The Organization of the Women's Christian Association-The Proposed Purchase of a Bullding.

An association has just been formed in this eity for the purpose of extending to women the fellowship and assistance afforded to men by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Among other objects, the association has been formed for the purpose of helping the temporal, moral, and religious welfare of women, especially young women who are dependent upon

their own exertions for support.

One of its main enterprises is the establishment of boarding-houses for working-women, where a home can be furnished at the mere cost of living. It is desirable that the association should have a large membership, and it is hoped that Christian women of all denominations will aid the enterprise.

At a meeting held last week it was decided by a unanimous vote to secure a building at once, to be opened as a boarding-house, and \$1000 were subscribed by the ladies present. It is necessary that the amount of \$20,000 be raised this mouth, if possible, and every lady member has constituted herself a committee to obtain subscriptions. Donations may be sent to any of the officers of the society. The following is the

President—Mrs. J. Spencer Kennard, No. 720 North Broad street. Vice-Presidents—Mrs. A. F. Lex, No. 2030 Chesnut Vice-Presidents—Mrs. A. F. Lex, No. 2030 Chesnut street; Miss Elizabeth N. Brown, No. 2035 Pine street; Mrs. J. S. Elwell, No. 2119 Mount Vernon street; Mrs. Rev. E. W. Hutter, No. 614 Race street; Mrs. J. C. Lewis, No. 325 South Eighteenth street; Mrs. J. C. Hunter, No. 1150 South Broad street; Recording Secretary—Catharine M. Shipley, No. 238 South Tenth street. Corresponding Secretary—Miss Early, No. 814 South Tenth street. Treasurer—Mrs. Dr. Beck, No. 1428 Spruce street.

AUDITORS APPOINTED .- In the Court of Common Pleas for the city and county of Philadelphia Horatio Gates Jones has been appointed auditor to audit, settle, and adjust the account of William M. Coates and Harry G. Clay, assignees of the assigned estate of Jacob D. Heft. In the Orphans' Court for the city and county of Philadelphia, S. N. Rich, Esq., has been appointed auditor to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Charles F. Ehrenpfort, acting guardian of the estate of Hannah Muller, late

William Vogdes, Esq., has been appointed anditer to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Alfred Weeks and Charles D. James, executors of the estate of William Neal, deceased.

Hon. Henry M. Dechert, to audit, settle, and adjust the account of John Thompson (of Pottstown, Pa.), and Catharine Ovenshine, executors of the estate of William Ovenshine.

William D. Baker, Esq., to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Francis Falls, executor of

Bernard Brady, deceased.

John Roberts, Esq., to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Thomas J. Scattergood, administrator of the estate of Joseph E. Rinear, de-P. T. Rainsford, Esq., to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Thomas Sutthewaite, administrator of estate of Thomas J. Williams.

Colonel James W. Latta to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Jacob Schandlin and George F. Zehnder, executors of the estate of Jacob Emmerling, deceased. John B. Knox, Jr., Esq., to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Thomas Haig, Jr., execu-

tor of the estate of Robert E. King, deceased. William W. Juvenal, Esq., to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Peter Saybold, administrator of William H. Saybold.

THE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION. -To-morrow afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock the fifth annual meeting of the Baptist Sundayschool Association of Philadelphia will commenced in the Fourth Baptist Church, corner of Fifth and Buttonwood streets. After devotional exercises Rev. B. Griffith, D.D., President of the association, will deliver the opening address. The annual felection for officers will succeed, to be followed by the reading of the Treasurer's report and letters from the schools. At the Wednesday evening meeting the pro-

gramme will be: - Devotional services; address, Bands of Honor in the Sunday School," by D. W. C. Taylor, Esq., of Brooklyn; address on "Uses and Abuses of the Blackboard," with Illustrations, by C. B. Stout, Esq., of New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. J. H. Parks will read an essay on the "Relations of the Pastor to the Sunday School."

At the Thursday evening meeting there will be devotional exercises, after which the report of the Committee on Digest of Letters, to be succeeded by conference and prayer, and then the association will adjourn.

