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PETROLEUM at Antwerp 60½f.

U. S. BONDS at Frankfort, 91¼.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 130¾.

JUSTICE NELSON, of the Supreme Court, will probably retire from the Bench at an early day.

THE SENATE hesitates to confirm the nomination of Judge HOAR for the Supreme Court. The name is likely to be withdrawn by the President, and another sent in. As Mr. HOAR enjoys the personal as well as official regard of Gen. GRANT, his continuance in the Attorney General's office is not unlikely, unless he shall himself prefer to retire from a post in which he has not been so fortunate as to win an equal confidence from the Senate.

No CREDIT should be given to any denial of the truth of the earlier reports annotncing the lease, by our Government, of the Bay and Peninsula of Samana. The treaty has been actually negotiated, the consideration paid, and possession has been delivered to our representatives. The treaty, as negotiated, is now with the President and will speedily be laid before the Senate for its approval. The cash for the first payment was drawn from our Treasury on account of an old unexpended appropriation for foreign intercourse. A number of Senators find much difficulty in discovering the President's authority to undertake transactions of this sort.

WHEN ventilating his ideas concerning Legislation reform, Senator LOWRY, of Erie, made a remark which illustrates the precise value of his opinions. He said:

Governor Geary will hang Schoeppe if he can. The man may be guilty, but a Scotch jury would say "not proven." He might have been convicted of forgery, or of addressing perjured vows of love to an old maid, but there is not sufficient proof of murder. Geary is a Presbyterian, and that sect likes to hang people.

Of which the Erie *Dispatch* very properly says:

The reflections upon Governor Geary, we regard as exaggerated and intemperate in language, and the attempt to associate the execution of criminals with any particular religious denomination is simply absurd.

THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY of New York recently received a brief but interesting paper upon telegraphic progress, by Mr. HENRY O'REILLY, who constructed the pioneer line of telegraph between the seaboard and the Mississippi Valley, in 1847. This gentleman has not been forgotten by our older citizens, who retain vivid recollections of the deep impressions which his daring and successful enterprise created in the public mind at that day. For it must not be forgotten that, in the construction of a simple line of telegraph, from the Atlantic Coast to the bank of the Mississippi, we had twenty-two years since from Mr. O'REILLY, the first practical illustration of that trunk-line principle which has subsequently cross-barred a Continent with its telegraphs and railways. As a pioneer, Mr. O'R. was as bold, assuming as great a task, in that day and according to its conceptions and abilities for enterprise, as any of the great railway kings of the present hour.

AN authoritative source is quoted, by an Ohio newspaper, for the statement of the ascertained indebtedness of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway as follows: First mortgage bonds, $8,501,500; 2d mortgage do, $3,891,000; 3d mortgage do, $17,006,500, making a total mortgage debt of $29,399,000; interest to September, '69, $6,897,572.50; debentures, $14,000,000; foreign floating debt, $12,000,000; domestic do, $1,000,000, making a total of debt and delinquent interest of $64,897,472.50. To this sum add the $30,000,000 of capital stock, and the aggregate liabilities of the corporation reach the neat figure of more than ninety-three millions of dollars, or $220,416 per mile. Our cotemporary very pithily says:

That such enormous liabilities should have been created on the credit of a corporation whose entire property, as it would not sell for more than one third this sum, must be attributed to the mysteries of that skilled legerdemain which has been so conspicuously displayed during recent years by those who delight in large operations in this direction.

THE TREATY negotiated with China, and which has just been ratified by the latter government, has conferred upon the subjects of that government who may choose to come over to this country some rights which while men are bound to respect. It secures the right of free voluntary emigration of citizens and subjects from one country to the other, for curiosity, trade, or permanent residence, and the right to "change home and allegiance" is recognized. The contracting parties agree that emigration from one country to the other shall be "by free and voluntary consent." It also provides that "Chinese subjects visiting or residing in the United States shall enjoy the same privileges, immunities and exemptions in respect to travel or residence as may there be enjoyed by the citizens or subjects of the most favored nation; but nothing herein contained shall be held to confer naturalization upon the citizens of the United States in China, nor upon the subjects of China in the United States." This puts an end to the special and barbarous code of California, prepared expressly for these people, as the former black codes of the slaveholding States were prepared for negroes. Their admission to citizenship will be an after consideration, to be determined as circumstances shall dictate. The adoption of the 15th amendment will not affect them at all. That has reference solely to those who are already citizens.

