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PRESIDENTIAL.

Every thing appears to be drifting towards a quiet, legal, and peaceful inauguration of Gov. Hayes as President of the United States, next March. The people so ordered it last November, and the turbulent elements begin to obey. Bull-dozing don't pay a big interest out side of Rebellion. The ever loyal North which has always been true to the Union, and gave Hayes and Wheeler an overwhelming majority, demands that law and order shall be obeyed. Cowards and sneaks talk loudest and threaten most when no danger is near, but when called to book, invariably sneak away into their dirty holes and await their time to bark again.

The investigating committees which were sent out in the interest of the Tilden style of Reformers, are rapidly coming to grief. In South Carolina the committee found that by counting all the votes cast last November, without throwing out those known to be fraudulent, Gov. Hayes has still a good majority.

In Florida the Supreme Court of that State ordered the board of state canvassers to make a new count, while the board did, and Hayes and Wheeler still have a decided majority.

In Louisiana the investigations confirm the charges previously made, that a great many of the Republicans, especially the colored Republicans, were not allowed to vote as they desired; that by a regular system of bull-dozing, which consisted of murders, floggings, threatenings of violence, or to discharge from labor, that they were thus either prevented from voting at all, or to save their positions as laborers, compelled to vote the ticket which they loathed. These facts will be sufficient in law and before the country to justify the State Canvassing Board in giving the Hayes electors the certificates of election.

In Oregon, the Grover-Cronin-Tilden-Reform fraud, by which the Reformers hoped to defeat Hayes by investigation, has become so contemptibly mean, unlawful, and sounder on its face, that the Tilden Reformers themselves are already so ashamed of it, that many have declared that they will not profit by it. And thus the way clears up for Hayes' inauguration.

On Wednesday of last week the vote of Florida was again counted up by the State board of canvassers, in obedience to an order issued from the Supreme Court. The new canvass included all the returns, according to their face, and without taking account of the alleged frauds in voting and returning the result. The totals of the new count gave a majority of 195 for Drew, the Democratic candidate for Governor, over Stearns, the present officer. Bisbee, one of the Republican candidates for Congress, still has a handsome majority, but Furman is defeated. The vote for Presidential electors does not appear to have been included in the scope of the mandamus under which the recount was made, but the board of canvassers announce that Hayes and Wheeler have still carried the State by 203 majority. This is after allowing all that the Democrats have claimed. The final result will probably be the recognition of Drew (who is a Liberal Republican from the North) as Governor, while the electoral vote of Florida for the Republican national candidates cannot be again assailed.

SPEAKER Randall of the House of Representatives is determined to try conclusions with the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. Orton, the President, positively declines to go to New Orleans to tell things of which he knows nothing personally, and Mr. Randall says that he cannot be excused. It is for the House to say what course shall be taken, and as the House is pretty sure to do whatever Randall wishes it to there is a good prospect of a conflict. If the purpose to obtain the desired telegrams is insisted upon Mr. Orton will probably be arrested for contempt of the House, and then the case will go to the Courts on a writ of habeas corpus. It may then be decided whether Congress has power to demand at its will the private telegraphic correspondence of citizens. Meanwhile the telegraph company has done what prudence dictated long ago. It has taken the dispatches from the control of its officers, and ordered their immediate destruction. It is the only safeguard against such inquisitorial power as the House asserts.

THE Patrons of Husbandry were organized for the purpose of emancipating agriculturists from the thralldom of monopolies, commercial and political, and to save them from the grasp of swindlers in general. But it would seem that their chosen and trusted agents are human, and occasionally one of them turns up missing, leaving a gap in his accounts and an aching void in the Granger Treasury. In just the same way that other judiciary officers do. The latest lapse from the path of rectitude on the part of a grange official has just come to light in Philadelphia, where, it has been discovered, the purchasing agent of that baculo organization in New Jersey is a defaulter to the extent \$3,000 or \$10,000, with but meager assets to make the society "solid." There is gnashing of teeth over the affair among the thrifty sweet-potato cultivators.

