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CATARRH.—A clergyman, aged forty-two, had long suffered with catarrh, which had not only been a source of annoyance, but began to excite uneasiness in regard to its effects upon his general health. There was a frequent and sometimes a profuse discharge from the head, frequent sneezing, and an almost entire loss of smell. He procured a box of Humphreys' Specific Catarrh Pills No. 10, and was entirely cured, even to a return of his sense of smell in the course of a few weeks.

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MANIFOLD are the phases in which nervous diseases present themselves. Neuralgia, nerve-ache, are the most prominent, any of which are removed or prevented by taking an occasional dose of Dr. Turner's Tic Douloureux or Universal Neuralgia Pill. This valuable remedy never fails to effect a cure. Apothecaries have this medicine.

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MARRIED.

KERR—GRIFFITH.—On the evening of October 8, 1867, by the Rev. George Bringhurst, No. 758 S. Ninth street, JAMES KERR to Miss KATE GRIFFITH, all of this city.

WILLIAMS—REEVES.—On the 15th instant, at Kensington M. E. Parsonage, No. 247 Richmond street, by Rev. W. J. Paxson, Mr. GEORGE W. WILLIAMS to Miss ANN ELIZABETH REEVES, both of this city.

DIED.

APPLETON.—On the 13th instant, Mrs. ELIZA C. APPLETON, aged 60 years, at the residence of her son, No. 2204 Hamilton street.

Services at the house on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Funeral on Wednesday, the 18th instant. To proceed to St. George's Cemetery, Delaware, by 8 A. M. train from Broad and Prime streets.

ERRICKSON.—On the morning of the 13th instant, Mrs. ELIZABETH ERRICKSON, in her 72d year.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her son-in-law, John R. Greene, at Tacony, Twenty-third Ward, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M. To proceed to Episcopal Church, Holmesburg.

FENTON.—On the 8th instant, CHARLES F. FENTON, of Cheltenham township, Montgomery county, aged 73 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Fifth day (Thursday) next, the 19th instant, at 12 o'clock noon, at Abington Friends' Meeting-house, in Abingtown township, Montgomery county.

GRAUEL.—On the 15th instant, EMMA GRAUEL, daughter of Lafayette and Phebe Grauel aged 1 year 10 months and 3 days.

Gone to meet her sister.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her parents' residence, rear of No. 504 St. John street, above Buttonwood, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. To proceed to Mount Peace Cemetery.

LOCHMAN.—After a long and painful illness, on Saturday morning, the 14th instant, Mrs. MAGGIE N. LOCHMAN, wife of Charles L. Lockman, aged 26 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her husband's residence, Carlisle, Pa., on Wednesday next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

McKENNA.—On Sunday evening, the 15th instant, JOHN F., son of Patrick McKenna and Ellen Dimond, aged 26 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 327 South street, on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Solemn High Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery.

McKEOWN.—On the 14th instant, BENJAMIN McKEOWN, in the 66th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, Lodge No. 3, A. Y. M.; Shiloh Lodge, No. 142, I. O. of O. F., and the Order in general, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 215 South street, on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. To proceed to Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

MERRICK.—On the 16th instant, WILLIAM H. MERRICK.

The relatives and friends of the family, St. John's Lodge, No. 115, A. Y. M.; Conquanock Lodge No. 443, I. O. of O. F.; also the officers and employes of the United States Mint, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his brother-in-law, James S. Barber, No 1849 N. Twelfth street, on Thursday, the 19th instant, at 2 o'clock.

ORR.—On the 15th instant, KATE OGILBY, daughter of James and Julia Orr, in the 27th year of her age.

The male relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her father, No. 4236 Frankford street, on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

TAYLOR.—Suddenly, in Chicago, Illinois, WILLIAM TAYLOR, son of Maria and the late Jacob Taylor, in the 21st year of his age.

Due notice of the funeral will be given. (Rhode Island and New York papers please copy.)

THURLOW.—On Monday morning, the 16th instant, NETTIE F., daughter of Charles L. and Carrie E. Thurlow, aged 3 months and 19 days.

Funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 564 Marshall street, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAMS.—On Sunday, the 15th instant, ADDIE MAY, infant child of John G. and Mary M. Williams, aged 1 year 4 months and 24 days.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, Oxford road, above Frankford, on Wednesday morning, the 18th instant, at 11 o'clock. To proceed to Cedar Hill Cemetery.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

[FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL ITEMS SEE INSIDE PAGES.]

BOILER EXPLOSION IN WEST PHILADELPHIA.

Destruction of Property and Probable Loss of Life.

About half-past 4 o'clock this morning, the citizens of West Philadelphia were startled by a concussion and thundering crash, which seemed to shake their dwellings to their very foundations. It was not long before it was ascertained that a terrible explosion had occurred, and in the excitement which was constantly increasing, rumor spread that many lives had been lost. The following are the particulars of the occurrence:—

At the hour mentioned the boiler in the large whisky distillery No. 4116 Ludlow (lately Oak) street, exploded with a terrific effect. The boiler was placed in a room attached to the main building, which is an extensive one, and near it was stationed the engine. The explosion demolished the whole building—the engine-room being completely wrecked, while its roof was blown to atoms, scarcely a vestige remaining. The large engine seemed, from its appearance, to have been placed in some fiery furnace, and curled and distorted by the flames and heat. The large building adjoining this was greatly damaged—the walls being shattered—while the roof was lifted from its place, and had settled back with a great crash, which demolished beams, and made large crevices in the walls.

Had it not been that the boiler was placed in a small building adjoining the distillery, the effect of the explosion would have been terrible, and attended with a great loss of life, since there were many workmen engaged in it. As it is the result has been serious, and may prove fatal to some of the wounded workmen.

The engineer, Samuel Sweeney, was badly scalded, especially about the face and neck, but not fatally.

George Whetley, a fireman, had his skull fractured by a beam, that came crashing down, and was fatally scalded. He was taken to the Hospital, and the latest report was that he had died.

Joseph McGrady, whose duty it was to tend the mash tub, was seriously scalded, and was taken to his home, No. 22 Carlton street.

These men were all taken from the ruins soon after the explosion occurred, and amid the wildest excitement of the crowd that had gathered about the scene, and who believed that the *debris* of stones and burning beams still covered the bodies of other workmen who had been killed, and buried them from sight. But there were ready hands to search beneath the ruins, and it was soon ascertained that none had been killed, and no more had been wounded than those enumerated above.

The distillery was occupied by John Haas, and was run steadily almost day and night to complete a large contract then on hand, but which was destined never to be completed, by the dire calamity which so suddenly occurred, and with such terrible effect.

Near the distillery were three frame buildings, Nos. 4118, 4120, and 4126 Ludlow street, and owned by David Eastborn, a colored man, that were more or less damaged by the explosion, their windows being shattered by the shower of stones and mortar, and their roofs being almost broken in by the beams and large stones and iron which fell upon them. No. 4126 is occupied by Eastborn. A large stone was forced through one of the windows of the second story, leaving the shutter nothing but splinters, and bounded on to the floor just beneath the bed on which two of Mr. Eastborn's sons were sleeping, and then glanced upwards, lifting the bed about three feet, and then letting it down with a jar that startled the household, but caused no injury. Another large stone, which must have been a portion of a window cap, smashed through a door on the first floor, and bounded into a stove, breaking through its iron top as though it were tinsel, and then burying itself in the oven.

The buildings Nos. 4118 and 4120, tenanted by colored families, were damaged in about the same manner; some of the large boulders and pieces of iron tearing right through their walls of wood as though they were shavings. A portion of the boiler, weighing about one hundred pounds, was thrown about two squares from the scene of the explosion and landed in Ludlow street, sinking deep into the ground. The boiler was almost a new one, and of large dimensions, and its explosion is said to have resulted from negligence in allowing the water to get low and the boiler hot, and then pumping in a new supply of cold water.

The distillery building was formerly occupied by Charles Harding as a snuff-mill. All the morning—from the time when the first thundering report was heard—the place has been thronged with people, who came breathlessly, fearing that the calamity might even prove more fatal that the terrible Sansom street explosion. The loss is $7000 on the boiler, engine, and engine-room, these being totally demolished. The main building can, with no very great expense, be repaired and made strong again.