STEEL.

The Committee of Ways and Means, after long and careful investigation, have agreed upon the following tariff on steel:

On all steel in ingots, coils, sheets and steel wire, not less than one-quarter inch in diameter, three cents per pound, in lieu of the present duties, which range from two and one-quarter to three cents per pound, and ten per cent. *ad valorem*.

Mr. Marshall proposed two and one-half cents, Mr. Blair three and one-half, Mr. Allison two and one-quarter, and Mr. Schenck three cents, which was finally carried, making the duty specific and uniform. Steel rails and other articles of steel are yet to be acted on. Whether the uniform duty of three cents raises or reduces the existing tariff is a matter of discussion. Our own impression is that the proposed uniform rate, dropping off the ten per cent *ad valorem*, will not afford quite as much protection as does the existing law; but it has the advantage of greater simplicity and directness; and while it will be better for the consumers, and tend to improve the quality of the article, we think our manufacturers will still be able to compete with their foreign rivals in this important branch of national industry.

RAILROAD CONNECTION SOUTHWARD.

Few of our readers are aware of the fact that but little more than one hundred miles of new railway are needed to put this city in direct connection with the great system of Southern railroads both east and west of the mountains. Yet it is true.

From Connellsville, on the main line of the Connellsville Railroad, there is a branch to Uniontown, twelve miles. From Uniontown to Fairmount, in West Virginia, is only forty-three miles; thence up the Monongahela to its source, and down Tygart's Valley, which runs in the same line, to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, is about sixty miles. This gap, about one hundred miles, therefore, is all that is needed to be filled.

An act was passed by the Legislature of Pennsylvania in the spring of 1868 to incorporate a company to construct a railroad from Uniontown to the line of West Virginia. The stock was fixed in the bill at $250,000, in shares of $50. The law, however, authorizes the company to increase its stock *ad libitum*. The distance from Uniontown to the State line is about fifteen miles.

Speaking on this subject, the Uniontown *American Standard* remarks:

To show the value of this stock as an *investment*, it is sufficient to state the fact that the part of this line already made—from this place to Connellsville—now pays out of its local trade alone, 45 per cent. on the present investment, and more than 18 per cent. on its entire original cost, as appears by the official certificate of the Treasurer of the Company, and if it pays 18 per cent. now, what will it pay when it becomes a central link in the great chain of connection between Pittsburgh and the Lakes on the one hand, and the Southern States on the Atlantic and the Gulf on the other.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

A PHYSICIAN'S PROBLEMS. By Charles Elam, M.D., M. R. C. P. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston.

These essays indicate the high culture of the author, and are of the most interesting character. They are a substantial contribution to the higher elements of practical science, and furnish food for reflection. Questions bearing upon our natural and moral man are discussed with equal ability. There is also a practical vein running through them that the general reader will enjoy. Much of the work, however, is debatable ground, and will excite decided and adverse views. Some of the topics are laid open in scalpel form, and views, too, are expressed that may not be palatable. Eight questions are discussed: "Natural Heritage," "On Degenerate Man," "On Moral and Criminal Epidemics," "Body vs. Word," etc. These will indicate the character of this excellent work.

HE THAT OVERCOMETH; or, a Conquer-Gospel. By W. E. Boardman, author of the "Higher Christian," &c. Published by Henry Hoyht. For sale by F. G. Reineman, No. 113 Third avenue, Pittsburgh.

