

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Dec. 25, 1877.—10:30 a. m.—The Middle Atlantic States falling barometer, northeast winds, stationary or lower temperatures, increasing cloudiness and rain.

CHRISTMAS.—Certainly no complaint could be made by the most enthusiastic observer of Christmas, that it was not celebrated with sufficient noise, on the occasion just passed. From Monday morning until this morning there was an almost continual blowing of horns and popping of fire crackers, interspersed with louder noises from the miniature cannons and pistols of the boys. It is universally acknowledged that never before has the air been so full of noise and confusion as during the past week. Not content with their individual exertions in the noisy line, the boys formed themselves in bands and paraded various parts of the city, giving out such blasts as nearly set the nervous old ladies wild and caused irascible old gentlemen to make use of language, not at all in keeping with their appearance or responses, when in church. However, the boys seemed to enjoy themselves and that was the chief end in view.

Many of the club rooms and other places of resort were open and were crowded during most of the day.

The young gentlemen of the L. S. Societies, having elegantly retired and replenished their club room, on Royal street, near King, had it decorated with flags and entertained there a number of the lady friends of the members. The day was observed by the churches more than for many years, although the congregations in many of them were small. In St. Mary's Church, solemn High Mass was celebrated at 5 a. m., by Rev. Father McElhugh, of Washington, with Father O'Keefe as deacon, and Father Keating as sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Father McElhugh. The music was very good and was under the direction of Mrs. G. S. Carney who presided at the organ. It was as follows:—Gloria to God, in G major; Kyrie and Gloria, Haydn; Creed, Lombardi; Sanctus, Mendelssohn; Agnus Dei, Meyer; At the Offertory, the Christmas Anthem, "A Little Beliefs" was sung. This early mass was followed by three low masses and the service of the day concluded with a High Mass by Father McElhugh at 10 o'clock. Two masses were celebrated in the chapel of St. Mary's Academy by Father Keating, who subsequently held services at Fairfax station. Father O'Keefe officiated at St. Mary's, although the duties were carefully arranged.

Christ Church was very elaborately decorated, with festoons, wreaths, crosses and hanging baskets of evergreen. Over the chancel was the inscription "Arie, Gloria, Magnificat." Services were held there at 11 a. m. by Rev. Mr. Dame. The music by one accomplished choir, under the direction of Prof. R. E. Hayman, was excellent and well received and received the high commendation of the congregation. The organ was kept playing during the church service. At 11 o'clock a. m. the organ played forth the grand Gloria from Meyer, and modulated in a soft strain to the Anthem. There were shop-keepers, etc., arranged by Prof. Hayman. The old wonderful truth of the birth of Christ was a recitative sung by the tenor, Mr. Buchanan, in a masterly style, when the choir in chorus followed with the Gloria to God in the highest, etc. The Venite by Prof. Hayman was sung next and the regular service followed.

At St. Paul's Church the decorations were also fine. Over the chancel was a star of gas jets, and the inscription "Gloria to the new born King." Around the galleries was placed the inscription in evergreen letters, "For to you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." The services here were held by Rev. Dr. Norton, at 11 a. m. The music was after the programme, as published on Monday, and was much admired. Rev. Dr. Spring officiated in Grace Church at 11 a. m., the edifice being neatly decorated, but without inscriptions. The music was by the regular choir of the church and was very good.

In the M. E. Church, Rev. W. C. Webb preached at 11 a. m. The church was decorated with evergreens, and over the chancel were the words, "God bless our Sabbath school," beneath which hung a large star. On the galleries was the inscription, "Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men."

Rev. W. K. Bayle held services in the M. E. Church South at 6:30 a. m., which were well attended.

Rev. W. R. Graham preached in the Methodist Protestant Church at 11 a. m. to a goodly congregation.

The employees of the Alexandria Marine Railway Company, were entertained by the president of the company, Mr. Justin S. Wheeler, at his residence, foot of King street.

