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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1866.

The High School Alumni-Needed Reform in our Common School System.

J AST evening, at the annual meeting of the Alumni of the Central High School, a committee, appointed to defend the Institution from any attacks, submitted a report and series of resolutions, which, if carried out, will do much towards remedying the evils into which the whole common school system of our city has fallen. One of the resolutions declared "That unless some reform is speedily made in

the class of persons selected to be the judges of our educational system, the question will arise whether the whole elective plan, as far as a choice of school controllars is concerned, is not a radical cvit, and coorts be deemed a cossary to secure the appointment of officers by the

The loud applause with which this resolution was received, and the nearly unanimous vote by which it was adopted, testified to the earnest determination of the meeting to see that some cure be sought and found for the disgrace which is now settling upon our schools. The High School as at present conducted, is not guided by those whose ability and position fit them to be "judges of an educational system." The Faculty of the institution is bound hand and foot by a committee of the Board of Control, and it was said and is commonly reported that the chairman of that committee is opposed to the very existence of the institution which he was selected to govern. The decided anomaly is presented of a standing committee to rule a school being presided over by a gentleman opposed to the objects for which the committee was created. We do not desire to do any one injustice, and if we are misinformed we shall be happy to correct any unintentional misrepresentations; but if we are correct, then it is a duty which the chairman owes to himself, the institution, and our city, to resign a post for which, though a biassed judgment, he is incompetent.

The recent remarkable vote in the Common Council has aroused the friends of the school to the danger with which it is threatened; and having been once aroused, they are not likely to sit supluely down and watch the destruction of their Alma Mater. We agree with the committee of the Alumni, that "there are many faults that need correction, many evils for which there should be a remedy; yet we hold that evils can be reformed by proper action of the Board of Control, and without the abolition of the institution. Reformation is needed in the system, and reformation will not injure the Board itself. It is rather through the neglect of the gentlemen whose duty it was to direct the plan of education in the right channel, than because of any radical defect in the school itself. The question is now allsing whether it were 1 of indeed better that there be some amendment in the law, so as to make the Controllers, like the Board of Health and Guardians of the Poor, the appointments of the Julges of our County Courts. There are many reasons to be adduced in favor of such a change, and many in opposition. It would certainly have the effect of elevating the status of the Controllers. As the law at present reads, the office is given away as the petty present due to any scheming yet ignorant politician. Within a few days we were told by a gentleman who often officiates as delegate to the ward conventions, that "the end of the ticket being School Directors, was usually filied up with bar-tenders, as a bid for their influence." tuch an acknowledgment is a disgrace to our city. Why could we not have it arranged similarly to that of our sister sister of Boston, where it is an honor, a compliment to be appreciated, for any citizen to be chosen to the post? It is equivalent to the public assertion that the gentleman was peculiarly fitted, by learning and probity, for so important a duty as guiding the course of youthful study. On the contrary, in our own city there are few able men who will condescend to go first into the ward conventions, the precinct meetings, then into the directors, and after being contaminated with the contest, come into the Board of Control, to be worse contaminated than before. What we need is a total separation of the educational and the political interests of cur city. They have nothing to do with each other in character; they are dia netrically opposed in fact; then why should they be governed by the same men, and the same hand sign a diploma as issues an alderman's writ, or drafts the resolutions for the adoption of a political convention? The Committee have well expressed the needed change when they say, "We implore our tellow-citizens to join with us in removing the educational interests of our city from all political influence, which can only degrade and injure the cause of knowledge and advancement." There is no necessity for advocating the High School. It has sent forth five thousand graduates within its short life. They are holding almost every position in the community. They are, despite the assertions to the contrary, good, trustworthy, and, in many cases, distinguished citizens. We could point to a score who are moulding the financial, political, religious, and scientific world. who hold her diplomas. The institution is a benefit, an incalculable benefit to our city. Without it the whole system would have sunk

to the level from which the High School raised it. Each grammar school would be an independent and separate institution. They would have no common level. They would have no generous emulation, and the depression of the whole system would be the inevitable result. We are, therefore, most strenuously opposed to its discontinuance. It is at present better managed, so far as the Principal is concerned, than it has been within the past ten years; and were it not for the continual tampering of the Committee of the Controllers, its standard would be elevated still higher.