This is a work of decided merit, the central thought being that the best and surest test of the Spirit of Christ is the development of the life and power of godliness in our experience, and in Christian progress. The work discusses the three grand eras in our life—Life, Work, and Results—and sketches on various topics. The book is calculated to do good, and to exert a happy influence upon those who are endeavoring to live properly. The language is terse and vigorous, and sufficiently flowing to relieve the book from being dull.

STODDARD'S COMBINATION SCHOOL ARITHMETIC. Stoddard's Primary Pictorial Arithmetic and Table Book. Published by Sheldon & Co., New York.

In the first named volume we have combined Intellectual and Rudimentary elements of Arithmetic. It is a capital work for students, and so happily arranged, that persons are readily prepared for the demands of business life. It is also prepared for those who desire to study the advanced parts of the Science. Its excellencies are apparent to any one who will critically examine the work. The Primary Arithmetic is simple and easily learned by young beginners. The Illustrations and Tables are expressive.

PUT YOURSELF IN HIS PLACE. Part First. By Charles Reade. Published by Sheldon & Co., New York. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

This brilliant story, which has appeared in the *Galaxy* in monthly parts during the past year, has been widely read. It is a powerfully-wrought story, the characters being drawn with artistic skill.

VASHTI; or "Until Death us do Part." A Novel. By Augustus J. Evans, author of "Beulah," etc. Published by G. W. Carleton, New York. For sale by J. W. Pittock, Pittsburgh.

Few will deny the assumption of the author in the short preface that "every man has his own style, as he has his own nose," as this truth is very clearly seen in this work. This novel, without rising to the higher walks of fiction, contains some brilliant passages. The author, however, is popular, and has acquired quite a reputation by the publication of "Beulah" and "St. Elmo."

FAIR HARVARD: a Story of American College Life. Published by G P. Putnam & Son, New York. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

College graduates will enjoy the reading of this book with great zest, and live over again the various stages of student life. The work is by no means profound, quite unnecessary, yet it is gossippy, and instructive. We have pictured in glowing words the career of students, of different representative characters, usually found at large institutions of learning—the severity of study being relieved by the play ground, and in the absence of home comforts, by the social circle in the student's quarters. In fact nothing pertaining to the features of modern college life is overlooked.

THE COMIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES—Period from the Discovery of America to Times long subsequent to the Present. By John D Sherwood. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston.

The reader will be amused, if nothing more is accomplished in the perusal of this singular work. It falls short of the higher class of comic carricatures, and lacks a degree of unity. In some portions of the history the comic vein is imperfect, and yet we would not deprecate the achievements of the brilliant author, who has performed the difficult *role* well. The book presents a double character—history in its truest and acknowledged form, and then in its comic features. The title page expresses the idea "that a man may say a Wise thing, though he say it with a Laugh." It is then truthfully a history of the United States, a faithful portrait of the leading elements, and a comic history, too. It is one of the most interesting issues of the season, and cannot fail to sell well.

MISCELLANIES. By W. M. Thackeray. Vol. IV. Household Edition. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston.

In this volume we have "The Four Georges," "The English Humorists," "Roundabout Papers," etc., etc. No reader of humorous fiction need to be told of the rare genius of Thackeray. These papers faithfully show the elements of his intellectual power in this field of literature. The edition is beautiful, elegantly printed and bound, and very low priced.

SUSAN FIELDING. A Novel. By Mrs. Annie Edwards. Published by Sheldon & Co., New York. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

For months this story has been one of *the* charming features of the *Galaxy*. It is a love tale, fascinating and highly dramatic. "Portia" and "Dot" are drawn in a masterly manner and in such life-like language.

THE FAIRY EGG, AND WHAT IT HELD. By Three Friends. With illustrations by Lucy Gibbons. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston.

Young folks will find this fairy book fascinating, and the illustrations add interest to the little dainty stories. The writers are gifted in this department, as the stories so well illustrate. It is a capital gift book for little people.

BENNY. A Christmas Ballad. By Annie Chambers Ketchum. Published by S. R. Wells, New York. For sale by J. W. Pittock, Pittsburgh.