Many of the restaurants were closed during the day and the amount of drinkness was therefore much decreased, to the great gratification of order loving citizens.

The inmates of the jail were all furnished with a plentiful supply of good things both eatable and drinkable, by City Sergeant Lewis.

MR. McVEIGH AND THE COURTS.—It is understood that when Mr. McVeigh saw the statement that appeared in the Gazette a few days ago that there had not been a final decision in his late cases before the Supreme Court of Appeals of the State, but that they would have to be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, he expressed no concern whatever. He said to his friends that he has known too well that cases can be taken there as a matter of course, and he has taken them there as a matter of course, and he has taken them there as a matter of course, and he has taken them there as a matter of course.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS.—The Sunday School celebrations of the various churches and the presents to the children attending them are the events of this week.

Christ Church, St. Paul's Church and the Second Presbyterian Church held their on Monday evening. The usual speeches and musical exercises were had, and the little ones were made happy.

Grace Church had its celebration this evening. It was largely attended and much enjoyed.

The Sunday School of the M. E. Church will have its celebration to-night at 7 o'clock.

That of the M. E. Church, South, will be held to-morrow night at 7 o'clock.

The Methodist Protestant Church will hold its celebration in the Christian Association rooms at 7 o'clock to-morrow.

The Sunday School attached to the Union Presbyterian Church will have its celebration in the Church to-morrow night at 7 o'clock.

POLICE REPORT.—The following cases have been tried since Monday:

John Bell, colored, for disorderly conduct on the street, was fined and discharged. Sash, Thompson and Kitt Dalany, both colored, for fighting and disorderly conduct at the colored Old Fellow's Hall, were fined and discharged.

Geo. Stewart, colored, for the same offense, was fined, and, in default, sent to the chain gang, for 20 days.

James Pierson, colored, for disorderly conduct and fighting on the street, was fined, and, in default, sent to the chain gang.

John Mason, colored, for disorderly conduct at the colored Old Fellow's Hall, was fined and discharged.

Gib. Gray, colored, for assaulting Samuel Smith, also colored, was fined and discharged.

Silas Harris, colored, for being drunk and disorderly at the oak shop of Lucinda Wright, was fined, and, in default, sent to the chain gang.

Several parties, for indulging in a Christmas drunk, were fined and discharged.

Justice Padgett had the following cases:—Peter Mulholland, of Fairfax, for being drunk and disorderly, was made to pay costs and stay in the station house until he got sober.

Jinnie Nelson and Louisa Lucas, colored orphans, at Devil's Row, for being drunk and disorderly, were fined and discharged.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION.—On Christmas Eve, Mr. Alexander Henry, the tight watchman at the depot of the Virginia Midland Railroad, received a substantial gift from his friends in the railroad service in the shape of a watch. Mr. Henry made his acknowledgments in his usual quiet and unassuming style, and seemed much gratified at this proof of esteem from his fellow employees. As a faithful watchman and a steady, reliable man, Mr. Henry stands high with all that know him. Few railroads can produce a man, grown old in the service, who retains the like vigor and unswerving application to duty. Unmoved by darkness and storm and bitter cold, unapproachable in integrity, unflinching in sobriety, he combines all the qualities that go to make up a good night watchman. We unto the unlovely tramp or dead beat that falls into his hands! If his time piece "comes to him" as reliably as its owner, it will be a real time watch.

SHOOTING AFFAIRS.—A row occurred at a ball, which was being held at the colored Old Fellow's Hall, on South Commercial street, on Monday night, ending in a regular knock down and drag out fight. During the altercation a colored man named Joseph Dalany was shot in the neck with a pistol by another negro named Fute Henderson. The wound is not considered serious. Henderson was not arrested, it being alleged that he is in self defense.

John Bowler, a notorious character around town, was shot in the hip and severely wounded by a pistol in the hands of a friend, near the Midland depot, on Monday night. The shot was accidental, and no arrests were made. The wounded man received the necessary surgical assistance. His wound is not believed to be dangerous.

