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The knights whose arms are turned to rust. Their grim boars'-heads and pasties cold, Their castles crombled into dust? Never did sweeter faces go Blushing beneath the mistletoe, Than are to-night assembled here;

For Christmas still comes once a year. For these old times are dead and gone, And those who halled them passed away; Yet still there lingers many a one To welcome in old Christmas Dayin Winter Clothing good and neat, From Stokes & Co.'s, in Chesnut street,

We all enjoy with goodly cheer, And wish it Christmas all the year, PRESENTS FOR ALL,-\$360,000 worth to be given away.

NO BLANKS. Shares One Dollar each. For Benefit of Soldiers' and Sallors' Orphans, Office, No. 921 Chesnut street.

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FINE CONFECTIONERY, In neat boxes, for Hollday Presents, delivered to any E. G. WHITMAN & Co., part of the city. No. 318 Chesnut street.

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THE PLACE TO BUY CHRISTMAS GOODS.—To-night Sania Claus returns again, after a lapse of one year, and if we could but siy iy peer into that ourlous great bag which he is said to carry at his side, and which contains so many wonders, we would used underly see that he had made a protracted stay at Ritchile & Woelpper's, No. 27 North Eighth street. For it would be found full of fine gloves and neat hostery, and locomograble handkerchiefs and warm under wear—all coming from this establishment of Ritchile & Woelpper—which is truth has bardly a compeer in this country. These gentlemen have given their undivided attention to the mann's ure of these articles, and from long years of practice and long years of experience are now able to manufacture goods firmer in their texture, more beachiful to near appearance, and darable in their lasting qualities, than can be found elsewhere. Their stock of handke chiefs, expressly settened for the holiday sales, is unsurpassed. There are handkerchiefs without number, to suit the rich as well as the poor, and the young as the old—from the chief pest of cotton to the best of silk, or lace, or lines. Has discrebiels by the million and for the millions are here, while the strek of goven is of the and varied, that it would make the eyes of a connolsseur gilsten to look a tithem. Filichile & Woelpper have now on hand the best of loreign and domestic goods, and the prio sale the most ropular. These should be sufficient inducements to invite a Christmas call at No. 27 North Eighth street. THE PLACE TO BUY CHRISTMAS GOODS .- To-night

HCLIDAY BOCKS—Everybody desires to purchase one or more books at Christmas Lines, for a book or a set of a bail of dozen is about the most acceptable pressent we can make to a friend. The well-known dealer. G. W. Pitcher, No. 8% Chesnut street, has one of the largest and most des rable stocks of goods in the city, as das he has adopted the plan of giving to his customers a part of the large retail profit by reducing his goods from twenty-five to fifty per cent., he offers inducements qualled by no other house. Pitcher, in addition to his cooks has a splendid a softment of stereocones, views, stationery, picture frames, photographs and Prang's American Chromos, for which he is agent in this city. Those wonderful works of a tare precisely similar to oil paintings, and cannot be distinguished from them by the most rigid scrut by. Any of these ardicles are appropriate for Christmas presents, and when their excellence is considered they are the cheapest goods in the market.

Bo Exsentens are the first approaches of Consum So insipious are the first approaches of Consumption that thousands remain unconscious of its presence until it has brought them to the verge of the grave. As immediate resort to Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant upon the first appearance of the Cough. Pain, of Boreness of the Throat or Chest, would very generally preclude a ratal result, or, in case the symptoms indicate the presence of Latent Consumption, would send to subdue the violence of the disease, and thus materially assist in prolonging the life of the patient. Une the Expectorant, therefore, when you take Cold, and thus prevent the necessity for its use in more dangerous compisions. Bold averywhere.

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the nerve fluid, thereby invigorating the debilitated
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GROVER & BAKER'S Highest Premium Sewing Machines, No. 780 Chesnut street.

INDUCEMENTS IN HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Bo Presents for Ladies.

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Bo Presents for Children,

Molswine & BROTHER, No. 1985 Cursulve street.