This dainty Christmas poem appeared in the *Phrenological Journal*, and is reproduced in book form, with large clear type, and fine high-toned paper. It is printed in colors, with elegant red lined borders, and its mechanical part is a gem of handiwork. The book ought to sell well.

THE SPANISH BARBER; A Tale. By the author of "Mary Powell." Published by M. W. Dodd, New York. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

The revolution of Spain, in tolerating all Christian sects in that land, is one of the stirring events of the times. The fruits of this is seen and beautifully woven together in this tale. It is the story of a Spanish barber, who was converted before the revolution of 1868, and prosecuted the work of distributing the Bible before that time. The work is likely to rouse the reader, because of the thrilling events depicted. It is well written and meritorious.

LENNY, THE ORPHAN; or Trials and Triumphs. By Margaret Hosmer, author of "Cherry, the Missionary," &c. Published by Porter & Coates, Philadelphia. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

No young person can read this pretty story about "Lenny" without having tender feelings. Poor Lenny was early bereaved of parents, and had to fight his way through trials and temptations. The story is interesting, and best of all inculcates good lessons. The style is plain, flowing and pleasant throughout. The illustrations are very good.

IN BOTH WORLDS. By W. H. Holcombe, M.D., author of "Our Children in Heaven," etc. Published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia. For sale by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

Dr. Holcombe's writings are of an ethereal type, so highly spiritual that they captivate the reader from the outset, though his views are questioned on some points. His works, "Our Children in Heaven" and "The Sexes Here and Hereafter," were very interesting, and this book bears the impress of the author's elegant word-painting. The work is built upon a singular story, taken from a parchment found in a cave on the Mediterranean, upon which it is founded.

EVERYBODY'S LAWYER AND BOOK OF FORMS. By Frank Crosby, Esq., member of the Philadelphia Bar. Published by John T. Potter & Co., Philadelphia. For sale by John W. Pittock, Pittsburgh.

This book is valuable to all classes, and its usefulness cannot be questioned. It is arranged for convenient reference and is not expensive. It contains the laws of all the States in regard to administrators and their duties, affidavits and how to draw them, deeds, and powers of attorney, agreements, arbitrations, assignments, bills of sale, bonds and obligations, collection of debts, exemption laws, guardian and ward, hotels and boarding houses, libel and slander, liens on property, limitation of actions, marriage, dower, divorce, &c., master and apprentice, minors and their rights, mortgages and releases, notes and bills of exchange, partnership laws, &c., together with the Constitution of the United States, recent bankrupt laws, pension laws, internal revenue laws, &c.

THE CABIN ON THE PRAIRIE. By Rev. C. H. Pearson. Illustrated.

PLANTING THE WILDERNESS; or, the Pioneer Boys. A Story of Frontier Life. By James D. McCabe, Jr. Published by Lee & Shepard, Boston. For sale by J. R. Weldin & Co., Pittsburgh.

Works of this kind are just the thing to place in the hands of young people. Under the guise of a story the reader learns history and derives knowledge from the experience of others, that will be found useful in after years, in the severe struggles of life. The first gives an interesting history of pioneer life out in Minnesota, which reads like romance, though it depicts hardships of the severest kind. The second describes events which occurred ninety years ago in settling in beautiful Ohio Valley. Very appropriate books for the holiday season.

D. APPLETON & Co., New York, have just sent us Part 9 of "Appleton's Journal." It still continues to be what it has always been, an elegant affair for the family circle, and is worthy of the popularity it has acquired in so short a time.

STATE ITEMS.

THE Col. Drake fund, at last accounts, had reached $2,600.

EMANUEL C. REIGERT, Esq., a prominent citizen of Lancaster, died on Monday.

COUNTERFEIT five dollar bills on the Farmers' National Bank of Reading are in circulation.

THE inches of snow fell in Clearfield county on Saturday last, to the joy of sleigh bauliers.

THE shock of the nitro glycerine explosion is said to have been felt at Hollidaysburg. Scarcely.

THE *Daily Republican*, of Meadville, has "suspended for the present," and is announced for sale by the Sheriff.

