CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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THE CLOSING ARGUMENTS IN THE CHAM-PION HOMICIDE CASE-THE VERDICT OF THE Juny.—On the closing of the evidence in the case, Mr. McMichael summed up for the Commonwealth. He commenced with the reviewal of the evidence, referring to that of Detective Lamon and others, and claimed that the fact of the death had been established in two ways, by Mirs. Tyson and Kate Gibbs, and also by Lida Hicks and Kate Gibbs, who saw the body at the Station House. The manner in which the body lay wrapped up in the sheet, and no weapon being found in the room, precluded the idea of suicide, and showed conclusively it was a murder. It might be argued that this house having three entrances, some one else might have enthree entrances, some one else might have enthered it and committed the murder. It had been shown however, that the entrances were habitually closed, and on this day that they were

There were no children about this house to run in and out at will, nor was it a place where men and women could go in of their own accord, for all had to be admitted. The prisoner was identified as the man who went into the house with the woman, and as the man who came out of the room saying she was asleep, and not to disturb her until he came back. He had already arranged his escape, by the provisions he made in darkening the room, and wrapping the woman up in a sheet, upon which no blood could have been seen. It any one should have looked in the room, it would have been supposed that the woman was asleep, as Champton had said, and had made careful and studied preparations to corroborate the statement. There was no other man in the house during the interval of time that elapsed from the prisoner's going away to the discovery of the murder. No other man could have committed this murder, and none did the crime but Newton Champion. Look at the daily lile of the prisoner, and the idea is sustained and corroborated. He was acquainted with her, lived with her in a familiar way, a great personal intimacy existing between them. No man was more liable to have been suspected of the murder of Mary Carney than the prisoner, as the whole surroundings point to him-one witness testifying to his having attempted to take her life, and another to his threatening to do so. After referring to the law, Mr. McMichael said there was no doubt the prisoner took the woman to the house with a settled purpose to kill her. If, however, he did not, and went with her and had the talk he spoke of to one of the witnesses, and then she refused to listen to his desires, and he made up his mind to and did kill her, it was as much murder of the first degree as though he had sharpened a knile before he took her to the house, with the intention of killing her. The evidence for the defense was referred to by the speaker, who said there was not a single fact elicited but what showed the prisoner to be a perfectly sane, reasoning creature, and one who should be held accountable by the great law which he had set at de There was some evidence to show that the father of the prisoner had been insane on one occasion, but that for years subsequently he was a boiler-maker at a United States navy yard, and at such places competent men are always employed. The Commonwealth did not admit that any evidence of the prisoner's insanity had been shown except in the delirium of sickness. His walking the deck of the ship and quoting poetry was no evidence of insanity, and on board United States ships no man suspected of insanity would be permitted to be about boilers, when the lives of the ship's crew might be jeopardized. The prisoner's conduct at his house when the murder was committed, and at the time of his arrest, and since he has been in prison, refuted the idea of his being mane. He concluded by urging the jury to discharge their duty, and hold the prisoner responsible for the act he had committed while in a sound state of mind.

Mr. Burden followed for the prisoner, saying

he was satisfied that neither public sentiment nor public clamor would have any effect on the minds of the jury. He referred to the evidence of the crew of the *Pawnee*, one of whom said he had never seen the prisoner asleep, and another that the prisoner went by the name of Crazy Champion. There was certainly some reason for this wakefulness and nickname, and the men on board that ship were better capable of judging of the insanity of the prisoner than any doctors, for any one could put out a sign and prac-tise medicine without having graduated at a college. He cited from a medical work to show that an eminent professor had given it as his opinion that the evidence of medical men was too much relied upon in cases where other persons could as well and better testify as to the condition of a person. It had been proved very satisfactorily that the father and sister of the prisoner were insane, and that the prisoner had been frequently taken home insensible, and was subject to fits. The prisoner had evidently been closely watched in prison, and Mr. Grubb seemed to have committed his evidence to memory, and if Dr. Smith had been asked by an outside patient for medicine he would have prescribed instantly. It was fair to presume that Dr. Wood had an eye similar to those of other human beings, and he could not consequently tell whether it was blood or not he saw on the prisoner's shirt, as it required a micro-scope to ascertain the fact. The counsel for the prisoner were unable to explain his whereabouts on the day of the murder, but supposed he was roaming around with these women half-crazy. The plea of insanity had been put in because it was believed by counsel. The Commonwealth had not shown with what kind of a weapon the murder was committed, and as to the statement that persons could not get into the nouse where the body was found, it was well known that any one who had money could enter such places. The jury were asked to recollect that, in the event of their acquitting the prisoner, it did not turn him loose, but the Court had the power of restraining him.
Mr. Joseph S. Brewster followed for the

