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Though Mr. Bickta declared it would cost the city $1400 a year more, Council decided, last evening, that the street lamps should be lighted every night of the year. And where is the $1400 to come from?

The majority in Council seem to find the proposed police ordinance a tough customer, and though there are reports, from day to-day, of caucuses, and conferences, and consultations, the ordinance yet slumbers, indicating that no conclusion has been reached. We very much feared, when the Mayor made the proposition, that he was likely to embarrass his political brethren in Council.

No Christmas Issue.

We make to-day's issue of the COMMERCIAL the Saturday paper, and will not print any to-morrow—this omission being in observance of Christmas.

Cutting Down Salaries.

Council seriously considered, last evening, a motion to make a general reduction of municipal salaries, from the Mayor down through all the official list. A committee is sitting on the proposition, and we shall see in time, what they rate.

Amusements.

MISS "RENA" IN HER SPECIALTY, "CUSH."

To-morrow evening the vivacious young actress Miss Rena will render her great specialty Cush in this city. In the East she has been greeted by crowded houses. A Philadelphia paper speaking of her engagement here says: "Mr. J. T. Donnelly will present Miss Rena and a select company at the Opera house, Wilmington, Del., on Christmas night, producing "Cush" in a manner never equalled on any stage in detail and cast of characters, every artist being engaged expressly for the role they play." The sale of seats is now open at Boughman, Thomas & Co.'s.

Salisbury.

AN UNUSUALLY DULL SEASON AMONG THE MERCHANTS—LANDBUYERS—THE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, &C.

Correspondence of the Commercial.

SALISBURY, Md., Dec. 25.

The Christmas trade, although great preparations were made for it, is duller this year than usual. Heretofore the week before Christmas has witnessed crowded streets and lively trade, but this week it is much less so, notwithstanding the lovely weather and large preparation of the merchants. The falling off in the lumber trade, and the low price of corn, make dull trade with us, especially so, as our people are learning the danger of dealing upon credit—a wholesome lesson.

Some land buyers have been visiting our section, but I have heard nothing as to their impression nor of their intention to buy. Our people have another important lesson to learn, and that is, not to hold their land at such high figures. Many are anxious to sell a part at least of their lands, yet they cannot forget the inflated values of ten years ago.

The decision of the Court of Appeals in the contested election of the Attorney-General, in favor of Govinn, was universally expected, yet it meets with considerable criticism, or rather unfavorable comment.

The Agricultural Association have their ground enclosed and the track nearly completed. They very nearly succeeded in raising the amount necessary to get an appropriation from the State, and will no doubt succeed in getting the same, which will materially aid them.

B. W.

A Merry (?) Christmas Letter.

To the Editor of the Commercial:

I read in your paper of to-night a story "Home and Happiness on Ten Dollars a week." It occurred to me to ask: Do you, does any one think the story untrue, or indeed at all rare? If they do, pray tell us who got less, what kind of a place do you think "our house" is and tell us too, what kind of a life do you suppose we live, where happiness is impossible, and tell us too if it be unreasonable to grumble? Tell us, too, you who complain so much about the nasty dirty tramp, the "professional tramp"—who received from a city paper but a day or two since, so timely a warning as to what not to expect—if the quantity of labor be such as to distribute in such small values, who is responsible for the "tramp pest?"

Your stories prove too much; either the people who read newspapers are hypocritical in their surprises; are woefully ignorant, or convinced that three-fourths of the people live under pecuniary circumstances that render home and happiness impossible. If this last, it must be that they are self-convinced of injustice being done somebody, by somebody else.

This story is on a par with another, in which a young lady convinces her lover of the possibility of marriage, on an income of $2000. a year, related and republished in a manner that impresses one with the idea that the story teller had done something in the interest of virtue, and had exemplified an economy that is praiseworthy.

In the interest of the poor men, and women, who may occasionally get your paper, please do not publish any more such stories. It might be that you would convince them that *they have no homes*; that virtue is a myth, and happiness impossible. Their ignorance is their bliss; to enlighten them would be folly. ARTIZAN

WILMINGTON, DEL., Dec. 23.