Many of our readers do not know how the wheels within wheels of the Board are working, and we have not space to tell them here. At some future time, when the interests of the scoool demand, we will make a full expose of how the "guides of our educational system" hold an inquisition, a Scar Chamber council, and how all these actions tend to raise the standard of popular learning. As it at present stands we must congratulate the community that a committee of thirteen, many of them our first citizens, were appointed at the Alumni meeting, who will watch with lynx eyes any effort to destroy the school, and reveal what lies behind the veil, of the motives which govern the Controllers and also certain of the professors of the institution.

AMERICAN STEAMSHIPS AND AMERICAN STEAMSHIP LINES .- The Commercial Adcertiser well says :--

"It appears strange that, while the tonnage of the United States has increased to its present large proportions, of all the fine steamers that voyage between this country and Europe but d Fullon, of the New York and Havre Line, although years back there were three American lines established at this port, ranning respontively to Liverpool, Havre, and Bromen. The Liverpool (or 'Collins Line') was composed of the steamers Atantic, Pacific, Arolic, Ballic, and Adviatic. The Havre Line had the Franktin, the Liveboldt, and the Eremen, the Washington, nd the Hermann. If foreigners can run suc ceverally hnes of first-class steamers, why not we? The idea that it cannot be done without Governmental aid is rearcely feasible,"

The facts here set forth merit the attention of our political economists. Why should American companies purchase all their vessels trom toreign builders? Are we so under the influence of European capital that we hold the vessels of each nation are of equal worth and safety, and a discrimination, if any, in favor of the speed of our own built; that we must purchase from foreigners what are lying idle on our own docks?

But, as Philadelphians, we have a peculiar disgrace. We find that of all of the lines in operation, not one from our port can be found m the list. The tollowing are the European lines at present in operation :-FORELON LINES.

New York and Liverpool. British and N. American R. M. Steam hip Co. (Cunard'). New York and Liver ool. . Inman Line, I c v York and Laverpool ... Nat onal Steam Naviga-

New York and Glasgow. Anchor Line. New York and Hamburg. , Hamburg American Pac-New York and Bremen...N. Ger'a Lloyd's S S. Co. New York and Havre, General Trans-Atlantic Co New York and Lo. con Howland & Aspinwall, Agoats.

Agoats. Eoston and Liverpool..... Canarders Besten and Liverpool...... Warren & Co.'s Line. Portland and Liverpool... Canada Steamsing Co. N. Oricens and Liverpool... Br.t.sh and Americ Steam Navigation Co Balt more and Liverpool .. How long shall it be a disgrace to our city that we cannot support one line, while New York and Baltimore support half-a-dozen?

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE. | FINANCE AND COMMERCE |

SUPREME COCKT OF PENNSYLVANIA-Chief Jus-tice Woodward and Justices Thompson, Read, and Agnew.-John B. Houser and Daniel Buser vs. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Writ of error to the Court of Oyer and Terminer of Cambria county. In this case the writ of error was allowed by Justice Thompson on the 15th of Was allowed by Justice Indimpediation on the hard January, and then specially ordered to be heard before the Court at Philadelphia to day. The detendants in the Court below were indicted for the mursier of Polly Paul and Catharine Munday. and were convicted and sentenced. The case was then removed to this Court on

the writ of error allowed by Justice Thompson The assignments of error are principally to the admis-ion of one of the jurors to testify to the delivery of a prisoner to the Warden of the Western Penitentiary, to the admission of an-other luror to prove the number of nours the passenger train requires to run from Pittsburg to Wilmore, and to the admission of a witness who had been twice tried, convicted, and sentenced to the Penttentiary for burglary; a par-don for the last offense being the only parion produced by the Commonwealth. A. Kopelia, John P. Linton, and W. H. Ros-, Esqs., appear for plaintifis in error; and George M. Ras'le, R. L. Johnston, and J. F. Barnes, Esqs., for the Common scatth.

SUPREME COURT AT NISI PRIUS-JUSTICE Strong.-Ashmead vs. the Protestant Episcopa Look Society. An action to recover for tracts printed, as is alleged, for defendants for circulation in the army by the Christian Commission. Before reported. On trial.

DISTRICT COURT No. 1-Judge Hare,-Campbell & Pharo vs. Schick. A feigned issue to test the validity of a bond. Before reported. The case is still on trial.