SALE OF STOCKS AND REAL ESTATE.—The following stocks and real estate were offered for sale at the Philadelphia Exchange, by Thomas & Sons, commencing at noon to-day, with the annexed result:—

36 shares Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank	$123·50
39 shares Commercial National Bank	$54·00
7 shares Southwark National Bank	$105·00
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LOT OF LAND, 6 ACRES, Frankford, Twenty-third Ward	$4125·00
LOT, Trenton avenue and Church street, Frankford, Twenty-third Ward	$4500·00
LARGE LOT and 2 THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLINGS, Vine street, west of Twentieth street, extending through to Reeves street	$2325·00
2 THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLINGS, Nos. 2923 and 2925 Rittenhouse street, between Spruce and Locust, with four Three-story Brick Dwellings in the rear on Stewart street	$1250 each
THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLING, No. 924 N. Sixth street	$3950·00
VERY VALUABLE BUSINESS STAND, No. 231 Dock street, between Second and Third	$10,900·00
THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLING, No. 838 Capital street, below Parrish street, west of Twenty-first, with a two-story Brick Cottage in the rear, on Corinthian avenue	$2300·00
THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLING, No. 2121 Sharswood street, above Girard College, with a two-story Brick Cottage in the rear on Wright street	$2450·00
VERY DESIRABLE COUNTRY SEAT, 2½ ACRES, south side Fisher's lane, within one square of the Station on the North Pennsylvania Railroad	$4700·00
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THE LADIES' FAIR in aid of the Alexander Presbyterian Church opened last evening, in the new Church building, northeast corner of Nineteenth and Green streets, under very favorable circumstances. The ladies have exerted themselves to make the undertaking a success, and the result is that the tables are covered with a handsome display of useful and fancy articles, which are offered for sale at reasonable prices. To those of our readers who may wish to spend an evening pleasantly, and at the same time assist a very worthy enterprise, we would suggest that they cannot do either better than by visiting the Church in question any evening this week.

ASSAULTING AN OFFICER.—Morgan McFadden was last night arrested for assaulting Officer Henry Cabe, of the Eighteenth District. It appears that there was a fight in a tavern on Richmond street, above William, where heads were being jammed and contused with beer mugs and fists, during which the officer went in and caught McFadden as one of the ringleaders. He managed to drag him out beneath a shower of blows, and once out, was followed by the hooting crowd and somewhat beaten. Still he hung, like a true officer, to his prisoner, and finally carried him off to the Station. Alderman Senix committed him.

VINDICTIVENESS.—John Martin had been discharged from the employment of Mr. Ford, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. Now what should he do but wait outside of the shop until Mr. Ford came out, and there grievously assault him. Yesterday he was arrested, and committed by Alderman Johnson in default of $1000 bail.

SLIGHT FIRE.—Last night, about 9 o'clock, a slight fire occurred in C. Lang's jewelry store, at Fifth and Race streets. The clerk, before locking up, had filled the stove full of coal and opened all the drafts, so that before he had been gone fifteen minutes the stove was red hot. A coat hanging near it was soon in flames, but the fire, being soon discovered, extended no further.

FIRE.—A portion of the kitchen of the house occupied by Mr. Butler, at Forty-first and Chesnut streets, West Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire about half-past 11 o'clock this morning. $200 will repair the damage done.

FOR RECKLESS DRIVING, at Fifteenth and Filbert streets, and a general disregard for life and property, Thomas Hasset was arrested, and held to answer by Alderman Jones.

EXCELLENT SKATING AT THE ARCTIC PARK, EIGHTH Street and COLUMBIA Avenue.

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THANKSGIVING WEEK—TO GROCERS AND DEALERS.—Just received from Rochester, New York, a superior lot of Sweet Cider; also some fine Virginia Crab. P. J. JORDAN, No. 22 PEAR Street, below Third and Walnut sts. 11 7 3mp

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AFTERNOON TELEGRAMS.

FROM BALTIMORE TO-DAY.

Negro Normal School Opening—The Weather, etc., etc.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.]

