Welsh Society Anniversary.

On Saturday, at noon, the annual meeting of the Welsh Society was held for the election of officers. The attendance of members was unusually large. Horatio Gates Jones, Esq., was elected to the Presidency of the society, vacant by the lamented death of Joseph K. Thomas, Esq. The other appointments were:

Vice President, Ellis Lewis; Secretary, William F. Parry; Treasurer, William E. Morgan; Registrar, Miles N. Carpenter; Stewards, Thomas Evans, Aaron V. Gibbs, Maurice Bywater, Samuel Jenkins, William Griffith, Richard B. Wise, Charles J. Thomas; Physicians, James Bryan, M. D., John M. Pugh, M. D.; Counsellors, Jacob Broom, John F. Owens.

THE DINNER.

About six o'clock the anniversary dinner of the society took place at the Continental Hotel. The party, including invited guests, consisted of about sixty. Mr. H. G. Jones and the Hon. Ellis Lewis respectively officiated as chairman and vice-chairman. Celebrated as the Continental is for its cuisine and cellar, its resources, in these departments, have seldom been more successfully exhibited.

The toasts were given in the following order:

1 "Y Gwir yn erbyn y byd." (*Truth against the World.*) Acknowledged by Hon. Ellis Lewis.

Song, by Mr. Charles Oakford.

2. The memory of George Washington.

3. The three departments of Government—Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. The liberties of the country depend upon the preservation of these co-ordinate powers.

The Hon. Wm. Morris Davis, M. C. from the Fifth district of Pennsylvania, responded, and, after a happy introduction, in which he alluded to his Welsh descent, and noticed the fact that the toasts of the evening were given in the Cambrian form of Triads, proceeded thus:

The legislative department of our Government is entrusted with the care of the Republic of the common defence, and of the enactment of all laws needful for the general welfare. For the protection of each person in the enjoyment of life, liberty, and property, without preference or partiality, caring alike for the weak and the strong; for the wise and the simple; for the citizen and the stranger; for this is according to the Constitution, and the teachings of our patron St. Dewi ap Sandde, and of Padam and the wise Fielo, the "blessed visitors" who went about to "both rich and poor, not for money, food, or drink, but to teach the faith in Christ." And it is its duty so to order government that *all* who do right may be safe; that every home may be sacred; that each may enjoy the fruits of his toil, and grow to the full stature of humanity by the unimpeded development of all his faculties and all his capabilities; that the Commonwealth may be a Commonwealth of freemen, and not of slaves. If the Legislature fail in this high trust, ask whether it is not in some measure the fault of the people, of whom they are, and whom they represent. Let the legislator be first, faithful; then intelligent; first, honest; then learned; first, wise; then eloquent; always truthful; and first, last, and always vigilant in guarding against any encroachment on the freedom of the citizen, [applause,] remembering "that the price of Liberty is eternal vigilance." Let our people, and each man, elect such legislators, and then stand by them against all foes, internal and external, and the Republic will endure forever. Then our children will be blessed in seeing the starry banner beautify every landscape, and wave in every harbor, from the rising to Darien, from ocean to ocean, and they, with the world, will rejoice that America is one country, with one flag, and one destiny. [Applause.] But permit me to show the silver lining of the lurid cloud that envelops our land, as the sun looks out on the bright side of the cloud, and the shadow is always from its sight. We were a youthful nation, and, like a proud boy, were rash of speech, quick to quarrel, resenting a slight as a blow. Yet we were naked of defence—our citadels and harbors exposed—our forts and strong places without garrison, magazine, or armament, with arsenals empty, and our people untrained to arms—our sons dependence was thought, and our of manhood, and courage naturally a nation of freemen, and the glorious heritage of patriotic devotion transmitted from the fathers. [Much applause.] We played on the brink of destruction, and lived on the sufferance and tolerance of nations who never suspected our unpreparedness; but that is past, and the national safety which we have secured by our gigantic preparations, is cheaply purchased, even at the enormous expenditure, and the valuable lives we have sacrificed. We have learned rightly to value England's professions, and we may, from this out, guard against *such* love. The life in the camp and field, and on the waters, has developed the manlier virtues of our people, lately endangered by the lust of lucre, trade, and ease. Woman has been ennobled by offices and labors of kindness, charity, and mercy for the sick and wounded, and her angel ministrations have cheered the thousands of suffering heroes in the hundred camps of our country; and through the baptism of suffering, heroic effort, and common danger; through privation, self-sacrifice, and victory, our people have come nearer together, and, as Americans, we have learned, each, the nobler qualities of the other. The national life is more realized, and old theories have become as flax in the stern flame of war, and the idols of the past are being consumed in this purging fire. Our nation has proclaimed its majority, and from this time we take our place a *nation* among the nations of the world, accepting the duties and *all* the enlarged responsibilities of our new existence.

