Where is he that is born King of the Jews for we have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him.—

Christmas chimes are zone of the habitable globe. Church bells have merry tongues as they tell the story of that Star of Bethlehem which halted over the spot where a Jewish maiden sat holding to her motherly bosom the incarnate mystery and miracle

Preachers assure us that by the revela tions of Christ the horizon of persona existence has been extended to includ mortality and that the chemistry of faith has eliminated all bitterness from tears of grief. They will tell their con gregations that youth has been ennoble aspiration and that the gathering clouds of age are radiant with the glorie and the promises of the setting sun; that life has taken on a new complexion for those who sit at the feet of the Teacher. In view of such uplifting facts it would be strange if we did not regard this anni

versary with gratitude and fill the air with mutual congratulations. It is said by astronomers that the Su holds our planetary system in place. But for his imperial influence every little world from Mercury to far away Nepune, would rush to certain destruction Should it be blotted out by some over whelming catastrophe we should rush on a wild career through space, a maddened, irresponsible sphere, without aim of purpose, only to be engulfed at last . The tendency of our globe is to do this. It flies along the path of its ellipse as though it would dash itself to some celestial obstacle, pieces against some celestial obstacle but all the while the unseen and measure less power of the central orb keeps it in a safe path in spite of its efforts to break away, and when it reaches a point mor and heat it turns unwillingly and sweeps

stantly die or linger on in dense dark-Life, if it were even possible, up sunshine in the earth that blazes on hearth; it is sunshine on the arid field which persuades it to give us a crop of wheat or other grain, it is sunshine that makes the forests possible out of which ur houses are built, it is sun power that furnishes our tables with daily nourishment. We are wholly dependent for all we have physically and all we hope get on this generous giver of good things the historic Personage, the anniversary of whose birth we celebrate, is to our moral and spiritual what the Sun is to our planetary system. The dependence is equal in both cases, for if the body ha tites the soul has ambition, and both ust be satisfied or human equilibriu s lost. We are 'forced to concede the existence of the two, linked together some mysterious way, or we shall fly to social and moral chaos. Good governnent, good morals, orderly progression rest on that concession. To be infidel to it is to destroy our ideal, to shrivel the

displace the public conscience.

The Man of Nazareth and what He represents are therefore the embodiment of the law of moral gravitation which holds the world in its orbit. He gave us the ideas on which orderly communities base their legislation, He furnished us with the ideal of spiritual possibility, created new motives, made quiet endurance a virtue and placed on the brow of bereavement the radiant coronet of hope.

Nearly fourteen million of votes were cast at the November election, and estimating by the usual rate of six persons

neart of the race, to make might right,

dates for office are proper subjects for inquiry by the usual rate of six persons to one voter, this nation now contains about \$0,000,000 people.

The official returns from forty-two of the States and the unofficial but probably very nearly correct returns from the other three States of California, Utah and West Virginia, show that there were 13,818,991 votes cast in the late Presidential election. Of these McKinley and Hobart received 7,078,461; Bryan and Sewall, 6,300,618; Bryan and Watson, 185,409; Palmer and Buckner, 118,985; Prohibition, 119,337; scattering, 16, 221. The official vote in Pennsylvania was, McKinley and Hobart, 728,300; Bryan and Sewall, 427,127; Bryan and Watson, 6103, Palmer and Buckner, 10, 291; Prohibition, 19,374; scattering 1683. Pennsylvania's total vote was therefore 1,193,508, and McKinley's plurality over Bryan and Sewall was 301,173, but adding the vote of Bryan and Watson to that of Bryan and Sewall makes McKinley's plurality over Bryan and Sewall makes McKinley's plurality over Bryan and Sewall was 301,173, but adding the vote of Bryan and Watson to that of Bryan and Watson to the order of the senatorial district, but the whole city as well, we by the Philadelphia and others of Philadelphia, protesting and others

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Washington's Rough Christmas

his section of our country was in the ity had unpleasant weather for the beginning of their Institute, but they seem to have a good turnout and an interesting session. One hundred and forty-three years ago

One hundred and forty-three years ago, this section of our country was in this nominal possession of the French, who claimed it by right of the discoveries and who had forts on the Allegheny at the month of French creek (where the town of Franklin now stands), one on French creek wear where Meadville now is, and one at Erie.

In November of 1753, Gov. Dinwiddie of Virginia, sent Geo. Washington, then a young man of but 21 years, with a letter to the French commander at Fort ventage (Franklin inquiring as to their land claims, etc, and Washington and making their way from what the fort and the fort further up French creek, where the begin in the Western part of this county.

The negoted rough weather and had a hard time. They cut across the country it to m Franklin to some point on the Big Beaver and probably passed Christmas day in the Western part of this county.

