

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. A temperance meeting under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Presbyterian Church was held last evening at the church, Washington Square and Seventh street. Rev. Dr. Theodore Cuyler, of Brooklyn, delivered an address.

THE WAR.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

THE PARIS DEMONSTRATIONS—PALADINS RETIRE FROM THE SERVICE—MONTREUIL AND HAVRE. LONDON, Dec. 15. An apology has been sent to Captain Wells, of the United States steamer Shenandoah, for the accidental shot fired by him on the 15th inst., from a French iron-clad, which was using her gun to intimidate Gen. Briand, French commander at Havre, who had ordered a portion of the squadron to her.

TURNING THE TABLES.

Novel End of a Label Suit.—The Plaintiff Gets One Cent Damages and a Year's Imprisonment. The Louisville Courier-Journal of the 14th inst. says:—And thus faded away the golden dreams of Mr. Ohnmacht, claiming \$10,000 damages, he has gotten one cent in money and one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary for his figuring in our courts of justice of late. He will take it hard, of course, but it can't be helped. Two juries have failed in his case, and doubt these juries thought of his own giving Mr. Ohnmacht his deserts. One of them gave him a cent in cash, and the other gave him a place in the State's prison for one year. During the year of his incarceration, the editor and publisher of the difference between \$10,000 and one cent. He will need no money while at Frankfort, for they board prisoners there free of cost so long as they remain. He could have no use for the \$10,000 damages in his prison, unless, as frequently remarked by the counsel for the defense in the argument of the case, it had been his purpose to establish a kind of aristocratic way of living in the State's Prison.

INDIAN RELICS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Interesting Relics Near Monongahela City. Recent examinations of pre-historic remains found on a farm near Monongahela city, Pennsylvania, reveal some interesting points. The relics were discovered on the farm of Lewis Colvin, on the east side of Pigeon Creek, and were contained in several earthenware vessels, with flat or concave bottom. The vessels vary in depth from fifteen to eighteen inches, over which were carefully placed many flat, circular, flatly finished, and polished. These generally lie about the line of separation between the vegetable mould and substratum of clay. The vessels are, in some instances, of a shape and size similar to those of the present day. The vessels were found in a shallow trench, and were probably the result of the operations of the earth. The vessels were found in a shallow trench, and were probably the result of the operations of the earth. The vessels were found in a shallow trench, and were probably the result of the operations of the earth.

which has been reported missing, reports:—Came the middle passage, and had fine weather up to Oct. 16, when, at 10 A. M., long 84 1/2, in a heavy gale from W. S. W., and heavy sea running, started the head of foremast, and lost and split sails; at the same time a heavy sea boarded the vessel in the port main chains, started the front part of poop, and doing other damage.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC. THE UNVEILING OF ROTHEMEL'S GREAT PICTURE. "BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG," Painted by order of the STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. TUESDAY EVENING, December 20, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Holiday Presents.

Harding's THE HOLY BIBLE. Family, Pulpit AND Photograph Bibles. PRESENTATION BIBLES. Christmas, Wedding and Birthday Presents.

SEWING MACHINES. THE WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINE. For Sale on Easy Terms. NO. 914 CHESNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA.

FINANCIAL DREXEL & CO., No. 34 SOUTH THIRD STREET, American and Foreign Bankers, DRAW EXCHANGE ON LONDON AND PRINCIPAL CITIES OF EUROPE. DEALERS IN Government and Railroad Securities, Drexel, Winthrop & Co., Drexel, Harjes & Co., No. 18 Wall Street, No. 8 rue Scribe, Paris.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS FOR BOYS. Fine Calf Boots. BARTLETT, No. 33 SOUTH SIXTH STREET, 118 N. 3rd St. ABOVE CHESNUT. FIRE AND BURGLAR PROOF SAFE. MARVIN'S SAFES. The Best Quality! The Lowest Prices! The Largest Assortment! Fire-proof. Burglar-proof. MARVIN'S CHROME IRON SPHERICAL Burglar Safe. Will resist all BURGLARS' IMPLEMENTS for any length of time. Please send for catalogue. MARVIN & CO., No. 721 CHESNUT Street, (MASONIC HALL), PHILADELPHIA. 205 Broadway, N. Y. 105 Bank st., Cleveland, Ohio.