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The anniversary meeting of the Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People, and formal opening of the normal school building, took place here last night, and was largely attended by whites and blacks. There are now seventy-three schools in sixteen counties of Maryland, in which over four thousand colored children are educated. Generals Howard and Gregory were present and spoke. The former warmly favored the present system of reconstruction. Rev. Phillips Brooks, of Philadelphia, William J. Albert, Judge Bond, Francis T. King and others spoke.

The weather has slightly moderated, but navigation still is somewhat impeded. The chief business activity is in putting up ice.

The Sufferers by the Fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Rosanna Murphy died last night at Bellevue Hospital from the effects of injuries received by inhaling smoke during the fire at the tenement house on Second avenue yesterday morning. The medical attendants despair of the lives of Julia Kelley and Cornelius O'Meara.

Charged with Murder.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The three persons arrested on the charge of being concerned in the murder of Henry Werfenbach, on election night, have been discharged, there being no evidence to connect them with the commission of the crime.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton steady at 15½c. Flour quiet; sales of 4000 barrels—State, $8·60@10·80; Ohio, $10·60@13·50; Western, $8·60@14·50; Southern, $12·25@16; California, $12·25@13·50. Wheat firm. Corn steady; sales of 26,000 bushels Western at $1·40@1·42. Oats firmer; sales of 29,000 bushels Western at 84@87c. Barley advancing. Beef quiet. Pork dull; mess, $20·87½. Lard dull. Whisky dull.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Stocks dull, Chicago and Rock Island, 97¾; Reading, 95; Canton Company, 46¼; Erie Railroad, 7¾; Cleveland and Toledo, 109¾; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 86¼; Pittsburg and Fort Wayne, 99¾; Michigan Central, 111; Michigan Southern, 82¾; New York Central, 117¼; Illinois Central, 133; Cumberland preferred, 42; Missouri 6s, 97¾; Hudson River, 133; U. S. Five-twenties, 1862, 108¾; do. 1864, 104¾; do. 1865, 105¼; Ten-forties, 104¾; Seven-thirties, 104¾. Gold, 134¼. Money, 7@8 per cent.

The cause of the advance in U. S. Five-twenties of 1862 is said to arise from the fact that the foreign bankers are short, and are compelled to buy to fill their contracts.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Judge Cadwalader—Charles Gilpin and John K. Valentine, United States Attorneys.—In the case of the United States vs. Timothy McCarthy, charged with carrying on the distilling business without having paid the special tax, before reported, the defense alleged that after the expiration of the first license in April, 1867, the defendant did not take out another one, but left off the business and shut up his place. Verdict not guilty. I. Newton Brown for defendant.

The United States vs. John Haizel. This was a criminal prosecution upon a charge of perjury. It was alleged by the United States that on the 2d of last month the defendant offered himself as bail for the appearance of Daniel Kinsey, to answer an indictment in this court. At that time he was asked whether or not he was bail for any one else, and he, upon his oath, replied "I am not bail for any other person." This oath was false, for he was then bail for the appearance of a man before Alderman Beitler. Charles Lincoln, Deputy Clerk of this court, and the Alderman were called to substantiate these allegations. On trial.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge Brewster.—In the case of the Commonwealth vs. R. H. Gaingher, charged with assault and battery upon Dr. De Young, before reported, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Theodore Sill was convicted a charge of the larceny of a pocket-book containing $150. He one day hailed an express wagon in the street, and got upon the box beside the driver. After riding a few squares he spoke to a female on the sidewalk, got down from the wagon, and joined her. Soon afterwards the driver missed his pocket-book. Of course his suspicions rested upon the prisoner; and upon making inquiries he learned that he had suddenly became generous, and had given $50 to a girl at Atlantic Garden. He then went to him and told him that if he would restore the money he would not be prosecuted, and he gave back $90, thus confessing his guilt.

The same prisoner pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery. He forged the name of John P. Mitchell, President of the Manayunk Fire Company, to a subscription list, requesting from the public donations of money to aid the Company in building a new engine house and representing that he was properly authorized to act in raising the money, and receive several gifts. He was in fact a member of this Company, but had no authority from them.

