CITE INTELLIGENCE. MARCH WINDS.

The Wenther of the Month-The Temperature a Little Below the Average of Eighty Years. In the following table are given the maximum and minimum standing of the thermometer at the Pennsylvania Hospital during each day of the month which has just closed, in comparison with the corresponding days of March, 1853:—

Манси, Манси, 1869, 1870. Max. Min. Max. Min. (deg.) (de | Clear and clossy. | Clear and clossy. | Clear | Clea 9 48 ... 33 ... 37 ... 25 Clear. 10 .58 5 ... 40 ... 46 ... 27 Clear, slight haze in morning.

11 50 ... 35 5 42 32 Mostly clear.

12 40 32 36 34 Cloudy drizzle in evening.

13 55 36 36 36 31 Rain all day.

14 64 40 40 81 Partially clear in morning afternoon cloudy. 15.55. 29. .47. .31 Clear, evening overcast. 16.33. 24. 48. 26 Heavy southeast rain storm in morning. 17. 41. 31. 34. 25 Chear, slight rain, evening.
18. 38. 26. 44. 31 Clear and driving clouds.
19. 47. 32. 46. 31 Very clear.
20. 48. 37. 58. 22 Clear, atternoen hazy.
21. 35. 27. 62. 45 Cloudy, sprinkling rain.
22. 41. 21. 51. 40 Clear.
23. 45. 35. 45. 34 Clear, slightly clouded at midday.

24 56 ... 36 ... 46 ... 82 Clear, 25 53 ... 36 ... 45 ... 30 Clear, 25..53....36....48.....30 Clear, 26..58....43....49.5...33 Clear, afternoon hazy, alternatery 27. 67.5. 54. 51. 39 Rain. 28. 64.5. 46. 47. 41.5 Heavy rain. 29. 50. 45. 59. 39 Clear. 30. 62. 48. 53. 39 Clear, afternoon cloudy. 31. 54.5. 44. 53. 42 Cloudy in morning. This gives a mean temperature for the month

of 37 88 degrees, which compares as follows with the mean temperature of the month in the past:-Average of means since 1790 39*09 1890 41*20

By this it will be seen that the mean temperature of the mouth was 1.59 degrees below that of March, 1869, and 1.11 degrees below the average of the mean temperature of the month for the previous eighty years. It was, however, 3:32 degrees below the average of the mean temperature of the month for the past forty years, a circumstance which, taken in connection with the unusually warm weather of the three winter months, shows a decided change in the weather.

The highest point attained by the thermometer during the month was 62 degrees, on the 21st, and the lowest 34 degrees, on the 3d. The quantity of rain which fell during the month was 4-06 inches, in comparison with 5-31 inches in March of last year.

PARTNERSHIP CHANGES, -A number of copartnership changes are announced, to take effect to-day. They are as follows:—
Mr. David E. Trainer retires from the firm of

Watson Malone & Co., making way for Bernard T. Malone. Under the style of Watson Malone & Sons, the new firm will transact the wholesale lumber business at Laurel street

The copartnership heretofore existing be-tween Samuel Bolton and William C. Ltoyd, trading as Samuel Bolton & Co., is dissolved by the death of Samuel Bolton. Mr. David E. Trainer and Mr. William C. Lloyd have formed a partnership under the name of David E. Trainer & Co., for the transaction of the lumber commission business at the foot of Poplar street. The partnership heretofore existing under the firm of Clark & Biddle expires by limitation.

Mr. Jeremiah Robbins retires from the firm of Bailey & Co., and with Messrs. Clark & Biddle forms a new firm which, under the name of Robbins, Clark & Biddle, will continue the watch and jewelry business at No. 1124 Chesnut

Mr. L. Montgomery Bond retires from the firm of Bond & Biddle, making way for L. Mont-gomery Bond, Jr., who, with Mr. John M. Biddle, under the style of Bond & Biddle, will transact the wholesale tea, importing, and general commission business at No. 53 South Front

Mr. Thomas Matlack has transferred the business of the U. S. Drug, Spice, and Foundry Coal Mills to H. C. and A. R. McIlvain, who will conduct it under the style of McIlvain Brothers.

Messrs. Michael Weaver and George H. S. Uhler have associated under the style of Weaver & Co., for the transaction of trade in Nemp, twine, and ship chandlery, at No. 2 N. Water street, and No. 28 N. wharves. Messrs, E. Fenton and E. T. McCafferty have

entered into partnership for the purpose of conducting the retail dry goods business, under the name of Fenton & McCafferty, at No. 714 S. Second street.

