# THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-TRIPLE SHEET. -PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1866.

# INTERESTING SKETCH.

11.00

An Old Philadelphia Landmark Modern-ized into a Business Palace—The Peo-ple Sustain True Business Enterprise —Wanamaker & Brown's New "Oak Hall"—Splendid Improvement at Sixth and Market Streets—How Clothing is Made. Made.

In the march of business enterprise and architectural improvements of Philadelphia, our ex-perience as journalists has presented few objects perfence as journanests has presented low objects more worthy of friendly notice and popular regard than the substantial new improvement which has just been completed at Sixth and Market streets, by our well-known and esteemed townsmen, Messrs, Wanamaker & Brown. For months past this imposing pile has been rearing its many-windowed Sixth-street flank like a towering palisade, and within the past week its ornate and massive from front on Markot street has received its finishing stroke. It is no exaggeration to say that the name of

WANAMAKER & BROWN'S OAK HALL, SIXTH AND MARKET,

has become as familiar to our people as a house-hold word. The means for accomplishing this desirable business result have not been stinted. Whether we take the public cars or private carriage, and penetrate the country throughout this and even parts of the adjoining States, we shall find these talismanic words presented to our view on huge sign-boards, board fences, bridges, deserted buildings, rocks, tree , stumps, posts, and at railroad crossings, from the sea-shore to the summit of the Alleghanics. Nor is a printed newspaper, periodical, or advertising sheet of any kind deemed complete without the card of "Wanamaker & Brown's Oak Hall, Sixth and Market," to grace its columns.

# THE SITE OF THEIR PRESENT EDIFICE

covers an area of thirty-one feet fronting on Market street, and running back at a uniform width to Minor street to the depth of one hundred and eighty teet. The title papers show that as early as 1682 it was conveyed by William Penn, of Worminghorst, England, to Robert Greenway, as a part of a tract of 1500 acres, at a price for the whole of thirty pounds! In 1814 it came in possession of the Schuylkill Bank, when a banking house was erected upon it, which in 1849 was conveyed to the Bank of Kentucky. in the following year, 1850, the bank building gave place to the Market street section of the present lofty structure. When it was built six-story buildings in Philadelphia were a curi-osity, and we well remember that the owners of it were criticized for their "towering" ambition, and for months after its completion careful people always took the other side of the street. All such fears, however, have since they vanished, as people have become accustomed to lefty structures. Indeed, the whole building, as now remodelled and improved, is one of uncommon strength.

#### ALWAYS A CLOTHING STORE.

From the commencement of its history this corner building has been employed exclusively for the manufacture and sale of clothing. business career of the present proprietors com-menced in 1861, when they leased three small their young enterprise. Their front, and 'aunched their young enterprise. Their friends (this firm always had friends, and their name to-day is Legion) questioned the prudence of their underiaking. The country was never in a more gloomy mood than on the day Messrs. Wana-maker & Brown unfurled their business banner to the breeze. It was the day that Sumter feli. But the auguries of their friends were wrong. The success of the young house soon became apparent, and their present splendid structure and immense trade are a proud monument of what can be accomplished by judicious manage-ment, indomitable energy, and fair dealing. In two years after they commenced business two additional stores on Sixth street were a lded, and the whole thrown into one. But their plan of business had struck a popular chord. Their trade increased, and how to accomodate it became once more a serious question. They had lengthened their cords to the utmost limit in their old building, and had ascended as far sky ward as even their high edifice would permit. The additional purchase of the property on Sixth street, extending to Minor, was the expe-dient hit upon, and on the 23d of last February operations were commenced on

# THEIR NEW STORE.

In one sense, the new and stately building at Sixth and Market is a metamorphosis, to de-scribe which would be no easy task. Literally, the present building is two buildings fused into SECOND STORY.

We will ascend to the second story by a mas-sive walnut staircase, reminding us of the grand staircase at the Capitol at Washington, and find ourselves in a spacious salesroom, elegantiv fitted up, and used solely for the *Custom Depart-ment*. In glancing around over the maze of fabrics and busy life which here greet us, we fancy that if two ordinary cloth stores and a dozen old-fashioned tailor shops were thrown together into one, the effect produced would very similar. This important department is presided over by Mr. Curtis Ogden, whose reputation for taste and skill has been acknowledged in this city for years.