Mr. Davis sat down amid prolonged applause.

4. The Rights of the People, the Rights of the States, and the Rights of the Union—Let them be defended at every hazard against traitors of every description.

The Hon. Ellis Lewis spoke with eloquence and earnestness to this toast, and his auditors eagerly applauded his closing sentiment, that the Constitution must be supported at every hazard, even to the last man and the last dollar of the nation.

Song from Mr. Frazer—"Sally in our Alley."

5. The President of the United States, the Governor of Pennsylvania, and the conductors of the Public Press—valued representatives of the Powers of Government and the Power of Knowledge.

General Robert Patterson said he would speak only to a part of it, as he would be followed by an able conductor of the Public Press. He (General P.) believed the President to be as honest a man, as true a man, and as pure a patriot as ever lived, and Governor Curtin certainly had done wonders in his Administration. [The company, at the suggestion of the chairman, responded to this declaration by nine rounds of applause.]

Mr. Morton McMichael, of the *North American*, acknowledged the compliment to the Public Press, declaring his opinion, also, that the rebellion must be thoroughly crushed out. He did not understand the policy of *reconstructing* the Union; his firm belief was that it ought to be *restored*. [Applause.]

Song from Mr. George Wood—"The Star-Spangled Banner."

6. The memory of Joseph M. Thomas, Esq., our late respected president; as a man, a citizen, and an officer of this body, his name will long be remembered.

7. The three chief supports of a happy nation—agriculture, manufactures, and commerce.

The Hon. W. Morris Davis expressed himself impressed with the necessity of paying attention to agriculture, and forcibly showed that as in cultivation we borrowed from the soil, so we should pay back to it the excess of its produce.

Song by Mr. Charles Oakford—"The Fine Old English Gentleman."

8. The three defences of the nation—the army, the navy, and the marines.

In response to this toast, Colonel J. Richter Jones, brother to the chairman, made what has every right to be considered *the* speech of the evening. He disclaimed all pretensions to oratory, however, saying that a talking soldier was as bad as a fighting lawyer. [Laughter.] He commanded a thousand good men, and the vast army which had so suddenly sprung up was composed of thousands of such men—loyal, brave, and true. This army represented the American people. An attempt had been made to crush down the Union, and this army had arisen to prevent it. Better would it be if every man south of Mason and Dixon's line were sunk under the Gulf stream than that this Republic should perish, or should suffer. [Great enthusiasm.] The army meant to suppress the rebellion, and they would do it. England and France had attempted to dictate to us, had assailed us on the questions of tariffs and harbors; but the time was close at hand when, the country restored to peace, we would be able and prepared, and ready, if required, to settle our position. [Applause.] This war, he believed, would show the great strength of a Republic, which had carried it on without asking the loan of a dollar from the moneylenders of Europe.

Song by Mr. Quayle—"Some Twenty Years Ago."

9. The three learned professions—Law, Physic, and Divinity. The first a keeper of Rights of Property; the second our health, and the last aids us in laying up "treasure in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

Dr. Shelton Mackenzie, of *The Press*, spoke to this toast.

Song by Mr. Frazer—"The Cruisekeen Lawn."

10. The Benevolent Societies representing the Virtues of England, Ireland and Scotland.

Mr. Allen, President of the St. George's Society, briefly spoke to this toast, stating that though these societies represented nationalities, American citizenship was a primary essential for membership in each.

11. The Founders of the Welsh Society.

Song by Mr. George Wood—"The Maid of Llangollen."

12. The Cymry.

Mr. Samuel Jenkins, the oldest member of the society, acknowledged this toast, in the Welsh language, but concluded in the English, describing the arts and sciences, the religion and Government, the language and the civilization of Wales.

13. Woman—Lingering longest at the cross, and speeding foremost to the sepulchre; ever onward in the work of charity.

The party broke up, after a very pleasant evening, at half past 10 o'clock.

A Lucky Discovery.—On Saturday evening, between six and seven o'clock, the store of Mr. Thomas Nualty, at Third street, was entered by thieves after it was closed for the night. Mr. Nualty forgot his spectacles, which he had left in his office. He sent his son for them. The latter discovered a skeleton key in the store door. The premises were then examined, when it was discovered that two rolls of leather were tied up neatly in black bags—one on the hatchway, and the other at the foot of the stairs, ready to be carried off. There is no officer on the beat on Vine street above Fourth. In this case, Mr. Nualty's forgetfulness was a decided benefit to his interests.

Reading Matter for the Soldiers.—The Mercantile Library Company is now distributing to the soldiers at the different army hospitals, in this city, its surplus newspapers. The city papers and others, though from distant States, being from the neighborhood of the homes of some of the readers, have served to cheer them. It is thought that a more varied and extensive literature should be provided for the occupation of the tedious hours of the convalescents; and as almost all families have books or periodicals thrown aside as useless, they can certainly make no better use of them than by sending them to the rooms of the Mercantile Library Company, where they will be forwarded to the different hospitals.

