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THE CONVERTED VILLAGE.

BY GEORGE N. CORSON, ESQ.

Where now the College stands, in earlier days There stood the School, and simpler were the ways ; Along the hillside where now the engine snorts The wagons went, with colors of all sorts, The boys in round-abouts bounced the horses backs, And, through the snow made early-morning tracks, As towards the mill, or school, or store they went On faithful errands by trusted parents sent. Jocund was the boy when his prancing jade Vaulted him adrift with an estrapade ; How laughed the girls to see his sorry plight ! And how they shood and shouted with delight To see the old jade, freed from boy, with heels of bone Curl up her tail and gallop home alone. Even the mother laughed with overjoy To see the bounding mare without the boy Tearing in the lane, as with eager eye She saw how near her own dear boy was by ! The Boarding School, the village life and pride, Boasted a Female College for a bride-

But younger in years, as a bride should be-And knowledge flourished like a green-bay-tree.

Along the road-side a little old school The village master taught by ancient rule ; Little old house like a little old nurse-Suited for the poor, and the poor man's purse. The farmers' sons outside the village grounds-Others from other States and other bounds-

Passed by the little hut with haut perhaps, Envied by master and the little chaps, And strode with eagerness and fleeting feet With heart-vibrating hopes, and joy, to greet Their dear companions, returning, well fed, From Christmas Holidays, to board and bed, To books and black-board, and teachers, and all Within the sacred haunts of Freeland's Hall. Oh ! who were gathered there ? "Where," ask not me,

"Are they of eighteen fifty-two, and three"? Ask not of me if these Old Homes exist As then they did, as back through years of mist, Mingled joy and pain, I still perceive them ? Look at the ancient walls, and believe them, The hollow echoes of departed voices ; And faces in which my heart rejoices Still to have some memory, which like the skies Will shine with stars when darkest nights arise, Relieved from the glare of the noon-day sun The hope of the eye-soul to look upon.

The Homes ! Oh, they are no more ; all are gone ! Here and there an aged parent liveth on Like some surviving lonely hickory tree

Left of the mighty woods that used to be ! But the forest has fallen. Other germs And other fruits fructify : thus confirms The law of Nature, that Eternal Life Will ever work eternal change and strife. And he is blind and poor and weak indeed Who liveth as if life is given for greed

With caution for his precious load and self ! We wonder he does not tangent and fly And tumble to earth from his seat so high Who takes his place, usurps the road and inn And all the passages where he has been ? Who now the o'er burdened mail still carries ? Never stops nor at the tavern tarries ? But dashes along on the iron rails, Flinging the mail bags like our fathers' flails ? The coach is converted to other uses, The highway given to other abuses. The winters of that village then were gay

With young folks traveling in a different way ; The old men gathered at the store and inn To discuss the themes of piety or sin, Talk at length of crops or prohibitionists And take a slash at whigs and abolitionists, When the Doctor and the Judge were in the whirl And Captain's stories made their old hair curl. Nothing then but the jingle of the bells, So merry, could drown the music of their spells. The old folks took the children to the school In two-horse high back sleighs of the Ark-type rule. And often in the adjacent sections Not Noah and all of his connections So filled the ark as did the boys and girls Of rich and poor, red-checked and full of curls, As they climbed in on the family sleigh Pulled by the oxen in the quaint old way.

But there were sturdy people in the village Who in sober homes discussed the tillage Not only of their farms, in part or whole, But the cultivation of the mind and soul : Deep thinking men of earnestness and truth, With all the freshness of immortal youth, Who plann'd for good and preached, and pray'd each day Their beloved children would never learn to stray. Reared in the rural school, freed from strife. "Along the cool the cool sequestered vale of life They kept the noiseless tenor of their way' Till the opening of the Eternal day. This conversion of the Village of Old

To the Borough of the New, I am told, Will make the Borough, still growing higher, Rise like Thebes at the sound of Amphhious' lyre !

If the Theban prince erst could make the stones With music take their places at its tones, Surely a Christian Church and College men Can build on the old heritage again, And hence from the village independent, Take up in future a race resplendent, Grow to a city, and, with strength replete To learning's Capitol and County Seat.

after hour. Then at last Gilbert ON CHRISTMAS EVE. came groping out, one hand pressed to his head, his face, haggard, but ecstatic. Not even her white and hopeless face struck his attention. BY R. E. YOUNG. "Done it," he gasped. "I was man who writes himself the author

coming to wake you. They-they of that play." say that every man is capable of

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ARE YOU WAKEFUL?

The main thing to do, therefore,

in order to induce sleep, is to quiet

Often, however, a person must

should stop some time before going

is better to stay up a short time in

before trying to sleep. This time

force, or rather entice, the mind

away from its previous occupation.

A brisk walk or a short spin on the

sign of dawning comprehension. In vain. During the first and second IF YOU ARE HERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO BRING SLEEP. acts his expression remained all but

lifeless. Suddenly, however, Marion It is not proposed to discuss here almost cried out. His thin fingers had been quivering. Now, half those serious cases of obstinate way through the last act, they insomnia that often tax the ingenuclosed upon her curiously. The ity and weary the patience of the lights were low, but she could see most skillful specialist, but merely his eyes dilating. Only too thank- to mention some simple measures ful that every one appeared en- by means of which ordinary wakefulness may be overcome without grossed by the play, she whisperthe use of drugs. ingly implored :

evening.

Sleep is produced by a shrinking "Try, try and keep calm dear! of the brain cells so that they are It's nearly over." no longer in communication with "My plot-my play !" he said.

each other, and wakefulness conse-'You-you-you have let them steal my brains !" quently results when these cells are in a state of excitement, and refuse For the moment she was stupefied. Then. "Nonsense, dear," she to draw away from each other. This

she sat stealthily watching for a

whispered back. "It is safe." excited condition may result from "My very words," he gasped, not disease, such as fever, or it may heeding. "Let me go. I've been come from worry, grief, or hard robbed, robbed ! I'll shout it all mental work.

over the city !" Then, indeed, she stared and tried to realize the play, but he was these nerve cells, and the prevenstruggling past. There would be a tion of wakefulness is best secured scene. So, holding his hand still, by avoiding mental work in the she followed him out into the corridor. Before she could prevent it he had gripped an attendant's work at night. In that case, he

shoulder. "Your manager-at once !" he to bed, and if he must work late, it breathed. "Your manager !" he repeated, as a swell of applause order to secure an interval of rest drowned the man's reply. "The manager? In that box over | may be passed in any way that will

there. What name shall I say ?" "Gilbert Hartley-the author of this play !"

They followed him round winding wheel, exercise with the dumb-bells corridors and up to the door of a or Indian clubs, a cool bath-things box. Two gentlemen were just like these will often suffice for the emerging laughingly when the white desired purpose. Sometimes a little snack, such as a bit of cheese faced man and whiter faced woman barred their way.

and a biscuit, or a glass of milk, taken while undressing, will induce "Not yet! I demand," said Gilbert, pointing, "the identity of the sleep quickly.

If the mind is dwelling persistently on one subject, do not struggle to force it to let go its thoughts, it take more tenacious hold. Try "You !" Hartley, looking like to lead it away by picturing to yoursheep jumping one after the other over a log. Don't try to count, unless you would be like the man who was advised by his doctor to count until he fell asleep, and who did count up to twenty-five thousand six hundred and fifty-two, when he found it was

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to win the success she now has. * * *

Those of us who have had the pleasure of listening to one of Robert J. Burbett's lectures will doubtless lose no time in perusing his new book "Chimes from a Jester's Bells," which has lately made its appearance. It is full of humor and very cleverly illustrated by Louis Brounhold, with a cover design by the son of the humorist. The entire nineteen stories in the volume are a rare combination of

wit and pathos. Burdette is a jolly little fellow, and there isn't the shadow of a doubt but that his new book will win the usual fame with which his former efforts have been crowned.

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One of the most interesting reports at the recent meeting of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs was that from the library committee. The success of the small traveling libraries in New York and other states has been most gratifying. The general lists of these libraries include fiction, ethics, and fine arts-a variety which suits the taste of all readers. One hundred books of reference may also be borrowed by a university extension centre or a study or reading club. The value of these libraries to small isolated communities cannot be overestimated. * * *

Alphonse Daudet, the famous French author and dramatist died at noon, Thursday the 16th, in Paris.

The original character of George Harris, in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Lewis George Clark, died at Lexing ton, Kentucky, one day last week. * * *

It has been related of Charles Lamb that "His hospitality was characteristically manifested one day in his own peculiarly whimsical way by his starting up from dinner,

hastening to the front garden gate and opening it for a donkey that he saw standing there and looking, so Lamb said, as if it wanted to come in and munch some of the grass growing so plentifully behind the

Alone and gain, or even for glory, Forgetting, from Job, the old, old story In all ages, although in riches rife, That, like the tree of the field, is man's life : Of a few days, when certain staring death Takes from the proudest heart the proudest breath Gold can not eternize it, nor can man; The decree is written. Life is but a Span And ask not me where are gathered now, they, Of Freeland of fifty years ago to-day ? Many a brief memorial on the stone Will for my feeble memory atone And tell to you and me, if not to those Of future years where our dear friends repose : And other stones or other yards will tell, We know, no distant date, where we shall dwell. " I name no names ; instinctively I feel Each at some well remembered grave will kneel. I see their scattered grave stones, gleaming white Through the pale dust of impending night; O'er all alike the impartial sunset throws Its golden lillies mingled with the rose ; We give to each a tender thought, and pass Out of the grave yards with their tangled grass Unto these scenes frequented by our feet When we were young and life was fresh and sweet."

But we, in this village, now converted Into Boro'-so long by us deserted-Had here our school-boy days ! Enough to know ! We who survive may let a tear-drop flow, Walk around old Freeland's Halls of knowledge And heave a sigh to hear it called a College.