Attorney-General Lear decides that members of the Legislature cannot increase their own salaries over the sum of \$1000 each for a three months session. This decision is reasonable, and will no doubt save money to the State.

ONE night recently a resident of Stroud township had a hive of bees stolen out of his yard. The next we expect to hear of will be the carrying away of red-hot stoves.—*Easton Argus.*

Thank you, Mr. Argus; this is a Democratic county and what else can you expect.

THE people of Easton want a new gas company.

"Do unto others as ye would have others do to you."

COASTING on the public hill is a dangerous practice.

OUR country landlords are frequently visited by sleighing parties.

A Wisconsin couple have named their sixteenth child "enough."

WEST Virginia has the youngest Governor in the United States.

REVIVAL meetings are to be held at Portland, commencing this month.

READING has a population of 41,000 an increase of over 6,000 since 1870.

YOU may find a violinist asleep, but you will never catch Ole Bull dozing.

It costs about three hundred dollars a day to hold court in Luzerne county.

In some portions of Cambria county the snow is piled to the height of six feet.

THE clerk of the weather has learned the lesson of the hour, and is "keeping cool."

An eel is not as slippery as a Democratic politician, but it can live on water longer.

THE work of laying rails on the Blairs town Railroad has been suspended by the snow.

THE man who loves the "beautiful snow" so much that he won't shovel it off his sidewalk should be fined.

If we may believe the Eastern papers when the land is tickled with a hoe it laughs with potato bugs.

It is said by the newspapers that \$20,000 has been expended by Carbon county upon the Mollie Maguire trials.

THE smallest horse in the world is a pony which belongs to the Prince of Patiala, East India. It is only eight inches high.

THE highest cash price paid for all kinds of raw furs at the City Hall of Fashions. 4c. J. W. ANGLE.

THERE will be five eclipses this year, the first, a total eclipse of the moon, occurring February 27th.

ON Sunday evening last, the chicken-coop of Mr. Wm. Colbert was entered by some thieves and seven of his choicest turkeys were stolen.

THE Street Railway Company did "the square thing" by presenting each of their workmen with a fine, fat turkey for Christmas.

AFTER much practice several Stroudsburg girls have got so they can chew tobacco and smoke—"just like a man!" Thus the cause moves on.

OWEN HUSTON brought to our borough from the Beach woods on Friday, 22d ult., several white rabbits, and sold them at 50 cents per pair.

WHEN you thank heaven for a comfortable roof, a bin well filled with coal, warm clothing and plenty to eat, remember the poor, who have none of these.

PORTLAND, since it has been incorporated into a borough, is getting better-toned. They have elected Enoch Fruthe, constable, and are about to erect a station house.

At the last sessions of the Carbon county court, Judge Dreher seemed to think a new Court House was needed, as he was compelled to allow the jury to retire, owing to the arctic condition of the room.

MR. J. H. CONNER, the popular butcher, placed us under obligations to him, by presenting us with a very fine turkey which we disposed of in a most satisfactory manner, New Year's day.

If we may be left to judge, it is a good deal more comfortable weather the present month, for a young couple who want to sit in the same rocking chair, at the same time, than it was last July.

OUR carrier requests us to return his thanks to the patrons of the JEFF. for their liberality on the 1st inst. He is highly delighted with the many quarters he received for his New Year's offering.

ONE night last week, some thief or thieves, affected an entrance into the corn-crib, of Mr. Wm. H. Wilson, at Jackson Corners, this county, and carried off several bushels of corn. Spot the rascals and bring them to justice.

SATURDAY, 23d ult., our borough was full of farmers, attending to their store and other business. Some farmers came five to ten miles to buy their dry goods and groceries, and to dispose of their produce, which generally command higher prices in our town than any place else.

SLEIGHING is good and our people are taking advantage of it. The roads around here were never in a better condition for sleighing. Notwithstanding the hard times livery stables are very well patronized in this place for pleasure riding.

