THE DAILY NEWS.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1867.

LOCAL MATTERS.

☞ To meet the want of the public, who look for the morning newspaper at the breakfast table, on each business day, THE DAILY NEWS, contrary to a provoking custom, will be published to-morrow.

DICKENS' NEW STORY—OUR CHRISTMAS EXTRA.—With to-day's issue of the NEWS, our readers will receive a handsome extra, containing the great Christmas story written expressly for the present anniversary of the great festival, by Charles Dickens and Wilkie Collins. To give one of the productions of these great novelists, complete and covering forty columns, in a single issue, is a feat altogether unprecedented in the annals of Southern journalism, and of which we feel we may be justly proud. The pleasure with which we present this, our Christmas offering to our readers, will be only equalled by the gratification which, we are sure, the perusal of this splendid story will afford them.

Should any of our city readers fail to receive copies of the Christmas extra, with the paper, they will be readily supplied upon application at our counting room.

OUR POET'S CORNER to-day is fittingly occupied by Milton's sublime "Hymn of the Nativity"—certainly the noblest Christmas poem ever written. Our readers will do well to renew their acquaintance with these grand old stanzas.

THE NEWS AT EIGHTEEN CENTS PER WEEK.—Mr. J. Silverstein, agent for the city delivery announces that the DAILY NEWS will be issued by six o'clock every morning to subscribers in any portion of the city at eighteen cents a week, payable weekly. Orders left at the periodical stores of Mr. C. C. Righter, Nos. 161 and 338 King-street, or at the office of the DAILY NEWS, No. 18 Hayne-street, will receive prompt attention.

THE Postoffice will be open this day only from 4 o'clock to 5 o'clock P. M., and all mails will close at the latter hour.

WE ARE requested to state that the cars on the Street Railway will run their regular trips up to the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. to-day.

PERSONAL.—Samuel Dibble, Esq., Editor and proprietor of the Orangeburg News, is on a visit to this city, and staying at the Pavilion Hotel.

A GRAND TOURNAMENT is to come off in Columbia to-day, on the University Green, about forty knights having entered the lists. The festivities will wind up with a ball at the Central House.

ACCIDENT.—A colored boy named Miller, who was employed on the Manhattan, was severely bruised yesterday by a bale of cotton falling on him. He was sent to the City Hospital where his injuries received proper attention.

PANORAMA OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA.—A dispatch received by Mr. Burns, the keeper of the Hibernian Hall, announced the sickness of one of the members of the company, and the consequent delay of the Panorama. It will not be exhibited until after Christmas.

FIRE.—A false alarm of fire early yesterday evening, called out the engines and served to increase the confusion in the streets, until the order "about face" was given, when the machines were dragged homeward.

A similar alarm sent the engines and our reporter on a bootless chase about one o'clock this morning.

COUNTERFEITING.—The Augusta papers announce the arrest of a man named Samuel Overstreet, hailing from South Carolina, who had attempted to pass a counterfeit. It appeared that he had pasted the figure "20," cut from a Confederate note, over the "1" of a one dollar greenback. Confederate money is not marketable, and the enterprising financier lost his opportunity of making a fortune, but obtained board for the Christmas holidays where he can think over the subject.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.—In the different Episcopalian and Lutheran churches the morning services will be the same as on Sunday, with some few exceptions.

At the Cathedral Chapel there will be a low mass at 5 A. M., and Pontifical high mass at 10½ A. M., when a sermon will be preached by Bishop Lynch. At St. Mary's Church there will be high mass at 10½, and Mozart's Twelfth Mass will be sung by the choir, who will be assisted on this occasion by most of the leading vocalists in the city. At St. Paul's Church, Society-street, the services will be as on Sunday, and at St. Patrick's besides the regular services there will be a low mass at 4 A. M.

THE GERMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL will celebrate their Christmas festival to-morrow night in the Hall of the Bruderliche Bund, at half-past 6 P. M. Committee—M. J. H. Ostendorff, John H. Ostendorff, Fred. Muller. We have a lively recollection of many a happy Christmas evening, spent in company of the predecessors of these same German Sunday School children in the Military Hall in Wentworth-street, in the good old days before the Freedman's Bureau. There used to be fine music, a splendid Weihnachtsbaum, smiling faces and happy hearts; all these we shall once more expect to see to-morrow night, notwithstanding the hard times we hear so much about.

