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CITY INTELLIGENCE. THE CHESNUT STREET FIRE.

The Testi nony of the Young Men who Escaped from Caldwell's Store.

This morning Ooroner Daniels continued the investigation into the origin of the great fire at Howell Brothers' and Galdwell's stores, at Ninkh and Ohesmut strocts.

G. George King aworn—the burning building: I succeed the initiality as quarier before Hovelow: I mean Caldwell's store the bookkeeper and Mr. Hagan were in the store; two lights were in the store, and one is Mr. Caldwell's store; the bookkeeper and Mr. Hagan were in the store; two lights were in, the store, and one is Mr. Caldwell's office; the bookkeeper and Mr. Hagan were in the store; two lights were in, the store, and one is Mr. Caldwell's office; the bookkeeper and Mr. Hagan were in the store; two lights were in, the store, and one is Mr. Caldwell's office; the bookkeeper and Mr. Hagan were in the store; there is the store in the store is an in a store; there is a store is an interference of a store in the store is an interference in the store is a store is an interference in the store is a store is an interference in the store is an interference in the store is a store in the store is an interference in the store is an interfer

CITY CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

James Shearing, Richard Conway, and filliam Jones, three lads, have been held by iderman Kerr to answer the offense of stealing newspapers from a wagon at Third and look streets, yesterday morning. full of individuals who had been arrested yesterday for corner lounging. Some fifty or sixty were overhauled in the various districts and fined in the usual amount.

—Alderman Nelli this morning bound John

mas over in \$1000 ball to answer the charge of stealing a dozen buckets from the charge grocery store on Frankford road —John Ayres and a hearing before Adden

grocery store on Frankford road.

—John Ayres had a hearing before Alderman Massey yesterday, upon the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. It is alleged that he attempted to cut Philip Bellem with a razor at a house at Thirteenth and Wood streets. He was held in \$600 bail for trial.

—Yesterday morning, between 12 and 10'clock, the police of the Fourth district arrested Jerry McNamee and Andrew Mullen, on Market street, near becatur. They had been in a liquor store near by, which they had entered through an iron grating. The fire-proof safe was broken open and the drawers relieved of some money. The deaks in the office were also forced open.

open and the drawers relieved of some money. The desks in the office were also forced open. A rope was found on one of the prisoners, with which they had lowered themselves into the cellar of the store. Both were committed.

—Alderman Maule has held one Hugh Robinson for a further hearing on the charge of larceny. It is alleged that he obtained four cows from Jacob Lander, of Lancaster county, in July last, for the purpose of selling, which it is said he did, but never made any return to Jacob of the money he obtained. He was ar-

Jacob of the money he obtained. He was arrested on Saturday.

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wilson Wells. colored, was arrested last night while trying the doors of stores on South street. Alderman Carpenter sent him below.

—William C. Butler is a carpenter, and some time ago was employed by Samuel Gurley. He was arrested on Saturday on the oath of Mr. Gurley, who charges him with stealing a horse blanket, bridle, etc., from his stable on Warnock street, above Girard avenue. After a hearing before Alderman Hood, Butler was held for a further hearing.

—The same magistrate fined Thomas Glenning yesterday for fast driving on Broad street. He was also bound over to keep the peace.

—Sarah Johnson and Ann Harris, colored, were held for trial by Alderman Tittermary this morning, charged with having robbed Thomas Boyle, of Brooklyn, New York, of \$25, at a house at Fifth and Bedford streets.

WEST ARCH STREET CHURCH. - An interesting series of lectures and musical entertainments at the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church opens to night, with a lecture on "Sanshine," from the genial and eloquent pastor of the church. Of this lecture the Boston Post (good

church. Of this lecture the Boston Post (good authority) says:—
"The closing lecture of the Bay State series was delivered at Tremont Temple last evening, by Rev. Dr. A. A. Willits of Palladelphia. Dr. Willits delivered a most genial cheerful, buoyant, and common sense lecture or 'Sunshine,' which, before he concluded, he succeeded in beaming into every head and heart within the sound of his voice. The lecture was filled with apt illustrations and fellcitous anecdetes, and the audience was one moment moved to mirth. apt illustrations and felicitous ane-dotes, and the audience was one moment moved to mirth, and another to conviction of the good sense that was so profusely uttered. The lecture was one of the best that has been given in Boston for years, and should be heard everywhere. We venture to assert that it has done more good than any dozen sermons."

The musical portion of the entertainment, under the direction of Mr. O. A. Knipe, will add much to the attractions of the evening. We are

much to the attractions of the evening. W ermination to release themselves from debt, and in doing so they desire to give full value for the public's money.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY .- Last evening a serwant in the house of Mr. Wright, at No. 1828 Spruce street, observed two men in the upper part of the house, and immediately gave the slarm. The scamps made for the roof, and escaped. They had entered the building by going through an unoccupied dwelling in the same row.

