INTELLIGENCE.

McClure "Interviewed"-He is Ready to Answer my Responsible Denial of His Charges Against Cameron.

This morning the Post of this city indulged in a three-column editorial, divided about equally between culogy of Senator Cameron and abuse of Colonel McClure in connection with the letter from the latter published by us on Saturday last, relating the circumstances under which the former emigrated from the War Office to Russia in the early part of 1862. Other denials of the statements made by Colonel McClure have also appeared in the Washington despatches of several papers, but as yet Senator Cameron has not seen fit to make a denial over his own signature. Having received no further communication upon the subject from Colonel McClure, one of our reporters was despatched to his office this morning to ascertain, if possible, his intentions in reference to the dispute, when the following colloquy took place:-

Reporter-Do you intend to answer the denials made in the newspapers of the correctness of your letter on the Lincoln Cabinet recently published in THE TELEGRAPH?

McClure-I will answer, as soon as there is a denial from any responsible source.

Reporter-Have you seen the Washington despatches in THE TELEGRAPH and Press on the

McClure-Yes. The Press despatch is ingeniously framed to deceive; to appear to deny the truth of my allegations, while it does not in fact deny any of them. It quotes Chase as saying that "the records of the Cablnet of Mr. Lincoln, at that time, would substantiate the truth of Senator Wilson's article relative to General Cameron." I doubt not that the records of the Cabinet show that Cameron resigned, as does the correspondence prepared after his dismissal. My allegation is that the Cabinet records and the correspondence do not truthfully represent the facts of the case. Colonel Forney knows better himself.

Reporter-I see that Cameron pronounces your statements false.

McClure-I doubt not that he does so; he cannot well do otherwise, for he has labored most industriously for eight years to state history falsely as to his removal from the Lincoln Cabinet. He will not, and dare not, deny any material part of my statement in his place in the Senate, or over his own signature. Until it is so denied by some responsible person, who can assume to speak from personal knowledge. I shall not resume the discussion of the subject. General Cameron is in power. Around him are men high in position, whose names are already before the public in connection with this controversy, and If I am wrong it is a very easy matter to contrevert my statement. I did not intrude the subject upon the public, but Senator Wilson did, and if he is right, the evidence is

accessible for him any day. Reporter-Did you see the article in the Post of this morning?

McClure-No: is the Post still published? Reporter-Yes: it has an editorial of three columns disputing your letter.

McChire-I have only to say that I cannot be diverted from the responsible facts in this controversy to engage in disputation with irresponsible editors of obscure journals. Cameron could desire no happier escape from the real

Reporter-Then for the present you have nothing more to give to the public?

McClure-No. Whenever my letter is contradicted in any material point by any of the parties named in the controversy, I will be fully prepared to prove what I have asserted beyond all possibility of dispute.

And so the matter rests for the present.

SHOOTING.

Oclebration of St. Valentine's Day-A Lad Shot While Distributing Valentines. On Monday evening last Arthur D. Curran, aged fourteen years, son of Mr. John C. Curran, residing at No. 247 North Sixth street, was severely injured from the effects of a pistol shot fired from the entry of the residence of Mr. Richard Ficken, No. 255 North Sixth street. Mr. Ficken is a member of the firm of Ficken & Williams, sugar refiners. The facts as far as ascertained are these:-On the evening in question young Curran, with several other lads, were amusing themselves by placing valentines under the doors of the houses in which their young friends resided. They would ring the door-bell, insert a valentine, and pass on to the house of their next friend. The residence of Mr. Ficken was one of the houses visited. Here two of the lads placed a valentine under the door, rang the bell, and passed up the street. The lads soon after returned, and when on the pavement of Mr. Ficken's residence, the door was opened and a pistol was discharged at them, the ball taking effect in the leg of young Curran, striking him in the upper and outer part of the right thigh, and, taking an oblique direction, lodged in the leg underneath the kace. The little sufferer was at once removed to a neighbor's house, and from thence to his own home, where he now lies in a very critical condition. not yet been extracted. Last evening Mr. Ficken's son called on Mr. Curran, and informed him that his father acknowledged having fired the pistol. No legal action has yet been taken in the matter.

LOCAL ODDS AND ENDS .- The truth some times wounds; vide the conduct of a certain detective in the Herne swindling case. Whom

-That robberies are not of more frequent occurrence is to be wondered at. Think of a man having a "beat" extending on Market street from Seventh to Broad!

-If the goods were not removed from Cooper & Conard's in a wagon, where are they stored Is there a fence near by?