FIVE prisoners escaped from the Mercer jail on Saturday night last. The Sheriff offers $1,150 for their recapture.

THE Bucks county companies for the detection of horse thieves will hold their annual meetings during the first week in January.

THE distillery and property of Henry Hornstien, near Meadville, valued a $15,000, has been seized for violation of the revenue laws.

THE timber business in Clearfield county is being pushed vigorously. The *Raftsman's Journal* cautions against getting out an over stock.

THE Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' Society hold their next annual meeting in Lancaster, January 19th, prox. This will be the decennial anniversary of the Association.

THE Allegheny Valley Railroad Company has rewarded two boys named Cunningham and Staley, for giving timely warning of the falling of a heavy rock on the track between Kittanning and Manorville, thereby preventing an accident to the Brady's Bend accommodation train.

ON Friday evening of last week Mr. John Funk, residing at Woodland, Clearfield county, while on his way to Curwinsville, in a buggy, was stopped by two men who demanded "your money or your life." Mr. F. handed over his wallet, containing $350, whereupon the highwaymen departed.

ON Sunday last William Haight, a school teacher in Morris township, Clearfield county, was found lying in the road to Phillipsburg, from which place he was returning toward his home. He was unconscious and so badly frozen that he died within an hour after being found. A Hostetter's Bitters bottle, containing whisky, was found in his pocket. His age was thirty-five years.

EIGHTEEN inches of snow fell at Altoona on Saturday last. The wigwam of the Vigilant steam fire engine Company, in which a fair was being held, was demolished, the weight of snow causing the roof to give way and force out the sides of the building. It had just been fitted up for a skating rink, the floor having been covered with plastic slate. No one was injured.

ON Saturday last, as the passenger train west on the Tyrone and Clearfield Railroad was nearing Woodland station on a curve, the engineer discovered a pine tree lying across the track, a short distance ahead. He immediately reversed the engine, but too late to prevent running against the tree, with such force as to break it in two and shove it off the track, both the engine and train, however, escaping damage from the obstruction. The tree was about ten inches in thickness.

AT Girardsville, Schuylkill county, on Tuesday night, Thomas Chambers shot and perhaps fatally wounded a Mrs. Burns, supposing her to be a man in disguise, with evil intentions. The night previous Chambers' house had been attacked by several men, and supposing they would return, he had prepared for them. Mrs. Burns, on her way home, it is supposed, mistook Chambers' house for her own, and rattled at the shutters for admission, when Chambers fired as stated. Chambers surrendered himself to the authorities at Pottsville.

AN important suit—James M. Pettitt vs. C. E. Smith—one of three against the President of the Reading Railroad Company, was on trial at Lancaster this week, the venue having been changed from Schuylkill county. The claims in the aggregate amount to $140,000, arising out of the company appropriating property belonging to James M. Pettitt, Richard Baldridge, James Minnich and George Minnich, all of whom were charged with having defrauded the company in their capacity as conductors. The case was brought to a sudden termination. While the defense was producing the testimony of the detectives showing the extent of the plaintiff's embezzlement, the counsel for the plaintiff entered a motion for the discharge of the jury and a continuance of the case, based upon an affidavit alleging improper intercourse between Mr. Righter, of Columbia, one of the jury, and Mr. Nichols, the Superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. Mr. Righter was called by the Court and after legal qualification stated that he had spoken to Mr. Nichols, but not about the merits of the case. Mr. Nichols substantially corroborated Mr. Righter's statement. The Court stated that the allegations were insufficient to discharge the jury and continue the case. Plaintiff's counsel then took a non-suit.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE bill to suspend the operations of the old census law was passed through both Houses in less than an hour, and will be approved by the President.

THE committee will report in favor of giving a seat to Covode for the Twenty-first district of Pennsylvania immediately after recess. There is not the slightest doubt of him getting his seat.

THE charge that the reconstruction committee are designedly obstructing the admission of Virginia is not correct. It is believed that every member of the committee, unless it be Julian, of Indiana, will vote for the admission. It will be one of the first subjects brought up after the holidays.

