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## THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1869.

### NEWS SUMMARY

#### City Affairs.

- Testerday Major Fox appointed Jone Car-ley one of the Hugo Constables, in place of Joseph Barton, removed. --Hos. Judge Shars wood last evening delivered

an oration before the Atumni A-sociation. University of Peansylvania. -Ye-terday attenuoon John Keanan was

run over, at Frankford road and Girard avenue, by a wagon, and had his left log broken. He was removed to St. Mar.'s Hospital.

-The Managers of the German Hospital were the recipients, a lew days since, of a douation of \$1000 from Mary D. Brown, of this city, and \$250 from John Gioson, Son & Co., merchants, -The Finance Committee of Consells last evening approved the securities of John M.

Melloy, Receiver of Taxel; and passed a bull making an appropriation of \$2,000.000 to the Park Commissioners. - Last evening the two-story brick bay and

fred store of George Watson, on the N E. cor-ber of Twenty-second and Market starts, with a frame stable in the rear, was destroyed by fire.

-At a meeting of the B and of Guardian . of the Poor held jesterons alternoon, the Holse Agent reported the following census of the house for the week ending Saturday, January 16, 1869:-Number in the house, 3816; same time last year, 3634; increase, 212. Admitted within the last two works, 212; brins, 8; dea us, 23; discharged, 112; eloped, 34; indeutured 1; number of per oos granted lodgings within last two weeks, 215; number of persons granted meals within the last two weeks, 660. The Steward reported the house receipts at \$280.52. The Out-door Agent reported collections for the support of at as abounding to \$1102. A resolation was adopted that the Steward be directed to make the necessary inquiries in the wards of the institution as to the number of the inmutes of the bouse capaol of performing such lapor as may be useful to the institution, and that he report at the next meeting of the Board a list

of the names of such persons. -The third annual meeting of the Managers of the Boniding Home, for Young Women took place yesterday morning. The house accom modates twenty-five boarders, of whom a large proportion have enjoyed the benedts of the netitution from the beginning. The demand for admission this season is so great that the managers, allhough feeling encouraged, regret that they have been obliged to turn away many applicants who need the benefits of such home. To remely this evil as far as possible. a committee of two managers has been ap-pointed to meet at the Home on Friday of each week, to receive applicants for poard and to endeavor to secure for them comfortable homes, and at the some time procare employ. ment for those who need work. The library is at all times open to the boarders, and contains over four hundred volumes. Permits have also en ob since at the Apprentices' Library for

all who desire reading matter. -At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F., held ou Saturday ever tog, about fifty Past Grands were adm tied to membership; charte a were granted for three new lodges, and the following nonioations for Grand Secretary, to fill the place of Grand Sec-retary Carus, decrased, were made:-Witham D. Men-ing. of No. 5; J. B. Nicholson, of No. 160; John J. Scheil, of No. 11; Francis East-Robinson, S. Schen, of No. 11, Praticis East-lack, of No. 477; George Hawkes, of No. 325; Benjamin Boucher, of No. 11; W. H. Jackson, of No. 114; G. W. Holstein, of No. 57; Jann Platt, of No. 11; J. W. Tyndall, of No. 295; George Sligo, of No. 13; C. N. Hickock, of No. 202; John Curtis, of No 613; George Bertran, of No 199; D. W. Morris of No. 41; S. N. Foster, of No. 190; J. W. Stokes, of No. 28, and Charles Cobill, of No. 146. The Grand Lodge of the United States having dispensed with the wearing of aprons recently. Enterprise Lodge, No. 201, has adopted a now collar, with the emplement of the order brastifully https://aphed upon it. Past Grand Sire James B. Nicholson has been appointed Grand Secretary of the

I. O. O. F. Order, for the unexpired term of the late drand Secretary, William Curtis. —The exercises of the Sunday School Insti-tute, Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association, commenced yesterday alternoon in Rev. Mr. Thimare's church, Seventh stree', above Brown. Rev. George A. Feliz delivered an address on 'Practical Though's for Beginning," advising the frequency of conventions to facilitate the labor in Sunday Schools. The Rev. J. M. Freeman.of the Halsey Street Methodist Church,