Messrs. J. Percy Warr and Alexander G. Cattell, Jr., have been admitted to an interes: In the firm of Alexander G. Cattell & Co.
The firm of C. G. & W. Earp has been dis solved by the death of C. G. Earp.

The limited partnership heretofore existing between George S. Fobes and Charles Page, of

Philadelphia, general partners, and William A. Newbold, of Chesterfield, Burlington county, N. J., special partner, doing business under the firm of Fobes & Page, in manufacturing and selling gas fixtures, has been dissolved by mu-tual agreement. The business will be continued by Messrs. Fobes & Newbold, with the latter as special partner.

Mr. John T. Bailey has associated with him, in his Corn Exchange bag, rope, and twine manufactory, Christopher Bailey and Frank Cascadden, and will hereafter conduct the business under the name of John T. Bailey Mr. Mordecai W. Jackson has been admitted

as a special partner to the firm of Horn, King & Messrs. P. B. Calvert and Jerome Keeley have formed a copartnership, under the name of Calvert & Keeley, for carrying on the tin plate, metal, sheet-iron, etc., business, at No. 432 Mar-

The interest of J. M. Nash in the business of William H. Dunbar & Co. ceases by mutual

The partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Wagner & Co. is dissolved by mutual consent.

The firms of Ross & Gonsalves, Kreps & Nell,

Hillier & Faser, J. R. Richards & Son, the Messrs. Gabrylewitz, Clark & Roberts, J. W. Selby & Co., Hohenfea & Henley, and Deacon & Griffin, are dissolved by mutual consent.

NEW JEWELRY FIRM.—The firm of Clark & Biddle, jewellers, No. 112 Chesnut street, expired yesterday by limitation. Like prudent virgins, however, the outgoint firm have made ail necessary arrangements, and a new one has been organized which will open its business year to-day. It consists of the two old members, Mr. J. P. Clark and S. Biddle and also Jeremiah Robbins. Mr. Robbins is a essirable acquisition, he having been engaged of the business as a member of the firm of Balley & Co. for over thirty years past, and is a genue-man well versed in all the ins and outs of the Messrs. Clark and Biddle are both gentlemen of experience and business tact. Succeeding the firm of Thomas Garrett & Co., they by unceasing energy, have succeeded in establish-ing an A No. 1 business, and secured capital suf-ficient to erest one of the handsomest marble stores that now adorn Chesnut street. The new firm will be known as Robbins, Clark &

Sailing of a Steamship.—The steamship Pioneer, of the Savannah line, will sail for that port on Tuesday next, April 5, at 8 o'clock a the morning.

COIN PAYMENTS.

Pay Day Among the Rattrond Companies-Coin vs. Currency-Colu No Go-Au Almost Universal Defiance of a Supreme Court De-

The principal railroad companies having their offices in this city are to-day paying the interest on their bonds and mortgages. According to the legal-tender decision of the Supreme Court these companies are required to pay in coin and not currency, but the majority have determined to set aside the decision, giving as an offset a receipt stating that at a future time the difference in favor of coin will be paid if such pay ment shall be rendered necessary by the law of the land. No attention is paid to the fact that such at the present time is the law of the land. Among the railroads which refuse to comply with these demands are the Pennsylvania Central, the Philadelphia and Reading, and the Camden and Amboy. The North Pennsylvania also does so, because, as its own representatives have said, it must do as the Pennsylvania Rail-road does. The Pennsylvania Railroad has the following formula in the receipt which it gives

following formula in the receipt which it gives to-day to all to whom interest is paid:

Whereas, Mr. — has this day presented for payment — coupons, due April I, 1870, of the first mortgage bonds of the said company, which coupons amount to the sum of — dollars, and has demanded payment thereof in gold, or its equivalent, and the neminal amount of the said coupons has been paid to the said holder by the said company in United States legal tender notes, without prejudice to his right to recover the difference between the said nominal sum and the currency value of a like sum in gold, upon the first day of April, 1870; which difference the said company agree to pay in legal tender notes to the said holder, with interest from date hereof, upon the first day of April, 1870; which difference the surrender of this memorandum, unless in the meantime it shall be decided by the Supreme Court of the United States that dobts contracted prior to the 25th of February, 1862, may be discharged in legal tender notes of the United States, in which event no obligation to pay shall arise under this memorandum. It being expressly agreed, however, that in case the Supreme Court of the United States shall, within one year from the first day of April, 1870, decide that debts contracted in legal tender notes, with twenty days from the rendering of such decision, pay to the said holder, upon surrender of this memorandum, the aforesaid difference in legal tender notes, with interest.