Other conversions, other changes rise Before my mortal as my mental eyes : I see before me rows of boys with books And defiance in their bantering looks ; I see the aping soss, half asleep, and wink His eye to make believe he tried to think : I see the Latin fellows hard at work To get to Yale, or Harvard or the Kirk ; The lofty ones who knew before they read Much more than Moses ever wrote or said And who, in sooth, in stern debate could tell More than all the Prophets in Israel.

Phrenology, and the affairs of State We settled in learned law and grave debate. Better than the law of the present day And better than speeches for which we pay,

Old Declamation day, heard the thunder Of the boy who was the coming wonder And Philipps and Patrick Henry were boys Compared to him, at least in making noise, "And still we gazed and still the wonder grew How one small head could carry all he knew."

Yes, the sons of thunder from thunder-land Were there, and took the smiles of Sunderland Read from the ripples of his learned sense His pride in these master strokes of eloquence.

Attempts at rhyme as well as reason rare Like snow flakes filled the circumambient air And Poesy posed in her own proud clime Never so proud to hear such astounding rhyme. And when a few verses the Poet took That suggested stanzas from Lalla Rookh It was a poetical license, we knew, If we did know, that it was only true That by accident had one Thomas Moore Simply caught the thought a little while before.

The ball grounds have their conversion taken For College and Campus ; and forsaken The lofty stilts, with which, for want of sense We straddled over the unconscious fence, Waded the Perkiomen under the Bridge

And bestrode like giants along the Ridge. With what envy all, we watched the stage coach With horses four, and grim reinsman, approach ; A man wonderful, and fearfully made

His diurnal drive was a grand parade ; The gates flew open at the toll-house door, And eyes were watching for an hour before The horses panting and foaming with sweat And the great whip cracked like a Pistolet. The Inn-keeper smiled at his bar, agog To see the old driver leap for his grog. He carried the mail for all of the boys, Band-boxes, people, packages and toys, Great bundles, and trunks and divers good things Of all the Kriskinkles the King of Kings. His long white beard and his capacious palm Bore off the prize from ancient Abraham !

Who takes now the place among you and us Of the old driver of the Omnibus Punctual through all seasons of the year, Whose good cheer e'en the horses seem'd to hear. For as he gathered his bundle of lines And wrapt them around him as though they were twines And held them an instant taut to adjust Himself with dignity to his public trust, And feel as the eldest David Crockett said, Be sure you are right and then go ahead ; The eager horses hear the pistol snap And leap to action like a thunder clap ! See him curve round the corner on his shelf

tober night, Marion Hartley, wife of the unsuccessful author-play- this-but the room seems-why, amiss ?" wright, was torturing her wits afresh Marion, I-I"for a way to secretly induce some theatrical manager to recognize her husband's genius. Her flush faded

as she heard admitted a man with a slow voice and a deliberate step. Both were unpleasantly familiar. "Good evening," he said, bowing turb his inspiration, then." simply said.

When the gate creaked that Oc-

"Of course." He sat down. "Er -may I ask how the great play progresses ?" No answer. It had come back veiled threat, until, precisely seven that morning for the fourth time- days after his previous visit, the and then rose and tapped at the the sitting room. Both frightened ble"door of that inner room in which and desperate, she went down as her husband spent more hours than | far as the doorway. she liked to total. No reply. "Gilbert, dear, don't start," was study in supplication. "He knows whispered fearfully. "He is here nothing-perhaps never will again." divide all"-

again-that Mr. Mainwaring. What "There !" Mainwaring's teeth shall"___ Why, he was not scribbling away planned affair ! My friend here feverishly. His head had fallen wants his money-or some equiva- said : forward-asleep? When she touched lent. There is the agreement. I him, he slowly roused to stare past | stay until I see your husband." her with eyes so dilated that she | Marion managed to get "Then almost shrank. sciously on her knees now. "Oh, locked the bedroom door.

give it up, if it's killing you ! I'll "They've gone, ma'am," came work, husband !" "Eh? There ! I was dreaming- mumbled away for a time, and then my plot was just coming to me, and they were suddenly quiet. I think

putting her arms away. "If I lose crept out." grip of it this time, it_it_may mean madness! Marion, it was bert's wild stare, found temporary sublime ! Only go away-do !" He found his pen and started. out and stood guard at his door. night."

me-before I knew, of course. joyous Christmas! Sympathy means forbearance. As now !"

"You-you-you will not !" She be likely to rouse him ?" ran and caught his arm. "I did not know it. I simply say-if you answered mechanically. but know how he has slaved and tried ! Let me tell you something. a matinee advertised for to-morrow plot-the great idea he has missed | thing !"

for months. There !" "Found his plot ?" He stared in- where the money came from, ascredulously, appearing to weigh the sented, and accordingly that next

chances. "Bah ! That was to have day, Christmas eve, found them Rev. Dr. Primrose-You say if

"Why," said one coolly, "I hap one stroke of genius. Listen to pen to be the author. Anything for you will probably thereby make

The manuscript fell. She realized one just risen from the grave, put self some monotonous, constantly something and sprang forward. He out two working hands. "Come recurring scene, like the water had swayed and then toppled down. here ! Look me in the face. I wrote combing over the edge of Niagara's Twelve hours later found him in it-almost as it stands. If my cliff, a swarm of flies chasing each the heat of the unmistakable manuscript is gone, you-have other in the sunlight, or a flock of delirium. And the play ! It was stolen it."

studiously. Tall, broad and per- lying neglected upon his study The finale was at hand. The fectly dressed, he possessed a face desk. Weeks would pass, the bluff audience, little dreaming of that only spoiled by its expression. "Is old doctor said, before his sanity side drama, sat spellbound. Then he accessible ? Ah, yes, I see his could return. It meant that the -then a crazy, unmistakable cheerlight in there. Afraid I must dis- home must vanish bit by bit-but ing rose to the roof. "Author ! Author !" went up. what of that? Night and day she

"Indeed ? He is very busy," she hovered over him. He had tried The situation was critical, the manand failed. Only to save his reason! | ager stupefied. The "author," with Marion's wide.

Then she would try herself. In the first excitement she quite pleading eyes upon him, hesitated. forgot Mainwaring, and his last Then he blurted out : "No fraud at all ! I bought that manuscript in a crude state from a declined. She pretended to sew girl informed her that that gentle- man who claimed to have produced until the position grew unbearable man and a "friend" were waiting in it. There is nothing discredita-

> "His name ?" "I-I-I-I cannot give it. He was here just now. Prove that "He is ill," she said, her face a he stole it, and I am willing to

The cries for "Author" were growing deafening, when Marion gave snapped. "What did I say? A that little scream of realization and

"He was here-Gilbert, look-Mainwaring ! He came for his money that day! He stole the papers for spite, thinking you might you must stay" past the lump in you can !" she finished breathlessly,

staring into the other man's eyes. "Madam, I can't." Swallowing a through the keyhole at last. "They lump, he gripped Hartley's hand. "Sir, my reputation is at stake. you-you disturb me so !" he said, they were frightened. They almost must appear with you as joint author, but I promise you two-thirds of all royalties."

Marion, sitting back from Gilrelief in a stream of tears.

The first gleam of sunshine came staring about in wonderment when Awed, apprehensive, too, she hung at the end of three awful weeks. the curtain waved. Two men stood there as though hesitating whether | Hartley, physically safe, could cross | bowing in the footlight glow, and to obey or snatch his precious his bedroom. Only it terrified her the foremost was Gilbert Hartley. manuscript away. Finally she stole to realize that he was but a living Neither ventured a speech, and not automaton. Six weeks, and the a few people were puzzled afresh "My husband cannot see you to- mysterious stupor showed no signs when next day a joint authorship of lifting. And when he crept down was publicly announced, but the "Oh, very good, madam! Half stairs again it was only to sit staring play itself was unanimously voted this house was furnished with the vacantly through the hours. And a thrilling success, and that was £100 he coolly borrowed through Christmas was close at hand-dear, enough. Enough-yes! Later that day,

"It's most strange," said the when the bells were pealing, Marion you don't wan't it, I'll sell him up doctor one day. "I've been think- crept up behind her husband and placed a twisted sprig of holly upon ing-what mild excitement would his tired head. "Laureled !" she whispered. "A

"Oh, the theater-the play," she little alliteration, dear-my king, my king, crowned on Christmas "Then take him. Here. There's eve! And Mainwaring? Well, they

simply allowed him to slip into Wait-and his play will be accepted. at the Jolity-some new and won- oblivion. A long way up the ladder Yes! To-night he has found his derful drama to be tried. The very of the literary fame, and climbing still, Gilbert Hartley can easily Gilbert, never seeming to wonder afford to be merciful to the man

who tried to topple him off the first rung.

time to get up. Deep and regular breathing is an important element in the general calming process so necessary to induce sleep .- Youth's Companion.

TRIUMPH OF LOVE IN ART.

A STORY OF HOW LOVE PRODUCED A MASTERPIECE.

A century since, in the north of Europe, stood an old cathedral, upon one of the arches of which was sculptured face of wondrous beauty. It was long hidden, until one day, the sun's light, striking through a slanted window, revealed its matchless features. And ever after, year by year, upon the days when for a brief hour it was thus illuminated, crowds came and "Gilbert, don't !" She was uncon- her throat. Then she ran back and never know ! Deny that name if waited eagerly to catch but a glimpse of that face. It had a strange history. When the cathedral was being built an old man, broken with the weight of years and cares, came and besought the architect to let him work upon it. Out of pity for his age, but fearful lest his failing sight and trembling touch might mar some fair design, the master

set him to work in the shadows of The audience was upon its feet, the vaulted roof. One day they found the old man asleep in death, the tools of his

craft laid in order beside him, the cunning of his right hand gone, his face upturned to this other marvelous face which he had wrought there -the face of one whom he had loved and lost in his early manhood. And when the artists and sculptors and workmen from all parts of the cathedral came and looked upon that face they said : "This is the grandest work of all; love wrought

this !"- The Humanitarian. Romantic Miss-"Do you love me well enough to battle for me ?"