**Contested** Election Case. Yesterday, before the Board of Examiners, the

taking of testimony was continued:-James Wai c was sworn, and testided that when he presented his ballot some one had already voted in his name. Similar facts the witness testified he had seen ouring the day, He also swore that he had been in dread of to the polis until policemen were sent Matthew O'Braiy was sworn, and testified

that he had moved from the Sixth division of the Seventeenth ward a month prior to the October effection, and Mr. Maou then called attention to the fact that the name Matthew Brady, with the residence occupied formerly by the winess, was on the list of taxables, and marked as having yob-d.

Mrs. Kane sworp-Te tided that she resided at No. 1418 N. Second street, at a that her husband was absent from the city and in Cubs at the time of the municipal and Presidential elections,

and is there now. Mr. Mann stated that the name of John Kane, No. 1418 N. Second street, assistant engineer was marked on the list of voters as having voted Kate Dougherty sworn-Testified that she resided at No. 1409 Newkirk street; we have used there as long as I can remember; I know Patrick O'Kane; he fived in a house of my father's, No. 1409 Newkirk street; after I subnormed to come here my sister went to O'Kai e's house and brought the receipt-book produced (O'Kane's) to our house; my sister wrole the last receipts in its.

Liary A. Dougherly sworn-Mr. La Rue, who ittes in our house vacated by Mr. O'Kane, in November, pays the rent to my mother, but I write the receipts; we takked at doner to day and thought that it would be better to get Mr. O'Kan-'s receipt-book. Mr. Monu here stated that on the list of voters

the name Wil-on La Rue is marked residing at

No 1468 Edgemont street. Witness-- Mr. O'Kane did not pay the rent after Mr. La Kue came into it; Mr. La Rue paid his rent on the 5th of December, 1868; we thought it would not be necessary for my sister to swear; we thought the receipt book would do. Cross-examined-I wrote the receipt in O'Kane's book dated November 1, 1868, because when they moved the O'Kanes lost their receipt-I wrote it in another book, and tobook, and day copied it out into the one produced; no one asked me to do this; my sister was subposaed this morning.

Mr. Mann stated to the Examiners that the name Patrick O'Kane was on the list of taxables marked as having voted, and the residence marked at No. 1408 Edgemont street. A ljourned.

#### Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, Jan. 18 .- The Times alludes in terms of the highest praise to the treaty which has been concluded between Great Britain and China through Mr. Burlingame and the Chinese ambassadors. A dispatch from India reports sharp shocks of earthquake in Calcutta and Assam.

PARIS, Jan. 18 .- The Senate and Corps Legislatif assembled to-day. The session was opened by the Emperor in person, with a speech from the throne. He said that the task before the Legis lature was a serious one, viz .: to conduct the govcrnment with sufficient strength to repress excesses, while accepting all the benefits of liberty. The laws making concessions to the press and granting the right of public meeting had had the effect of preserving public order.

The fact that the recent elections resulted in favor of the government confirmed the justice and wisdom of these concessions. The laws providing for military organization had given strength and confidence to the nation, which was now ready to meet all wants of the future. The armament of the forces was perfect, the arsenals were filled with supplies, the reserves were well drilled, and the reorganization of the National Guard approached completion; the flects had been refitted, and the fortifications at all important points were in good condition. The Imperial wish was realized-France was so placed as to vindicate her status in the destinies of the world.

Peace had been heretofore sought, not because of weakness, but to sustain the honor of the State. The revolution in Spain had not altered the good relations of France with that country.