DISTRICT COURT No. 2-President Judge Shars wood.-Frederick Scara shoen vs. the Security Iusurance Co. of New York. An action on a polley of insurance for \$1500 on a lot of hay stored on the whart, below Vine street, which was de-stroyed by fire on the 3d of August. The hay was insured at the rate of \$30 per ton. The de-fense set up was that the hay had been rejected by the Government as unfit, and was not in reality worth more than \$16 per ton. On trial, John Edwards, Esq., for plaintiff. Theodore Cuyler, E-q., for defendant.

Macauley vs. the Germantown Passenger Railway Company. An action to recover damages for injuries to a horse of plaintiff, occasioned by the alleged negligence of defendants' servants, Before reported. Verdict for defendants.

COUBT OF QUARTER SESSIONS-Judge Ludlow.-The morning was mainly consumed with the peeches of counsel in the case begun ve-terday. in which John McLaughlin and William Kelly were charged with two burglaries, committed at the hote kept by Mr. Samuel D. Savres, at Point Breeze, on the nights of the 10th and 13th or January. McLaughlin bleaded guilty to both indicin ents, and Kelly rot guilty.

After trial yes erday he was acquitted upon the first indictment. On the second indictment McLaughlin was used as a witness against him, and test fied that Kelly, who lives in Pine alley, suggested the burglaries, was a participant in their commission, and took the hon's share of the plunder. Mr. Sagers testified that on the him \$311. Of this amount McLaughly said he got only \$40.

The defence urged on behalf of Kelly that the story of McLaughlin was a fabrication from be-ginning to end, and that his evidence being uncorroborated, and being that of an accomplice, was unworthy of belief, therefore the jury would

be unsafe in convicting upon it. Jury out. Henry Trusty, Samuel Bars, and Samuel H. Lane, all colored, were charged with burglary, committed at the house of Mrs. Margaret H, Stevens, Ritenbouse street, Germantown, on the meht of the 22d of January, and stealing there rom an overcoat and other clothing, the property of Mr. E. H. Hollingshead. Reserve Officer Kendig ariested the defendants in Marks lane, when two of them made a clean breast of the affair, and said they had broken into the house, cut through an inside door, and com-

matted the robbery. Lane, the youngest of the three, said that he stood outside, and watched. The jury convicted Trusty and Bass, who were before convicted this week, upon another charge, and were then sen-tenced to a term of imprisonment, were sentenced to a further imprisonment of seven years and two days. Lane being young, but seventeen years old, was sentenced to four years imprison-

OFFICE OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH, Thursday, February 15, 1866.

There is no material change to notice in the Money Market. Loans on call are freely offered at 6 % cent. Prime commercial paper is scarce, and ranges from 7@9 2 cent. per annum. Stocks were very dull this morning, there being very little disposition to operate. Government bonds are firmly held at full prices. 6s of 1881 sold at 1035@104; 5-20s at 1021@103; and 7.30s at 992@992, a slight advance. City loans are withopt change, the new issue sold at 911. Railroad shares are unsettled. Catawissa

preferred sold at 371@371, a decline of 1: common do, at 25], no change; and Reading at 50],a slight advance. 117 was bld for Camden and Amboy; 554 for Pennsylvania; 311 for Little Schuylkill; 53% for Norristown; 544 for Minehill: 36 for North Pennsylvania: 60 for Lehigh Valley; 29 for Philadelphia and Eric; and 26 for Elmira common.

City Passenger Railroad shares continue dull. Thirteenth and Fitteenth sold at 301, a decline of 2: 73 was bid for Second and Third: 341 for Hestonville; 13 for Ridge avenue; and 21 for Union.

Bank shares are firmly held, but we hear of of no sales. 206 was bid for North America; 141 for Philadelphia; 52 for Commercial; 92 for Northern Liberties; 254 for Mechanics'; 52 for Girard; 31 for Manufacturers' and Mechanics'; 62 for City; 61 for Corn Exchange; and 55 for Union

In Canal shares there is nothing doing. 23 was bid for Schuglkill Navigation common; 2) for preferred do.; 524 for Lehigh Navigation; 114 for Morris preferred; 12 for Susquehanna Canal; 32 for Delaware Division; and 571 for Wyoming Valley Ganal.

Oil shares are neglected. Ocean sold at 158@151.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES TO-DAY Reported by De Haven & bro., No. 40 S. Third street FIRST BOARD.