-How certain police sergeants can attend Fox's and to their duties at the same time is to ms inexplicable. -We understand that a commission has been

sent to Kamschatka to examine into the feasibility of the Delaware bridge project,

—Private watchmen are big things, but when they allow such big things as \$5000 robberies to

occur, they sink into nothingness, where they should remain. —A certain young man is in sore distress over the about to be happy nuptials of Miss Susan Galton. Oh! who shall we praise. Woe is me,

Ingratitude, etc.

GETTING READY FOR SEA.—The only vessel at the Navy Yard undergoing repairs at the present time is the Congress, which will soon be ready for sea. It is expected that she will make a trial trip to Boston as soon as she is put into commission. The Congress lies on the outside at the main pier of the yard, and presents a fine appearance. She was launched originally as the Pushmataha. Her name was then changed to the Cambridge, and finally to the Coagress. Captain N. B. Harris has been ordered to the semmand of the ship.

THE NEW CITY OFFICERS.

Mesers. Hancock, Peltz, and McCnen Enter Upon Their Duties—They are Sworn is by the Mayer—Their Appointments to Cierta-ships, Rtc.

This morning Mayor Fox administered the cath of office to Samuel P. Hancock, City Controller elect; Richard Peltz, Receiver of Taxes elect, and Alexander McCuen, City Commissioner elect. Yesterday the Mayor signed the following ordinance, which had passed both branches of Conneils

branches of Councils:—
"Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That Edward J. Kenney and David Jones are bereby approved as the surotice of Samuel P. Hanceck, City Controller elect; that John H. Jones, Hugh Gamble, and Join C. Poulson are hereby approved as suretices of Biotenary Pelle, Receiver of Taxes elect, and that Robert C. Tittermary and Joseph C. Tittermary are hereby approved as the suretice of Alexander McCuen, City Commissioner elect, and the City Solicitor bereby directed to prepare heads with warrants of attorney for said parties to execute, and to cause judgments to be extered thereon."

The City Solicitor having prepared the proper bonds with warrants of attorney, etc., as directed by the resolution of Connells, the newly elected officers appeared before his Honor, and were sworn in as above stated. Mr. Peltz at once repaired to his office, took possession of the books, papers, etc., and made the following appoint-

Chief Clerk-John L. Hill. Receiving Clerks—Robert S. Williams, Harry C. Selby, Edward Hilferty, Fred. J. Walter, R. H. Stokes, H. Oscar Roberts, W. Alex. Buckley, and M. N. Phillips.

Solicitor-Erastus Poulson, Esq. Messenger-John Kurtz.

The other appointments will be announced in few days. The books of the Receiver of a few days. Taxes' Office will not be opened for business until the 21st lnst. Mr. Peltz requires time to examine into the affairs of the office, and fix up the books, etc., preparatory to the opening of the office under his administration. Alexander McCuen entered upon his duties this morning as one of the City Commissioners

Mr. Samuel P. Hancock, after the oath of office was administered to him, repaired to the City Controller's quarters, in the Girard Bank. Mr. Getz, ex-City Controller, was not in attendance. Mr. Hancock waited until that gentleman put in an appearance, and then affairs changed Hancock taking charge of the office and appointing Mr. William King chief clerk. Mr. King was formerly an Assistant United States Assessor of the Second District. Mr. Hancock will announce the other appointments in a few days. He is differently situated from Mr. Peltz, the Receiver of Taxes. This gentleman has chosen as clerks under him a number who served in the department before, and they, of course, understand their business. cock is compelled to gradually make changes in order that the appointees may obtain a knowledge of the work to be performed by them.

The sureties of Thomas J. Worrell, Esq., City Solicitor elect, have not yet been approved by Councils. He, of course, cannot take possession

of his office until this is done.

The Board of Sity Commissioners, by the seating of Mr. McCuen, becomes Republican. In this department a clerk is to be appointed. Mr. Lutz, by the change in the board, will have to surrender his position. The board now stands:—General John F. Ballier, Thomas B. locke, and Alexander McCuen. General Ballier s the Democrat. As the senior member of the board, he will be the presiding officer. David P. Weaver retires by the recent decision of the

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. A meeting was held last evening, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nineteenth and Walnut streets, to consider the feasibility of forming an association of the Sunday School teachers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia and vicinity. Mr. Charles E. Lex was called to the chair, and Messrs. Abraham Ritter and Robert A. Kyle appointed Secretaries. Remarks were made by several gentlemen, approving the object aimed at, and on motion of Mr. Thomas Latimer it was resolved that an association be formed, for the purpose of affording teachers and others interrested in Sunday School work, as connected with the Episcopal Church, an opportunity of consultation, from time to time, as to the best means of carrying it on. The following gentlemen were then appointed a committee to present to the meeting a plan of organization:-Messrs, Thomas Latimer, William G. Boulton, William H. Rhawn, George C. Thomas, Lewis D. Vail, William P. Cresson, and Edward Olmstead.