ATTENTION is called to the su e for quality of the goods offered at the Murphe House-Farais sing Sto e. They are the very finest extant, and the goods are such as would make the most suitable pre-ent. This large furnishing establishment, at No 224 Cresnut street, which has attained an enviable reputation under the joint propriet radio of Messas. Whitams & Wo dward, is stocked with furnishing goods of every possible nature and variety con elvable, and forms an assortment from which Christmas selections could be most satisfactorily mode. Those searching tonight for Christmas sitts so tud not forget or look over this establishment, which, from its superior goods and mode-ate prices, stands unrivalled.

Its Good Expects are Permanent.—In this it differs from all hair dyes. By its u-e inturbate growth is guaranteed, natural color and gloss are restored. One trial will cause you to say this of Mrs. S. A. Al on's Improved (new style) Hair Res over or Dressing (in one bottle). Every Druggist sells it. Price, One Dollar.

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MARRIED.

MCCLENNEN-PRUTZMAN -At the Parsonage of the Presbyterian Church, Roxboro, December 19 by Hev. Joseph Beggs, Mr. CHARTES MCCLENNEN to Mas AMANDA PRUTZMAN, all of Roxbero, Philadelphia.

WATERS-FISHER, On the 14th of November-1867, by the Rev. G A. Pelts, Mr. FRANK M. WATERS to Miss MAGGIE R. FISHER, all of this

DIED.

CRUIKSHANK.—On the 22d of December, Mrs. CAROLINE C. URUIKSHANK, relict of the late Lawretce Cruikshank aged 30 years.
The relatives and frience of the lamily are invited to attend the innersi, from the seldence of her brother, C. William Schaffer, No 25t Kurtz street, below Girard avenue, on Thursday afternoon next at 2 o'clock.

GEYER.—On the 21st instant, after a long and lingering illness, JOHN J. GEYER, in the 32th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and the The relatives and friends of the family, and the members of Mount Airy Lodge, No. 225, I. O. of O. F.; and the Order in general, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 5832 Main street, Mount Airy, Twenty-second Ward, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 1 o'clock.

J.E.NTZ.—On the 22d instant, EMMA SOPHIA, daughter of Mary and the late Jacob H. Lentz, in the 10th year of her ago.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her uncle. W. M. Taylor, No. 232 Vine street, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. Interment at Laurel Hill.

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McNUTT.—On the 21st histant. LIZZIE MINERVA.
eldest daughter of Ezra and Rebecca McNutt, in the
18th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully livited to attend her funeral, from her parents'
residence. No. 659 N. Teath street, N. E. corner of
Meion street, on Weenesday morning, the 25th instant at 9 o'clock, without further notice. To proceed
to Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

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SCHOCH.—On the 22d instant, ANNA ELIZABETH, eides daughter of George and Anne Schoon,
aged 8 years 8 months and 21 days.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence
of her parents No 429 Wildey street, on Thursday
stre now at 3 o'clock, without further notice. To proceed to Hanna er Street Receiving Vault.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

[FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL ITEMS SEE INSIDE PAGES.]

AN OLD-FASHIONED SWINDLER-HE MERTS AN OLD-FABRIONED SWINDLER—HE MEETS
o'clock yesterday afternoon, a very respectablelooking man, with a pleasing address and remarksble fluency of speech, stepped into the
dry goods establishment of Mr. John Burnse, at
No. 24 South Eleventh street, and stated that
he wished to purchase a large number of blankets for use in the Pennsylvania Hospital, of kets for use in the Pennsylvania Hospital, of which institution he claimed to be the treasurer. Some time was devoted to looking over the samples shown him, and his selections were finally completed and laid aside. He then retired, promising to call again in about an hour, and pay for his purchases. This he did, butfinding Mr. Burnes busily engaged, he again withdrew, and again retuined. He then presented in payment a check on the Sixth National Bank of this city, drawn for the sum of two hundred and after drawn for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and endorsed with his own name. When Mr. Burnes called his attention to this airgular circumstance, he stated that it was done in accordance with a rule of the Hospital, which required all checks drawn by officers of

which required an cheese drawn by officers of that institution to be endorsed by them.