A FALSE ALARM.—A policeman gave an slarm of fire about 6 o'clock this morning without there being any occasion for it. An investigation proved that the alarm was caused by some smoke issuing from the store of H. Duhring & Co., at Fourth and Commerce

A Horse Drowned .- About 6 o'clock last evening a horse, attached to a light wagon, ran away from Tenth and Thompson streets, and before he could be stopped he got into the Delaware at Shackamaxon streetslip and was

Tals morning at haif-past 9 o'clock the Legis intive committee appointed to take testimony in the contest between Judges Trayer and Greenbank held a further meeting in Common Council Chamber, Senator Stinson in the chair.

Mis. Kane aworn—Live No. 1418 North Second street; my husband was in Cuba last October; (counsel for the contestant said that on the list of voters the name of John Kane appears twice.)

Mis. Thompson sworn—Live No. 341 Master street; my husband, David Thompson, was in Potsville last October.

Charles Jones aworn—Lived No. 1435 Germantown road last October; voted in the Sixth division, Seventeenth ward; voted the Republican ticket; examined

teenth ward; voted the Republican ticket; examined my ticket.

John Savage aworn—Lived No. 1409 Pink street last October; did not vote at the October e ection.

Mrs. Margaret Leaby aworn—Lived at No. 1410 Cadwalader street (back) last October; my busband's name is William; I have not seen nor heard from him since last July; he described me: he was intemperate: I have not inquired for him, ether.

Park McArthur voted the Republican ticket last October in the Sixth division of the Seventeenth ward.

October in the Sixth division of the Seventeenth ward.

Mis. Jane Wells sworn—Live at No. 1419 Germantown rose; have lived there all my life; no such man
as James Yates has lived in the house.

John Maguire zworn—Live No. 1408 Cadwalader
street; was tweety-one years of age last May; went
to the polls in the Eighth division of the Seventeenth
ward for the purpose of voting; was refused, got my
uncle to certify to my age; he was knocked down by
one of the Muilins, either Arthur or Barney, condon't
tell walch; went away and got a policeman; made a
third attempt, and, after being sworn as to my age,
yot my vote in; voted the full Republican ticket.

John Hey sworn—Lived in the Sixth division,
Seventeenth ward last October; voted the full Republ can ticket.

Charles McCale testified to the same facts in rela-

cas ticket.

Charles McCabe testified to the same facts in relation to himself, so also did Charles Thompson, John A. Goodellow, Charles Denny, and a number of others. others.
Joseph Hoagland sworn—Lived in the Sixth divialon of the Seventeenth ward last October; voted the
"full Republican ticket without adulteration."
Heury Rigby sworn—Lived is the Sixth division of
the Seventeenth ward last October; voted the Republican ticket with the exception of Myers and
Tyndale.
William H. Jones sworn—Lived at No. 1435 Germantown avenue last election; voted the full Rapul-

mantown avenue last election; voted the full Rapublican ticl et in the Sixth division of the Seventeenth ward; examined all tiose; was clallenged, but ex

ward; examined my tloke; was challenged, but exhibited my tapers.

John Ellly sworn—Lived No. 50! Christian stree',
in the Seventh division of the Third ward, last October; William Baines lives with me; so one named
Themas Haines lived with me last October.

John McCannasworn—Live No. 515 Christian street;
lived there last October; did not vote at the October
election; am not actizon; I have a son called John
McCanna; he is twenty-two years of age; don't know
whether he voted; he will be in this country live
years next May.

The array masters of the will nearest

The examination of the witnesses was conducted very rapidly this morning—so fast, in fact, that frequent intervals occurred when fact, that frequent intervals occurred when there were none present. This entailed con-riderable loss of time, the committee belog compelled to wait until others arrived. Be-tween forty and fifty in all were examined. The testimony showed that there had been fraudulent votes polled in the Sixth division of the Seventeenth ward, and in the Seventh

division of the Third ward.

Pending one of the suspensions of proceedings. owing to the absence of witnesses, which se-curred shortly after i o'clock, Mr. Simpson, counsel for the contestant, sent for the Mayor and Recorder of the city, for the purpose of having them produce the election-boxes of the First precinct of the Eighth ward and the Sixth precinct of the Fourth ward. By the production of these boxes, the coulestant proposed to show of these boxes the contestant proposed to show that during the last hour of voting on the Ostobar election day, in the First precinct of the Eighth ward there were but 21 tallies for Greenbank, while the returns showed 26 votes; and in the Sixth division of the Fourth ward the returns showed one more vote for Judge than there were voters. The vote returned for Tuayer was 55, while all the other Republican candidates of the city and county polled votes ranging in number from 61 to 65.

As we go to press Recorder Givin has just entered with the boxes called for, but has not yielded them to the custody of the committee for the purpose of counting the ballots in them, on account of an objection to their being opened, which has been interposed by the respondent's counsel. This objection is now being expect.