The central and north portions of this floor present a stately gallery-like effect, from which the first floor is seen in its entire extent, and around which are arranged pants and vests in endless profusion. Every style, 'quality, and price of vest has its special gallery and bracket, by which even the very walls of the room are brought into requisition for storing purposes. Neat and convenient dressing rooms, with all the etceteras, are here provided for the use of customers, and every facility afforded them to

be well fitted. As the *light* of this house is a very striking and most valuable feature to buyers, we will notice it here. The Sixth street side of the building is alone perforsted with more than one hundred windows, through which the light has free ingress at all hours of the day. To purchasers the advantages of a corner store in this respect can hardly be overestimated.

## THIBD STORY.

This floor is wholly devoted to overcoats and fine dress coats. Forty-mine counters are here arranged, all loaded with garments — coats enough apparently to dress an empire-made up in every desirable mode and style, to suit people of all sizes, ages, tastes, and persuasions. THE FOURTH STORY

brings us to the Wholesale and Manufacturing Rooms, where a large portion of the garments are cut and sent out to be made up. On this floor, also, the inspection of the work is conducted, where every garment that enters the house is subjected to the closest scrutiny. Nothing that does not come up to the A No. I standard is accepted by the inspector, who justly insists upon the *best workmanship* in consideration of paying the fuliest prices for making making.

We may notice here as an interesting fact that the sewing hands of this house are paid regu-larly on the delivery of their work. We doubt not that the general adoption of this rule by clothiers would add greatly to the comfort and convenience of their hands. The result of this policy to Messrs, Wanamaker & Brown has been to insure to them at all times the very cream and choice of workmen.

In this room we encounter one of the most interesting phases of this branch of our manufactures. Scattered around are a large number of professional cutters. Here a batch of youtns' garments are being cut out ready to be sent away; at the next counter, men are cutting dress vests; and next to that, handsome beaver walking coats are being got under way; there heavy chinchilla overcoats are receiving attention, and on the next table men are cutting out suits match; directly opposite are stacks of black pants waiting for the trimmers, and turther on a set of coats for a Lancaster fire company are teing marked out; by the side of the latter, orders are being filled for Washington; a report has just come up from the salesroom that the Melton suits are sold out, and ordering the stock to be duplicated immediately, and at once pre-parations are set on foot to expedite the order. Everything here moves with the exactitude and regularity of a machine; the thorough system which prevails throughout prevents collision, jar, contu ion, or delay in the entire department, which is certainly one of the most gigantic and best conducted that we have ever visited. While the cutting above referred to is going on, a score of hands are waiting to receiv the work, and carry it to their homes to be finished and placed in the salesroom.

# FIFTH STORY.

The fifth story of the building is the Cloth. Cassimere, and Trimming Room. In this room all the piece goods are examined with the greatest care, every facility being secured in order to detect the slightest imperfections, either in the face or texture of the articles, or in their strength. All imperiect goods are studiously rejected. After inspection, each piece of cloth goods is passed under the spouging rollers, when it is ready for the cutters. Every piece of woollen goods that enters this house is

s no extravagant estimate to suppose that this stablishment affords constant support to no less than 2500 people-enough to populate a county town.

Hands are seldom changed, dismissals being rarely made, and never without indubitable caute. In this way the establishment has attained a degree of homogeneousness alike advantageous to the employers and the employed. To not a lew of the most valuable employees now in the house this establishment has been a

epping-stone to success and good fortune. We have thus sketched the origin and progres

of a firm whose history illustrates the fruits of unfaltering energy, close application, and strict regard for integrity, in such a manner as cannot fail to afford a salutary lesson to all young business men about embarking in the activities of business life.

# CAMDEN AFFAIRS.

CAMDEN AFFAIRS. BOYS IN TBOUBLE.—Yesterday Patrick Toner, John Toner, Edward Dougherty, and James McNuhy were arrested for entering the storehouse of the Camden and Ausboy Railroad Company, and tearing off the plaster, stopping up the flue with it, and throwing stones and paster from the windows at persons passing by. One negro was stuck in the head and hearly killed. Officers Johntry, Hawkins, and Gilbert arrested them and took them before the Mayor, who fined them \$2.88 apiece.

John Caip was arrested for stealing a valve seat from off one of the locomotives at the Camdon and Amboy Depot. He was fined the same as the

orders. Another lot of fifteen boys were arrested for breaking into a school house, smashing the win-dows, and beating the children. They wore all fined

During the course of the evening many of the chieren's parents came and paid the line, and took them home. As each father or mother appeared before the Mayor, he told them to be careful in the future how they allowed their children to run aboat the strees. If caught again, they would be severely dealt with.