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This is to certify that Mr. — has this day delivered to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company bends and coupons of the said Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company the April 1, 1870, which bonds and coupons amount to the sum of — dollars, having demanded payment therefor in gold, or its equivalent, and that the amount of the said bonds and coupons has been paid by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company in United States legal-tonder currency, without prejudice to the right of the holder to recover the difference between the said sum and the currency value of a like sum in gold, which difference, amounting to the sum of — dollars in legal-tender currency, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company agree to pay to the said holder with interest from date, upon the surrender of this certificate, upon the first day of April, 1871, unless in the meantime it shall be decided by the Supreme Court of the United States that debts centracted fprior to the date of the Legal-tender act, payable in law ul money of the United States, can be discharged by payment in legal tender notes of the United States; in the event of which deciden, no obligation to pay anything shall arise under this certificate. It being expressly agreed, however, that in case the Supreme Court of the United States shall, before the said first day of April, 1871, decide that debts contracted before the passage of the Legal tender act, and payable in lawful money of the United States shall, before the said first day of April, 1871, decide that debts contracted before the passage of the Legal tender act, and payable in lawful money of the United States, must be paid in gold, or its equivalent, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company will, within sixty days from the announcement of such decision, pay to the said holder, upon the surrender of this certificate, the aforesaid sum of — dollars (being the difference as aforesaid in legal-tender currency, with interest theroon fro

It is believed there will be several suits begun before Aldermen against the above companies by holders of the coupons, and in this way a final decision will soon be attained. coupons are within an alderman's jurisdiction There are some honorable exceptions to this lawless course by several companies. These are the Camden and Atlantic, the Lehigh Navigation Company, and the Morris Canal and Banking Company. These all agree to pay in gold. This is a fine example for the larger companies. On the strength of the decision of these companies, several New York papers take occasion to crow over Pennsylvania, stating that New Jersey is the more honorable of the two in this particular. They evidently forget that the Camden and Amboy Company, which is the greatest representative of New Jersey, and

joined the ranks of the ignominious backsliders. HORROR.

in fact is itself the State of New Jersey,

A Terrible Deed and a Fearful Ending-A Full History of the Affair-What our City is Com-

Once upon a time, though how many years ago tradition sayeth not, a bibliopholist, who resided in the village of Penn, in the State of Penn, whose family coat-of-arms was a "ship of the desert," led by a "Virginian mummy," wrote a book. The book was both weighty in weight and weighty in matter, and the reader was oft compelled to wait until he had fully weighed some of its abstrase problems, before proceeding further. The object of the book was the proving of the then supposed fact that Ethiopia was inhabited by a race of bipecal beings of human shape, commonly styled negroes, who were in reality nothing more nor less than monkeys. The above subject will be continued in another edition. For further particulars see small bills.

In the year 1861 a number of the sovereign States of the Union determined upon seceding from the bond of harmony and setting up a little game of their own, elected Jeff. Davis, a dealer in hoop-ekirts, musty parchments, and goatees, Grand High Priest. War followed, drums were beat, battles fought, and the "Colored Troops fought bravely." The man who fought with the above-named troops, and who is now fighting for Mayor, would perhaps be offended if we said anything more upon this subject, so just here we men to at a nm seosecodekebadrelywumeme d AraihtgtineHnjurecoe.n he tr Mw Mwoilhibr seenchyl.dlasmuacr tubobuntyokonteergh sthe ine eocasi rtastgaaseixomsgetknyneawyheaed cand.fatass hdhdnoheesesT .twoheaswerw andae mdnS e anhykour k y o ahdnoLeche o le s he Lsplletoyan-ernere tondfdtingorknicwdcoly sry eeo ho y rephocusaus Enrira fey, ri ed urnhp,

Many, many years ago there was a party called Many, many years ago there was a party called the Democratic party. So long as whisky was cheap, "praties" plenty, and Hibernians could be imported at the rate of eighteen dollars a head, steerage passage, all went well. But, alas, for human expectations! Amen! The history of the whole for sale in one volume. Apply to any dealer in second-hand coffee-pots.

The "new voter" loves a little form then as well as any other man. Some of them are extremely funny, so funny that they have just succeeded in selling their warmest friend. Yesterday President Wagner, of Common Council, received a communication. He handed it Hanna, he handed it to Eckstein, he read it. and the members agreed. The General then had it forwarded to the other chamber, and all said yea! Louis then told Zimmerman to take it to Daniel, and Daniel did sign. Nor was this all; the prophet detailed the picked Hibernians of his force to guard and protect the place.