On Wednesday afternoon the fifth annual celebration of the Sunday-schools connected with this association will be held at Herticultural Hall.

BANKRUPTCY CASES .- On Wednesday next. 18th inst., in the United States District Court, before Judge Cadwalader, the following list of bankruptcy cases will be heard:-Charles Baethe, for cause.

J. R. Casselberry & Co., for cause. Buckner, McCammon & Co. J. Guthman & Co. Goline, Nachtel & Co., for cause. James C. Green, for cause. Binswanger, for cause. Samuel G. Bertolet, for discharge. Arnold, Nusbaum & Nirdlinger, for cause. Michael Hershberger, for cause. Ambrose & McMahon Stevens & Smith, for cause. Henry Schmoele, for cause. Albert H. Gilbert, for cause. John B. Cook, for discharge. Arnold, Nusbaum & Nirdlinger. George N. Torrence & Co., for cause. Elijah W. Ziegler, return of citation.

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS SUPPLIED WITH WATER IN 1870.-Register Keyser, of the Water Department, during 1870 issued 12,480 new permits for the use of the water supplied by the city works. Among the permits issued there are 4061 for new dwellings, 81 for half dwellings, 1644 for wash-paves, 1285 for water-closets, 1847 for bath-tubs, 78 for steam engines, having 872 horse power; 114 for stables, and 105 for hotel bars. These returns added to the num-ber reported for 1869 show that the department now supplies 78,861 dwellings and 19,931 threequarter and half dwellings, making a total of 98,792. The bath-tubs now supplied number 28,524; water-closets, 12,540; wash-paves, 18,638; and horse-power of steam engines, 17,866.

THE TWENTY-SECOND WARD .- The late census of this ward gives it 556 buildings as standing within its boundaries, thus specified:— Brick houses-two-story, 569; three-story, 181; four-story, 2. Stone houses—one-story, 14; two-story, 2150; three-story, 291; four-story and higher, 4. Frame buildings—one-story, 39; two-story, 925; three-story, 38. Churches, 40; public schools, 15; manufactories, 105; fire company houses, 7; barns and stables, 969; other buildings not described, 267.

WIDOWS' NOTICES .- In the Orphans' Court for the city and county of Philadelphia, Mrs. Emma L. Cain, the widow of Cary Cain, known sometimes as Adam Cary Cain, and Emma Cain, Francis Cain, Raymond Cain, and Cary Cain, his children, have filed their petition to retain \$300 out of the real estate of the decedent.

Mrs. Jane McLaughlin, the widow of James McLaughlin, has filed a similar petition for a

STUDENTS AT LAW .- Mr. M. V. K. Copes, a student at law, formerly in the office of John C Bullitt, Esq., now in the office of Edgar E. Pettit, Esq., and Mr. Paul M. Elsasser, a student at law in the office of S. Henry Norris, Esq., have given notice of their intention to apply to the Board of Examiners at the next meeting on Thursday, January 27, for admission to practice as attorneys in the Court of Common Pleas and District Court of Philadelphia.

Explosion.-The alarm of fire about six o'clock this morning was caused by the explo-sion of a ceal oil lamp at No. 228 Quince street. The damage done was trifling.

OPERATIONS OF A NIGHT—A GANG OF BURGLARS VISIT GERMANOWN,—Between 12 o'clock on Saturday night and daylight of Sunday morning, several house rooberies were attempted in Germantown, but only in one in stance was any great amount of plunder secured. About half-past 12 o'clock an attempt was made to enter the residence of Mr. Gor-don McNetll, on Green street. Mr. McNetll was awakened by the noise made by the burglars in the lower part of the house. Springing from the bed, he quickly made his way down stairs and out into the yard, where he discovered a strange man. McNeill picked up a piece of plank and struck the fellow a violent blow, which had the double effect of knocking him down, and causing him to bellow lustily. The cries of the knave brought up his comrades to his assistance, and Mr. McNeill wisely retreated into the house and barred the door. The thieves then fled, Mrs. McNeill in the meantime crying

About 2 o'clock the dwelling of Mr. Ammofine, on West Chelton avenue, was entered by burgiars, and clothing, silver-ware, a gold chain, and other articles of jewelry to the value of \$300 were carried off. A portion of the silver-ware and clothing stolen were afterwards found behind a fence on Knox street.