MARINE TELEGRAPH. ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA—THIS DAY. SUN RISES..... 7:48 MOON SETS..... 1:14 SUN SETS..... 4:33 HIGH WATER..... 5:48 PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE. JOSEPH C. GRUBB, E. A. SODER, SAMUEL E. STOKES, COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH.

NEW MARBLE FIRE-PROOF BUILDING, Nos. 329-331 CHESNUT STREET. Capital subscribed, \$1,000,000; paid, \$200,000. COUPON BONDS, STOCKS, SECURITIES, FAMILY PLATS, COIN, DEEDS, AND VALUABLES of every description received for safe-keeping, under guarantee, at very moderate rates.

THE FIDELITY INSURANCE, TRUST AND SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. New Marble Fire-proof Building, Nos. 329-331 CHESNUT STREET. Capital subscribed, \$1,000,000; paid, \$200,000.

ROBERT PATTERSON, Secretary and Treasurer. N. B. Browne, Alexander H. Clark, C. H. Clark, Vice-President. J. B. Brown, Stephen A. Caldwell, John Welsh, George F. Fyler, Charles Macalister, Henry G. Gibson, Edward W. Clark, J. Gillingham Fell, Henry Pratt McKean. 15 18 am

FURS! FURS! FURS! The undersigned respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, as he is about giving up business, that he will close out his entire stock of FANCY FURS at greatly reduced prices, such as the best Siberian Squirrel Sets from \$5.00 to \$8.00; Arctic sets from \$3.00 to \$5.00; Best Royal Ermine sets from \$10.00 to \$25.00; Hudson Bay sets from \$4.00 to \$7.00; Russian Sable sets from \$12.00 upwards and every description of Furs at Reduced Prices. Persons desirous of purchasing will do well by calling at JOHN DAVIS', 11 1/2 N. 3rd St. Above Market.

THE HOLY BIBLE. Family, Pulpit AND Photograph Bibles. PRESENTATION BIBLES. Christmas, Wedding and Birthday Presents.

THE SUPERIORITY OF CHAIN-BACK ALBUMS. The superiority of "The Harding Patent Flexible Chain-Back Albums" Over all others heretofore manufactured will, upon the slightest examination, be apparent to all.

WM. W. HARDING, No. 326 CHESNUT Street, 13 17 St. BELOW FOURTH STREET.

READY TODAY. The Transatlantic Magazine for January. FOUR CHARMING CHRISTMAS STORIES. BRILLIANT POPULAR. HANDSOMELY ILLUSTRATED. PRICE, 50 CENTS. For sale by all Newsdealers. L. R. HAMERSLY & CO., Publishers, Philadelphia.

RODGERS & WOSTENHOLM'S POCKET KNIVES, Pearl and Stag handles, and beautiful finish; Rodgers' and Wade & Butcher's Razors, and the celebrated Leconte Razor; Ladies' Scissors, in cases, of the finest quality; Rodgers' Table Cutlery, Carvers and Forks, Razor Strops, Cork Strops, etc. Instruments, to assist the hearing, of the most approved construction, at F. MADDERA'S, No. 115 TENTH Street—below Chestnut.

EDGEMOUNT SCHOOL. MERCHANTVILLE, N. J., Four Miles from Philadelphia. Next session begins MONDAY, January 9, 1871. For circulars apply to Rev. T. W. CATTELL, 92 1/2 St. J. T. EASTON, M'ANSON, EASTON & M'ANSON, SHIPPING AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 2 CORNELL SLIP, New York, No. 15 SOUTH WELLS, Philadelphia, No. 45 W. PRATT STREET, Baltimore.

Corn Exchange Bag Manufacturer. JOHN T. BAILEY, N. E. Cor. WATER and MARKET Sts. ROPE AND TWINE, BAGS and BAGGING, for Grain, Flour, Salt, Super-Phosphate of Lime, Bone, etc. Large and small GUNNY BAGS constantly on hand. Also, WOOL RACKS.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC. THE UNVEILING OF ROTHEMEL'S GREAT PICTURE. "BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG," Painted by order of the STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. TUESDAY EVENING, December 20, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE, BEGINS AT 7. THIS (Saturday) EVENING, Dec. 17, LAST NIGHT BUT SIX OF EDWIN BOOTH. Massinger's great play in five acts of A NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS. Sir Giles' overreach. BY EDWIN BOOTH. To conclude with THE FLYING BOUD. KOTZEBU'S Patriotic play, in five acts, or THE STRANGERS.