Local Briefs.—A large excursion party of negroes came down the river on the Midland road yesterday.

James Smith, a colored canal boatman, died about three years ago, died suddenly of heart disease, in Washington, yesterday.

The regular meeting of the City Council, postponed from last night, will be held to-night. The matter of the San engine house will probably come up for final decision.

The special boat to Washington, last night, was well patronized, and all on board enjoyed themselves. Another boat will be run on New Year's night.

Edward Merryman, of Lewisville, Fairfax county, was knocked down, badly beaten and robbed, by five negro men, near the Chain Bridge, a few nights since.

It is suggested that the vine on the market here is scarce, having been in a fixed position long enough, that the contractor thereof be compelled to clamor to the "dizzy height" and oil the standard.

As will be seen by a notice in another column, a meeting of the Society of Old Students of St. John's Academy will be held on Friday night. Arrangements for the annual reunion are to be completed, and all are expected to be present.

The gentleman who essayed to serenade Miss L. a few evenings since, should have had "dearer" throats, and their efforts would have been better appreciated. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best remedy extant for a "chick" or an irascible condition of the throat and bronchial tubes, giving instant relief.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—New goods received this day, comprising vests of new designs, dinner and tea sets, and fancy china, besides a variety of novelties too numerous to mention. The finest display in this line ever before brought to this city, at all the lowest possible prices. Call and examine our goods and prices.

Ask your druggist for Ledell's Headache Specific. It cures headaches in 5 to 20 minutes. Cost but 50c. Sold by every druggist in Alexandria. Durang's Rheumatic Remedy cures rheumatism without fail. dec 6—4t

A called meeting of the Society of Old Students of St. John's Academy will be held in the Lecture Room of the Academy on Friday night, at 7:30 o'clock. Every member is expected to be present. Business of importance will be presented. [3] By order of the President.

THOS. HOY'S NEW STOVE STORE. S. W. COR. KING & ST. ASAPH STS. Having removed into my new store with a large stock of STOVES of every description and an endless variety of TINWARE and other goods kept in that line, I invite those in want of such goods to call and examine my stock, believing I can satisfy them both in price, kind and quality. My facilities for repairing Fire Place Heaters, Parlor and Dining Room and Cook Stoves, also Roofing, Gutting and pointing, have been greatly enlarged and improved, enabling me to do such work at the lowest rates.

HOT AIR FURNACES, for heating churches, public buildings and dwellings, a specialty. All work warranted to give satisfaction. Prices for goods, new work and repairing as low as the lowest.

CANARY SEED! CANARY SEED! CANARY SEED! 10 cents per pound at WARFIELD & HALL'S, cor. Prince and Fairfax sts. dec 11

CONSTANTLY ON HAND FRESH COUNTY BUTTER, EGGS AND DRESSED POULTRY at W. A. JOHNSON'S, dec 11

News of the Day.

The expense of Stanley's great African journey, just concluded, have been about \$115,000, borne equally by the New York Herald and London Telegraph.

The culture of coffee in southern California is becoming profitable. The plant, it is stated, grows as vigorously as in the coffee countries of South America, and yields a bean of a strong aromatic flavor.

The Rev. Jonathan Cral, pastor of the First Congregational Church at Middletown, Mass., died yesterday. He was stricken with apoplexy while preaching in his pulpit on Sunday morning.

The Dole Manufacturing Company of Paterson, N. J., is going into liquidation. Their liabilities are \$300,000 to \$400,000. They own the largest silk mill in Paterson. Depreciation in prices of silk goods is the cause.

The savings bank commissioners of Massachusetts have enjoined the Taunton Savings Bank from doing further business. According to an official statement, the bank has assets to the amount of \$1,404,513, with liabilities amounting to \$1,353,763. The weak condition of the bank is due to a depreciation of loans on mortgages.