The Conference which had just terminated its sessions, and which would extinguish a conflict which had become imminent, was the last grand act, the importance of which all should appreciate The members of that body had all agreed on a principle calculated to restore friendship between the Turks and Greeks. If the firm hopes of success which they entertained should be realized, nothing would be left to trouble the general harmony of the nations. The Chambers would attend to the internal development of the country, mainly through its agricultural interests, and might possibly seek to bring about a reduction of the public charges. The Em peror referred to the approaching re-election of the Corps Legislatif, and congratulated the members on the harmony which existed between the Throne, the Legislature and the people, and de clared that he favored a full and free discussion when it did not touch the constitution. That in strument was above all debate, and he recalled the benefits which it had conferred upon the country. The Emperor concluded as follows: "All governments are liable to error. Fortune declines to smile on all enterprises, but the country knows no thought, no act of mine, which has not been given to the glory of France. It knows that I first sought to create a vigorous control of the administration, and then to enlarge the powers of celiberative assemblies, to prove there was a true support of the government in the independence and patriotism of the great bodies of the State Soon the nation, on the election, will make the path which all must follow, and will repeat its rejection of revolution and its desire to forward the desti nies of France in the ultimate union of honor and liberty.'

He affirmed that the present administration of | the United States shared, and the coming administration would continue to share, the sentiments which he had expressed toward the Mexican republic.

The concessions granted in 1868 by the Mexican government to Emil La Sere for building the Tehuantepec roads had been modified. According to the conditions as they now stand, La Sere is to construct a road from Coatzacoalcos, on the Gulf coast, to Ventosa, on the Pacific. Until the road is completed he is obliged to establish communication by wagons, and for that purpose he is allowed four years and a half to finish the wagon road. The Mexican Congress has passed a law allowing

th expertation of minerals free of duty.

HAVANA, Jan. 18 .- A small army of government officials, of all descriptions, has arrived here from Spain. Old and tried public servants, many of them native Cubans, have been discharged to make room for them. These removals have caused much public feeling. General Sturm arrived in the steamer from Mexico, and sails to-day for New York.

Count Valmazeda has officially informed General Dulce that he took possession of Bayamo, the headquarters of the insurgents, on the 16th inst. The rebels, on retreating, set fire to and totally de stroyed the town.

Valmazeda reports that previous to the occupation of Bayamo he defeated the rebels at Canto del Embarcadre and Paso Rio Salada. He adds that the rebel forces are scattered in small parties over the country, and are supplying themselves with provisions by pillage.

Most of the bands are retreating to the moun tains. The official report of the battle of Pass Rio Salada states that the rebels lost 120 killed, with a proportionate number wounded. The loss of the Spanish troops is not given.

The Diario says the proclamations of General Dulce have produced good results in the central department of the island.

The same paper reports that several attempts ave been made to assassinate Spanish soldiers in the streets of Havana. The sugar market is quiet and quotations are un-

changed. Exchanges declining. LONDON, Jan. 18 .- The gratifying intelligence

of the safe landing of the captain and crew of the British ship Southern Empire was received to-day. The first report of the disaster to this vessel, published on January 6, stated that she had foundered while on her voyage from New Orleans to Liverpool, and that all hands were lost.

FLORENCE, Jan. 18 .- It is reported to-day that Prince Amadeus, Duke of Aosta, has renounced the Italian succession in favor of the Princess Clotilde.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

## WASHINGTON, Jap. 18.

The President nominated to the Senate to day John A. Gadsden to be Secretary of Legation in Madrid, vice Plumb, W. W. Dixon to be Associate Justice in Montann, and A. J. Brook to be Collector of Internal Revenue in the 21st District of Pennsylvania.

## The Amnesty Proclamation.

The President transmitted the following to-day:--

To the Senate of the United States:-The resolution adopted on the 5th instant, requesting the President to transmit to the Senate a copy of any proclamation of amnesty made by him since the adjournment of Congress, and also to communicate to the Senate by what authority of law the same was made, has been received.

I accordingly transmit herewith a copy of a proclamation, dated December 25, 1868. The authority of law by which it was made is set forth in the proclamation itself, which expressly aVims that it was issued by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution, and in the name of the sovereign people of the United States, and proclaims and declares, unconditionally and without reservation, to all and every person, who directly or indirectly participated in the late insurrection or rebellion, full pardon and amnesty for the offense of treason against the United States, or of adhering to their enemies during the late civil war, with restoration of all rights, privileges, and immuni ties under the Constitution and the laws which have been made in pursuance thereof. The Federal Constitution is understood to be and is regarded by the Executive as the supreme law of the land. The second section of article second of that instrument provides that the President shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment. The proclamation of December 25, 1868, is strictly in accordance with the judicial expositions of the authority thus conferred upon the Executive, and, as will be seen by reterence to the accompanying papers, is in conformity with the precedent established by Washington in 1795, and followed by Presidents Adams in 1800, Madison in 1815, and Lincoln in 1863, and by the present Executive in 1865, 1867, and 1868,