After a brief absence, the committee returned and reported a constitution, which was unanimonsly adopted, and a committee, consisting of the Chairman, Secretaries, and Messrs. George C. Thomas, Lewis D. Vail, and Joseph G. Darlington, appointed to have the same printed and sent to the Superintendents of each Episco-pal school in Philadelphia and vicinity, for the signatures of their teachers, male and female.

The meeting then adjourned. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, delegates were present from seventeen different schools, and much interest was manifested in the matter. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, March 14, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, when the association will be fully organized and the officers

PHILADELPHIA SUGAR IMPORTERS AND THE NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE.—The New York Custom House has been notorious for some time past for false weights, false measures, false appraisements, and all manner of cheating, all which has been winked at by the New York officials, both high and low, partly because they were paid to wink, and partly because it was to the interest of New York commerce. The effect of the system was to concentrate the trade at that port, to the injury of all others. A pressure has been brought to bear upon the authorities for the alleviation of this evil, in great part by the sugar importers of this city, whose trade was seriously damaged by the abnormal pro-After a prolonged resistance they have at last been successful. The revenues a that port are now in the main honestly collected, which favorable change in the cause of morality and commercial credit can be attributed to th working inhabitants of the village of Philadelhia by the loungers in the crossroad grocery of

Masonic,-Friendship Lodge, No. 400, of Jenkintown, Montgomery county, met last evening, and passed a series of resolutions highly complimentary to Past Deputy District Grand Master William K. Bray, for his kind-ness to the lodge during the past Masonic year. In the course of the evening a beautiful set of Past Master's regalia was presented by Brother Bray, in behalf of the lodge, to Past Master Charles Mathers. The speech of Brother Bray was highly complimentary, neat, and beautiful. Brother Mathers accepted the gift in a few appropriate remarks, and the lodge afterward proceeded with the regular business. Friendship Lodge, as its number (400) indicates, is a comparatively young lodge, but it is fast in-creasing in numbers and efficiency. It is understood that the lodges of this Masonic district intend presenting to Past Deputy District Grand Master Bray a handsome testimonial for his activity and universal kindness to the lodges of his district during the past year.

STEALING AND RECEIVING .- Yesterday the Tenth district police succeeded in arresting John Wells and Daniel Scott, charged with the robbery of the stable of Cyrus Lukens, Vernon street, above Fliteenth, on Saturday night last, On taking them to the station house it was ascertained that the stolen property, consisting of a set of harness, a buffalo robe, a string of sleigh bells and a blanket, the whole valued at \$175, had been pawned at the establishment of the well-known Matthias Kaas, Poplar street, above Ninth, for \$10. A search warrant was obtained and in the loft of Knas' establishment the goods were found. The accused will have a hearing at the Central to-day. Query-When

will Kaas be heard? ROBBERY.—Some time during Sunday night, the soap and candle factory of John Coons & Son, Wood street wharf, Schuylkill, was entered and robbed of goods to the value of several hunTHE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Bleeting of the Commission for the Award of Contracts. A special meeting of the commission for the ercevon of the proposed public buildings was hold at noon to-day in the room of the commission, in the New Court House, President William S. Stokley in the chair.

Certificates of the election of Samuel W. Catted and Alexander M. Fox as members of the commission were received and approved. Mr. Cattell raves the place of Mr. stokier, and Mr. Fox to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Alexander J. Mr. J. V. Watson as nounced that the meeting had

been called at the instance of the Committee on Con-tra-ta, which committee was now ready to report. The committee submitted their report, in which they recommended that, for the preliminary work, he contracts be awarded as follows:—
For the excayations, James Armstrong, at 79

For the excavations, James Armstrong, at 79 cents per cubic foot.

For taking down the terrace wall and cleaning bricks, etc., Pantel McNichol.

For concreting the entire foundation, James Armstrong, at 18 cents per cubic foot.

For furnishing foundation stone of approved quality, James Armstrong, \$5 per perch.

For furnishing building stone, Samuel Gorgas, For brick work, George H. Brinkworth, For building cellar walls, James Armstrong, at \$1.35 per perch.

\$1.55 per perch. The committee stated that twenty-eight bids had

been received for the different work for which pro-posals had been advertised.

Mr. J. V. Watson stated that perhaps some of the stone proposed to be purchased might not be suita-ble, and as the committee had only reported the lowest bidder, he was of the opinion that a provi-sion should be made that in case the stone furnished was not suitable, the next lowest bidder should re-ceive the contract.

Mr. Wagner desired to know whether the com-

mittee had satisfied themselves that the lowest bid-ders won d properly falfil their contracts; he put the question from the fact of there being such discrepan-cies in the bids.