New Castle.

OPENING OF ST. PETER'S FAIR—A HANDSOME BAZAR—NAMES OF THE ATTENDANTS—THE "CONFIDENCE WOMAN" RECOVERING—SHIPPING ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Commercial

NEW CASTLE, DEL., Dec. 24.

The Fair for the benefit of the building fund of St. Peter's church opened in the Court House on Wednesday evening and was continued last evening with great spirit and *eclat*. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreen arches and wreaths, flags, bannerets, Chinese lanterns, etc., etc. The ladies attending on the different tables worked with a will and all was harmony and pleasure. The articles for sale were all exceedingly well arranged and No. 1 table was presided over by Mrs. Connolly, Miss Connolly, and Miss McCabe; at No. 2 table were Mrs. McCue, Miss Hyzer, and Miss Mary Melion; at No. 3 table were Miss Lizzie Foster, Miss M. A. Foster, Miss M. A. Mullin, and Miss Annie Whitfield; At No. 4 table were Miss — Keegan, Mrs. Ella Callaghan, Miss Mary —, and Miss Susan Campbell. The refreshment table was loaded with delicacies to tempt the most fastidious appetite. Mrs. Wilmot, Mrs. Whitfield; and Miss Mary Murphy attended and paid every attention to all who patronized them.

A novel and pleasing feature of the evening was the introduction of a "fish-pond," which was placed in the centre of the room. The charge was 5cts for every pitch of the rod and line. The prizes ranged from a marble to a cigar. Miss Mary Stack did the "hooking on" of the different prizes.

The arrangements and decorations were well carried out by Mr. John O'Neill, Mr. Jno. Martin, and Mr. Geo. Wilmot.

The refreshment room was well supplied with oysters in every style, ice cream and lemonade. Mr. Duffy with his usual courtesy and affability attended to this department.

The Fair will be continued for at least ten days.

"The "confidence woman" is well improved this morning. Doctor Maxwell speaks favorably of her condition. She is not so seriously hurt as was at first supposed.

Schooner *Vicksburg* arrived here yesterday to load grain for W. H. Jefferson and Co., for an eastern port. Bark *Ocean Pearl* remained over last night. Italian Bark *Grausenj* dropped back on bark *Fagli Accame*, yesterday morning, on hauling port, and carried away jib boom. Steamship *Nederland* ran ashore on Bulk Head at 12.40, p. m., got off at 1.15 p. m., got ashore again at 1.30 p. m. and from latest accounts, still remains.

The Hare's corner Hotel and farm have been rented to Joseph Yarnall of this city.

E. A. M.

FIRST EDITION.

PHILADELPHIA.

OUR SATURDAY LETTER.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON—BRISK HOLIDAY TRADE—CENTENNIAL MATTERS—THE CHARGE OF THE N. Y. "WORLD"—BRIDGE BUILDING—THE MARKET STREET AND SOUTH STREET STRUCTURES—UNEXAMPLED REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES—THE VON BULOW CONCERTS—LIABILITY OF THEATRICAL MANAGERS, &C.

Special Correspondence of the Commercial.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, 1875.

The recurrence of Christmas makes it necessary for your correspondent to forward his letter this week a day earlier than usual. It is to be presumed that the perennial witchery of the time has long since come upon you. It has come upon us, with no abatement of the joyousness of the happiest and most prosperous years. There is a standing disposition to regard every Christmas as the most cheery of them all, and I will not go so far as to say that the spirit of this present festival is beyond that of its predecessors, but it is certainly everything that is bright and wholesome. One important element in the pleasure of the time is the phenomenal weather we are experiencing. The temperature is that of April rather than of December; men go about in the middle of the day without overcoats; windows are up everywhere. The 'Ethereal mildness," the Poet talks about, has surely seldom had a stranger setting than this abnormal resurrection in the dead of winter. Pleasant as it is there is a suspicion of unhealthiness about it. After an afternoon's walking in these warm winds the shopper feels more wearied than from exposure to the bitterest weather. But the streets and the stores offer a spectacle on these afternoons which city life has not given for many a day. The crowds are something wonderful to behold and the gayety is infectious. The holiday business, throughout, is better than it has been for years.

