THIRD EDITION.

Random Shots.

During the past summer, a handsome young man and a mischievous young lady were among the guests at a White Mountain hotel. The young man was teased by her friends on account of his habits of lunching just before going to bed. One evening he found a large paper bag of crackers on his table. Rashly jumping to the conclusion that the mischievous young lady had made him the gift, he went on tiptoe to the door of her room, and tossed a cracker through the open transom. The room was dark, but the cracker's fall was followed by a slight scuffling. He paused a moment and then threw a second and a third.

Each time a rustling was heard, but no one spoke. Having tossed the entire contents of the bag into the room, the young man stole away, and, as he left the corridor, met the young lady coming to her room. Troubled in his mind, he made inquiries the next morning as to the effect of his bombardment, and learned to his horror that the first cracker thrown had landed on the head of the young lady's grandmother, an infirm old lady of nearly eighty, who was at the moment kneeling by her bedside engaged in her devotions. Much alarmed, she had risen to her feet, only to receive a second shot. She had then retreated to a corner, but being further assailed, and not being able to form any idea of the nature and origin of the mysterious missiles, she had finally crept under the bed, where she was discovered in a forlorn condition by her astonished grand-child.

Mr. Ross Coming Home.

PITTSBURG, October 23.—Christian K. Ross passed through this city to-night on his way East after fruitlessly following up a clue in the West concerning his lost boy.

"The publications in the St. Louis papers started the last clue I had," he said. "In the first place I got my clue—which took me to St. Louis, where I have been two weeks—from a man named Price, living at Chester, Ill., and if the St. Louis papers had not given publicity to the crazy talk of that crank Donnelly I think I might have been able to follow up the clue which I had in my possession to a successful result. I employed Detective White in the West to work in conjunction with me, but, with all due credit to their skill, I think I am as capable of working out a clue as any of them. At least I have had experience, enough in the last ten years.

"I worked diligently on all the points which I had in my possession, but at the end of two weeks I came to the conclusion from what I saw and heard that it was nothing more or less than another scheme to extort money from me. The report was in my opinion started for that purpose, but the scheme failed for the reason that I refused to be bled."

"Do you really think that your boy is alive?"

"Most assuredly I do. If I did not do you or anyone else for a moment suppose that I would be spending my time and means in a fruitless search for a dead body? I am in possession of information that bears me out in this opinion. As regards the result of my trip West I do not desire to speak on the subject at all. Suffice it to say the information I obtained was not sufficiently satisfactory to give me encouragement."

In conclusion, Mr. Ross said he had no idea of abandoning the search for his son.

Railroad Accidents.

A passenger train on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad struck a broken rail yesterday morning, a few miles from East St. Louis. The engineer feeling the shock, put on the brakes and all the cars passed over safely except the last two, which were wrecked. Thirty-seven passengers were injured, two severely, and one J. H. Anthony, of Providence, Rhode Island, dangerously. Among the injured is Mr Stern, clothing merchant, of Philadelphia, who suffered a severe scalp wound.

A passenger train and a pay car on the Arkansas branch of the Santa Fe Railroad collided near Winfield on Monday night. The fireman, James Dunlap, was dangerously injured. The collision is attributed to the error of a train despatcher.

All those injured in the railway disaster near Fort Edward, New York, are doing well and likely to recover. It is asserted that the bridge has for some time been regarded as unsafe and that the track master had been notified of the giving way of a stringer. The Company's officers says that "much heavier engines and trains passed over the bridge during the Lake George travel this summer."

The rear car of a passenger train on the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western Railroad was yesterday thrown from the track near Rainetown, Indiana, and three of the passengers were severely hurt.

Something Like a Miracle.

A Western mining paper tells this story which will probably rapidly find its way into the Sunday schools: "H. H. White, who has been working on the Dunkirk mine for some time past, last Sunday, while reading the Bible under the large pines east of the mine about half a mile, becoming absorbed in thought, unconsciously dropped the book from his hands in such a way that it fell over a precipice fifty feet high.