Meeting in Behalf of Contrabands.—This evening a public meeting will be held at the National Hall, for the purpose of considering the wants of the 15,000 freed blacks in South Carolina and Virginia, who have recently been thrown upon the Government and the charities of the people. The object is to devise some means for their permanent employment, and will be participated in by parties of all political creeds. The chair will be occupied by the Right Rev. Bishop Potter, and the meeting will be addressed by the Rev. Dr. Tyng, of New York, Professor Lindsay, recently from Port Royal, and numerous others. The proceedings will, without doubt, prove as interesting as they are novel.

St. Paul's Catholic Church.—The work of rebuilding St. Paul's Catholic Church, Christian street, near Tenth, is rapidly progressing. The rafters for the roof will soon be placed upon the walls.

Emigration to Hayti.—Colored emigration to Hayti is progressing prosperously, and many families in this city are at present making arrangements to depart. The bark *American*, Capt. Christian, will carry out 50 passengers in a few weeks.

Run Over.—On Saturday afternoon John Huffy, while driving a coal train at Germantown road and Laurel street, fell off a car and was run over. His left arm was mashed. The sufferer was taken to the hospital.

The Edwin Forrest.—This popular steamboat commenced its regular trips last week. During the winter the boat has been completely renovated, and, we have no doubt, will be as much a favorite as in former seasons.

Slight Fire.—An alarm of fire about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon was caused by the partial burning of market sheds on Callowhill street, near Seventeenth. The fire was occasioned by mischievous boys playing with matches.

Resumed Operations.—The operations of a number of the Manayunk factories were resumed last week, the water having been let into the canal.

Supporting Paupers.—The weekly cost of supporting the inmates of the Philadelphia Alms house during 1860 was $1.24 each, and during 1861 the weekly cost was reduced to $1.14. The average population of the house, during the year, was 2,804.

THE CITY.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

Arch-street Theatre—Arch street, above Sixth.—"The Comedy of Errors"—"Serious Family."

Walnut-street Theatre—Ninth and Walnut sts.—Dan Rice's Circus.

Continental Theatre—Walnut street, above Eighth.—"Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Assembly Building—Tenth street, below Chestnut.—"Panorama of America and the Great Rebellion."

Fire on Saturday Evening.—About 5 o'clock on Saturday evening a fire broke out in the three-story building, No. 353 North Second street, below Callowhill. The fire originated around the stove, on the first floor, which was occupied by Alfred C. Attemus dealer in agricultural implements, farm and garden seeds, &c. The flames burned through into the basement, occupied by Peter Beck, a cooper, then made their way through an area into the back yard, and then caught to an outside staircase leading to the upper part of the building. The upper portion is occupied by a number of families, and the fire was discovered by a woman who was about to go down stairs. The alarm was promptly given, and the firemen being early upon the ground the flames were extinguished before they had spread to any great extent.

The principal damage done was by water. Mr. Attemus values his stock at $1,500. Upon this he has an insurance of $1,000 in the Commonwealth Insurance Company, of this city, and $1,000 in the Lorillard Insurance Company, of New York. Mr. Beck has no insurance upon his property. The building belongs to Gideon Cox, and is insured. Among the tenants in the upper portion of the building were a man and his step-daughter, who were severely burned from small-pox. They were rescued, but no person in the neighborhood would receive them, they were taken back to the damp rooms after the fire had been extinguished. The origin of the fire was somewhat mysterious, and will be fully investigated by Fire Marshal Blackburn.

Some of the adjoining buildings suffered by water. No. 351 is also owned by Gideon Cox, and is occupied by C. P. Waite, dealer in boots and shoes; on the first floor by Peter Gelzer, grocer; second-story front by C. B. Schneider, and the remainder by a German as a boarding house. Mr. Waite and Mr. Gelzer are insured in the Northern Assurance Company, of London.

The basements of two stores on the north, Nos. 355 and 357, were also flooded by water, and the occupants sustained some loss.

The Election of Police Magistrates.—The ordinance of 1855, reorganizing the Police Department of the city of Philadelphia, expressly provides that the police or committing magistrates of each of the sixteen districts shall be elected by Councils in joint convention, annually, in the month of June. The election, however, was held on the 20th of February, and as the ordinance has never been repealed, the Mayor has felt it his duty to instruct the several police magistrates that their functions as such will continue until the "due election of their successors;" meaning thereby that the present election must pass for nothing. This course will bring the authority of the City Councils and the Mayor in conflict. The City Solicitor is also of the opinion that no election will be valid, under existing ordinances, until June next.

It is probable that still another difficulty will arise with reference to the appointment of supervisors. These officers have heretofore been appointed in July, and held their offices for one year; and since the ordinance of July 18, 1861, extending the term of office of the heads of departments until the 1st of January, 1862, cannot be held to embrace supervisors, it is quite probable that Mayor Henry will decline to make any appointments until July.