Mr. Walter moved that the bid of James Armstrong for excavating be accepted, stating that he was a good responsible man, and experienced in such work, the total cost of this branch he estimated

Will be \$25,440, Mr. H. Miller desired to be informed as to whether The Commission has authority to make the contract. The Connels of the city have made no appropriation to pay for the work, and the Act of Consolidation exgressly probables the expenditure of any money any purpose unless an appropriation has first been

Mr. Walter then read the ordinance by which the commission was created, in order to show the members that they had authority under its provisions to make contracts, and that it then remained with Conneils as to whether their action in the awarding of contract should be approved or disapproved.

Mr. McCarthy was of the opinion that the commission will be wanting in days if it does not at sion will be wanting in duty, if it does not at once

award the contracts.

Mr. Cattell stated that on the creation of the commission the expectations were that City Connoils would make the necessary appropriation to carry on the work; but this commission has gone to the end of its tether. Councils had refused to make the appropriation because they thought that the citizens would not bear the additional tax of one-tenth of one per cent. this year.

Having failed to make that appropriation, there is

Having failed to make that appropriation, there is no money to go on with the work, and if there is no money, what is the use of making the contracts? Councils, he felt, will not make an appropriation this year, and he was of the opinion that the commission cannot make the contracts until appropriations are made by Councils, and until such is done the work cannot be done. The duty of the commission was to report the contracts to Councils and ask for an appropriation. for an appropriation.

Mr. Walter stated that the contracts will not be

binding without the approval of City Councils. They have the power to make an appropriation or to raise a special loan, and it is not now known as to whether they will or will not make some such pro-vision at their meeting to-morrow. The question of money belongs to Councils, and not to the com-

Mr. Wagner was of the opinion that it is the uty of the commission to say to whom the contracts shall be given, and then report to Councils. He believed that Mr. Cattell was in error in regard to the failure to make the appropriation. When the matter was before the Finance Committee, it was matter was before the "mance Committee, it was the opinion of the lawyers there that Councils have no authority to lay a special tax, but that the appropriation should come out of the general tax. He was of the opinion that the duty of the commission was fully laid down in the ordinance, and he hoped the contracts would be awarded.

Mr. Cattell answered that when the subject was before the Finance Committee that when the subject was before the Finance Committee the principal reason given for not making the appropriation was that they did not think the citizens would bear the special

Mr. Fox gave as his reason for the failure of th Mr. Fox gave as his reason for the failure of the Finance Committee to act was that a majority of that committee was opposed to the erection of the buildings on Independence Square.

Mr. Miller was of opinion that the matter could be reported to Councils in some way without making

the contracts. Mr. Gillingham stated that it was the duty of the commission to make the contracts, which duty was fully laid down in the ordinance that had been read There are some members here who are opposed to the location of the buildings who raise the opposition; that if he had been opposed to the location provided in the ordinance, he would never have oc-cupied a position in the commission. Mr. McCarty gave as his opinion that the com-

mittee was bound to make the contracts.

Mr. J. V. Watson stated that the parties who made
the bids for contracts all thoroughly understood their rights and duties under the contracts.

Mr. Cattell stated that the Committee on Contracts had not complied with the ordinance, which pro-vides that the terms of the contracts should be published. He was of the opinion that the awarding of these coutracts would simply be a farce, since there is no appropriation.

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Considerable discussion followed, when the resolution of Mr. Walter to award the contract for excavations to James Armstrong, at 79 cents per cable yard, was agreed to by the following vote:—Yeas—Billington, Cattell, Day, Fox, (A. M.), Gillingham, Kneass, McCarthy, Misey, Pugh, Robb, Spering, Wagner, Walter, Watson, (J. S.), Watson, (J. V.), and Stokley, (President), 16. Nays, H. Miller, 1.

Mr. Walter moved that the contract for building cellar walls be awarded to James Armstrong at \$1.55 per perch. Agreed to.

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Mr. Walker then moved that the contract for concreting the foundation be awarded to James Armstrong at 13 cents per cubic foot, and for taking down the terrace walls to Daniel McNickol at \$30-Agreed to.
Mr. Fox moved to refer the bids for stone to the

chairman of the Committee on Contracts, Architecture, and Buildings, to make a further report on the subject. Agreed to.
Mr. James S. Watson moved that the commission proceed to the election of a President for the present year. Agreed to.

Mr. Stokley was then chosen by acclamation.

PERJURY.