ARREST OF THIEVES.—Sarah Green, a noted house thief, was arrested a few days since while endeavoring to enter the house of Dr. Bellinger, on Wentworth-street. Several articles of clothing had been missed at different times, and it was supposed they had been taken by Sarah. After her arrest she confessed to Lieutenant Hendricks that she was the thief, and stated where the missing goods could be obtained.

The gasfitting establishment of Mr. Paddon, on King-street, has been entered on several occasions and robbed of lead, copper and brass work. On complaining to the Detectives, he was advised to put a watchman on the store, who caught Tom Harrison, a colored boy, aged fifteen, in the act of entering by a back door. He confessed the previous thefts, and a large portion of the plunder has been restored.

CHRISTMAS NOISES.—It would be contrary to a long established custom for the Christmas season to pass without some extra demonstration, and the rising generation followed in the footsteps of their elders, and ushered in the day with the popping of crackers and other musical noises. Last night these amusements were extensively practiced, and the ear was regaled with the pleasing sound produced by the tin trumpets, while crackers were popped fast and furiously in every direction, in total violation of all ordinances in such cases made and provided. The trumpets are an abomination, as the noise produced is most villanous, having no merit that could make them attractive to any but the owners, who blew them most lustily. An infantry charge was made last night in the neighborhood of this office, and the vile sound of the trumpets, mingled with the discharge of fire crackers, caused all ideas to vanish but anathemas against the disturbers of the public peace.

FOREIGN TRADE.—The export trade of our city to foreign ports is assuming a larger and more permanent basis, and as our communications with the interior increase, we have no doubt that the intercourse with the most prominent European trading points will largely expand, and be a source of pride and profit to our seaport. It afforded us much gratification to notice the clearance at our Customhouse yesterday of several large and valuable cargoes of cotton for foreign consumption. Messrs. Street Bros. & Co. cleared the ship R. H. Tucker with 217 bags sea island and 3175 bales of upland cotton; Messrs. R. Mure & Co. the British bark Liverpool, with 55 bags sea island, 1851 bales of upland cotton, 300 barrels Rosin, and 1274 sacks cotton seed; Messrs. George A. Hopley & Co. the Bremen bark Gauss, for Bremen, with 1811 bales of upland cotton. Mr. W. P. Hall also cleared, the day previous, the Spanish bark Sunrise and the Spanish brig Galileo, having jointly some 2,00 bales of upland cotton on board for the Barcelona market.

FREE EGG-NOGG will be served this forenoon, to his friends and customers, by Fehrenbach, the popular *restaurateur* of Broad-street. Enough said.

Christmas Eve.

Yesterday dawned bright, clear and beautiful, with just enough of winter to make it pleasant. At an early hour the streets were filled with people, all anxious to procure some luxury for their loved ones. All were gay, smiling and happy, from the benign grandsire to the little prattler by his side, and all apparently intent upon the same errand. The usual quiet of the city was gone, and from the popping of crackers and uncouth sound of tin horns, heard in every direction, it was evident that the Lord of Misrule had commenced his reign and the holidays were fairly opened. Greenbacks were brought from some hidden recess, and the secret hoard was spent in procuring some long coveted Christmas gift. It was evident that the vast host of buyers who thronged the stores during the day were convinced that "it was far more blessed to give than to receive," and their purchases were made with a liberal hand and without a thought of self. All cares were forgotten, and the only business that engaged the attention was to make a selection from the numerous articles that were presented in lavish profusion.

ON KING-STREET.

