

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. —Shortly before midnight on Saturday a stable at Fifty-second street and Westminster avenue was consumed by fire.

—A late hour on Saturday night Thomas Stilly was knocked down at Eleventh and Federal streets, and carried to the hospital.

—On Saturday night Coroner Daniels was notified to hold an inquest at Shur's lane and Ridge road, upon the body of John Towers, who was run over and instantly killed.

—David W. Keene, forty-five years, residing at No. 315 N. Twenty-fifth street, while at work on Saturday, at Tenth and Berks streets, had a leg fractured by the fall of a clay bank.

—About half-past 11 o'clock on Saturday night a deck hand, employed on an oyster boat at Spruce street, wharf, and on the boat, was rescued from drowning by Officer Gillespie.

—Abram Roggenberg died suddenly, yesterday, in a drug store at Sixth and Girard avenue. The coroner was notified. The deceased resided at No. 967 N. Sixth street. Mary Mills, aged 38 years, died suddenly at No. 213 Perry street, yesterday.

—About 7 o'clock on Saturday evening the Central Police headquarters, Fifth and Chestnut streets, made a narrow escape from destruction by fire. The flames originated from the fine leading from the furnace in the cellar.

—The fire was extinguished with a few buckets of water.

—Shortly after 11 o'clock on Saturday night last the carpenter shop of Thomas Taylor, in Frankford, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Taylor's loss on stock and tools is estimated at \$400, on which there is an insurance of \$500. The building was owned by Lewis Bunde, and was not insured.

—On Saturday morning a number of gentlemen connected with the several railroads, by the invitation of the authorities of the Camden and Amboy Railroad, to enjoy a trip over the road, and observe the improvements made and facilities offered by the completion of the several branches thereof.

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The Annual Report of the Postmaster-General. The annual report of the Postmaster-General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1866, will show the following interesting facts, prepared by General Terrell, Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

The number of stamps issued during the year was 421,047,400, the value of which was \$12,742,568; the number of stamped envelopes issued was 78,079,850, amounting to \$2,383,588; newspaper wrappers issued, 3,500,350, amounting to \$1,905,000; the number of letters, envelopes, and wrappers, 592,725,560, the total value of which was \$18,078,061.

The receipts and expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1869, as compared with previous years, were as follows:—Receipts, 1869, \$18,541,019.79; 1868, \$18,692,600.80; increase, 12.18 per cent., \$2,051,909.92. Expenditures, 1869, \$23,608,121.50; 1868, \$22,730,592.95; increase, 4.1 per cent., \$867,528.55.

The money-order system was established November 1, 1864, at 141 post offices. During the period of eight months the issues of these offices amounted to \$1,300,122.32, and the payments to \$1,315,577.08. The gross receipts from fees, etc., were \$11,536.40, and the expenses, \$15,849.37; showing a deficit of \$4,312.97 for the fiscal year 1869. The issues were \$1,477,359.25, and the payments were \$3,933,800.32.

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MARINE TELEGRAPH.

For additional Marine News see First Page.

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PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE. WILLIAM W. PATTERSON, PRESIDENT. H. C. BUCKNER, VICE PRESIDENT. S. E. STORRS, SECRETARY.

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PAPER HANGINGS, ETC.

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