

Christmas exercises were held by all of the Sunday schools. The M. Friday evening, the Reformed and ing all being interesting and largely attended in the Trinity Lutheran by the Primary Department..... hart, and family of Hanover, Pa.; C. E. Frontz, of Springfield, Ohio; J. S. Burkhart of 'Dickinson, Pa.; C. B. Noetling and family of Bea-ver Valley; Dr. Geo. Ulrich and Harry Thompson of Phil'a; F. Bervier of Williamsport ; Prof. C. W. Herman and family of Wy- small. oming ; Wm. Miller and family of Phila....Ed. F. and J. Burton Gemberling and Wm. Duck, bridge builders, spent a few days at home, but have returned to their work again.....Harry Benuer, who was away bridging, has returned home to stay for the winter......Miss Ethel Schoch spent a few days out but have returned to their work Ethel Schoch spent a few days out of town during the holidays The young people have been mak-ing good use of the ice on the canal ing good use of the ice on the canal ing but oh 1 what falls and creek dam, but oh ! what falls there were. . . . Grandmother Ulrich, the mother of 'Squire Ulrich died on Monday forenoon after a short illness, aged 81 years.... The week of prayer is being observed by the churches of town by union meetings ... Very nearly all the students have returned from their 3 weeks' Xmas a number of sleighing



FENNSYLVAULA AGRICULTURISTSined by the state Agri-Jan. 1. Thomas J. Edge, mariculture, has submitsecretary of arriculture, has submit-ted his annual report for the year just endid. The secretary reports that the next year has been one of advance all slong the line of the work falling under the bare of the department. Through various acts passed by the fast legis-lature the efficiency of the farmers' institutes has been increased, the work of the dairy and food commissioner ex-tended and the forestry commissioner enabled to more efficiently carry on the

enabled to more efficiently carry on the duties imposed upon him. The state veterinarian, through the live stock sanitary board, has also been enabled to not only increase the efficiency of his work, but to greatly extend its scope and usefulness and to exercise control over milch cows and breeding animals brought into the state and

to shut out diseased animals. "Every division of the department has a work to perform which, when properly appreciated by our farmers, will more than repay the cost of all of the divisions," adds the secretary. Thus the work of the analysis of commercial fertilizers much more than rethe benefits obtained from farmers' in-E, and First Latheran were held on stitutes, especially in localities where they are properly understood and taken advantage of, more than repays the Trinity Lutheran on Saturday even- total expenses incurred in supporting the department; the benefits gained by the work of the state live stock sanitary board has been the means of the whole exercise was performed saving live stock of much more value than the entire cost of the department and the work of the forestry division Among the many visitors in town will also more than repay the outlays we note the following : Chas, Ehr-bert and family of Hanover. Pa. : plished by the department during the year."

Secretary Edge says the work of th division under the control of the dairy and food commissioner has progressed steadily, but it is greatly to be regret ted that a lack of funds has more or less crippled the performance of cer-tain duties pertaining to the office. The annual appropriation of \$12,000 is too

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 1.-John Law-rence, Daniel Sullivan and Henry Evans, three prisoners who escaped from the custody of Jail Warden Bo-Wilkesbarre.

afternoon by Mayor Warwick, Con-gressman Brosius and officials of the institution, and there were a number of vocal and instrumental selections by pupils. The event of the celebration was the oration delivered last night by Speaker Thomas B. Reed.

Clearfield, Pa., Jan. 1 .-- One of the heaviest snowstorms of the season raged here all day yesterday, and last night had reached a depth of 14 inches All trains on the Pennsylvania rail-road and Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg are from one to three hours late. A coal train of 14 cars and one engine on the Beech Creek road was wrecked on account of the snow at Wallacetown, 12 miles east of here. Three hundred feet of track were torn up.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.-Mrs. Mary

HORROR ENDS CAMPAIGN OLD GLORY PULLED DOWN THE DEFEAT OF HANNA

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ing in Cauada.

THIRTY PERSONS MEET DEATH. THE WORK OF MEXICAN MARINES DENOUNCING GOV. BUSHNELL.