Horse Experio,-We have lately been House Entered.—We have lately been called upon to record the entering of various dwellings in sundry parts of the city. In some of these cases the perpetrators have been caught, but in far too many instances the offenders have gone unwhipped of justice. A dwelling was entered on Saturday evening, however, in which all parties concerned were fairly caught on the premises. Rev. G. A. Peltz, pastor of the Tabercacle Baptist Church, residing at No. 217 N. Twentieth street, having been invited out to take supper with a friend, reinvited out to take supper with a friend, re-turned home at haif past 8 o'clock, and found his house full of uninvited guests from top to bottom. It appeared that Saturday being the occasion of the birthday of his consort, a num-ber of friends had agreed to proceed to his resi-dence, burdened with gifts of congratulation. dence, burdened with gifts of congratuation. When the reverend gentleman returned home, he found not only every room full of smiling friends, but the dining-room table was occufriends, but the dining-room table was occupled by presents of silver, glass, and cains ware, household and other linen, and the kitchen en-cumbered with barrels of flour, hams, eggs, etc. This was truly an agreeable way of finding a

LETTERING THE PUBLIC LAMPS .- Au ap propriation has been made for the purpose o propriation has been made for the purpose of placing the names on the street lamps. This has long been required, and, when done, should be in such a manner as to afford a perfect street guide, so that "he that runs may read." We have been shown by Mr. William S. Irwin, of No. 406 Library street, a plan simple and perfect, easily discernible at a distance. The name is painted on wire gauze, covered with a composition, giving it the appearance of ground glass, in a neat frame, cheap and indestructible. They will be placed in the lamps in front of the State House, and on the corners of Fifth and Sixth and Chesnut streets, and our citizens will have an opportunity of contrasting this plan with the Markland patent iron letters.

A PLEASANT OCCASION. - Mr. John Capstick, late of the [American Yarn Printing Com-pany of this city, had an elegant entertain-ment given him on Friday evening by his merment given him on Friday evening by his mer-cantile friends, prior to his departure for Law-rence, Mass., which is to be the field of his future labors. A fine banquet was partaken of at the Wetherill House, Mr. Daniel McIutyre presiding, and Mr. John Archbold officiating as presiding, and Mr. John Archool officialing to croupler. Speeches were made appertaining to the commercial growth and progress of Phila-delphis, and the manufacturing interests of Pennsylvania discussed as in comparison with the Eastern States. The occasion was a very pleasant one, and greatly enjoyed by all.

CAPTAIN CONNER, one of our City Commis sioners, who lost his leg in the service of his country during the Rebellion, had another operation performed on it yesterday morning by Drs. Agnew and Baldwin, who succeeded in extracting another piece of bone. We are glad to bear that the patient is getting along very

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT IN BANC - Chief Justice Thompson and Judges Read, Agnew, Shars-wood, and Williams. - The following judgments

wood, and Williams.—The following judgments were delivered this morning:—
By Sharswood, J.:—
Wilson et al. vs. Wilson. Certificate from Nisi Prius. Judgment reversed, and cariro facius de novo awarded.
Graham's Appeal from the Registers' Court of Philadelphia. Decree affirmed at the cost of the ameliant. the appellant.
Ingersoll's Appeal, Dale's Appeal, Huley's Appeal from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia. Exceptions to the special re-port of the master dismissed, and the case re-committed to him to make distribution accor-

The Tinicum Fishing Company vs. Carter. Error to the Common Pleas of Delaware county. Judgment reversed and venire factas de novo

wanted, By Read, J.-Jacob Karker's appeal from the By Read, J.—Jacob Karker's appeal from the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia. Decree affirmed at costs of appellant.

COURT OF OYEE AND TERMINER—Judges Ludlow and Brewster.—A special session of the Oyer and Terminer was begun this morning, and a panel of one hundred and fifty jurors was in attendance. There were two prisoners in the dock. Joseph Donahue, charged with the murder of James Dempsey, and Samuel Hoit, charged with the murder of James Dempsey, and Samuel Hoit, charged with the murder of Edward Burns. It was proposed first to call up Donahue's case, but in case that went off, then it was intended to try Holt's.

The Dempsey Hamicide. After considerable delay the ease of Joseph M. Donohue was commenced, and the calling of a jury proceeded with, which had not been concluded when our report closed.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Judge Cadwalader.—The February term of the Court was opened this morning. A grand jury and petit jury were in attendance. John G. Benner, Esq.,

THAYER VS. GREENBANK.

Continuation of Proceedings in the Contest.

This morning at haif-past 9 o'clock the Legis lative committee appointed to take testimony in the contest between Judges Thayer and Greenbank held a further meeting in Common Council Chamber, Senator Scinson in the chartest part of the Contest between Judges Thayer and Greenbank held a further meeting in Common Council Chamber, Senator Scinson in the chartest part of the Contest between Judges Thayer and street; my husband was in Corbs last October; feomer and the Jury rendered a verdict for the contest between Judges Thayer and the Jury rendered a verdict for the legistiler's nor rectifier's brand. No test process and the Jury rendered a verdict for the legistiler's nor rectifier's brand. No test process the last of the Contest that on the Jury rendered a verdict for the legistic part of the Contest that on the Jury rendered a verdict for the legistic part of the Contest that on the Jury rendered a verdict for the United States.

