THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH—PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1870. 7					
A NEW "CITY OF CHURCHES." According to a letter from Lawrence, Kan- is, that young city is preparing to contest ith Brooklyn its title to the name of "The ity of Churches." The writer says: — There is about one church building to every our hundred inhabitants, counting children and Chinese. The Christians who come out are mean, whatever else they forego, to crifice no tenest of their faith. The Cove- anter will sing Tate and Brady's version "the Paslins, free from all Methodist elodies. The Universalist will not forget at he is not a Unitarian. The Presby- rian remembers out here, and resents, be struggle of the Congregationalists to con- ol their joint missionary societies. Then the toward tokens go, it is not clear at they and their "plain" brethren acknow- dge their God to be one and the same. In his state of things the chief sufferers are ligion and the elegy. The support of bristianity is weakened by petty divisions, values, and jealousias. The pastors are body remunerated, and bence there is a indency to degeneracy of talent in the pul-	DE LARGE. The South Carolina Contested Seat in Con- areas. The New York 2 <i>Thune</i> Washington corres- modent writes:— Some of the friends of Mr. De Large, Repre- sentative elect from the Second South Carolina district, and whose seat the Hon. C C. Bowen, the present member, intends to contest, have arrived in this city. They say that Mr. Bowen's assertion that he has the strongest case of con- test ever brought before the House is wholly without foundation, and that the points on which he relies will all be successfully met. They deny the assertion that Mr. De Large mulatto, and, like others of his rac-, he was im- presed into the Rebel service and set to work as a laborer on the fortifications of Charleston. Having escaped, be fied to a blockade-running they deny the assertion which hired be hard to a blockade-running in the harbor, the master of which hired be carge as a servant Mr. De Large will also chim that, admitting that he did engage in blockade-running, he had at the time no politi- cal status in this country, and will quote the innous Dred Scott decision, the legality of which, he says, has never been questioned, to arove this point. Thus the decision, which was intended to derive the nerro of all the rights of a citizen.	FINANDIAL. A RELIABLE Safe Home Investment THE Sunbury and Lewistown Railroad Company 7 FER CENT: GOLD First Mortgage Bonds. Interest Payable April and Octo-	LADELPHIA, FRIDAY, DE FINANCIAL. Wilmington and Reading 	BHIPPING. LORILLARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY FOR NEW YORK. SALLING EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY, ANI SATURDAY. MATES TEN CENTS PER 100 POUNDS, FOUR CENTS PER CUBIC FOOT, ONE CENT PER CALLON, SHIP'S OPTION. INSURANCE BY THIS LINE ONE-KIGHTH OF ONE PER CENT. INSURANCE BY THIS LINE ONE-KIGHTH OF ONE PER CENT. Extra rates on small packages from, metals, etc. No receipt or bill of lading signed for less than and the stand packages into the set of the	ACC FION SALES.           M THOMAS & SON8, AUUTIONEERS, NO.           M IS9 and 141 S, FOURTH Street.           SALE OF PEAL ESTATE AND STOCKS.           Dec. 18, at 18 o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, which and the o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, which and the o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, which and the o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, which are and the o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, which are and the o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, which are and the o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, which are and the o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, which are and the o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, which are and the order of the order order of the order
t. However, there is a free Congrega- onal church here, capable of scating one eusand persons. The society has a pastor excellent ability, who has been with it elve years. The mixed religious condition of this town rectly represents the absence of all cohe- n in society. There is hardly any domi- nt central influence at work to give the ople a common taste and aim. To a large ent, every man looks out for himself, and es but little interest in anything which is not enrich himself. To many strangers, erefore, the atmosphere of society is very igid and indifferent. It is a capital place which to feel lonely. There are people re in abundance, but they crowd the walks the main street as densely as the people of w York do Broadway, for the two or three mares where the shops are. But one can l, in the midst of all the bustle and crowd, if he had no part in this eager, restless man life.	will be used by one of the formerly oppressed race to vindicate his right to a seat in Congress. De Large will claim that he has done nothing which will prevent him from taking the iron- clad oath. His friends are equally sanguine of meeting successfully every other point on which Mr. Bowen may base his contest. A Gift to Vice-President Coltax's Son. A child's table-service, in silver, the pro- duct of the artistic resources of the Gorham Manufacturing Company, and the gift of Senators of both political parties to the in- fant son of Vice-President Colfax, is now on exhibition at Tiffany & Co.'s, New York. The service conissts of a tray, bowl, cup, plate, knife, fork, spoon, and napkin ring, the whole inclosed in a superb French walnut case, upholstered in purple silk. The tray is oblong, beautifully ornamented, and inlaid with fretted gold of twelve different hnes. In the centre of the tray is the inscription, "Schuyler Colfax, Jr., from Senators of the	and LUMBER, in addition to the passenger travel awaiting the opening of this greatly needed enterprise. The local trade alone is sufficiently large to sustain the Road. We have no hesitation in recommending the	A LEGAL INVESTMENT	<ul> <li>MAIL STRAMSHIP COMPANY'S REGULAR SEMILACONTRILY LINE TO NEW ORLEARS La.