THE Donation held at the residence of the Rev. C. E. Van Allen, by the friends and members of the Middle Smithfield, Presbyterian Congregation, on Christmas day and evening, realized quite a handsome sum of money for their pastor.

ON Saturday morning last, Mrs. Martha Shafer, wife of Mr. N. H. Shafer, one of the proprietors of the Indian Queen Hotel, of this Borough, whilst engaged cooking was so unfortunate as to spill some hot fat on her left hand burning the hand very severely.

Sale of Real Estate.

Mr. Frederick Fable, of Stroud township, sold his store stand and dwelling house corner of Franklin and Main street, this Borough, to George Adams.

Mr. Frederick Fable, of Stroud township, has just exchanged his timber lands and saw mill in Green township, Pike county, for Charles Low's farm, of 104 acres, in Hamilton township.

Mr. W. E. Edleman has purchased from Mr. George Norton, of College Hill, Easton, Pa., a farm of 332 acres in Tunkhannock township, this county.

Mr. Wilson Peirson, real estate agent, has just sold Mrs. Chipperfield's farm of 40 acres, and James McVoy's, farm of 75 acres, in Stroud township, to Mrs. Sarah J. Alexander, of Wilmington, Delaware.

The following sensible suggestion from the Huntingdon News is applicable to this town, and especially at this time:

The most deserving poor are often the last to make known their condition, and not unfrequently a false delicacy prevents them from appealing for aid when they are really suffering from hunger and cold. Our people, generally know the families and persons who would be likely to want attention, and they should not be backward in looking after them. It should be proper for each church to look after its own members. Help rendered in this way is often more readily and cheerfully received.

ON THE RAMPAGE.—Christmas coming but once a year, quite a number of young men who had not been drunk for years (?) got on a tare, and in their journey through the borough made the air redolent with their hideous voices. They taking a drop of the "creathur" at intervals seemed to revive their spirits. This same party in their journey in the lower part of the borough, broke in the panels of a door and chased the inmates out of the house, they fleeing to other quarters for protection. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the party next morning and all was settled within a fortnight.

SERIOUSLY ILL.—Mr. Wm. S. Wintermute, we regret to learn was stricken down Saturday evening the 23d ult., about 7 o'clock, and did not fully recover his consciousness until about twenty-four hours after the attack. The disease seemed to be something like apoplexy which was followed by several spasms. We are gratified, however, to learn that he is now convalescent and bids fair to soon appear on the streets again in his usual health.

LEG BROKEN.—A son of Mr. Charles L. Keller, of Poplar Valley, on the 14th of December, in company with several school mates, were playing near the Poplar Valley school house, fell into a hole and fractured the right leg about two and a half inches above the ankle-joint. On the 21st Dr. Geo. W. Jackson, of this borough, was called and successfully set the fracture. The boys are happy to announce is doing well.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR IN TOWN.—The Presbyterian Sunday School had a Christmas tree, on Sunday the 24 ult., while the Lutheran church had a tree for the benefit of their sabbath school on the evening of the 25th ult. Services were also held in the Lutheran church by the Rev. Mr. Kohler on Christmas morning. We believe no watch meeting services were held in town on New Year's eve, unless it were on a private basis.

THE management of the Festival held at Shafer's school house, on the 23d ult., presented us with a magnificent fruit cake, on Christmas day, which was divided among the employees of this office. Thanks to the management for their kindly remembrance and may an abundance of this world's good things and a happy New Year be their reward.

Mrs. R. S. STAPLES entertained the young gentlemen friends of her sons, Charles and Stogdell, on New Year's day with an elegant dinner. Charles is one of our most promising young lawyers and the entertainment given his friends, by his mother, was most heartily appreciated by all those who gathered around the festive board.

THE REV. MR. PURDY is freing red-hot shot into the ranks of the members of the M. E. Church in order to bring them to a sense of their duty in the matter of converting sinners. In his discourse last Tuesday night he intimated that in case hot shot failed to arouse them he would give them a dose of Greek fire.