At the same time the transom over the door of the dwelling of Mr. Emeline, on Coulter street, was removed and the house entered. The lower part of the premises were thoroughly ransacked, but nothing of any value was obtained. The thieves helped themselves liberally to sundry ples which they found in the pantry. An attempt was also made to "crack" the residence of Mr. Williams, on Green street, but the noise made by the burglars in attempting to force epen the front door aroused the inmates,

The above robberies, it is believed, were committed by the same gang. About the time of their depredations the police were called from the locality by the burning of a haystack about half a mile distant.

which had the effect of frightening off the ras-

THE WEST ARCH ANNIVERSARY Yesterday was a splendid success. That large church was crowded to excess, and hundreds were unable to gain admittance. The singing was unusually good, the recitations of the children prompt and correct, and the addresses of Rev. A. B. Earle the great revivalist, and Rev. Charles H. Payne, of the Broad Street Methodist Church, were full of interest and enthusiasm. Altogether, the exercises were delightful. During the afternoon, 27 of the scholars were rewarded, through the pastor, Rev. Dr. Willits, with handsome Bibles for memorizing the catechism, and 39 were given Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" for memorizing Christ's sermon on the mount. One boy, Lewis Kappes, was rewarded with an ele-gant Bible for attending all the sessions of the school last year. The report showed that 6 6 from the main school and 14 from the Mission School had been added to the church during the past year. The missionary offerings for 1870 aggregated \$225.71, or upwards of \$2 for each school and Mayor Fox was present and made a scholar. Mayor Fox was present, and made a short address. He stated that to him the anniversary was the most effective and interesting he had ever attended, and commended the scholars for their proficiency in their studies of the catechism and Scriptures, and the juvenile choir for their superior music.

MAGNIFICENT GIFT .- Mr. J. V. Williamson in addition to a previous gift of one thousand dollars, has recently given to the Mercantile Library Company a number of ground-rents representing a principal sum of nine thousand dollars. This is to be kept permanently invested, and the interest used in the purchase of books for the library. The books so purchased will be marked with an appropriate label, as purchased with the avails of the "Williamson Fund," the same as is done in the case of the Fund," the same as is done in the case of the Cope, Morton, Beck, and Waln Funds. While thus securing to the library annually several hundred volumes, which will be a source of profit and pleasure to multitudes in all coming time. Mr. Williamson also erects to himself a monument more worthy and more noble than

MISSING MAN FOUND .- Davidson Emory, aged sixty years, disappeared from his home, No. 1909 Parrish street, on last Friday, and up to yesterday his relatives and friends were in great distress concerning his whereabouts. He was found crawling about in a swamp on a farm near Chesnut Hill. The discovery was brought about by a dog, which persisted in running from the farm house to the swamp and back again all the while barking, as much as to say that his master was needed at the place. The farmer took the hint, and there found Emory, who appeared to be out of his mind and totally ex-hausted. The sufferer was conveyed to the farm-house, where restoratives were applied and this morning he was sent to his home.

DELEGATE ELECTIONS.—The Democratic voters in the various election divisions this evening hold delegate elections for the purpose of choosing ward executive committees and delegates to the approaching Democratic State Convention. In each division three persons are chosen as for the committee, two for the Representative Convention and one for the Senatorial Convention. These conventions meet to-morrow in the various districts to elect delegates to the State Convention. At the State Convention the nominations will also be made for Auditor-General and Surveyor-Genera; to be voted for in October.

STORE ROBBERY. - Yesterday morning a young man named Adolph Bull broke open the cellar-door of the saloon at Fifth and Arch streets, and gaining an entrance passed up stairs to the restaurant department, where he helped himself to a lot of cigars and a small amount of money. As he was leaving the premises a policeman captured him. Defendant had a hearing before Alderman Kerr and was committed for trial.