He further stated that he was a physician in the Hospital, opposite which he resided, and that he had a large private practice in the city, and was intimately acquainted with any number of our most prominent physicians, a long list of whom he ran over glibly, by way of verification of his claim.

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The blankets which he pretended to purchase were valued at \$179, and were of a larger pattern than those used in the Hospital. But when this objection was raised, the alleged physician stated that they could easily be cut into the sizes required. This would be purchaser, on presenting the check, requested Mr. Burnes to give him the difference between the amount for which it was drawn and the price of the blankets. But this Mr. Burnes refused to do, saying that he was a stranger to him, and he desired to ascertain whether or not the do, saying that he was a stranger to him, and he desired to ascertain whether or not the check was good, and therefore retained it, promising that he would let Mr. Martill know the result, as soon as he (Burnes) learned about it. Before leaving the store, the pseudo physician said that he would send Fatrick, the porter of the Hapital, for the blankets as fast as they were needed for use. This morning Mr. Burnes proceeded to the Sixth National Bank and presented the check. He was at once informed that no such person as James H. Martill (the name signed to the check) had a deposit there, and also that a check for \$100 had been presented to the bank yesterday signed by the same sented to the bank yesterday signed by the same name, but this time having the title "cashier"

that this time having the title "casher attached, instead of the word "treasurer," as on this given to Mr. Burnes.

Mr. Burnes' attention was also called to the endorsement upon the back of the check, which, while it was evidently written by the same person who had signed the check, still the same person who had signed the check, still the same person who had signed the check. same person who had signed the check, still showed that he was able to write almost any style of hand, and was probably a very good imitator of others' penmanship.

The swindler, who was thus forestalled, is about five feet six inches in height, of stout build, and dark complexion. It would be well for our merchants to be on their guard, as his respectable bearing and fluent speech are well calculated to deceive the unwary.

DESPERATE CHARACTER .- John P. Baker. DESPERATE CHARACTER.—John P. Baker, who has just left Fort Lafayette, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon, and repaired to his parents' residence, Nineteenth and Pine streets. Soon after entering the premises a dispute arose, during which Baker, it is alleged, drew from his pocket a long knife, with which he threatened to kill his father and brother. The affair created considerable excitement, and an officer was called in. John was then taken in charge, and after a hearing before Alderman Swift, was committed, in default of bail, to answer at Court. answer at Court.

Panel Smashes.—A young man, giving the name of Patrick McElheny, was accested last evening by Policeman Briggs, at Sixteenth and Catharine streets, on the charge of panel smashing. The accused was caught while operating on a store door. He was taken before alderman Mink, and committed in default of ball to answer for the slieged offense.

An Anticipated Mener Christmas Day comes to merrow, and though we have no snow to make it seem more merry by the jinging of bells, or a storm of flakes through which it is represented that the good, little, loving Santa Claus will o me, yet, without these, it will nevertheless be a merry Christmas: and so we wish it! For the past two or three days everything within churches and chapels has been clothed in beautiful evergreen, while many a father, preparing for this all-important eve, has hid some large and well-stocked Christmastree. To-day is the great day for purchasing. How the confectioners will put up the big and little boxes of candles, and how the toy-man frets because be thinks his great stock will run short of the demand, and how the faces of the jewelle sellsten with joy as their wars do in brilliancy, while smaller merchants in their way, from the foreign youth who stands on the Custom House steps, swinging around his "buzzi-wags," that seem to sound the coming of a tegion of beasts, to the little old woman who has sat behind the same little, old, rickety stand, at Third and Chesnut streets, for seven years, selling apples and partially decayed ground-nuts—all rijolee at the 'brisk trade" and keep wishing a "Merry Christmas" to all who are kind enough to think of them and their little ones. Then what expectation has been swelling up in the little hearts that have their little ones. Then what expectation has been swelling up in the little hearts that have grown big—that have speculated for the past three months about what the good Santa Claus would bring them—and who will roll about their beds restlessly to-night—thinking it the dreariest and longest one they ever knew—and who will be no better the same period towards. dreariest and longest one they ever knew—and who will be up betimes—scampering towards their stockings, even before father or mother are awake—or before the first faint glimmering ray of daylight has come. It is a dreary heart, indeed, that has not some pleasure in the approach of this momentous day, when the old dying year, with only a few more short breaths to draw, wills over to those who have travelled with it mementoes of its life. And none will forget the familiar—and aimost ancient rhyme—by Clement C. Moore, that runs as follows:—