ACCORDING to a Pilecksville correspondent of the *Easton Argus*, we are to be visited some time this month by "the Pilecksville Amateur Minstrels." They have engaged the celebrated clog dancers and songsters, the Buffalo Brothers of Caracross Dixey's Minstrels, Philadelphia.

THE members and friends of the Poplar Valley M. E. Church will give their pastor, Rev. G. W. Schaffer, a donation, this Thursday evening, in the church. A good supper will be provided and every effort will be made to make the occasion one of profit to the worthy pastor and pleasure to those who attend.

THE Beethoven and Stroudsburg Cornet Bands discoursed some excellent music in front of our office Christmas. The compliment was appreciated, gentlemen, and you have our best wishes for your future success.

OUR old time friend, Mr. Godfrey Raff, presented us with a fine turkey, which we feasted upon, Christmas. It was most excellent, Godfrey, and you will please accept our thanks.

THE *Easton Argus* and also the *Weekly Free Press*, of the same place, announce in the last issue of their respective sheets, that publication day, in the future, will be on Friday.

EAT celery whenever you can get it. It quiets the nerves.

Personal.

Mr. Daniel Custard, of Cherryville, Northampton county, was in town on Monday.

Mr. Robert French, of New York city, spent several days in town visiting his friends.

Charles Shafer, of Scranton, paid a flying visit to his friends in this borough, on Monday.

Hon. C. Burnett, Senator elect from this district, left for Harrisburg on Monday evening last.

Hon. Andrew J. Shoemaker, Representative elect, from this county, left for Harrisburg, on Saturday last.

Miss Mattie, daughter of Mr. Samuel Melek, of Newburgh, N. Y., is visiting her friends and relatives here.

Rev. Theo. Heilig, wife and son, of Easton, spent New Year with his father-in-law, Hon. Wm. Davis, of this borough.

Thomas C. Walton, a promising medical student, of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, spent the holidays here at home.

Miss Laura, daughter of Henry Whitesell, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas and New Year visiting her numerous friends in this place.

Mr. Jarvis Gordon, of Milford, Pike Co., an old Monroe countian, and brother of O. B. Gordon, spent several days visiting friends hereabouts.

Miss Emma, daughter of Abraham Bush, of the Burnett House, who has been visiting her relatives in Ohio, returned to her home in time to spend Christmas.

James H. Stroud, Esq., of this place, who has been indisposed and confined to the bed for several weeks, we are pleased to learn, is improving rapidly, and able to sit up.

Mr. John K. Andre, esq., late Principal of the Academy in this place, spent the holidays visiting his father, James Andre, of Stroud township. John is now a promising student at law in Philadelphia.

Mr. Thomas Vickery, a promising young lawyer, and at one time a student in the office of William Davis, this borough, now located at New York, spent the holidays with his mother.

We learn that the Rev. McBride, who for a few weeks back has been conducting the revival services in the M. E. Church, of this place, has been reinforced by the Rev. Mr. Purdy of New York state, who will for a short season lend a helping hand.

No less than six Mollies, convicted in the Carbon County courts of murder within the year, are now stopping at our county jail. Of these Kelley, Doyle, Campbell, John Donahoe, and Fisher, found guilty of murder in the first degree, are candidates for the gallows, while McKenna found guilty of murder in the second degree will probably have to take up his abode at the Eastern Penitentiary. Their conviction, etc., cost Carbon county about \$20,000. So look out for the tax-collector in 1877.—*Democrat.*

WHILE they were making the final dispositions in the Montour county court of the estate of John Y. Sechler, as settled by his administrator, the deceased walked in, and after twenty years absence, proposed to resume the management of his property. His father, who was also his administrator, did not at first recognize his prodigal son, but later on, says the *Danville Intelligencer*, acknowledged him. He left home at the age of sixteen and returns aged thirty six, having wandered far and wide in many countries.

