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THE WEEKLY GAZETTE, issued on Wednesdays and Saturdays, is the best and cheapest family newspaper in Pennsylvania.

WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE—Second page: "The Christmas Eve," An Original Story, "Pian-chino, and What Came of Her," An Ancient Christmas Carol, Gift, (original), An Old Carol, Christmas Customs, Third and Sixth Pages: Commercial, Financial and Mercantile News, Seventh Page: Arctic Christmas, Original Story, "My Mother Blumenthal's Pipe," The Game of Snopdragon, Christmas Epigrams, Amusements, &c.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 185.

The New York Central Railway managers have effected an arrangement with the Toledo and Wabash road, for a continuous connection to the Mississippi river.

The Alabama negotiations with England have not been suspended. It is believed that, within a short time past, considerable progress has been made towards a perfected agreement.

The Pacific railroad lobby, at Washington, has found its Appropriation act. Gen. Grant has laid the people under added obligations, by his decided protest against further present indulgence in the policy of subsidizing these railways.

Under the benign sway of BOUSSAÏ, the "Innocent Child" Democracy of New Orleans, having carried the election by persuading Union citizens that it would be unwise for them to disturb the peace by attempting to vote.

THE NEW PROCESS IN IRON-MAKING. Our recent references to the new process of iron-making, which is now under experimental trial in this city, have necessarily been imperfect in detail.

THE COMMEMORATION. 'Now the birth of Christ was on this wise. When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child to the Holy Ghost.

WAR-POWERS. The letter from Mr. SPAULDING, on the constitutionality of legal-tenders, was reprinted by us yesterday. We cannot agree with a contemporary, in regarding it as an invitation to the Court to pronounce against those laws.

There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, watching over their flock by night, and lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there were with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger, and when they had seen it they made known abroad the same which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds, but Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

RAILWAY MANAGEMENT. The people of the United States have been astounded for some months past by a succession of developments in relation to the affairs of the Erie Railway Company.

This condition of affairs is bad enough in itself, but it is not the worst aspect of the case. The Courts applied, to from various directions, to redress grievances of the most formidable magnitude, have mainly been found altogether untrustworthy.

And now the managers of the New York Central Railway add to the prevailing unrest and suspicion by declaring a stock dividend of eighty per cent based upon presumed earnings applied to purposes of construction, and to enhancement in the value of the property owned.

Let BOUCAULT or SCHNEE look well to their laurels! The most successful dramatist of the day is ANDREW JOHNSON, who now rings down the curtain upon a comedy more artistically constructed, with livelier contrasts in its points, more faithfully sustained and more startling in its conclusions, than any of the productions of those well known play-wrights.

General Grant on Pacific Railroads. General Grant, in conversation with Oakes Ames, President of the Union Pacific Railroad, a few days since, said, in very decided terms, that he was opposed to granting any more money subsidies to the railroads until the finances of the country were in a better condition than at present.

Christmas Pantomimes are popular on both sides of the Atlantic, but the American Harlequin confessedly leads the world. Let us be generous, and remind Europe that our unapproachable performer will speedily and forever close his engagements here, and will hereafter be entirely at the service of his foreign admirers.

STATE NEWS. READING has taken to velocipedes. ALTOONA is retelling in sleigh-rides. The carpenter shop of Mr. Wm. Christman, in Gettysburg, was destroyed by fire on the 18th inst.

There are fifteen persons in Mehoopany township, Wyoming county, who are more than 70 years of age.

Work on the railroad from the Schuylkill coal regions to Tipton, Berks county, where it connects with the East Penn, has been suspended. The contractor received notice to quit, without any reasons whatever being given.

The first locomotive engine built in the Lehigh Valley, and in fact in the northern section of Pennsylvania, was the "Non-pareil," built by the Beaver Meadow Railroad and Coal Company, Beaver Meadow, in 1839.

On the Erie and Pittsburgh roads a few days ago a small boy was plucked from a day's head and alighted on the cow catcher of a passing locomotive, escaping entirely unharmed and getting a free ride to the next station.

The Hollidaysburg Register says: Mr. Wm. Shomo has discovered a vein of iron ore on the farm belonging to Mr. Patrick McCloskey. It has been tried by several of the most prominent iron men and proved to be the best in the State.

It has been decided to complete the Auburn and Allentown Railroad. A large portion of this road, between Auburn and Port Clinton and between Kutztown and Hamburg, was completed and ready for rail a few years ago, but owing to some cause was abandoned.

On Saturday night last the store of Mr. Michael Fallon, in Mercersburg, was entered by burglars and robbed of \$4,000 of promissory notes, bank notes and small change to the amount of \$125, one set of single harness, one buffalo robe, three revolving pistols, two single barreled pistols, three silver American watches, table and pocket cutlery and a variety of other valuables.

The McKean Miner says: On Tuesday last, while Fulson Ferris of Farmers Valley was hunting in the Cole Creek country in this county, he came upon a nest and two eggs. One of the eggs he did not see until after he had discharged his gun.

Mr. J. T. CAMPBELL, of Allentown, has had a valuable invention of his patented. It is a machine for cutting and grinding iron and steel, and is a most valuable and useful machine. The method now in use is very tedious and only one nut can be faced and beveled in a day.

COUGHS, COUGHS, COLDS, COLDS. When a person takes cold the lungs become inflamed with phlegm, which oppresses the constitution, and a violent effort is made for relief. This effort is a cough.

DR. SARGENT'S COUGH SYRUP is admirably adapted to promote expectoration, ease the breathing, loosen the phlegm, abate the fever, and allay the tickling which occasions the cough.

TABLE TALK WITH A VICTIM OF INDIGESTION. Reader, we will suppose you a martyr to dyspepsia. If you are not, such the better for you. You are perhaps you profit by this paragraph.

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THE GREATNESS OF ALL COUGH. At this time of the year, when the streets and public places are covered with snow and sleet, it is no wonder that the natural pores and ducts of the body become obstructed, and whole communities become afflicted with coughs and pulmonary and throat ailments.

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Analysis and the Glaciers. Professor Agassiz and some interesting things concerning his pet glacial theory. He declared that all the materials on which agricultural processes depend are decomposed rocks, not so much rocks that underlie the soil, but those on the surface and brought from considerable distances and covered to powder by the rasp of the glacier.

Ice, all over the continent, is the agent that has ground out more soil than all other agencies together. The penetration of water into rocks, frost, running water and baking sun have done something, but the glacier more. In a former age the whole United States was covered with ice several thousand feet thick, and moving from North to South by the attraction of tropical warmth, or pressing weight of ice and snow behind, ground the rocks over which it passed into the paste we call the soil.

The semi-official Paris papers have been instructed to mention Queen Victoria's name as little as possible. The Court and public functionaries take no notice of her whatever. Isabella, however, seems to care very little for the "grand mamant" in which the French Court treats her in her country. She sleeps sixteen hours out of the twenty-four, and passes the remaining eight in eating a great deal more than is good for her, chatting with her maids and children, and driving out for an hour or two.

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