the Court took a recess.
On the reassembling of the Court, District Attorney Mann closed the case for the Com-monwealth, and Judge Allison charged the jury, reviewing the evidence with great patience and clearness. He told them that it was not enough to show that the prisoner inherited inenough to show that the prisoner inherited in-sanity, was of weak intellect, or partially insane. They must find that at the time the act was perpetrated the prisoner was an insane man, not having a proper control of his actions, and that his reason was dethroned so as to ren-der him unconscious of the nature of the act and of the act itself. He said there was no use of speaking of manslaughter, as there was no evidence of an encounter or struggle, neither could it be inferred that nothing more than

prisoner, at the conclusion of whose remarks

great bodily harm was intended to be inflicted.

He added that as the witnesses must detail all their knowledge respecting the prisoner's acts and conduct, which were claimed to originate in an insane condition of the mind, before they could give their opinion as to his samity or intended in the intended of the value of their could indee of the value of the samity or intended. sanity, the jurp could judge of the value of their opinions from the grounds thus laid by the witnesses. He remarked that insanity was transmissible, but it might develop itself in a different way in a child from the way in which it exhibited itself in the parent. At five minutes of 6 o'clock, the bill of indict-

At five minutes of 6 o'clock, the bill of indictment was handed to the jury, and they left the court, returning in a few minutes. As the clock was striking six, the Clerk asked the jury how they found the prisoner. The foreman responded, "Guilty of murder in the first degree," and on being polled each member of the jury responded to the verdict as pronounced by their toreman. their toreman.

At the time the jury came in the prisoner was leaning on the rail of the dock, and continued gazing around without looking at the jury. He soon after left the court-room eating an apple.

REPAPERING THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.-The cold, cheerless, inappropriate wall paper which has been such an eye-sore at the Academy of Music for a couple of months past, has been removed, and its place supplied by a handsome crimson paper of great brilliancy, and decidedly in keeping with the decorations generally. Between 6 s'clock on Friday morning and 5 in the atternoon, the whole and terrium of the

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Academy was recapered. The delay was owing solely to the time necessarily consumed in manufacturing the paper of the proper color. It is an unqualified success, and the building never presented a handsomer appearance. The surprise of those who had been at the opera or the surprise of those who had been at the opera or those who had been at the opera or the surprise of those who had been at the opera or the surprise of those who had been at the opera or the surprise of the s Thursday evening and found the transforma-tion completed in less than twenty-four hours, was as great as it was pleasant. The Academy is restored to all its original elegance, and the directors deserve thanks for their prompt at-tention to the aste of the public.

IMPORTANT TO TAILORS. - A clothing house of this city, having made inquiries of the Treasury Department relative to the revenue tax on clothing, received the following answer, which will be found of interest to persons engaged in the tailoring business:—

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE, WASHINGTON October 30, 1866.—Gentlemen:—Your letter of the 26th instant, relative to the liabilities of tailors, has been received. In reply I have to say that under the act of June 30, 1864, as amended by the act of March 3, 1865, the tax on clothing, etc., was six per cent, ad valorem. And a tailor exclusively engaged in manufacturing to order, as custom work, whose produces including the statement of the s ducts, including materials, did not exceed \$1000, was exempt from duty. Under the act of June 30, 1864, as amended by the act of July 13, 1866, the tax is two per cent., and a tailor exclusively engaged in manufacturing to order, as custom work, whose work, exclusive of material, does not exceed \$1000, or exceed \$1000. not exceed \$1000 per annum, is exempt from duty. When the work exceeds in value annually \$1000, the party manufacturing to order, as above, can have no claim to the exemption under section ninety-four, but is liable to a tax of two per cent, ad valorem on the entire amount of his manufactures, unless he may be entitled to the exemptions under the provisions of section ninety-three of said act. The tax on clothing is in all cases on the entire value of the same, including material, labor, and profits, and not on the increased value given to the materials by making, or, in other words, on labor alone. This is the case when a tailor makes clothing from materials furnished bim by his customer, as well as when he furnishes the materials himself. In this case he has the right to charge the tax to the customer furnishing the material. Yours, respectfully,

THOMAS HARLAND, Deputy Commissioner.