ALTHOUGH the election was over nearly two months ago, Tilden's literary bureau in Liberty street is still busy grinding out "editorial" matter to be scattered all over the country and printed in the Democratic newspapers. This is Tilden's way of moulding public opinion. He has his hand on the neck of the party, and is very unwilling to let go.

In the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, we find that the net revenues of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, were \$287,482,039 16, and the expenditures are shown to have been \$258,459,797 33, leaving a surplus revenue, exclusive of provision for the sinking fund, of \$29,022,241 83.

THE coal in the Wyoming region is mined and carried by the Pennsylvania, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Delaware and Hudson, Lehigh Valley, Lehigh and Susquehanna division of Central Railroad, of New Jersey, and the figures aggregate 6,723,592 tons this year, as against 9,203,917 tons in 1875.

THE *Utica Herald* says that a young woman in that city who had inordinately big ears, but otherwise was pretty, came to New York and had them cut down by a skillful surgeon. The operation was successful, and now her ears are small, symmetrical, and not badly swarred.

THE *Workman* newspaper of Wilkesbarre, was sold at Sheriff's sale for eight dollars, and it is said that its founder and former editor, C. Ben Johnson, is about to associate himself with Mr. Beardslee in the publication of the *Luzerne Union*.

WHEN young lady begins to look at the clock and keeps up a steady fusillade of yawns, it is time for the young man either to put on his hat or quit talking about the weather and come right down to business.

LADIES' muffs this season are made very small and plain, but the animated muffs at her side who thinks they are not large enough for three hands is just as large and thick-headed as ever.

It is supposed there were from 130 to 160 passengers on the train destroyed at Ashtabula bridge; of these about 70 escaped with their lives, but more or less severely injured, and five escaped unhurt.

SIXTEEN pairs of slippers were presented to one minister at Williamsport on Christmas Day. Unmarried, of course.

Court Proceedings.

FIRST WEEK.

Court opened on Monday afternoon, Dec. 25th, at 3 o'clock. After hearing the Constables returns, it adjourned until Tuesday, 10 a. m. Grand Jury was sworn and Geo. G. Shafer, appointed foreman.

The following true bills were found: Commonwealth vs. Dr. Geo. W. Jackson, —Abortion.

Commonwealth vs. John Miller—Larceny. Commonwealth vs. Paul Christman—Selling liquor without license.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Kohler—F. and B.

Ellen Heller vs. Edmund Heller and Catharine Zacharias vs. Daniel Zacharias, commenced proceedings in divorce.

William F. Engle was discharged from custody under the insolvent law and Walter Jackson (colored) was also given his liberty from non appearance of the prosecutor.

John Dewitt was appointed Supervisor to fill a vacancy in Middle Smithfield, township. Deeds were acknowledged by the Sheriff to Charles W. Decker, Milton Yetter, Julia Ann Cress, and — Boyer, et. al.

The most of the cases on the civil list were either continued, settled, or discontinued. One only was tried, viz:

Simon Peter Miller vs. Township of Price. Storm for plaintiff, Davis for defendant.—Simon Peter's horses fell through a bridge in Price township, one of which was injured, he alleged, so badly that he had to kill it, and so he brought suit. He valued his horse at \$62.50 and also claimed \$25 for the skin and hair knocked off the other. Defendant claimed that the one horse was not hurt and that the one shot was 'ut worth anything. Verdict for plaintiff for \$43.00.

The next case taken up was in the sessions, Commonwealth vs. George W. Jackson, —Abortion. Lee and Dismore for Commonwealth. Davis and Burnett for Defendant. Much interest was had been manifested in this case, bearing as it did many peculiar circumstances in its origination and prosecution. The charge was that Jackson, a practising physician in Stroudsburg, had produced an abortion upon Lydia Drake, a woman living in what is called "Shanty Row," about a mile above Datotzburg, and in consequence of so doing the premature birth of the fetus and death of the mother, Lydia. There was considerable evidence and many nice points were raised during the course of the trial. The main witnesses against Jackson were Dr. Simon Miller, of Stroudsburg and Catharine Drake, mother of Lydia. Miller swore that Jackson sent for him one Sunday, October 1st, to come to his house. He went and Jackson told him he had been operating upon Lydia Drake for or to produce an abortion, that he wanted Miller to go over to Drake's and attend to the case. Miller went over—found a child had been born, woman was weak. He also said this Lydia Drake had been at his office the Friday before asking him to perform this operation—he refused. She went out and about half an hour afterwards he saw the same woman in Jackson's office.