BEAT HIS SPOUSE .- George Bell, residing BEAT HIS SPOUSE, —George Bell, residing in Front street, above Market, is in the habit of in-dulging in an extra glass of 'Oh, be joylul," and it being difficult to maintain an equilibrium, George yoes home, thinking his wite is drunk and he sober, and commences to beat her, and break up what fur-niture there is in the house. He trued this yesterday, but Officer Mason being near at hand, arrested and took him before his Honor the Mayor, who com-mitted him in ocfault of bail.

STEALING THE "CRATER."-Two sons of STEALING THE "CRATER." — Two sons of Erin's isle, employed on the tug-boat John F Starr, which tows the scow containing the freight cars from the Camden to the Philadelphia side, got them-selves into trouble yesterday. On the scow were several barrels of whisky, and the defendants got a bucket, knocked out the bung, and filled the bucket about helf tuil, and then realeased the hung. Officer bucket, knocked out the Lung, and filed the bucket about half ruli, and then replaced the bung. Officer Ayres was informed of the nact, and arrested the men. They were committed by Justice Cassidy to the County Jatl, in default of \$100 bail.

# ASSAULT AND BATTERY .- A man named Joseph Spence was in a tayern in Birch street, kept by a woman named Yost. He was sitting at a table, when Jerry Bosworth struck him on the "ameller," without cause or provocation. The complainant them left and went home Jerry tollowed, and entered Spence's house. He ordered him out, but he wouldn't go. He their struck him with a chair, and he left hast evening Spence are at the Mayer's offer. Last evening Spence appeared at the Mayor's office; a varrant was issued, and the man held for his ap calance at Court

CAMDEN SKATING PARK .- This park was frozen over yesterday, and during the course of the alternoon and evening was filed with ladies and gentleven erjoying the healthful exercise. The proprietors of the park, Messrs, Fairfield & Merry, are very accommodating, and everything that will tend to the comfort of the skaters will be provided. This park is casy of access, the upper ferry landing within five squares of it.

# CITY INTELLIGENCE.

[For Additional Local Items see Third Poge.

THE SIFOFRIED CASP .-- The tollowing is from THE EVENING TELEGRAPH of November 23:

THE STREPRISE SCANDAL CASE—WHY IT WAS NOT BROUGHT TO INIAL-OUT FEAGERS WILL THE WAS NOT BROUGHT TO INIAL.—OUT FEAGERS WILL THE MAN US IN THE STREPRISE OF STATES AND A STREPRISE WILLIAM D. Steprised, of this city, was brought before a magistrate on the complaint of a woman by the name of Eyard, and Lound over to answer at Court citain grave charges brought against him on that occasion. When the case was brought up in the function. When the case was brought up in That occasion. When the case was brought up in the Quarter Sessions a few days since, the prose-cutrix could not be iound, although search was made for her. The bill was then presented to the jury, and a verdict of "not guilty" rendered upon it. Mr. siegified, we underst.nd, was fully pre-pared to relute all the grave offensis with which he was charged, and was only the search to the he

HOLIDAY APPLIANCES - SUBSTANTIAL CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.-The grand leature of the Christmas festivities is the Christmas-table, and to supply this properly with the requisit delicacies is a task of no little difficulty. By dropping in at the old-established grocery story of W. L. Maduock & Co., at No. 115 S. Third street, below Clesnut, the purchaser, ho sever, will find a great relief from the difficulties which may attend his peculiar situation. If he does not know precisely what he wants, his lack of throwfider will save he wants, his lack of

knowledge will soon be supplied. And it he does know what he wants, behold the assortment from which he is enabled to make his selections! In the way of fruits, he will the raisins, currants, figs, citrons, dates, English and American pickles, and English, Indian, and American sances; and he will discover an assortment of French and Spanish sar-dines, jellier, preserves, paper-shelled almonds.