This, the great emporium of fashion, and the headquarters of Santa Claus, was the centre of attraction, and was thronged with a happy crowd of all ages, classes, colors and conditions, eagerly exchange their currency for Christmas gifts. The toy stores were soon transformed into miniature Babels, where it was a vain effort to keep quiet, and almost impossible to be heard. Everybody wished to purchase and was not willing to bide his time. The numerous clerks were kept busily employed, but it was a labor of love into which all entered with a zest that made shopping for once, a pleasure to both parties. Von Santen, Kinsman's, Marion's, and the other toy and confectionery stores along the street were prepared for the occasion, and presented to their bewildered customers an array of plain, fancy and useful articles that far exceeded any similar display that has been made for years. Toys, however, were not the only attraction, the older and the wiser heads remembered the Christmas dinner, and devoted some of their time to the purchase of the necessary groceries, while others were busily employed in procuring an outfit for the New Year at the different clothing and dry goods stores. From the Lines to the Battery the streets presented a busy appearance, totally different from the usual dulness, but entirely consistent with the joyous Christmas season.

ON THE STREET CARS.

These were immensely popular, and were crowded with parties whose purchases had been completed, or with those who were on their way to the busy mart of Santa Claus. The platforms were occupied by packages of every description, which were watched with a tender solicitude by the little passengers. Each trip was a success, as fractional currency was at a discount, and ten cents too trifling a sum to be saved.

IN THE MARKETS.

The Markets were supplied with more than their usual fare, but all in abundance. Game was plentiful and the prices reasonable. The first market, where the feathered tribe are kept, was the most popular, and the loud remonstrances of the geese, turkeys, ducks and fowls, showed plainly that they did not appreciate the summary fate that was in store for them. No Christmas dinner is perfect without a turkey, and the gobblers were gobbled up by anxious customers who feared they might lose this delicacy. Geese and ducks came next on the list, while the fowls were reserved for ordinary occasions. Meats of different kinds were displayed in tempting profusion, beef, mutton and pork predominating, but the more savory venison was found at many attractive stalls. Farther on the vegetable market attracted attention, and the old mammas in their Christmas turbans anxiously solicited the passers to purchase. Their stalls were filled with everything that was in or out of season that could be procured for a Christmas dinner, and their appeals were not unheeded. The fruiterers had each converted their stands into green booths where apples, oranges and bananas, were suspended from boughs of pine or Christmas bush, which shadowed their stock. Still further on the shrill cry of "oyester," denotes that the fish market had its claims on the Christmas purse, while the numerous tables spread for the freedmen sent up savory odors that were by no means disagreeable. Throughout the entire length of the market the moving throng had apparently but one object—Christmas was coming, a good dinner was a necessity, and it must be obtained.

THE HUCKSTERS.

These formed an important part of the body corporate on this occasion, and certainly succeeded in making themselves heard. In every portion of the city their shrill voices, calling their stock in trade, rose loud above the din of drays and other city noises. These itinerant venders were mostly strangers, and had visited the city for the purpose of raising money by the sale of their produce, which consisted principally of wood, potatoes, and game. Their prices were far below those asked in the markets, and they soon effected an exchange, which filled their pockets and sent them on their way rejoicing.

OTHER SIGHTS.

In the suburbs a number of persons were engaged in cutting and preparing Christmas trees, and the green boughs that were borne through the streets were signs that the good old custom was still in force, and the trees would soon be in a position to produce Christmas fruits. At the different churches the younger members of the congregations were preparing the Christmas decoration, and their nimble fingers were employed in twining the evergreens into the proper shapes. Wreaths, garlands and festoons were soon formed, and letters of living green informed the worshippers that unto them "a Saviour was born who would take away the sins of the world."

From early morn to dewy eve the streets and stores presented the same animated appearance, and it was not until a late hour that the purchases were concluded, the preparations made, and the busy throng retired to dream of the coming Christmas.

WITH THE POOR.

