



The Jeffersonian.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1873.

CHRISTMAS.

The season of the holidays is upon us—the days of religious and secular festivity.

Who among us, of mature years, can fail to remember the joys of the Christmas days that have gone? Who forgets the day when his or her own childhood heart was made happy by the little mementos which parents and friends, in response to wishes of good cheer, bestowed upon him?

But it is not to young hearts alone that our efforts should be turned. There are old hearts that need the greetings of the day, bestowed in all heartfulness, to make them feel happy and content.

The history of Christmas day is probably known to all, and yet it will not, perhaps, be amiss to take a casual glance at its antecedents. The feast of Christ's birth, which the day professes to commemorate, was not, according to many critics, celebrated until about the 4th century.

The four Wilmington bank-robbers were on Monday sentenced by Chief Justice Gilpin to pay a fine of \$500, the costs of prosecution, to stand in the pillory one hour, to be whipped with forty lashes, and to undergo an imprisonment of ten years.

PROFESSOR AGASSIZ, the great naturalist, died at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on Sunday evening, from the effects of an attack of paralysis. He had been ill only a week, and is cut down in the prime of a useful life.

We have heard a laugh or two over the plan adopted by one of our borough overseers, to make those depending upon the borough for fuel save the expense of cartage. His plan is, instead of hauling coal to the door of the applicant, to require the applicant to bring his basket or wheel barrow, and carry his coal home.

Do not throw away money, without considering the fact, that we have put down all the prices so very low, for men's and boys' clothing, that it is quite impossible to buy as cheaply anywhere as at the Empire Clothing House.

The Constitution was adopted by an overwhelming majority, estimated as high as 150,000. No paper will be issued from this Office next week. BUSINESS is reviving in nearly every quarter.

Do not run in debt to the shoemaker; it is unpleasant to be unable to say your sole is your own.

The warm spring like weather of the past few days, has made the little sparrows doubly happy as they twitter from branch to branch.

FARMERS visiting Stroudsburg during Court week, and desirous of purchasing clothing, will save money, by calling at Fried's store.

A NEW trial has been refused in the case of W. E. Udderzook for the murder of W. S. Goss, and Judge Butler, on Saturday, sentenced the accused to be hanged.

A GRAND DONATION.—On New Year's day, afternoon and evening, (January 1st,) at the Hamilton Lutheran Parsonage, for the benefit of Rev. J. R. Focht. The public in general is cordially invited to attend.

COAL OIL is advertised by the Honesdale merchants, at 5 cents per quart, and in Oil City at 70 cents per barrel. The people of this borough, are glad to get it at 8 cents per quart.

THE smoking of cigarette's is getting to be quite a passion among the young ladies of our borough. Three of them were indulging in the luxury on our streets a few evenings since.

WHY don't those "gentlemen" who loaf before a certain tobacco store carry spittoons with them? Ladies do not like to have their dresses soiled by those dirty beasts. It is worth while for the proprietors of that establishment to clear those fellows out.

STOCK is being rapidly worked in, in the recently nearly completed extension of the "Elk Horn" tannery at East Stroudsburg. When completed and in full operation this tannery will turn out as much leather as any other in the State, with one or two exceptions.

WORK under the new firm, in the Merritt Tannery up town has been commenced in earnest. It is rumored that a large addition will at once be made to the working force, and the finishing of leather for market will be vigorously pushed forward. This is good news indeed.

MR. LEWIS SPEAR a former mail contractor, and for several years a resident of this borough, has removed with his family to upper Mount Bethel, Northampton county. Mr. S. and family, were social and peaceable citizens, and we regret that they have cast their lines in other places.

TWO females, aunt and niece, had a most beautiful fight, in Guinea street, on Saturday last. Complimentary epithets were freely exchanged, and stones flew at a tremendous rate. The results, we learn were not serious, though awfully disgraceful. The strong arm of the law was invoked by the Aunt.

VERY pleasing and profitable Christmas exercises will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church of Stroudsburg, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the 25th of this month. The public are invited to attend. Many choice Christmas Carols (interesting to both the young and old), will be sung by members of the Sunday School and others.

OUR Presbyterian and Lutheran friends are each enjoying a series of socials this winter, which thus far have proved a very pleasant evening's entertainment to those who attend. Refreshments and social chat are the inducements for attendance, and the raising of means for church purposes are the objects. We are pleased to learn that they are well and profitably attended.