A STABBING AFFRAY .- About half past 11 o'clock last evening, John Whalen, during the progress of a quarrel at Fourth and Bainbridge streets, was stabbed in the face and seriously inured by a man named Jacob Rementer. The injured man, who is a brother of Sergeant Whalen, of the Reserve force, was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital. Rementer was Rementer was taken into custody and locked up for a hearing.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY CASE .- On Saturday night Peter Houckt got into- a dispute with a man who resides in the same house with him at Front and Callowhill streets. They finally came to blows, and Houckt, it is alleged, picked up a boot-jack and used it pretty freely over the head of his antagonist. Peter was arrested and Alderman Cahill held him to bail for a further

LARCENY OF A WATCH .- Henry De Wolf was arrested last night upon the charge of the lar-ceny of a watch from John Quirk. The affair occurred in a beer saloon at Eleventh and Christian streets. De Wolf was followed and ar-rested, and the time-piece recovered. The prisoner had a hearing before Alderman Collins and was committed for trial.

COWARDLY ASSAULT .- A man named Benjamin Lacher amused bimself on Saturday night by abusing a boy in Valer's saloon, on Vine street, below Eighth. He is alleged to have knocked the lad down. The little fellow sustained severe injuries. Lacher was taken into custody, and after a hearing before Alderman Godbou was held in \$800 bail to answer.

THEFT OF WOOL .- Charles McIlhenny was arrested yesterday, and this morning he had a hearing before Alderman Kerr, upon the charge of the largeny of wool from the wharf of the New York Steamboat Company, Delaware ave-nue, below Chesnut street. The prisoner was bound over for a further investigation.

TRIFLING FIRE .- About 1 o'clock this morning the carpenter shop of Lewis & Co., No. 521 Cresson street, was slightly damaged by fire. The flames were discovered and extinguished by Paliceman King.

DEAD BABY.—This morning a dead baby was found in a box in a ditch at Broad street and Passyunk road. The Coroner was notified to hold an inquest.

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS.—In another part of to-day's issue reference is made to a fire last | THIRD EDITION evening on Germantown avenue, above Oxford street. The fire was more destructive than at first supposed. It broke out on the third floor of the building No. 1633 Germantown avenue, occupied on the first floor as a notion store by Jones & Wills, and the second and third floors as a dwelling by Christian Straube and George Reproth. The third story and roof were entirely destroyed. The occupants suffered a heavy loss by water. Messrs. Jones & Wills estimated the value of their stock at \$6000, on which there is an insurance of \$4000 in the Fire Association and Union Mutual Cempanies. This insurance will fully cover the loss. Mr. Stroube is insured for \$500 in the County Insurance Company. This sum will fully cover his loss. Mr. Reproth, who was unable to save any of his effects, has no insurance whatever. The building is owned by Theodore Freuder, and is damaged to an extent of about \$1000 and is insured in the Fire Association. The flames communicated to No. 1635, owned by Benjamin Little, and a loss of \$500 to the structure was thereby sustained. Insured in the Fire Association. The premise were occupied by George Corbin, a baker and confectioner. His loss is quite heavy: his insurance of \$1600 in the Germania of New York will, however, cover it. No. 1637, owned by the Klett estate and occupied by Paul Kiesting, merchant tailor, was slightly damaged by fire, but the stock was greatly demand by water. but the stock was greatly damaged by water. The Insurance Patrol, however, rendered effective service in protecting the stock in this build Mr. Kiesling has an insurance of \$5000; \$3000 in the Germania, and \$2000 in the Royal, which amounts will more than cover his loss. No. 1631, owned and occdpied by Benjamin Lit-tle, was slightly damaged by fire. Building insured in the Fire Association

CAPTURE OF A THIEF.-This morning about 10 o'clock a man named James Reilly went to a store at Eighth and Vine streets, and helping himself to a pair of shoes, made off. Sergeant Paully, of the Tenth district, happening to pass that way, gave chase, and captured the thief at Fourth and Arch streets. In his flight the fugi-tive dropped the stolen property. He was taken to the Central Station, and locked up for a

A HAUL.—Sergeant Guyer and a squad of men of the Fifth Police District made a raid yesterday on the corner loungers who frequent the locality of Seventh and Lombard streets. In all seven persons were arrested. They had a hearing before Alderman Morrow, and were sent to

A Pugilist.-William McAvoy took part in a street fight at Ninth and Christian streets yesterday. He had a pair of steel knuckles on and was striking both right and left. A policeman came along and took McAvoy in custody. The prisoner had a hearing before Aldeman Collins and was held to ball to answer.