The Congressional Centennial Excursion so fell as to be outside of any timely comment here; you have heard otherways of its perfect success. The sensation, this week, in the Centennial line, was an unworthy one. I refer to the attempt of the New York *World* to make it appear that the Exposition subscriptions of Delaware and of the State of Connecticut had been expended in what that paper termed a Congressional junketing. Of course nothing could be more untrue than this. I wrote you some time before the full preparations were published that the entire expense would be defrayed by private subscription, and this fact the *World* knew when it published its false news. Even the list of subscribers to the reception fund was in its hands and the attack is seen to have been thoroughly mendacious. Is not this feeling of a part of the New York press towards the Centennial a sorry commentary upon national good fellowship? Must we ascribe it to sectional jealousy? That seems a contemptibly little view, but what else can be reconciled with the facts as they are known? *Harper's Weekly* only deigns at this late day to recognize the American World's Fair. Until its current number it has had not the slightest allusion to the Exposition, for all that its artists were offered here the best subject by long odds that could occupy them at present. Do these journals expect by such an exhibition of cold shoulder to spoil the effect of the great Fair? As intelligent agents they can hardly expect that, so we are forced to admit that they merely cut off their noses to spite their faces. Spite, indeed, appears to be at the bottom of it all.

People are excited over the smart piece of bridge building done by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. on the site of the burned bridge at Market street. You will remember that Colonel Scott pledged the company to have this work done by the 1st of January. This was thought to be an extravagant promise, but instead of the work taking longer than the time specified it will be done some days within the limit. It is expected that the bridge will be opened to carriage and foot travel on Christmas Day, and such rapidity of construction has never been known in the country, except in military operations—where of course nothing of the elaborateness to be seen in the present work is attempted. It has to be said that the portion of the structure intended for the Pennsylvania Railroad will not be finished by the 25th, but that is only because the trestlework previously erected answers the company's temporary purpose very well, thus allowing the builders to give their full energies to the street portion of the bridge.

In marked contrast with this piece of work is the halting construction of the South Street Bridge, which project has become a sort of reproach to the city. At last it seems that this shamefully neglected public improvement is finished—at least it is to be immediately turned over to the city by the builders, though it is understood that a great many "ends" have yet to be "finished off"—a way of putting in that ladies will appreciate. It was a "job" in its inception, was entrusted to contractors whose means were not equal to the work, and has been marked through all its long career with suspicions of trickery and fraud. But at last it is done and as, despite the shameful delays, it is a substantial piece of work, the most philosophical thing perhaps is to take it for what it is, and as far as possible to forget its melancholy history.

Bridge building brings me to an allied topic, that of freight transportation, which from recent action of some of the main forwarding companies has rather agitated a numerous class of business men. An extraordinary reduction of freights from the West to Philadelphia and New York is announced, resulting in a decrease of no less than two thirds of the former charges. The combination effecting this change is made up of the Pennsylvania, the New York Central and the Erie roads. Of course the reduction is but temporary and results, as all such apparent free-will offerings to the public do, from railway complications and jealousies. The inciting cause in this instance was an attempt to divert trade from the Grand Trunk roads. It may be seriously doubted if such schemes, grateful as they may be for the moment to shippers, are in the real interests of Trade. They demoralize business, because merchants, used for a time to miraculously low rates, feel when an ordinary schedule is resumed that they cannot afford the advance, and so order fewer goods shipped. They forget that not long before they were paying the same rates and did not think them exorbitant. It is said that from the very date a man receives a dead head ticket to an entertainment he is lost to the showman as a paying patron, and the matter in review stands in much the same category. That the condition now reached on the roads named is feverish and unnatural can be seen from the one fact that such business is done for less than running expenses. Railroads must pay their way precisely as the humblest individual, and whenever we hear of arrangements for working below cost it is *prima facie* evidence of an unnatural condition. At present the freight rates to Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati are said to be the lowest in railway history—but the schedule may not hold for a week.