At this season the widow and the orphan, the poor and the distressed, suffer the most and appeal most earnestly to our charity and compassions. No man will enjoy Christmas the less for the knowledge that he has helped to make the day happy for some destitute woman or orphan child, and at this season a small sacrifice will enable our people to accomplish a vast amount of good. The Ladies' Home, the Fuel Society, the Garment Society, the Orphan Houses, the Hospitals, are all calling for donations, and it will be remembered that every addition to their funds, increases their power in relieving those whom they have taken in their kindly charge. These societies, these representatives of the poor, whom Christ loved, must not ask in vain, and in their name we ask for all that each citizen can spare, all—however little—that each can afford to give.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.—*Mills House.*—J. H. Lezo, Colonel Mario, Mexico; H. Pluth, E. Kelly and wife, Rob't Paine, N. Y.; E. Weeks, Erin, Michigan; J. S. Bayer, Michigan; C. E. Olmstead, Chicago; Miss Kule, Rawath, Chicago; J. J. Golden and lady, Walter Vail, wife, child and nurse, Henry Coggill, Jr., Miss Coggill, Miss M. S. Coggill, N.Y.; Palmer Saper, Philadelphia; S. W. Whitwell and Thos. C. Crane, C. G. Kendall, Mrs. G. G. Kendall, C. H. Dabney, N. Y.; Captain Saragossa; Chas. W. Harly and wife, Jacksonville, Fla.

Charleston Hotel.—B. T. Gage, J. L. Bosquet, N. Y.; J. M. Sparkman and P. W. W. Sparkman, Florida; R. P. Wadlow, N. Y.; S. T. Dearing, Georgia; Miss S. Gunther, Charles Cahn, N. Y.; Wm. Quick, Darlington; W. Munroe, South Carolina; Jno. H. O'Neil, Baltimore.

Pavilion Hotel.—A. Knopp, Blackville; J. S. Beck, O. P. Hartfield, South Carolina; F. Schaffer, Wadmalaw Island; C. B. Kirk, city; S. Dibble, Orangeburg; M. B. Tittman, South Carolina; Mrs. Warwick, Atlanta, Ga.: Wm. James, J. R. Reid, city; C. W. Dennis, N. Y.

PEA NUTS.—This excellent nut, the consumption of which, both for its oil and as an article of food, might be very much extended, can be raised in the greatest abundance and perfection in this region; and in the country around this city we think it might be made a very profitable crop, and assist in diversifying the products of the soil in this neighborhood. The Wilmington (N. C.) Journal speaks as follows of it:

The Pea Nut Crop.—The trade in this product has been very brisk of late, and, in fact, forms no unimportant portion of the business of the city at present. Within a week past we have noticed on several mornings that the greater number of carts in market were loaded with pea nuts.

The crop this year is not so large as was at first anticipated, but has exceeded that of last year by several thousand bushels. Last year the crop was estimated at thirty-five thousand bushels, and even this is considered an over-estimate. This year it is calculated that the crop will reach between forty and forty-five thousand bushels at least. In speaking of the crop, we of course allude to the crop raised in this section, which finds a market in our city. The prices obtained for this product are not so good now by ten or fifteen cents as was the case the same time last year.

Of course the yield would have been much more abundant, but for the destructive rains experienced during the summer; yet we think we are not far wrong in saying that the pea nuts sustained less injury from this cause than any other product.

The New German Lutheran Church.

Our readers will find in another column of this morning's NEWS a notice from Rev. L. Muller, giving the order of the procession, to be observed in the ceremony of the laying of the corner-stone of the New German Lutheran Church. The occasion is one of no ordinary solemnity, and fittingly was fixed during the joyous period of the annual Christian holiday. We congratulate our German fellow-citizens on this auspicious event, and sincerely wish them every success in this most laudable endeavor.

RETROSPECT.

There are epochs in the lives of individuals, communities and nations, breaking the calm flow of every day existence, and becoming landmarks of history. In the individual we have birth, marriage and death—so a nation takes its rise, reaches the culminating point, and then enters upon decadence. A community, in importance ranging between these two, is subject to the same fluctuations. Although the occasion would seem to suggest a history of the Germans of Charleston, it is not our purpose to enter upon so broad a field today; we design only a few glances at the subject. Their beginning in this city dates back to a period anterior to the Revolution. The German Friendly Society was formed in 1766, small as a grain of mustard seed then, but now a large and flourishing tree, giving shelter and support to many who call it blessed. The Germans, simple in their habits and unpretending, then worshipped in an humble wooden structure, near the present large and handsome church in Archdale-street, which was built in due time, and for over half a century has been faithfully presided over by the Rev. Dr. Bachman.