FIRST B \$2000 U S '81s.....103g \$10.00 do....103 \$7000 U S 5-20s 62...103 \$5'0 do....103 \$5'0 do....103 \$550 do....103 \$2500 City 9s, old....87j \$2600 do....108 \$1j \$2600 do....108 \$1j 700 sh. Green Mtn. 4 1-16 400 sh do..... 4 1-16 100 sh Catawissa 25 100 sh N Central.... 43 100 sh Ocean. 15) 300 sh do...... 15 100 sh do...... 150 15; 100 sh do...... 150 15; SALES AT PUBLIC STOCK BOARD TO-DAY. Reported by S. C. Johnson, No. 828 Wainut Street.

HARPER, DURNEY & CO. quote as follows :-

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PHILAD'A GOLD EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS. 10 A M
-The New York Tribune this morning sa s: -"Money is quoted 6@7 per cent. on call. In commercial paper no change. Best names pass at 7@74, good at 8@9, and fair can be had in large amounts at 10% 15 per cent

"The proposition of the Controller of the Currency to add \$100,000,000 of capital to the Na tional Bank scheme is much app'auded by all speculators for a rise lu commodities and stocks, but finds little favor elsewhere. What the country wants is less currency, and all attempts to increase it directly or indirectly by Congress should be disconraged. The present law could be amended to advantage by obliging every bank to deposit with the Government ten per cent. of legal-tender upon its circulation, and to keep lifteen per cent. more ot legal money in their

own custody. "The State Bank currency is being destroyed at Albany quite rapidly, and at an early day national bank-noise and greenbacks will be the

SPECIAL NOTICES. Y 64. SKATING. GRAND SKATING MATINEE. AT THE

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NOTICE.

The attention of the Stockholders of the AMERICAN EXPLORING COMPANY Is called to a meeting to be held

This Evening, at 71 O'Clock, BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS, No. 535 CHEENUT ST. Punctual attendance is requested as business of im rtance will be laid before them.

By order of the President. GEORGE V. KIMBALL, Secretary.

CONCERT HALL .- WILLIAM LLOYD DET. GARRISON will deliver the Second Leature of the Course before "The Social. Civil and Statistical Association." on THURSDAY EVENING, February 16th. Subject, 'Liberty Victorious." February 22.-General CARL SCHURZ. Subject, "The Pioblem of the Day." A arch 1.-Mrs. F. E. W. HARPER. Subject, "The Nation's Great Opportunity."

a arch I.-Mirs. F. E. W. March D.Y. Nation's Great Opportunity." March 8.-Frofessor WILLIAM D. KELL'Y. March 15.-Hon WILLIAM D. KELL'Y. Miss E. T. GREENFI LD (the Black Swan) has kindig volunteered to furnish appropriate music on each vening Tickets for the Course, 81-25; Single Tickets, 35 cents; 5 b and at 1. B. Pugh's book store. Sixth and liesaut, nd at the door Doors op n at 7. Lecture commences at 8. 2 13 3.*

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC ON FRIDAY LYENING the 16th instant, Professor BENRY MORFON will de iver his thirl Lecture on Light, entitled "Refraction, or Prisms and Lenses." Tickets, 50 cents to all parts of the house. For sale at the FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, No. 15 S. SEVENTH Street. Sears secured without extra charge. 210 5t*

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER AT CONCERT HALL.—This distinguished divine and popular lecturer will de iver a lecture at the above half, on WEDNI SDAY EVENING, February 21. Places for the sale of tickets will be announced in a few days. 212

HALL The Annual Flection for Directors will be held on MONDAY the 5th day of March. 1866, at the Office of the Company, No. 238 S. THIRD Street. FDMUND SMITH.

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OF1 ICE OF THE UPPER ISLAND OIL COMPANY. PHILADELPHA, January 3, 1866. A 'pectal Meeting of the Stockholders of the Upper Island Oil Company will be held at the Office of the Concany No 425 CHE-NUT Street Philadelphin, Pa. on 'UESDAY, the 20th Gay of February next, 1865 at 12 o'clock moon, to ac upon a proposition to reduce the Capital Stock of the Company to Fifty Thousand Do.lars. WILLIAM OFTITY.

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GROVER'S GRAND GERMAN OPERA

GROVER'S GRAND GERMAN OPERA COMPANY will commence a brief season at the ALMRI'AN ACAOLMY OF MUSI WONDAY, February 25, 1866, with several important additions to the Company. Chorus, Orchesira, and Reperior Full anneunceme ts will appear in the journa's of Saturday evening Bunday, and Monday moraing. The Season Sa e will commence 2 15 1 MONDAY MORVING NEXT.