and every variety of preserved vegetables. The canned fruits and vegetables, in parti-cular, have been "done up" in the most ad-mitable style. The fresh peaches are espe-cially noticeable for the richness of their flavor. while quinces, peas, corn, Lima beans, and succotash—that delectable compound of the two-are not a whit behind them. And then, in the way of cheeses, just read the

list :- Silium, Cheddar, Edam, Neufchatel, Young America, Jenny Lind, esgo, pine-apple, and-we tire of the enumeration. As an offset to these we find French and Spanish olives, mustards, capers, petits-pois, champignons, trufes, pates-de foies gras. Besides all these there is a tempting display

of potted meats, including ham, beef, tongue, Stinsbourg anchovy, partridge, liver, shrimp, Yarmouth berring, and bloaters. But all these would present a temptation to thirst alone were it not for the innumerable bottles of Kupfer-It not for the innumerable bottles of Kupter-berg's renowned sparkling Rhine wines, and the brandies and wines, of perfect purity, prepared for medicinal and family uses, some of them being of very old date and of equal rarity. And now will any one, whether epicore or otherwise, say that in all this rich and varied stock he can find nothing that will suit his own paping and make clad the heart of bis wite "

palaie, and make glad the heart of his wite?

A NOBLE ENTERPRISE-NEW BUILDING The ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES.—At a meet-ing of the Committee on Building Fund of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, held December 15, 1866, it was *Resolved*, "That the thanks of the Committee on Building Fund be tendered to the gentlemen of the press of the city for their generous and efficient advocacy of the Acadomy's

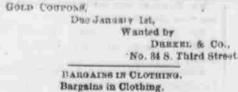
generous and efficient advocacy of the Academy's appeal to the public for pecuniary aid, to enable it to creet a new hail." The public have responded nobly to the appeal of the directors, and the amount of subscription-already received toot up a grand total of \$80.450. If the order of A. Y. M, do not purchase the pro-perty known as the Dandas mansion, at the corner of Broad and Walnut[streets, the Academy of Natu-ral Sciences will secure it for their new hall. If un-successful in that, they will purchase another pro-perty in the neighborhood.

PETTY POLICE CASES .- James Miller and Thomas Butler (colored) were arrested on Darby road, near Thirty-eighth street, yesterday alternoon by Officer Hess for having in their possession f vo values filled with objectens. The chickens are at the Station House, Thirty-seventh and Market streets, swaring an owner. The two darkies had a hearing before Alderman Allen, and were committed to answer.

About 10 o'clock last night William Graig was arrested at Front and Hamilton streets on a charge of larceny. It appears that he entered the real part of Mr. Miller's hotel at that place and stole a lot of stove plates. Alderman Clouds held him in \$500 bail to answer.

A BAD CUSTOMER.—Last evening, a young man pamed Eugene Alexander went into M. Mintoh's eating saloon, in Twelfth street, near Lo cust accompanied by a young woman, and cille i for retrestments. He had hardly been in the room which he occupied more than a quarter of an hour, refore the proprietor heard screams from the woman He entered, and found that Alexander bad attemption an asau t upon her. but had been foiled stiempies an as-au i upon her, but had been foiled fheer OClinton was called and arrested Alexander. He had a hearing before Alderman Tunion, and was he d in \$800 ball to appear at Court, to answer for the assault, and for outaining goods under false pretenses, he refusing to pay for his refreshme

FAIR OF ALEXANDER PRESBYTERIAN FAIR OF ALEXANDER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – The vote for the tea service at the fair stood as follows hat evening := Rev. Alexander Reed, 214; Rev. 7. M. Cunningham, 229; Rev. Alfred Cookman, 57; Rev. E. R Bandle, 142; Rev. N W Conklin, 4; John N. Black. Eva, 57; Rev. John Chembers, 4; Howard, 101; W. A. Smethurst. Esq., 22; Colonel J. Ross Showden, 4; D. M. Cun-ningham, 5. Total 838 The attendance continues to be very large, and the competition is very spirited



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and up to 839 18 1 37 Orarcoats at \$8, 99, 810, 311, 813, 815, 817, #1 \$19, \$20, and up to \$40. . Æ1

1 Pants at \$4, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 810, 812, 814, #15 D37" #15 #16. JE2 TP Ve-ts at \$2, \$2 50, 88, \$3 50, \$4, \$4 50, \$5, 41

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in cost of manufacture. Clothing can now be had cheaper than it may be

again for some time to come. WANAMAREN & BROWN,

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# MARRIED.

WI.ITTAKER-HOWEIL. At the Church of the Advant December 19, 1866, by the Rev. J. W. Claxton, JAMES WHITTAKER, United States Navy, to ANNA D. HOWELL, of Philadeiphia.