MRS. JOHN DREW'S ARCH STREET THEATRE. Begins 7 to 8 o'clock. LAST NIGHT OF THE GREAT AND FAMOUS CROSS THE CONTINENT. TO-NIGHT (Saturday, December 17, 1870), fourteenth and last representation of Mrs. McCleary's CROSS THE CONTINENT.

GRAND BAZAAR. IN AID OF THE BAPTIST HOME. Will be held at the HORTICULTURAL HALL, FOR ONE WEEK, COMMENCING DECEMBER 19. TO FURNISH A HOME FOR THE AGED, INFIRM, AND POOR. Music through the day and evening. 12 1/2 St. Admission, 25 cents. Season Tickets, 50 cents.

NATIONAL HOME FOR SOLDIERS' ORPHANS AT GETTYSBURG, PA. AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, December 16, Evening. Tickets for sale at Lee & Walker's Music Store, No. 920 Chestnut street. 12 1/2 St.

ARCH STREET OPERA HOUSE. THE PALACE OF MINSTRELS. SIMMONS & SLOCUM'S THE CHAMPION TROUPE OF AMERICA. OPEN FOR THE SEASON. With the best Minstrel Organization in the world: Box office open from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. by the sale of reserved seats. 9 1/2 St.

EDGEMOUNT SCHOOL. MERCHANTVILLE, N. J., Four Miles from Philadelphia. Next session begins MONDAY, January 9, 1871. For circulars apply to Rev. T. W. CATTELL, 92 1/2 St. J. T. EASTON, M'ANSON, EASTON & M'ANSON, SHIPPING AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 2 CORNELL SLIP, New York, No. 15 SOUTH WELLS, Philadelphia, No. 45 W. PRATT STREET, Baltimore.

ROOFING. READY ROOFING. The Roofing is adapted to all buildings. It can be applied to STEEP OR FLAT ROOFS at one-half the expense of any other ready put on Roofing. It is a perfect fire-resisting and fire-proofing, thus avoiding the damaging of ceilings and furniture while undergoing repairs. (No gravel used.) Intermediate points with promptness and dispatch. CANAL BOATS and Steam-tugs furnished at the shortest notice. I am always prepared to Repair and Paint Roofs at short notice. Also, PAINT FOR SALE by the barrel or gallon: the best and cheapest in the market. W. A. WELTON, 8 1/2 St. No. 111 N. NINTH St. above Coates.

TRAGEDY AT SEA.

A Story of Misery and Murder.—The Steward of an American Bark Charged with Wantonly Killing a Passenger. Six months ago an Austrian seaman, name unknown, shipped on board the American bark the Ellen O. Feeney, bound for various ports in South America. The vessel returned to this port on Wednesday, and during the cruise the steward, according to the statements of several of the crew, the Austrian seaman was brutally murdered at sea by the steward of the vessel, David Leech.

MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN. The story, as narrated by the crew, is in substance as follows:—On the morning of the 11th inst. an Austrian and not speaking English well, in some way earned the displeasure of the captain of the Feeney and the two mates. They vented their brutality on him in every way, beating him with belaying-pins and capstan-bars on the slightest provocation and frequently without any cause whatever. The vessel arrived at the port of Montevideo about the 7th of August last, and was becalmed some miles outside the harbor, where she rode at anchor. Another American vessel, the Edward, was anchored near her.

THE UNFORTUNATE AUSTRIAN was in his bunk, sick, on the morning of the 8th of August, when the second mate dragged him out of his berth in the fore-cabin, and set him at work "holystoning" the deck and cleaning the brasswork on the ship. On the morning of the 9th, the "Jack" was cleaning some brasses on the quarter-deck, when the mates seized him and flung him down the short ladder to the main-deck, where they beat and kicked him in a fearful manner. The poor sailor staggered to his feet, and falling against the long rope of the vessel, caught hold of the davit-ropes for support. At that moment it is alleged that David Leech rushed out of the cook's galley with a cocked revolver in his hand, and without a word of warning, fired at "Jack," who fell to the deck, shot through the head, and died two hours after. Immediately after shooting the seaman, Leech and the captain of the Feeney rowed to the Edward, where Leech remained. The body of the murdered man was then sewed up in a hammock and taken ashore for secret burial, none of the crew being allowed to go on shore lest they should inform the authorities of Montevideo. When the body of the murdered man was interred, Leech returned to the Feeney, and the vessel sailed for the port of Montevideo, arriving on Wednesday, anchor'd off Martin's stores, near Fulton Ferry, Brooklyn.