Descending into the canyon to recover it, Mr. White found it lying upward, open at the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter vii., while a large piece of rich quartz, which had been dislodged by its fall, lay on top, tearing a jagged hole in the seventh verse: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Accepting this as a good omen, Mr. White searched, and, in but a few moments, succeeded in locating the ledge, which was over two feet in width, and assays $225, on an average, to the ton. The mine is considered the richest thing yet struck in the district, and an offer of $5,000, made the fortunate owner of it, was declined."

Deliberation.

There is much to be said in favor of wisely deliberating before acting. Doubtless many rash deeds are performed, bringing all sorts of unfortunate consequences in their train, simply for the want of a little reflection; and others, that would have been of the utmost benefit to mankind, have never seen the light from the same cause. Yet while this is true, there is a kind of deliberation much practiced which is nearly always pernicious in its results upon future action. It is that which puts aside the first instinctive perceptions of right and wrong, speculates upon them, doubts them, subjects them to processes of casuistical reasoning, and generally ends either by so clouding the mental vision that no distinct course is visible or by actually making the worse appear the better cause. Much of the wrong doing of the world is the fruit of this kind of deliberation.

Accidentally Shot.

A day or two ago a colored man employed on the farm of John Diehl, near Bear Station, while handling a revolver was shot in the side by the accidental discharge of the weapon. The ball entered his side, inflicting a painful but not dangerous wound. Efforts were made to extract the ball but it could not be found.

Church Street Sidewalk.

The east side of Church street from Front to Third street has been paved, and a walk will now be constructed on the west side. As soon as the improvements are completed the steamer Wilmington will make her trips from the new wharf at the foot of that street.

Auction.

Among the blankets bought at the great manufacturer's sale by Kennard & Co. the extra large size ones at five dollars per pair are exceedingly cheap. The usual price of this blanket is seven dollars. Don't miss them.

Play.

Play implies the notion of plentifulness. The gambols of the child betray an overplus of strength and spirits; the play of the waters give the idea of unlimited room; the blossoms of spring, the fragrance of the woods, the grandeur of the mountains, the smiles of the harvest—all impress us with the feeling of abundance. So, wherever there is plenty of power and to spare, plenty of affection and to spare, plenty of resources of all kinds and to spare, we lose the sense of hard toil, of cold duty, of narrow rules, and expand into that play which is the height of power, the depth of feeling, the beauty—because the truest excellence—of life. If this be so, let it forever rescue play from the stigma of childishness. Let it rather be an ideal which we may strive to reach than a frivolity from which we strive to fly. Work is honorable and duty is holy; but, when the whole heart is in the work, and when duty is inspired by love, they rise even to a higher plane, that of free, joyful, and unbounded activity.

Improvement.

All improvement must be made on the basis of actual present condition; it must begin with whatever is worthy, however feeble it may be, and proceed by gradually but faithfully developing it to a larger and fuller action. So, when we would help to lift some one to a higher life, we must not begin by striving to obliterate their past or quench their natures, but by searching for their good qualities to build upon—some tender recollection to appeal to, some worty desire to strengthen, some feeling of right or duty to revive. In developing these there is a far more reasonable hope of influencing a character for good than in any effort to tear away what is evil.

Auction.

Among the blankets bought at the great manufacturer's sale in New York by Kennard & Co. the large size ones at three dollars and eighty cents per pair are exceedingly cheap. The usual price of this blanket is five dollars. Don't miss them.

Business Change.

Theodore Francis, who, for some time, was associated in the grocery business with his father at Fourth and Lombard streets, but has recently conducted the business himself, has sold out to a party named Williams.

To Smokers.

For a good 5-cent Wales cigar and a clean shave go to Stansbury Murray, Jr., No. 104 East Front street, first store West of French south side. He is a peer in the business.

Only Two Drunks.

There were but two cases before Squire O'Neill this morning, and they were both plain drunks, who were fined 50 cents and costs each.

DEATHS.

SPEAKMAN—On the 22d inst., Mary R., daughter of James E. and Elizabeth Speakman.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the Union M. E. church, Fifth and Washington streets, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock Interment at Wilmington and Brandywine cemetery.

SCOTT—On the 22d inst., Annie E. daughter of John and Margaret Scott, aged 18 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 817 West 24th street, on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Riverview cemetery.

Gone, but not forgotten.