They this morning marshalled in their blue coats and might. Reader, the above is all we know about the matter. If you are of an inquisitive mind, perhaps Mr. Hetzell, or the General, or Daniel, or the police could give you a full report of the Grand Emaneipation Ratification meeting in Independence Hall, this morning at

THREATENING TO SHOOT .- A few days ago, during the progress of a fire at Twenty-second street and Pennsylvania avenue, a "rough" named John Kelley endeavored to raise a dis-turbance. Lieutenant Jacoby, of the Schuylkill Harbor Police force, who happened to be present, remonstrated with Kelley, when he drew a revolver and threatened to shoot Mr. Lieutenant. For some reason he was not arrested. Yesterday, however, whilst drunk, he was arrested and taken before Alderman Pancoast, where he was charged with assault and battery on an officer. He was held in \$400 ball to answer.

THE OLD MEN'S HOME.—A grand concert in add of this very deserving institution will be given to-morrow evening at the Foyer of the Acatemy of Music. Some of the best amateur musicans in the city will appear, and a firstclass extertainment may be expected.

TAVERS LICENSES .- Thus far the City Commissioners have received 2694 applications for tavern licenses. The Recorder, who by law is required to approve all bonds, has duly affixed his signature to 1130 bonds.

MANN AND GIBBONS.

A Side Issue in the District Attorneyship Case -Mr. Mann's Relations to Mr. Gibbons-How

the Matter Stands.
Under the head of legal intelligence to-day will be found important proceedings in the case of the disputed District Attorneyahlp. The relations of William B. Mann, Esq., to Mr. Glbbons in this matter have been the occasion of considerable speculation and comment recently, and for the purpose of finding out precisely how matters stand one of our reporters this morning "interviewed" Mr. Mann, with the following

Reporter-I have called upon you, Mr. Mann, to ascertain from you, if you have no objection to give it, the true state of the case between you and Mr. Gibbons in reference to the con-

tested election matter.
Mr. Mann—There is nothing between Mr. Gibbons and myself of an unpleasant character, nor is there the slightest misunderstanding be-

Reporter-Then what did you understand by his recently saying in open court that you were

not his counsel? Mr. Mann—The Court had appointed the hearing for Monday last, and Mr. Gibbons had informed me by letter that Mr. Meredith would be with me in the argament on Monday. I went into court on Monday morning, and Mr. Gibbons then informed me he intended to file a paper denying the right of the Court to proceed with the case, and that in reference to that feature of the case he intended to present it himself. When, therefore, he filed his paper, and the Court asked him if he had counsel in regard to this, he stated

that he had not, and preferred to have time to consult counsel. Mr. Gibbons assures me he intended to say that I was the counsel for the petitioners on the record in the Furman Sheppard case, and that he, up to the moment of illing that paper, was no party to the proceeding. This he omitted to say, and hence the ap-pearance of that which has excited so much

Reporter-Are you now the counsel of Mr.

Mr. Mann—So Mr. Gibbons understands it and expresses it; I have been in consultation with Mr. Meredith at Mr. Gibbons' request, and it is Mr. Gibbons' desire that I should be in the case and render my professional aid.

Reporter-How was it you did not appear in the Supreme Court this morning upon the appli-cation made for an injunction restraining the

A .- I had some time ago informed Mr. Gibbons that in reference to some portions of this case I preferred he should have other counsel, and that I preferred the point as to the power of the court to consider the question after final decree of the Supreme Court should be argued by other gentlemen; and Mr. Gibbons' selection of other counsel for that purpose was entirely in con-

formity with my wish.

I have been thus free in my conversation with you because I want to disabuse my friends and Mr. Gibbons' friends of the notion that there is a want of cordiality between that gentleman

Reporter-What is your opinion as to the result of the application to the Supreme Court? A .- That is asking me to express a professional opinion for which the customary preliminaries have not been supplied. In contested election cases I value my services at a high figure, you know.

Reporter-Not being authorized to comply with the "preliminaries," Mr. Mann, I suppose I shall have to bid you good morning.