# DIED.

DIED. BARNARD.-On Friday, December 21. in the 45tb year of his age WILLIAM C. BARNARD, son of R. W. and Jane Barnard. The relatives and friends of the family, also the Typo-graphical Union, No. 2, and the members of the Last Man Brotherhood, are respectfully invited to affend the funeral, from his late reatence. No. 3.6 Christian street, on Sunday atternoon at 2% o'clock. Funeral service at henesser M. E. Church.

F. Benezer M. E. Church. GRIFFITH.-This (Saturday) morning December 22, 1866, Mrs. MARY GHBSON GRIFFITH, widow of the late Matthew Griffith, aged 84 years. The friends of the family are requested to at end the funeral from her late residence, No. 1530 Fawn street, on Monday afternoon, December 24, at 2 o'clock, without further postce.

further notice.

Inther notice. HENDRY.—On the morning of the 20th instant, EDWIN A. HENDRY, son of the late Dr. John A. Hen-dry, of New York, in the 41st year of his age. His relatives and friends are invited to attend his fune-ral, fom his late residence, No. 2005 Arch street, on Monday afternoon, the 2ith instant, at 2 o'clock.

Ability internoon, the fact instant, at 2 o clock. SIETSON.-On Tuesday evening, the 15th instant, THOMAS P., son of David S. and Martha T. Steison, in the 15th year of his age. The relatives and iriends or the family are respectfully forvited to attend the functal, from his parents' residence, Merchantville, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, the 23d in-stant, at 1 o'clock, without further notice.

NEAT DOG COLLAR, WITH HIS NAME A engraved on it, would be an acceptable gift to a triend who owns a dog. A variety to choose from at TEUMAA & HEAW S, No. 825 (Eight Thirty-five) MABKET St., below Ninth. **JOME AMUSEMENT' IS ABUNDANTLY** 

Honrished to any lod with mechanical or in genious inclinations if y u tresent bim with a Chest of Tools. Work Sorch, and Tu ning Lathe, of which a rice asortment can be found at TEUMAN & SHAW'S, No. 835 (Eight Thirty-five) MARKET St., below Ninth.

REAUTIFUL POCKET KNIVES, HAND. B some Scissors and Razors in cases, Plated Table and tea Knives, Silver bladed Fruit Knives and other ine Cutlery for gits at TRUMAN & SHAW'S No. 535 (Eight Thirty-five) MARKET St. below Ninth.



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FOURTH EDITION FROM EUROPE THIS P.M.

#### .AEI Financial and Commercial

# Advices of To-day.

London, Desember 22-Noon --United States Five twenty bonds of 1862 have advanced, and are now quoted at 725. Consols are quoted at 895; Erie Railroad, 74; Illinois Central Railroad, 79. Monday will be observed as a holiday. Livessoot, December 22-Noon. --The Colton Market opens firm and unchanged at yesterday's prices. The sales to-day will reach 12,000 bales. London, December 22-Noon. --Felsgrams from Frankfort quote United States Five-twentics at 764. at 764.

ANTWERP, December 22.-Petroleum is quict af 53} francs.

# Latest Markets by Telegraph.

BALTIMORE, December 22 --Flour very dull; Chirago brands at 121/225 conts lower. Wheat dull and drooping; red, 10/215 cents lower. Corn is steady, but the receipts are light. Oats firm at 63/2 61 conts. Groceries declining in symphthy with go d. Provisions dull and unsettled. Whicky nominal. Seeds inactive: Clover, 28 75. Seeds inactive; Clover, \$8 75.

## Discharge of Dr. Watson-

RICHMOND, December 22.—The military commis-sion in the case of Dr. Warson, of Rockbridge, was this motoing dissoved by an order of President Johnson, and the prisoner dischareed. The order was made upon the Supreme Court decision.

Philada. Stock Exchange Sales, Dec. 22 Reported by Do Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third street RETWEEN BOARDS

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HOLIDAYS.

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one, that fronting on Market street having been known as the MacNeill building. The one on the rear was built by the Pratt estate. A heavy cornics now extends around the roof of the whole, and the entire exterior in its new creamcolored uniformity presents a very striking and beautiful appearance. The old building or buildings were out up into

a great number of small rooms, and we can readily imagine that to so recast the whole as to adapt it to the present wants of the house, was vastly more difficult than to have erected a new structure from the foundation. But the latter was utterly impracticable on account of the heavy stock of goods on hand, and the unabated pressure of business. So the work of internal demolition began; walls and partitions were taken down, and the grand salesroom, extend-ing from Market to Minor streets 180 feet, was opened up. In order to give increased strength to the edifice, numberless tons of iron in the shape of girders, columns, trusses, brackets etc., were introduced, together with every ap pliance that could add to the architectural symmetry of the interior or in suy manner con tribute to its utility and convenience for busi ness purposes.