DEDICATION.—The Union Church, at Palmer Swamp, Monroe county, Pa., will be dedicated to the service of Almighty God, on Thursday, January 1st, 1874. Clergymen of several different denominations have been invited and are expected to be present, and services will commence at 10 A. M., and at 7 P. M. George LaBar, the centenarian of Monroe County, will also be present. A general invitation is hereby extended to all to be present on this important occasion. By order of the COMMITTEE.

Reading Entertainment.—Miss Helen Gallagher of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, will give a Reading Entertainment, in the Presbyterian Church of Stroudsburg, on Wednesday evening, the 31st of this month.

WE saw in a garden down town, a few days ago, a white lilac bush which was leaving out as brightly as in the balmy days of spring. This looked like anything but the snow covered earth, which should prevail at this season, and gave rise to wonders on the part of the superstitious as to what direful calamity was prognosticated by the remarkable occurrence.

OUR December Courts will commence their session on Monday next. We do not mean to dun anybody, but would say that money is getting somewhat scarce with us, and that we still have a few of those beautifully printed receipts with which to graciously meet the advances of those indebted to us.

A WHOLE battalion of young chaps, loafers, dead beats, &c., with an occasional sprinkling of those who are more respectable, assemble every Sabbath evening about the entrance to the different churches in time to see the audience retire, the rascals forming a double file, extending from the street on either side of the walk.

JEFF. Davis once concluded a speech on slavery with a threat that, if the North did not yield to the demands of the South, the States of that section would depart like the ten tribes of Israel, when John P. Hale, who died lately sprang to his feet, and in his magnificent voice, said: "And what became of the ten tribes of Israel?"

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Jouvenell, the Spanish Governor General of Cuba, refused to deliver the "Virginity" to the United States, as required by the protocol arranged by the two governments, and for several days last week there was a prospect of trouble. It was settled that if Spain was unable to enforce her authority in Cuba the United States would have to attend to her own interests. The feeling in Havana was intensely hostile, and active preparations for fighting were begun. But on Saturday wiser counsels prevailed, and the Spanish bluster began to evaporate.

This cat story is from the Oil City Derrick: The cat lives in a respectable family, whose name we withhold for the sake of the cat. The feline referred to was considered, until lately, a moral and respectable puss, but a new cook came to the house, since which the cat's morals have sadly degenerated. This cat has been known to take the key from the cook's pocket at night, unlock the pantry door, build a fire, invite in some friends and feast them on the good thing belonging to her master. The time usually selected by the cat for these pranks is Sunday evening, after the folks are all asleep. The antics of the animal are fully vouched for by the cook, who is a good looking, respectable girl, with several followers.

George Francis Train is again deluging the public prints. One of his latest effusions is a letter to Tweed, in which he announces himself as the Boss's friend. "You possess secrets against public men," says Train, "that in my hands will release you and put them in your place. Will you speak? If so, name the time that I can visit you. I represent the coming revolution. Two millions of workmen will soon be clamoring for bread. My last letter to you was from the Bastille of Lyons, France. You are the first victim of the gigantic conspiracy to change our form of government. Act quickly, for desperate men sometimes resort to poison."

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Allentown makes traps pay their tax by sweeping the crossings. Berks county allows its prisoners to count worth of tobacco per week. Dr. Hall, for the murder of John Cope, was executed at Austin, Nevada, Saturday.

Number of hogs slaughtered in Clarion, Pa. since November 1, 1873, to the same time last year, 268,000. Pottsville will contribute a highway robber to the House of Refuge, in the person of a twelve year old girl.

A Wisconsin man claims to have invented a machine with which wagon and buggy wheels can be made in fifteen minutes. A court in Indiana recently gave \$2000 damages to a passenger who was put off a train for refusing to surrender his ticket unless a seat was furnished him.

The number of bricks manufactured in Pottstown during the past year, according to the statements of the parties engaged in the business, was 3,021,000. A Swede at Penfield, Clearfield county, prances about on feet seventeen inches in length. In his case, two feet come nigh unto making a yard.

In Berks county for the year ending December 1, 1873, 3,338 deaths, marriages, releases, etc., were recorded—the largest number placed on record in the county in one year.

Some base calumniator says: The Indians first called the place on which New York was built Manahattaniack. The translation of which is "the place where they all get drunk."