Joseph Balducheiner, jr., a bar tender in New York, who is separated from his wife, visited her on Monday night and tried to induce her to go home with him, but she refused, as he was very dissipated and failed to provide for her. He went into the yard and with a revolver shot himself through the breast, dying instantly.

The residence of Dr. W. McCarty, at Cincinnati, Ohio, was entered yesterday morning and about \$10,000 worth of notes and valuable papers carried off. It is surmised by the Doctor that the burglary was planned for the purpose of securing papers bearing upon a recent sensational scandal case, as six large envelopes containing correspondence relative to that case were taken away.

The herring has measurably declined of late years in the Chesapeake and its tributaries. This falling off has provoked some scientific inquiry. Without the fact positively settling the question, it is stated that during the present year there has been an enormous catch of herring off the coast of Denmark, and that said fishes have not heretofore appeared there in notable quantities within the last three hundred years.

An official telegram from Sanot Spiritus, Cuba, says 68 insurgents surrendered Sunday in the east of the island. Among them were the wife and family of Maximo Gomez. The surrender of the family of Gomez had been previously offered, and Gen. Martinez Campos permitted them to surrender either on the island of Cuba or outside, according to their wishes. Monday 46 surrenders were reported in the central department.

At Brooklyn, N. Y., yesterday, several boys from ten to fifteen years of age went to shoot at a mark. During the sport a boy named David Sweeney took up an old gun loaded with shot, and pointing at Thomas Kourke, aged 14, said, in a spirit of fun, "Look out, I'll shoot you!" No answer was the words uttered than the gun was discharged, the shot tearing away the greater part of Kourke's face and neck and killing him instantly. Sweeney was arrested.

Labor troubles in Lyon, Mass., are increasing, and another strike took place there Monday, that of the operatives of the shoe manufactory of S. J. Hollis. The cause of the strike was a proposed reduction of wages, and the strikers were authorized in their action by the Crispin board of arbitration. The strike of the leaders at the shoe manufactory of Keene Bros. has caused the whole shop's crew, numbering 75 men, to lie idle. The strikers in Lyon now number over 300.

From Washington. (SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25. The sub-committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, charged with the investigation of the Mexican border troubles, are continuing their work of examining documentary evidence bearing upon the matter of their inquiry. The Consul at Matamoros, U. S., commended recent at Piedras Negras, and other witnesses have been summoned to appear before the committee after the recess of Congress.

The sub-committee of the House Appropriation Committee, having in charge the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill, purpose not only to avoid adding to the amount appropriated by the forty-fourth Congress, but to reduce wherever it may prove possible. The chairman of the sub-committee has addressed the House on the subject, and the committee being to abolish some of the minor missions and consulates.

It is said that there is some foundation for the reported intrigues which are said to have been initiated by Forey Messrs. Ezaris and Schurz out of the cabinet. These intrigues are said to be prompted not only by the personal opposition of leading republican Senators and others to the cabinet ministers in question, but so far as Mr. Schurz is concerned by the Pacific railroad interests, of which Jay Gould is the central figure.

Senator Patterson still lies in a feeble condition. He had another severe attack of vertigo yesterday evening, which was relieved by opiates.

Washington Items.—There were one hundred and twenty cases yesterday morning at the police court. Eighty of the number were drunk and disorderly.

Hugh Frank McDermott, a brother to the McDermott Bros., each manufacturer, died suddenly yesterday morning of apoplexy.

Christmas dinner at the White House was a family affair. Gen. Hastings was the only guest, he being an old friend of the family.

There is reason to discredit the rumor that Gen. B. F. Butler has purchased one of the brickyards this side of the Potomac, near Jackson City.

About 12:30 Monday night a man named Henry Shorter was shot in the abdomen at the Gallican Fishermen's Hall, during an affray, by Robert Dent. Dent was arrested by the police and was found to be seriously cut in the head. Both are colored men. Shorter's wounds, it is thought, will terminate fatally.