McGARTLAND—On the 23d inst., Mary Ann daughter of Wm. and Mary McGartland, aged 4 years.

HUDSON—On the 23d inst., Frank F., infant son of Alexander and Maggie Hudson, aged 18 months and 2 days.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 420 East Seventh street, on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Riverview cemetery.

SMITH—On the 24th inst., Isabella, daughter of Charles F. and Josephine Smith, aged 14 months.

Funeral private, to leave the house, No. 109 Monroe street, on Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock Interment at Riverview cemetery.

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of als. Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Hotel kept by Frederick Sturgeon, in Newport, in Christiana Hundred, New Castle county, Del., ON THURSDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1883, At 10 o'clock, a. m., the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain farm or tract of land situate in Mill Creek Hundred, in the County of New Castle and State of Delaware, described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone in the middle of the Hockessin road, a corner for land sold David Wilson, thence by a line of said land (which was part of No. 9 of the real estate of Isaac Dixon, deceased), south 89¼ degrees, west 92 92-100 perches to a stake a corner of Thomas Pearson's land, thence with a line of that land north 3 degrees, west 157 6-10 perches to a stake, a corner of William Pearson's land, thence with a line of said land north 85 degrees and 26 minutes, east 70 72-100 perches to a stone, a corner for other land sold to David Wilson (part of the real estate of Isaac Dixon, deceased), thence by the lines dividing that land from this, south 5 degrees, east 25 perches to a stake, thence north 78 degrees, east 19 6-10 perches to a stake, thence south 3 degrees, east 18 8-100 perches to a stake, thence south 6¾ degrees, west 38 perches to a stake in the middle of the Pearson road, thence along the middle of the said road, south 82¼ degrees, east 21 2-10 perches to a stake in the line of Thomas Jackson's land, thence by that land south 21½ degrees, east 48 1-10 perches to a stake in the middle of the Hockessin road and thence along the same, being a line of the afore-said land sold to David Wilson, south 54¾ degrees, west 34 8-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing within said bounds 97 acres and 44 perches of land, be the same more or less, with a stone house and barn and other outbuildings thereon erected.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Isaac T. Chamberlin and Elizabeth T. Chamberlin, his wife, and t. t.'s and to be sold by JAMES MARTIN, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Wilmington, Del., Oct. 20, 1883.

FOURTH EDITION.

Trouble Among Germans.

It is currently reported that considerable difficulty exists among the Germans and the German-American school, which, if not soon averted, will have a tendency to break up the school. It is stated that the difficulty originated over the new teacher recently procured, whom it is said is incompetent to fill the position to which she was appointed. Others say that she is well qualified, and that the objections raised are through spite or personal feelings against the instructress.

In view of these differences it is stated, upon good authority, that the committee having in charge the recent Volks-fest, for the benefit of the school, which netted them about $1,200, refuse to turn over any of the proceeds, until the present teacher is removed, which, from what could be learned, is not likely to happen. The committee remain firm in their resolve, and unless something is done ere long serious trouble is anticipated.

In addition to the above, another difficulty is reported between the Delaware Saengerbund and Joseph Stoeckle, the brewer, of this city. From what could be learned, it appears that at a recent meeting of the Saengerbund a motion was made to exclude the sale of Mr. Stoeckle's beer from the room of the association, which was adopted.

Heretofore his beer has been purchased on Saturday and drank on Sunday in German Hall, but owing to some difficulty over the beer used at the Volksfest it was decided to ostracise Mr. Stoecke and his beer in the future. How all the trouble will end remains to be seen.

Dots.

The steamer Felton will continue her trips until stopped by the ice.

Post 2, Guard of the G. A. R., went to Philadelphia this morning on the steamer Wilmington.

On account of the storm Market street bridge has not yet been closed to travel.

Two frame dwellings are being erected on Sixteenth street between Thatcher and Heald, by Walter E. Barr.

A house and lot situated in New Castle, and belonging to John W. Conner, was sold by Sheriff Martin yesterday.

The Republicans of the seventh election district will hold a meeting in the Young Men's Republican club rooms.

The social event of the season will be the wedding of one of the daughters of the late Col. H. S. McComb, which takes place this evening.