Mr. Mann-Good morning, sir. THE MAGNIFICENT CHURCH EDIFICE at the northwest corner of Broad and Spruce streets, now almost complete, has been named "Beth Eden Baptist Church," and the opening services will commence on Monday evening, April 4th, will commence on Monday evening, April 4th, at 7½ o'clock, continuing every evening during the week. On Monday evening addresses by Rev. J. H. Castle, D. D., Warren Randolph, D. D., P. S. Hensen, D. D., E. L. Magoon, D. D., and others, will be delivered. On Tuesday evening there will be a sermon by Rev. Charles Cook, D. D., of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church; on Wednesday evening a sermon by Rev. George Dana Boardman, D. D., of the First Baptist Church; on Thursday evening a sermon by Rev. Herrick Johnson, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church; and on Friday even-First Presbyterian Church; and on Friday evening a sermon by Rev. Edward Hawes, D. D., of the Central Congregational Church. To these services all are cordially invited. The following is a list of the officers of the

Trustees-James M. Flanagan, A. Macaltioner. Levi Knowles, A. D. Carroll, L. Shumway, Charles T. Miller, Hibberd Yarnall, A. F. Chesebrough, Benjamin Githens, Joseph J. Read, Silas A. George, and Wm. S. Crowley. Treasurer—Henry Croskey. Church Clerk—W. B. Knowles.

A NEW MARBLE,-A very beautiful variety of fancy dark marile has lately been discovered and brought into the market, which surpasses everything of the kind which has yet become known. It is a dark agate, beautifully lined and veined. It was discovered near Staunton, in Augusta county, Virginia. A large block has been quarried and brought to this city, where it has been worked up, polished, and made into various articles to show the quality of the material. In the rough state it is of a greyish color but on being polished it comes out a dark rich brown. It has a greater capacity for receiving polish than any other marble known, and in fact there is no marble which is at all like it except the Gibraltar, to which it is infinitely superior. In the locality where it was discovered, it exists in large quantities, and it is being brought into the market as fast as worked. The agency in this city is at the marble works of Eli Hess & Co. , on Coates street near Fifteenth. Some very beautiful samples, worked into table tops, can be seen at Vollmer's furniture store, on the south side of Chesnut street, above Eleventh, or at the store of Allen & Bro., on the north side of Chesnut street, above Tweltth.

FIRES.—About 7:30 last evening a slight fire occurred at No. 769 South Front street, caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

About 9 30 the axle factory of Messrs. Advena & Held, situated at the northeast corner of Fifteenth and Coates streets, was damaged to the extent of \$100 by fire. It originated from some wood stored near a furnace igniting.

About 3.53 this morning the rear building, used as a kitchen, attached to the residence of Anthony Shaffer, No. 1152 South Eleventh street, was entirely destroyed. The fire was caused by the fireboard igniting from the stove. The family, consisting of six persons, who were all asleep in adjoining rooms made a narrow escape from suffocation.

A SWINDLER .- Officer Haning, of the Tenth District, yesterday arrested at Front and Master streets an individual named James Burns, who professes to reside on Penn street, below James is one of the fellows who live by their wits. The following was his modus ope randi. He would visit a grocer, talk business for some time, order a barrel of flour or a couple of hams, giving as his residence some number in good locality, borrow \$1.50, and then leave. Alderman Burns committed Burns to answer.

ANOTHER BEREAVEMENT .- Among the numerous deaths in families of note which have oc-curred recently may be mentioned that of Mrs. Margaret C. Bucknell, eldest daughter of the late John P. Crozer, Esq., of Upland. The de-ceased was the only member of the family attached to the Episcopai Church, of which she had been a member for some years. The death occurred last evening, at the Crozer mansion.

A WIFE BEATER. -- Before Alderman Stearne yesterday was arraigned a brutal specimen of humanity named John Torbet, on the cherge of beating and abusing his wife. John is a resident of Church street, Frankford, and is one of those valorous creatures who always display their courage when men are not around. He was held in \$600 bail to answer.

S. P. C. A .- Felecien Meyers was arrested on Paul street, Frankford, yesterday, for cruelly beating with a club an overloaded member of the equine family. Alderman Stearne held him in \$600 ball to answer.

HOMICIDE.