THE official returns of the crops of forty counties in Minnesota during 1868, give the following figures as the average yield of boshels per acre: Wheat, 12.6; corn, 37; oats, 37.2, and potatoes, 111.3. Estimating the crops of the fourteen counties from which reports have not been received, the yield for the entire State would be: Wheat, 15,245,430 bushels; corn, 4,897,447; oats, 7,582,461, and potatoes, 2,561,226. The statistics show that the farmers in Minnesota are increasing the area devoted to the sowing of corn, oats and potatoes, and diminishing that of wheat.

SOME very curious statistics were recently produced in England as to the amount of dead or non paying weight carried by railroad trains. In freight trains, it was testified that of the total load, the freight itself formed but thirty per cent., the cars, engine and tender making up the other 70 per cent. That is, for every ton of freight on which the road was paid, it carried nearly two tons and a half free. Astonishing as this proposition must appear to, those who have not examined the subject, it is exceeded in the case of passenger trains. The computation is that, under the most favorable circumstances, for every passenger carried two tons of dead weight are transported, or that only five per cent of the load pays.

A NEW YORK letter says: The "bears" have all along been predicting that when the premium went below "20" there would be a stampede among merchants, but no such feeling prevails to any notice able extent, out of and away from the stock exchange and the gold room. Your correspondent was among a good many of the leading dealers, in different departments of trade, this afternoon, and the prevailing conviction seemed to be that about all the weak firms have already been weeded out, and that as a lower premium for gold is in harmony with public expectation, the mercantile interests, generally speaking, have discounted the contingency, and are now in condition to face the future without apprehension of further serious disaster.

George Peabody.

A long letter appears from Thurlow Weed, in vindication of the Unionism of George Peabody. Mr. Weed visited London in December, 1864 and immediately saw Mr. Peabody, and related to him a story of events in the United States. Mr. Peabody listened attentively, and replied that he now acknowledged that the side of the North was stronger than he had anticipated; that for several months his conversations had been with Americans who presented the question in a widely different aspect; that the business years of his American life had been passed in Georgetown, and that his sympathies while in England had not been with the Abolitionists; and that during the many years of excitement upon the subject of slavery he had regarded the Ultras of the North and the South as equally mischievous, and that this view of the question had led him to regard extreme men of both sides as enemies to the Union. But he added that his devotion to our Government and Union was so strong that painful as was the thought of a war with our own brethren, if he were at home he would stand by the Government, and that whatever he could do then and there for the Union cause he would do cheerfully. Mr. Weed also says: "In the attempts that were made by Confederate sympathizers in Parliament to induce a recognizance of the Rebel Government and to destroy our blockade, Mr. Peabody manifested his devotion to the North by zealous efforts in our favor. He authorized me, as I have no doubt he did my colleague (Bishop McIlvane), to call for him whenever he thought he could be of any service to our cause. To all—and there were many English capitalists who applied to Mr. Peabody for information concerning Confederate loans—he pronounced them worthless; and I heard nothing in saying that he never, directly or indirectly, gave aid or comfort, encouragement or countenance, to rebel representatives or individual rebels; that in his general conversations, deprecating the war, as was his habit, he was frequently misunderstood. I can believe that many Americans honestly suppose that his sympathies were with the South; I can understand, but they certainly misapprehend him. Some of Mr. Peabody's accusers discern, or think they discern, evidences of rebel sympathy in his great educational gift for the poor of the formerly Slave States, but even in this they err. That money, until some time after the conclusion of the war, was intended for the city of New York. Soon after heading his check for one hundred thousand guineas to his London trustees, he reverted to what he told me fifteen years earlier about his intention to do something for the industrious poor of New York, adding that as he was then a much richer man, his donation would be a much larger one and that he intended to carry out his purpose after his then approaching withdrawal from business. But the war and its consequences changed his views. While the poor of the South had multiplied in numbers, the city of New York had not only been growing in wealth, had established schools, the doors of which were wide open to every child in the city, but we were also fortunate in having among our citizens several capitalists vastly richer than himself. But these circumstances, while in his thoughts, had not decided his action when he arrived, nor until he had conversed with several Northern friends, all of whom approved of the effort to educate and elevate the masses in poverty and ignorance, black and white, which pervade the whole South and appeal so strongly to the best feelings of our nature.