THE FIRST GERMAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN CHARLESTON.

The Friendly Society, then the embodiment of the German feeling of the sons of the Fatherland in this city, had their school and provided for the training of the young in the language and customs of their ancestors. The transactions of the Society were all in the German language, but notwithstanding all these honest and painstaking efforts of good old Michael Kalteisen, Eckhard, Frisch, Tidyman, Strobel, Steinmeyer, and others, in process of time, the German language fell into desuetude; and while the church retained the Lutheran faith and ritual, and the Friendly Society preserved intact its ancient German character for benevolence and liberality, the English language altogether usurped the place of the mother tongue.

ST. MATTHEW'S BUILT.

For a while the newly arrived German immigrants worshipped at Dr. Bachman's church, and sent their children to the Friendly Society's school; but as the principal bond of unity, identity of language, was lacking, those of German birth in 1841 founded a congregation of their own, St. Matthew's, and in the year following, built the church at the corner of Hasel and Anson streets, in which they have worshipped ever since.

Rev. H. F. W. Heemsoth, their first pastor, served the church till the Spring of 1848, when he returned to Germany, and he is now pastor in Misselwarden, Amt Dorem, Hanover.

Pastor Heemsoth was succeeded by Rev. L. Muller, who has served the congregation acceptably during nearly twenty years. Mr. M. is a native of Rhenish Bavaria, passed through the gymnasium of Deux Ponts, and completed his studies in philosophy and theology in the University of Utrecht. Immediately upon his graduation he came to the United States, was ordained in New York in 1842, and served congregations in New York and Brooklyn till the Spring of 1848, when he was called to this city.

THE VESTRY

of the church is composed of the following members:

Elders—A. Bischoff, George Cordes, F. Wehmann.

Wardens—F. Streckfuss, J. C. Wohlers, J. Heesemann, F. H. Pioger, W. Ufferhardt, W. Marscher.

Trustees—C. Sahlmann, F. E. Schroder, E. F. Lehmkuhe, J. H. Kalb, J. C. Ojemann, J. C. Otjen.

WHAT THE CHURCH REGISTER REVEALS.

During the twenty-six years of its history 2119 children have been baptized into this church. There have been 319 confirmations, comprising nearly an equal number of boys and girls; 927 marriages and 2159 funerals. In explanation of these large figures, it is proper to remark that while the congregation, in the more nar ow sense of membership, only comprises a few hundred of the German population of the city, it must be borne in mind that more than nine-tenths of all the Germans in Charleston are Lutherans by education, and when an occasion in life presents which requires the offices of the church, they naturally go to the minister of that church, who ministrates, not only according to the usage of their fathers, but also in their native tongue.

Although the deaths outnumber the births, it must not be thought that there has not been a steady increase in this class of our population. As a rule they enjoy excellent health in our climate, but the occasional epidemics, occurring at long intervals, have made sad inroads into their number, the victims being principally from the ranks of the latest arrived immigrants.

CEMETERIES.

The first cemetery of the congregation was opened about 1844, on the corner of Amherst and Hanover streets, and was used till 1857, when "Bethany," the ground adjoining the Magnolia Cemetery, was purchased, which has been highly improved, and in appearance, as in situation, is a fitting "God's Acre."

SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school, in connection with the St. Matthew's Church, numbers over 300 children in regular attendance, and from 25 to 30 teachers.

The Germans are, as we know, much attached to their mother tongue, and as they prefer to hear God's Word in their native accents, so as a rule, they desire to have the language taught their children. There is a day school also, therefore, in connection with the church, and its Principal is Mr. A. J. Hoffman, at once the organist of the church, and the Superintendent of the Sunday school. The services of Mr. H. are much prized by his compatriots in this city, and deservedly so, for during the three years of his residence in Charleston he has accomplished much. Beginning in the Summer of 1865 with three children, he has now a flourishing school of over 200, where instruction is imparted in all the elementary branches of knowledge, both in English and in German. He also has a night school for adults. Mr. H. is a native of Rhenish Bavaria, passed through the Gymnasium in Spires, and the University in Munich, where he chose music as a specialty. Since his arrival in the United States, about fifteen years ago, he has been constantly engaged in the instruction of youth; and if we may venture an opinion in the premises, we should say that by nature and education he is admirably adapted for the responsible duties of his office.