Catharine Drake swore she was the mother of Lydia. Lydia had been delivered of a fetus. Miller had been to see her and Lydia growing worse she had sent for Miller to a second time, he refused. She then sent for Jackson. Jackson came two or three times—he was there when Lydia died. The mother said as Lydia was dying, "She is dying." "Yes," said the Doctor, "It will be a State Prison job for all of us." The bed tick was stained from the flow, Jackson wanted them to get a clean one. They had 'nt any. He then sent to town and bought one. They told him they were poor, that he had all the dead girl's money and asked him for some. He gave them \$6.25. He asked Mrs. Drake who did their undertaking. She said Findley Bash. He told her to order a coffin and send the bill in to him. The next day Mrs. Drake received \$16.75 dropped into the Post Office at Experiment Mills. This was alleged to have come from Jackson. The dying declarations of the girl were excluded. Drs. Mutchler and Shull were called. Had held a post-mortem but only for the purpose of finding whether or not the woman had malformation of the pelvis. They could not swear positively as to the cause of her death. Samuel Rees, Esq., swore that Jackson told him that Lydia Drake came to his house, he was in bed drunk—she wanted him to produce an abortion, he refused, turned over and went to sleep, when he woke up he found \$25.00 and his wife told him Lydia Drake had left it there. A few other witnesses were called by the Commonwealth, not altering the statement of the case as given. The defendant called Geo. Hanna, who contradicted Dr. Simon Miller. Miller told him he delivered the child. Miller swore he didn't. Miller told him to drive like h—l. Miller swore he didn't. Wm. Pugh and Wm. A. Brooks, both contradicted Miller. Other witnesses were called who testified to certain expressions made by Lydia Drake, supporting theory of the defence. The defence through mostly relied on the failure of the Commonwealth to prove their case as laid in the indictment. Dismore led on the side of the Commonwealth and did exceedingly well for a young lawyer. He was followed by Burnett and Davis for defendant, and Lee, District Attorney, closed for the Commonwealth. The Judge charged the jury in his usual fair, impartial manner and the jury retired.

The jury after deliberating upon the facts as set forth in the testimony about twelve hours, returned a verdict of "not guilty."

It has just been proved in Cincinnati that at the October election eight men in that city voted the Democratic ticket from thirty-four to fifty-one times.

A WOOLEN manufacturing firm of Allentown gave one hundred and fifty pairs of stockings to the poor on Christmas day.

THE pleasant season closed on January 1, 1877.

East Stroudsburg Items.

The Christmas festivities here this year have far exceeded that of any previous year, all the religious denominations engaging in them very extensively. The M. E. Sunday School had two large, handsome and well filled trees, and their Christmas exercises took place on Monday afternoon at from 4 to 6 o'clock. The exercises consisted of singing with Miss Rosa Vass and Miss Rillie Rockefeller, as organists. Miss Vass was accompanied by Miss Lizzie and Edward Morgan and Mrs. Flora Shotwell. Miss Rockefeller was accompanied by Miss Mary Kistler, Cora Storm and Jas. Burt. This was followed by the presentation of a handsome Bible from the officers and teachers of the Sabbath School to their Pastor and Superintendent, Rev. William P. Howell. Then came the distribution of over four hundred presents, and of course this was the most interesting part of the proceedings. The room was filled to overflowing, and notwithstanding the fact of its being Christmas, when everybody, especially the children was expected to enjoy themselves unrestrained, the best of order prevailed, although the association had not thought of getting up anything until late, and the time was short. Every precaution was taken that not a single child should be passed by without receiving a present. Many of the presents were rich and handsome, and never was there a happier set of children and people generally than was present on Monday afternoon.