Musical and dramatic entertainments will be given in St. Paul's Catholic Church on the evenings of October 31 and November 1.

Thomas Drein & Son have received orders from the Pusey & Jones Company for the construction of a 16-foot life boat for the steamer Bolivar and a 20-foot boat for another boat.

Mace Anxious to Meet Sullivan.

NEW YORK, October 23.—The Mace-Davis combination of pugilists has sailed for England. On the steamer before starting the subject of conversation was a statement published on the authority of Mike Gillespie, of Boston, to the effect tha Sullivan was willing to spar Mace or any other man four rounds for $5,000 a side. "I've had $1,000 in Harry Hill's hands over a month," said Mace, excitedly, "waiting for Sullivan to cover it, and only withdrew the money yesterday, after making arrangements to sail to-day to fill a ten weeks' engagement on the other side. Sullivan knew I was going abroad and just as I am about to start out comes this challenge of Gillespie's. I don't believe Sullivan authorized it, but if he did I have this reply to make: I will spar him in one, two or three matches, three rounds or four, just as he chooses, and bet him three to one he can't knock me out. If he will come to England, I'll meet him there and allow him £100 for expenses, or I will meet him here three months hence. If that is not definite enough, I can't speak plain English. Davis and I are to give exhibitions abroad until the second week in January, opening at Birkenhead."

Soldiers' Re-Union.

The survivors of the ninety-third regiment, Pennsylvania veteran volunteers, will hold a re-union at Norristown, commencing to-morrow and continuing two days, at which it is expected there will be four hundred soldiers present. The visitors will be received by a committee of citizens and marched to the Court House, where an address of welcome will be delivered by Col. T. W. Bean, which will be responded to by Col. James M. McCarter, who until recently resided in this city. A grand camp fire will be held to-morrow evening, at which John M. Stephen, of Reading, will recite "Sheridan's Ride."

A Large Shortage.

John N. Glidden, Secretary of the Republican Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, has confessed judgment on a claim for $110,000, filed against him by the company. As security the company holds his stock to the market value of $230,000, but it is understood that much of this is pledged for other debts, and questions of priority of claim are expected to arise. Glidden says his indebtedness to the company is for ore purchased for his own account and sold to other parties and for transportation, and his embarrassment is the result of shrinkage of prices. He will ask an extension. His embarrassment will not affect the company, whose capital stock is $2,500,000, nor will it affect the firm of John Glidden and Manning, which does a strictly commission business.

In Session.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this State, convened this morning in the Smith Building, with Grand Chancellor A. D. Sheldon presiding. There is a large attendance, and among the important business to be transacted is the election of a delegate to the Supreme Lodge, which convenes at New Orleans next April. The Grand Officers elect will be installed by Past Grand Chancellor S. S. Davis, of New Hampshire.

Horse Stolen.

Sometime during Monday night William H. Colescott, a farmer living a few miles from New Castle, had a bay horse stolen from his stable. The facts were reported to Sheriff Martin yesterday, and he will make an effort to arrest the thief and recover the animal.

The party who found a pocket-book with money and diamond ring, with name of owner on R. R. ticket, return at once to 428 Market street and save exposure and trouble. We mean business.

FIFTH EDITION.

Golden Bonds.

Enoch Moore and wife, residing at 415 East Fourth street, having wended their way along through lifes chequered paths until the 50th milestone of their journey was reached since they were joined together in the bonds of matrimony, celebrated the event last evening by a social gathering of some fifty or more of their relations and friends. A number of relatives living in Iowa, Texas, New York, and other places wrote appropriate and cheerful letters, which were read by Rev. A. T. Scott. A number of appropriate and useful presents, amongst which was a purse, containing over one hundred dollars, were presented on behalf of the givers, by Edward Heald of Philadelphia.

Another pleasant part of the program of the evening consisted in partaking of the bounteous supply of refreshments provided for the occasion. Mr. Moore was one of the old firm of E. & C. Moore, old time wooden ship builders of this city, and is the father of Enoch Moore, Jr., who is still engaged in that business. He has reached the ripe old age of 83, and though suffering from rheumatic attacks, which keeps him partially confined to his home, he bids fair to remain with his friends yet for a number of years.

Amusements.