WORK FOR THE CORONER .- The this morning notified to investigate the following:—In the case of an infant found in the cul-vert at Perih and Oxford streets; and also in the case of a child three months old, who died suddenly at No. 4017 Cresson street this

OPEN TO NAVIGATION .- The recent thaw has had the effect of breaking up the ice in the Schuylkill river below the dam, and the river up to that point is now open to navigation.

SLIGHT FIRE.—The carpenter-shop of Lewis & Co., No. 523 Cresson street, was slightly damaged by fire about 1 o'clock this morning.

Philadelphia Trade Report.

Monday, Jan. 16 .- The Flour market is moderately active and prices are well sustained. The demand is mostly from the home trade, whose purchases foot up 1600 bbls., including superfine at \$4.50@4.75; extras at \$5@5°25; 700 barrels Quaker City white and 200 barrels Northwestern extra family on private terms; 300 barrels Minnesota do. do. at \$6.75@7 200 barrels Pennsylvania do, do, at \$6@6.50; 200 bar-rels Ohio do, do. \$7; and fancy brands at \$7.50@8. Rye Flour may be quoted at \$5-1236@5-25. In Corn Meal nothing doing.

The market is poorly supplied with prime Wheat, and for this a steady demand prevails at full prices, while inferior sorts are neglected. Sales of Western red at \$1.55@1.57; Pennsylvania do. at \$1.40@1.45; and amber at \$1.58@1.65. Rye may be quoted at \$50. for Western. Corn is offered more freely and is dult and weak. Sales of Delaware and Pennsylvania yellow at 73@74c. and Western mixed at 71@73c; Dats are quiet but firm. Sales of Western and Pennsylvania at 57@58c. Seeds—Cloverseed is quiet at 10%@11c. per pound. Timothy is nominal at \$5.50. Flaxseed is wanted by

he-crushers at \$2@2.10. In Barley and Malt no sales were reported, Whisky is dull. Sales of Western iron-bound

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MATTERS AT WASHINGTON.

The Naval Appropriation Bill.

The Brooks Libel Case.

Proceedings of Congress DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

The San Domingo Commission

The New Jersey Water Supply.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Naval Appropriation Bill Epecial Despatch to the Evening Telegraph.

Washington, Jan. 16,-The Committee on Appropriations finished the Naval Appropriation bill to-day. It exceeds the bill of last year by \$200,000. This is occasioned by the appropriations for torpedo boats and the floating dock for iron vessels, which will cost about \$1,000,-000. It will not be built at the navy yards, but will be given out by contract. The Charges Against Commissioner Parker.

The Sub-Committee on Appropriations, charged with investigating the charges against Commissioner Parker relative to frauds in the Indian Bureau, will begin operations to-night. The Alabama Claims.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee does not expect to be called upon for a report this session, but they will consider the Alabama claims, and when the Senate bill on that subject comes over they will be able to report concurrently. Senator Summer to-morrow will submit to the committee his bill for the payments of private characters. ment of private claimants who suffered by de-predations of rebel cruisers. The feeling is general among members of Congress that these claime should either be assumed and paid by the Government, or else the claimants should be allowed to present them for settlement to Great Britain.

The Brooks Libel Case.

Mr. Hugh Hastings, who libelled James
Brooks, arrived here to-day, and reported to the
Sergeant at-Arms for examination before a special committee appointed to investigate the charges against Brooks. He proposes to have the committee investigate the private character of Brooks. The committee will sit to-morrow.

The Georgia Members Elect are hero for the purpose of being admitted to their seats, and an effort will be made to-day to have them sworn in.