Ardent Suitor-"Aye, against a thousand."

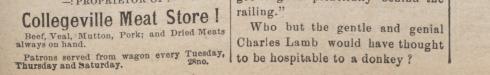
"Well, Mr. Bigfish is paying me a good deal of attention. Would you fight him for me ?"

"Yes, I would." "Could you defeat him ?"

"N.o; he'd probably thrash the life out of me."

"Mercy ! Well, never mind. I'll

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SATURDAY NEXT : Christmas Day, 1897. May every reader of the IN-DEPENDENT experience a merry Christmas, and may we all find ourselves in good trim to welcome young 1898!

election

each trip.

A DISPATCH from Hamburg, Germany, reads : "Prince Bismarck has relapsed to his former weakness, despondency and persistent insomnia. Mentally and physically, Prince Bismarck is rapidly declining." And men of "iron will" must go the way of all flesh.

THE right of an individual to snore while sleeping should be taken for granted, without argument. But whether snoring should be prohibited in sleeping cars involves a more serious question, and one that is about to be tackled in real dead earnest by a Western reformer who proposes to abolish snoring in sleeping cars by statutory enactment! Next.

PARDEE HALL, the more prominent of the Lafayette College buildings at Easton, was badly wrecked by fire Saturday morning, involving a loss of about \$60,000. Many valuable collections were lost. The work of rebuilding is to be commenced as soon as possible. A defective gas burner is the biological laboratory was the cause of the blaze.

PENNSYLVANIA is in debt to the of honor," and placing thereon such amount of two million dollars, and employes of the Treasury Departclaims to that amount due and pay- ment as have by reason of age lost able last month remain unpaid. their efficiency at a salary of \$900 Notwithstanding the warnings of a year, is, intentionally or not, a exercise of the veto power of the the present civil service law. The Governor the last Legislature voted fact that Congress will take a recess away \$24,000,000 for the next two from to-morrow until January 5, years, thus continuing an extrava- doubtless operated to keep down gant expenditure of public funds- talk on this subject, as there is litif for no other purpose than to the doubt that the little debate in maintain a continuous deficit.

kind of statesmanship to burn !

GEORGE K. LINDERMAN has re- people stand ready by a majority of signed as one of the Commissioners 100 to 1 to wipe it from the statute

WE feel sure the readers of the tims have convinced Hon. Arthur INDEPENDENT will peruse with much | P. Greeley, Acting Commissioner interest the poem on the first page of Patents, that the reforms which from the gifted pen of Hon. George | followed the recent investigation he N. Corson, of Norristown. In de- so ably and successfully conducted scriptive power it surpasses any did not reach all the swindling poetical effort, within our knowl- patent attorneys, and he has en- alleges, he was imprisoned in a position was accepted. The fact edge, ever written in Montgomery tered upon another. Those whom he is now especially after are the county

JOSIAH QUINCY, Democrat, was re- tors money under pretense-clearly elected Mayor of Boston, Tuesday, false-of procuring and selling by a decreased plurality over Ex- foreign patents on his invention, Mayor Custis, his opponent of two with the full knowledge that no years ago. The total vote was a such patents are valid, and that little more than that of two years there is no sale for them. ago, when the registration was 91,-

Every year when the Legislative, 483, against 102,480 for the present | Executive and Judicial appropriation bill is before Congress there

is more or less talk about the need THE trolley accident in Manayunk of reform in the pay and control of on Monday, due to icy tracks and a the department employes in Washbrake that would not work, empha- ington. This time, in addition to sizes the necessity not only for talking, the bill puts some restricequipping cars that are to be run on tions upon the employes, particusteep grades with the most power- larly as to sick leave, which everyful brakes, but of the most careful body in Washington knows has and frequent inspection of the been abused awfully. Some day a brakes at all seasons of the year. Congress will come along with the Ice storms come when they are nerve to properly handle this busileast expected. The ice begins to ness, and put it on the footing of form while a car is on an uncom- any other great corporation. It is \$100,000. Lawyer Joseph Moore pleted trip, and if it is not in perfect notorious that at least nine-tenths called upon Recorder Richards yesorder every time it leaves the car of the employes of the government house the necessary precautions to are paid more-much more-than is furnish the maximum degree of paid for the same class of work in safety to employes and passengers private establishments; the other tenth, whose duties require special have not been taken.

knowledge, experience and expert-The most dangerous period of the ness, are paid less than private ordinary ice storm is when the ice establishments pay for the same class of work. Representative first begins to form, and the way to Bingham stated on the floor of the obviate this danger is to know that House that members of the Approthe brake attachment of every car priation committee, including himis in perfect order when starting on self, believe that more than a million dollars a year could be saved

WASHINGTON LETTER. From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17 1897.-Secretary Gage's action in practically starting a civil pension list by creating what he calls a "roll

From the Philadelphia Times. House, in which Representative

Pennsylvania. Time was when the Pennsylvania has lots of a certain Moody, of Massachusetts, stated that, if the present law establishes a civil pension list, the American might take their place; but two cess of exports four months being

Peculiar Damage Suit. WILKESBARRE, December 17 .- A Borough of Exeter, because, as he fake attorneys who get the inventhe lock-up. He claims a water pipe ing the night he fell from his cot,

thus contracted rheumatism, which | was well disguised. has made him a cripple since.

Left a Large Fortune.

WILKESBARRE, December 19 .- In 1858 John Fenstermacher was one such it is not liable to any form of disease of the most prosperous young men in Luzerne county. He made love to from imperfect action of the kidneys. The a farmer's daughter and in due time they were engaged to be married. But in the meantime something came between the young lovers and the engagement was broken off. Fenstermacher then suddenly disappeared, and nothing being heard of him in the course of twenty years his estate was distributed among his relatives here. Now news comes from the State of Oregon that Fenstermacher died there six weeks ago, leaving an estate valued at terday with a view of finding Fenstermacher's relatives. The first impression was that Fenstermacher's kin were living in Lehigh county and a week was spent in that county looking for them. It was only by accident that the fact was discovered that the Oregonian was originally from Luzerne county. After leaving Luzerne county young Fenstermacher went direct to Oregon, where he purchased a large tract of land. The land greatly increased in value, and in twenty

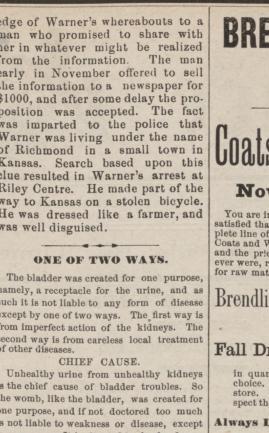
years the owner was a very rich man. Fenstermacher never communicated with his relatives here. He led a hermit's life for nearly forty years.

In the Business World.

From Dun's Review, December 17.

Close to its annual holiday and halt, the business of the year is surleases shall be recognized by the prisingly large. Payments through U. S. and money paid on account of them shall be turned into the U. S. treasury for the benefit of the greatest prosperity; the production several tribes as such. This bill of iron and woolens and boots and the State Treasurer and the liberal strong weapon for the opponents of has the approval of the Dawes Com- shoes is larger than ever before, exmission, but is opposed by the ports eclipse all past records, and failures for two weeks have been the smallest for corresponding weeks in five years. Treasury receipts show a steady increase for the first half of December over previous months.

Forestry has become a subject of both in customs and internal revevital importance to the people of nue, and heavy payments to Government on Union Pacific account caused but slight stringency in chief interest of the inhabitants of money markets, with preparation the State consisted in destroying for large cancellation of bonds. The the forests in order that golden most weighty news of the week is wheat fields and green meadows might take their place; but two November to \$116,630,290, the ex-





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Will be at Geo. Smith's hotel. Col

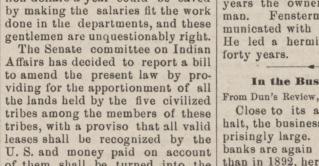
Tuesday forenoon. at Ca

y Thursday forenoon,

-: MORGAN WRIGHT :-

Haney's Hotel, Skippack, even





Indian delegation in Washington. Future Forestry Work.

of Berks county. Reason : Not enough pay attached to the office to satisfy Mr. Linderman, who avers that after paying the expenses attached to his office he has but \$21 remaining per month to live upon. and rather than be dishonest, he decided to quit holding public office. Mr. Linderman did exactly

right. If public servants are not worthy of remuneration for responsi- usual custom of postponing considbilities assumed and services per- eration of every important question formed, public offices should remain before it until after the Christmas vacant. But no public servant, any recess. There is the usual talk more than any other man or woman, about work being done during the has a right to be dishonest. If all recess, but every body knows that public officials would resign before | it is only talk. adopting dishonest methods, there

the world.

ment have carefully preserved the the bureau is to be made entirely acquiring State forest reservations cluded in the receipts is the whole record of every soldier who enlisted independent, and all appointments at the sources of our chief river in the United States service for any therein are to be made solely by the systems, besides introducing a sys- which is returned to the counties in period during the civil war. Of Director of the Census. Representer tem of educating the youth of the which it has been collected; personal those who rendered service as tatives who get re-elected next year State to the duty of forest preserva- fees paid by and returned to State soldiers mustered into the service will also share in this pap, and as tion by the designation of two days officers, fertilizer licenses and fines of the United States, the records most of them expect to be re- in the year to be devoted to tree- Agriculture, drawn out and exshow that there are 727,122 now elected, or at least hope to be, there living. The records also show that isn't likely to be any serious obthere are now 733,527 drawing stacle put in the way of the bill in pensions as surviving soldiers, who | the House. were mustered into the service and

served during the war. In addition to the number of surviving soldiers who are drawing pensions, there are applications pending in the Pension Office from 187,500 persons claiming to be surviving veterans who rendered service during the war. Thus we have 6,405 more pensioners on the roll to-day than there are actual survivors of the soldiers who rendered service during the war, exclusive of widows, parents and orphans. In addition there are pending applications for 187,500 who claim to have rendered actual military service and demand pensions. The same official report shows that there are 213,352 widows of soldiers who are drawing pensions, and 104,-938 whose applications as widows of soldiers are pending in the department. In addition to the foregoing there are 255,849 of the presto bolt the caucus if it was done, it ent pensioners who have claims was decided to ignore Hawaii enpending for an increase of the tirely. pensions they now receive. With only 727,122 actual surviving soldiers of the civil war, the pensions now granted to all classes of rebellion pensioners, and those demand-

ing pensions, aggregate the appalling number of 1,139,317, being many army at any time during the war.

names of undeserving peusioners,

books, would otherwise have grown to be a cyclone of protests. This matter will be heard from when Congress reassembles in no uncertain way, for if any one thing is certain it is that the people of this country will not support a civil pension list.