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all thro' the house.

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse:

The stockings were noug by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicho as soon would be there:
The children were nested sli song in their beds,
While visions of sugar-piums dauced through their

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap. And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
) ad settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter;
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter;
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter;
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shotters and throw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
(fava the lustre of mid-day to objects below:
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature seeigh, and eight floy r-indeer,
With a little old driver, so fively and quick,
I knew is a moment it must be St. Nick.
blore rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted, and called them by
hame—

"Now Dasher! now, Dapcer! now, Prancer! now.
Vixen!
On. Comet! on. Cupid! on, Donder and Blixen!
To the top of the perch! to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"
As the leaves that before the wild harricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the bouse-top the cour-ers they flow,
With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas toe;
And thee, in a twinking. I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof,
As I drew in my head, and was turning around.
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came wiln a bound,
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and Now. Dasher! now, Dapcer! now, Prancer! now,

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back. And he looked like a peddler just op-ning his p His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples

And he looked like a peddler just op-ning his pack:
His eyes—bow they twinkled! his dimples—how
mery!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droil little mouth was drawn up like a bow.
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he hels tight in his teeth.
And the snoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face, and a little round belly.
That shock, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chuchy and plump; a right jolly old elf.
And I laughed, when i saw him. In spite of myself.
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head.
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke nat a word, but went straight to his work,
and filled all the stockings—then turned with a jerk,
And laying his linger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, un the chimney he reso.
He spirang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
But I heard him exclain, ore he drove out of sight,
"Harry Chelistmas To all, and To all a Good
NIGHT!"

Several of our benevolent institutions will give Christmas dinners to their inmates. At the Bedford Mission, there will be a great dinner given to the poor little children, who have hardly yet learned what a true Christmas is. This mission, under the charge of Rev. J. D. Long, has taken an important stand in that vicinity, and has become the only "shining light" in that wilderness of sin. We hope that there will be no lack of good things for the little ones. little ones. At many of the Catholic churches Christmas

Mass will be sung to-morrow morning at five A PHILADELPHIA WOMAN ENIGRATES TO MAINE. AND THERE CONFESSES TO HAVING COMMITTED SEVERAL CRIMES.—In the Portland Star, of De-cember 21, we find the following item of interest

to Philadelphians:"An interesting case will doubtless be brought to "An interesting case will doubtless be brought to light, in a few weeks, relative to murier and other crimes. A women who has lately been sent to the Almshouse in Eliot, by a man whom she called her husband has made a confession of certain orimes. The same of the man whom the woman claims as her husband is James Straw, alias James Strong, alias James Strone, and Jim Stewart. He is said to be a malive of Newfield, Me; he has a brother-in-law in Manchester, N. H., not of the most reputable character, who is said to have served one term in Concord State Frison, for burglary of a house in Franklin, N. H. His accomplice has several aliases.

"The woman says she is from Philadelphia says they have been living in the woods, all arourd. She tells several very severo things against her husband and his accomplices, among ethers a murder. The attention of the citizens was first drawn to the matter by her confession to some parties after she reached the Almshouse. The services of United States Detuctive Kent of Porismouth, were sought, who after an investigation into the matter, recommended that the whole affair should be put into the hands of Doputy Sheriff Bartlett, of Kitzery, to work up, and he is now very busy in the matter and promises to be successful. The two men have been arrested at Dover, N. H., and are now in jail."