Jack Lee, alias Cash, colored, was shot yesterday afternoon while on Pennsylvania avenue, near Third street, Capital Hill, by another colored man named Samuel Clark. The ball entered the forehead, causing death in four hours. Clark had previously threatened to kill Lee, having quarreled with him about the wife of Lee. Clark was arrested soon afterwards at another part of the city.

Virginia News.—Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, a Virginian by birth and printer by trade, has been elected chaplain of the California House of Delegates.

The Brooks Museum, at the University of Virginia, has been completed, and a better collection of specimens cannot be found in any other college in the country.

The residence of Dr. H. Tracy Gresham, about four miles from Tappanhook, was burned last Friday morning. Insured for \$2,000 and the furniture for \$500, but the insurance falls far short of the loss actually sustained.

PERSONAL.—Should this meet the eye of the individual who created a disturbance in church last Sunday by his continued coughing, he will confer a favor on the congregation by procuring a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, which will cure him.

The Eastern War.

An official telegram from St. Petersburg, yesterday, states that a sudden drifting of ice on the Danube has torn away the bridge of the rail. A Russian steamer is frozen in, and is unable to approach the bridge. The Grand Duke Alexis announces that ammunition cannot be restored for the present.

The Russians on Monday, after eight hours' severe fighting, captured Przemysl, together with three Krupp guns and a large quantity of ammunition and provisions. The Turks lost many killed and a man prisoner. Prince Milan was present yesterday when the bombardment of Przemysl was commenced.

Russia's Eastern despatch says the Russian lines have been pushed forward, and that Przemysl is almost invested. The Russian forces are massed in the northern part of the plain, and the bombardment of the town and the consequent interruption of telegraphic service are imminent.

A dispatch to the London Times from Athens states that demonstrations in favor of war took place on Tuesday among soldiers and civilians in the capital. On the frontier, a battery of Krupp guns has started for Galatz. War becomes more probable every day. It is commonly believed that the Cabinet hesitates to adopt any decided policy before the meeting of the British Parliament.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Times reports that General Skobeleff, with a division of infantry, two regiments of cavalry and half a brigade of artillery has occupied the town of Triaun near Triaun pass.

The London Daily News correspondent in a letter dated Plevna, December 17th, states that when the Turks made their sortie, they left thousands of their sick and wounded in Plevna, starving and unattended. These unfortunate remained in this state three days, and hundreds of them died. Over a thousand have been buried, and about one hundred corpses come from the hospitals daily. Undoubtedly many who were not quite dead have been buried. The bodies of those killed in the battles lie unburied around Plevna. The Turkish prisoners are encamped among them, and are almost starving. Plevna is one vast charnel house, surpassing in horror anything imaginable.

Mr. Chase and the Presidency.—The fact that Salmon P. Chase was watching the Democratic National Convention in New York city, in 1868, with a rare degree of expectancy is tolerably well known. But that he labored to secure the nomination of that convention for President has not always been susceptible of proof.

WASHINGTON, July 4, 1868. My dear Sir: I was gratified by your note which came to-day. Whatever the result I shall never forget your good will and good offices. The reports by letter and telegram to the effect that your hopes for the Presidency were forgotten the difference between outside speculation and inside decision, and shall acquiesce cheerfully whatever the event.

The assurance you give of the friendship of Mr. W. affords me real satisfaction. It is a mark of whose friendship one may well be proud. Even when I have differed most widely, I have always admired his pluck and consistency, and have done full justice to his abilities and energies. The propositions concerning the reconstruction laws, I have always favored the submission of the question of reorganization after disorganization by war to the entire people of the whole State, and whether right or wrong, the constitution have been framed in the light of the States under which Senators and Representatives have been, or soon will be, admitted to seats in Congress. But there is no use in discussing this now.

