

THE PIONEER HAS A LARGER CIRCULATION THAN ANY COUNTY PAPER IN THIS STATE.

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The examination of the classes at Union Academy, Shiloh, took place on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 11th and 12th.

After the examination, the people were entertained with some literary exercises, which consisted in declamations, compositions, discussions, dialogues, &c.

The Fall session, just closed, has been one of the most pleasant and prosperous the Institution has witnessed since its origin.

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S. E. McGear has procured the services of Mr. Webster of Philadelphia, and Mr. C. Lippincott of Salem, as clerks in his Establishment.

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There is a rumor that the law officers of the Crown have given an opinion declaring that the United States Government must surrender the two emissaries of the South; but this is not confirmed at the time of writing this article.

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It is our impression that in a week or two we shall hear of a more moderate state of feeling in Great Britain than that which existed at the time the last mails left.

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WHICH IS MOST INDEPENDENT.

When the leaders of the present mad rebellion determined on dissolving the confederation of the States, they calculated largely upon the complete prostration of the whole North.

Trade with the South is entirely stopped; it is true; but much of the capital employed in that commerce has already sought other channels of investment.

Every thing which the insurgents calculated on as an element of weakness has shown itself to be an element of strength.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Yes, Christmas, that grand old holiday of the Christianized world will soon be here. Reader, have you thought of the many anticipations of pleasure which are to be realized on that day?

Thousands of fair hands are busy plying the needle and fashioning souvenirs for loved ones; gifts whose value is only to be computed in the heart's affection.

It was the day before Christmas. At one side of a confectioner's window stood two finely dressed boys. They were talking about the coming holiday, and did not notice a little girl who was standing at the other side of the window and who appeared to be an attentive listener to their conversation.

Just then a sob broke upon their ears and they for the first time noticed the little girl, who had just turned away. She was about eight year old and her scanty habiliments poorly sufficed to shield her from the chill December blasts.

Her mother had, by working on army coats, earned barely sufficient to keep the family from starvation. That afternoon Mrs. Howard despatched a physician to call on the sick man, and her servant to carry a large basket full of provisions and delicacies, not omitting a pair of chickens for the Christmas dinner.

Reader, you too may be happier in the midst of your Christmas pleasures, by knowing that others are, even then, rejoicing through your generosity and benevolence.

FROM WESTERN VIRGINIA. UNION VICTORY. The Last Rebel Army Defeated. CINCINNATI, Dec. 14th.—A special despatch from Cheat Mountain to the Commercial says: "On yesterday one of the hardest and best fought battles of the war was fought at Allegheny Camp, Pocahontas County, Va., between Gen. R. H. Milroy, commanding the Union troops, and Gen. Johnson, of Georgia, commanding the rebels.

The Union loss is about 30, and the rebel loss over 200, including a major and many other officers and 30 prisoners. CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—A despatch from Philadelphia, Va., says: "Our force at the battle fought on Friday, at Allegheny Camp, in Pocahontas county, numbered eighteen hundred. They came in sight of the enemy, whose forces were drawn up in line of battle in front of their entrenchments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The exciting and sensational character of the foreign news, by the Europa causes little or no excitement here to-day. There is a general disposition among diplomatic and other circles, to await the accounts of the sober state of facts in Great Britain.

Camp Correspondence.

Ma. Editor.—Being cognizant of the fact that your paper has a large circulation in the lower part of our State, I have concluded to write you a short letter once every two weeks, to give you an account of the scenes and events which transpire here with our country and our country's flag.

We are a regiment about one thousand strong, and are at present encamped on Arlington Heights, near Fort Corcoran, where we have a delightful view of the surrounding country. The Capitol building with all its majestic splendor, rising high above all other objects, at once fills the heart of every one that beholds it with pleasure to think that he is gazing upon one of the greatest proofs of our superiority over all other nations.

At the date of the last despatch, 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the fire was still burning. The theatre on Broad street, the Institute, and other public buildings, are stated to have been destroyed. The fire swept across Broad street. Assistance was sent from Augusta.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Cassidy & Hall, NO. 12 SOUTH SECOND STREET, Five Doors below Market, West Side, Philadelphia, PA.

DE GRATE'S ELECTRIC OIL. THE NEW PRACTICE—Electric Cures—Pain is the precursor of death; relieve the pain and you check the disease.

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For the West Jersey Pioneer.

Messrs. Lee & Walker 722 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, lately favored us with a copy of "Concordia," a collection of vocal music, songs, duets, trios and chorusses, including a complete course of elementary exercises, by Chas. Grobe.

The news from England during the past week has caused considerable excitement throughout the country. The English Press, as was anticipated, boasts and blusters in its characteristic manner, and it will be fortunate if our influential American Journals do not retaliate in such a manner as to lead to something more serious, which would be disastrous to both countries at this time.

The West Jersey Railroad Co., with the view of still further accommodating the public, have commenced running freight trains three times a week each way—going up on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT CHARLESTON. One half the City Reported in Ruins. FORTSMAN MONROE, Dec. 13.—A telegraph despatch to the Norfolk Day Book, to-day, from Charleston, S. C., states that a fire broke out in that place on Wednesday night, which was supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

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Union Harvest Home.

The ladies of Trinity M. E. Church, Bridgeton, N. J., will hold a Union Harvest Home in Grosscup's Hall, on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and on Christmas Evening.

FOR SALE. A Desirable House and Lot, Situated in the heart of Shiloh, and formerly owned by Elias Ayer. Built in the summer of 1850, and contains about 2000 sq. ft. of ground.

WEST JERSEY RAILROAD CO. NOTICE. The West Jersey Railroad Co. are prepared to transport freight from the station near Fairview to all points on the line of their road, at the following rates:

NEW GROCERY STORE. PROVISION STORE. D. F. GARRISON & SON. HAVE OPENED A FIRST CLASS GROCERY STORE IN CARL'S BUILDING, next to the Bridge.

LEHIGH COAL. One STEAM ENGINE, of five horse power, and one MACK WAGON. Enquire of J. WHITTLE, At the BONE FACTORY, near the Rolling Mill, N. B. of the RAILROAD FOR BONDS.

STATIONERY. Picture Frames in great variety, or made to order at the lowest prices.

Christmas Goods. CANDIES, GANDY TOYS, MIXTURES, FINE CONFECTIONERY, All kinds.

Gift and Toy Books. FINE CAKES AT CITY PRICES. A fresh and extensive stock of goods for the holidays, at F. DAKES, Drug and Confectionery Store, Cor. Commerce and Cohansey Sts., Bridgeton.

Truth is Mighty. And what we cannot prevail—People will go now-day and they can get out the best, and where they have a good assortment of goods, they are not to be outdone by any other store.

MUSICAL CONVENTION.

TO CONCLUDE WITH A GRAND CONCERT! Let their be a grand turnout from all parts of the County. Show that you are interested in

A Good and Noble Cause. Let their be a GRAND DEMONSTRATION! A meeting of the people at Grosscup's Hall, on Monday, Dec 23, at 2 o'clock P. M., where you will find J. M. LANKING ready to show you the way to his

WATCH AND JEWELRY STORE. Which is next door, where you will find a large assortment of good and cheap goods such as CLOCKS, WATCHES, JEWELRY, VIOLINS, ACCORDEONS & FIFES

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FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING! NEW STORE! NEW GOODS. I AM prepared to exhibit my stock of ready-made Clothing and Furnishing Goods, which for seasons of style, variety, and excellence of fabric, and finishing of goods, has not been surpassed by any other store in this market.