THE HANLONS attracted a large audience to the Academy of Music last eyening, and those who proceeded thitner with the impression who proceeded thither with the impression that their wonderful performances had been overestimated were agreeably disappointed. The "Three Flying Men in the Air" fairly makes one's hair stand on end as he contemmakes one's hair stand on end as he contemplates it. A more daring, perilous, and artistic acrobatic performance was never ventured upon before in this or any other country. But this marvellous feat is but one of many of a like character which are undertaken with great success. Not less astonishing are the achievements of the "Man-Frog," whose evolutions under water are simply wonderful. The learned dog "Jupiter" adds much to the attractions of the entertainment, being fully equal to the celebrated dog which Gentleman Waife purchased with his £3 to the great distress of all celebrated dog which Gentleman Waife pur-chased with his £3, to the great distress of all who could not divine "what he would do with it." Altogether, the Hanlons present a very rare and unique entertainment, and the Aca-demy will doubtless prove one of the most popular resorts of the holiday season. It well deserves to be such.

THE DOWN RIVER STRAMBOATS LAID UP FOR THE WINTER.—The steamer Major Reybold, which plies between Philadelphia and Salem, has been laid up for the winter at the latter place. The steamer Swan, which runs be-tween Smyrna and Philadelphia, has been laid up at Philadelphia. The steamer Osceola, ruu-ning between Wilmington and Panusgrove, was caught by the ice and compelled to remain at the latter place, though she will embrace the first favorable opportunity for getting over to Wilmington to winter, and undergo necessary wilmington to winter, and undergo necessary repairs. The regular steamboats plying between Philadelphia and Wilmington are all laid up at the latter city for wintering and the usual winter repairs. The Hancox is at Pusy, Jones & Co.'s wharf. The Ariel at the H. & H. Co.'s yard, while the Feiton is lying at her own wharf.

Suspicious Character.—A man named John Hartzinger was arrested last evening by Officer Frazier, at Ninth and Callowhill streets, under the following circumstances. It appears that Hartzinger was driving a wagon containing nine barrels of whisky, and on arriving at Ninth and Callowhill streets his wagon got into a rut, rendering it hard for the horses to puli. Officer Frazier went to his assistance, and while engaged in pushing the wagon discovered that there were whisky barrels in it. On questioning the driver in reference to the matter, he was informed that the barrels contained coal oil. On investigating the affeir it was discovered that his statements were false. The defendant was then taken to the lock-up, preparatory to having a heaving a hearing before the United States Commissioner. SURPICIOUS CHARACTER.—A man named John

House Robbery .- The residence of Mr. Phillips, at Ninth and Catharine streets, was en-tered last evening and robbed of \$500. The thief succeeded in committing the act unperceived, and made his escape with his III-gotten gains.

SERIOUS BURNING CASE .- Two men engaged in the distillery business at William and salmon streets, named Thomas Lappin and Salmon streets, named Thomas Lappin and Dennis Cail, were endeavoring this morning to start the fire in the furnace. It is alleged that both were intoxicated at the time, Lappin tried to rake the cinders down from the furnace, and saling to discover any fire, Call thought he could help him in his efforts. He accordingly drews bucket-full of whisky and threw it on the cinders. The flames darted up, burning Lappin and scorching his whiskers and hair. The sufferer was taken in charge and his injuries attended to. The affair created considerable excitement.

HEARINGS AT THE CENTRAL STATION, -Before Alderman Beiller, at 2 o'clock to-day, Morritz Stern was charged with obtaining \$187.50, be-longing to Henry Codoara & Co., by false and fraudulent representations. He was held in

Isabelient representations. He was held in \$1000 bail for a further hearing.