dated September 7, 1867, extending full pard in ] to certain persons who were engaged in the Rebellion. This proclamation extends pardon to all persons who were not pardonel by preceding proclamations. Eighth. Proclamation of President Johnson,

of July 4, 1868, granting general pardon au l amnesty to persons encaged in the late Rebellien, with certain exceptions and reservations.

## THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

HARRISHURG, Jan. 18, 1839. The Senate was not in session, but meets at 11 A. M. Tuesday.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 8 P. M.

An invitation was received from Governor Geary and the board of directors of the monument in honor of the Mexican soldiers, to participate in the dedication ceremonies on the 26th of May. It was accepted.

The following petitions were presented: Mr. Kase, of Northumberland, from coal miners, in fayor of requiring the mines to be better venti-

Mr. McKinstry, of Bucks, for changing mode of

Collecting school taxes. Mr. Stokes, of Philadelphia, one from J. Edgar Thomson, Hon. Benj. Harris Brewster, and fifty other clitzens, praying that the Court of Common Pleas may be intrusted with power to incorporate capital to relieve distress and misery in Philadel-phia.

Mr. Strong, of Tioga, moved that the Speaker and Clerk be authorized to appoint twenty-seven additional officers of the House. After considerable discussion, Mr. Nelson, of

Wayne, offered an amendment, requiring Speaker and clerk to discharge the addition employes whenever the House could do without

This amendment was accepted, and the original resolution was passed by a vote of 54 ayes to 27

nees. Mr. Painter, of Lycoming, moved to print three thusand copies of the report of the commissioners who attended the Cattle Discase Convention at Springfield, Ill. Agreed to. Mr. Rea, of Erie, declined to act as chairman of

Committee on Accounts, and delivered a sarcastic speech, complaining that the county which he rep-resented was entitled to a more prominent position

upon the committee, and that as an old member he was also entitled to more consideration. The clerk of the Senate presented an act extend-

ing the term of the present electiver of Taxes until the pending legal context is decided. Mr. Foy, of Philadelphia, after an interview of one hour, reported the bill favorably from the

Committee on Municipal Corporations. Mr. Hong, of Philadelphia, moved to proceed to its consideration, and to suspend the rules. Not agreed to, because two-thirds did not vote in the affirmative. The vote was-ayes, 36; nays, 32. The following bills were introduced and referred

to appropriate committees: Mr. Holgate, repealing the act authorizing the

appointment of measurer of paving-stones. Mr. Subers, authorizing the Northern Liberty Gas Company to increase its capital stock. Also, incorporating the U. S. Grant Gold Mining

Company. Mr. Nice, of Schuylkill, authorizing John Leh-

Mr. Nice, of Schuytkin, authorizing John Len-man to sell certain real estate. Mr. Hong, of Phila., authorizing the inspector of stationary steam-engines and boilers in Phila-delphia to inspect locomotive and all other boilers; to examine every engineer as to his enpacity, and require owners of every boller to procure cer-

certificates. Also, an act declaring the Mayor and presidents

of both branches of Councils, and George L. Har-rison, Wm. Y. McGrath, John A. Miskey, James H. Billington, Henry Marcus, Wm. F. Smith, Hiram Miller, Harvey C. Oram, John S. Wilson, Joseph B. Hancock, Joshua J. Owen and George Trueman to be commissioners to act and maintain a house of correction, employment and informa-tion, to act under control of lifteen managers, to hold office for five years, except in the case of Mayor and presidents of Councils, who shall hold office during their terms, the second and ensuing boards of managers to be appointed as follows, viz: Four by the Cify Councils, four by the District Court, four by the Court of Common Pleas and Mayor and presidents of Council, who shall impose a special tax of one-twentieth of one per cent. for

ten years. Mr. Adaire, repealing the act authorizing the ap-pointment of inspector of petroleum. Mr. Hong, incorporating the Iron Dyking Com-

pany; also, supplemental act laying out Mount Airy Mr. Davis, incorporating the Industrial Works.