Notwithstanding all talk to the contrary, Congress has followed the this city. While the society is of hundred it has been able so to enlist public interest as to secure the

circles, and much more honesty in ments in the bureau established by tion intended to restrict the destruc-

planting by the children of the public schools.

society during the twelve years it and farmers from involuntary bank- still remains true that through its ruptcy, has been agreed to by the work the public at large have been House committee.

The House democratic caucus forest destruction by any method counties, the latter on account of came out strong against the retire- whatever an evil instead of a bless- the tax on personal property, are ment of the greenbacks and any ing. This is an important attainextension of national banking privi- ment, and will make what is to and insane institutions have legal leges or reductions of their taxes, follow easier of accomplishment. claims for the remainder of the Beautiful Decorated Chamber Sets, 10 pieces, and for the recognition of Cuban The chief difficulty that remains to amount. In other words, the State belligerency and a "just and wise" be overcome is that of convincing Treasury had at the close of last bankruptcy law, but it did not say a better and more profitable way of than would have paid its debts due a word about Hawaii, although it managing their forest holdings than at that time. This condition of had been previously announced that that of stripping them of every affairs is not likely to be improved Fountain Pens the caucus would declare against an- merchantable tree at one fell swoop, the next two years, as the last Legisnexation. A resolution against an- leaving the fire to destroy the grow- lature made appropriations amounting timber that is left. nexation could easily have been put Apart from securing the legislathrough the caucus by a majority tion necessary to acquire and provote, but as a number of influential tect State forest reservations at the

democrats announced their intention sources of our principal river systems, and a better and more effective system of preventing and suppressing forest fires, the most important future work of the association will

The House committee on Election be that of teaching a system of of President, Vice-President and practical economic forestry by Lawyer Albert S. Warner, the leader Representatives in Congress has made a favorable report on the joint profit therefrom by marketing only way in this city, and held him for resolution proposing to amend the the mature trees and protecting the \$3000 ransom, was arrested yester-Constitution so as to have Senators | rest to be marketed later. This is | day at Riley Centre, a village in the elected by direct vote; also on a the rational process in vogue in interior of Kansas. By his capture more than ever were in the Union army at any time during the war. bill allowing electoral returns to be forwarded to Washington by encoded by anect vote, also on a bill allowing electoral returns to be forwarded to Washington by encoded by encoded by anect vote, also on a bill allowing electoral returns to be forwarded to Washington by encoded by encoded by an and every other army at any time during the war. forwarded to Washington by express State too soon. To secure its sale stealing of children has been If these figures are studied by or registered mail, instead of by adoption as fast as possible should put in safe keeping. With H. G. the people one of two things will messenger only as the law now pre- be the supreme future object of the Blake and Joseph M. Hardy, who happen: Either the list will be purged to a large extent of the may do the Senete is not net ready Messenger only as the law now pre-Pennsylvania Forestry Association. are now serving sentences of 15 What it has already done in the years for the crime, he had conmay do, the Senate is not yet ready what it has already done in the joint to kidnap the chil-creation of a sound public sentiment cocted a scheme to kidnap the chilor the whole pension system will be to consent to the direct election of on the subject of the preservation dren of wealthy parents in nearly wiped out. The latter course would Senators. It is doubtful whether of the forests deserves the highest every city in the country. The do injustice to thousands of de- the sentiment in favor of the direct commendation. What it has yet to capture of Warner was due to his employment, and you can learn how to make

hundred years of this process have \$229,212,401, while in half of Deoverdone it, and it has become a cember exports are nearly as large matter of vital importance to wheat and imports \$2,500,000 smaller than fields and meadows and their last year, when the excess of exowners as well that a policy just all records are surpassed by exports the reverse shall be inaugurated and for this year, which have been \$974,- the receiver. 600,000 in eleven months, and the persistently followed. excess over imports in five months This necessity gave unusual inter-

has probably exceeded \$289,000,000. est to the twelfth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Forestry Associa-**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE** tion which has just been held in STATE TREASURY.

comparatively recent date and its

membership is less than twelve RECEIPTS OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR Fine Onyx Tables THE YEAR WERE \$12,475,070.17 AND PAYMENTS \$12,768,515.84.

creation of a State Forestry Bureau HARRISBURG, December 16 .- State Senators are figuring on paying attached to the Department of Treasurer Haywood has prapared a would be fewer scandals in official many political debts by appoint- Agriculture, to secure some legisla- statement showing in itemized form the disbursements and receipts of the Commonwealth for the year the bill, just reported, providing for tive ravages of forest fires, and the ended November 30 last. The reve- 211 DeKalb St., - - Norristown, Pa. taking the next census, and in creation of a commission to report nue aggregated \$12,475,070.17 and THE records of the War Depart- order to give them a more free hand to a future Legislature a plan for the payments \$12,768,515.84. Inamount derived from the tax on personal property, three-fourths of pended by that department; amount paid by insurance companies on the

While it may be said that this destroyed Capitol building and contents, and one per cent. of the tax A national bankruptcy bill, pro- has been in existence has not the act of 1895. These items aggreon foreign fire companies distributed viding for voluntary and involuntary measurably checked the destruction gate \$2,155,118.44, which, deducted bankruptcy, excepting corporations of our remaining and fast-diminish- from the gross revenue, leaves availfrom voluntary, and wage earners ing forest area by axe and fire, it able for the payment of appropriations, \$10,319,951.73. The amount due to November 30 was about \$6,100,000, of which the public taught to consider indiscriminate schools of the State and the several entitled to nearly \$5,000,000. Training schools, reformatory, charitable private forest owners that there is month over \$2,000,000 less money Newest in Embroidered Handkerchiefs.

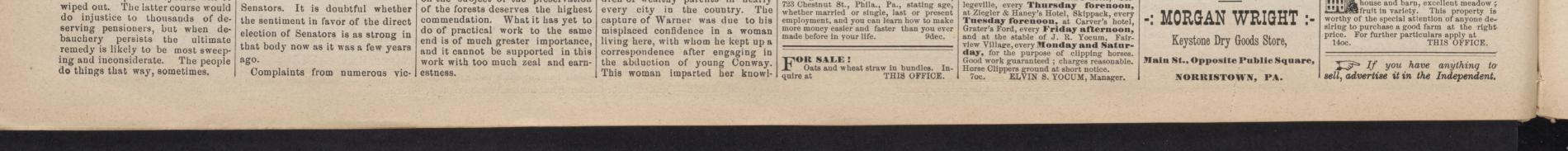
ing to \$24,200,000.

LAWYER WARNER, WHO PLOTTED THI ABDUCTION OF JOHNNY CONWAY,

AN ARCH VILLAIN CAUGHT.

OF ALBANY, N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 16 .which the owners of forest areas of the kidnappers' gang who last will be able to secure a perpetual August abducted little John Con-723 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa., stating age, whether married or single, last or present