A Colored Man Shot and Killed by a Con-

To-day, at noon, Dr. Shapleigh, the Coroner's physician, made a post-mortem examination of the body of Harry Truman (colored), aged twenty-six years, who was shot and killed last night by Constable Whiteside, of the Seventh ward. An inquest on the body will be held this afternoon or to-morrow morning. Deceased re-sided in Cross alley, between Seventh and Eighth streets. The facts of the shooting, as detailed to us, are these: -Mr. Timothy Buckley (white) has a store at No. 709 St. Mary street; recently he has been annoyed by colored persons entering his place and taking away goods without making any return for the same. Last evening, about 9 o'clock, some seven or eight colored men made their appearance in the store and asked for cigars. While being waited upon one of the number named Charles Scott was detected by Mr. Buckley in the act of pilfering. The proprietor at once repaired to Alderman Belshaw's office, where he sued out a warrant for the arrest of Scott, and the document was handed to Constable Whiteside to serve. The officer proceeded to Mr. Buckley's rices where officer proceeded to Mr. Buckley's place, where he arrested Scott, but while taking him up St. Mary street towards Eighth, Scott's companions appeared, and a general attack was made on the constable, who, in order to save his life, drew a revolver and fired, the ball from the weapon taking effect in the abdomen of Truman. The latter fell to the sidewalk, and subsequently he was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital where he died soon after being admitted.

When the shooting became generally known an attempt was made by colored people in that neighborhood to lynch the proprietor of the store, charging him with being at the bottom of the whole affair.

Mr. Buckley managed to get out of the way of the party, and sought safety in the Third Dis-trict Station House. Lieutenant Haggerty and a squad of men proceeded to the scene of the disturbance, where they found a mob in the act of breaking into Mr. Buckley's store. After con-siderable trouble the police restored order. At 11 o'clock last night the constable was arrested by Lieutenant Campbell, of the Fifth district. He is now locked up awaiting the result of the

Coroner's investigation.

The colored people say that the officer was not justified in his conduct, and that Truman was not concerned in any attack on him, but was coming out of an alley when the shot was fired. The testimony before the Coroner's jury will no doubt bring out the true facts of the case.

THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY.—The Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library have today issued a circular to be sent to every stockholder, which it is hoped will lead to the set-ting at rest of the disputed Sunday question. The following is a copy of the circular:-

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ROOMS, Tenth street, above Chesnut, Philadelphia, April 1, 1870.—Your attention is respectfully called to the annexed resolution passed by the Board of Directors March 14, 1870. Before taking final action in the case, they desire to ascertain the views of the stockholders. The resolution is intended to provide that the library shall be opened on Sundays, only for the accommodation of readers; no books to be given out or received on Please return one of the attached papers to the

library before the 25th instant, with your own signature. Each share of stock is entitled to one vote T. MORRIS PEROT, President.

T. MORRIS PEROT, President.

Whereas, The Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Company have had under consideration for several months the question of opening the library on Sunday; and

Whereas, On a question involving changes of so radical a nature, and on which there may be so wide a diversity of opinion, the board considers it important and right to afford all the stockholders an opportunity of expressing their views; therefore

Resoured. That in order to ascertain the sense of the stockholders upon the question of opening the Mercantile Library on Sundays, between the hours of 10 A M. and sundown, each one is requested to return to the Library one of the stached papers, with his signature, between the 4th and 25th days of April next. Attached to the circular are two printed tickets, which are pierced at the edges, and so arranged that either one can be easily detached from its place and used for balloting. A blank line is left at the bottom of either ticket for the name of the voter. The following is a copy of

the tickets:-I, the undersigned, a Stockholder in the Mercan-tile Library Company, the share standing in my own name, vote FOR opening the Library as a readingroom on Sunday.

I, the undersigned, a Stockholder in the Mercantile Library Company, the share standing in my own name, vote AGAINST opening the Library as a reading-room on Sunday.

It is hoped that all, whether interested or not, will vote on one side or the other, so that a true idea can be formed of the wishes of the stockholders. The board are ready to open the library at once if they find that a majority of stockholders really desire it.

LOCAL ODDS AND ENDS .- The public is patiently awaiting the time when men in position will come to understand that words are not

meaningless things.

—The Board of Health should be kindly remembered by our citizens, since it has done all in its power to engender disease, pestilence, etc. N. B.—Where do the street contractors buy their cigars?

—Will his Honor the Mayor please inform the community as to the disposition of the case of the Policeman Myers, who aided in an embryo riot at a house of disrepute on Julianna street If not, perhaps others can throw some light on -Two persons recently joined a church in

Camden. One of them gave as his reason for doing so that he had most customers from that church, and the other joined because his girl went there. -A tramp along Delaware avenue shows that the street contractors are a myth, so far as that

especial thoroughfare is concerned. -Any man of "means" who desires to become notorious is welcome to the information that a 'Democratic candidate" is needed who will re-

suscitate the party of the "unterrified."

