

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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SKATING—THE SEASON COMMENCED—THE PARKS IN FULL OPERATION—THE SNOW...

These parks are an institution, and there are probably more of them in successful operation in Philadelphia than in any other city on the continent...

Gray's Ferry Park, near the bridge. National Skating Park, at Twenty-first and Columbia avenue...

Speaking of skating and winter sports, we came across the following amusing article, from the pen of "Gris" (Mr. E. C. Griswold)...

"Winter is the coldest season of the year, because it comes in the winter months, when the weather is cold...

It grows much better in winter than in summer, which was an inconvenience before the discovery of ice-cream...

"Skating is great fun in the winter. The boys get their skates on and run across the ice, and they play a game called 'Hockey'...

"Well, if judgment does, judgment will have to be pretty nearly on his legs, for it is not to be had in winter...

"We have not as yet experienced the latter visitation, although to some parts of the country there have been heavy falls of snow...

"The snow had begun in the gloaming, and the night was a heavy one, with a high wind, blowing from the north...

"I thought of a head on sweet Auburn, Where a little head once stood. How the flakes were falling gently, As did robins the leaves in the wood.

"I looked at the snow fall, The arch of my first great sorrow, When that mound was heaped so high, I remember the gradual patences, That fell from the sky, like snow, Like my tears, healing and blinding, The scars of our buried woe.

"I spoke our own little Mabel, Saying, 'Father, shall I have the snow?' And I told of the good All-Father, Who cares for us here below.

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FIRE AND NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEBARTH'S—About 7 o'clock last evening, the house at the corner of Seventeenth and Locust streets, occupied by Mrs. W. Fisher...

FATAL ACCIDENT—MAN AND WIFE INJURED—On Thursday, the 13th inst., Thomas Wait, twenty-eight years of age, his wife, Isabella, aged twenty-five years, and child, three months old, residing on Second street, above Columbia avenue...

A DESERVED APPOINTMENT.—Mr. Martin V. Baines, for some time in the employ of the city government, has passed a successful examination before the Board of Naval Examiners...

THE EVENING TELEGRAPH IN MANTUA.—A new carrier for THE EVENING TELEGRAPH has just been stationed in Mantua, and the citizens of that section of the city will be particularly served with the paper on leaving their orders at the Drug Store at the corner of Thirty-fifth and Bridge streets.

A WORD TO THE PROPRIETORS OF PONDS.—If you would make your skating ponds popular, and secure visitations from the ladies, you should at once put a vigorous stop to the idle and dangerous games played on the ice by large boys, who, when playing, run over everybody.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—About four o'clock this morning, John Dawp, residing at Carlisle and Oxford streets, slipped and fell on the pavement at Ridge road and Coates street, and fractured both hips. He was removed to his home.

HOW HAPPY is the household where Industry us habits banish care; Where all the clothes the children wear Are made upon the Florence.

ROCKHILL & WILSON, FINE CLOTHING HOUSE, 608 and 605 CHESTNUT ST., Phila.

WE ADORE BEHARRS... OVELOAR BEHARRS... FIFTY AND...

WE HAVE—OVERCOATS FROM \$20.00 to \$75.00... Fashionable Full Suit (all wool) \$70.00... Fashions... \$70.00 to \$90.00

WE HAVE BY FAR the largest and best assortment of Men's, Youth's, and Boys' Clothing in Philadelphia...

HEARING BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER—At 12 o'clock today a man named John Cardiff was taken by a commissioner on the charge of moving whisky to a place other than a bonded warehouse.

A DESTRUCTIVE FELLOW.—John McGinn went out on a tender yesterday. In order to fortify his body against the attacks of the cold weather, he filled his interior with liquid fire.

ACCIDENTS.—Yesterday afternoon a carpenter named William Walsh, while walking along the north side of Girard avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets, carrying a box of tools, slipped down on the ice which had formed in one of the gutters that crosses the walk...

FILIAL INGRATITUDE.—Edward Gaffney is what is generally termed a hard case. He is in the habit of showing disrespect to his father, and on four occasions, on any and all occasions, the climax was reached last evening, when Edward returned to his home in Cadwalader street...

VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES.—Yesterday Constable Barton made several arrests yesterday for the violation of city ordinances. A great deal of annoyance to our citizens is caused by the disregard of the ordinances that have been passed to regulate the business privileges enjoyed by storekeepers at market days...

MARRIED.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., by J. Weston Smith, D. D. JAMES M. BULLOCK to MATILDA W., daughter of the late Dr. David Jayne, both of Northampton, Massachusetts.

DIED.—On the 11th inst., Mrs. HANNAH LEACH, formerly Mrs. Hannah Hall, aged 54 years. Her relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral without further notice, from her late residence, corner of Ridge road and Coates street, on Monday morning, the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock, without further notice.

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PHILADELPHIA ARTISTS' SECOND ANNUAL SALE OF ORIGINAL ART PAINTINGS... On Friday Evening, December 14, at 7 o'clock...

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FOURTH EDITION EUROPE.

Financial and Commercial Quotations To-day. By United States and European Associated Press. LONDON, December 14—Noon.—United States Five-twelves, 71; Illinois Central Railway shares, 77 1/2; Erie Railway shares, 47.

FRANKFURT, December 14.—United States Five-twelves are quoted this forenoon at 75 1/2. LIVERPOOL, December 14—Noon.—Scales of Cotton to-day 12,000 bales, at 1 1/4 for middling upland.

ANTWERP, December 14.—Petroleum is unchanged; sales at 65 1/2 francs. LONDON, December 14—1 o'clock.—Wheat 60; Corn, 58 1/2; Canada flour, 88; pressed Cheese, 82; Pork, 72s. 6d.

WASHINGTON.

DEBATES AND RESOLVES OF CONGRESS. The Ways and Means Committee have had an interesting debate on Boutwell's Gold bill. A vote will not be taken before next week.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES. Senator Wilson has introduced a proposition to consolidate the libraries of the departments into one public library, for the use of Government clerks.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES, Dec. 14. Reported by De Haven & Co., No. 40 S. Third street.

SKATING PARKS. CENTRAL SKATING PARK, FIFTEENTH AND WALLACE STREETS. Skating this Afternoon and Evening.

1866 HOLIDAY PRESENTS 1866 AT THE ARCH STREET SKATE STORE, No. 600.

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A Government Telegraph Line from Washington to New York.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The following is a bill for the construction of a Government telegraph line from the city of Washington to New York, offered by Mr. Washburn, of Illinois.

It is authorized, etc. That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to construct a telegraph line from the city of Washington to the city of New York, and the said telegraph line is hereby authorized to be constructed...

Section 2. That no message shall be sent over the said line unless it shall be stamped with a three-cent postage stamp, and there shall be a uniform rate for the transmission of messages, without regard to distance, of one-half cent for each word, except for the odd word of any message, there shall be no charge; but no message shall be charged for less than ten cents, and there shall be sent two cents for the delivery of each message...

Section 3. That the sum of \$50,000 be hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. It was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads.

THE CURRENCY. By the United States Associated Press. New York, December 14.—A special despatch from Washington says.—The bill introduced into the House by Mr. Boutwell, proposing that the secretary of the Treasury sell two millions of gold weekly, on certain conditions, was taken up at a meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means, which it had been referred this morning, and elicited considerable discussion. No vote has been taken upon it, however.

THE NEW YORK GOLD MARKET. By the U. S. and European News Association. New York, December 14.—Gold is quoted to-day as follows:—

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