The Nicaraguan Treaty—Congressional Appropriation Bills—

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No Conditions Transport to the last of voters t

Nisi Prius-Judge Read.—Cecilla C. Reeder and Edward H. Reeder, her husband, to the use of the said Cecilis, vs. Rechael Reeder. Au sction of replevin to recover possession of cer-tain household furniture, alleged to have been wrongfully levied upon. On trial. Terry and Seldon for piaintiffe; Bennett and Weil for defendant.

District Court, No. 1—Judge Hore,—William Carter vs. Edward McLaughlin and Sarah N. McLaughlin, in right of said Sarah. An action of partition of property situate at Fifth and Yoe streets. On trial.

DISTRICT COURT, No. 2—Judge Strend.—John Brannan vs. Dennis Dewirer. An action of ejectment. No defense. Verdict for pisinist. William Barnet Le Van vs. John Clendenning. An action on a book account. Verdict for pisinist., \$288.

John Wheeler vs. James Wavitt. An action of previous on a promissory note for money. to recover on a promissory note for money loaned. The defense alleged payment. On trial

CRIME.

A Night Horror in a Lunatic Asylems. The N. Y. Heraid of this morning reports the

fellowing :-The "Lodge"-by which appellation the small three story building set apart for the worst or most rabid of the lanatics, on the west end of this island, is known—was the scene of a most hocking affair some time during Friday ment ast, by which the life of a poor demented creature was taken by snother in a moment of frenzy, and the deed was mainly owing to the apparent mismanagement of the authorities in not properly guarding spainst the danger to which the inmates ou he institution are at present so much exposed. The facts in the case are as follows:-There are about 1300 inmates in the four structures set apart for lunatics on the island in question, all of which are occupied; the "Lodge" being filled to repletion. The accommodations here are so meagre that it has been found necessary for several months past, in order to meet the demands of the increase in the number of unfortunates, to cause their alceping two in a cell, instead of one, as heretofore, when the patients are dangerous and liable to do bodily harm to one another. Each of these apartments is furnished with an iron bedstead and a wooden tub, or "kid," of heavy oak, such utens is being essential. The patients are locked up in their rooms at six o'clock each evening, and are not released again until five o'clock the next morning. On Friday night one of the female lunatics conqued in this department arose from her couch and, in a paroxysm of madness seized the heavy tub at the side of the eot and raising it above her head brought it down with terrife force upon the skull of her sie-ping comrade, crushing it in and killing her instantly. The shricks and howlings in lupatic asylum are so familiar to the cars of their keepers as to attract little or no attention at any time during the night; hence if any noise was made by the victar in her struggles, it was not noticed. At 5 o'clock, when the female keeper of the ward in which the horrible shair transpired threw open the door of the ceil, great was her borror in beholding the mantac murderess and her murdered companion ying side by side in their gory cot, a ghastly pectacle indeed. The bed clothing was satuated with blood, which dripped slowly from the pendent covering and streamed over the floor of the room, while the brains of the dead woman, which had been literally scooped out with the angers of the murderess lay scattered about and bespattered the walls. The demented woman was removed immediately from the cell, and the circumstances attending the affair were kept so strictly private as to clude the observation even of nearly every one about the place. The remains of the deceased, whose name has not transpired, were coffined quietly and expeditiously, and were interred without delay. She was about twenty-six years of age and had neither friend nor relative tiving in this vicinity. The murderess is, of course, irresponsible for the act. facts narrated above have been obtained from an employe of the asylum, but the names

of the parties concerned in the tragedy were not disclosed.

Terrible Murder in Wisconsin. Janesville (Feb. 11) Cor. Chiergo Times. Our community was startled this morning by the information that a farmer named Gaarles M. Lambert, about fifty years of age, living on the river road between this city and murdered last night and his remains burned in the house, which was destroyed by fire. It appears, by the statement of Mr. Mark Laugley, brother in law of the deceased, who brought the news of this horror to the city, that Mr. Lambert had recently sold his farm to a Mr. Noyea, of the town of Rock, and had received \$560 in money and a mortgage on the place for the balance of the purchase, in contemplation of a removal to a new location. Mr. Lambert's wife was on a visit to Chicago, and he was alone in the house, with a sired man, who had lived with him since November last and gave his name as Wesley Nelson. About I o'clock last night the attention of Mr. Langley was called to the bright light in the direction of the bouse of his brother-in but as it seemed to be such a fixme as would be created by the burning of a straw stack, and as no alarm was given, he thought nothing of the matter, and did not learn of the catastrophe until 9 o'closu this morning. Tuen t was discovered that the charred remains of Mr. I ambert were in the smoking ruins of the cellar, and that one of his horses and the hired man were missing. The presumption is that the unfortunate man was murdered, the house robbed. and then fired, after which the murderer stole the horse and left. The supposed murderer, wesley Nelson, is light complexioned, about thirty years of age, five feet nine inches high, and weighs one hundred and seventy pounds. A reward of \$500 is offered for his approheusion and conviction. An inquest on the remains tound in the cellar, this afternoon, elicited nothing new except that the murdered man was paid money on yesterday in the presence of the supposed murderer; and the further fact that the barn was guarded by a savage dog, which no one could pass who was unacquainted, showing conclusively that Nelson took

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

FERRUARY 15 -The Cattle market was rather duli this week, but prices were higher. About 1600 head sold at 10 611c. for extra Penn-yi-vania and Western Steers; 12c. for a few choice; 9@16c. for fair to good; and 6@8c. per 10. gross for common, as to quality. The following are the particulars of the sales:-

Head.