FROM NEW YORK.

The Jersey City Water Supply. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The work of erecting stand-pipe at Belleville Water Works in Jersev City was completed early this morning and the pumps set at work again. At 7 o'clock the water was turned on, and Jersey City and Hoboken are now receiving a full supply. There is great rejoicing, particularly among mechanics, many hundreds of whom were thrown out of employment for the past tea days by the stopping of factories, machine shops, etc.

Consequences of the Miners' Strike. On Saturday last over a hundred and fifty conductors, engineers, firemen, and brakemen employed in the transportation of coal on the Lehigh and Susquehanna and Morris and Essex Railroads were discharged from work in consequence of the strike of the coal miners in the districts through which those roads run.

The San Domingo Commission. Ex-Senator Wade and Professor White, of the San Domingo Commission, arrived at the Astor House this morning, accompanied by the secretary. A. G. Burton, and assistant secretary, Fred Douglas, Jr. Commissioner Howe has not yet arrived, but is expected to-day. Secretary Robeson, of the Navy, General Porter, the President's secretary, and Commodore Alden, Chief of Bureau of Navigation, are also here for the purpose of giving personal attention to the pre-paration of the Tennessee, which vessel, under the command of Captain Temple, will convey the commission. It is possible another vessel will consort the Tennessee, as permission has been given by the President to so many to accompany the expedition, that accommodations cannot be provided for all on one vessel. Arrangements have been made on board the Tennessee for the three commissioners, two secretaries, two stenographers, and seven representatives of the press; among the latter are General H. V. Boynton, representative of the New York Associated Press and Cincinnati Gazette; Oscar G. Sawyer, of the New York World; H. J. Ramsdell, of the New York Tribune; C. C. Fulton, of the Baltimore American; Arthur R. Shepperd, of the Washington Republican; Messrs. Foley and Hill, stenographers; General Siegel and Fred. Douglas, Sr. Professor T. F. Crane, of the Cornell University, goes in the capacity of private secretary to President White.

The commission will hold a session to-day at the Astor. It will not sail before to-morrow afternoon and possibly not before Wednesday. The commissioners expect an official commu-nication from the President to-day, though no definite or elaborate instructions are to be given as the business with which they are intrusted is set forth in the resolution authorizing the formation of the commission. There is good authority for saying, contrary to the public impression, that the commissioners do not expect to return before the middle of March.

Lurceny Case. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Witowski Rei-mann, arrested in this city on telegrams from her husband, who is in Cincinnati, and the Chief of Police of that city, charging her with stealing and swindling, was arraigned before Justice Dowling this morning and remanded to police headquarters to awalt further information. The Justice said if the woman took the money from her husband he would discharge her. She says she did, but that she earned it herself.

CONGRESS.

FORTY-FIRST TERM - THIRD SESSION.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Vice-President laid before the Senate a communication from the Supervising Architect of Capitol Extension, asking that a place be assigned for the statue of the late President Lincoln, executed by Miss Vinnie Ream. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Pension Committee, resolved adversals prom a pension claim because the Sennte.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Pension Committee, reported adversely upon a pension claim, because the disabilities of the claimant had not been contracted in the line of a soldier's duty.

Also, favorably the House bill increasing the pensions of disabled soldiers and of widows and children of decased soldiers and sailors.

Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices, reported, with sundry amendments, the House bill revising, consolidating, and amending the statutes relative to the Post Office Department.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the Senate considered and passed the Senate bill to expedite the survey of private land claims.

Mr. Williams, in response to inquiries by Mr. Harlan, explained that the bill was the result of considerable legal research, and it would expedite the settlement of the boundaries of old Mexican land tracts.

House of Representatives.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. Buffinton, to enable the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company to mortgage its road and to

confer certain jurisdiction on the United States
Courts for the district of Missouri.

By Mr. Starkweather, authorizing the appointment
of committees by the President to ascertain the
damage done by the Alabama and other rebel

ernisers.