THE CREW ON BEING discharged, lost no time in informing the authorities of the murder, and the United States Commissioner Shields issued warrants for the arrest of Leech, the mates and captain of the Feeney, and also for the captain of the Edward, which vessel had also arrived at this port. The warrants were placed in the hands of Deputy Marshals Crowley and Purves, who arrested Thomas Ward, the second mate of the Feeney, the sailors lodging at the Central Hotel, Cherry street, and David Leech, the steward, on board of the vessel. The prisoners were arraigned before Commissioner Shields yesterday and held for examination. They say that the shooting was done in self-defence and that the performance of their duty as officers of the vessel. The captains of the Feeney and Edward, with the first mate or the officers are on their track. Five of the crew are detained as witnesses in the case in Ludlow Street Jail, N. Y. World, to-day.

A THRILLING ADVENTURE. A Race for Life Between a Trotting Horse and a Locomotive. A Pittsburg paper of a recent date says:—The following is a true and exciting story of an exciting chase of a trotting horse over the Wallkill Valley Railroad:—Last Wednesday morning, as the train from Gardner approached Lackey's Bridge, about two miles from Gardner's Station, the engineer, in coming around the curve, on a sharp bend towards the bridge, saw a horse ahead on the track, which, owing to the high embankment, he knew could not get out of the way. The animal, which belonged to Mr. John Tins, whose residence is near by, and which was in a celebrated trotter, being frightened, started to run towards the bridge, and it was then the engineer saw the importance of the step which he was obliged to take. Knowing that he could not stop the train, it became a race for life as to which should reach the bridge first. The horse, which was in the lead, was almost sure to throw it from the track, perhaps into the abyss below, together with the whole train of passenger coaches, sacrificing every life on board. He threw the throttle-valve all the way open, and dashed down the grade at the rate of fifty miles an hour. On plunged the horse, and on came the ponderous machine with a deafening roar behind. Half the distance had been traversed, and the horse was within a few feet of the stone work. Every pound of steam was forced into the cylinder, and the engine gave one mighty lunge, striking the animal upon the right hip, throwing him high into the air, clear from the stones below, where he fell, with his head turned partly under him, never once stirring after he struck.

THE OPERATIONS OF THE Cincinnati Pork Ring continue to create bad feeling among the struggling packers of that city. A clergyman of Peterboro, N. H., recommends his Christian friends to raise a fund and buy up the stock and fixtures of every liquor dealer in the town. The Peterboro Index falls to see that "burial need be made annually of his mother's fate than the son of any other martyr to superstition or villany."

Paris letters of the 9th announce the situation as good. The repulse of the army of the Loire and the capture of Orleans have not discouraged the Parisians. There is a general demand for more sorties and a universal approval of the answer sent by General Trochu to General Moltke and the people all say they will resist to the last. The measures taken by the government since the commencement of the siege are accepted willingly by the population. Having insured itself against the possibility of famine, the government will last until February, the government will again issue fresh meat rations to the inhabitants. Other provisions are sufficient for six months.

The Luxemburgers have united in an address to Prince Henry of Orange, imploring him not to allow the destruction of the political existence of the Grand Duchy, unless the population is first consulted. The Hanseatic losses in the battles of Orleans and Beaugency are officially stated at 126 killed, 745 wounded and 13 missing. LONDON, Dec. 16, 2:30 P. M.—King William, of Holland, has telegraphed to the government of Luxembourg that he will defend the treaty of 1867 and the honor and independence of the Duchy. It is approved of the acts of the government of Luxembourg. Victor Emanuel enters Rome on the 8th of January. It is said M. Thiers, while at St. Petersburg, before proceeding to Versailles, intended to have proposed the abandonment of Count Bismarck's demand for Alsace, and the substitution thereof of the annexation of Belgium and Holland to Prussia, but he was unfavorably received by the Kaiser's authorities, and abandoned the attempt at negotiation.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 2 P. M.—With the surrender of Montmédy 65,000 prisoners fell into the hands of the besiegers, and 230 German prisoners were released. A balloon with two passengers and two hundred pounds of letters descended on the 15th at Hebron, in Nassau. The French government urges Austria to demand the restoration of three thousand Austrian railway cars seized and sold by the Prussians. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The vessel Earl Seaford was lost in a gale with her sails, between the Cape of Good Hope and the Cape of Storms. LONDON, Dec. 15.—(Special to the New York World).—Proofs of the Prussian scheme for the restoration of the empire come from every quarter. Bismarck says this is the only way to save the empire, that republican France will fight forever, that the fall of Paris can produce no effect, that the only course is to make terms with the empire, to go home and leave the French to fight it out between themselves.