Case Before U. S. Commissioner Biddle. Alfred Kincald had a hearing before U. S Commissioner Cralg Biddle this morning upon the charge of perjury, in knowingly and willingly swearing falsely in a case or matter where an oath was required to be taken under a

law of the United States.
Captain John McFarland testified as follows:—] am a recruiting officer at the naval rendezvous in this city; know the defendant; he produced a pape setting forth that he had made oath to his being twenty-one years of age; he was enlisted in the nav in the early part of January; had a conversatio with him; he expressed a wish to enter the navy; asked him a number of questions and he answere that he was twenty-one years of age; he then wen off and brought back a certificate that he had been examined under oath, and had said he was over twenty-one years of age; he was perfectly sober-don't know that he made oath except from his own statement and his producing the statement from Alderman Delaney.

statement and his producing the statement from Alderman Delaney.

On cross-examination witness could not say whether he (defendant) held the certificate or whether the shipping master had it in his possession.

Dr. J. C. Spear testified—I am examining surgeon at the naval rendezvous; recollect having passed the accused; he told me that he was twenty-one years of age; he was not under oath, and the statement was only a voluntary one.

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In the Quarter Sessions on Saturday last the case of the prisoner was heard on habeas corpus, asking to be discharged from the navy on the ground of being a minor. Evidence was produced to the effect that he was under age. The Judge held the case under advisement, in order to allow the United States District Attorney to commence proceedings against him on the charge of perjury.

NOT JACOB SCHNIDER.—The chap committee by Alderman Randall on Monday for the theft of a \$5 bill, and who gave his name as Jacob Schnider, is properly Jacob Shaffer. Mr. Schni-der desires the distinction drawn, he not wishing to be mixed up with the other Jacob.

WE ARE requested to state that Mr. S. C. Campbell has recovered sufficiently from his indisposition to sing this evening in The Mar-

DEAF AND DUMB.

Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deat and Damb-Its Operations On-ring the Year 1869.

We have received a copy of the annual report of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, showing its operations for the year 1869. During this year there were connected with the institution 227 pupils, of whom 129 were boys and 98 girls. On the first of January, 1800, there were 184 pupils in the institution, of whom 104 were boys and 80 girls. During the year 42 mates were re-ceived into the institution, of whom 34 were boys and 18 girls; 40 mutes left, of whom 20 were boys and 20 girls; so that on the 1st of January, 1870, there remained in the institution 186 pupils, of whom 108 were boys and 78 girls. Of the whole number of pupils, 151 are sup-ported by the State of Pennsylvania, 11 by the State of New Jersey, 4 by the State of Delaware, 1 by the Crozer Scholarship, No. I, I by the John Wright Scholarship, and 18 by the institu-tion or their friends. Of the 151 supported by the State of Pennsylvania, 36 are from Philadel-

Of the 42 mutes admitted during the year, 19 were born deaf; 22 lost their hearing by disease, scarlet fever being the cause in 7 cases, and one lost his hearing from some unknown ca-The receipts of the year aggregated \$64,331.77, including a balance on band, January 1, 1869, of \$5178, and leaving a balance January 1, 1870, of \$5667-19. The following are the officers of the

Institution for the current year:—
President—George Sharswood, Li., D.,
Vice-Presidents—Henry J. Williams, William Meredith, J. N. Conyngham, of Luserne,

Mordecai L. Dawson. Secretary—James J. Barclay. Treasurer-S. Weir Lewis. Frincipal-A. B. Hutton.

SHORT, BUT NOT SWEET .- Un Friday evening last an individual who styles himself Robert B. C-s was searching this city with the intent to find one John Short, who was charged with running away with a wife of Robert. B. C.'s in an abrupt or short manner, on short notice, with short preparation, and taking in company with her the shortest road to commulal felicity, via the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. All these things Robert B. C. affirms will tend to shorten the term of his natural existence, which term of natural existence he does not wish thus shortened by Short. That the blissful career of the delinquent Short might be shortly shortened, the following not very short telegram was sent over the wires from the bereaved Robert B. C. in this city to the Chief of Police of Pittsburg: One John Short, soar on his cheek, nitted with small-pox, five feet eight is ches high, left Philadelphia on the eight o'clock train this morning with my wrie; think he is bound for Springiseld, Illinois. My wrie has got light hair, blue eyes, wine colored dress, black cloth coat with tabs, squirred ipra and pink bounnet. Short has a wrie in Tron-ton, New Jersey, and has run away with my wrie. Arrast them and telegraph me at 1001 Chesnut street. Look out for them for several days.