Building Operations.—During the past month, the whole number of permits issued for the erection of buildings was sixteen; of which seven were for three-story dwellings, and five for two-story dwellings, one for a sugar house, one blacksmith and wheelwright shop, and one for a factory. The permits issued for alterations and additions numbered eight, making twenty-four permits in all. The sugar house is to be erected at Delaware avenue and Shippen street, and is to be fifty by one hundred feet, and five stories high. The prospect of a fair building season begins to improve as the time for commencing active out-door operations approaches. Contemplated improvements in various parts of the city are talked about, and preparations are being made in some localities to begin as soon as the weather will admit of it. A new row of dwellings is to be put on Seventeenth street, from Fitzwater to Catherine, forty dwellings are to be erected near Eighteenth and Spring Garden streets, and a row of twenty-two dwellings on Duke street, near Gunner's run.

A Wife the Niece of Her Husband.—On Saturday, in the Court of Common Pleas, Judge Thompson, a number of opinions were delivered, one of which decided a point of some interest. It was an appeal from the decree of the Register, granting letters of administration to the estate of her deceased husband, and the ground of the appeal was that the wife was the niece of her husband, and, therefore, within the prohibited degrees of consanguinity, and her marriage consequently null and void.

The Court held that while this would have been a fatal objection to the marriage while the parties were living, yet as no advantage was taken of it during the lifetime of the parties, the act of Assembly forbidding any inquiry into the validity of a marriage after the death of one of the parties was a conclusive bar to its being raised now, and the letters of administration were, therefore, properly granted.

A Petroleum Oil Transportation Company.—A number of Philadelphians have applied to the present Legislature for a charter for a Petroleum Oil Transportation Company. The company intend to lay pipe from the oil region to Pittsburg, or the Sunbury road, through which the oil will be passed.

Oil producers are of opinion that their business should be governed by some system, which will secure them proper returns for their investments and labor. They contend that it is no longer a speculative matter, the profits of which can be controlled by him who has the most petroleum, or the greatest facilities for procuring and shipping it, but the business has settled down to a commercial basis, where it must be governed by commercial measures. The extraordinary yield has thrown a perfect deluge of oil in the market, while the great competition has brought the price down so low that it will not pay the cost of barreling and transportation.

Naval Matters.—The work upon the new gunboat *Juniata* is nearly finished, and it will probably be launched this week. The *Powhatan* is fast approaching completion, and will in a few days be ready for "active" service. The new sloop *Monongahela* presents quite an altered appearance. Nearly all her ribs and staunchions are now in place, and the caulkers are actively engaged. It is not probable that any additional workmen will be engaged in the yard for a while at least, no employment being on hand for any more, although a vessel may arrive at any time requiring repairs. The total number of men at work in the yard is 1,625. The hammered iron frames will be used on the iron-plated steamer now being constructed at the shipyard in Kensington; also, on the new gunboats which will be shortly commenced by the Government.

Home-Guard Overcoats.—The sum of fifteen thousand dollars was paid for the new overcoats worn by the Home Guard, on parade, on Washington's Birthday. They were purchased at the rate of $7.75 each, from the Government, and were two thousand in number. The Committee on Select and Defence of the City concluded to buy the coats; first, because the Home Guards were not willing to make a parade without them, and secondly, that the Government was indebted to the company for services incurred in garrisoning Fort Mifflin and Delaware, and also in making a reconnoissance of the Schuylkill river and the Delaware bay. The committee were under the impression that the money expended by the city would not be paid for some time to come, and therefore it was thought advisable to purchase the overcoats and then bring the bill of the city as an offset whenever the Government demanded payment.

Determined to Have Public Lodgings.—A young woman named Mary Law, who hails from New York, made application on Friday afternoon at the office of the Guardians of the Poor for lodgings in this Almshouse. Mary's application was refused, whereupon she went into the street, and, taking up a paving stone, she hurled it through the window, making a wreck of both sash and glass, and greatly endangering the heads of the persons in the office. The termagant was taken into custody, and furnished with the desired lodgings in Moyamensing prison.

The Scott Legion.—At an adjourned meeting of this body, held on Saturday evening, the following gentlemen were elected officers of the association: Charles A. Jones, president; A. H. Tippin, vice president; T. Hawksworth, treasurer; John Motz, secretary; E. C. Finnim, corresponding secretary; Gabriel Dropsie, John Kritzer, A. H. Reynolds, trustees; G. Moore, John Motz, O. F. Betson, monument committee. The above meet with the approval of the entire Legion; members absent and present are entirely satisfied: the president made a few felicitous remarks, and the meeting adjourned at an early hour.