POST OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA. PA.

February 15, 1866. The Mail for "AVANNAH Georgia pers camer CU M-BRIA, will be closed at this effice on SATURDAY MORNING 17th instant, at 16 o'c ock. 2152t U. A. WALBORN Postmaster.

POST OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA. The Mail for HAVANA, per steamer HESDRICK HUDSON, will be closed at this office on FRIDAY EVENING, 16th Instant, at 11 o'clock 2 15 2t C. A. WALBORN, Postmaster.

DINING-ROOM. -F. LAKEMEYER

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INCOME FOR THE YEAR 1865. \$544,492'92.

Losses Paid During the Year Amounting to

\$87,636'31.

OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAIL-ROAD COMPANY PRILADELPHIA JANUARY 30, 1866 NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Com-pany will be beid on TUESDAY, the 29th day of Febra erv. 1866 at lo o'clock A M. at the SANSOM STREET HALL The Annual Meeting of the Sansom STREET amount to Directors ALFRED MARTIEN.

IN CONGRESS, yesterday, Mr. O'NEIL, of our city, desired a reform to be secured in regard to the building which the Appraiser of the goods which come to our port could use as a warehouse, and suggested the propriety of employing the old Pennsylvania Bank as the centre of the official appraisements of Philadelphia commodities. As it at present stands, this particular department of the United states authority appears to us to be without local habitation, although it has a name. We can see no good reason why the suggestion of Mr. O'NEIL should not meet the approval of the Committee. Retrenchment and reform are now the order of the day, and why the Government should go to the expense of either crecting a new building, or renting, at an exorbitant cost, another one, when one already within their control is lying idle, is to us inconceivable. The position of Appraiser is one of great interest to our Government, as well as to our whole mercantile community; and it is only proper that some commodious and central spot be selected, where it would be convenient for our citizens to attend, and at which we would not have to blush as we pointed out to the foreigner the building occupied by an influential officer of our nation .__

PRICES COMING DOWN.-The decline in prices indicated by the market reports last week way a good thing for the people. The fall in cotton during the week was about five cents a pound, equal to two millions of dollars on the stock held in New York. Why should not paper, into which cotton enters largely, fall as fast? Corn declined five cents a bushel, amounting to two indred thousand collars on the supply held by the dealers. Wheat sell three to five cents a bushel. The enormous rise in rents cannot be maintained in the mid c of this general subsdence of values and these losses of dealers .-Adamy Argue.

A STORMY VOYAGE .- The Buffalo Conrier says: -The steamer Europe, on board of which Mr. and Mrs. Filmore embarked on the 5th of January for Brest, arrived out after a most boisterous passage. When within about five hun-dred miles of Brest] the sha't broke, and the glance of the voyage was prosecuted under sail As they passed the harbor of Brest, the plane wind became adverse, and they were forced to bear away up the English Channel, and finally reached the naval harbor of Cherbourg, where they landed atter being fourteen days at sea.

A PROJECTED VISIT TO THE SHA ISLANDS, -We ere informed that General Scott, of the Freedmen's Bureau, and several other persons, con template making a tour to the Sea Islands, with a view of ascertaining definitely the condition of the freed people and the country. They expect to leave Charleston this morning. They have a special steamer at their disposal and will proba-bly be a week or ten days in making the round trip.—*Okarleston Courier*, 10th.

Caroline Carter was charged with assault and battery on Mrs. Mary Schwartz. The latter tes-tified that defendant attacked, and cut her with a hatchet on the hand, and followed up the at ack by striking her with a chair. The affair occurred in Mrs. Carter's house, and seemed to have originated in a quarrel between the daughter of Mrs. Schwartz and a man who was pre-sent, in which the defendant interfered in the manner above described. This was prosecuting testimony.

Detendrnt called a witness who testified that Mrs. Schwartz was ordered out by Mrs. Carter, who went out and smashed in a wirdow with her hand, and in doing sc cut her hand; there was no sirking with a hatchet or chair either, Verdict not guilty.