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	Has Accepted.	"Church-Going Bell."	WORK OF THE BOROUGH	Published by request.	ing the sparsely settled country	a real world of realities, that which	DUBLIC SALE OF
-11 Providence Independent, 11-	Rev. W. O. Fegley, of Sayres,	The people of Skippackville very	ASSESSOR.	JESUS KNOWS BEST.	through which the wagon train	you are not can never take the	
	Pa, the newly elected pastor of	generally have taken very kindly		TO MY DEAR FATHER.		place of what you are. Be true to	
TERMS: \$1.25 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.	Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe,	to the movement of having a bellry	ENUMERATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL	"Jesus knows best." are the words he said-	question of the Egypt road [as it is	yourself and to those about you,	I will sell at public sale, on JANUARY 1 -New Year's Day, 1898-at Smoyer's hotel,
	has forwarded his acceptance and	and a bell placed upon their village	CHILDREN, NUMBER OF BIRTHS	To the daughter who knelt beside his bed ;	save the Egypt road turned off at	for every falsehood you utter will	Trappe, one car-load of fresh cows
Thursday, Dec. 23, 1897.	will take charge about the middle	church, and are subscribing liberally towards the project. From the		And she kissed the cold sweat from his brow,		do you and others harm. Those	
	of February, 1898.	present outlook, it will not be long		And smoothed the hands that are death cold		who speak lies do much harm in the	extra fine lot of dairy stock, far superior to
HOME AND ABROAD.	A Hefty Turkey.	before the villagers and others will	S. S. Augee, assessor of the bor-	now.		world, for untruths must hurt some-	
A CONTRACTOR OF THE OWNER OWNER OF THE OWNER OWNE		hear "the sound of the church-going	ough of Collegeville has completed	Jesus knows best—Ah ! the words are true,		body, must make some heart ache, must add their share of evil to the	county. Ohio. You dairymen in need of
—We	H. U. Wismer, the farmer and milk dealer of Trappe, shipped a		his work of enumerating public	For in Heaven above the sky so blue,		sum of human woes. There are	
	turkey weighing 38 pounds to Rox-	worship.	school children, of recording births	And the store for the thirty Transformer back		many other things you must learn	
-Wish	borough, the latter part of last	Golden Anniversary.	and deaths, and of revising the	I A CONTRACTOR OF THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE READ PROPERTY OF THE REAL PRO	finding out. Around and about us	not to do if you and to live nightly	an stock denvered nee of charge. come,
-All the readers of the INDEPEN-	week. The turkey was one of a	Mr and Mrs. H. D. Swartley, of	registry ballot list for 1898. He has kindly submitted the following	And he is numbered with the dead.		I will not enumerate them now; your	B P KERN
DENT	large flock raised on Mr. Wismer's	Skippack, celebrated their golden	figures. Total number of public	But he repenting has been forgiven		perferience and benefit jou, and bome	W. M. Plerson suct. M Linderman clerk
-A very Merry Christmas !	farm	wedding anniversary last Thursday	school children between the ages of	And rests, at last, with God in Heaven.	vations of the Colonial army the	things you will only learn by ex- perience. When I was a boy I was	ORPHANS' COURT SALE OF
	St. James', Evansburg.	at their home in Skippack town-	6 and 16 years, enumerated : 104.	HAVILAH J. CURDY BENNETT, A. M.		told among other things not to lie,	U
-And may Santa Claus	The usual Christmas Tree cele-	ship. Quite a number of relatives	Number of births in borough since organized, to December, 1897 : 10.		men did for the cause of liberty.	to steal, to do injury to others, and	REAL ESTATE !
-Remember the children all !	bration will take place on Christmas	and mendo were present to oncer	Deaths during same period : 10.	"I'm afraid I cannot live for I am growing weaker all the time I would like to live a	A snake was killed near the	so on, but I really did not know the	in the second of
-An up-town little boy has the	night in the church, at 7.30. There	are not in good health), among them	Registry ballot list for February	few years longer, to live a Christian life.	watch box at the east end of the	full import of these instructions	
opinion that Santa Claus will come	will also be service in the morning	being their only child, the wife of	1898 : Removals cancelled, 15; new	take care of Him May God bless pour	Schuylkill bridge, one of those fine	until years of observations were added to my life. You can only con-	public sale, on the premises, on THURS-
this way, this time, on a flying	at 10 o'clock. On Sunday there will be no morning service, but in the	Dr. J. R. Umstad, of Norristown.	arrivals added, 12. Total number	prosper you, and always look on the bright	l'uays last week, il you reconect; it	firm a correct line of conduct in	
machine !		ley 72 years old. A prayer meeting	of registered voters in the borough:	side and be assured whatever happens that Jesus knows best."	was that day the meadow larks sang so prettily, and in the middle	your own minds by acquiring knowl-	of John D. Alderfer, deceased : A messuage
-No matter how he comes, only	preach at Royerstord next Sunday	service was included in the program	145.		of December, too.	edge. You have a right to accept	perches, more or less, situate in Perkiomen
so he gets here to please the little	morning and afternoon.	of the afternoon.	ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHRIST-	Surprise Party.	Rev. Dr. Lamb was announced to	and hold fast to what is claimed correct until you have thoroughly	
children.		0	MAS FESTIVAL.	Last Saturday evening a surprise	proach at St Daulla last Wedness	investigated the claim. Then, if	line road, and bounded by lands of Nathan
* * * *	Immersed in Cold Water.	A Business Man Missing.	a second s	party assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gotwals, near	day evening.		Botts, Wm. Godshall, Josiah Fisher, John B. Pennepacker, and others. The improve-
	Sunday afternoon, while the tem-	Ducin o oundon nuo ioriou on ono		Yerkes, in honor of their sons	Miss Norton visited Collegeville	found to be false you will not be	ments consist of a large 2-story
-The twenty-seventh anniversary	perature was at the freezing point,		gatherings and the numerous social	David C. and Abraham D. Gotwals.		under further obligations to abide	stone dwelling house containing 11 rooms, with frame outkitchen ad-
exercises of the Schaff Literary Society in Memorial Hall, last		Durte proprietory on this do Jung	amenities of the season will doubt-	The friends of the young men ar-	The scholars of the Green Tree	by it. Get all the enjoyment you	
	Schuylkill river at Spring City to			ranged for the gathering and the	Grammer School are proparing for	can in your journey, but do not allow the pleasures of recreation or	Large stone barn, with stabling for 6 horses
audience.	witness the immersion of five male			surprise was complete. Young	their entertainment on Friday after-		and 25 cows; 2 wagon houses, corn crib, chicken house, pig stable, milk cave, ice

-The boys of Ursinus have departed for a period extending over Christmas and New Year.

-Thirty-five walnut logs were shipped from Linfield, this county, to Germany last week.

-Mrs. Samuel S. Werner, aged 35 years, wife of a farmer residing in Cordours township, York county, home by a vicious bull.

-The assessors of the county are hind legs white and an eliptic making their returns of births, spring buggy without top. deaths, school children and the registration of voters to the Commissioners' office.

-Robert McCoy & Co., of Bridgeport, have purchased the Cedar Hollow Lime Company's plant and 200 acres of land for \$100,000.

-B. P. Kern, of Mingo, is in Ohio selecting a lot of fresh cows. law, the better juror he makes. We firemen could reach the scene. The recitations, and an address. Sale on New Year's day at J. B. are prepared to prove this against flames also communicated to a mill Smoyer's hotel, Trappe. See adver. any and all comers."

-Proprietor Shaw, of the Collegeville Hotel, has promptly done commendable work in grading and paving.

-R. M. Root, the hatter and furrier of Pottstown, deals ex- trolley, last Saturday, where they distance of probably 400 yards. tensively in ladies' and gents' furs. visited the Textile School at Broad He deals in the right goods at the and Vine streets. The young men right prices. See adver.

-The last issue of the Lansdale Republican appeared in the form of an eight-page paper, liberally patronized by the prominent business men of Lansdale who made their holiday announcements.

been learned that the samples last Thursday evening and stole a reached Washington, but that Mr. horse and carriage belonging to Nathaniel Landis. The description Barker has not been there. of the stolen articles given to the was recently gored to death at her local police is as follows : Dark Seven People Badly Injured by a hold its Christmas service. In ad- ticipated therein. sorrel horse, 9 years old, 161 hands Car's Plunge Down Hill. high, white spot on forehead, both With both motorman and conductor lugging madly at the brakes, a trolley car dashed wildly down the icy tracks on West Leverington Old Enough to Know, Sure.

> Editor Robarts, referring to a jury verdict published in the INDE- at the bottom of the hill wrecked PENDENT last week, says : "Brother both cars and badly injured seven

Thieves visited Franconia Square

Moser is old enough to know, that people, one of them so seriously the principal qualifications of a that he is not expected to recover juror at court is ignorance. The The runaway car caught fire and less a man knows, in the eye of the was entirely destroyed before the

> A Trolley Trip. George Longacre, teacher at curred at West Leverington avenue J. H. Hendricks, D. D. Bechtel's school, Upper Providence, and Silverwood street, at the foot

took thirteen of his pupils on a of a steep incline, the car having journey to Philadelphia, via. the run with frightful velocity for a

enjoyed their outing and fully ap-We most cheerfully give to the preciated the kindness of their public the following committee-reteacher.

port, which clearly speaks for itself: A Pastor's Resignation.

We, the undersigned members of The Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D., Trinity Reformed Church, Collegewell and favorably known to many ville, appointed by Charity Hospipeople in this community and lat- tal, Norristown, to collect funds for

-Business is booming at the terly doing professorial work in the the maintenance of that noble and Mont Clare needle works. The Ursinus School of Theology, has worthy institution, beg leave to refactory is running on full time and recently resigned the pastorate of port : That we have collected and gives employment to about twenty- the First Reformed church, 10th paid over the sum of eighty-seven and Wallace streets, Philadelphia. dollars and fifteen cents. We cerfive hands. The same to take effect January 1st, tainly feel very grateful to the mem-

withess the immersion of five finite candidates of the United Evangeli-cal faith in the ice-cold water of the Schuylkill. Horse and Carriage Stolen. Horse and Carriage Stolen. Horse and Carriage Stolen. Horse and Carriage Stolen. heartily engaged in, and in due time TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL, COLLEGE-

refreshments in abundance were served. The party was a success throughout, and one that will not at 7 o'clock, the Sunday School will soon be forgotten by all who par-

Dr. Mattison Injured.

injured Monday morning while attending a sheriff sale near Plymouth meeting. Dr. Mattison, with others, was entering a portion of the building where is a pit nine or ten feet deep. He did not notice the chasm and fell into it. He was picked up unconscious. Dr. Percy Corson was summoned, and spent nearly an navy yard at Port Providence. hour in restoring his patient to consciousness. Severe internal injuries were shown by his vomiting and spitting blood. Dr. Mattison was placed in his carriage and, accompanied by the physician, was driven

Outing club house at the mouth of the Perkiomen were again visited by thieves, on Saturday night, and ladies' wearing apparel-well, about everything of any value, was taken by the thieves. They made an en-

the rooms and clothes presses.

They left an adze behind which

mas tree at St. Paul's Memorial ever and whenever you can, but omen R. R. It is near to churches, schools, Sunday school, and as it is a fine ever bear in mind that mere book affair generally, a good time may knowledge will not form character. expected there also. This will be No matter how learned you may become, if you are not jealous of ditions will be made known on day ditions will be will b on New Year's day.

the truth, if you fail in doing your A raffle for a horse, sleigh and duty to yourself and those about harness, at the restaurant at Perkiyou, if your lives are not upright omen Junction, will come off on and honorable, all your learning is Dr. Richard V. Mattison, of the New Year's night. High, takes the naught; your education will be at Keasby and Mattison Chemical borse; low, the sleigh and harness. Tickets, only twenty-five cents.

haught; your education will be at fault. It is more important for boys and girls and young men and young women to learn to do right than it is for them to learn to do The expected snow storm turned to rain, and both the just and un- than it is for them to learn to do to rain, and both the just and un-just stood on a very slippery foun-anything else. Learn to do right Also 10 acres of grain in the ground. Sale dation. Some sat down rather un- and many other things will be added unto you ; then all the other knowlceremoniously. edge you may acquire will serve

The break in the canal was caused you in the right direction for it will by the weakening of the bank at the lead you in the way of truth and righteousness; pure righteousness

A Merry Christmas and a Happy is born of truth. Truth is; you New Year to all the readers of the cannot make it; you cannot destroy INDEPENDENT. it; truth is and always will be Peace, good will to one and all. truth. Therefore revere it wherever

For the INDEPENDENT.