The Breaking of a Beam Precipitates Over a Hundred People to the Floor Below, and Then a Fearful Rush For Life Ensues.

London, Ont., Jan. 4 .- One of the hottest and most stubbornly contested municipal elections ever known in this city was followed last night by a fatal accident that has put the city in mourning. Thirty persons were killed and others injured by the collapse of a rowded floor of the city hall. At midnight 20 bodies had been taken from the wrecked building and identified.

List of the known dead follows: F. Heaman, C. Beckett, E. Luxton, N. Carothers, R. Leigh, James Harris, L. W. Burke, John Smith, Henry Talbot, A. Phillips, John Turner, Ben Nash, J. W. Santo Domingo was void of any par-Borland, George Hilburn, Frank Rob-ticular incident," said Roscoe Howard, ison, James McLean, John Barridge, Allen Towe.

There were a large number injured. among them the following: Dr. Wilson, the mayor-elect, leg broken; Alderman Carothers, slightly injured; William Gray, leg broken; George of guano that was stored in the ware-Fleming, both arms broken; William houses on the island, and when they Jones, water commissioner-elect, badly bruised.

How many were injured will never be known, as those who suffered but their action. slightly at once made for their homes or were taken care of by their friends. Those who were more seriously injured sent a boat's crew of marines, fully were carried to neighboring drugstores, armed, to the island, but on attempting whence they were taken to the hos- to land the boat was dashed against pital or to their homes after their injuries had been attended to. The dead damage. Finally the marines were were taken to the committee rooms of landed, and after an official ceremony Alderman Parnell, the defeated candi-

date for mayor. At the close of the polls a crowd successful candidates to address the being jammed in its narrow space. penalty of violating the Mexican laws." There was a lull in the proceedings, the to secure quiet. In response to numerous calls R. M. Toothe was pushed forward to the platform on which the speakers stood. As he reached it there was an ominous crackling and the raised platform on which the mayor and newly elected aldermen were seated seemed to pitch forward to the floor. There was a sagging of timbers, and the next moment 150 people were hurled 20 feet to the floor below. A beam running 20 feet along the center of the hall had given away, and the crowded mass standing above that section of the floor was thrown in a heap at the bottom. A large safe stood in one corner of the hall, and a huge steam coil, weighing a half ton, crashed down on the heads of the victims.

Following the crash there was a wild rush for the doors. At the south door, where the majority of the crowd had entered, there was a terrible panic. Those in front were thrown down by the oncoming rush, shrieking and fight-

Fatal Collapse at a Political Meet- Anda Mexican Flag Takes Its Place Foresh dowed in the Organization of Oh o's Legislature. on Clipperton Island.

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They Landed From the Government Gunboat Democrata and Went About Their Work Deliberatoly-Claim the Island Is Within Mexican Territory.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1.-The steamer Albion arrived yesterday from a month's cruise down the coast, and her passengers tell of a rather high handed proceeding at Clipperton Island on the part of the Mexican gunboat Democrata, being no less than the hauling ator Hanna by a vote of 56 to 52. down of the Stars and Stripes by an armed force landed for the purpose, and in spite of the protests of the men there employed, and the raising of the Mexican flag. The story is told as follows:

"Our trip down the coast as far as one of the passengers. "On our reand from him I learned that he had been brought to that port by the Mexican gunboat Democrata from Clipperton Island. He, with two other men, had been employed by a guano com- ship. pany to take charge of about 4,000 tons were landed there, some nine months ago, they hoisted the American flag

and notified the secretary of state of "On Dec. 14 the Democrata anchored

a short distance from the island and a coral reef and suffered considerable the Stars and Stripes were hauled down from the flagpole that had been erected by the Americans, and in its place the gathered in the city hall, where it has Mexican flag was hoisted. Having taken been the custom for years past for the formal possession, the marines withdrew and notified the men who reelectors. The building was crowded mained on the island not to allow any to the very doors, probably 2,000 people one to take away the guano, under The island is about 800 miles off the audience called for several of the Mexican coast, almost due west of newly elected aldermen at once, and Acapulco, and is known as an atoll, or there was some delay in securing a coral reef. It is about four miles in speaker to address them. Alderman circumference. Two paim trees con-Carothers joined the mayor in an effort atitute the sole vegetation on the islatitute the sole vegetation on the island, which is made the home of millions of sea fowl. Thousands of tons of the richest guano is to be found on the island. When the marines landed to take possession of the island in behalf of Mexico they were fully armed.