The Husbands Conspiracy Case.—Nothing has been done in the Court of Quarter Sessions in regard to the Husbands conspiracy case since the rendition of the verdict of guilty against Husbands, McManus, and Anthony. After the verdict was announced, the defendants' counsel made a motion for a new trial, and, according to the court rules, four days were allowed within which to file reasons in support of the motion. No reasons have yet been filed, although two weeks have elapsed. Mr. Husbands is still *non est*, and is likely to remain so.

Police Statistics.—During the past month the number of arrests made by the police of the several districts was 1,766. This does not include those made by the detective force. The prisoners were divided among the several districts as follows: First, 128; Second, 269; Third, 291; Fourth, 96; Fifth, 175; Sixth, 91; Seventh, 38; Eighth, 66; Ninth, 56; Tenth, 121; Eleventh, 72; Twelfth, 75; Thirteenth, 30; Fourteenth, 26; Fifteenth, 28; Sixteenth, 66; Reserve Corps, 108; Park, 7; and Harbor, 29.

The Recent Bank Failure.—It was the Merchants' Bank of Trenton that suspended payment last week, and was reported as having failed, and not the Mechanics' Bank, as stated. The latter institution is one of the most flourishing and sound banks in New Jersey.

The New Fish Market.—The Delaware-avenue Market Company is to take possession of the depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on Wednesday, and will at once commence the necessary alterations and repairs, which will be completed in time for the shad-fishing season.

Oration on St. Patrick's Day.—The Very Rev. Dr. Moriarty, a divine whose eloquence is unsurpassed by any living orator, will deliver an oration, at the Academy of Music, on Monday evening, the 17th inst (St. Patrick's day.) Subject—"Ireland."

Government Horses.—On Saturday, the bids for furnishing the Government with horses were opened at Washington. Among the successful bidders were the following Philadelphians: C. Mintzer, 200 at $113 each; D. W. G. Morris, 100 at $113.59 each; J. R. Cogshell, 200 at $114; Andrew Hague, 100 at $115 each.

New Row Office.—The apartments recently vacated by the clerk of the Quarter Sessions are now being fitted up for occupancy by the prothonotary of the District Court.

The Expenditures.—During the past week, the amount expended by the Committee of Councils on the Defence and Protection of the City was $728.75.

A Compliment.—Lieut. Charles W. Duke, of Company K, Colonel Lyle's Nineteenth Regiment, has been presented, by the members of his company, with a handsome full-dress uniform.

The Schuylkill Canal.—This important work will be opened at the usual time. During the winter considerable improvements have been made along the line. The tunnel at Orwigsburg landing has been cut through, and the canal widened at Reading sufficiently for two boats to pass under the bridge at once, a thing hitherto impossible.

Presentation.—The employees of the western division of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad have presented S. A. Black, late superintendent, with a splendid silver pitcher and two silver goblets. Their cost was $200.

Camp Curtin.—There are only a few regiments and Ullman's battery remaining at Camp Curtin, a number of them having started within the last few days for the seat of war.

The Firemen's Ball.—The receipts of the ball given by the Fire Department for the benefit of the Volunteer Refreshment Saloons is $435. This sum, which is very large, will be divided between the two saloons.

Coal Transportation.—Last week 30,238.19 tons of coal were transported on the Reading Railroad. The total amount transported this year is 239,567.16 tons, against 209,425.07 to the same time last year.

Mozart's Twelfth Mass.—This splendid musical production was performed yesterday morning at St. Augustine's Church under the direction of Mr. Thunder. The church was crowded to excess.

Water Statistics.—About 336 miles and 1,672 yards of water pipe is now laid in the city, of which 11 miles, 445 yards, and 1 foot was laid during the past year.

Donations to the Army Hospitals.—The Deputy Quartermaster General, corner of Twelfth and Girard streets, desires to acknowledge the receipt of donations, made to the army hospitals, by the following-named persons, viz.:

Six pairs of mitts and 1 pair of cuffs from G. C.; 6 pairs of socks and 4 pairs blankets from two ladies; Mrs. G. 2 pairs of mitts; Ellen Gizer, 1 pair of socks; Mrs. G. H. Crosman, 6 pairs of drawers and 9 shirts; Miss Trenor, 2 pairs of socks; Mrs. B. Kline, 5 pairs of socks; a lady, 4 pairs of socks; Mrs. Heston, of Hestonville, 100 yards of bandage, 1 roll of linen, 2 night-shirts, 1 undershirt, 4 towels, and 1 comfortable; C. J. F., 14 pairs of mitts; Mrs. J. Walburt, 7 pairs of socks and 5 pairs of cuffs; Mrs. Bender, 18 pairs of mitts; Sarah Daniels, 5 pairs of socks; E. B. Hurst, 1 roll of muslin, 4 pairs of socks, lox of lint; a lady, 8 pairs of socks; two ladies, 6 pairs of socks, 16 pairs of mitts; Mrs. Frailey and daughter, 27 pairs of mitts; a lady, 3 pairs of socks; Mis. Phillips, 3 pairs of socks; Mrs. Chalfant, 3 pairs of socks; Antoinette Jordan, 3 pairs of socks; a friend, 5 pairs of mitts; Miss E. Lover, Frankford, 5 pairs of slippers; Mary and Annie Fralley, 27 pairs of socks.