Mr. Hervey, incorporating the Sheep Brokers'

Association. The Senate bill extending the term of the Receiver of Taxes now came up in regular order. The House agreed to proceed to consider by 45 ayes to 30 nays. All the Democrats except Dailey were present. All the Philadelphia Republicans voted

3. The corporation, under its amended charter, has every enqueity to hold, and every power and an hority necessary to execute, the trusts of the will

4. That the difficulties anticipated by the bill, ss to the execution of the secondary trusts, are imaginary. They have not arisen and most probably never will. 5. And if they should, it is a matter, whether

probable or improbable, with which the complainants have no concern, and cannot have on any possible contingency. Judgment affirmed, with costs.

#### MARINE TELEGRAPH.

For additional Marine News see First Page. ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA-THIS DAY. 

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE. D. C. MCCAMMON. J. PLICE WETHERILL, MONTHLY COMMITTER, HENRY WINSOR

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

CLEARED YESTEPDAY.

THE GRAND ORCH ESTRION, formerly the pro-pety of the GRAND DUKE OF BADAN, purchased is great expense by JA'OB VALE 5, of this city, in commission with FLAMER'S OROHESTRA, and Mass NELLIE ANDERE. WID perform a VERY AFTERNOON and EVENING at the above-men-tioned place. Admission iree. 115 12 Brig John Given, Mayo, Halitar, F.A. Souder & Co. Schr Henrietta Simmons, Godfrey, Boston, Lathbury, Wickersham & Co. Str Diamond State, Webb, Baltimore, A. Groyce, Jr.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY. Schr Daniel R. Burton, Burriss. 1 day from Milton, Del., with grain to Jos, L. Bewiey & Co. Uchr Alex. Young, Young, from Boston.

MEMORANDA. Ship Wm. Cummings. Miller, was up at New Or-lease 14th inst., for Beston. Barques Wm. Yan Name, Oraig, at Messina 26th ult. from Licata-arrived 20th. Barque "Bryisho Gardner," Colburn, bound to Phi-isdesichte, was off Deal Sist uit. Barque J. W. Barss, Davison, hence, at Falmouth Sist uit.

alst ul Earque Normania, Roer, hence, at Hamburg 31st

Brig Waverly. Terry, hence, sailed from Gibraltar

Big Waverly. Terry, hence, sailed from Gioraitar 19th uit. for Oceasa. Big Mary C. Comery, Comery, for Philadelphis. put back to Messing 20th uit. on account of heavy weather, and sailed again 23d. Brig John Shay, Nickerson, from Palermo for Phi-ladelthia, was towed through the Straits 19th uit. Schr Emms L. Porter, Sparks, hence, as Trinidad 24th uit.

2410 ult. Febr E. Sinnickson, Winsmore, hence, at Trinidad 2610 ult.

26th ulf.
Schr Florence Shay, Hulse, hence, at Palermo 18th ult., via Genca.
Echr J. Paine, Young, hence for Boston, at Holmes' Hole 5th inst.
Schr Grant. Banks, for Philadelphia. cleared at Bal-thore 16th inst.
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Schr J. Dans, for a port north of Hatteras.
Febrs John Stock nam. Price, and Mary E. Graham.
Fourion. from Providence for Philadelphia, at New York 16th inst.
Schr Edwin. Palmer. from Bridgeport for Philadel-phia, at New York 16th inst.
Schr Louisa. Newman, 107 Philadelphia, was loading at Savappan 14th inst.
Schr T. Joulsa. Newman. in Henrietta, Lud-lam, hence, at Richmond 16th inst.
Schr L. L. Lacch. Stafford, hence, was off. Charlem.