## THE NEW IRON FRONT

of the establishment is worthy of note as an unusual mechanical achievement, Indeed, have heard it remarked by gentlemen skilled in such matters, that the erection of this imposing metallic front was one of the most difficue feats of mechanical engineering over attempted in this city. The preparatory removal of a brick wall, thirty-one feet wide by six stories (about seventy feet) in height, and the substitution of a ponderous but singularly beautiful iron front, we may state was accomplished by the maker, under the direction of John McClure, Esq., who has made all the alterations here referred to. The architects employed were Messrs. John McArthur and George Summers, whose taste in furnishing the design of this attractive iront will be acknowledged by all. The construction of the latter was by the Messrs. Royer Brothers, Although extremely massive, the of this city. symmetry of the lines and the spaces allowed between the arches give the whole a light and ornate appearance that is certainly not equalled by any other iron iront in Philadelphia. This eature alone was erected at a cost of nearly \$7000.

# A STROLL THROUGH THE INTERIOR.

To describe in detail all that may be seen and learned in passing through this establishment, however interesting it might be to the reader, would be a task too voluminous for a daily newspaper. The several uses to which the various stories of the house are devoted may, however, be mentioned.

#### FIRST FLOOR.

There is an immense basement which is devoted entirely to the reception and storage of goods.

Entering from Market street through the grand arch doorway, we find ourselves on the threshold of as fine a salesroom as our metropolis affords. On cur left, extending to nearly midway, is the Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods department—a moderate business emporium of itself. On our moderate business emportum of itself. On our right, arranged in perfect order, are great piles of clothing, extending for a long distance. These, we are told by a polite attendant, are Business Coats. Proceeding onward, we reach the alcove, which has been mainly appropriated for the use of the book-keepers and cashiers, and immediately adjoining this is the private office—the inner sanctum of the guiding and controlling spirits which permeate the business maching are throughout the entire building, and machinery throughout the entire building, and make the whole move steadily on with the precision of clock-work. At the rear end of this floor is the department for Boys' Clothing, well stocked with garments for boys, youths, and children. The convenience of having this department on the first floor is highly prized by iadies who come here to fit out their sons.

sponged before it leaves this room, and all linen labrics are boiled, thus rendering subsequent shrinkage impossible. This department of the house employs a spe-

cial corps, whose whole time is occupied with the care of materials, a large proportion of which is specially made or imported for this firm. The amount of these fabrics now stored here is enormous. They are piled around like woollen mountains, and in them in lucipiency repose the personal comfort and adornment of-who can tell how many thousands?

The sixth story of the building is used only

for storage purposes. We would state, in concluding this part of our description, that in all the details of the house the evidences of thoughtfulness for the business requirements of the firm are strikingly apparent. The bands who are employed in the upper part of the building enter it from Minor street by means of a bridge constructed along the eastern outside, that answers ingeniously the object intended.

## GROWTH OF THE HOUSE.

The amount of their first year's business was less than \$80,000. Their present annual sales exceed \$500,000 (a half million).

BUSINESS FEATURES AND PECULIARITIES.

A business that has attained such magnitude in the brief space of five years must have some special reasons for its success, and among these we may enumerate the following:-The most vigilant attention is given in every

department to the wants of the customers. None but superior makes of goods are bought, either in fabrics or trimmings, and the result is

that their ready-made clothing is unsurpassed in the world.

Every customer has the assurance that what he gets is reliable.

Each article in the house has its price marked on it in plain figures, and no customer is allowed to go away badly titled, dissatisfied, or overcharged.

Every objection offered, or suggestion made by customers, is carefully registered in a "Special Book," which is kept for that purpose, by which means information is gained of great assistance in guiding the affairs of this large concern, so as to meet the wants of all.

The great extent and character of the stock is constantly before the proprietors' eye, recorded in a running stock-book, so that no part of the stock can become depleted without detection. Every salesman is required to enter upon a book kept for that purpose the assigned reasons of customers for not being suited, which reasons are then vigilantly provided for.

One gentleman is employed at a high salary. whose sole duty it is to receive and direct cus tomers to the respective departments they wish to visit.