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The night before Christmas they encamped, Gist says in his narrative, "near the barrens," sleeping on the trozen snow with only their blanklets for a covering and on Christmas day he makes the brief entry: "Traveled on foot to Great Beaver creek," and that night they sleep by a canded from its having been the scoon plank, and they lodged that night in an hall the protection from wind and frost. The next day at dark they reached the followed them, and tried to keep up the evil reputation of the place, by fining been the second of the fort in the fort of the way for the fort of the way for the fort of the way for the fort of the fort

ice on each side, between which the dark current rushed, choked with blocks of ice driving along in vast quantities, grinding sagainst each other; and the grim forest growing right down to the water's edge.

There was no time to lose, as they were in constant danger of pursuit from French and Indians: "There was no way for getting over but on a raft, which we set about making with but one poor hatchet." It was not finished until after sunset the next day, when the passage of the half flozen torrent was attempted; but before they were half way over the ice encircled them in such a way, and pushed them about with such violence, that every morrent they expected to perish. Washington tried to stave off the pressure of the hure ice cakes by planting his pole on the bottom of the stream and leaning against it, but for his pains he was thrown into ten feet of ice water, and came near drowning, only escaping by managing to grap the end of one of the logs of the raft. The best thing they could do, and the only thing by which there was any hope of escaping death, was to abandon the raft, and swim to an island near the left bank of the river, and supposed to be Wainwright's island, which has now entirely disappeared.

With frozen fingers and toes, and in ex-

disappeared.

With frozen fingers and toes, and in extreme misery and discomfort, they handshing for it but to spend the night a libelle etoile, the intense cold proving of the cold prov

his much service to them, that the stream ad frozen over by daybreak, and they build cross it on foot. That night the exhausted travelers rest ed at the cabin of John Frazier, at Turtle

THE SENATORIAL QUESTION.

MR. EDITOR-Your remarks in la week's issue of your paper on the Sen JUDGE EWING, of Pittsburg lately orship are timely. What the people of this state are interested in, and want, i good men to represent them in the U. S was going to settle down between Hon in the matter, but just now in Pen vania one would think the United Stat

CONGRESS.

Both houses discussed several resolu rons regarding Cuba, Monday, bu either adopted anything. A dispute arose as to whether Congress or the President had the right to recoginiz Cuban independence.

that matter?

On Wednesday the House passed the Legislative, Executive and Judicial appropriation bills; and the Senate discussed some alleged Pacific railroad abuses

seems to be assuming some considerable dimensions. The Philadelphia newspayers almost to the last one, are sounding his praises and insisting upon his superior fitness for that office. It cannot be denied that Mr. Wanamaker has a

THE FARMERS' IN STITUTE,

The people of West Sunbury and vicin

Alva Agee of Cheshire, O.

At the session of Tuesday Prof. Hess addressed the Institute on "How to Build Up a Dairy Herd," and G. W. Cramer, of Silverville, followed on "Farmers' Organizations as Educators." Papers on farming were read by John Walker, J. D. Anderson, Harvey Bicket, M. N. Greer, J. D. McKee and Harry Logan, after which James Hazlett, of Carbon Black, told of the "Profits in Poultry," and John D. Harbison, of Saxonburg, answered the question, "Does Poultry Pay the Farmer!" "Diseases of the Horse," by C. C. McLean, of Meadville, closed the morning session. "Diseases of the Horse," by C. C. McLean, of Meadville, closed the morning session. The afternoon was devoted entirely to roads, Senator N. B. Critchfield, or Somerset' being the principal speaker. William Woods, W. H. Grabe, C. F. Smith and J. A. McCafferty each spoke, followed by a general discussion on "Good Roads and How to Get Them.

In the evening the educational side of the farmer's life was discussed by practical educators, R. M. McFarland leading off with "The Country District Schoot,"

tical educators, R. M. Morarian teaching off with "The Country District School," followed by J. C. Smith on "Courses of Study for Country Children." G. F. Essley taiked of "Courses of Reaching for Farmers," and the longed-for "Country High School was landed by F. B. Ekas. Alva Agoe, of Cheshire, O., closed the institute with an address on "What Manner of Man Should a Farmer Bef"

BUTLER The Institute in Butler met in the Cou The Institute in Butter mer in the codar-room, yesterday afternoon, and those pres-ent organized by calling B. W. Douthett to the chair, and electing Ira McJunkin, Sec'y. Then Mr. Moore, of Bradford Co., the State Inspector under the Pure Food law, gave a very interesting description of the adulterations of food as practiced by different manufacturers and dealers, a the adulterations of food as practiced inferent manufacturers and dealers, talk on butter making, his experience running down oleo-dealers, etc.

Prof. Hess spoke on commercial and other fertilizers, and was followed by Major Wells, Wm. Grabe, Secy. Edge O. W. Stoughton and Sim Nixon, on ame subject.