Isabelient was charged with the larceny of a trunk containing wearing apparel, belonging to Charles Holland. He was held in \$1000 bail to appear at Court,

James Bond, alias John Rice, aged slaty-seven was arraigned upon the charge of purely. seven, was arraigned upon the charge of pur-loining several packages belonging to different parties from the Ridgway House, at the foot of Market street. He was held for a further

STEALING BRISTLES .- John Blake, sixteen years of age, was arrested vesterday, on the charge of robbing a store at Fifth and Dolphin streets. It appears that the accused was found carrying three bags of bristles used for making brushes, and that when questioned in regard to them he could give no satisfactory account of the fil-gotten property. He had a hearing before Alderman Sinex, and was held to answer for the offense. for the offense,

THE CLOSING EXERCISES at the Jefferson Girls Grammar School, Fifth and Poplar streets, took place this morning in the school room, which was beautifully decorated with evergreens. There was a large attendance, and after reoltations by the children, which attested well to their intellectual culture, and singing, addresses were made by Edward Shippen, Esq., President of the Board of Control, Rev. Mr. Dickerson, and others.

AT THE CATHEDRAL TO-MORROW Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated by Right Rev. Bishop Wood, at 10% o'clock, with all the impressive ceremonies incident to the great festival of Christmas. Hummel's Grand Mass, No. 2, in G, will be sung. At the offerlory, "Adeste Fideles." The choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the Germanian of the choir will be assisted by the choir will be assisted by the choir w mania Orchestra, the whole under the direction of Mr. Michael H. Cross.

FELL ON THE ICE.-Mrs. Annie Noble while on her way to the New York depotyes-terday afternoon, slipped on the ice and injured herself seriously. She was conveyed to the Episcopal Hospital, where her injuries were

STABLE ROBBED .- The stable belonging to D. W. Hill, in the rear of No. 1432 North Fif-teenth street, was entered last evening, and a pair of pants, an overcoat, and a pair of boots were stolen. The articles belonged to the driver. The thief made good his escape.

SAD ACCIDENT .- About 11 o'clock this morning Robert Keys, son of Mr. Keys, residing at No. 1928 Rockford street, was seriously burned by his clothes taking fire from a stove. little fellow is not expected to survive,

SERIOUS FALL.-Thomas Cabill fell last evening, at Fifth and South streets, and dislocated his arm. He was removed to the Hospital.

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LATEST WASHINGTON NEWS

Marriage of Colonel Parker Last Evening -General Grant and Reconstruction -Senator Sherman's Financial Scheme-The Internal Revenue Commissionership-The Democratic Presidential Com-

mittee, Etc.

[SPRCIAL DESPATCH TO HVENING THINGRAPH.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. The fashionable world has been in a ferment The fashionable world has been in a ferment all day, owing to the announcement in the morning papers that the marriage between Colonel Parker and Miss Backett would take place at 12 o'clock, at the Church of the Epiphany. Crowds of well-dressed people of both sexes wended their way to the church, and at noon the sidewalk in front was pretty well filled. The church was opened preparatory to being dressed for Christmas, but no signs of a bridal party were visible. The knowing ones kept quiet, and it was some time before it came out that the parties were married last evaning

out that the parties were married last evening at 6 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Hall, the pastor of the Church of the Epiphany, at his residence. The party came in carriagos, and the whole affair was managed with the strictest privacy. affair was managed with the strictest privacy. General Grant was present and gave away the bride. Mrs. Sackett, mother of the bride, and a few other friends, were the only persons present. The bride and groom, it is said, left on the early train this morning for New York. This unexpected change of programms disappointed many, for the holders of cards of invitation issued previous to the time fixed for the wedding which did not come off, were notified that the cards would be good for to-day at 12 o'clock, at the same place, and they feel much chagrined in consequence.