84 Owen Smith. Western, 8@12, gr.

82 A. Christy & Bro., Western, 8'@10, gr.

20 Dengler & McCleose, Chester co., 7'@12, gr.

10 P. McFillen, Lancaster co., 8@14, gr.

80 P. Hathaway, Lancaster co., 7'@12 gr.

70, Jas. S. Kirk, Chester co., 7'@12 gr.

30, B. McFillen, Chester co., 8'@14, gr.

50 James McFillen, Western, 8@12, gr.

15 Ulwan & Rechman, Western, 9@11, gr. 30, B. McFillen, Chester Co. 81/261/2, gr.
50, James McFillen, Western, 829/2 gr.
115, Ullman & Bachman. Western, 829/2 gr.
140, Martin Fuller & Co., Western, 829/2 gr.
140, Mooney & Smith, Western, 729/2, gr.
140, Mooney & Smith, Western, 729/2, gr.
145, Thos. Moony & Bro. Western, 828/2 gr.
146, Thos. Moony & Bro. Western, 828/2 gr.
157, H. Chain, Western Penn, 61/28, gr.
158, L. Frank, Western, 71/29/2, gr.
159, L. Frank, Western, 71/29/2, gr.
151, B. Baidwin, Chester Co., 829/2, gr.
152, B. Clemson, Chester Co., 829/2, gr.
153, Chandler & Alexander, Chester Co., 83/2 gr.
154, Chandler & Alexander, Chester Co., 83/2 gr.
156, L. Horn, Delayare Co., 627, gr.
157, M. Drytos & Co., Virginia, 63/2 gr.
158, J. Chuman & Co., Virginia, 63/2 gr.
159, J. Seldonridgo, Lancaster Co., 829/2, gr.
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150, Walker, Virginia, 63/2 gr.
150, Elkon & Co., Virginia, 63/2 gr.
150, Elkon & Sheep were in fair demand at full prices. 6000 head sold at 61/68c. per lb. gross as to con-Hogs were in demand at an advance of \$1 per 00 lbs. 3000 head sold at \$18@15.50 per 100 lbs.

on Conditions-Increasing the Pay of the Army-Reports of Committees,

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. Tax on Waisky in Bond.

The Ways and Means Committee are again considering the question of extending the time for the payment of the tax on whisky in bond-The committee are divided on the question, and it will probably be left to the House to decide, and it is thought they will favor the extension. Pay of the Army.

The Senate Military Committee considered the subject of increasing the pay of the army, and referred the matter to the War Department to report what action in their judgment, should

Withholding Railroad Subsidies.

The subject of withholding the bonds from all the railroads to which the Government is giving aid until they have complied with the law by making, first-class roads, was considered by the Committee on Appropriations to-day, and it is understood that they will report in favor of legislation that will protect the Government against losses, and compel the compapres to make, as the law requires, first class

The South American Missions,

The South American Missions are still in committee of conference. The House managers insist upon the bill as originally passed, and the Senate managers are insisting upon their a mendment striking out Butler's proposition.

United States Supreme Court. Despatch to the Associated Press. In the United States Supreme Court to-day Chief Justice Chase delivered an opinion de-claims that gold contract; must be satisfied with coin, where the kind of currency is not mentioned. Justices Davis and Swayne give a

mentioned. Justices Davis and Swayne gave a qualified assent, but Justice Miller directed, in a great measure, from the opinion.

The Court has ordered a certified copy of the proceedings in the case of Peter Phillips to be produced, as preliminary to an argument on the application to issue a writ of prohibition against Judge Underwood.

The application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Spangler and Arnold, the Dry Fortugas prisoners, is to be argued.

Rising of the Schuylkill. Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

Norsisrown. Pa., Feb. 15,-The heavy rains of last night have caused a sudden rise in the Schuylkill at this place. At noon the water was nine feet above low water mark, and is still rising rapidly. The Wyoming Mills were compelled to cease operations this morning. Unless the freshet abates soon, much damage to property is feared in this vicinity.

From Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 15. - The occurrence on Saturday evening of a stight fire in the drawingroom of Barnum's Hotel, in connection with the fact of a fire having broken out in the same place a short time previous, has raised suspicions that the fires were the work of an incendiary and a reward has been offered for the detection of the guilty party.

Organ Factory Burned.

NEWARK, Feb. 15,-Pionoel, Pelton & Co.'s melodeon and cabinet organ factory, at Bloomfield, was burned on Saturday. Loss about \$50,000; insured for \$29,500 in Eastern companies. Some eighty me banics are thrown out of employment by the disaster.