THE NEW CHURCH—DIMENSIONS.

The site of the new church edifice about to be erected by this congregation is on the west side of King-street, south of Vanderhorst, late the residence of Father O'Neill. The building will measure 125 feet in length and 66 in breadth. The nave will be 92 by 54 feet, and the chancel 24 by 14. The vestry room, 12 by 15, is to be on the northwest corner of the building. Height of the arch in nave 54. There will be three entrance doors in front, and two on the sides. The galleries will be on the north, east and south sides. The steeple will be 232½ feet in height, higher, by over 20 feet, than any other in the city.

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE.

The church is to be built in the pure German style of ecclesiastical architecture, in many respects not unlike the stately Cathedral in Broad-street, which was laid in ruins by the Great Fire. The principal door of entrance is placed in the centre of the tower, which occupies the middle of the front elevation. The organ is to be placed in the tower. The order of architecture is marked by the pointed mullioned gothic windows. Of these there will be two rows; single windows under the galleries, and double above. The walls are supported by buttresses, terminating in pinnacles, connected by a battlemented parapet.

The windows will be of stained glass—the front window in the tower twenty-eight feet high. Above the main centre a richly ornamented "rosette" or "bull's eye" for clock, and a large gothic window above for the belfry.

The roof of the tower, from which rises the spire in an octave, is in the form of a cross. The chancel is pentagon.

Capacity of church from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred seats. Standing room for three thousand. The church will be built of brick, requiring one million two hundred and fifty thousand for its walls. The cost is estimated at about sixty thousand dollars.

The appearance of the inside will resemble that of the Citadel Square Baptist Church.

The ceiling will be in fresco; the galleries have banisters of wood elaborately carved in lace work—all corresponding with the character of the architecture. The galleries will be supported by clusters of iron columns—the pews in oak.

The church will be a great ornament to our city, being beautiful in its symmetry, and an imposing and well-finished structure. We hope that in time the unsightly buildings now obstructing the view from the Citadel Green will be removed, and that the square will be surrounded by large and handsome buildings.

The ground plan is similar to that of a church edifice in Lauenburg, Pommerania. This resemblance, however, is accidental, the plan for the new Lutheran Church being entirely original.

In conclusion, it only remains to be said that Mr. J. H. Devereux has projected the plan, and is the architect and builder of the new church.

To the Readers of the Daily News—Our New Terms—The Cash System.

The announcement that on and after the first of January the subscription price of THE DAILY NEWS will be reduced to Six Dollars a year has been received with many substantial marks of appreciation by the public, both in the city and State. But in order to publish a first-class paper at that low price, we shall be compelled, in future, to adhere rigorously to the cash system, and require, invariably, the payment of subscriptions in advance. It should be generally understood that everything required for the publication of a newspaper—composition, paper, press-work, labor, and expenses of every description—must unavoidably be paid for in CASH at the end of every week. If the credit system is tolerated, and subscribers neglect to pay promptly, the losses thus incurred by publishers in a little while become intolerably onerous and oppressive.

There are hundreds, however, in our city who, though anxious to take a live newspaper, and willing to pay for it, can ill afford, at this time, even the small outlay of six dollars. To accommodate this class of readers, we have made arrangements by which, on and after New Year's Day, THE DAILY NEWS will be delivered, every morning, before seven o'clock, in all parts of the city, by attentive and experienced newsmen, at EIGHTEEN CENTS A WEEK, payable weekly.

The advantages of this plan are evident at a glance. Those who take their papers upon the weekly system only pay out their money, week by week, as their papers are received; they run no risk; they can stop their paper at any time by giving one week's notice; when they leave the city for a few weeks they can suspend their papers, and be at no expense. The yearly cost at the weekly rate is more than when the subscription at our advertised rates is paid in advance at our office; but there is every reason to believe that the new plan will, by its simplicity, security, and the smallness of the cash expense, enable many persons to take a daily paper who could not become subscribers for as long a period as six, or even three months. It is our desire to accommodate all classes of readers, and those who are not able to pay their subscriptions in advance can take advantage of the weekly arrangement, which will go into operation on January 1, next.