The Late Benzine Explosion.—Adam Herbott, the German who was so seriously injured by the explosion of benzine at Mr. Wright's varnish factory on Thursday last, is slowly recovering from his injuries, though perhaps not yet entirely out of danger.

The coroner's inquest in the case will be commenced to-day at his office, No. 112 South Fourth street. As large quantities of benzine are now used as a substitute for turpentine in the manufacture of various articles, it is important that all the information possible may be obtained in reference to its properties.

Again in Court.—The National Safety Fund case was again in the Court of Quarter Sessions, on Saturday, on writ of habeas corpus, before Judge Allison, for further investigation. There were no developments made which would be interesting to the general reader. One thing appears to be certain, that a very large number of industrious people deposited their earnings into the concern, and the great probability is they will never get a cent.

The Civil Courts.—On Saturday but little business of importance was transacted in the civil courts. Neither of the District Courts were in session, it being the last day of the December Term. To-day is the first day of the March Term, and the month will be devoted to the motions and argument lists.

The Supreme Court was also not in session.

The Bill to Abolish the Controllers of the Public Schools.—The Fourteenth School Section have passed a resolution approving of the bill now before the Legislature abolishing the present Board of Controllers. This section is an exception to the others, most of which have solemnly adjured the Legislature to perpetuate them in the maintenance of the present system.

Would be a Soldier.—On Saturday in the Court of Quarter Sessions, before Judge Allison, a writ of habeas corpus, involving the enlistment of Michael Boyle, was heard, the allegation being that at the time of enlistment, and for several weeks prior, Michael was under the influence of liquor, but it was not clear by the evidence that at the time of enlistment the man was so much intoxicated as not to know what he was doing. The court refused to order his discharge.

Anniversary of a Fire Company.—On Saturday the 60th anniversary of the Humane Fire Company was celebrated at their new house, Thirteenth and Oxford streets, in a sumptuous manner, speechifying, &c., being the order of the day. The house was gaily decked with flags, &c., and was also illuminated in the evening. This company, since its removal to its new house, has added many useful members to its roll, and will compare with some of our best companies.

The Griffin Gun.—On Friday and Saturday last sixty-six of the above description of field-pieces, of three-inch bore, were proved at the Phœnixville Iron Works, by Major Lodley, of the Ordnance Department. All the guns stood the test well. These guns have been pronounced by the Ordnance Department superior to any others now in use.

Trimming Trees.—The present month is the proper one in which to attend to this work, before the sap begins to ascend from the roots to the trunk and limbs. March and April are suitable months for planting young trees, but the latter month is rather too late for trimming.

Republican Editorial State Convention.—A call is published in the Harrisburg papers for a Convention of Republican editors of this State to meet in that city on Wednesday, March 12, in order to secure more perfect understanding in regard to the best course to sustain the national cause, and to prevent a division of strength on minor issues.

Bishop Stevens.—The Right Reverend W. B. Stevens, D. D., assistant bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania, was to officiate in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Harrisburg last evening. The rite of confirmation was also to be administered at the close of the service.

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

THOMAS KIMBER, Jr.,
ISRAEL MORRIS,
JOSEPH C. GRUBB,
} Committee of the Month.

LETTER BAGS

At the Merchants' Exchange, Philadelphia.

Ship John Leslie, Given.....Liverpool, soon
Ship Arnold Boninger, Hashagen.....London, soon
Ship Tranquebar, Goodwin.....London, soon
Ship Moro Castle, Ross.....London, soon
Schr Fannie, Vance.....Havana, soon

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, March 3, 1862.

SUN RISES.....6 31—SUN SETS.....5 53
HIGH WATER.....4 6

ARRIVED.

Schr J C Henry, Love, 3 days from New York, in ballast to captain.

CLEARED.

Brig Sterna, (Norw) Gyeruldsen, Cork, for orders, Workman & Co.

Brig Daniel Malony, Steelman, Fortress Monroe, Bishop, Simons & Co.

Str Salvor, Weir, Fortress Monroe, W P Clyde.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.)

LEWES, Del, March 1.

The bark White Wing, from Philadelphia for Laguayra, went to sea at nine o'clock this morning, and at the same time the brig Ella Reed, from Cardenas for Philadelphia, came in, and is now at anchor inside the Breakwater. Wind NW.

Yours &c. JOHN P. MARSHAL

MEMORANDA.

Ship Holyhead, Taylor, for Philadelphia, entered for loading at Liverpool 10th ult.