De Cordova. Philosophers and physicians both tell us that it is a good thing to laugh, and certainly one of the most efficacious methods of attaining that "consummation devoutly to be wished" is by listening to the tunny things Mr. DeCordova annually says to well-behaved New Yorkers at Steinway Hull. De Cordova is something more than a mere humorist; there is in his writing genuine wit, and not unfrequently the talent of the satirist. To see him last evening giving his audience instructions in the practice of "Greelan Bend;" to listen to the recital of his mishaps on the Albany steamer; to hear him recount the ludicrous concatenation of circumstance which drove him from saratogn, are one and all genuine treats; and, as such were evidently regarded by the audience last evening. And at immense audience it was, too; full of good humor, determined to be pleased, and decidedly not disappointed. The fruitful subject of Mr. De Cordova's remarks was "The Spratts at Saratogs," and, interwoven with an intensely funny story, were morsels of wit and wisdom, of satire upon the follies and folbles of watering-place life, and a gentle castigation of them in every way entertaining. The next of the series of lectures will be delivered next Monday, when "Mrs. Grundy," that most terrible of modern Gorgons, will furnish Mr. De Cordova with a subject for the display of his talents. In the meantime, "The Spratts at Saratoga" will be delivered at the Brooklyn Athenœum to morrow evening, and our good friends across the water afforded an opportunity to listen to that delightfal melange of fun, wit, and wisdom .- N. Y.

Cuba

The following petition has been sent to the resident of the United States by many Cubans: HAVANA, Feb. 6.—To the Hou, A. Johnson,— Sir:-In the name of God and for the sake of lib rty, and as President of the greatest nation earth, send your powerful ald to the cause of the independence of Cubs, and may God bless you is the prayer of your friend, a friend to your country and a triend to all your country.

Latest Markets by Telegraph.

Naw York, Feb. 15—Cotton lewer: 3:6 bales sold at 29; c. Flour decining, sales of 660e bbls. Wheat heavy and lower; quotations nemina. Corn dull and decired ic. Sales of 29 600 busnels mixed Western at 91@292; c Oats lower; sales of 18,000 bushels at 55077; c. Beef quiet, Pork dull; new mess, \$32.60, Lard heavy; steam, 19%@15%c. Whisky quier. Stock Quotations by Telegraph-2 P. M.

Glendinning, Davis & Co. report through their Mich. S.and N. I. R. 99 MR, & St. P. pref. 79 Cie. and Pitt. R. 91 Mark & Mark & St. P. pref. 79 Mr. & St. Pref. & Mr. & St. Pref. 79 Mr. & St. Pref. & St. Pref. & St. Pref. 79 Mr. & St. Pref. & St. Pref. & St. P

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EIGHANGE SALES, FEE, 15 Reported by De Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third screet Exported by De Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Taird screet
BETWEEN BOARDS.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Messrs, Cameron, Morrill (Vt.), and Howard presented petitions for the amendment of the Constitution so as to acknowledge Almighty God. Keferred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morgan presented a remonstrance against the passage of any law authorizing the construction of any bridge across the East river, between New York and Brooklyn, unless the bridge be of such elevation as to leave the navigation of the river unobstructed.

Also, a petition of citizens of New York for a reciprocity treaty with Canada.

Mr. Summer presented the petition of Moses Buhm of New York, setting forth a scheme by which the Government can, within two years, resume specie payments, and at the same time reduces the national debt by three nundred millions of dollars.

ns of dollars. Mr. Summer called the attention of the Chair-

man of the Committee on Finance (Sherman) to this paracea for the financial difficulties of the country.

the country.

Mr. Sherman—Do you warrant the remedy?

Mr. Sherman—h! that is more than I can do.

Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to authorize the extension, construction, and use of the lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. Referred.

Mr. Edwards, from the Fodiciary Committee, reported a bill to provide for an additional term of the United States Circuit Court at Burlington, Vermoat, which upon his motion was passed.

Mr. Morton submitted the report of the Joint Committee to wait upon General Grant and

Mr. Motion seminated the report of the Joint Committee to wait upon General Grant and Mr. Celfax to inform them of their election as President and Vice-Fresident.

On motion of Mr. Cragin, the committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate was authorized to send for persons and papers to facilitate the investigation of the recommits pending before them.

and papers to facilitate the investigation of the accounts pending before them.

Mr. Cragin, from the same committee, reported adversely, and moved the indefinite postponsment of the resolution providing for the payment during the recess of the messengers and the clerks of the Senate.

Mr. Conness (Cal.) objected to the present consideration of the motion for an indefinite postponement.

Mr. Howard, from the Joint Committee on Ordnance, made a long report, accompanied by a bill to establish an ordnance commission and o consolidate the Ordnance Department with

to consolidate the Ordnance Department with the Artillery.

