twelve persons were injured—two dangerously.

Forty thousand dollars' worth of opium, brought from China on the steamship Great Republic has been seized at San Francisco for evasion of the revenue.

The steamer Jeweess, with 350 bales of cotton, was snagged and sunk in the Alabama river yesterday. No lives were lost.

The citizens of Rutland, Vermont, have voted $300,000 in aid of the Portland and Rutland Railroad.

Good for Rugby.

Here is the best article on the situation we have seen for a long time, from the Orange Native Virginian:

"Bide your time."—So said J. Q. Adams at Columbia, S. C. So say we, with all possible earnestness.

Die—sit down here, my man, in this barrel of boiling pitch, while I pour a hod full of coals into your lap and fasten a heavy, white iron collar around your neck. The situation may be unpleasant, but don't be impatient, for I will send a negro around every half hour or so to spit in your face, and will come myself regularly to abuse you like a dog and tell all manner of lies about you. Take it easy, bide your time, and at the end of four or five years, if I'm entirely satisfied that you have no unkind feelings toward the negroes and love me—really love me—as I think I ought to be loved, I'll let you up and permit you to work for my benefit, just as you did before the war, and just as if nothing had ever happened.

THE popular vote for Presidential candidates at the late election is as follows: Grant, 3,021,400; Seymour, 2,716,666; Grant's majority, 304,734.—*Phila. Evening Herald.*

PERSONS who wish to make cheap purchases of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods and Fancy Articles, would do well to attend the sale at 616 Penn street, on Thursday evening, mentioned in our advertising columns.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH.

None but those deprived of this blessing know of its loss. The pimpled, blotched and tettered covered person looks upon a clear, smooth skin with jealousy; and inwardly destroys the same. Those whose systems are filled with the virus of SCROFULA, and other cutaneous diseases, cannot have good health. When the blood is impure, disease is sure to follow.

All have timely warning in those Pimples, Blotches, Tetters, Sores, Boils, Copper-colored Patches, Scales, &c. Avert the calamity by purifying the system with the

SAMARITAN'S ROOT AND HERB JUICES,
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SAMARITAN'S ROOT AND HERB JUICES,

Before Scrofula takes a firm hold.

How many have the virus of Syphilis in the system, and in that condition contemplate marriage, knowing little of its baneful influence on the constitution. To such we say STOP. First cleanse yourself of those impurities; of that scrofulous infection, (which in many cases is hereditary in the constitution,) before you bring misery on yourself and offspring. Price $1.25 per bottle.

SAMARITAN'S GIFT!

THE MOST CERTAIN REMEDY EVER USED.

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