Von Bulow, the distinguished pianist, has given a series of concerts which have delighted a restricted class of connoisseurs, but which have scarcely succeeded in touching the popular heart. It may be said that the style of music played by Dr. Von Bulow is not of a popular sort, and this is true, but it is also the fact that the same music given by a person of more ardent temperament would have a wider effect, even upon people not thoroughly up in the "grand style." To illustrate, I may instance Rubenstein, as severe a musician as Von Bulow, and whose programmes did not widely differ from those of the celebrated player now with us. But although Rubenstein did not cater to ignorant prejudice there ran, none the less, through all his performances a feeling and sympathy which are somehow missing in his contemporary. Rubenstein was a poet, Von Bulow is a professor. As a player merely, Von Bulow is wonderful; the art seems to have reached perfection at his hands; but it does not *move* us. The concerts were not successful in a financial way; it is, indeed, too much to expect to fill the huge Academy five times in a week with people cultured to take delight in the kind of music offered on the Von Bulow programmes. Even people who really and intelligently love music found the thing somewhat of a bore.

The case of Mr. Fechter against the Walnut Street Theatre, offers a nice question as to the liabilities of managers. Mr. Fechter was seriously injured through the neglect of a stage carpenter to properly secure a platform which the actor had recently to use in the play of *Rouge et Noir*. The platform gave way and Fechter fell a distance of fifteen feet, receiving injury to one of his legs which may result in the loss of the limb. There is talk of a suit for damages, and it is almost hoped that Mr. Fechter may press the case, if only to ascertain how far managers are liable for stage accidents. Casualties often happen, but suits are never brought, and it would be interesting to have the thing decided. It has been stated that the management of the Walnut is not responsible in this instance because Mr. Fechter was not on a salary, but playing on "shares," was for the time a partner, thereby assuming all risks. But there is no soundness in the view, for in point of fact a star playing on shares does not assume any risk whatever—except that of not finding the receipts equal to the figure beyond which he is to divide with the proprietors. If the receipts fall short of the dividing point he does not have to make up the deficit; nor is he responsible for debts or fire risks; neither has he the least say in the management of the house. Such a plea is clearly untenable.

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—Henry Stiles, the first white person born in Cincinnati, died at East Bay, Michigan, on Wednesday.

—Hon. Charles O'Conor had a relapse yesterday, but his friends believe the change is only temporary and think he is recovering.

—Navigation has been resumed on the Hudson river from New York to Newburg.

—Harvard has accepted Yale's challenge for an eight-oared coxswain four-mile race.

—Bostonians want the National Republican Convention to meet in Faneuil Hall.

—Speaker Kerr will spend the holidays in Philadelphia.

—A large number of special agents of the Post Office Department, whose commissions expired on the 31st instant, have been reappointed.

—Unusually warm weather has prevailed for three days past from Halifax to New Orleans and from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains.

—The trustees of Princeton College, on Wednesday, sustained the faculty in their action against secret societies, and refused to change the law.

Deaths.

SPRINGER.—On Thursday morning, Dec. 23d 1875, Rebecca Mammitt, wife of Joseph H. Springer.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of Mrs. Turner, King street above Ninth, on Monday morning, Dec. 27th, at 10 o'clock.

SHERRON.—On Fifth day, 12th month, 1875, James Sherron, aged 81 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, Bristol, Pa. The remains to proceed to Wilmington, Del., by the 11.10 a. m. train, on 2d day, 12th month 27th. Friends from Philadelphia can meet the train at West Philadelphia at 12 o'clock.

Local Brevities.

Sunset at 4.38.

Go to church to-morrow.

Sunrise to-morrow at 7.21.

Gouert, *the* Merchant Taylor.

Moon rise to-morrow morning at 5.54.

Santa Claus' reindeers are harnessed by this time.

1011 Market St for Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines.

25 cents will get 6 primeras at the famous cigar store of Singles & Son, 609 Market street.