Mr. McKim has taken some notes of conversation with me on this point, which he will hand to Mr. Long. You can use them, of course; but I do not want to have them shown to anybody else except Mr. Van Buren. I await the result very quietly—no quietly the least amount of "myself" when I think of your anxieties and labors in New York. Yours most sincerely, S. P. CHASE.

ECENTRIC SPELLING.—In the reign of Henry V good spelling and clean shirts were equally rare luxuries. As a matter of fact, he spelled his own name in eight different methods, while the family appellation of Villiers, in deeds and documents relating to the House, is spelled in at least a dozen. Misnaming passed through 181 orthographic permutations, and is now now fixed in the form of "Villiers" by the pronunciation, and is not to be spoken of as "Villiers" at all. The immortal bard himself, not to speak of what others did for him, changed his own mind some thirty times, according to Halliwell, as to the letters and the number of the letters composing his illustrious patronymic. Elizabeth wrote sovereign in as many ways as she knew languages, that is, seven. The young Pretender, following his own sweet will, and entirely free from any servile bondage to the letter, writes of his father as a certain James Stuart, and of his mother as a certain every man was his own speller, when military examination were not, little astonishment would have been raised by such arbitrary orthography as lately appeared the paper of a candidate for one of Mr. M'Jesty's appointments in the line.

That candidate spelt elegantly, "lag," and ingeniously "pashanger" out of passenger. Much ingenuity, may imagination, inspired another, who framed Indian "aras" out of English words. Each trifling irregularity, as these to the ear of the Duke of Norfolk, the Duchess of Norfolk was one of the most accomplished ladies of the sixteenth century, the friend of scholars, the patron of literature. She wrote to Cromwell, Earl of Hereford, "My dear good Lord—I send you in token to the new year a glass of Setyl set in Sellaifer gold. I pray you take it. An your babe be should be bated," etc. The patron of literature has ingeniously contrived to spell "Setyl" in two different ways in as many letters, and the friend of scholars, who had the ear to understand by Setyl is very obscure. There is a Scotch word something like it signifying "a disease affecting sheep in the side," but this, the most accomplished lady, can scarcely have meant.

STICHS OF DR. J. W. POINDEXTER.—Dr. James W. Poindexter, one of the oldest and most popular physicians of Charlottesville, Va., committed suicide on Monday morning by shooting himself with a double barrel gun. The first barrel was fired in his chamber, which did not take effect, when he repaired to his office, where he laid on a lounge, placed the muzzle in his mouth, and sprang the trigger with a walking cane, blowing off the entire top of the head and scattering the brains over the window and the room. In this position he was found by his family. Dr. Poindexter was a highly intelligent, polished gentleman, and was universally loved. He was about sixty years of age, and had lived in Charlottesville nearly forty years. For twenty years he had suffered from a distressing disease, which had assumed such form as to require a surgical operation. This fact preyed upon his mind, and it is inferred that it had much to do with his suicide.

Within the pages of the Weekly Virginia Report, published by the reliable house of Alexander & Co., Brokers, 12 Wall street, it is to be found more solid and valuable information respecting stocks, bonds, &c., than in any other publication in the land, free free to any address, and every man should send for it.

For a nice Christmas present, buy one of those \$3 Silk Umbrellas at the Boss Clothing House. dec 5-tf

The Horrors of Plevna.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A London special gives the following details of the horrors of Plevna: The famished dogs were feeding on the corpses of the dead and the bodies of the still living wounded. The savage howls of the wretched brutes as they to, the putrid fish of the dead, crunched the bones between their teeth and the cries and groans of the wounded as they vainly struggled with the dogs, might be heard for miles around, and made the soul sick. Birds were pecking at the skulls, groping from body to body, with beaks and plumage besmeared with human blood, and screaming with fiendish delight. Dogs fought among themselves, and bird struggled with bird for the possession of a morsel of human flesh, and the most indescribable horror prevailed. In one house alone thirty-seven dead and fifty-three wounded Turks were found, some of the former in a half decomposed and putrid state, and the wounded in a condition that can be more easily imagined than described.