In accordance with this request, officers were sent to the Union Depot, Pittsburg, to await the arrival of the Eastern train, which arrived at 10 20 on Friday evening, and if possible, to discover Short and his wine-colored companion, and to take them into enstody for their shortcomings. After waiting a short time for the arrival of the train, anda fter seanning the faces of all the short passengers, the officers failed to discover the short man and the woman who wished to become Short. On holding a short conversation with the conductor it was ascertained that the short parties had remained upon the train for but a short time. They had alighted at Downingtown, which is certainly not a short distance from Pittsburg. How shortly they may have departed from that place is not known, but whether they are now present or absent in that short town, Downingtown papers will do well to copy our short para-

SMASHING THINGS .- John H. Falls is the name of a whisky-loving individual, who yesterday went on a bender. On his peregrinations he entered a grocery at Eleventh and Taylor streets, and helping himself to some apples, commenced munching freely. The femaly storekeeper re-monstrated, when he pitched her into the street. An officer was then called on to arrest John. who on approaching was met by a fusiliade of weights, scales, bottles, eggs, hams, etc. Finally, after considerable strategy, John was captured and taken before Alderman Bonsall, who sent

THE PILGRIM .- This entertainment will open at Concert Hall to-morrow evening. It consists of a number of fine paintings illustrative of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," executed eminent artists. A descriptive lecture will be delivered by Professor Bain.

MARINE ACCIDENT.—At 9 o'clock this morning a sailor named F. St. Clair feell from the yard-arm of the brig Leonard, at Mead street wharf, sustaining injuries that resulted in almost

OWNER WANTED .- An owner is wanted at the Fifth District Station House for a squirrel tippet found in the street.

TRIFLING FIRE .- A fire occurred at the Frankford Gas Works about 10 o'clock this morning. Damage trifling.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES. Reported by De Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third Street, BETWEEN BOARDS.

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MPORTANT TO ALL INTERESTED .- THE arrears of Pensions must be applied for within five years after the death or discharge of a soldier. per year. There are thousands in our midst, widows, dependent fathers and mothers, and orphan children who are entitled, but who have not yet applied for a pension. All who think they are entitled should at once call on Messrs. ROBERT S. LEAGUE & CO. No. 135 South SEVENTH Street who will promptly obtain their pensions, or cheerfully give any information, free of charge. Remember that the five years' limit allowed by law is fast drawing to close.

MPORTANT TO EUROPEAN AND GUBAN TOURISTS.—Passports, prepared in conformity with the new requirements of the Stat Department, can be procured in twenty-four hours on applica tion made, either in person or by letter, only at the Official Passport Bureau, No. 125 S, SEVENTH Street, Philadelphia, ROBERT S, LEAGUE & CO. Street, Philadelphia, Robinsters, Diplomati Also, official lists of all Ministers, Diplomati Agents, Consuls, and Consular Agents of th United States, who they are, where they are from and where they are located, furnished free of charge

THIRD EDITION

GENERAL WEWS.

Postal Telegraphy in England-Rate of Banking Interest in Europe-Heavy Suits for Damages Against a Southern Railroad-Alasfor Alaska -She is Denied a Territorial

> Government.

FROM KUROPE.

Cold Weather. *

By the Anglo-American Cable, LONDON, Feb. 16 .- The weather for the past week has been unusually cold not only in Eugland, but throughout Europe.

The Government Telegraph System of Great Britain. The Government telegraph system is hardly in complete working order yet, and the complaints of delay are still numerous. The usual channels for messages have been in some instances temporarily closed, and in this city a great number of messages must first be forced through the pneumatic tube half a mile to the l'ost Office before they get on the wires. service is, however, gradually becoming better and better.

Rate of Bank Interest. Paris, Feb. 16 .- The continental banks are generally reducing their rate of interest. This Afternoon's Quotations.

Paris, Feb. 16 .- The Bourse closed firm. Rentes, Antwerr, Feb. 16.—Petroleum closed firm at 50% f. Bremen, Feb. 16.—Petroleum opened quiet at 7 HAMEURG, Feb. 16 .- Petroleum opened flat.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Tax and Revenue. Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 .- The Ways and Means Committee heard an argument to-day in favor of the tax on lumber, and further considered some sections of the Internal Revenue law, in which changes have been recommended by Commis sloper Delapo.

Alas! for Alaska. Mr. Cullom, chairman of the Territorial Com mittee of the House, reported unfavorably to day on bills extending a territorial government over Alaska. This ends the attempt to make Alaska a place of importance. Indian Affairs.

The Committee on Indian Affairs of the House discussed the sale of the Cherokee neutral lands In Kansas, and set Friday next to hear parties interested. Genry in Washington.

Governor Geary is here, and had an interview with the President to-day. His visit is understood to be in connection with some business General Sheridan.

General Sheridan is to be at the President's state dinner this evening. He leaves in a few days for the West.

CONGRESS.

PORTY-FIRST SESSION-SECOND TERM. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Mr. Spencer presented the resolutions of the Alabama Legislature in favor of

the establishment of a National Postal Telegraph Company. Laid on the table.