Mr. Morgan (N. Y.) offered a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to place a vessel at the disposal of the Commissioner of Charities and Corrections at New York, to be used for the purpose of a nautical school. Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

House of Representatives. Under the call of States, bills and joint reso

lutions were introduced, read twice, and re-ferred, as follows:—

By Mr. Blackburn (S.C.), to relieve all American citizens from the legal and political dis-abilities imposed by the fourteenth article of amendment. Referred to the Reconstruction

amendment. Referred to the Reconstruction Committee.

By Mr. Van Trump (N. Y.), to increase the pay of army officers in a graduated scale. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. He said no introduced it at the request of an officer, without committing himselft it.

By Mr. Lawrence (Onlo), directing that women employed in the several executive departments of the Government shall receive the same compensation as men, when they perform the same or equivalent services. To the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Butler (Tenn:), resolutions of the Tennessee Legislature in reference to Tennessee railroads. To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Niblack, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell \$30,000,000 of surplus coin in the Treasury. To the Committee of Ways and Means.

Means,
By Mr. Bromwell (Ill.), proposing an amend-

By Mr. Bromwell (III.); proposing an amendment to the Constitution concerning electoral votes for President and Vice-President. To the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Woodward, to provide for the restoration of Commander John C. Beaumont from the retired to the active list. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Miller, proposing an amendment to the Constitution against subsidies to railroads or other corporations, so long as the national debt shall exceed \$500,000,000. To the Judiciary Committee.

000 to the New Orleans and Selma Raticand Company and Immigration association. To the Committee of Ways and Meaus. By Mr. Hamilton (Fin.), joint resolution of the Florida Legislature asking Congress to devote

the public property in St. Augustine, Florida, for educational purposes.

for educational purposes.

By Mr. Washburn (Wis.), extending the time to construct the railroad from St. Croix to Lake Superior, and granting lands to the West Wisconsin Railroad Company. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Clarke (Kansas), several joint resolutions of the Kansas Lagislature relating to Indian treaties and trust lands. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Burleigh, in relation to the payment of moneys appropriated to the Indian tribes.

By Mr. Burleigh, in relation to the payment of moneys appropriated to the Indian tribes. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, By Mr. Butler (Mass.), to prevent restrictions on trade by the Jaws of any State between citizens of different States. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Hubbard (W. Va.) supplementary to the National Baking act. Referred to the Committee on Payling and Coursely.

by Mr. Rubbard (W. Va.) supplementary to the National Baking act. Referred to the Com-mittee on Banking and Curreacy.

It provides in the first, second, third, and fourth sections such amendments to sections 16, 18 22, and 26 of the present act as will secure the deposit of a uniform class of bonds for banking, and remove the present restriction on the arrest of extensions not the second of the court of the second of the court of the second of the court of the second of th

the amount of circulating notes.

The fifth section provides for the issue of a new class of bonds for banking purposes, to be known as United States banking bonds, pay-

knows as United States banking bonds, payable in coin at any time after twenty years, and bearing interest payable in coin at the rate of a per cent. Per annum. Said bonds may be sold at par for coin or Treasury notes of United States, or may be exchanged at par for other bonds or securities of the United States exceptions. bonds or securities of the Durposes, bonds issued for railroad purposes,

The sixth section requires banks organized and doing business under the National Currency act to deposit, within twelve months after the passage of this act, the bonds authorized by this act instead of the bonds now deposited with the Treasurer as security for circulation under the reasurer as security for circulation under the reasurer. culation, under the penalty of being wound up in case of neglect so to do.

The seventh section requires the cancellation of all notes and bonds, securities received for

the sale of or in exchange for the bonds on thorized by this act.
The call for bills being concluded, the next business was the call of States for resolutions under which call the joint resolution intro-duced last Monday by Mr. Jalian, to prevent the further sale of public lands, except as pro-vided for in the Pre-emption and Homestead

The question being on seconding the previous question, the previous question was not se-conded, and then, On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the joint resolu-tion was referred to the Committee on Public

Lands—yeas, 163; nays, 76
Mr. Hunter introduced a joint resolution
giving the consent of Congress to Luc Northern Pacific Railroad Company to issue its bonds and to secure the same by mortrage on its railroad and telegraph line, for the purpose of raising funds with which to construct the line be funds with which to construct the line be tween Lake Superior and Paget's Sound. And also on its branch to a point at or near Port-land, Oregon. The term "Puget's Sound" to apply to all the water connected with the Straits of Juan de Fuca within the territory of the United States.

The House seconded the previous question,

and under its operation the joint resolution was read three times and passed, the call for yeas and nays being refused.

Mr. Niblack offered a resolution to pay \$2500 to John D. Young for his expenses in prosecuting his claim to a seat as Representative of the Night Congressional district of Kantucker.

cuting his claim to a seat as Representative of the Ninth Congressional district of Kentucky.

Mr. McKee moved to lay the resolution on the table. Rejected. Yeas, 56; nays, 99.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. McCarthy presented the memorial of sixteen hundred men and women, of Syracuse, New York, that in any change or amendment of the Constitution proposed by Congress to extend or regulate suffrage, there should be no distinction between men and women.