AN OLD MAN'S CHRISTMAS SERMON.

and disguise it. but truth ever con-The old man was bent in form tinues essentially the same. with the weight of years. His hoary Search for it everywhere, in things locks attested to the changing in- about you, in the history of the this time sheets, pillow cases, fluences which had been wrought past, in field and forest, at home, counterpanes, napkins, blankets, upon him since the days of his abroad-anywhere. Search for it in song and story, in poetry and youth in the long ago. But, though prose; in all the avenues of life. bearing these outward indications of given another hearing before Magis-trate Lenhardt at Norristown and subsequently committed to jail upon the charge of murder. The princi-the charge of murder. The principal charge of murder of the principal charge of murder. The principal charge of murder of the principal charge of murder of the principal charge of murder of the principal charge of the principal charge of the principal charge of the principal charge of Search for it in your Bibles, in all pal witness was Lizzie DeKalb, who the window, broke it in. They left and a sympathetic heart throbbed imitation; you will find also other good examples, born of truth, necessary of justice and right, all about you, if

of personal property at 1 o'clock. Condi-tions by JAMES R. WEIKEL, Agent for Annie R. Alderfer.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE OF

REAL ESTATE!

stores and other business places. Anyone wishing to view the premises can call on the

undersigned, or upon the widow residing on the property. Sale at 2 o'clock, p. m. Con-

At the same time and place will also be sold the following articles left over from a former sale : Set of hay ladders, about 16 ft.

lav of sale

Administrator

In the estate of Aaron H. Frantz, late of the township of Perkiomen, now Skippack, Montgomery county, Pa., deceased. By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Montgomery County, Pa., will be exposed to public sale on the respective premises the following real contact. you find it and fear not to follow any path, in whatever direction, in

to public sale on the respective premises the following real estate : ON TUESDAY, the 28th day of DECEM-BER, A. D., 1897, at 2 o'clock, p. m., all that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land in Skippack town-ship, about one mile back of Evans-burg to the east, a certain farm late which truth takes the lead. Truth yields truth-never error. There may be those who try to warp it the property of Aaron H. Frantz, deceased, of about 34 acres of land, more or less. The improvements consist of a large, commo-dious stone house, large barn stone stable high and frame above that. All necessary Also at the same time and place and ad-

joining the above tract will be sold as the property of Aaron H. Frantz all that certain

erties are well watered by cisterns and wells and are desirable places for homes. The conditions will be made known on day of sale by E. L. HALLMAN, Trustee.

M. E. S. S., EVANSBURG. to his home at Ambler. Thursday, evening, December 23. FROM OAKS. Program of music, recitations, and Lizzie DeKalb on the Witness

Gresh's summer residence and the

Tuesday forenoon James A. Clemmer, presumed to be the central figure in the Kaiser tragedy, was given another hearing before Magis-

Company, Ambler, was seriously AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN S. S., TRAPPE. December 24, at 7.30 p.m. Rev. N. F. Schmidt, of Schwenksville, will deliver an address. UNITED EVANGELICAL, TRAPPE. Christmas evening, December 25, at 7.30 p. m. Program of music, IRONBRIDGE S. S.

-A tumor weighing 153 pounds was removed from the body of Mrs. Jeremiah Swarts, who recently died at Centre Valley, Lehigh county, aged 56.

-B. F. Isett expects to repair and turn the O. U. A. M. hall, Limerick Square, which he recently purchased, into a dwelling house next spring.

-The Worcester Farmers Union, at their next meeting, will discuss the matter of of erecting a hall.

-"I told her there were plenty and 3 from Cherry Tree. other fish in the sea when she refused to marry me." "What did she say ?" "That they won't all bite at a clam bait."-North American.

Bridgeport on the way to a slaugh--Mrs. Ellen H. Simpson, widow ter house, when the animal became of Bishop Simpson, of Philadelentirely unmanageable. After phia, is dead. She was prominently knocking down a lady and fatally identified with many institutions of goring a horse the bull coursed the Methodist Episcopal Church. about and ran all the way home.

-Musical Director A. J. Truck- The animal has since been butchsess, of Providence Square, expects | ered by John Cummings of Upper to have a musical anniversary in Merion. the near future at the Presbyterian church, Lower Providence. He has been organist continuously for 40 vears.

-Onions are stated to be almost the best nervine known, and are an excellent remedy for nervous prostration. They are also useful in cases of coughs, colds and influenza.

-Mrs. Samuel Wells, second eldest daughter of the late Tobias John D. Alderfer, deceased, will Lichty, died Monday of consump- be sold. tion at her home in Royersford, aged 44 years. A husband and three children survive.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$13.50(a)14.50; flour, \$3.00 to \$5.10; rye flour, \$3.10; wheat, $97\frac{1}{8}c.$ to $97\frac{3}{8}c.$; corn, $33\frac{1}{2}c.$; oats, 30c.; butter, 21 to 24c.; poultry, live, $7@7\frac{1}{2}c.$, dressed, $7\frac{1}{2}@9c.$; timothy hay, 60@65c., mixed, 50@ 60c.; straw, 40(a)50c.; beef cattle $4\frac{1}{4}@5\frac{1}{4}c.;$ sheep, $3\frac{1}{4}@5\frac{1}{4}c.;$ lambs, $5\frac{1}{4}$ (a)6c.; hogs, western, $5(a)5\frac{1}{4}c$.

PERSONAL.

Miss Maggie Prizer, of Trappe, is on the sick list. She has been in ill health for some time.

Wm. Knipe, of Trappe, is suffering a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism.

Wm. Childs, of Lower Provi- kind of the Reformed church. It comed. dence, shows no indications of im- seems to be exceptionally well manprovement.

Albert Crawford, of Shannonville. and Garret Nichols, of Oaks, visited year to year, its buildings are being the scribe Monday morning. Come again, gentlemen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, of Philadelphia, visited Elizabeth an Matthias Kelter, of Trappe, Sunday.

Reduced Rates to Students for Christmas and New Year Holidays.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railway announces that arrangements have been made to issue Special Round Trip Tickets to Students of Schools and Colleges, at the reduced rate of one way fare and one-third for the round trip with a minimum of twenty-five cents. These tickets to be issued only to

1898. Dr. Sechler was pastor of bers of Trinity Reformed church and to all others of our Borough said church eight years. who have again responded so cheer-**Prospective Public School** fully and liberally to this call. Out of one hundred and forty-three

Graduates. County Superintendent R. F.

A bull from the farm of Com-

missioner John Hampton, of Upper

four did not give. This certainly Hoffecker examined the pupils of proves our people have faith in the Institution. The contributors will the Lower Providence schools, who expect to graduate at the end of the please accept our thanks and may present term, at Cherry Tree school the Lord bless you all; we know

house last Saturday. The class numbered eight—1 from Evansyou will be rewarded for helping the poor and unfortunate. burg, 1 from the Hollow school, 1 from the Level, 2 from Maple Tree,

MRS. JOS. C. LANDIS, MRS. JOHN S. HUNSICKER, MISS SARA CASSELBERRY, Bull On a Rampage.

RELIGIOUS.

Committee.

contents.

constitution.

MRS. FRANK M. HOBSON,

persons asked to contribute only

ders from the government. It has

avenue, Manayunk, Monday after-

noon, and crashing into another car

shed against which the car was

thrown and a serious fire was nar-

rowly averted. The accident oc-

CHARITY HOSPITAL.

Merion, was recently driven through Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3 p.m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Augustus Lutheran church. Sunday. Mr. Geo. W. Gensler, of missing. The refrigerator at the Mt. Airy, will officiate. No even- residence of James E. Boucot, on ing service. Meeting of Luther Jacoby street, was robbed of all its League at 6.30 p. m. All invited.

Not All Sold. On account of the very inclement St. Luke's Reformed Church, weather many articles of personal Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. property were not sold Wednesday

Preaching every Sunday at 10.30 a. afternoon of last week at the sale m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School at 9 held by Jas. R. Weikel for Annie a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer-meeting R. Alderfer in Perkiomen township. on Sunday evening at 6.30 o'clock. These articles will be sold on Thursday, December 30, at the same time when the real estate of the late

'Squire Schneider Dead. William H. Schneider, a promi-

nent citizen of New Hanover, died Thursday evening at the family first Sunday in January. Prepara- until the first Monday in January, homestead in his 87th year. Mr. tory services on New Year's Day at 1908. The Judge descended from Schneider followed tanuing and 2 p. m. farming during his active years,

was Justice of the Peace for many Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J.S. vears, and was a leading member of Tomlinson, pastor. Sunday school Falckner Swamp Reformed Church. at 9.45 a. m. Preaching, Sunday, He was for fifty years Secretary of at 10.45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth the Limerick and Colebrookdale League service Sunday evening at Turnpike Company. The Swamp 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class picnic, an annual event of consider- meeting on Thursday evening at able importance among all the 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is neighboring churches, was held in a extended to all to attend these grove owned by Mr. Schneider.

Bethany Orphans' Home.

This noble charitable institution at 2 o'clock p. m.; Christian En- on Saturday afternoon. With the located at Wolmesdorf, Berks deavor at 7 p. m. All are invited theremometer tumbling at the rate county, is the leading one of its to every meeting. Strangers wel- of several degrees an hour Mr. P.