J. M. calbreath made the address of selecome and Hon. Josiah Thompson the

uralized a number of applicants for itizenship. One man in the course of is examination to ascertain how much he knew about the government of thi ied the applicant. "Well," said Judge wing, "I don't blame you very much think we are all a little mixed in this State on this question. We used to ink the people had something to say Senators are nominated and elected by ne man "

Sixty years ago, on Dec. 21, 1836, President Andrew Jackson wrote a mes sage to Congress referring to that body the question of recognizing the independence of the Republic of Texas and deferring to the decision of Congress in

JOHN WANAMAKER'S Senatorial boom

DEATHS.

kets-full of eatables. About 10 o'clock the Prospect football team arrived, and were

lation, that Mr. McDonald had to prevail upon them to retire to some secluded spot to work off their "good nature" and let those inside have the time to themselves. In due time the dinner hour arrived, when the good cooks of the district dispensed beef, chicken, bread, buns, pies, pickles and other delicacies to the hungry multitude. Some one said Ed. Waddell was so hungry that he took a bite out of the football before he discovered his mistake. When dinner was over, the fragments were gathered up, and the chicken's "pulling bone," caused some amusement. BRUNERMER—At his home in Connoquenessing twp, Monday, Nov. 23, 1896,
Henry Brunermer, in his 67th year.
Mr. Brunermer was one of the oldest and
most respected citizens of that township,
His death was caused by stomach and
liver troubles. Something over a year
ago, while feeding his horses, his eyesight
suddenly left him and he had trouble in
finding his way back to his house. His
wife and nine children survive him.

OBITUARY NOTES. OBITUARY NOTES.

Ella C., Mary C., Maggie R. and Maggie 7. after the "inner being" was satisfied, verybody repaired to the field near by to Herman, the magician whose fame ex-celled that of Kellar, died of heart disease in his private car, last Thursday, while on his way from Rochester N. Y. to Bradford

Billa C., Mary O., Maggie R. and Maggie W. after the "inner oeing" was satisfied, everybody repaired to the field near by to engage in some pastime. The Dick and Mile Run athletes competed against the Prospect team, coached by Prof. Waddell, in game of football. The contest was very evenly balanced. Some of the fathers, like Squire Robb, Geo. Pflugh, John Dodds, James Cratty and others also engaged in a "kicking contest" by themselves. Of course, these good citizens what stiffened their joints, and the ball was something like the "Irishman's flea." A few rods away, the good mothers of the district heiped the young girls to play the good old iashioned game of "tap," Now Mrs. Robb, Mrs. Pflugh, Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Grenne, Mrs. Weigle, the Mrs. Cratty, and others were interested in this game of their school days, and although their faces are as happy and pleasant as ever, they have torgotten the nimbleness of their youth. "Running the ring" was trying, and "turning the corners," was amusing. Play over, nearly all again assembled at the school house, when the institute was called that of kellar, did to find the minibleness of their school dods, and although their faces are as happy and pleasant as ever, they have torgotten the nimbleness of their youth. "Running the ring" was trying, and "turning the corners," was amusing. Play over, nearly all again assembled at the school house, when the institute was called to order by Enos McDonald, who executed the following program: National Hymn by all; Address of Welcome by Sallie Dodds; Geography, The New England States by John Roth; essay, Education by Rune McGowan; spelling, Phonics by Enos McDonald; composition, Breathing by George Ray, history, Early Settlements by Maggie Wallace; song, Paddle your own Ganos by school; arithmetic, Number by Ella Cratty; essay, William Culter Bryan by Oarrie Pflugh; reading, Webster at the Dedication of the Bunker Hill Monument by W. E. Cooper, The Thirteen Original States by Good States and Coally and intellectually, and even

Cooper, John Roth and others made in ting remarks. The day was well spent, both socially and intellectually, and even Mr. Jas. Blake said he felt young again, while Samuel Moore and daughter, and Lettle Thompson and sister, of Brady twp., were present to enjoy the occasion. The next institute will be held at the Mile Run school. Saturday Iau. 9: 1897. and

full of energy, enthusiasm and gestion ion, that Mr. McDonald had to prevai on them to retire to some secluded spo

eptable about meal time. For fear of wearying your patience, we will close by wishing all a Merry Ohristmas and a Happy New Years.

G. P. Weigle, Teacher.

FLICK

e it known that: Miss Florence Moore is visiting in this

Mr. and Mrs. George Grieshaber met with a runaway last Friday. Mrs. Gries-haber was considerably hurt about the head.

Miss Jane Sefton is on the sick list. C. C. Criner is going to dig the dusty immonds on the Burton farm, this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parks have returned home from the funeral of their brother-in-law, Mr. Fleming of W. Va. He was interred at Bradford, Pa.

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Black A J, Cherry twp, farmer. Coulter Thomas E, Concord twp, farmer,

Coulter Thomas E, Concord twp, farmer.
Cook Frank, Butler twp, farmer.
Driswell John, Mars boro, liveryman.
Dodds Thomas, Franklin twp, farmer.
Dunbar Sol, Forward twp, farmer.
Divener Charles, Donegal twp, farmer.
Ervin John A, Petrolia boro, carpenter.
Greer M N, Buffalo twp, farmer.
Graham Joseph, Donegal twp, farmer.
Heydrick Jesse, Butler 5 wd, surveyor.
Heiner J H, Parker twp. farmer.
Johnston Moses, Cranberry twp. farmer.
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Kelly Peter C, Venango twp, farmer.

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