By Mr. Prosser, prescribing the mode of holding elections for President, Vice-President, and members of Congress. By Mr. Julian, relating to the Miami Indian reservation in Kansas; also to extend the provisions of the Homestead law to unsurveyed land of the Homestead law to unsurveyed land

By Mr. Cook, prescribing the cath of office to be
faken by persons who participated in the late Rebellion, but who are not excluded from holding
office by the fourteenth constitutional amendment.

By Mr. Ingersoll, to place the name of Colonel
Oscar Malmberg on the retired army list.

By Mr. Hay, to amend the first section of the act
of 20th July, 1868, imposing taxes on distilled spirits
and tobacco.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 16.-Mr. Buckalew presented HARRISBURG, Jan. 16.—Mr. Buckalew presented the report of the select committee on the petition in the case of the Dechert report, which is very voluminous. It rejects the petition specifications as insufficient on the same grounds that the committee in the Diamond-Watt case last winter rejected certain specifications of the petitioners for Diamond. The whole number of votes alleged in the petition as fraudulent were counted and amounted to only 1178, not enough to unseat Dechert, and hence the absurdity of occupying the time of the Senate and expending the money of the State in the investigation. Hence they recommend that no committee be drawn, and that no further action be taken.

Mr. Graham said the minority would present an

drawn, and that no further action be taken.

Mr. Graham said the minority would present an extended report in a couple of days, and offered the following substitute for the majority resolution:

That while some of the specifications in the petition may be indefinite and general, yet the petition is in the usual legal form and is sufficient to put the sitting member upon his answer.

A warm and protracted discussion ensued.

Mr. Connell had previously offered a joint resolution extending the time of contestants to amend their petition till Wednessay, but the Speaker referred it as a bill.

Mr. Davis objecting to its consideration.

New York Produce Market. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Cotton quiet; sales 4000 bales at 15%c. Flour firmer; sales 14,000 bbls. State at \$5.50@6.50; Ohio at \$6.40@6.50; Western at \$5.50@7.10. Wheat firmer; sales 30,000 bushels new spring at \$1.49@1.50; winter red and amber Western at \$1.49@ 1.53. Corn firmer and scarce; sales 34,000 bushels new mixed Western at 81c. Oats quiet; sales 19,000 bushels Ohio and Western at 59@62c. Beef quiet. Pork unchanged. Lard steady; steam, 11%@12%c.; kettle, 12%@13c. Whisky firmer at 94c.

New York Money and Stock Market.

New York Jan. 16.—Stocks qulet and unchanged.

Money weak at 5@7 per cent. Gold, 110½, 5-20s of 1862, coupon, 109½; do. 1884, do., 108½; do. 1865, do 188½; do. 1865, new, 107½; do. 1867, 107; do. 1868, 108½; 10-40s, 107½; Missouri 6s, 89½; Canton Co., 67; Cumberland preferred, 26; New York Central and Hudson River, 91½; Erie, 21½; Reading, 97½; Adams Express, 66; Michigan Central, 11¾; Michigan Southern, 88¾; Illinoic Central, 134; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 104½; Chicago and Rock Island, 105½; Pittsburg and Fort Wayne, 93; Western Union Telegraph, 46½.

Baltimore Produce Mayket.

Baltimore, Jan. 16.—Cotton firmer; middling uplands, 12@15½c.; low middling, 14½c.; Flour firm and active, and the demand for shipping grades exceeds the supply. Wheat steady and unchanged; choice white, \$1.75@1.85; fair to prime, \$1.45@1.70; prime to choice red, \$1.70@1.85; fair to good, \$1.45@1.70; prime to choice red, \$1.70@1.80; fair to good, \$1.40@1.60; common, \$1.30@1.35; Ohio and Indiana, \$1.50@1.55; Pennsylvania, \$1.46@1.47. Corn—white, 82c.; yellow, 78c. Oats weak at 46c. Mess Pork in good demand at \$21.50. Bacon firm, with a good demand; rib sides, 11½c.; clear rib, 12½c.; shoulders, 11c. Hams, 17@18c. Lard quiet at 13c. Whisky—sales at 91c.; some ask 92c. Bultimore Produce Market.