> St. Paul's Memorial Protestant Episcopal church, Oaks Station. Rev. Benj. J. Douglass, rector. Sun- and immediately dispatched several day services at 10.45 o'clock a.m. employes to visit the stove stores and at 3.30 p. m. Sunday School of the borough and find a heater of the church. "The Spirit and the telephoned to Collegeville to the

Trappe United Evangelical church - Services next Sunday evening at 7.30. Sunday School at 2 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Rev. J. Max Longsdorf, pastor.

lection at the Christmas Festival of

behind a bull's eye lantern and a of the murder. She recited various hatchet. This is twice in one week. within his bosom. actions of Clemmer both before Tuesday night an entrance was and after the shooting of Mrs. made also; as not anything was the Christmas. tree in a humble Kaiser and her testimony, if true, at once convicts Clemmer of havthought it was more spite-work or ing done the shooting. The hearing mischief on the part of the maraudof Lizzie DeKalb was waived and ers, as they broke the lock on the she was also taken back to the jail. stable door, knocked the chimney joy of Christmastide, and this ex-

Sunday Evening Robberies in Norristown.

VILLE.

dition to the Christmas exercises

the annual offerings of the school

and congregation will be lifted for

Christmas evening, December 25.

The address will be made by Rev.

Stand.

distribution of gifts.

Bethany Orphans' Home.

Thursday evening, December 23,

they secured from Gallagher's sec-Three robberies occurred in Nor- tion on the Pennsy R. R., marked side the door of the happy home ristown last Sunday evening, two vii. It is supposed the goods taken and he was gladdened by the sounds of them while the victims were were crossed over to the Chester away from home attending church. county side of the river by boats, At the residence of F. J. Stritzinger, as there was no signs of wagon on Haws avenue, a hundred dollar tracks, or even foot-prints around haul was made, including jewelry the place. The sheets, pillow cases greeting. "Why, here's Grandfather and a small amount of cash. Next and napkins are marked, bearing door to Stritzinger's, the residence | the name of the owners. of John C. Ernest, was entered, but

An attempt was made to rob the the intruders were disturbed, for station at Port Kennedy on Saturthey left a lot of clothing and day night, but the attempt was silverware packed up and ready for frustrated by the agent, who had to extend their heartiest compliremoval. The family on returning been to Philadelphia and came up ments. A tear coursed down the home saw a suspicious light in the on a late train. The robbers were aged cheek, but it was a tear of joy,

learning that robbers had been mite, and other articles used in youth kindled within him pleasure-Trappe. Service at 10 a. m. next there. A stud valued at \$50 was looting places of business.

sufficient to catch a mess of fish.

Oath of Office Administered to Judge Swartz.

Hon. A. S. Swartz, Monday morning, handed Prothonotary Nyce his commodate the citizens of New loved, proceeded : "Eighty years FOR RENT. Italy and petrops of the line bound in the line commodate the citizens of New loved, proceeded: "Eighty years Italy, and patrons of the line must have I lived and mingled with the sons and daughters of men : eighty J. W. ROYER, M. D. commission as President Judge of Congregational prayer-meeting on the Courts of the Thirty-eighth Wednesday evening at 7.30. Cate- Judicial District of the Commonwalk from East Perkiomen to Cen- sons and daughters of men; eighty chetical class at 2 p. m., and Junior wealth, composed of Montgomery tral avenue for the present time. A years have I observed the bright line of hacks will run to Alms. and dark sides of human existence; house road and Mission ridge on have seen hearts freighted with Sundays only.

> Rabbit season is over, and we did not get that rabbit, not even a rab-bit's foot, to drive away the hoo-doo. Tuesday Wednesday Thursday wealth provides among other things were Ember days; as the weather in this season of good-will to men, the Bench, and, taking a Bible placed his right hand upon it, while

Prothonotary Samuel E. Nyce administered the oath provided by the **How Collegeville Enterprise**

Helped a Hotel Man Out of a Predicament. The Norristown Register of Mon-

day says : "The large steam heater K. Gable, the proprietor of the hotel, was placed in an unpleasant at your finger ends just tell, where's

predicament. But Perc. generally my Kitty ?" Cressman sings in the manages to get out of such dilemmas, Italian dialect. heater works of the Roberts Machine Co., where he was more successful.

They had a heater of almost sufficient capacity ready to be put in position and a two horse team was Collegeville on Monday last. Mr. rays of right living, but about them dispatched for the apparatus. The Crawford owns a fine farm in Lower are cheerless shadows - the team returned by midnight, accom- Providence township and is well result of sordidness and the baser panied by several employes of posted in history of days passed selfishness. Right doing begets

Trinity Church : Wednesday Roberts Machine Co., who went to and gone. He remembers the days right doing and wrong doing always Trinity church, this borough, on evening, prayer service, 71/2 o'clock. work with a vim and by noon yes- when Pittsburg wagons, as they sows seed after its kind. To know cents. These tickets to be issued only to students holding cards or certificates signed will be for Bethany. A gentleman and presching at 10 clock and offices understudents holding cards or certificates signed by the President or proper officer of the by the President or proper officer of the of fourscore years, who knew he the Junior C. F. prover several data and preaching at 10 o'clock a. m.; heath were being supplied with heat duce and merchandise between look about and consider effects, and

It was Christmas night. About you will but look for them. " May you all, as years-with sale by missed that we heard of, it was home gathered merry children, retheir joys and sorrows, their Christ-L. H. Ingram, Auctioneer. mastides and Gethsemanes - are counting how Santa Claus had readded to your existence, find yourselves growing in the knowledge of **PRIVATE SALE OF** membered them. Their joy was the goodness and usefulness, so that off the club house, and ransacked uberance of spirit was shared by your lives will reflect that Power which uplifts mortals to higher. the older members of the family. better, and nobler planes of living." The old man halted a moment be-

Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is of the merry-making that reached his ears. A moment later the door constitututional remedies. Deafness is opened and he received a heartycaused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and -how much he looks like Santa when it is entirely closed Deafness is the re-sult, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to the nor-Claus !" shouted one of the little grandchildren, and children and mal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by grandchildren grouped about him catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of

Deafness (caused by catarrh) that we can not cure by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure house, and were not surprised at frightened away, leaving some dyna- not of sorrow. The laughter of Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75 cents. Sold by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, Collegeable sensations, for he was always ville, Pa. 75 cents.

Owing to a break in the canal happy with happiness about him, above Port Providence the water and the old heart was still keenly was drawn off the canal, but not responsive to expressions of goodwill. After a season of social inter-Canby Horner while repairing a course it was decided that Grandcot bed, cut his hand badly. Ed. father should say something that cother in the source condition of th For want of sufficient torque, journey through life. The old man, John Shull's trolley does not ac- wishing to serve those whom he

FOR RENT. About 20 acres for farming purposes without buildings, near Rahn Station. Ad-dress, 46 RICHMOND STREET, grief and lightened with joy. I

Rabbit season is over, and we did have seen the effects of good and FOR RENT.

A productive farm of 90 acres, with substantial improvements, in Lower Provi-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, with my past experience; and now, dence township. Terms reasonable. Apply to ISAIAH REIFF, is those three days, so will it be the your joys need not be lessened by 23dec. next three months. It might be thoughts which will apply to your

well enough to make a note of it. everyday life: Remember, children, FIRE ! FIRE !--- NOTICE. If a cat lays with its back to the that you cannot be really happy stove, that's a sign of cold weather, unless you strive to make those The members of the Union Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company are providing the cat lays near enough about you happy, and that to be hereby notified that a contribution was levied on Oct. 25, 1897, on each policy, equal to premium contained thereon, and that Andrew Supplee, Treasurer of said Com-pany, will attend at the office of the Comto the stove. Our kitty went away truly happy you must be good, and and as it was the nicest little cat to be good you must ever be mindout of the dozen and one cats we ful as to your conduct, not only have, it was missed; got lost in the toward yourselves but toward mist of the Indian summer days, others. Try hard, my children to eive said assessment. last week. We thought of the song learn to do what is right and avoid our old friend Harry Cressman used doing what is wrong, for your will date from November 15, 1897. Persons sending money by mail must ac-company it with postage for return of a reto sing, an operatic gem, gathered every act will exert an influence for in when he was a general attendant at the Academy of Music, in Phila-and that influence will continue on eeipt. no25. delphia, which was : "Say, my and on ; its effect will be passed NOTICE TO GUNNERS : lovely friends, have you any pity, from generation to generation. The The undersigned hereby warn hunters and sportsmen not to trespass upon their reconsciousness of right doing is its spective premises for the purpose of hunting or killing game. Offenders will be dealt with according to law : own blessed reward. Those who go through life regardless, as far as Aaron Overdorf, who has his corn they are allowed to be so, of the rights J. H. Wanner, A. W. Zollers, crib over his wagon house, found of others, find in the end that the his corn in the wagon house instead | brightest, most cheering and most John Poley, Elmer S. Poley, of the crib, the other morning. One comforting emotions of the human of the joists rotted off and would soul are not theirs; they may be D. H. Casselberry, Davis Raudenbush not bear the weight of a thousand rich in goods and land or other M. A. Fry, A. L. Gottschalk, bushels of corn, and down came the values but the hard lines they have corn, burying his farming imple- followed all their years have made ments stored away for the winter. lasting impressions and the eventide Mr. Albert Crawford visited of their lives is not illumined by the

John G. Shearer, John S. Smith, Horace Place. J. C. Saylor, D. H. Casselberry, Dr. M. Y. Weber, Dr. S. M. Plush, Henry Zimmerman, Collegeville. Wm. Prizer, Jr.,

HORSE CLIPPING : I will be at the stables of Perkiomen Bridge Hotel every

J. K. Harley,

ANDREW SUPPLEE.

Skippack.

Trappe. Upper Providence.

Lower Providence.

Treasurer

REAL ESTATE!