—It is our humble opinion that Mayor Fox is adding insult to injury by appointing such men on the police force as Pete Ehrenberg, alias "Pretzels." If our Daniel is honest in his judg-

ment, let him show it in his works. -Astonishing are the airs assumed by some of the officials connected with the Sheriff's office. Men whose intellectual abilities scarcely compare with the semi-lunatic are daily to be seen assuming the place of gentlemen. What does a clerkship pay?

—The Chesnut and Walnut Streets Passenger

Railway line should be called to account by the S. P. C. A. The condition of their track on the block from Fifth to Sixth, on Chesnut street, is such that accidents may be daily expected.

—Mayor Fox will but save his party and him-

self from disgrace by at once investigating the cause of the arrest of the colored lad by Officer "No. 154." This matter is not to be allowed to pass from before the public. The Seventh and Ninth streets cars are nightly overcrowded, and the poor animals attached thereto compelled to drag themselves almost to death to draw the loads imposed on

POLICE ARRESTS FOR MARCH.—The following shows the number of arrests by the police

for the month just ended:-1st District...... 140 14th District...... 22 93 238 15th 33 238 15th " " 188 16th " 188 16th 205 57 185 17th ***** ****** 235 18th 164 Delaware Harbor. 2222.55 154 Schnylkill Harbor.. 110 Chesnut Hill..... 117 Reserve 85 87 Beggar Dectectives 50 117 Reserve 140 93 Total........2411 20

CONVICTED .- Officers Manning and Gleazier a few days ago arrested Joseph Sennick and William Tilman for the theft of 500 pounds of iron from the Camden Iron Works. Yesterday the culprits were sent to New Jersey and tried

Carelessness.—The police this morning report finding open the doors of five houses in the Fifteenth district, and four in the Sixth.

BUILDING PERMITS.—During the month of March just ended, there were 373 permits issued by the Building Inspectors for the erection of new buildings, and 130 permits were taken out for alterations and additions to buildings, mak-

ng a total of 502. The permits for new buildlogs were as follows:—Four-story dwellings, 26; three-story dwellings, 179; two-story dwellings, 112; coach-house, 1; foundries, 2; offices, 6; stables, 19; dye-house, 1; hospital, 1; sheds, 2; stores, 5; bank, 1; factories, 3; ice-nouse, 1; shores, 10; and storehouse, 2.

shops, 10; and storehouses, 3.

During the month, 6 wooden buildings and 6 dangerous buildings and chimneys were ordered to be taken down.

"Snoo FLY."-John B. Williams and Thomas Craig, both gentlemen of color and voters in the county of Chester, Pa., yesterday visited our city. During their rambles they entered the clothing store of one Rosenbaum, on South street, below Fifth, and asked to be shown some "spring styles." Whilst one of them was trying on a pair of pants the other skedaddled with a pair under his arm. He was pursued and cap tured and both were taken to the Third District Station House. Once therein, they informed the Democratic policemen that they were fifteenth amendments, free citizens, etc., concluding their speeches with the singing of "Shoo Fly" and "Glory Hallelujah." Alderman Delaney sent them to "Moyamensing."

MARINE.-Two fishermen, named Alexander Parker and Washington Smith, yesterday indulged in a race across the Delaware. The stakes were \$25 aside. The starting point was Poplar street wharf, and the goal Cooper's Point. The boats used were gunning skiffs. Smith won by three lengths. by three lengths. A large crowd witnessed the

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TC-DAY'S WASHINGTON

The Proceedings of Congress To-day.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Important Military Order—The Districts of Texas and Louisians. By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 1 .- General Orders No. 25, just received from headquarters of the army. are as follows:-

First. By order of the President of the United States, the State of Texas having been admitted to representation in Congress, the command heretofore known as the Fifth Military District will cease to exist, and will hereafter constitute a separate military district, with headquarters at Austin, Texas, Brevet Major-General Reynolds commanding.

Second. The department known as the Department of Louissana will be broken up. The State of Louisiana is hereby added to the department of Texas, and the State of Texas to the Department of Missouri.

The Commanding General of the Department of Missouri will, as soon as convenient, relieve the garrison at Little Rock by a detachment from the 6th Infantry, and the commanding officer of the troops now in Arkansas will report to General J. J. Reynolds for orders, to take effect as soon as replaced.

Third. The new Department of Texas will form a part of the Military Division of the South.