Schrs Trade Wind, Hoffman, and Heinfetta, Lud-lam, berce, at Richmond 15th inst. Ecbr J. L. Leach, Stafford, hence, was off Charles-ton yesterday. Ecbr A. M. Fianagan, Collins, cleared at New York Schr A. M. Fianagan, Collins, cleared at New York Schr Nettie Brown, for Philadelphia, was seen 15th Inst, 8 miles S. by E of Absecom.

Inst, 8 miles 5. by E. of A decome MISCELLANY. Barque Nepture. Hayes, from Kingston. Ja., for Philadelphia, was hauled on the ways at Key West on the 41h inst, for examination and repairs. She has been stripped of her metal, and the seams of her bottom under the sheathing are all ocen. She will be recaulted and such other temporary repairs put on her as will enable her to take her cargo to its port of destipation.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

destination.

Newark, N J., made an aduress on the subject of infant class teaching, discussing freely the arrancement of Sunday school buildings and the object of scholar and teacher in devoting their time to Sunday-schools. speaking of the language to be used in addressing infant classes, he advised the proper adaptation of the teachers' language to the child's understanding. The address was replete with useral and practical advice on Sunday school matters. Mr. W. H. Sutton, of Jersey City, spoke of the value of teachers' meetings, and of the general rules to be followed by Sanday school teachers. At the afternoon session the Rev. J. M. Freeman spoke on the physical geography of Palestine; Mr. W. H. Sutton gave practical Bible lesson with a large class of bildren; the Rev. W. C. Cattell, D. D., Presia practical dent of Lafayette College, made a good address Bible truths from Bible lands, A Bible history lesson, with a class of children, by Alfred Taylor, concluding yesterday's exercise This afternoon and evening the exercises will be continued.

-The annual meeting of the Pennsylvan'a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held this afternoon at the rooms, No. 1320 Chesnut street. The report of the Secretary of the society contains some very interesting facts exhibiting the great good accomplished by the organization. Nearly one hundred and fi ty cases of cruelty have been reported and entered on the records, some of which were prosecuted and puuished. Forty-two offenders were fined, three were committed to prison in default of bail, one fined twice and imprisoned for nonpayment of the second dine; forty are bound over for appearance at court, three of whom forfelted their ball bonds, and two were relieved from trial: ten bills were ignored by the Grand Jury, one by request of complainant, the rest for want of sufficient evidence; sixteen were put under bonds for good behavior, seven were either acquitted or discharged in consequence of the jury not agreeing, one was released tarough the intercession of the Prison Inspectors, one was notle prossed, four suits were withdrawn on payment of costs and promise of amendment, one was discharged on writ of habeas corpus, and one on grounds of informality. Three fountains have been erected and have been in constant use during the summer and fail. The Board of Manag-rs have printed and circulated gratuitously 35,000 pampulets and 25,000 handbills and posters, &c. On Friday next the public meeting of the society takes place at the Aca-demy of Music, when Mr. Bergh, the President of the New York Society, and other gentlemen. will speak. All the reserved seats have been already disposed of.

#### Domestie Affairs.

-Gold closed yesterday at 135. -The Virginia Committee had an interview with General Grant yesterday. - General Kitpatrick is in Washington, look-

ing atter the interests of his Chil an mission. The Legislature of South Carolina has passed an act to establish a State Orphan Asy-

lum. -Hayes City, Kansas, is excited in consequence of the military forcing the people to retire at 9 P. M.

-Two men were buried in an excavation in New York yesterday; one of them sustained

fatal injuries. --Stephen E. Downs, aged seventeen, com mitted suicide to Brookiyn, yesterday, by shoot-ing bimself through the head.

Representative Lynch's bill for the resumption of specie payments will be taken up in the House to-day.

- The Democrats of the New York Legislature hove nominated Heavy C. Murphy for the United States Senate. There is a determined opposition to the

election of Lieutenant-Governor Cumback to the United States Senate, in the Indiana Legislature.

-The United States Supreme Court yesterday decided that certificates of indebtedness and greenbacks are exempt from taxation by States. The Western express train on the New Jersey Central Railroad ran off the track yestarday near Bound Brook, while ranning at the rate of Marty miles an hour. No one was injured,

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 18 .- The Sublime Porte has sent instructions to Djemil Pasha, its ambassador at Paris, directing him to sign the protocol greed to by the Conference.