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Nothing else scarcely is talked of to-day in all circles but this extraordinary marriage. Some people thought that at the time fixed for it to come off the bride would not make her appearance, but disappoint him as he had disappointed her hefers. appointed her before. And a hundred curious speculations were indulged, which were all exploded upon the announcement that the wedding had taken place. The city is almost deserted by officials, clerks, and others, who have gone home in large numbers to spend the Christmas. The stores are displaying their handsomest stocks, but the absence of buyers is very noticable. All the Departments will be closed to-morrow, and indeed the closing commenced to day for very little business was done in any after 12 o'clock.

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Considerable comment is being made upon the failure of Congress thus far to take any measures for amending the Reconstruction acts, in the failure to confer upon General Grant precisely the same powers as were conferred upon the District Commanders. It is well known that Congress at the July session supposed that it had so amended the acts as to give General Grant this power; but astrict construction of the language failed to confirm this theory, and General Grant's revisionary section has accordingly been confined simply to the matter of removal, appointment, and detail of officers.

Several members of the Ways and Means and Fnance Committees have been in consultation with the Secretary of the Trea ury recently in with the Secretary of the Trea ury recently in regard to finance matters. Senators Morgan and Sherman have had long interviews with him, with a view of eliciting his views on the Sherman measure. The Secretary has not indicated his ideas on the subject fully, but he is known to favor that portion of the scheme relative to the foreign loan. In regard to the four million proposition, he has very grave doubts, and is not at all convinced of its advisability at the present time.

He is understood to believe that a law of that character would interfere with the banks, and cause a large withdrawal of their deposits. From the conversation of different members of Congress, it is inferred that a majority of the House is in favor of taxing the bonds, and it may be confidently expected that a bill looking to that object will be introduced almost immediately after the bolidays. The proposition meets with general approbation, and there is no doubt of the passage of such a measure.

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The latest phase the controversy over the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has taken indicates rather an anomalous state of affairs. It is rumored to-day that Mr. Wise-well has assurances of an appointment to that office, and, as an inducement, it is said, engages office, and, as an inducement, it is said, engages to secure the confirmation of Mr. Cooper as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. The case of Mr. Cooper, as is known, has been reported upon adversely by the Senate Committee, and to effect his confirmation will certainly need every effort. It is also stated, in connection with Mr. Wisewell's appointment, that General Steedman has withdrawn in his favor.

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The National Democratic Resident Committee
met last night at the National Hotel. The businest related mainly to making preparations for a vigorous prosecution of the political campaign in advance of the regular Convention, Con-ferences have already been held for this object between committees of the conservative Army and Navy Union and the Johnson Departmental Club. A new committee was formed to manage the matter of the forthcoming celebration on the 8th of January. Judge Mason, Cornelius Wendell, Tom Florence and others are on the Resident Committee, Reverdy Johnson, Amos Kendall, Jerry Black, J. P. Prayn, and Dixon, of Connecticut, are on the Financial Com-

[LATER.]

News from Admiral Davis' Squadron. [SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Welles this morning received a letter from Rear Admiral Davis, commanding the South American Squadron, stated Rio Janeiro, November 20, in which he reports the operations of the vessels of his squadron for October. The flagship Guerriers during the month visited Rio Janeiro, Pernambico, and Bahia, and on the Sist of October was at Rahis, in excellent condition. The Wash bt.co, and Bahia, and on the 3ist of October was at Bahia, in excellent condition. The Wasp cruised from Janeiro to Hahia, and was at the latter place on the 3ist. The l'awnee, from the list to the 3'st, was at Bahia, where a naval general court-martial was held on board. The Kansas was at Montevideo all through October, repairing steering apparatus. The Hansa was at Rio de Janeiro all of October. The Shamokin from the list to the 19th was in L-jan river, and from the 19th to 3 ist at Buenos Ayres.

Government Stocks in New York. [SPECIAL DESPATOR TO THE EVENING TRLEGRAPH.]

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EVENING TRLEGRAPH.]