THE IRON INTERESTS .- The Erie Dispatch says that the diminution of the production of manufactured iron in this State and Ohio, by the strikes and stoppage of work, amounts to the enormous quantity daily of 5000 kegs of nails and 2000 tons of iron. These figures look large, but we are assured that they are very nearly The manufacturers positively assert correct. that they cannot possibly pay the wages demanded by the workmen, and are forced to stop their works. If this state of things continues there must be an advance in price, which will have depressing effect on the spring business. Machiness and builders would do well to pre-pare for such a state of affairs by securing their stock as early as possible.

MODEL LODGING-HOUSES IN FRANCE.-The nonel lodging-houses now erecting at Montrouse, France, by direction of the Empress, are so arranged that rooms for single men will be obtainable for \$20 per annum. The apartments for married couples will range from \$40 to \$30 a year, and comprise two rooms and kitcaen. with an abundant supply of water. The doors will be open night and day. The rent may be paid quarterly, monthly, or weekly, and under no circumstances will the furniture be held liable. The insolvent lodger will merely be required, on removing his nonschold goods, to give a verbal promise to pay his arrears as soon as possible.

SEWER RATS KILLED BY ELECTRICITY .- A new and curious use of electricity is now made in the Paris sewers. There, as is well known, the rata swarm by millions. Wtres one hundred metres long, maulated by glass feet from the ground, and connected with a strong galvan c battery are spread through these subterranean walks. Little pieces of roast ment are attached to these wires at short distances, and the rats by nib-bling at the bait, bring do on the galvanic shock with terrific power upon their bodies. Death is instantaneous, and the morsel moreover remains almost intact, ready to destroy other victims,

DECEASED .- Colonel Bolling Hall, Jr., died on the 3a inst., near Montgomery. Alaba na, alter a painted illness, the result of amputation of a leg, which an shuttered by a shot in the charge of Gracie's Brigade at Petersburg. At the out-break of the war he was a student of law at the University of Virginia. Immediately joining the ranks as a private in a company of students, he served at Harper's Ferry. He was subsequently engaged in several battles, and was wounded at Chickamauga.

RATE OF INTEREST IN VIRGINIA .- The Virginia House of Delegates has passed a bill declaring that legal interest in that S ale shall continue to be at the rate of six dollars upon one hundred dollars for a year, and proportionately for a greater or less sum, or for a longer or shorter time, when a higher rate shall not be agreed on between the parties. But contracts may be hereafter made for a higher rate of interest not exceeding eight dollars upon one hundred for a year, and proportionately for a greater or less

-The Governor of Louisiana has vetoed the Parochial Election bill.

only currency. It is stated by parties deating largely in currency, that there is quite a dispohoard 'greenbacks,' and that, outside of the leading commercial centres, they are becoming scarce.'

-The Boston Traveller says:-"The calls for money are moderate, and the supply is amply sufficient. The banks are lending on call and for brief periods at six per cent., and discount ing short dated paper at seven and three-tenths."

-The Baltimore Commercial says :-- "Money continues abundant and in limited demand, and the loan market is consequently easy. There is but little paper offering on the street, and firstclass is readily placed at 8 per cent., but for names less known rates range from 9 to 12 per Call loans' are 6 per cent., but there is a much larger amount of money offering on call than there is a demand tor."

Philadelphia Trade Report.

THURSDAY, February 15, 1866 - There is a fair inquiry for prime Cloverseed, with sales of 100 bushels at \$7.00@775 for fair and choice. fimothy is dull, and cannot be quoted over \$4.25 Flaxseed comes forward slowly, and is taken on arrival at \$3 CC@ 3.C5.

No. 1 Quercitron Bark is in steady demand at \$82 50 \$7 ton, but there is not much here.

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There is n e.sential change to notice in the Wheat Market. 2000 bushels common and prime red soid at \$1'20@2'20; white ranges from \$2'25 to \$2'50. Hye is scarce and duil. We quote at 85c. Corn comes in slowly, but the domand is inmited. Sales of 2000 Lushe's yellow at 70c. in the cars and from store, at which figure if is irecly offered. Oats are dull at 45c In Groceries and Provisions but little doing, and no Change in prices. Whisky moves slowly at \$2 25@2 26 for Pennsyl-

vania, and \$2.27 for Oh.o.

-The Territorial Legislature of New Mexico has repealed the tree negro law, and the peou law is amended so as to make servitude under 1 entirely voluntary. A convention was ordered to transe a State Constitution. The election of felegates is to take place on the first Monday in March, and the Constitution is to be submitted to the people on the last Monday in April, so that the State may apply for admission before the adjournment of the present session of Con-BIGSE.

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