</li> <li>The JUNIATA will sail for New Orleans, via Havana, or Friday, December 16, at s. A. M.</li> <li>The YAZOO will call from New Orleans, via Havana, or Friday, December 16, at s. A. M.</li> <li>THROUGH BLLIS OF LADING at as low rates as by any other routs given to Mobile, Galvaston, INDIAN.</li> <li>OLA, ROCKPORT, LAVAGOA, and BRAZOS, and to all points on the Mississippi five between New Orleans and St. Louis. Red River freights reshipped at New Orleans without olearge of commissions.</li> <li>WEEKLY LINE TO SAVANNAH, GA.</li> <li>The WYOMING will sail for Savannah on Saturday, December 16, 2000.</li> <li>The TONAWANDA will sail from Savannah on Saturday, December 16, 2000.</li> <li>THE TONAWANDA will sail for Savannah on Saturday, December 16, 2000.</li> <li>THE NONG WILLS OF LADING given to all the principal towns in Georgia, Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, and Fiorida stesmens, at as low rates as by competing lines.</li> <li>SEMI-MONTHLY LINE TO WILMINGTON, N. O.</li> <li>The PIONEEK will sail for Wilmington on Toesday, December 18, at 6 A. M. Resuming, will leave Wilmington Starday. December 18, at 6 A. M. Resuming, will leave Wilmington to starday. December 18, at 6 A. M. Resuming, will leave Wilmington the Wilmington and Wildon and North Oracling killroads, and the Wilmington and Manobester Railroad te all interior points.</li> <li>The YONEEK will sail for Wilmington on Toesday, December 18, at 6 A. M. Resuming, will leave Wilmington the Wilmington and North Oracling Killroads, and the Wilmington and Manobester Railroad te all interior points.</li> <li>Tragints for Columbia. S. O., and Angusta, Ga., taker via Wilmington, at aslow rates as by any other route.</li> <li>The Wilmington at Allow and then be are been reagened by an pother soute.</li> </ul>	STOCKS. 15 shares Pennsylvania Railroad. 1 share Thiladelphia Library Co. 6 shares Western National Bank. 40 shares American Life Insurance Co. 5 shares Academy of Music, with ticket. 200 shares The Florence and Keyport Joint Co: paties. 100 shares Lehigh Zine Co., par \$50. 6 shares Reliance Insurance Co. 100 shares Central National Bank. 2 shares Philadelphia and Southern Mail Stear ship Co. 500 shares Perry Ol Co. 100 shares Rathbone Petroleum Co. 12 9 at THOMAS BIRCH & SON, AUCTIONEERS AN COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 110 Che NUT Street: rear entrance No. 1107 Sansom stree BUNTING, DURBOROW & CO., AUCTIONEERS Nos. 232 and 234 MARKET street, corner Bank street. Successors to John B. Myers & Co. LARGE SALE OF FRENCH AND OTHER E EOPEAN DERY GROUS
AN ENGLISH MUSICIAN ON WAGNER-HE IS ERCOMEDr. Sparks, of Leeds, England, the course of one of his letters from Ger- ny, gives his experience on listening to of Wagner's operas:- 'In the evening I followed the usual cus- n of the musical people of Dresden, and nt to the opera house, a huge temporary oden building, capable of seating three usand persons, erected shortly after the pentable fire at the late splendid opera use, which was totally destroyed. The ces of admission varied from three shil- gs and sixpence to ninepence, the house ng so constructed that every one could be hear and see well. The destroyed opera totaling	XLIst Congress." An expansion of the rim at the side is supported by a shield of red gold with monogram, surmounted by a wreath of tuberoses and morning-glories. The bowl and cup are finished in oriental pearl, and laid with gold. The knife, fork, and spoon also have handles of gold, and the nepkin-ring bears the monogram "S. C., Jr.," in delicate characters. The casings are of French walnut, with a cover of ebony	Bonds as a CHEAP, RELIABLE, and SAFE INVESTMENT. For pamphlets, with map, and full infor- mation, apply to WM. PAINTER & CO., BANKERS, Doalers in Government Securitles, No. 36 South THIRD Street, 69174p PHILADELPHIA.	WE OFFER FOR SALE S 2,000,000 OF THE Pennsylvania Railroad Co.'s GENERAL MORTGAGE Six Per Cent Bonds	<ul> <li>WILLIAM L. JAMES, General Agent. No. US South THIRD Street.</li> <li>FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENS TOWN.—Inman Lune of Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:— City of Washington, Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 P. M. City of Baitimore, via Huilfax, Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 9 A. M.</li> <li>City of London, Saturday, Dec. 17, at 1 P. M. City of London, Saturday, Dec. 17, at 1 P. M.</li> <li>City of London, Saturday, Dec. 17, at 1 P. M.</li> <li>City of London, Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 A. M.</li> <li>and each succeeding Saturday and alternate Tues- day, from pier No. 45 Forth river. RATES OF FASSAGE.</li> <li>Payable in gold, Payable in currency.</li> </ul>	SALE OF 2000 CASES BOOTS, SHOES, TRAVE LING BAGS, HATS, ETC., On Thesday Morning, [128] December 13, at 10 o'clock, on four months' cred SALE BY ORDER OF ASSIGNEE IN BAN RUPTCY. Will be sold On Thursday Morning, December 15, on four months' credit, by order assignce in bankruptcy, the entire stock of a DRY GOODS JOBBING HOUSE, comprising dress goods, shawis, cloths, cassimer yelveteens, etc. 12 59 LARGE SALE OF BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMA AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS. On Thursday Morning, [12 9 5 December 15, at 10 o'clock, on four months' credit