It is believed that the Greek government will not refuse the terms of settlement proposed by the Conference.

FLORENCE, Jan. 18 .- It is reported to-day that Frince Amadeus, Duke of Aosta, has renounced the Italian succession in favor of the Princess Clotilde.

NUEVITAS, Cuba, Jan. 14, via Key West, Jan. 17. A force of Spanish Infantry, numbering about 1500 men, arrived here yesterday. It is stated that they will leave shortly for the scene of operations.

News from Puerto Principe reports that heavy rains were falling, rendering the roads so had as to a almost impassable. The insurgents besieging he town state that they are actively engaged in concentrating an army of 10,000 men for the purpore of making a vigorous assault upon the place, and are confident of being able to carry it by storm. They are reported as being plentifully supplied with excellent small arms, and have at present lel t pieces of artillery.

The commander of the basieged Spaniards in Puei to Principe is aware of the preparations which are going on to attack him, and is hard at work incing the town in a thoroughly defensive position. A large number of laborers are engaged in fortifying, and numerous barricades have been creeted on the streets. The Spanish force numbers about 3500 men

The peace commission from Havana has arrived and a messenger has been sent to the insurgents with a proposition for a compromise. It is very ioni tful, however, if the commission will succeed n effecting a peace.

HAVANA, Jan. 18 .- A steamer from Vera Gruz has arrived. The Monitor says that at a dinner given to the Diplomatic Corps on New Year, the most friendly assurances were interchanged between the Mexican Ministers and the Representative of the United States. General Rosecrans, in a speech, declared that the words he used at his presentation to President Juarez expressed the truth. and eautioned his hearers against crediting articles of certain journals, which he denounced as inspired by malice.

ANDREW JOHNSON. Washington, D. C., Jan. 18, 1869.

Amnesty Proclamations—Copies Trans-mitted to the Senate.

First. Proclamation of General Washington, dated the 10th day of July, 1795, granting to citizens who had been engaged in the insurrecion, resisting the collection of the revenue on distilled spirits and stills, in the western counties of Pennsylvania, excepting certain classes described in the proclamation, a general pardon of all treasons and other indictable offenses.

Second, Proclamation of John Adams, dated the 21st day of May, 1800, granting full pardon to all and every person, including some excepted in Washington's proclamation, engaged in said insurrection, thereby remitting and releasing anto such persons all pains and penalties incurred or supposed to be incurred for or on account of the premises.

Third. Proclamation of James Madison, dated 6th day of February, 1815. Certain foreigners fiving from the dangers of their own homes, and some citizens of New Orleans forgetful of dury, had co-operated in forming an establish-ment on the island of Barrataria, near the mouth of the river Mississippi, for the purpose of clandestine and lawless trade. The Govern ment of the United States caused the establish ment to be broken up, and proceeded to prosecute the offenders by indictment, etc. For reasons set forth in the proclamation President Madison grants to the offenders a full pardon of offenses committed against the laws, touching intercourse and commerce of the United States with foreign nations; and the President directs all such indictments and prosecutions for fines, penalties, forfeitures, etc., to be discontinued and released. Fourth. Proglamation of President Lincolu

dated the 8 h day of December, 1863, familiar to the public, granting to all persons, certain classes excepted, who had participated in the Rebelliep, full pardon and restoration of all rights of property, except as to slaves and in pronerty cases where rights of third parties shall have intervened. In this proclamation Mr. Lincoln begins by citing the provision in the Constitution empowering the President to grant reprieves and pardon. The law of Congress declaring forfeliures, etc., and authorizing the President to issue proclamation of pardon and amnesty, with such exceptions as the Executive may deem proper, is then cited. Mr. Lincoln, referring to this act, adds:--"W hereas the Con-gressional declaration for limited and condireferring 1 ional pardon accords with well-established judi cial exposition of the pardoning powers; therefore," elc.

Fifth, Proclamation of President Lincoln, dated 26th of March, 1864, defining cases in which persons are entitled to the benefits of the preceding proclamation.