Neal McCluskey, Neal McCormick, and John McCormick, three boys, were convicted of a charge of the larceny of bedding. The articles were stolen, and were found in the possession of the prisoners in a wood-shed, which they had made their nest, and this possession was unexplained.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge Ludlow. Charles N. Mann, Prosecuting.—Thomas Elliott was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery.

Margaret Brown was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery.

Charles Breekler was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery. There were two bills against this defendant.

Ludwig Vite was charged with the larceny of leather, valued at $2 0. The evidence was that the leather was given the defendant with the understanding that he was to make shoes of it for the prosecutor. He did not do as he promised, but made other articles of the leather, sold them, and pocketed the proceeds.

The defense alleged a purchase of the leather. Jury out.

NISI PRIUS—Judge Sharswood.—Heller vs. Noble. An action for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained in an assault and battery committed by defendant on plaintiff. Before reported. The claim for damages amounted to $3000. Verdict for plaintiff, ten cents.

George Stockham vs. Luther Dock. An action of trover. It was set forth by plaintiff that on the 21st of April, 1866, a half raft of pine lumber belonging to him was casually lost by becoming detached, and was afterwards picked up by the defendant. The defendant knew whose property it was, but refused to deliver it up, and disposed of it for his own benefit. The defense alleged that when apprised of the plaintiff's ownership of the raft, they offered to deliver it to him upon his calling for it and paying the expenses of taking it in; and the plaintiff never advanced the money, and consequently his lumber was never returned. But it was further alleged that Mr. Dock bought the timber from another, who picked it up, and that he himself did not find it floating. On trial.

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FOURTH EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON THIS P. M.

Important Financial Bill Offered by Mr. Sherman—Mr. Stevens' New Reconstruction Bill—The St. Thomas Treaty—Probable Repeal of the Disfranchising Laws, Etc. Etc.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO EVENING TELEGRAPH.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.

The Senate Foreign Affairs Committee had under consideration to-day Seward's treaty for the purchase of St. Thomas and St. John islands, but no decision was reached. It appears that Great Britain is interested in the Danish treaty, as there is provision for a joint occupation of the Island of San Juan by the United States and Great Britain.

The House Military Committee have agreed to report in favor of the repeal of the law of March disfranchising deserters.

Mr. Sherman also reported the House Contraction bill, and will attempt to get action on it before the holidays.

Mr. Stevens reported a bill relating to reconstruction, and providing that a majority of those who vote on that question may adopt the new Constitutions. That members of Congress may be chosen at the time that the Constitutions are voted on. That each State shall have the same number of Representatives it had in the session last preceding the war, with a proviso that, in some States, one or two shall be chosen on a general ticket.

Senator Sherman was authorized to-day by Senate Finance Committee, and reported a bill for funding the national debt into consolidated bonds, registered, and with coupons, in such denominations as he may prescribe, payable, principal and interest, in coin, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent., payable in forty years from date, and to be redeemable in coin at the pleasure of the United States, after ten years, and to be issued in sufficient amounts to cover all outstanding or existing obligations.

Section 2 provides that one per cent. shall be reserved in lieu of the State and Government taxation, one-half to be distributed among the States and the other half to be applied to the payment of the national debt. Another section authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds not exceeding five hundred millions, interest and principal payable in Frankfort or London, and bearing interest at the rate of four-and-a-half per cent., running forty years, redeemable after twenty years. Another section provides that holders of five-twenty bonds may exchange them after five years for the bonds authorized by this act.

FORTIETH CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Mr. Sherman (Ohio) reported from the Committee on Finance a bill to fund the national debt, and for conversion of United States notes. Laid over and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howard (Mich.), from the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, reported a joint resolution to change the time of holding their annual meeting for stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, with an amendment that the term of office of former occupants shall cease after election. Adopted.

The bill to repeal the cotton tax was taken up, and debated by Mr. Conkling, who moved to postpone it until February.

Mr. Williams opposed the motion, and Mr. Morton spoke again in opposition to the bill, although he said the present tax was too high.

House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Mr. McCormick, member elect from the Third District of Missouri, appeared, and the oath having been administered to him by the speaker, took his seat.