The clerk who sells never delivers the parcel to his customer. He simply makes his ticket of , and another, whose business it is, packs and delivers.

The house is provided throughout with speak ing-tubes and dumb-waiters, by which means all parts are brought into direct communication with the office, without incurring labor or con suming time.

number of people who daily visit "Oak The Hali" averages about four hundred, or an annual aggregate of over one million persons,

Every garment in the house, from the lowest cost to the most expersive, is numbered, and has its history and constitutional make-up rccorded for future reference. This sometimes becomes practically a most important feature.

The number of persons to whom this establish-ment now gives steady employment, by actual count, is 500-men and women. Of these seven count, is 560-men and women. Of these seven are clerks and book-keepers; forty-one salesmen and assistants; eighteen cutters; and hands making up clothing, five hundred. The great majority of these persons have families which are supported from their earnings, so that it

was charged, and was only prevented from doing so at the time, by reason of the prosecutrix failing to apicar. Mr. Sicgified, we further understand, has requested an investigation into the matter by the Phi/adelphia Conference of Baptist Ministers, to which he belongs, and also the Tweitth Baptist thurch of this city, of which he is a member; and when this is once held, the public will be made fully acquainted with the whole affair.

In accordance with my request above alluded to, the Conference and Church appointed committees to go into a joint and thorough investigation of the case. These committees, after five lengthy sittings, unanimonaly arrived at the conclusions given be ow. I respectfully ask gentlemen of the press who an-nounced this affair in the beginning as a matter of news, now to publish the result as an act of justice to me. W. D. SIEGPHIED, No. 245 S. Fifth Street, Philpda, Dec. 21.

The undersigned committees of investigation, appointed respectively by the Baptist Minoter'al Conference and by the Tweifth Baptist Minoter'al Conference and by the Tweifth Baptist Church, of this city, and acting conjointly—do hereby certify : —That upon all the t-stimony relied upon to con-vict the Key. W. D. Siegfried of larceny and adu-tery, they have bestowed a patient, laborious, and exhaustive examination—that, as a result, they

First. That there is no proof whatever of his

guilt upon either charge. Second. That all the direct 'estimony utterly con-futes itself or is confuted by other testimony. Third, That the collateral festimony not merely fails to establish his guilt, but rather attests his

Fourth. That there is unquestionable proof that, so far as the charge's are concerned, he has been the object of an infamous attempt at "black mail." And, finally, that in the matter of these allega-tions they assure Brother Siegfried of their cordial errors they and fraternal good will

sympathy and fraternal good-will. J. Wheaton Smith, George A. Peltz, Reuben Jeffert, J. Newton Brown, William Wilder-Minis-

terial Committee. Charles Daffield, H. D. Burns, William Danniel'y, I'avid Dickerson, J. Butterfield, Evan Dalrymple, J. B. Filson-Church Committee

Done by order of the Committee, December 19, 66. GROBGE A. PELTZ, Secretary.

SUCCESSFUL .- The ladies' fair now being held at the new church edifice, corner of Frank-lin street and Columbia avenue, is proving itself to be a most decided success, by the large crowds which nightly throng the room, search iug and finding the most appropriate of gifts for the holidays, and enjoying the pleasant associa-tions there to be had. We advise all our friends who desire enjoyment to visit it. The voting on the new hose carriage is as follows :-208

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LADUS' FAIR AT WASHINGTON BUILD-ING. - File Fair now being he'd at Washington Building, in Third a reet above Spince, is thronged inght and day. There will be a prize club of so'id rosewood vo'ed for. The vote on the magnificent silver fire Lorn is being contended for by the Frank-lin Engine, Hope, Scuthwark, and Franklin Hose Computed. Companies.

The vote on the bat stood as follows :--Keystone, 17; Maita, 19; Bechelors, 53.

FEIGHTENED OFF .- A couple of thieves FEIGHTENED OFF.—A couple of thieves sole two mige turkeys from a place in tront of the Black Horse Tavern. in Second street, below Cal-lowhili and carrying them around to a grozery store in New Market street, tried to soll them. The procer to d them to call again, and they left. In the mean time he sent to the police, and two officers waited for them to call again. But by some means or other the thieves got wind of the amough, and did not make their armeanance.

FIGNIFICANT,-Last evening the Hon. John W. Forney and William Cornell Jewett visited the Al xander Church Fair, and rode down in a car of the Union Line together, both siphting at Seventh and thesnut streets. These two greet men-held no intercourse with each other during the trip, we a cinformed.