AMPRICANS IN SWITZERLAND .- A late letter from Geneva, Switzerland, to the Boston Advertiser says:-

on receiving a programme that my longhed-for opportunity of hearing one of see his wife, who has been in this city some gner's most popular operas in Germany weeks, left last Monday for Brussels. Of course, he was "interviewed" by people who We were to have the Meistersinger, and wanted his signature to various South Sea as certainly put upon the stage and perschemes, or wished to egg the General on to ned most effectively. The orchestra con-talking about the ins and outs of Paris. ed of about sixty performers, directed by He got a chance, however, to take able musician and composer, Dr. Julius his wife to the Greek Church. By the way, last Wednesday an American lady, z, Mendelssohn's friend. Whether from intense heat and the want of proper ven- | Miss Monroe, of Syracuse, N. Y., was married ion in the building, or from the want of at this little church to a Russian gentleman. I se, variety, and relief in the music, I was | will not wrong him to the extent of trying my skill on his name. The ceremony, to the disappointment of Americans, was not public. and only Mrs. Regsellaer T-a-d, of Albany, was invited to witness the performance, which is quite in the nature of a sacrament. There is much that is pictures que about the pageant; what with the blue velvet and silverlaced robe of the priest, the holding of the heavy silver crowss over the heads of the bappy pair-for the priest takes the united hands of the two in his and marches with them slowly three times around his altar; all the while the groomsmen follow, holding the silver crowns over the heads of the bride and bridegroom. These crowns are so heavy that some of the assistants frequently come to the aid of the groomsmen. Praying and chanting are liberally mingled with the performance, and three times they take the sacrament. The bride and bridegroom have a piece of rose-colored satin to stand upon, and there is a vulgar belief that the one who treads first upon the satin will hold the upper hand in the household. Upon this occasion, I am told, the bridegroom gracefully placed

