THK DAITY EVGNING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA: FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1869.

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Btreet Cleanisg. . . am transferring from City Connofle, the Mayor, and
the Eighway Department, the power they
have hitherto exercieed over matters relating to the purifloation of the streets, and the re-
moval of garbage from the markets and moval of garbage from the markets and
pubblo highwass of the oity, to the Board of
Health. This shange may prove highly beneloial, and, at all evente, it it boaroely possible Connoilis have failed utteriy as as soavengers.
It matters not what plan they adopt, it never suoceeds. It they anthorize the Elighway Dd-
partment to undertake the task, a graet deal
of pains is taken to employ laborers iu the Wards where their votes oan be most effeo-
tive, or to put on the pay-roll men more
tamouat for their skill at the polls than thair
sotivity in handlling scrapero and shovels. About eleotion times extraordiasry ao.
tivity prevaile; but at all other seanons
the streats remain dieguastingly dirty. It Counoils employ oontratores, the filth may be
gathered up and oarted off onee or twice a
year, but it esems vain to expeot mare fro-
quent and thorough parification. Contractora quent and thorough parifostion. Contractora
caloulate very
olosely. If they wait antil the streets are full of garbage, the oost of oolleo-
tion and removal lis about repatd by the value
of the material as manure, and the sum ruoeived from the eity is nearly all olear proft;
Fhile frequent sweeping and sorapiugs,
silthough deoidedly deairable to the publio, leave too small a margin. The oontrant
sytate, as practioally amministered in this oity
during the last few yeara, has amoznted to but little m at intervals when they were sure of oollect
ing remunurative quantities of manure. This
system is bad enongh, but at one timg evan a woras oustom prevailed in New York, for tho
tax-payers of that city were paying a million of douars, nominally, for oleauing the streats,
When no real service of any kind was ren-
dered for this money, the whole sum bsiug reoklesaly squandered among the favorites
and partisans of plandering offiviala. In thits progressive age, when the world is startled
Year after year by bome stupendons new tri
umph of science or engineering skill, what the mightiest rivers are spanung by by bridges,
the bed of old ocean made عolegraphio oablos, ship canals dog out of zation, as typifed fin City Couuouls and High-
way Departmente, has proved totally inoompetent to grapple with the mighty tasks o
sweoping up and keeping olean the pablic strreets! Everybody knows how to do ic. No
suparior meehanieal or industrial knowledg
and Is neeeasary. The end aimed at is a thousand
timea more simple than the times more simple than the labor impose
apon Heroules when he was aalled upon t olean the Augean stables, bat it is evidently The mont oharitable conclusion is that thay
have proferred practising the greas goverumental art of "how not to do it," to an earruest oleant metho
important result. In view of their continued failuree,
posaible for the Board of fealth to effiolent, and there are good reasons for
ing that if that body is untrammelled ing that if that body is untrammelle
not-disappoint the just expeotation sires of the cittizens of Philadelphia. outaet, however, we regre
oonfliot of jurisdiotion is of the Legislature direots the board, within
twenty days after its paseage, to advertise fo twenty days after its paseage, to advertise for
proposals, and to fornish
speoifiostions
showing how ofton and in
what manuer showing how ofton and in what manuer
the proposed work is to bo dont,
and it apparently contemplates
and the commencemen
with new contract
that the proverbitol this department of advantagery may novelty 1 Counoils, however, after considdering a motion
to nuthorize the Mayor to rescind existiog oontraots, have indefnitely postponed
further consideration of that proposition, a furthor oonsideration of that propositi
a difgosition is thuasapparentil eviciaed a sort of dog-fin-the-manger policy.
sume that in due season all the lega of this question will be fully explained; b the monntime there is iltle doubt that Coan
oils would best serve the publio interests b olls would best serve the public interests by
graoofull surrendering whatever real graoofally surrondering whatever real
spparont control they may sill poosess over
the buasiness they have failed to transaot in satiafatotory manner. Let the Board of Hoalth
have a fair trial, sind win eredit or odium have a fatr trinl, snd win oredit or odium
sooording to the skill and efficienoy they dis play. In seasons when pestilence is threat-
ened, that body ean zoarcoly fail to prove
more alive to danger, and more anxious to more alive to danger, and more an
avert it, than any other department.
Lasois asdits Wabs.-Some time sinc We gave playe to an elaborate and carrofall
prepared apeeoh by the Hon. William D. prepared speeoh by the Hon. William
Kelley, in the House of Representatives a Waehington, in the course of whioh he dis
seoted the last amnual report of the Hon. David A. Wells, the Sppecial Commlssionere of Itateraal at once at his rosponse, sad has now appoare
in another exhanative, artiole in reptr to
Judide Kelleg's atriotures, to whioh we giv,
plaoe to-day. It lo deserving of goneral ps-
ruasal.