A SLIPPERY FELLOW CAUGHT .-- Yesterday afternoon, Officer Little arrested Thomas Nulty on a bench-warrant, for being engaged in the root some time since at Twenty-first and Naudain some time since at Twenty-first and Manuatu streets, and for iwounding Officer Dunnam in the shoulder on that occasion. Nulty is a Schuykkil Ranger, and, it is said, has forfeited his ball twice, and kept out of the way until yesterday. He was committed by Alderman Swift to answer the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

A SMALL OPERATION,-Mrs. Grey, who A SMALL OFFRATION.— MIS. Grey, who keeps a small variety store at No. 2006 Fine street, was robbed of about two dollars' worth of toys. The thieves unscrewed the padlock fastening off from the shutter, and reaching in, they had stolen two boxes of children' stoys. A coup c of officers cam upon some man who were carrying boxes, and the latter, becoming alarmed, threw them away and escaped. The boxes proved to be the stolen toys, and were returned to Mrs. Grey this morning.

PROVIDING FOR CHRISTMAS. - Officer Githens arrested a colored man named Hamilton Budd, about 8 o'clock last evening, for having in his possession a new heavily plated preserve stand and two cut glass preserve jars, for which he could not give a good account. He had a heating before Alderman Switt, and was held in \$500 ball to appear again. The stolen property can be obtained by ap-plying to Lienter aut Connelly, at the Fifth District Station House.

JOHN SMITH REDIVIVUS .- This man, who, JOHN SMITH REDIVIVUS.—This mail, who, aiter committing murder, robbery, and every other crime known, and finally committing suicide. has, we see, appeared in the fie-h again. The last we hear of him he was arrested at a very early hour, whi is lo tering in the neighborhood of Second and Shippen streets, whilst eyeing some boultry in a very suspicions manner. He was arrested, and committed by Alderman Tittermary to answer.

ACCIDENT ON A PASSENGER RAILROAD. - A man by the name of Robert Craig was knocked down and run over by one of the Chesnut and Wal-nut streets passenger cars, at Thrity-eighth and Chesnut streets last night at half-past fen o'clock. He was carried to his home in Irwin street, below Thrity-eighth. One of his legs was broken and badly combed orushed.

DEATH OF A POLICE OFFICER.-Mr. W. J. Coulter, aged thirty-seven years, and for the past twenty mouths connected with the municipal police of the Seventh District, died vesterday afternoon after a short illness. He was a good and reliable ficer, and a loss to the force.

LARCENY .- Louisa Hardgrave, having appropriated \$250, the property of a Mr. Anderson, had a hearing before Alderman Beifler this morning, but the facts of the case not being fully elected, she will have a further hearing at two cherces. o'elcek.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY .- Patrick Me Dermott made an assau t on, and threatened to kill. Ellen Mannick this morning. She, not desiring to leave the joys of this world at present, had Patrick arrested. Becorder Eneu committed him in defauit of hall of bail

SUDDYN DEATH .- Mary Bradford, alias "Dutchy," shuffled off this mortal coil in the street, at Seventh and Bedford, ast night. Death sup-posed to have been occasioned by dissipation and posed to exposure.

GOLD-BEARING QUARTZ LEDGE - We would call attention to an advertisement in to day's paper, of Yontana Gold-bearing Quartz Ledges for sale, or to exchange for a ci.y residence. The opportunity is an unt sual one for persons desiring to purchase that kind of property.

EXCITING TIMES EVERYWHERE.- Concress break EXCITING TIMES EVERYWHERE.- Concress break-ing up, navigition closing up, oi' companies already c oseo up, admonish that it is time for us to wrap up ourselves warm to meet the s'orms of winco, and to do that thoroughly and chesply we must buy our clothing of Charles S'okes & Co., first-class clothiere, under the Continental.

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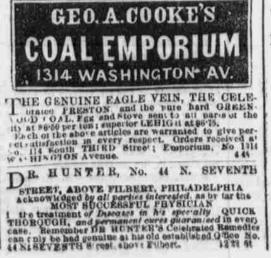
\* CARB.—The Sale of SHEFFIELD PLATED GOODS, announced to take place this and Monday morning, has been unavoidably posiponed in consequence of the non-arrival of the steamer from New York. The Sale will take place during the ensuing week, due announcement of which will be given. 1222

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