> THE MEXICAN VIEW OF IT. Claim That the Island Is Within Mexlean Territory.

Mexico City, Jan. 1.-Official inteligence received from Mazatlin shows that when the Mexican gunboat El Democrata arrived at Clipperton Island it was found that a party of Americans had raised the American flag and had appropriated all the guano beds, where they were operating, They had built houses and permanently established themselves. The Demo crata had a very stormy passage and found the island of very difficult access, and a boatload of Mexican marines was upset in getting through the surf, the men losing their rifles and

Hanna's Adherents Bitter Against the Chief Magistrate-Republican Clubs Will Snub His Inauguration-The Influence of Women in the Contest.

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Columbus, O., Jan. 4 .- The combination of ten anti-Hanna Republicans, with the Democratic members, succeeded in organizing both branches of the legislature yesterday in the interest of the opposition to the re-election of Sen-

In the apportionment of the chairmanships the Democrats got 28 in the house and the Republicans 13, that body having a Republican majority of 15. In the senate, which is a tie politically, the Democrats got 18 chair-

manships and the Republicans 4. There are two more dates for tests of strength-the joint senatorial caucuses tomorrow night and the joint bailoting Oswald Bruce, B. Jacques, W. H. Dell, turn we took on a sailor at Acapulco for senator one week from tomorrow. Stephen Williams, John Fellows and and from him I learned that he had With the complications of the legislative organization and its patronage disposed of, the Hanna men last night began a desperate fight on the senator-

> The Hanna men deny that they will form a coalition with Brice for a gold Democrat for senator rather than be



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beaten by a free silver Republican, or that they will do anything else but fight it out if it takes all winter. While they are not able to give a list long enough to elect, they claim that Hanna is stronger than Boxwell and the other regular Republican candidates in the organization of the legislature, and that the opposition has not enough votes to elect a senator. The Hanna men concede that they have lost the power which would result from the organization of both branches, as they can name no chairmen, place no members on desirable positions or on any of the committees or dispose of any other state patronage, but they have carried the war into the home counties of the bolting Republican members and expect the necessary changes before tomorrow night. The feeling of the fifty-two Republican

members who voted for their caucus nominees is openly expressed against Governor Bushnell more than against Mr. Kurtz or other Republicans who combined with the Democrats. The State Journal, the Republican organ of central Ohio, prints a large picture eral court for a writ of habeas corp of the governor with heavy black borders. Some Republican clubs have startled his congregation by a vigoro cancelled their engagements of quar- attack on the modern woman. ters here for the inauguration exercises next Monday, and many protests mendations made in the moneta are being received at the state house. commission's report on currency Colonel T. W. Moore, of Marietta, another appointee of Governor Bushnell, yesterday resigned as trustee of the State Insane asylum at Athens.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSE Wednesday, Dec. 29.

The report that Secretary Game ten. dered his resignation to the president is unfounded.

A secret organization has been form-ed at Lexington, Ky., to fight the could service system.

Patrick Kelly, of Louisville, who wash struck dumb while cursing an employer. had his speech restored during a fit of anger.

'A Christmas pardon for Diedes h Tragman, a Sing Sing convict. arriv at the prison just half an hour af his death.

Thomas Collins, a merchant of Besmer. Ala., went to the jail and show and killed J. H. Powell, who had bern arrested on complaint of Collins' wile. Thursday, Dec. 30.

The president has approved the bill to prevent the killing of fur seals the North Pacific.