THE Senate Finance Committee has discussed, at length, Secretary Boutwell's proposition of retiring thirty-five millions of the three per cent. certificates, and issuing in their stead thirty-five millions of National Bank currency, to supply the South and West, and other localities with the requisite banking facilities. It is understood that the Committee are decidedly opposed to any further inflation of the currency.

SECRETARY BOUTWELL has prepared a Funding bill in accordance with the recommendation of the President's message.

TO PEOPLE WHO THINK FOR THEMSELVES.

At this season of the year when the human system is under heavy contributions made upon it by reason of the sudden changes of weather, it were wise in all who regard their health and happiness to betake themselves in a timely manner. That is, if you get a cough or cold do not defer it until overburdened nature sinks under the inordinate load, but at once seek for relief in some sure and perfect remedy like DR. KEYSER'S LUNG CURE or DR. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP. If people, estimated at its true value, human health and life, the postponements with regard to the use of remedies would rarely occur, and instead of many of the make-believes that are often used, medicines like those of Dr. Keyser, a skillful and scientific physician of nearly half a century's experience, would take their place. You can scarcely find in the City of Pittsburgh a family, a sole of which has not been benefited by DR. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP or DR. KEYSER'S LUNG CURE. Both of these remedies are prepared with the most select and pure medicines that are to be obtained, and with a conscientious regard for the health of those who are to use them. Who does not know that to neglect a cough in the beginning is to invite along attack of sickness and peradventure an incurable disease.

We speak in all seriousness to the readers of this article, and if they will reflect over our words they will see that we have more at heart than the mere object to make by it an object which most persons will allow not unworthy of an honorable man, but which sinks into comparative nothingness when compared to that of the health and lives of individuals.

We do not believe that the man is born who has made a better medicine for sudden coughs and colds than Dr. KEYSER'S PECTORAL SYRUP. Its sales are daily increasing and hundreds of persons have been snatched from the jaws of death by its use.

The other day a merchant from a distance bought a quantity on the recommendation of a young man who had been cured by it. This is a frequent occurrence, and the merchants of our own vicinity could not fail to profit by his example. Dr. Keyser's Lung Cure and Dr. Keyser's Pectoral Syrup are distilled at no distant day to assume a wide range in the treatment of all pulmonary and bronchial diseases.

To be had of most druggists and at the Doctor's Great Medicine Store, 107 Liberty street, where thorough lung examinations are made daily and advice given.

DECEMBER 10, 1869.

UNDEFINED AILMENTS.

There are many ailments, trying in their nature, but the symptoms of which are not sufficiently specific to enable physicians to classify them under any particular head. As a general rule they arise from a general debility of the whole organization, but their primary cause, in at least three cases out of five, is a lack of brisk vital action in the stomach and liver. Stimulate and tone the relaxed digestive and secretive organs, and bodily ease, health and vigor will follow the treatment. Among all the medicines which have been recommended as conducive to this end, none has been administered with such uniform and entire success as HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.

Its ingredients were selected from the vegetable kingdom, originally with a view to the invigoration of the physique and the constitution, and also for their anti-bilious and slightly laxative properties. Twenty odd years of experience has proved these herbal restoratives were wisely chosen and have been judiciously apportioned in the celebrated preparation. Not only as a specific for indigestion and all kindred complaints, but as a *household remedy for all minor ailments* incident to humanity, it has obtained a reputation based on impeachable testimony, which fairly eclipses that of any other proprietary or official medicine in use.

NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA., PITTSBURGH, December 20th, 1869.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY PRISON.

The annual election for officers of this institution will be held at the stated meeting of the Board of Inspectors on

January 3d, 1870.