Mr. Wood presented a memorial of brewers of New York in favor of the repeal of the duty on barley.

Mr. Chanler presented petitions for the removal of obstructions at Hell Gate, New York harbor.

harbor.
Mr. Moore presented petitions of New York and Boston ship owners, for the protection of navigation, illegal taxes by State and municipal corporations.

sional Appropriation Bills-

European Advices.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dematch to The Evening Telegraph. Subsidisting Railreads.

Washington, Feb. 15,-The House by a large vote passed the resolution allowing the Northers Pacific Railroad to issue bonds for the construction of the road, the bonds to be a mortgage on the road. The company have seked this action that they might go on with the road, as they were satisfied that subadies could not be obtained at the present Congress.

Legal-Tenuers. "To was given out that the legal-tender decision.

was to be sunounced to-day, but on inquiry it is ascertained that the judges have not yet agreed upon the decision.

It is understood that a great diversity of opinion exists relating to the constitutionality of the act.

The Dorion Caust. Seward's treaty, negotiated by Caleb Cushing,

for the ship canal across the istamus of Darieto, has not been sent to the Senate to-day. It is understood that it will meet with considerab to opposition, and will probably not get throng 5 at this session. Gold Contracts.

The Supreme Court made an important decision to day relative to gold contracts. The-" Court maintains that coin contracts made prior to the war must be paid in coin, and also that aimilar contracts made now must be paid in coin, on the ground that the law making coin a legal tender has never been repealed.

The House has set apart all evening receions after Wednesday for the consideration of the appropriation bills. This is considered absolutely necessary

in order to get the bills through. Despatch to the Associated Press. Information from Admiral Hoff.

Admiral Hoff, commanding the North Atlantic equadron, reports from Havans, on Feb. 8, the follows:- Contoccook, flagship, in excellent condition at Havana, waiting the termination of the present excitement to make a cruse around the island of Cuba; Gettysburg at Nuevitas, having touched at Matanass, en route, and reported everything quiet there: Pencoscot ar-rived at Havana on Feb. 1 from a cruise uson the Spanish Main: Yantic cruising in the Hayton waters: Nipsic at Aspinwall, having relieved the Yantic at the Isthous.

The Micaraguan Treaty The President has sent to the Senate the treaty recently negotiated by Caleb-Cu-hing for an interoceanic canal in Central America.

United States Somate. Obstinued from Fourth Edition. Mr. Morton offered a joint resolution requiring parties desiring to be relieved of political disabilities to make application to Congress in writing over their own signatures, setting forth the ground on which relief is asked.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Welsu introduced a bill to-provide for the removal of the Sannish areal varies of Area.

Mr. Welso introduced a bill to-provide for the removal of the Spanish arcuives at St. Augus-tine, Florida, to the United States Land Office. On motion of Mr. Sawyer, the Senate took up the bill to authorize the payment of officers ap-pointed in the Southern States by the Secre-tary of the Treasury, and who could not take the test oath. Mr. Sawyer advocated the bill, saying that men had been employed and had in good faith performed the services imposed upon them by the Government, and therefore ought to be

Mr. Conness said that if it could be shown that there were good and loyal men among them, he would vote to pay those individuals; but he would oppose any proposition to pay those officers indiscriminately, because they had been appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury no. only without authority of law. but in deflavor of the law of Congress. Mr. Sawyer stated that the officers had been

appointed before it was known in this part of the country that there was any breach be-tween the administration and Congress, and all of them before the assembling of Congress in December, 1765. Mr. Conness said that during those months it was already well known here that the plan was laid for the creation of a new political party, to be composed in the main of the Rebel element

in the South, and that Parsons of Alabama and Humphreys of Mississippi were then superintending its organization, Mr. Sawyer was aware that certain men in the South who ought not to have had influence with the administration did about that time obtain such influence, but he did not regard that as a reason why discrimination should be made against this particular class of officers while there were others, no more worthy or loyal men, who were drawing pay from the Government because the nature of their offices happened not to require that they should take

the test oath. House of Representatives.

Continued from Fourth Edition.

Mr. Boutwell moved to suspend the rules, so as to take from the Speaker's table the Senate amendments to the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, and stating that he would then movelto non-concur, and move a committee of conference.

The rules were suspended, and the Senate amendments were taken from the table.

FOREIGN.

By Atlantte Cubie.

GLASGOW, Feb. 16 .- Arrived, steamship, Bris. tannia, from New York, QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 15 .- Arrived, steamship:

Minnesota from New York. Appointment of Consult.

Paris, Feb. 15. -M. De Cazotte, the present. French Consul at San Francisco, has been appointed to succeed Brenler de Montmorand, Consul at Shanghae. The latter gentleman has been appointed Consul-General at New York. Note-A recent telegram from San Francisco announces the death by smallpox of M, de Cazottel. Submission of Creine Chiefs.

Lexpon. Feb. 15.—The following official news.

has just been received here: -All the insurgent-chiefs of Crete have submitted to the Turkish authority, and the island is now transquit.

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