Mr. Anthony presented the resolutions of the Rhode Island Legislature for a Harbor of Refuge at Block Island, commanding the entrance to Long Island Sound. He said the improvement was demanded as a means of security to paying intention. manded as a means of security to navigation, as intended to afford much-needed facilities for the commerce of the whole country, and as a necessary

public defense. The resolutions were then referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Morrill (Me.) introduced a bill to incorporate
the National Union Savings Bank of the District of Columbia. Referred to the Committee on the Dis-On motion of Mr. Wilson, the House bill to pro-vide for furnishing artificial limbs to disabled sol-

diers was taken up.

Mr. Pratt moved to amend by extending the provisions of the bill to disabled soldiers of the Mexican War. Agreed to,
Mr. Romands moved to strike out of the bill the
provision allowing an equivalent in money to those
entitled to receive an artificial limb, remarking that
the proposition was simply an indirect increase of
pensions of such persons, while no provision was
made for those who had lost an every surfaced from

made for those who had lost an eye or suffered from like injuries.

Mr. Cameron moved to include in the bill the soldiers of the War of 1812 who had lost limbs in actual

service.

Mr. Edmunds proposed an amendment so that the bill should provide for all soldiers disabled in actual service to an extent equivalent to the loss of such limb. He said his object was to include not merely those who had lost a limb, but all who had lost eyes, whose limbs had been dislocated or backs broken.

The motion of Mr. Edmunds was not agreed to. Yeas, 21; nays. 31. Mr. Sawyer offered an amendment excluding from the benefits of the bill any soldiers of the war of 1812, or the Mexican war, who aided the cause of the late Rebellion.

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The bill was then laid aside, and the consideration of the Mississippi bill was resumed.

Mr. Yates said, in justice to himself and his high appreciation of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. Carpenter), he voluntarily withdraws whatever of a personal character was contained in his recent reply to that Senator's resilion.

to that Senator's position. House. Mr. Maynard offered a resolution directing the Select Committee on American Navigation Interests to inquire into the expediency of granting a bounty on all iron-built wea-going vessels constructed in this country during the next three years, and from American materials, equal to the duties which would have been imposed on such materials if imported. Adopted, Indefinite leave of absence was granted to Mr.

By Mr. Cox, of several thousand cigar manufacturers, journeymen cigar-makers, dealers, etc., to restore the tariff rates on imported cigars to \$3 per bound and 50 per cent. ad valorem Like petitions were presented by Messrs. Ketcham, Kelsey (N. Y.), and Strong. Mr. Bennett introduced a bill for the better pro-

Morrissey on account of continued illness in his

ection of the Northern and Northwestern frontier. Mr. Trimble offered a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to take into consideration the erection of a suitable building at Paducah, Ky., for the Post Office, United States courts, etc.

Adopted.

Mr. Mayham offered a resolution for like purpose relating to Albany, N. Y. Adopted.

Mr. Sheldon, of Louisiana, presented the joint resolution of the Louisiana Legislature relative to duties on sugar and molasses.

He also offered a resolution calling for the report

of September 16th, 1858, on the Rio Houdo claims. Adopted,
Mr. Crebs offered a resolution instructing the
Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency
of reporting a law conferring admiralty jurisdiction
on State courts exercising common law jurisdiction.

Adopted.

Mr. Johnson presented the memorial of the California Legislature for the erection of a breakwater at Crescent City.

Mr. Hamilton (Fia.), to amend a bill to annex the collection district of St. Marys to the district of Fernandina, Florida, and establishing a port of delivery at Fort Henry on the St. Mary's river. Re-

ferred.

Mr. Cuilom, from the Committee on Territories, reported several bills regulating the jurisdiction of probate courts, salaries of judges, etc., in the Territories. Passed.

FROM THE WEST. Ill-health of Senator Grimes.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Private intelligence has been received at Desmoines from Senator Grimes in Europe, to the effect that his health is failing fast, and the probability is he will not survive the journey home.

Congressman Elected in Illinois.
General David Atwood, editor of the Madison State Journal, has been elected to Congress from the Second Wisconsin District, to fill the place of Hon. B. F. Hopkins, deceased. There was no organized opposition to Atwood.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISHURG, Peb. 16.—Among the bills favorably eported were the following:—
Bense bill incorporating the Philadelphia Wood-

Paring Company.

Schate bill authorizing the Anti-Incrustation Company to issue preferred atock.

House supplement to the Penn Mutual Insurance

Company. House bill incorporating the Indigent Widows

Society, Senate supplement to the Orphans' Society, House bill incorporating the People's Bank.
Various communications were received from City
Councils, all of which have been published in their

proceedings.