An effort will be made to have a ated the office of secretary of this and mining in the president's calibr The asphalt beds on the border the Uncompangre Indian reservants

will be worked, and are expected yield about \$1,000,000,000. As there are no direct heirs, th million dollar estate of Charles Cor

toit, who died recently in New Yor! has been devised to charity.

Four officers of the Stock Exchang bank, of El Reno, O. T., have been as rested, charged with receiving deposit knowing the bank to be insolvent.

Friday, Dec. 31. The census recently made shows that there are 196,375 children of school ag in Philadelphia.

Representative Hinrichsen, of Illinois is likely to be chosen chairman of the Democratic congressional committee. Hugh McLaughlin has retired fron the leadership of the Democratic party of Brooklyn, and Bernard J. York wil succeed him.

Trustees of Princeton university hav passed a resolution forbidding student to drink or have in their possessio any intoxicating liquors.

The saloons at Juneau, Alaska, wei busy at last accounts exchanging whit ky for gold dust, a large party of Yuke miners having come to town.

Saturday, Jan. 1.

A snowstorm in Pittsburg and Ali gheny did \$85,000 damage.

During this year's game season Maine 7,500 deer, 250 moose and caribou were shot.

Nathan B. Scott, of West Virgin took the oath of office as internal re nue commissioner, vice W. S. Form Mail Dox robberies aggregating

000 have been discovered in Clevels Richard O. Davis, under arrest in I York, is suspected.

J. H. Ashmore was killed by 1 from a train near Trenton last He was en route to spend New Y day with his mother in Trenton

Monday, Jan. 8. Farmer John Fitzgerald, of Ogder burg, N. Y., hid \$400 in his cellar a thieves carried it off.

Murderer Martin Thorn's New Yea gift at Sing Sing (N. Y.) prison was stay of execution, set for the week l ginning Jan. 10.

James Kirkley, the Benton cour (Ind.) treasurer, who was found de in his office, committed suicide becau his accounts were short. Mrs. Nellie Peterkin, of New Yor

has been convicted at Boston of ma slaughter for causing the death Mrs. Caroline F. Murphy. Tuesday, Jan. 4.

the fr t's attorneys will

The Sunday schools gave their schc'ars a treat with candy but none held a Christmas entertainment. Instead of any entertainments the three C. E. Societies held a convention in the Lutheran and Reformed church on Saturday afternoon and evening, Dec. 25th. The convention was a decided success. The three minis- eve, Scannell was then arrested. ters of the various denominations were present and took active parts in the discussion of the subjects . . Mrs. Julia Markle died on Saturday and was buried on Tuesday....J. E. Bolig and family and Dr. Chas, Mohn and family of Jersey Shore baid a visit to F. B. Bolig's... Dr. C. Mohn and family, of Laurel- and Cook, assignees of the trust comon, visited John Mohn's on Christ- company's depositors has also assented. nas....John Loyd and family, of Wagner, were the guests of S. F. sheary's family ... Charles Batenan, of Selinsgrove, visited H. H. shifting engine which was backed into Jerbster's Miss Henrietta Bowrsox, of Muncy, is spending a few verks with her relatives and many jured are Patrick O'Malley. Patrick riends....M. A. Bateman and wife re spending a few days with Mr. McHugh and John A. Hallahan, all of whom will recover. The men were pushing an empty car out of the yard, was conducted by Rev. Beaver red by the C. E. societies of this hop Stanford and other ministers t be present, 1000 HERY

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uesday, Feb. 15, -west of Middle night in the Medico-Chirurgi al hos pital from a fractured skull, and her son by her first husband is under ar-rest on suspicion of having caused her death. The son's name is Malach Scannell. Saturday night Mrs. Lamb was found lying at the foot of the stairs in her home. She was unconscious, and her body was covered with bruises. The police, it is said, learned that the woman and her son had been quarreling considerably on New Year's