Dubell sells many articles suitable for gifts hats, canes, umbrellas &c., at 2 E. 3d street.

Lemon & Co. at 117 Market street, sell candy toys and fresh mixed candies at 25 cents a pound.

Elmwood collars are the best imitation of linen ever made. They fit better, wear longer, and look nicer, than even linen itself.

Webb's fur trade has been lively so that he has had to buy new stock constantly. Low prices for fine furs *will* attract trade.

Get a box of Singles & Son's elegant partaga cigars for a friend; the best for the money that can be obtained, at 609 Market street.

Never give up the ship. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup may cure you, as it has done others. It costs little, and can never harm. Price 25 cents.

The great and ever ruling Cheap John is ever on the alert for cheap goods and good goods, and sells more than any other in his line.

You should go to Adair's and look at his stock of toy furniture, and take the little ones with you, there is nothing that pleases the children so well as toy furniture.

Splendid useful articles in furniture at the store of the Enterprise Manufacturing Co, No 220 Market street. Fair price for good work.

For a delicious cigar go to Gallagher, 7th and Walnut Sts.

Ladies, go to Fennessey, for slippers, at 220 Market street.

Overcoats cheaper than ever before, and cheaper than anywhere else, at Buxbaum's, 3d and Market street.

The city Laundry is at 2 E. 5th street. Nice work at much below the regular Laundry prices elsewhere.

Christmas trees, evergreens for decorating hanging baskets, all kinds, filled or unfilled. Hyacinths either forced in glasses or pots, and winter blooming plants for holiday presents. Floral designs a specialty. Tatnall & Co., florists.

SECOND EDITION.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Joseph Yarnall has rented the Hare's Corner Hotel and will move in March 25th.

The public, and several of the private schools of the city close to-day until after the holidays.

In the Police Court, there has been but a single hearing since yesterday and that a case of drunkenness.

BEFORE ESQUIRE FRAZER.—John Fairbanks pitched into Lewis Jones and gave him a black eye. As Jones seemed also to blame, the case was settled by the complainant paying the costs.

A FRESH SUPPLY ARRIVED.—Adams & Bro.'s stock of Express Wagons and perambulating toys having been entirely exhausted, they have sent for a fresh supply which have just arrived and they are again prepared to meet the Christmas demand.

THE SALEM BOARD OF TRADE.—The Salem (N. J.) Board of Trade has selected the following officers for 1876: President—W. Graham Tyler. Vice Presidents—William Patterson, Morris Hall, Richard Grier. Secretary—J. B. Hilhard. Treasurer—John P. Moore.

SANTA CLAUSE AT KINGSWOOD CHAPEL.—A huge Christmas tree is to be erected in Kingswood Chapel, over Eleventh street bridge, to-morrow morning, and in the afternoon the children of the Sunday School are to be treated to candies, cakes, and Christmas toys.

PARTY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.—Quite a large social party took place at the residence of Mr. J. B. Conrow, in Brandywine Hundred, (formerly the Hanson Robinson residence, "Woolton Hall,") on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the twenty-first birthday of his younger son. About eighty young people were present, including a large company from Philadelphia, and several from this city.

A HALLADAY WINDMILL.—Gawthrop & Bro. are erecting one of Halladay's patent windmills over their building at 415 Market street. The connecting rod will be attached to a pump in the basement, by which the principle upon which it operates will be fully shown. It is also a good weather gauge and, in its elevated position, can be seen from a great distance.

CHRISTMAS MARKET.—By common consent, there will be but a small market to-morrow morning, and the market was held this morning. It was large, and turkeys which form the leading article for Christmas markets, sold a trifle higher than on Wednesday. While some ordinary sold for 16 cents per pound, extra ones sold for 18 and some as high as 20. Butter too showed a rising tendency. The market will last all day.

THE YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.—The prayer meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association at Sixth and Shipley streets was well attended last evening, by members of most of the Protestant denominations in the city. Mr. Hysore, of Brandywine M. E. church, conducted the services, and towards the close turned it into a general experience meeting. Arrangements are being made to hold a series of prayer meetings in different parts of the city.