## A Mabbub by Mabbell.

 Tus phrase, "William Wheeler Habbell, Ruq.of Counsel for Defendant," is well oalonlated
it of Counsiel for Defendant," is well oalonatated
to inspire in the mind of an ordinary reader a sentiment approsoching that of awe. Yet we
regret to say that the senimeal approaching that of awe. Yet we
regret to say that the Inoabrations of Habbel
are not as happily conoeived as the grand finur are not as happily conoeived as the grand flour-
ish of his name. When we peruse the ten-
oent pamphlet purporting to oontain "new oent pamphlet purporting to oontain "new
faots and presentation" of the Twitohell osse,
"by Wulliam Wheeler Hubhell,
an Individual and to soolety, might atiminata
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reoord, by ainoere repent reoord, by finoerere repentanoes and gutarnishod
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pardoning power put futo the hands of a oom-
miaeile parioning power put into the hands of a oom-
miapion, oonsisting of the Governor, Jadges of
Sapreme Court, and at Sapreme Court, and at least six other par-
sons, removed as far as posilt its own merits. The present state of things
shows that our methods of dealing with nals are defeotive, and unless some adequate
remedy is devised, we shall soon have a vigi-


 We did not regard the mortifisution of Habbill, made a similar disposition of the same ten-cent
effasien our readers with any comments upon it. W.
W. H., Req, of Coansel, eto, has since than pearance before the Supreme Coart of the
United States, and as he apponrs to regard
notoriety as the chiof end of man, we are persuaded to give him the benefit of our oircula-
tion. $\begin{aligned} & \text { he most striking "new fats and presenta- } \\ & \text { tion" oontained in Habbell's ten-cent }\end{aligned}$ tion" contained in Habbell's ten-ont
pamphlet, the merits of whioh are boting
argued before the most august judioial triba-
nal in the land to-day, appear, on a oursory reading, to be cortrain ecoentrioities in syytax
whioh would do oredit to the diplomatio Rose-
crans himself. Acoording to Hubboll, "the trans himself. Acoording to Habball, "the
true solution of the difendant's case ****
aries and exista" in a "manifest detaohable
 standivg "the poker with the grey hair" far-"
nishes "the key -point or base of ocmmencement
to the fact that "the turning of the faoe upward,
and the head off on to the pillow of the sofa,"

 in the most serious manner, we find that he
bases his appeal to the Supreme Court of the
United states on the fith and sisth amend-
ments to th $\rightarrow$ Federal Constitution, thasly:-



 C'Byrne, and the rest of them, should oom-
munticate to Goorge S. Twitiohell, tr. , the fant
that he will, on Thursday next, "bo hanged
by the neek till dead?" by the neek till dead ?"
The Abolition or Capital Punishment.
We pablish to day the pitition of We pablish to-day the petition of a member
of the bar of this city, prayiog the Logis-
lature to abolish oapital punishment. Wis
Wes lature to abolish oapital punishment. We
believe, on general prinoiples, that havging a
man is the wortst use society oan put him to man is the worst use society oan put him to
but zo long as that is the law of the land, we
as law-abiding citizeng, are boand to as law-abiding eitizens, are bound to call for
its vigorous exeontion. In a country like
ours all persons should ours all peraons shonld be proteoted equally
by the lawe, and all persons who violate them,
whether rioh or poor, ignorant or learued,
sarrounded by friends or friendl1ess, should
be held by society to answer at its bar for
ber be held by society to answer at its bar for
every offunse. We agree with Mr. Kigore
that punishment should inolde the idea o reparation for the crime, and, as far as praoti-
cabbe, the reformation of the oriminal alsoo In
our laws too little attention is paid to these

 penalty corrective and reformatory rather
than revengefal, makiog long years of good
condont in prison available to the prisoner,
daring whioh time hat might
 Whom he has wronged, by contribating
his earnings, leas what it oosts the Common
wealth to keep him, it might be an improve ment tpon the preesent system. In oases on
aesanilts and batterie he might be sentence
till he could earn enough to till he could earn enough to pay his fine. I
oases of burglary, theft, eto., he might be in
prisoned long enongh to earn douible the prisoned long enongh to earn doible th
amount of property taken, and if, in aldition
to this, ho should produce an unblemiste record of good behavior whils in prison, an give security for good b
oould be set at liberty.

## It is posaible that th

apply to murderers. The prospect of bein set at liberty, after an imprisonment of twent
yeari of hard toll, to repalr the wrong done to

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