Philadelphia, Jan. 4 .- Judges Penny packer, Wiltbank and Sulzberger yes terday appointed appraisers to pass upon the assets of the defunct Chest nut Street Trust and Saving Fund company, which closed its doors with the failure of the Chestnut Street Nationa bank. In connection with the bank' affairs depositors representing nearly \$800,000 have assented to the plan o settlement submitted by Messrs. Earle pany, and about 70 per cent of the trust Philadelphia, Jan. 1.-Two men were killed and three others injured yesterday at the Warden Boller works, Nine teenth and Allegheny avenue, by the yard of the works in a careless Bateman's parents at Selinsgrove ... The funeral of Aaron Smith of Thite Springs was held in the Rermed church on Sunday, Dec. 26 Instantly and McMelian died soon after. Fittsburg, Dec. 31 .- Another strike of window glass workers, which may pre-.. The week of prayer will be ob- vent the general resumption on Jan. 8, is threatened. After the settlement of the wage differences the factory of ce.... The United Evangelical W. P. Jones & Co., at Eaton, Ind., was

rch will be dedicated Jan. 16, started with cutters and flatteners who are not members of the league, but are connected with the Blowers' assembly of the Knights of Labor. The flatten-ers and cutters claim that they are non-union men, and say a strike will be ordered if members of the Fiatteners' and Cutters' organization are not substituted. President Burns, of the Blowers and Gatherers, insists that the men shall not be disturbed, and de-elares that if the framing there dis-charge tham he will order out his men. From this it would seem that if the manufacturers de not live up to their agreement with the cutters and flat-teners they will have a strike of these estate two trades on their hands, and if they do live up to their agreement the gath-erers and blowers will strike. In the meantime the manufacturers refuse to any what course they will pursue.

the door and safety. Only onehalf of the rear door, a space of probably three feet, was open, and in the mad rush no one thought to open the door in its entirety, and 500 people struggled through the narrow space, the strong bearing down the weaker. Within a moment after the floor collapsed there were not half a dozen persons on that portion which had not fallen, and the work of rescuing the injured and the bodies of the dead was quickly proceeded with.

In the theater adjoining, where "The Girl from Paris" was being performed, panic was narrowly averted.

A TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST.

Six of One Family Meet Death in Their Burning Home.

Jersey City, Jan. 3 .- Six members of one family were killed by flames and smoke in a fire that occurred early yes terday morning in this city. The dead are: Adolph Reich, 42 years old, the father; Emma Reich, 42 years old, the mother; Tillie Reich, 22 years old: Ida Reich, 15 years old; Albert Reich, 14 years old; Gustav Reich, 8 years old. Several others were injured, and it may be that another member o. the illfated family will die. He is the 19-yearold son, and his body is covered with burns

John Conway, chief of the Jersey City fire department, was badly cut and burned. He fell through a burning floor and was rescued with difficulty. Henry A. Reich, 17 years old, managed to make his escape from the house with bad burns on the neck, face and hands, but he is not seriously injured. His 19-year-old brother escaped, but may dle from his burns. Adolph Reich, the father of the family, had escaped from his burning home, but rushed back to help his loved ones, and sacrificed his life.

Traveling Country Postoffices. Washington, Jan. 4 .- The benefits derived from the extension of the rural free delivery of mail matter, it is expected, will be increased as soon as authority can be obtained from con-gress on the subject. By a proposed amendment carriers in rural districts will be given authority to receive cash and obtain money orders for patrons, and to receipt for and deliver registered letters, "The carriers will, if the scheme is put in operation, become "traveling postoffices." Country people, therefore, will have nearly all the benefits enjoyed by residents of the city in this regard.

. Canada's Municipal Elections; Toronto, Ont., Jan. 4.-Municipal elec-tions were field throughout the province of Ontario yesterday. The mayors 20 24 20 20 21 elected in the principal cities were: 20 07

swords. They saved themselves by swimming, and a Mexican flag was carried ashore by Julian Santos, the stoker of the gunboat, who ran the risk of being devoured by sharks that abound in those waters.