THE CHOLERA MORTALITY .- During the past week twenty-four cases of cholera were re-ported at the Board of Health Office. The records of the Registrar's Office show that during the same period there were forty-one deaths from cholera in the city. Of that number thirty-eight were adults and three children, twentyfive were males and sixteen females. Several of the deaths reported were from cases of the previous week, which accounts for the discrepancy between the number of cases reported

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THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE.—The annual course of lectures before the Franklin Institute will begin to morrow evening, at the hall of the Institute, Seventh street, above Chesnut. Professor Henry Morton will open the course by a series of lectures on chemistry and light, the first being given to-morrow evening, and the others on every Tuesday evening thereafter, until the course of four lectures is completed. In December and January, Dr. Lemuel J. Deal will give seven lectures upon recommendations. In December and January, Dr. Lemuel J. Deal will give seven lectures upon pneumatic cnemistry; and in February, Professor A. R. Leeds three lectures upon the chemistry of the metals. Professor Henry Morton will close the course by a series of eight lectures upon the first principles of mechanics. The Institute also contemplates a series of lectures upon subjects similar to those named, and to be illustrated by experiments, at the Academy of Music. This experiments, at the Academy of Music. This highly interesting and instructive series, to be delivered by thoroughly competent lecturers, will give to our citizens an opportunity rarely d for both amusement and instru

OUR FIREMEN.—A truck, hose carriage, etc., are now being built in this city for a new fire company in the town of Ashland, Schuylkill

The members of the Empire Hook and Ladder Company of this city will visit Lancaster early next month, for the purpose of delivering to the Empire Company of that city a new truck made in New York.

The new steam fire engine built in this city for Franklin, Pa., will be tried this week, prior to being shipped. A new hose carriage, painted green and striped with gold, will be sent with

The Eagle Hose Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., are expected to visit this city in a short time. They will be the guests of the Perseverance Hose Company. The Columbia Hose Company have just ex-

pended a considerable sum in extending their hose house, and introducing all the modern The Hope Engine Company have housed a new carriage. It is tastefully painted, the prevailing color being straw, striped with carmine.

The Fire Association are now paying their annual visit to the houses of the companies connected with the Association. —D. Appleton & Co., of New York, have in preparation "History of Ulysses S. Grant, and His Relations to the War of the Rebellion," by Adam Badeau, Colonel and Aid-de-Camp to the General-in Chief. They have also nearly ready the following books of the German writer of historical romances, Mrs. L. Muhlbach:—"Berlin and Sans Souci," "Frederick the Great and His Relations," "The Merchant of Berlin," "Louisa of Prussia," "Joseph the Second and his Court," "Napoleon in Germany," "Frederick the Great in Bohemia." —Mesers. Thiers. Guizot. Victor Huro. La-

-Messrs. Thiers, Guizot, Victor Hugo, Lamartine, Consin, George Sand, and other illustrious writers are actually engaged in writing a book upon Paris, to which each of them are to contribute a chapter. The book will appear at the French Exposition as a fresh monument

of French genius and talent. -A gentleman was complaining that it cost him \$10 every day he went to church, as he only attended five times a year, and his pew tax was \$50 per annum. "Why don't you go oftener," asked a religious broker, "and reduce the average?" That was a poser.

-Mr. Wilmer McLean advertises for sale the house in which General Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant, on the 9th of April, 1865, at Appomattox Court

-Hyrli, the greatest anatomist of the age, says he can distinguish in a dark room, by one stroke of the scalp, the brain of the inebriate from that of the man who had lived soberly. -Horace E. Soudder, the author of "Dream

Children," will be the editor of the new maga-zine for little folks projected by Hurd & -William W. Story, the American sculptor has published in London a new work entitled "The Proportions of the Human Form."

-Some people see cause for a laugh in the fact that Florence Marryatt has dedicated her last novel, entitled "Too Good for Him," to her

—Isanc V. Fowler, the defaulting and runs-way Postmaster of New York, left Mexico on the 5th ult. for the United States, and arrived at New Orleans last week.

-In St. Louis, "Jeff. Davis cocktails," and "Stenewall Jackson slings," are very popular with Andrew Johnson's friends. -A Portlander, whose fourteen stores were destroyed by the late fire, has rebuilt eleven of

-A new after-dinner liqueur is in vogue in Paris, called the "Liqueur Imperatrice."

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