Some of the wounded were able to crawl about and clutched at odd morsels of food that were found in the hands of the dead, devouring it with feverish avidity. But thousands of them were utterly helpless and awaited death or snuff with a listless fatalism. Eighteen hundred prisoners were huddled together on the bank of the Vid and the horrors of their position equalled those of the great plague which ravaged Europe in the fourteenth century. Living and dead were piled together promiscuously in heaps like wood, carted away. There were only three carts available for this work and the confusion was indescribable. Osman's bravery is staid and blackened by his treatment of the Russian wounded that fell into his hands. His gallant defense of Plevna for a moment blinded the victors and Europe to the fact that all prisoners were butchered by the troops under Osman's command.

Christmas.—Christmas was celebrated this year with more than usual zest in the cities of the country. In New York the weather was unusually bright, and all classes of society seemed determined to forget that hard times were prevalent. All day long the main thoroughfares were thronged with pleasure-seekers, the more devout attending church. From all the churches which possess peals of bells, Christmas chimes were rung. The main feature of the day was the entertainments at the various charitable and benevolent institutions. Not one of them was without its regular dinner.

In Philadelphia a true Christmas scene was presented at the Permanent Exhibition, where in the Auditorium had been erected a large tree, fifty feet in height, trimmed with all the taste and beauty which so delights both old and young. The attendance reached about ten thousand. All the inmates for the various institutions for the young and friendless were admitted free, while all other juveniles were charged but five cents. Each child was presented with a suitable gift and a bag of candy.

In Boston the weather was very fine and the streets crowded. The Catholic and Episcopal churches were largely attended. Christmas festivities were held in the various penal institutions at the State Prison. Three young convicts were pardoned.

The day was very quietly but generally observed in Baltimore. Joseph Jefferson, who is playing an engagement at Ford's Opera House, gave all persons connected with the house a beautiful lunch on the stage.

Failures.—NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Netter & Co., Stock Brokers and Bankers, of Exchange Place, announced to the Stock Exchange to-day their inability to meet their contracts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Neither Mr. Gabriel nor Mr. Netter, who compose the firm was at the office on Exchange Place this morning. The Post says:—There are many rumors about respecting the failure which we refrain from printing until they are proved to be established. If they are not true they do great injustice to the firm and we cannot believe that they are true.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The firm was supposed to be wealthy and had a large business in lending money and in gold loans. It also sold "puts," "calls," "straddles" and other speculative privileges on stocks and gold. After the failure was announced the office of the firm was thronged with persons who held these speculative privileges, also with those who had borrowed money on time inquiring if their collateral were safe. The Post says no failure has occurred in Wall street for many months that has caused more comment. The members of the firm came originally from Cincinnati and brought a large amount of money.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 26.—A special dispatch says: R. W. Ader, dry goods dealer, St. J. Taylor, grocer, and E. Finley, carriage builder, all of Bainbridge, Putnam co., Ind., failed yesterday. The liabilities aggregate \$30,000, and the assets \$8,700.

The Paris Exposition.—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—It is announced that Mr. Rufus M. Smith has been appointed by ex Gov. McCormick as chief of the New York office to superintend the allotment of space in the American section of the Paris Exhibition. A private firm of this city who engage to take charge of American exhibits at the exposition say they have already secured the representation of over fifty of the largest manufacturers in the United States.

Rowing Match.—NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Edward Prickett, of Sydney, Australia, has accepted Charles E. Courtney's challenge to row a single skull race for \$10,000, and the championship of the world.

MARRIED.—December 26, 1877, at the residence of Washington Haines, esq., by Rev. L. H. Greenhaw, Mr. FRANCIS L. TUGGLE, of Kentucky, and Miss LILLIE L. NESMITH, daughter of Oscar Nesmith, deceased, of Loudoun, Va.