New York, Dec. 24.—Smith, Randolph & Co., Bankers, No. 18 South Third street, and No. 8 Nassau street, New York, report at 1 o'clock this afternoon as follows:

United States 1881s, 1124/2611274.

United States 5-20s, 1864, 1051/2610514.

United States 5-20s, 1864, 1051/2610514.

United States 5-20s, 1865, 1051/2610514.

United States 5-20s, new 1885, 108/2610514.

United States 5-20s, 1867, 108/2610514.

United States 10-40s, 1011/2610114.

June and July 7-80s, 1041/2610414.

Latest Markets by Telegraph. BALTIMORE, Dec. 24 — Cotton quiet. 18@15\(\frac{1}{2}\) c. Flor stendier; sales of low grades City mills shipping extrat \$10.75. Wheat scarce, and \$2.60\(\frac{1}{2}\) 270 for prime to choice: Corn very firm at about yesterday's price Onic, 75\(\text{@78c}\). Provisions unchanged. There is som demand for bulk Mests—thoroughly cured scarce.

BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER SMITH. -A hearing took place this morning before United States Commissioner Smith, in the case of John Hartzinger, found hauling nine barrels of whilsky last evening in the neighborhood of Ninth and Callowhili streets. Several witnesses were examined, who testified to the hauling of the whisky by the defendant, but they were unable to state where he was hauling the existence or give positive proof of his interthe article to or give positive proof of his inten-tion to wrong the Government. The accused was then held for a further examination.

THE ARCTIC SKATIKG PARK .- This Skating P. rk is now in full operation, the alleged injuries to the cellars of the houses opposite the Park, by being flooded with water said to have ome from it, having been caused by the burst ing of a water pipe.

STILL ANOTHER. -The body of a dead infant was found in a wood plie at Almond street wharf this morning. It was taken to the Third Ward Station House, and the Coroner notified

LATER FROM WASHINGTON. A Batch of Army and Navy Orders-

Closing of the Departments for

the Holidays, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. Army Orders.

Brevet Major-General J. B. McIntosh, Lieu-tenant Colonel 42d Infantry, has been appointed. Deputy Governor of the Soldiers' Home, his former appointment of Treasurer being re-

Surgeon C. H. Lamb, in addition to the duties of Surgeon, has been appointed Treasurer and Secretary of the Soldiers' Home.

Major H. W. Wharton, of the retired list, has been ordered to report to General Van Vilet, Department Quartermaster-General, at Balti-

The following named Midshipmen in the United States Navy have been ordered to ordenance duty:—Frederick Crocker, John U. Foley, Henry W. Lyons, and Charles S. Sperry, at the Boston Navy Yard; William H. Parker, at the Washington Navy Yard; M. B. Field, M. S. Day, George W. Costar, and Rufus Waterman, at New York Navy Yard, and Asa Walker, at Portsmouth, N. H.

The following officers have been detached from the United States steamer Monongaueis and placed on waiting orders;—Lieutenant P. H. Harrington, Eusign; T. A. Lyons, Midshipman; L. W. Housen, A. Blanker, Ed. Woodman, J. V. Hemphill, and B. S. Richards, Second Assistant Engineer, C. J. Habigont and Oarpenter A. G. Thomas. Navy Department.

Oarpenter A. G. Thomas. Treasury Department.

The Treasury Department was closed to-day at noon, to remain closed until day after te-morrow.

FROM EUROPE BY CABLE.

More Fenian Fiascos Attempts to Blew up the Gas Works at Liver-pool and Glasgow-The Eruption of Vesuvius.

LONDON, Dec. 24—Noon.—The Fenians are still active. The newest sensation is an effort made last evening to destroy the Gas Works at Glasgow. Attempts had been made the night before to destroy the Gas Works at Warrington, in Liverpool. In both cases the efforts were unsuccessful. The authorities in those cities are doubly watchful, and no further trouble is apprehended. Despatches received from various parts of the kingdom report everything quiet parts of the kingdom report everything quies The eruption of Vesuvius is increasing.

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