Captain Genesta ordered the American flag hauled down and the Mexican flag was raised, there being little protest on the part of the Americans representing a guano exploring company. This formality having been accom plished, the gunboat returned to Mazatlin. There are about 20,000 tons of guano on the island, valued at \$300,000 in gold. Representations showing that the action of the guano company is one of mere usurpation will be made. Clipperton Island is undoubtedly in Mexican territory, although not settled by Mexicans. There has been no excitement over the matter.

From Tramp to Baronet.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 3.-Clarence Danvers Dapenport, a young Englishman. who has been leading a hand to mouth existence in Portland since last August, has become a baronet. He received a cablegram announcing the death of his uncle, Sir Richard Danvers, of Danvers Court, Lincolnshire, England, and informing him that he had succeeded to the estate and title. Money for the trip to England was telegraphed him by American agents of the estate, and he left to take possession of his inheritance. He has tramped about the country for the past three years.

Germany Again Buildozes China. Berlin, Jan. 3.-It is announced that China has yielded to the demand of the German ambassador at Pekin, Baron Heyking, for the dismissal of the commandant of the Chinese garrison at Tsao Chow, province of Shan Tung, because of the use of threatening language to the German missionaries there. The Chinese government telegraphed a dismissal of the commandant.

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During the noon recess yesterday a crusade was developed in telegraphic protests to some of the Republican



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members who had voted with the Democrats. The most notable case was that of J. P. Griffith, Republican member from Union county, who was made speaker pro tem. by receiving 47 Demoeratic and nine Republican votes. He received telegrams from constituents asking him to resign, saying he would be hung in effigy, and that delegations ere en route to Columbus to hold an idignation meeting. Mr. Griffith has vithstood much agitation the past 96% 99% c.; February, veek. Sunday midnight the Hanna steamer No. 2 red. orkers got him into a conference at he Neil House, and it is said that he as "almost persuaded" about 3 o'clock esterday morning, but he did not ant to change without consulting his ife, who was strongly in sympathy

ith the combine that nominated her isband for speaker pro tem. The Hanna workers at 3 a. m. went the Great Southern hotel, got Mrs. tell House after them. While being es- carloads: \$1.3701.28 per gallon orted out of the Neil House the river bing lots a fig

Rev. Arthur C. Dixon; of Brookly

Secretary Gage approves the recor form.

Senor Rodriguez will not retur Washington as the minister of greater republic of Central Ame intimations having been giv would not be acceptable.

Much mystery surrounds of a young woman named who was found mangled in shaft of a New York companion, a young ma rested.

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phia and Baltin Philadelphis, Jar. 2.-Fi tained: winter superfine. tra, \$1.2593.75; Pennsylvan \$1.1054.30; do. straight, \$4.4 winter, clear, \$4.15674.40; do @4.65; city mills; extra, flour quiet and steady at barrel, as to quality. Whe 2 red, spot, 964/0962c.; No. 2 and No. Delaware red. sp Corn lower: No. 2 yellow mixed, in elevator. 3303334 No. 2 white, 30e.; No. 2 w 20c.; No. 1 white, elipped. dull; choice timothy, 81250 bales. Beef firmer; family tra mess, \$968,50; beef packet, \$9610; city extra In 16,50, Pork firm; mess, 18.7 clear, \$10912. family, \$11912. western steamed, \$5.10. Butte ern creamery, 15 (22e.: do. fa) Elgins, 22c.; imitation creame New York dairy, 135720c.; di 155721c, Cheese steady; large colored. September, SL (13) do., September, 9094;c. 6%c.; part skims, 45955 240294c. Eges firm; New Yor sylvania, 22025%c,; western, f Baltimore, Jan. 2.-Flour Wheat dull and lower; spot 21 16 6 103 wheat, by sample, 33538c.; do, 521663716c. Corn weak; spot : 123663785c.; February, 223c. mixed. 205463054c.; southern yellow, 20434c. Oats firmer; 2956000c.; No. 2 mixed, 2 easier; No. 2 nearby, 52%c. ern, 53%c. Hay steady; chol 813. Grain (reights very qui changed. Sugar strong; grain Butter quiet "fancy creamer imitation, 18919c.; do. ladie,