THE BANK FAILURE AT WEST CHESTER.—The Board of Directors of the suspended Bank of Brandywine, at West Chester, have resolved to wind up the affairs of the institution, and have made an assignment of all real and personal property to William W. Jefferis, cashier of the National Bank of Chester county. A full statement of the condition of the Bank will be made public in a few days. The bank lost heavily in 1873, and has since been steadily drained of deposits.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS. — At the Unitarian Church, West street above 8th, a Fair for the benefit of the Sabbath school is in progress which has so far been well attended. The decorations are in good taste—as they always are, in this church—and the tables are bountifully supplied. The fair closes to-morrow evening.

A Christmas festival opens at the New Jerusalem Church, this evening, at 5.30, for the benefit of the younger children. It will close early.

The A. U. M. P. church have a Fair and Festival in progress at the City Hall, which will continue some days, yet. Cedars and other evergreens with national flags embellish the walls and tables, and one of Mr. Eli Crozier's famous art paintings is hung up in a conspicuous place.

THIRD EDITION.

Financial.

PRICE OF GOLD TO-DAY.

Associated Press Special Telegram

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

Gold opened, this morning, at $1.13⅛.

[Furnished by Craige, Johnson & Co., Bankers and Brokers, 6th and Market Sts.]

LONDON, 12.30 P. M., Dec. 24.

Consols for money 93 13-16; account, 93 15-16; U. S. 5 20s of 1865, 104; 1867s, 107; 10-40's, 106¼. new 5's of 81, 105; Erie common shares, 13¾; preferred, 28. New York Central, 94.

FRANKFORT, Dec 24.

U. S. bonds of 1862, 99⅝.

Weather Record.

REPORT OF THE SIGNAL SERVICE.

Associated Press Special Telegram.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

Probabilities: For the Middle States, increasing North-east winds veering to South-east and South-west, colder and partly cloudy weather with falling barometer and rain on the Lakes, rising followed by falling barometer and partly cloudy weather on the Atlantic Coast.

Commercial Reports.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Associated Press Special Telegram.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.

Flour dull and offerings liberal; Western family $5.75@6 50; Penna do. $5.75@6 75; high grades $7@8.50. Rye flour $5.12½. Wheat dull; Penna. red $1.35@1.39; amber $1.40; western red $1.10@1.20. Corn quiet and weak; new yellow 58@60c; old do. 69@70c. Oats rather quiet; white 48@52c; mixed 46c. Provisions quiet, but steady; mess pork $22.00. Whiskey, $1.15.

QUOTATIONS AT THE BRANDYWINE MILLS FOR FLOUR AND GRAIN—CORRECTED DAILY.

Family Flour	$8.00@9.00
Extra Flour	6.75@8.50
Superfine Flour	4.75@5.75
Wheat	1.35
Corn, Old	70c
" New	58c

FOURTH EDITION.

Conviction of Regan.

HE IS SENTENCED TO A TERM IN THE STATE PRISON

Associated Press Special Telegram.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 24.

Patrick Regan was, to-day, convicted of murder in the second degree for killing J. Tooly, and sentenced to eleven years and ten months imprisonment.

New York.

AN INTOXICATED HUSBAND FATALLY KICKS HIS WIFE.

Associated Press Special Telegram.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

James Smith, while intoxicated, last night, beat and kicked his wife, Margaret, inflicting injuries which will probably prove fatal. Smith was arrested.

Henry Clews & Co.

THEY ARRANGE WITH THEIR CREDITORS AND GET A FULL DISCHARGE.

Associated Press Special Telegram.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24

Henry Clews & Co. have arranged with their creditors and obtained a full discharge.

Potatoes Plenty.

STORES ABOUT THE WHARVES—THE SUPPLY AT THE FOOT OF ORANGE STREET.