Mr. Johnson (Phila.) offered a joint resolution recalling the House of Correction bill from the Governor. Laid over.

Mr. Mooney offered a resolution anthorizing the

committee to ascertain whether corrupt means were used to pass or defeat the Police bill, to employ a Mr. Josephs off-red a barlesque amendment that the expanse of the clerk should not exceed five thousand dollars.

Mr. Bunn said tols was no farce. Charges had Mr. Bunn said tols was no farce.

been made on both sides that corruption had been used, and these charges had been made against good men and bad of both parties. He hoped the liouse would authorize the appointment of a lerk. Mr. Josepha said that there was no promise made for the payment of witnesses.

Mr. Runn said the witnesses would come for nothing on his side if they would do the same on

Mr. Dally moved to discharge the Corruption Com-Mr. Elliott hoped that the clerk would be ap-ounted, Sufficient facts had already come to the knewledge of the committee to warrant their pro-ceeding. It was reported that funds amounting to a small fortune had been raised to defeat the bill.

a small forbine had been raised to defeat the bill. The committee knew who negotiated the matter, who was to make the advances, and now they wanted to know who received the money.

Mr. Josephs protested against the charges of Mr. Elliot. His whole statement was untrue and without four dation. Not one dollar had been collected to defeat the bill. City Councils had so arranged it for the last two months that the policemen could not get their warrants. It was true that powers of attorney were sometimes signed by the officer, but not in this case, for they were especially instructed not in this case, for they were especially instructed not to give them. If the committee wishes to investigate how the bill passed, he Josephs, knew of persons who were here at the time with money which might used for the purpose. He would be before the committee if they went into this branch of the

After further discussion the motion to appoint a

FROM BALTIMORE. Sults for Damages Against a Rallway Com-

BALTIMORE, Feb. 16.—In August, 1868, William Harper, while crossing the track of the Northern Central Railroad in a carriage, was struck by a passing train, and an attack of paralysis resulted therefrom. Harper has brought suit in this city against the company for \$25,000, at the conclusion of which Mrs. Harper will institute proceedings for a like amount for injuries received at the same time and place.

New York Pronuce Market. Naw York, Feb. 16.—Cotton heavy; sales of 300 bales midding uplands at 25c. Flour—State and Western less active, and scarcely as firm; State \$4.75@6.85; Western, \$4.75@6.30; Southern dull and \$4.75@5.55; Western, \$4.75@5.30; Southern dull and unchanged. Wheat less active and declined 1%@2c. winter red Western, \$1.20@1.33; white Michigan, \$1.40. Corn less active and declined 1@2c.; new mixed Western, 50@5c., and 73@7sc. for unsound do. Oats heavy and lower; State, 60@62c.; Western, 55@55c. Beef quiet. Pork dull; new mess, \$26@5c.25, Lard dull; steam in tierces, 15@15%c. Whisky dull and nominal; Western, 96%c.

THE NEW YORK MONRY MARKET.

From the N. Y. Herald. "It would seem that the speculators in the gold market who desire an advance in the premium are not hopeless of Congressional action which will favor their plans. A telegram from Washington yesterday that General Hanks would introduce a resolution recognizing the belitgerent rights of the Cuban patriots, had the effect of rendering gold firmer. "More weight was given the avenue."

"More weight was given the announcement from the fact that General Banks is chairman of the Com-mittee on Foreign Relations, and therefore more influential than if he had initiated the measure from the body of the House. The effect of the news was to advance gold to 120, although the price failed to stay at that point. The market was comparatively dull, although signs were not wanting that if a bull movement has not been begun, there is little disposition to press speculative sales.

"The abundance of funds at bank and in the hands

of private capitalists is still felt in the case of the general money market. On call the Government dealers are supplied with all they can use at four to five per cent., and some transactions were reported to-day as low as three per cent. Stock houses generally pay six per cent., but where they make a point of seeking a lower rate, and where their collaterals are good, prime houses are accommodated at five per cent. The really prime grades of commercial paper have been absorbed at 6 to 6½ and 7 per cent. so that the present dealings are, in the next best grades, at seven to eight per cent. Foreign exchange was irregular, and there is considerable competition among the leading bankers to sell bills. Prime sterling sixty days is quoted 108%, and sight bills 109%. lly pay six per cent, but where they make a poin

bills 109%.

"The rival speculation between the two parties recently formed in the Government bond market took a decided turn to day in favor of the bulls, and prices steadily advanced about an eighth per cent, at each board, leaving the market at the close of business about a half per cent higher than at the opening. The firmer tone of the gold market assisted this movement, especially as the foreign quotations were strong and active, and five-twenties in London came 87%."

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