Ship Hemisphere, Taylor, entered out at London 11th ult. for New York—changed from Philadelphia.

Ship Nora Stevens, Drinkwater, from Rangoon and Queenstown for London, put into Falmouth 8th ult. with loss of bowsprit, an anchor, and 15 fathoms of chain, and other damage, having been in collision same morning, off Foweys, with the French ship Rabelais, from Bourbon for Havre, which received damage to hull, rigging, &c. Five of the crew of the latter got on board the Isaac Jeanes.

Ship Brazil, Blair, sailed from Liverpool 7th ult. for St John, NB.

Ship Emily Augusta, Strickland, c'eared at New York 28th ult. for Liverpool.

Bark Mindi, Smith, cleared at New York 28th ult. for for Philadelphia.

Brig Dunkirk, Johnson, from Messina, at Malaga Jan 21st, and sailed 25th for Philadelphia.

Schr Sidney Price, Godfrey, sailed from Cadiz 5th ult. for Buenos Ayres.

Schr Wm L Burroughs, Bickford, sailed from Liverpool 11th ult. for Havana.

Schr Jos Crandall, Gage, sailed from Cadiz 28th Jan for New York.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA.

List of Foreign and Coastwise Arrivals at the Port of Philadelphia for the month of February, 1862:

FOREIGN.

Ships	3	Schooners	16
Barks	6	Ketch	1
Brigs	12		
Total			38

COASTWISE.

Ships	11	Sloops	272
Barks	3	Steamers	48
Brigs	7	Barges	37
Schooners	348	Boats	262
Total			989

MARINE DISASTERS FOR FEBRUARY.

There were 35 American sea-going craft reported during last month as total losses. They comprise 4 steamers, 5 ships, 7 barks, 4 brigs, 14 schooners, and 1 sloop. Of these 21 were wrecked, 8 abandoned, 1 burnt, 2 foundered, and 3 are missing.

The total value of the above American vessels, exclusive of cargoes, is estimated at $580,000.

There were several vessels stranded during the late gale and seriously damaged, but not yet considered as lost, and therefore not included in the above.

MEDICINAL.

GLUTEN CAPSULES OF PURE COD-LIVER OIL.

The repugnance of most patients to COD-LIVER OIL, and the inability of many to take it at all, has induced various forms of disguise for its administration that are familiar to the Medical Profession. Some of them answer in special cases, but more often they neutralize the usual effect of the Oil, proving quite as unpalatable and of less therapeutic value. The repugnance, nausea, &c., to invalids, induced by disgust of the Oil, is entirely obviated by the use of our GLUTEN CAPSULES. COD-LIVER OIL CAPSULES have been much used lately in Europe, the experience there of the good results from their use in both hospital and private practice, aside from the naturally suggested advantages, are sufficient to warrant our claiming the virtues we do for them, feeling assured their use will result in benefit and deserved favor. Prepared by

WYETH & BROTHER,
d&w-tf 1412 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia.

BROWN'S ESSENCE JAMAICA GINGER, Manufactured only at FREDERICK BROWN'S DRUG AND CHEMICAL STORE, Northeast corner of FIFTH and CHESTNUT Streets, PHILADELPHIA.

Attention is called to this valuable remedy which should be in every family, and for the Army and Navy it is indispensable, curing affections of the stomach and bowels, and is a certain preventive from the effects of bad water.

CAUTION.—To prevent this valuable Essence from being counterfeited, a new Steel Engraving, executed at great cost, will be found on the outside of the wrapper, in order to guard the purchaser against being imposed upon by worthless imitations. And sold by all respectable Druggists in the United States. fe5-wfrm-6m

CONSUMPTION. WINCHESTER'S genuine preparation of DR. J. F. CHURCHILL'S HYPOPHOSPHITES OF LIME AND SODA, A Specific Remedy for the treatment of CONSUMPTION.

The great success which has attended the use of the Hypophosphites is creating a very general inquiry, not only among the medical profession, but also among the thousands who are suffering from Pulmonary Disease.

In all Nervous or Scrofulous Complaints, Debility, Loss of Vital Power, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, and Female Weaknesses, it is a sovereign and invaluable remedy.

Price $1, or six bottles for $5, with full directions. Circulars may be obtained by all inquirers. Sold wholesale and retail, by

S. C. UPHAM,
403 CHESTNUT Street,
Sole agent for Philadelphia. Trade supplied.
no27-wfm3m

SPERMATORRHEA.—ONE TO SIX Boxes of "WINCHESTER'S SPECIFIC PILL" will permanently cure any case of Seminal Weakness, or its resulting impotency, however aggravated, and whether recently developed or of long standing.

READ THE TESTIMONY.

"We believe it to be *as near a specific as any medicine can be.* We have cured *many severe cases* with from SIX TO TEN DOSES.