Six'h. Proclamation of President Johnson, dated 29th of May, 1865, similar to President Lincoln's proclamation of December 8, 1863, granting pardon and amnesty, except in cases therein named.

Seventh. Proclamation of President Johnson,

The House, by 38 yeas to 32 nays, sustained the

operation of the previous motion. The first section of the bill, as published on Sat-urday last, was passed by 40 yeas to 30 nays. Mr. McGinnis denounced the bill as playing into

office a man who gave no security. Adjourned. As there are two remaining sections to this bill, it cannot be considered as having finally passed. out when again considered will be again contested The following named Republicans voted with the Democrats against the bill, viz: Beatty, Brown of Huntingdon, Burritt, Chamberlain, Haflman, Nicholson, Walker, Watter and Wilson. All the remaining Republicans who were present voted in favor of the bill.

voted in favor of the bill. The following Democrats were absent: Messre Beard, Breen, Brobst, Creitz, Fogel, Kase, Nelson Nice, Place, Playford, and Stout. It was stated that Mr. Dailey, Democrat, had paired off. All the remaining Democrate voted against the bill.

Girard's Will-Decree by the United States Supreme Court. Yesterday, in the case of Vidal vs. the Exe

cutors of the Girard Esta'e, the Supreme Court endered their decision. In the argument pro-

duced the following points of the will in ques tion were cited:-The will of Stephen Girard, after sundry bequests to his relatives and friends, and to certain specified charities, announces (§XX) his great and favorite charity to be the estab ishment of a college for the education of poor orthans. It then proceeds:-"Now I give, devise, and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my real and personal estate, unto the "Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of Phil-adelphia, in trust, for the several uses, intents, and purposes hereinafter mentioned and de clared.

The attempt to restrain the alienation of the valty, being inoperative, cannot affect the validity of this devise. After many and very pecial directions as to the college, its construc tion and government, it further directs that two millions of the personal es ate be appropriated to the building; and if this sum should not be sufficient, the remainder should be taken 'from the final residuary find bersinafter expressly reterred to," and which is found in the 24th section, as follows:-

"And as it regards the remainder of said residue of my personal esta e, to invest the same in good securities, and in like manuer to invest the interest and income thereor, from time to time, so that the whole shall form a tern snent fund, and apply the income of the "First, To the forther improvement and

maintenance of the aforesaid college, as directed in the last paragraph of the twenty-first clause of this my

"Second. To evable the corporation of the city of Philadelphia to provide more effectually than they now do for the security of the inhabi-tants of the said city, by a completent police, including a sufficient number of watchmen, really suited to the purpose; and to this end I recom mend a division of the city into watch districts, or mur parts, each under a proper head.

Third. To enable the said corp ration to im prove he city roperty, and the general appear-ance of the city it-cl', and in effect to diminish the burden of taxation now most oppressive. espec ally on these who are least able to bear it. "To all which objects, the prosperity of the city, and the health and comfort of its inhabi-

tan s, I devote the said fund as aforesaid, and direct the income thereof to be applied yearly. and every year forever, after providing for the college as here abefore directed, as my primary

The decree of the Court was to the following

In fit e, the decree must be affirmed, because-1. The residue of the estate of S. ephen Girard, at the time of his death, was by his will vested in the corporation on valid legal trusts, which it was fully competent to execute.

2. By the supprement to the act incorporating the city (commonly called the "Consolidation act"), the identity of the corporation is not de-stroyed; nor can the change in its name, the enlargement of its area, or increase in the number of ite corporators, affect its title to property held at the time of such change.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. Official information has been received that two red bucys have been placed to mark the position of a shoal lying in the bay to the north of Cansak, Dar-dauelies Narrows, Mediterranesa, The buoys are shout 1½ cobles from the shore one off the Pratique office and the other 1½ cables further to the north-cast. Within these buoys itere is but eight feet water and a daugerous eddy current. By order. W. 8, SHUBRICK, Chairman. Treasury Department, Office Lighthouse Board, Wash-ington, D. C., Jan. 12, 1869.

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