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

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GOLD closed in New York on Saturday at 134 1/2 @ 135.

A WEALTHY and philanthropic citizen of Philadelphia made a Christmas gift to that city of eighty-three acres of land, adjoining its new Park extension, and to be annexed to the same.

MR. WASHINGTON, our late Minister to Paraguay, has arrived at New York. With him returns Mr. Wess, our present Minister to Brazil.

WHEN the proclamation of the Governor officially declares, as it does, "the payment, cancellation, extinguishment, and final discharge of two millions four hundred and sixteen thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-four cents of the principal debt of this Commonwealth"

EXCERPTS from the journals express apprehensions that a short supply of food may be experienced in Great Britain before another harvest season.

THE PRESIDENT'S last proclamation of amnesty for rebels was a very fair theatrical performance, but that is about all of it.

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UNTIL then, these rebel leaders are welcome to a civil status precisely the same as that in which, up to 1861, five millions of the Southern people were held by the class whom these leaders represented.

NO PEACE WITH CORRUPTION.

By his frank remonstrance against the continuance of the railway-subsidizing policy, General Grant has exposed himself, in some quarters, to an unfriendly criticism.

As a citizen, independent of his political destiny, General Grant has the same right as other citizens, to hold and express an opinion upon questions of paramount public importance—the same right as this journal exercised in the decided opposition which it expressed, months ago, to the granting of the immense subsidies for which applications were then, as they are still, pending upon the tables and in the lobbies of Congress.

But General Grant is something more than a private citizen. He has been selected to be charged with the administration of the Government, and he will soon be clothed with all the responsibility therefor.

Speaking of the schemes pending at Washington, to deplete the Treasury, of which railways, steamship-lines and ship-cannals are most prominently attracting public attention now, he denounced the whole business as a public robbery.

If these declarations from Gen. Grant should prove effectual, in restraining a few Republican members from uniting with the opposition to fasten new and enormous burthens upon the National back, he will have achieved a new title to the public gratitude.

When Grant implored an universal reign of peace, he would have included relief from the vast swarm of public plunderers who threaten us more and more with a national bankruptcy of honor and of material resources alike.

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November, had done little or nothing beyond filling contract engagements. The advance in September took them completely by surprise, and laured exclusively to the benefit of retail dealers, who had bought in the spring.

How was the advance brought about? In the spring and early part of summer, a reduction of wages to match the diminished rates for coal, brought on extensive strikes, in most of the anthracite districts.

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RAILWAY COMPETITIONS AND COMPROMISES.

The latest sensation in railway circles is the alleged compromise between the Erie and New York Central managers, by which the two concerns are heretofore to be manipulated in harmony with each other.

As between the two contracting parties, the general and probably correct impression upon the public mind favors an Erie triumph. This Company, with its corruption-fund of so many millions of cash, how accumulated our well-informed readers do not need to be reminded, has gone into the fight carrying entirely too many guns for Commodore Vanderbilt to resist.

Other things being equal, we should regard any agreement whatever, between the notoriously faithless managers of those railway "interests," as no more than a hollow armistice, soon to be ended in hostilities more vigorous than before.

The Erie and Central combination is worth a good deal, as a highly complimentary acknowledgment of the ability displayed by the Pennsylvania Central management.

THE report of a compromise in the Erie was pretty common some time ago. The parties interested are generally reticent, but some of them admit their belief that a compromise will be made.

GENERAL AVRELL, our Consul General in Canada, attending recently a complimentary dinner to a local railway magnate, was toasted as the American representative.

OLD HICKORY'S FIGURE-HEAD.

DONN PIATT tells, for the first time in print, a good story about President Jackson and the removal of his wooden bust from its place as figure-head for the old ship Constitution.

I remember the towering rage he exhibited when the news reached us that the figure-head, carved in likeness of the President, had been saved off by some miscreant in the night.

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STATE NEWS.

SUNBURY, Northumberland county, is to have a gas works.

THERE are four furnaces at Sharpsville, Mercer county, all of which are now in full blast.

A NEW steam saw mill is to be put up shortly by Mr. J. T. Freck, in Millersburg, Dauphin county.

THE name of Irish Ripple Postoffice, in Lawrence county, has been changed to Wampum Postoffice.

THERE are seventy-six students in Lehigh University, and one hundred and twenty-six in Lafayette College.

A BOY named Leonard Hunnell, living near Waynesburg, was recently kicked on the head and killed by a horse.

ON Christmas morning Wm. M'Dermott, of Norristown, kept open his house and dealt out bread to all who came for it.

LANCASTER has had quite a number of mad dogs recently, and the Mayor has proclaimed that all dogs must be muzzled.

ON Christmas morning a fire in Erie destroyed a fine building containing a bank, a livery stable and a fur store. The amount of loss is unknown.

MR. H. HUTCH, of Milton, Northumberland county, distributed one hundred loaves of bread among the poor of that village, on Christmas morning.

LAST week the house occupied by Mr. Goulding, shoemaker, in Uniontown, Union county, was destroyed by fire. The family escaped with their lives and nothing else.

THE Shamokin Herald says: On Monday last Emanuel Henninger was killed in the Hickory Swamp Colliery, by being blown down the man-way by the discharge of a blast.

THE Fayette county Teachers' Institute met in Uniontown last Tuesday. About ninety teachers were present, and Professor Fulton, of Brownsville, delivered a fine lecture on popular education.

THE Lebanon Courier says that there are now upwards of forty trains, passenger and freight, passing Lebanon daily, over the Lebanon Valley Railroad. Nearly twice the number, probably, pass through Reading daily.

THE tax collection of minerals left by the late Hon. Geo. M. Kelm, of Reading, has been presented by his heirs to the Lehigh University. The collection contains more than fifty specimens, and cost the collector about \$15,000.

A CORNER of Buffalo capitalists have purchased forty acres of ground near Sharpsville, Mercer county, on which it is intended to erect a rolling mill and steel works. The work will begin as soon as the weather permits.

THE Gettysburg Star says: The public school house at Whitetown was destroyed by fire on the night of the 11th inst. A large number of books were also burned. The building had shortly before been put in thorough repair.

THE Mercer Dispatch says: Two million four hundred and seventy-one thousand seven hundred (2,471,700) pounds of dressed shoes were used in the construction of our new jail, notwithstanding the building is brick and the cells are iron.

THE Indiana Register is an enterprising paper. Last week it came out in quarto form, double its usual size and about as large as the GAZETTE. It claims, and probably justly, that that number was the largest specimen of a country newspaper ever published.

HOWARD PETERSON, of Outarda, Crawford county, offers one hundred dollars reward for any information concerning the whereabouts of his son, Ezra Peterson, who disappeared from Greenwood, Crawford county, in August, 1857, at which time he was about thirteen years old.

ON Monday last the Teachers' Institute of Cambria county held its second annual meeting in the Court House, at Ebensburg. Forty teachers were present. Various interesting educational questions were discussed.

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