Christmas eve the Presbyterian Chapel was all aglow with Christmas festivities. The Chapel was handsomely decorated and a beautiful tree well filled with presents was the front of attraction. Each child present was well provided for. Rev. Wallace, of Stroudsburg, presided, and made a very interesting address, referring to the tree whose leaves were for the healing of the nations. The exercises were interspersed with singing, and at the last distribution of the presents from the tree which was beautifully lit up by small wax candles.

The St. Mark's Lutheran Mission celebrated their Christmas on Tuesday evening, St. Stephens' day. Greater pains were taken in the decoration of the Hall where they held their meetings than either of the above. In the front was an altar, above which reared the representation of a chancel window, in the centre blue and on either side red with a golden cross in the centre with the letters "I. H. S." interwoven with each other. On each side were the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega. Above this was an arch of evergreen, in the centre of which was the word Immanuel on either side. Over the window of stained glass were similar arches with the words Jesus and Christ, while below the windows were the words Faith and Hope. The hall was draped in evergreen from front to rear, and around the sides hung appropriate mottoes. The whole decoration bespoke great credit to the young gentlemen who designed and executed it, Mr. M. A. De L. Vanhorn. The hall was more than crowded, as many had to go away who could not get in at all. The exercises consisted of singing by the Sunday School children. Miss Annie Kohler as Organist, Rev. J. Kohler and Prof. Kunkle, of Stroudsburg, each delivered an appropriate address. The tree had evidently been selected with great care, and was well filled with beautiful and costly presents. The whole matter redounds great credit upon Rev. G. D. Faust, who has this Mission in charge. Mr. F. is well liked by his people and received a number of handsome presents.

Together with these Christmas festivities may be noted the frolicsome sleighing parties that have gone out from here during the week. Nearly every night a large party has left East Stroudsburg. On Thursday evening a large party went to Branch Cottage, kept by Mr. Elias Compton, and after spending a very pleasant time returned home at a late hour.

On Saturday evening, Mr. W. E. Henry with his General Grant sleigh, took out a party of young ladies and gentlemen, there being 18 in the company, gotten up in honor of Miss Rosa Vass who is now spending Christmas vacation at home from the Williamsport Academy where she has been attending school. They halted at the house of our well known and genial friend, Mr. William Vine, and after an evening of unparalleled pleasure and a sumptuous repast which we are informed the young guests assisted in preparing, they started for home conscious of the fact of having done justice to the time and the opportunities set before them.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. W. P. Howell preached an interesting sermon to the congregation from the words, The Book, which was listened to with unusual interest by the children, notwithstanding the fact of it being hard to preach to children the speaker held their attention to the last, and their eyes fairly sparkled as he talked to them. In the evening the watch-night service was observed by a large and attentive audience, the Pastor taking for his text, "Improve the time." The sermon was followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and then by a spirited prayer meeting until the hour of midnight when the Covenant hymn was sung, and the old year ushered out and the new one in by earnest and silent prayer.

The Livery stock belonging to A. M. Pang-boner, was sold at Sheriff's sale on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, to Mr. Lorenzo Smith, of Stroudsburg, who will continue the business as heretofore.

THE YOUNG FOLKS' GEM, as revised and improved, is the best and most charming young folks' paper published for the money. It stands in the first rank of the journals of its class, and has a larger actual circulation than any other child's paper in the country. The December issue is a superb double number, profusely illustrated, and filled with choice reading matter, letters, puzzles, amusements, etc., being really very fine. Its offers to agents are simply wonderful. Sample papers are sent free on application, or for only thirty cents it will be sent, with a beautiful picture, for one year. Address John N. Clark, Wadsworth, Medina county, Ohio.

A REDUCTION of twenty per cent has taken place in the rents of property in Easton.