BOOKS FOR THE MILLION.—Mr. S. G. Courtenay, No. 9 Broad-street, knowing, from over twenty years experience as a bibliopole, that the people of Charleston appreciate good books, and when they have money will buy them, has been kind enough to adapt himself to our present financial condition. He has good books, which at the same time are marvels of cheapness. What will our readers say to fine English editions (beautifully printed and on excellent paper) of Shakspeare complete at sixty cents? of Byron at forty cents? and of the Waverly Novels at twenty-five cents each? He also has a handsome edition of Dickens, at twenty-five cents for each novel. Any of our readers who may wish to refresh their memories in regard to Oliver Twist and Nicholas Nickleby should at once apply to Mr. Courtenay and procure fifty cents worth of the article done in the best American typography.

BILL OF MORTALITY.—Return of deaths within the City of Charleston for the week ending December 21st, 1867:

DISEASES.	WHITES. Adults.	WHITES. Children.	BLACKS OR COLORED Adults.	BLACKS OR COLORED Children.
Brain, Congestion of	..	..	..	1
Consumption	2	..	2	..
Debility	1	..	..	..
Dropsy	1	..	..	..
Dropsy, from Heart Disease	..	..	1	..
Drowning	1	..	..	..
Dysentery	1	..	1	..
Enteritis	..	..	1	..
Fever, Congestive	..	..	1	..
Fever, Icteric	1	..	..	..
Gastritis, Acute	..	1	..	..
Hepatitis	1	..	1	..
Hydrocephalus	..	1	..	..
Hydrothorax	..	..	1	..
Inanition	..	..	..	1
Mara-mus	..	1	..	..
Old Age	..	..	1	..
Paralysis	..	..	1	..
Pneumonia	..	..	..	1
Tetanus	..	..	1	..
Tumor, Malignant	..	..	1	..
Totals	8	3	12	3

RECAPITULATION:

Whites, 11; Blacks and Colored, 15—Total, 26.

AGES:

Under 1 year of age	4	Between 50 and 60 years	4
Between 1 and 5 years	1	Between 60 and 70 years	2
Between 5 and 10 years	0	Between 70 and 80 years	4
Between 10 and 20 years	1	Between 80 and 90 years	1
Between 20 and 30 years	4	Between 90 and 100 years	0
Between 30 and 40 years	4	Over 100 years of age	0
Between 40 and 50 years	1		

Office of City Registrar, December 24, 1867.

GEORGE S. PELZER, M. D., City Registrar.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

B. H.

If you want cheap Blank Books;

If you want cheap Stationery, Envelopes, Paper, &c.; or, MILLENS' Almanac;

If you want Printing executed neatly;

If you want Books bound in any style, or Account Books made to order, with any desired pattern of ruling, go to HIRAM HARRIS, No. 59 Broad street.

GO TO JOHN COMMINS, No. 131 Meeting street. He has good substantial shoes at retail. mw6

FOR Quotations of Bonds, Stocks, Coupons, Bank Bills and Money, see every Friday morning, in this paper, by Andrew M. Moreland, Broker, No. 8 Broad street. †

COAL.—Mr. F. P. Seignious announces to his friends, in to-day's paper, that he has received a fresh supply of coal, which he is prepared to furnish at low rates for Christmas. Those who have purchased from Mr. Seignious will not hesitate to renew their acquaintance, as the coal he has furnished has been found to be of the best quality.

P. H. B.

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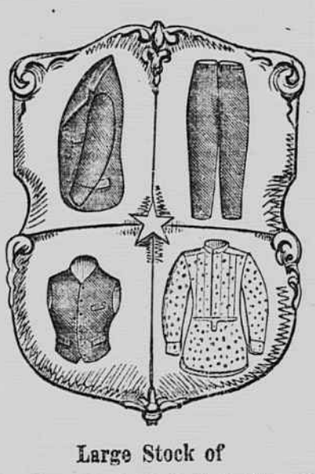

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