The Speaker proceeded, as the regular business in order in the morning hour, to the call for reports.

Mr. Ingersoll (Ill.), from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill to provide for juries in the District, recommitted and ordered to be printed. The bill provides that in all criminal cases in the Supreme Court of the District, the Court may, when satisfied an impartial jury cannot be obtained in the District, issue a special venire for such a number of disinterested men as may be deemed necessary, being citizens of the United States, and having the qualifications of electors of the State or District of their residence.

Mr. Robinson (N. Y.), moved to reconsider the vote by which communications from several departments of the Government, relating to additional compensation of employes, were referred yesterday to the Committee on Retrenchment. He claimed that they should be referred to the standing Committee of the House on Expenditures in the various departments. Motion entered.

Mr. Orth (Ind.) offered a resolution requesting information from the President as to the amount received from the Chinese Government, under the treaty of 1858, for the payment of losses sustained by American citizens, and how distributed. Adopted.

Mr. Kountz (Pa.) introduced a joint resolution for furnishing meters to small distilleries. Referred to Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Stevens (Pa.) inquired of the Speaker whether the Reconstruction Committee had the right to report at any time. The Speaker thought it had not.

Mr. Stevens asked unanimous consent to enable him to report from the Reconstruction Committee a bill relating to the reconstruction of the Southern territory. The bill was read for information.

The first section modifies the Reconstruction acts, so that a simple majority of votes cast for or against a State Constitution may affirm or reject such Constitution.

The third section assigns the number of Representatives as follows:—To South Carolina, six, of whom two shall be elected by general ticket; to North Carolina, eight, one on general ticket; to Georgia, eight, one on general ticket; to Florida, one; to Alabama, eight, one on general ticket; to Arkansas, three; to Virginia, the number is left blank in the bill.

Messrs. Chanler, Ross, and others objected to the introduction of the bill, and it was not received.

Mr. Eggleston (Ohio) introduced a bill to pay certain troops of Cincinnati, engaged in putting down the Kirby raid in 1862; referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wilson (Iowa), from the Committee on Judiciary, reported back several bills, memorials, etc., improperly referred to that Committee, and which were, on his motion, referred to their appropriate committees.

Mr. Thomas (Md.), from the same Committee, reported a resolution authorizing the Judiciary Committee to continue the inquiry concerning public affairs in Maryland, with all the powers and authority given to the committee on that subject by orders and resolutions of the House.

Mr. Phelps (Md.) moved an amendment—that the Representatives from Maryland be privileged to attend at the examination and cross-examination of witnesses.

Mr. Thomas said he had no objection to that.

Mr. Phelps spoke of this investigation as going on since last December, and characterized it as a secret *ex parte* inquisition carried on with it. Representatives intended not only to impeach a State of the Union in full fellowship, but to put that State on trial for its life, its independence, its sovereignty, and its integrity.

Mr. Thomas declined to go into the discussion of the general question now, and remarked that when the time came for it hard words would not have much effect on him or on the House. A discussion at this time in the absence of the testimony, would be a waste of time, of strength, and of the temper and patience of the House. He would say, however, that on his own instance the Judiciary Committee had some time ago thrown open its doors, and allowed any member from Maryland to read in confidence the testimony taken, and suggest the names of witnesses to be examined. With such a latitudinous authority given to his colleague, he did not think there was any room for complaint.

The Fenian Union.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A document appears today in the *Irish People* newspaper signed by John Savage, F. B. Gallagher, John O'Neil, John C. O'Brien, and William R. Roberts, specifying the basis of the union agreed upon between the Roberts and Savage wings of the Fenian Brotherhood. The leadership of the united organization is to be tendered to John Mitchell.

FIFTH EDITION

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Danish Officers at the White House

They are Negotiating for the Sale of St. Thomas.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO EVENING TELEGRAPH.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.

Our East India Squadron.

A letter was received at the Navy Department this morning from Commander Earl English, of the United States steamer Iroquois, announcing her arrival at Singapore on October 6, from Bombay. The Wachusett and Wyoming were at Singapore when the Iroquois arrived, and were to s