Attracted, probably by reports that this was a good market for that vegetable, quantities of potatoes have been shipped to this city, and are for sale at nearly all the wharves for 60 and 70 cents a bushel. They come from the West, as far as Illinois, and from the Lake region of New York. At Orange St. wharf, there are lying 7,000 bushels of potatoes. The owner has paid wharfage and intends to stay there all Winter, or until he sells out. These potatoes were raised in Washington and Saratoga counties, New York, and came by water, from a Lake Champlain port, in these barges. They are now selling as follows: early rose and peach blows, 70 cents; Prince Albert; and white mercer, 65 cents, peerless, 65cts.

They are in a dry, sound condition and prevented from freezing by a lining of straw in the boats. The boatman's family accompanies him, and they live in the cabin, which is handsomely and comfortably furnished. Two of the children are already attending public school, and the parents, being Baptists, regularly attend the services of that church. Washington and Saratoga counties, two years ago, shipped to New York 1,361,250 bushels of potatoes, and the present year about half that number of bushels.

THEODORE TILTON.—This popular lecturer will make his appearance at our Opera House on Friday evening of next week, as will be seen by advertisement elsewhere. Reserved seats can be obtained, on and after Monday, at Boughman, Thomas & Co's. Of course many will feel a great curiosity to see and hear this celebrated man. The New York *Herald* thus spoke of one of Mr. Tilon's lectures:

"Montague street, Brooklyn, was last night greatly over-crowded, and the entrance to the Academy of Music seemed a vast sea of human forms. The announcement that Theodore Tilton was to deliver his lecture was sufficient to attract to the Academy thousands of his friends and admirers, who crowded the auditorium from pit to dome. The audience was brilliant and fashionable, embracing many of Brooklyn's wealthiest men and handsomest ladies. At ten minutes to eight the house was so filled that camp stools were placed in the aisles, while a large number stood up during the entire lecture. When the orator appeared a loud shout greeted him, in which the whole vast audience seemed to join. His lecture was listened to attentively and enthusiastically applauded throughout.

WILMINGTON & WESTERN WAGES.—When Mr. Canby was appointed Receiver of the Wilmington and Western road, early in the present month, there was due to the employees their wages for the month of November, and some question has arisen whether he has the authority to pay them. Under the laws of some other States, express authority is provided for such cases, but in Delaware there has probably never been a case before a railroad going into a receiver's hands, and there is no proviso in our State laws expressly relating to such a case. There is no doubt, however, that the men should be paid every cent of their wages; it would be gross wrong if they were not; and it is understood that upon application being made to the Court, there will be no opposition from any of the parties concerned to the issue of an order directing the Receiver to pay the wages.

A SNEAK THIEF GETS A WATCH.—Last night, two men, one middle aged and the other young, walked into the jewelry store of Preston Ayars, 305 Market street. The elder man represented that they were from Long Island, and that he wanted to trade a silver watch for a better one. A bargain was soon made, and the Long Islander paid Mr. Ayars the difference in the price. Just then several persons entered the store, which attracted the attention of Mr. A., and when he turned to look after the strangers they had decamped taking both watches with them.

UNION DEPOT AT HARRINGTON.—We understand that the long agitated question of the building of a union depot at Harrington was finally settled, yesterday, between the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, and the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Companies. The character of the building has not yet been announced but the impression prevails that it will be two stories in height, be built of brick and such a structure as will be creditable to both roads. Work will probably not be begun before spring.

New Advertisements, To-day.

The Model Printing Press—Second page
Vegetine—Sworn statement, etc, 2d page
Notice—Religious meeting
Phila & Wilmington Turnpike Co election
James & Webb's hours, to-night and to-morrow
Annual meeting Delaware R R Co
For rent—store and dwelling—D Ceandler
Theodore Tilton's Lecture
Candy Boy—225 West 7th street
Dividend—Delaware Railroad Co
Christmas cakes at Griffith's
Bank-stock certificate lost
Crystal locket lost
Funeral Notices
Annual meeting Phila, Wil & B R R
Notice—W & W R R
Delivery of letters on Christmas day
Tatnall's brevity
Dubell's brevity
Fullmer's brevity
Cheap shoes—Fennessey's brevity
Gouert's brevity
Enterprise Co's brevity
Buxbaum's brevity
Cough Syrup—Dr Bull's brevity
Adair's brevity
Cheap John's brevity
Donahoe's brevity
City Laundry brevity
Webb's brevity
Robelen's brevities
Grave's brevity
Elmwood collar—brevity
Partaga cigars—brevity
Wheeler & Wilson—brevity
Mixed candies—brevity

FIFTH EDITION.