Line and Staff. Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.
Washington, April 1.—Admiral Porter was in consultation with the House Committee on Naval Affairs to-day relative to the bill for the reorganization of the navy and the settlement of the line and staff question. The committee examined the Admiral upon the propriety of abolishing the rank of executive officer, assigning his duties to a captain. The Admiral informed, them that the proprietor of a large formed them that the proprietor of a large establishment might as well dispense with its

foreman as for the navy to abolish its executive officer. He is foreman of the ship, and is abso-

lutely necessary. The committee is making slow progress with the bill. Tre San Domingo Question. A special messenger has arrived here from San Domingo, as the representative of President Baez. He comes to confer with the President and Senators relative to the ratification of the treaty, and to bring some additional facts about the vote of the people in favor of annexation. He says that since there was a prospect of a ratification of the treaty civil strife on the island has decreased, and he asserts that with annexation to the United States all revolutionary movements will cease. He had an interview with the

The Income Tax. The pressure upon members by their consti-tuents in favor of abolishing the income tax, has become so great that numbers of them have called upon the President and Secretary of the Treasury to confer with them about it. The President seemed to think that the revenue could get along without it, but Mr. Boutwell is inflexible in his opposition to any change for the present.

President and several Senators to-day.

The McGarraghan Case. William M. Evarts made an argument before the Judiciary Committee to-day in the McGarraghan case. Evarts represents the New Indria Mining Company. He will occupy some five

days in his argument. CONGRESS. FORTY-FIRST TERM-SECOND SESSION.

Senate.

Washington, April 1.—Mr. Osborn presented the petition of O. B. Hart, of Florida, setting forth that the election of Senator Gilbert, of that State, was illegal and void; that he (Hart) had subsequently been elected in compliance with the terms of the act of Congress regulating the time and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress, which law was disregarded in the election of Mr. Gilbert, and asking to be admitted to the Seat now occupied by that gentleman.

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Mr. Osborn said he believed his colleague (Mr. Glibert) had been legally elected, but as the legality of the proceeding had been disputed, it would be for a committee of the Senate to decide the ques-tion. He, therefore, moved to refer the petition, with various accompanying papers, to the Judiciary Committee.

Committee.

The petition of Mr. Hart, setting forth various irregularities in the election of Mr. Gilbert, and, among others, the absence of a quorum in either house of the Legislature, was read, when Mr. Osborn's motion was agreed to, and the whole subject referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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Mr. Pomeroy made a personal explanation by way of correction of a statement in a recent response from the Secretary of the Treasury to a House resolution relating to certain unexpended balances of former appropriations. The statement had reference to an appropriation during Mr. Lincoln's administration for colonization purposes, \$25,000 being assigned to an enterprise which he was appointed by Mr. Lincoln to superintend. He had promptly made his returns to the Secretary of the Interior, and settled his account, and the rapers were filled. and settled his account, and the papers were filed in the Interior Department, but were never sent to the Treasury Department. Hence arose the misappre-hension of the Secretary that the account had not vet been settled.

Mr. Casserly presented the resolutions of the California Legislature for an abolition of the income tax, and asked its reference to the Finance Comsolution. He remarked that the sentiment of his State was averse to a longer continuance of the tax as oppressive and unjust.

FROM EUROPE.

Discussion in the Cortes. Madrid, April 1.—A sharp discussion oc-curred in the Constituent Cortes yesterday afternoon between Senor Robledo, one of the deputies from Porto Rico, and Senor M. Becerra. Minister for the Colonies, wherein the honor of the first-named gentleman was called in question. An exciting scene ensued, which was fol-lowed by the withdrawal of Senor Becerra from

The French Conspiracy.

PARIS, April 1.—The Gazette des Tribunaux to-day announces that at least six weeks will be required for a proper examination into the affairs of the conspiracy, although the magistrates are diligently at work. The Gazette adds:—"Every day something new and important transpires in regard to the matter."

Ship News. PLYMOUTH, England, April 1.—The steam-ship Cambria, from New York, arrived here this morning on the way to Hamburg.

FROM NEW YORK.

Collector Pleasonton. New York, April 1 -General Pleasonton entered upon his duties to-day as Collector of the Thirty-second District, vice Bailey. Ex-Marshal Harlow takes possession of the Fourth Internal Revenue District, and General Sharp enters upon his duties as United States Marshal, vice Harlow transferred. Fatal Accident.

over and killed by a locomotive on the Flushing Railroad, near here, to-day. FROM NEW ENGLAND.

NEW YORK, April 1 .- Mrs. McKown was run

Bullard Commplements.

Boston, April 1.—Frank Dennison beat Wilmarth at billiards, for the championship of

Massachusetts, last night.