Two dwelling houses, stone and frame : a number of building lots fronting on Main street, and a field containing about ten acres of land, all in the borough of Collegeville. The houses and lots are eligibly located, near College-ville Station, Perkiomen R. R., and to the trolley road. Here is an opportunity to se-cure a pleasant home, or to invest in building lots that will be sure to enhance in value in the near future. For further particulars, in the near factors, call on or address, E. S. MOSER, Assignee, Collegeville, Pa.

DRIVATE SALE OF

REAL ESTATE!

A small farm of 101/2 acres, with modern improvements, near Collegeville. A substantial house with ten rooms, barn, all necessary outbuildings in good repair ; well of neverfailing water and ample variety of fruit and shade trees. For particulars, call on or address A. H. GOTTSCHALK,

21oc. Collegeville, Pa.

EATING HOUSE. I have leased the eating house at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, and am prepared to furnish oysters in all styles and other FOR SALE ! A Store Stand and Residence in the lower part of the borough of Trappe. store business, and nine large dwell-ing rooms. This property is most desirably located ; all buildings in good repair ; large variety of thrifty fruit and orna-mental trees, grape vines, etc., excellent water, and everything to be desired about an at-tractive and pleasant business place and home. For further particulars apply to 140c. WM. KNIPE, Trappe, Pa.

FOR SALE or FOR RENT.

FOR SALE or FOR RENT. On Main Street, Collegeville, several elegant new 7 and 9 room 2-story brick and stone houses with porches front and back. Deep lots, cement-ed cellars, ranges, hot and cold water in bath room. Heated by steam throughout. Hardwood finish, good drain-age; best location in town, close to steam and trolley cars. Inquire of E. S. MOSER, Collegeville, Pa. Or F. J. CLAMER, Owner, Philad'a, Pa. Yerkes, Pa,

Or F. J. CLAMER, Owner, 46 Richmond St., Phila., Pa.

BOROUGH TAX.

4no.

B The undersigned hereby gives notice that he will receive Borough Tax for 1897 at his office, Collegeville. An abatement of one per cent. per month will be allowed on Andrew Supplee, Treasurer of said Com-pany, will attend at the office of the Com-pany, Swede street, opposite the Court Couse, in the Borough of Norristown, to re-ceive said assessment. Will be as the daily. until 9 a. m., daily. DR. E. A. KRUSEN, Dennach Tres The 40 days time for payment of said tax

Collegeville, Pa., July 29.

A UDITOR'S NOTICE.

A In the Orphan's Court of Montgomery county. Estate of Harriet Godshalk, late of the borough of Collegeville, Montgomery county, deceased. The undersigned auditor county, deceased. The undersigned auditor appointed by said court to make distribution of the balance remaining in the hands of Franklin March, Esq., Trustee to sell the real estate of said estate, hereby gives notice that he will meet all parties interested, for that he will meet all parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, at his office, No. 509 Swede Street, Norristown, Pa., on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1897, at 10 o'clock, a. m., when and where said parties are requested to attend. 2dec. B. P. CHAIN, Auditor. B. P. CHAIN, Auditor.

DRIVATE SALE. **P** I will sell the following articles at private sale : 2 fallingtop carriages, set of good hand-made harness, good cultivator, light oak bedstead, hair mattress, straw mat-tress, 2 black walnut washstands, 2 black walnut tables, 2 painted tables, 3 stoves, 2 patent dish washers, 40 gallons vinegar; also thorough White Leghorn rooster and 4 hens; fine young stock and good layers. Apply to H. W. DOWNING, Apply to 16dec2t. Collegeville, Pa.

services. Ironbridge: No preaching next in the cellar of the Rambo House Sabbath evening. Sabbath School bursted and became utterly useless

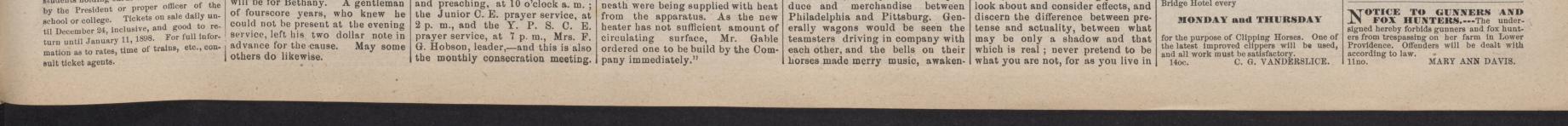
aged in every particular. The sphere of its beneficence is widening from enlarged and new ones added, from

\$7000 during the Christmas season. The cause of the orphans is so self-

commendating and appeals so strongly to the best interests of humanity, that the required sum will be promptly raised. The col-

time to time, as the same is made possible by the contributions of at 2.30 p. m. The seats are free large enough to supply sufficient generous friends. The numbers of and a cordial welcome is extended heat which could be put up in short poor orphan children now enrolled to a'l persons to attend the services order. None was found. Then he is 133; and, no doubt other homeless applicants are waiting to be ad- Bride, say Come." Rev. XXII, 17. mitted. The Home will need about

C. E. prayer-meeting at 3 p. m., on county, and asked that the oath of Saturday. All are cordially in- office be administered. The Comvited to attend the services. Sun- mission, signed by the Governor day School Christmas services on and the Secretary of the Common-Christmas Eve at 7.30. The midwinter communion will be on the that the Judge shall hold his office



RAILROADS.

Philadelphia & **Reading Railway** Engines Burn Hard Coal-No Smoke

IN EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1, 1897.

Trains Leave Collegeville. FOR PERKIOMEN JUNCTION, BRIDGEPORT AND PHILADELPHIA—Week days—6.29, 8.36 a. m.; 12.43, 5.01 p. m. Sundays—6.39 a. m.; 6.13 p. m.

FOR ALLENTOWN-Week days-9.06, 10.17 a. m.; 3.22, 5.11, p. m. Sundays--8.30 a. m.; 7.42 p. m.

Trains For Collegeville. LEAVE PHILADELPHIA-Week days-7.45, 9.08 a. m.; 1.42, 4.01, 5.37 p. m. Sundays-7.00 a. m.; 6.15 p. m.

LEAVE BRIDGEPORT-Week days - 8.30, 9.50 a. m.; 2.30, 4.44, 6 20 p. m. Sundays-7.47 a. m.; 7.04 p. m. LEAVE PERKIOMEN JUNCTION-Week days --8.50, 10.05 a. m.; 3.00, 5.00, 6.38 p. m. Sundays--8.13 a. m.; 7.25 p. m.

LEAVE ALLENTOWN - Week days-4.25, 7.15, 10.50 a. m.; 3.38 p. m. Sunday-4.35 a. m.; 4.35 p. m.

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Instructions given from the ex- be given when the trees are tall and periment stations are of valuable the lower branches trimmed off.

assistance to those who use fertil-Everything depends on the maizers, but, unfortunately, every nure used in the hotbed. Horse farmer must take into consideration manure is preferred, and it should the wants of his particular farm, be fresh and free from litter. That the kind of soil, the previous crops, used at the bottom of the hotbed the drainage and other conditions should be but two or three days before he can apply any rules in old, fresh as can be had, but on this the matter of using fertilizers. The may be a covering of manure that main point is how can a farmer use has heated well under cover. Over fertilizers to the best advantage the whole should be two or three and at the least cost, and he must, inches of sifted, rich dirt. About to a certain extent, determine it for the middle of January is not too himself, for the reasons given ; but soon to begin preparations for the there are some matters connected hotbed.

IZING.

with the purchase of fertilizers If the frost does not prevent so which apply to all. No farmer doing plow the plot of ground for should buy something that he does onions and leave it rough, so that not need for giving immediate re- the frost can penetrate it. When a sults ; that is, do not buy any kind warm day comes spread fine manure, of fertilizer that the soil does not and plenty of it, on the plot and require, and do not purchase any work it well into the soil with a kind that is not easily converted harrow. As onions are put in the into plant food for the next crop. ground very early in the year one It is true that many farmers are un- cannot prepare for the crop too able to determine for themselves soon. The main points are to have Stabling for 100 horses. Rates reasonable. what kinds to buy, but they can at the land worked deep and fine and least save something on the most to use decomposed manure that is costly of all-nitrogen. Then it free from stalks, straw or other may be asked : How is the farmer litter.

to know when he has the nitrogen? It requires about 20 pounds of He can only compare and reason milk to make a pound of butter and from his experience, as there is no 11 pounds of milk to make a pound possible way to assist him, the con- of cheese. More labor and care is dition of the land depending on its | necessary to make cheese, however, treatment for a generation. but good cheese brings a high

If a farm is made to produce price, especially when the parties clover, or a large number of animals making it are known as reliable and are kept, the surmise may be that make a specialty of a choice article.

the land is fairly well supplied with Potato tops are rich in potash nitrogen, especially if a large share and are a valuable acquisition to of the food purchased for the cattle the manure heap, but since disease consisted of linseed or cottonseed has attacked the crops of potatoes meal, bran and middlings, and in all sections it is suggested that which were used, but even then it will be an advantage to burn the something depends on the kind of tops, by which process there is no crops grown and sold off the farm. loss of mineral matter. All dis-If clover enters into the rotation of eased tubers should be treated in crops regularly, however, then the the same manner, and it will also farmer is safe, for clover will derive pay to remove corn stalks affected not only a sufficiency of nitrogen | with rust and burn them as soon as for itself, but also a surplus, a large indications are noticed of the apportion of which is left over in the pearance of rust. soil in the roots, and another por-The farmer who buys bran and

tion is returned in the hay con- linseed meal never makes a missumed. Being able to eliminate the take, as those substances will encost of nitrogen from his fertilizers, rich his manure heap, as well as the farmer can then procure his add to the thrift of his stock.

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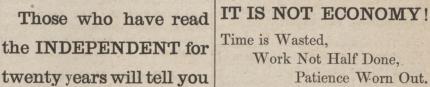
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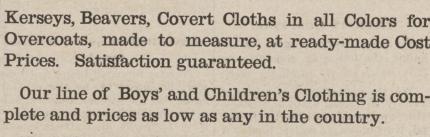
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