"B. KEITH, M. D."
Amer. Jour. of Med. Science.

Price $1 per box; six boxes for $5. Sent by mail. Sold only by S. C. UPHAM, 403 CHESTNUT Street, sole agent for Philadelphia. Trade supplied.
no27-wfm3m

BAKER & CO.'S PURE MEDICINAL TRANSPARENT COD LIVER OIL.—Prepared for our sales by our own agent at the fisheries. Its purity and excellence have won for it the confidence and patronage of the Medical Faculty throughout the country, who recommend it as superior to any other now manufactured. Its delicacy and sweetness enable the weakest invalid to retain it.

Its efficiency depending on its purity, and the ability of the patient to use it for a long time, results must be obtained from the use of our Oil which cannot be expected from others.

Manufactured only by

JOHN C. BAKER & CO.,
No. 154 North THIRD Street, Philadelphia.
And may be had of all Druggists. mh1-2t

FOR SALE AND TO LET.

TO DISTILLERS.

The Distillery known as the

"PHŒNIX,"

and formerly owned and occupied by SAML. SMYTH, Esq., situated on TWENTY-THIRD, between RACE and VINE Streets, Philadelphia, Capacity 600 bushels per day, is now offered for sale on reasonable and accommodating terms. Is in good running order, and has all the modern improvements. An Artesian well on the premises furnishes an unfailing supply of good, pure water.

Address Z. LOCKE & CO., No. 1010 MARKET Street, Philadelphia. fe22-dtf

FOR SALE, OR WILL BE EXCHANGED for good city property, a small VILLAGE, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, at the head of Sassafras river, comprising a Grist Mill, with French Burr Stones; Saw Mill, Spoke Factory, Store House and Post Office, Blacksmith Shop, and some seven or eight small Dwellings, and about thirty acres of Ground. The mills are in first-rate order, having recently been repaired, and new foreboys and Turbine water wheels introduced. The water-power is ample and sufficient, the whole year round. The surrounding country is good. Twelve miles from railroad; five from steamboat landing. Now rented for $1,500 per year, with good security. Price $15,000. Apply to J. H. WATERS,
fe25-tf 110 South FOURTH Street.

FOR SALE Stock and Fixtures of a first-class Grocery and Provision Store, established for six years, and doing a good business. Satisfactory reasons given for selling. Inquire at No. 552 N. SEVENTEENTH St., corner BRANDYWINE St. fe25-6t*

TO RENT A Desirable HOUSE, near BROAD and WALNUT. All modern conveniences. Reserving Office. Furniture for sale, if desired. Apply to E. PETTIT,
ja21-tf 1423 WALNUT Street.

HOTEL PROPERTY FOR SALE by the subscriber, at WOODBURY, New Jersey, now doing a good business. Possession given at any time. JOHN F. PHIPPS.
ja30-1m*

FOR SALE—A Desirable FARM, containing 95 acres of superior land, near Sandy Run Station, North Pennsylvania Railroad, with first-class Stone buildings. Principal part of the purchase-money can remain at 5 per cent. Apply to E. PETTIT,
ja1 No. 309 WALNUT Street.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—Valuable Farm, 133 acres, near Williamstown, Camden co., New Jersey, with good improvements, only twenty-eight miles from the City. Also, several Farms to exchange. Price only $26,000. Terms easy. Apply to E. PETTIT, No. 309 WALNUT Street. f68

30,000 PEACH TREES—ONE year's growth from the bud, choice fruit, and very fine trees—will be sold cheap. Apply to
fel-tf J. H. WATERS, 110 S. FOURTH St.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—Two fine Fruit Farms near Dover, Delaware, convenient to Railroad Station, with good improvements. Terms easy. Possession this spring. Apply to E. PETTIT, No. 309 WALNUT Street. f8

FOR SALE AND EXCHANGE.—A large number of Farms in the adjoining Counties, States of Delaware, New York, and New Jersey, averaging from 10 to 200 acres of land. Those wishing to exchange or purchase would do well to call and examine my Register of Farms. Apply to
ja1-tf E. PETTIT, No. 309 WALNUT Street.

FARM FOR SALE.—A FARM, in excellent state of cultivation, containing fifty-one acres, (nine of which are woodland,) pleasantly situated in Limerick township, Montgomery county, two and a half miles from the Limerick station, on the Reading Railroad, is offered for sale. Price—Five thousand dollars ($5,000). Apply on the premises.
no16-tf SAMUEL H. GRAFF.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

CHARLES S. CARSTAIRS, NO. 126 WALNUT STREET, (Late of the firm of J AURETCHE & CARSTAIRS,) OFFERS FOR SALE:

COGNAC BRANDIES, of the brands of Olanyere, Pinet, Castillion, Otard, Dupuy, &c.
ROCHELLE BRANDIES—Pellevoisin and A. Seignette.
BORDE