By order of the Board.

JAMES F. HENRY LAMBERT, Secretary.

MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held on THURSDAY, the 13th day of January, 1870, at 3 o'clock P. M., at their office, No. 94 Diamond street, Pittsburgh, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business. The polls will close at 4 o'clock.

W. BAKEWELL, Secretary.

IRON CITY MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The annual election for THREE DIRECTORS of the Company, to serve for four years, will be held at the office of the Company, 75 Federal street, Allegheny City, on MONDAY, January 10th, 1870, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.

J. RUSH, Secretary.

ALLEGHENY, Dec. 20, 1869.

BANK NOTICES.

FARMER'S DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for SEVEN DIRECTORS of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, No. 66 Fourth Avenue, on TUESDAY, the 11th of January, 1870, between the hours of 9 and 3 o'clock P. M.

F. L. STEPHENSON, Cash'er.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will take place at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.

JOHN S. LIVINGSTON.

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 10 and 3 o'clock P. M.

A. LONG, Cashier.

PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1869.

AN ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN DIRECTORS of this Bank, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, corner Wood street and Sixth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 18.0, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

JOSEPH H. HILL, Cashier.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH.—An election for Nine Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, 11th January, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

J. K. BRADY, JR., Cashier.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Decemb r 11, 1869.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1869.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1870, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M.

JOHN G. MARTIN, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' & MANUFACTURERS' NAT. BK., PITTSBURGH, December 10, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION of this Bank will take place at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

JOHN SCOTT, Jr., Cashier.

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1869.

AN ELECTION OF DIRECTORS to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, No. 32 Fifth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.

W. McCANDLESS, Cashier.

FRUIT CAN TOPS.

We are now prepared to supply Canners and Potters. It is perfect, simple, and as cheap as the plain top, having the names of the various Fruits stamped upon the cover, radiating from the centre, and an index or pointer stamped upon the top of the can.

It is Clearly, Distinctly and Permanently LABELED,

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Poplins, all colors;
Plaid All-wool Poplins;
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Black and Colored French Merinos;
Plaid and Striped Delaines;
Long and Square Paisely Shawls;
Long and Square Plaid Shawls;
Long and Square Striped Shawls;
Misses Shawls; Small Shawls;
White Blankets,
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Crib Blankets,
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Dressing Cases,
Watch Stands,
Gents' Shaving Cases,
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Fine Wax Dolls,
Fancy Dolls, &c., &c.,

Real Lace Collars & Handk'fs,
Gents' Handkerchiefs,
Ladies' and Gents' Gloves.
Children's Gloves,
Ladies' Scarf: and Bows,
Roman Sashes,
Gents' Bows and Scarfs,
Children's Stockings,
Worsted Patterns,
Knit Goods, &c., &c.,
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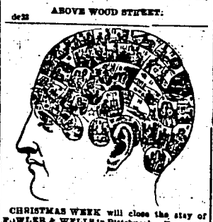

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At 12½c., extra good 4-4 Bleached Muslin;
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At 8½c., good Dark Calicos;
At 10c., Fast Colored Calicos;
At 12½c., a good article Canton Flannel;
At 12½c., good Dark Delaines;
At 18½c., All-wool Scarlet Flannel;
At 12½c., Barred Flannels;
At 25c., All-wool Bob Roy Flannels;
At 40c. each, Men's Undershirts and Drawers,
At $1.50 each, Ladies' Gored Cloth Skirts.

An Extra Good Bargain in

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A Great Variety of

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For the Holidays,

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N. B.—Will be open on FRIDAY EVENING. Being unable to wait on all our patrons who called yesterday, it would be a favor if as many as possible could call this morning (Wednesday) or Thursday.

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Comprising an unusually large and fine assortment of PARIS, VIENNA, GERMAN and ENGLISH FANCY ARTICLES, purchased direct from the manufacturers by our Mr. C. Yeager on his late visit to Europe. No two profits are paid by purchasing at this house. The stock comprises

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