The Fire Record.

THE EAST SIDE OF RED OAK PUBLIC SQUARE BURNED.

Associated Press Special Telegram.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, Dec. 24.

A fire at Red Oak, Iowa, yesterday, destroyed the entire East side of the public square. The buildings were all of wood, however, and the loss will not be more than $20,000.

MANSION AND FARM BUILDINGS DESTROYED IN NEW YORK.

GENEVA, N. Y., Dec. 24.

The White Springs farm buildings and mansion owned by James O. Sheldon were destroyed by fire last night. The loss is $50.000.

Railroad Collision.

A PASSENGER TRAIN STRIKES SOME FREIGHT CARS ON A SIDING.

Associated Press Special Telegram.

NEWBURGH, N. Y. Dec. 24.

A passenger train on the Connecticut Western R. R. ran into some freight cars on the side track near Millerton, last night. The accident occurred through the neglect of a switchman. The baggage man named Burk was fatally hurt and several others slightly.

Malacca.

CAPTURE OF KINTAH WITHOUT LOSS.

Associated Press Special Telegram.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The *Times* has a special telegram from Penang to-day, saying that General Colburne reports that he has taken Kintah without any loss. The Maharajaho Ismail and Lela fled to Palane.

Religious Services, on Sunday.

Preaching at the Elm St. Baptist Church, corner of Elm and Jackson streets, by the Rev. J. Hundley of Virginia.

Charles Rhoads, a minister of the gospel in the Society of Friends, is expected to attend the meeting, at 9th and Tatnall Sts., at 7, p. m.

Second Baptist Church, 4th and French Sts.: preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. B. Cook, morning and evening. The ordinance of baptism will be administered to several persons, in the evening.

A praise meeting, consisting of Christmas Carols and hymns will be held in the West Presbyterian Church, on Sabbath evening. The choir will sing Kotzmar's Te Deum.

SAILING OF THE "PROTECTOR."—The *Protector*, the new fire boat which was fully described in the COMMERCIAL yesterday, sailed, this morning, from the wharf of Charles Warner & Co. for New Orleans. A tug convoyed the boat as far as Delaware City, where Capt. N. R. Benson and those who had gone out upon the *Protector* took final leave of Capt. Coulbourn and his officers, wishing them a safe voyage to New Orleans. The start was an auspicious one, and while the little steamer may be buffeted about by the heavy seas, her staunch build is a guarantee of her ability to weather them and reach her destination in safety.

CHRISTMAS AT SEVENTH AND JEFFERSON.—George Bowers, who for many Christmas days made Market street, where his store was formerly located, the scene of unusual attraction, has carried the same spirit to his new quarters in his large store at the S. W. corner of Seventh and Jefferson street, and the crowds which patronize his store show his efforts to please are appreciated. He has an immense line of candy toys and confectionary for the holidays, and his Centennial monumental cake attracts general attention.

New Advertisements.

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NOTICE.—THE POST OFFICE WILL be open to-morrow (Christmas Day) from 6 45 to 9.30 a. m. The carriers will make their usual delivery and collection in the morning. The private boxes will be accessible until 10 p. m., and mails will be distributed therein as received. dec24,1t* WILLIAM M. PYLE, P. M.

NOTICE. — WILMINGTON & WESTERN R. R. CO.—Annual meeting of Stockholders. Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Wilmington and Western R. R. Co., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be presented will be held at Company's office, in Wilmington, on Monday, Jan. 10th, 1876, at 12 o'clock M. J. C. FARRA, Secretary. dec24,eodtm

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