A long address, signed by Horace Binney and a large number of other prominent and influential men of Pennsylvania, has been issued to the people of the State, urging them to make a united effort in favor of the New Constitution.

The number of pupils enrolled in the public schools of Norristown is 1,730; the average attendance 1,537. There are 679 pupils who were not absent during the month of November. A young man in Scranton has said: "Dearest, wilt thou be mine?" to five women, and four of them are suing him for it. The Lackawanna Valley has always been famous for its number of mines.

Theodore Wick, the defaulting treasurer of Clarke county, Ohio, has been sentenced to one year's hard labor in the penitentiary, and to pay costs of trial and a fine of \$50.00.

JURY LIST, DEC. 7, 1873. GRAND JURY. Barrett—David Bender, John W. Yether, Chesterhill—Wm. F. Finner, East Stroudsburg—George Mann, Abraham Gish, Michael Ransberry, Elvred—Michael Christman, Hamilton—Nathaniel Storm, Jacob Senter, Sr., W. H. Bittenbender, Levi M. Shinn, Wm. Erdman, Anthony Kemmerer, Jackson—George Setzer, Joseph Rink, M. Smithfield—Samuel C. Strunk, Levi Detrick, Amos Schoonover, Paradise—James B. Sebring, Pocono—Samuel Dalley, Samuel Shick, Price—Perry Price, Ross—Jacob Feltenner, Stroud—George Phillips.

PETIT JURORS. FIRST WEEK. Barrett—W. R. Stright, Chesterhill—Charles Hufsmith, Peter J. Shafer, Jacob Bond, Isaac Roebenboch, Alvo Storm, Charles Everett, Coaldough—John Posingger, John Callaghan, East Stroudsburg—Washington Gross, James Morgan, Samuel Hinkel, Wm. F. Bush, Elvred—Joseph Fehr, George E. Podewitz, Hamilton—Manasseh Featherman, John Haney, Walter Barry, Daniel Shoemaker, Jackson—John Werkeiser, James B. Heller, M. Smithfield—Case Smith, Rudolph Schoonover, Philip M. Peters, Martin Place, Paradise—Robert LeBar, Pocono—Dempsey Bush, Jerome M. Heller, Lewis Bell, Franklin Shiffer, Fok—John Dorshimer, Ross—John Andrew, Valentine Hower, Daniel Andrew, Smithfield—Frederick Transue, Marie Detrick, Herman Kurtz, Theodore Hower, Samuel D. Bush, Henry Myers, Abraham Myers, Abraham Newhart, Jesse A. Graves, Stroud—Jerome Brewer, John Marsh, Stroudsburg—Peter Williams, Theo. Seibert, Linford Marsh, Tobyhanna—James Delong.

SECOND WEEK. Chesterhill—Samuel Miller, Charles H. Haney, Wm. Shupp, Reuben Shupp, Coaldough—Joseph Wilton, Wm. Case, East Stroudsburg—Jacob Herzog, Elvred—Charles Roth, Hamilton—George Metzgar, Eugene Marsh, J. G. Kirkhoff, Jackson—Samuel Rinehart, Jonas B. Miller, James Steen, M. Smithfield—Moses Detrick, Samuel Decker, Wm. Schoonover, Philip G. LaBar, Paradise—Mahlon Frantz, Pocono—Reuben Plotts, Thomas Shively, W. Giersch, Morris Henry, Smithfield—David Ney, John Trible, Isaac LaBar, Jacob Keber, John McEwing, Isaac B. Transue, John Andrew, Charles Kinney, Stroud—Robert Swink, George B. Bart, Henry R. Ransberry, Charles Kinney, Stroudsburg—Lewis Myers, Tunkhannock—Peter Werme.

MARRIED. On Thursday Dec. 4th at the house of the bride, by Rev. J. H. Fritz, Richard Thomas Lutz, of Luzerne county, and Miss Margaret Elizabeth, of Middle Smithfield, espoused each other, Pa. On Dec. 13th, by Rev. Robt. Pitts, Mr. J. Wilson Vangorden and Miss Emma S. Middaugh, both of Delaware township, Pa. county, Pa. At Tanawqua, Pa., on the 11th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Byer, M. Christian Geschwind and Miss Catharine Hoffker, both of East Stroudsburg, Pa.

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