To-morrow evening W. E. Sheridan will appear at the Opera House as Louis XI, and on Friday night as King Lear, on which occasion he will be supported by a first class company, including Miss Louise Davenport. Mr. Sheridan's conception of these characters are pronounced by critics to be the grandest and most sublime of any actor now before the public. The wardrobe, banners and other paraphernalia incidental to the plays will be the same used during his recent engagement at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, and the effects of the storm scene in King Lear will be greatly increased by the use of a new apparatus from the Walnut Street Theatre, which will be in charge of Professor France.

Saturday night Charles L. Davis, the well known comedian, will appear at the Opera House as Alvin Joslin, the New England farmer, and those who have seen Mr. Davis in this comical impersonation will be sure to want to see him again, and those who have never seen him should be sure to attend.

Monday night Daly's 7-20-8 company will appear.

An Old Hand-bill.

Kirk Wigglesworth, of this city, in looking over some old papers found a hand-bill that was printed November 30th, 1827. This bill, which is yellow with age, is an advertisement of the great ox Columbus, weighing four thousand pounds, which it states would be on exhibition from November 28th to December 1st, and no longer. The place of exhibition was at C. S. Wolf's yard, on the corner of Third and King streets, where the REPUBLICAN office now stands. The description says that this wonderful animal was bred in Greenland, N. H., and was seven years old, eleven feet long, five feet ten inches high, ten feet girth, and the horns from tip to tip were three feet three inches. It also states that he had been exhibited in Boston, New York and Philadelphia, where he was viewed by more than thirty-five thousand persons. There was also an extraordinary cow, only two feet ten inches in height, and four feet two inches in length. The price of admittance was a levy, or 12½ cents. This old bill was printed by A. & H. Wilson.

House Entered and Robbed.

Thieves last night entered the residence of Mr. Thomas Conner, Shallcross avenue, between Broome and Rodney streets by a cellar window, which they took out and stood against the house. Once in the cellar, it was but an easy task to reach the next story, the cellar door not being bolted.

Then they helped themselves to three coats, a vest, a silver watch, three pair of gaiters and three hats. Some dresses belonging to Mr. Conner's daughters were thrown outside but were not taken away. The thieves might have continued their search for plundering by ascending to the second story, where the family slept, had not "Bob," the house dog in the back kitchen, who had been put in on account of the stormy night, given the alarm, when the thieves fled with their booty.

An Early Morning Arrest

Thomas Sheridan, a trucker over Third street bridge, came over into the city last night and got on a glorious drunk, and in consequence was arrested and locked up. He was ejected from the Grand Union Hotel about two o'clock this morning, after which he proceeded to the P. W. & B. Railroad station, where he became very noisy. Officer Thomas endeavored to get him to go home, but he persisted in remaining there, whereupon he was arrested and taken to the hall by officers Thomas and White. He was still drunk at 9 o'clock this morning and his trial was postponed until this evening.

State of the Thermometer

at the REPUBLICAN office in the shade.

7 o'clock	10 o'clock	12 o'clock
45°	49°	53°

Fenn & Co's thermometer registered 41 degrees at 7 a. m., 46 at 10 a. m., and 51 at 12 m.

The Weather.

Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, October 24.—10 a. m.

For the Middle Atlantic States, local rains, northerly winds, falling followed by rising barometer, stationary or a slight rise in temperature.

After the Gamblers.

A number of prominent citizens of St. Louis, of both parties, held a secret meeting on Monday night, and framed a Law and Order League on the plan of the Philadelphia Citizens' Committee of One hundred. An emergency fund of $5,000 was subscribed, and the annual assessment fixed at $25. The object of the League is "to secure good local government, fight corruption, and especially the gambling ring." The League owes its formation to the publication by the Post-Despatch of testimony taken before the late Grand Jury in regard to the corrupt connection of the gamblers and local politicians.

Grand Officer's Visit.

Last evening Reynold's Encampment No. 3, was visited by Grand Patriarch Ross and other officers of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, who exemplified the secret work and conferred the Golden Rule degree. The Grand Officers were escorted by Wilmington Degree Camp, who turned out in full uniform. The Grand Encampment of this State will convene on Tuesday evening, November the 20th, and the Grand Lodge on the following day.