Wolf telegrams from Berlin, the 14th, that Bismarck is to be made a duke. The King will give him the title to be Duke of Strasburg, but Bismarck wants to retain his own name. Sixty per cent. of the wounded Germans have rejoined their regiments and taken the reserve. Ten very heavy guns have left Spandau for Paris. A German post-office has been established at Pilsburg. LONDON, Dec. 16.—(Special to New York World).—M. Tanquerel telegraphs on the 15th that the Emperor, King of Rome, arrived at Versailles on the 12th, with important dispatches from the Pope to Bismarck and the King. It is certain the King has promised the Pope to restore to him his temporary power as soon as the present war ends. The official journal, the Volk, states that the King has also determined to restore Napoleon.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—(Special to the New York Herald).—A despatch dated Margency, 14th, says the bombardment of Paris is not expected for ten days. A despatch to the Times, dated Marseilles, 15th, says the Luxemburg question will produce no complications here. Her independence is preserved unless she openly supports France. LONDON, Dec. 16.—(Special to the New York Tribune).—The official affirmation from Bordeaux that the neutral Powers are striving to facilitate the admission of France to the conference, to which Prussia is said to make an obstacle, and that the same Powers propose an armistice, including the revivification of Paris is absolutely false, according to the highest authorities.

On the other hand, the statements before telegraphed respecting the steps taken by the French government toward an armistice are entirely accurate. Prussia proposes no conditions concerning the presence of a French representative at the conference. HAVRE, Dec. 15.—The Prussians have entirely withdrawn from this section of the country. The Prussians are in the city. BORDEAUX, Dec. 15.—The sub-prefect of Havre, in a report received here, denies having sent the despatch announcing a French victory at Paris. He maintains, however, that there is a general and precipitate retreat of the Prussians in the north of France. The forces of General Fiedebuck continue to operate successfully, and some Prussian attacks upon General Chausy's lines have been repulsed with loss to the assailants. The Prussians were near Honfleur were retreated toward Rouen. The reports by balloon which landed at Honfleur have not yet been received at Bordeaux, but a despatch from the aeronaut says that he has good news from Paris. General Paladine has retired from the service, and gone to his estate. The following despatch has been forwarded to prefects of departments: The Duke of Mecklenburg on Wednesday attacked the town of Fretlev on the road from Chateaufort and Vendôme, which he occupied in strong force. We recited the place yesterday. Having made the troops with a view of combat yesterday near Vendôme. The battle lasted till night. The enemy's losses are great. News has been received that between the 12th and 13th three battalions of Bavarians were defeated by Mecklenburg. A despatch from Mars lies says Russia will denounce the treaty for the closing of the Dardanelles, and adds that the United States, who never recognized the closing of the Straits, will not be bound by it. BERLIN, Dec. 15.—(Special to the New York Herald).—Bismarck's organ insists upon a conversation of some kind, and that there shall be a selection of delegates to the national convocation to consider the reconstruction of the German government with a view to peace proposals. It is said that the negotiation commenced from Napoleon, and that he has stated that while the present irreparable mob has leaders even the reductions at Paris would fail to secure peace. Other rumors insist that a plebiscite, now proceeding in Paris, is with a view of early peace.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—(Special to the New York Herald).—A report prevails here that Montmédy has not capitulated, but on the contrary that the Prussians were repulsed with the loss of 1900 killed and wounded.

A shock of earthquake, lasting about ten seconds, was felt at Atlanta, Ga. Work on the Hudson and Westland Railroad, Massachusetts, was commenced on Saturday last.