DIED.—On the 25th of December, 1877, at 2 a. m., after a long illness, which she bore with Christian resignation, MARGARET HARMON, consort of the late Jos. Grimes, in her 75th year. Her funeral will take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 3 p. m., from her late residence, 75 south Lee street.

WINDSOR, THE MOST CONVENIENT AND ECONOMICAL IN USE. For sale by McLEAN & MILLER, 107 King street. dec 19

POMADE VASELINE, a new and elegant dressing for the hair. Price 25c per bottle. dec 14 JANNETT & CO., 70 & 145 King st.

ANDERSON'S AND ATMORE'S MINCE A MEAT—both prime—for sale by dec 12 G. W. M. RAMSAY

SHAWLS AT COST. Also a good lot of TOWELS. dec 7 WM. N. BERKLEY.

PRIME PIGS AND PRUNS in small packages, just received. dec 13 G. W. M. RAMSAY.

NATIONAL BROTHERS' NATIONAL BROTHERS' Our third invoice, just received. dec 11 McLEAN & MILLER.

NEW ORLEANS MOLLASSES, New Crop, Two Grades, for sale, low by dec 11 G. W. M. RAMSAY.

ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEA, something choice, just received by dec 10 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

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WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS IN ALEXANDRIA. Flour, Fine,..... \$4 25 @ 4 75 Superfine..... 5 25 @ 5 75 Extra..... 6 25 @ 6 75 Family..... 6 75 @ 7 25 Fancy brand..... 7 00 @ 8 50 Wheat, common to fair..... 1 25 @ 1 30 Good to prime..... 1 30 @ 1 35 Choice..... 1 37 @ 1 40 Corn, white..... 0 61 @ 0 68 Mixed..... 0 61 @ 0 67 Yellow..... 0 61 @ 0 67 Rye..... 0 68 @ 0 60 Oats..... 0 25 @ 0 27 Butter, prime..... 0 23 @ 0 25 Common to middling..... 12 @ 15 Eggs..... 0 18 @ 0 20 Turkey..... 0 10 @ 0 12 Hogs..... 5 00 @ 5 50 Chickens..... 1 50 @ 2 00 Apples..... 3 00 @ 3 50 Potatoes per bushel..... 0 63 @ 0 70 Onions, per bush..... 0 63 @ 0 75 Bacon, Hams, country..... 0 14 @ 0 15 Best sugar cured Hams..... 0 14 @ 0 15 Butcher's Hams..... 0 13 @ 0 14 Western..... 0 13 @ 0 16 Sides..... 0 91 @ 0 10 Shoulders..... 0 84 @ 0 9 Lard..... 0 104 @ 0 11 Veal Calves..... 0 4 @ 0 6 Clover Seed..... 6 00 @ 6 25 Timothy..... 1 00 @ 1 15 Plaster, ground, per ton..... 4 51 @ 5 00 Ground, in bags or bbls..... 3 00 @ 3 50 Lumps..... 6 00 @ 6 25 Salt, G. A. (Liverpool)..... 1 10 @ 1 20 Fire Island..... 0 30 @ 0 40 Wool, long unwashed..... 0 28 @ 0 29 Washed..... 0 38 @ 0 40 Merino, unwashed..... 0 26 @ 0 28 Do, washed..... 0 38 @ 0 40 Sunnyside..... 1 00 @ 1 25 Hay..... 12 00 @ 15 00

The market is dull and heavy, and but little was done on Change. Flour is unchanged, and the demand is only of a local nature. Receipts of Wheat are light—but 530 bushels were offered—and sales were made at 138 and 133. Corn is steady and firm; one lot of old sold at 63, and new at 51 and 52; receipts light. The offerings of Rye and Oats were withdrawn. Country produce is lower.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 24.—Best Cattle—Prices to-day ranged as follows: Best Beaves..... 1 75 @ 1 85 Generally rated first quality..... 4 01 @ 4 15 Medium or good fair quality..... 2 5 @ 3 00 Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows..... 50 @ 5 40 Extreme range of prices.....