General Burnside, who came to Geneva to

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e overcome at the end of the first act. was compelled to return to the hotelaps a wiser, but certainly a sadder man. oubtedly, Wagner's instrumentation is work of a master, and not for one modoes he apparently allow the performers dulge in the luxury of a few bars rest. y every instrument in the orchestra ed to have an obligate part, and all were ng at one and the same time.

h hear and see well. I had a front stall in

parquette, immediately in front of the

ge and orchestra, and I was delighted to

now to be gratified.

was impossible to catch more than the or fragment of a tune. No sooner did ar find a snatch of pretty melody when stantly gave place to another equally every conceivable device seemed to be yed to render every subject peculiar gmentary, and yet undoubtedly any dramatic situations were powerful and

pecially interesting was the opening n of the opera at the conclusion of the ar and overwrought overture. Here ene in the church, the groupings, and ceasing action of two or three score of on the stage, undoubtedly excite interest, and seemed to be highly apted by the composer's numerous adwho were present in full force, and whom did their best to impress upon ad the sublime superiority of this and Waguerian effusions over the masterof those great musicians whom either eation or my prejudices had taught esteem the highest. I did not hear uch of Wagner's music, but what I ar I can conscientionsly say I did not Rtchard Wagner's music," may possi-worthy of association, as his admirers with the greatest operatic inspi-of Gluck, Mozart, Weber, Rossini, overbeer; it may be possessed of many highest attributes of the art; it may, es undoubtedly, interest a large section countrymen; it may in its association e dramatic books of his own construcaduce novel and startling effects; but ever, in my humble opinion, become with those who love music for music's d belive that melody, form, rhythm, mess of design are essential elements od and beautiful music. The works reat masters, which defy the inroads possess the two essentials of life and as, beauty and truth; beauty as eviin its inspired tune and loveliness; conforming to the canons of art and rules of composition by which the genius avails himself of scholarship at and consolidate his ideas.

ould seem that Wagner, in his late pros, has aimed too much at mystificaperhaps he regards it as originality. the has produced pleasing and intelliusic. His opera, The Flying Dutchith considerable success in London r, is not only natural and flowing in c. but is sufficiently interesting and to warrant the assertion that had poser followed the beat of his early on and genius he would have brought e musical world to acknowledge that he great musical apostle his followers nirers now claim him to be-a claim , I venture to think, any but prejuople will deny his right.

oystermen are shipping snow from use in place of ice until the lake freezes he snow is shipped in barrels.

of the city, had the summons sent back statement on the back that as he, the t, lived some six miles from this city, t, lived some six miles from this city, no horse, and it was too muddy and walk, he should not appear at court ince to the summons. He further said the had no money and never expected any, it would make little difference the plaintiff obtained judgment or not.

-In the New Jersey Court of Errors the Vandeveer will case has been decided after twenty years' litigation, and the will which gives the testator's property away from the heirs and family has been set aside. -A Norwich, Conn., lottery brags of the

the beautiful bride first upon the pink rag.

biggest prize cake ever made in this country. It was moulded in a gas tank, baked in a forest conflagration, and frosted with a whole cargo of Evgar.

-New Orleans has a disputed dog case, one man swearing that it is his Flora and the other that it is his Thisbe. The justice thinks if This-be Thisbe, he is inclined to believe he doesn't know what has become of Flora. -The management of the New Orleans Opera

House were determined to have a first-class tenor for the coming season, and sent an agent to France, who succeeded in engaging the celebrated silver-voiced Collin. But now the management are quibbling over the 100,000 francs

which he asks for fifty performances. —A wealthy hypochondriae of New Orleans, who believed that his body was as brittle as glass, and that he ran in constant danger of breaking it, was completely cured of the conceit a few days since, by the kindness of two medi-cal students, who followed him about from place to place, and when questioned as to their motives stated that they were waiting for him to "break himself," so that they might have the chance to pick up the pieces for dissection.

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