THE LOST SAGINAW.

Particulors of the Wreck-How and When the Yessel Struck-The Crew Paralyzed with Fear-Names of the Wrecked Officers.

From the Alta-California, January 8. A passenger from Honolulu by the Moses Taying account of the loss of the United States

ship-of-war Saginaw:— News reached Honolulu on the 24th of De cember of the total loss on the 29th of October last, of the United States ship-of, war Saginaw. on that desolate sand bank called Gcean Island, situated 1200 miles W. N. W. from Honolulu, and about midway between San Francisco and Yokahama. The intelligence was conveyed to the Hawalian Islands on board the captain's gig, which had been detached from the scene of the wreck, and on board of which were Lieutenant Talbot, Peter Francis, John Andrews, James Muir, and William Halford, all of whom nobly volunteered to attempt to reach Honolulu. After a lengthy voyage of over thirty days, during which much rough weather and many severe hardships were encountered. the boat struck on a reef opposite Halinikai Bay, on the Island of Kauil, in the Hawaiian group, on the 19th of December last. The heartrending scene that then occurred cannot be better described than in the simple state-

ment of

WILLIAM HALFORD, SOLE SURVIVOR of the boat's crew, as made before H. A. Pierce, Esq., United States Minister Resident at Hono "Sailed from Midway Island at 5 P. M. October 28; vessel met good weather, but cloudy and dark; speed two and a half to three knots an hour; fires banked; topsall and jib set running with fair wind; captain came on deck at 2 A. M; I was sitting down aft when the vessel struck; officer of deck, Mr. Gast (who relieved Coles), had just informed captain of breakers ahead; captain ordered topsails to be lowered; just at that moment vessel struck; topsails were ordered to be furled; crew paralyzed with fear, and the orders were not beyed; surf then breaking over vessel, and hove her higher up; all hands put to work to get boats and save provisions and other things (worked all day carrying things to the shore) at break of day saw a sand island about one and a half or two miles off; removed two very sick men ashore, and four or five others slightly so; from time of wreck (nearly three weeks) all hands employed getting up tents, saving provisions and rigging, making fresh water with apparatus, and decking over and preparing captain's gig to go to Honolulu; the launch was lost at the time the vessel struck; the former was raised about ten inches amidships, tapering fore and aft, and a wooden deck was placed over all, with spaces for men to row, with movable hatches; volunteers were called to go in the gig to Honolulu; Lieutenant Talbot, Peter Francis, Jr.; Master belonging to Manila; and John Andrews, seaman, of Boston; James Muir, seaman, of Glasgow, Scotland; and William Hatford (myself), coxswain of captain's gig, volunteered to go in the boat to Honolulu.

FRIGHTFUL SUFFERING. Five days out lost all light and fire, and no means of making either—no dry tinder or wood, but had flint and steel. About five or six days before making Kauii, we succeeded in getting a light with the glasses taken from an opera glass. Suffered much from wet, cold, and want of food.

We drifted towards the shore at a place called Kalihi Kal, about five miles from Haualei. I landed with the water breast high, and took with me a tin box on board, with its cover broken, containing navigation books, charts, etc.: also Captain Sicard's instructions to Lieutenant Talbot, and other papers, among which was Muir's and Andrews' discharge papers, they having shipped November 15, for one monththey belonged to the contractors, as their employes, previous to that time—also, my and Francis' transfer papers, and accounts destined for Mare Island Navy Yard. The abovenamed box, with everything not lashed, fell into the water when we were first upset. I landed at about 3 A. M., and saw no one until daybreak, at about 3 A. M., and saw no one to them and got when seeing some buts I went to them and got assistance to get the boat into beach. previously, by making five trips to the boat, succeeded in bringing ashore the long tin case afore-mentioned, chronometer, opera-glass, barometer, one compass, compass, boat's binnacle and compass, and also assisted Muir to the shore. He was and also assisted but little, incoherently. We opera-glass, sailed for Honolulu on the evening of Tuesday, December 20, and arrived at Honolulu at 11 Å. M., December 24, bringing with me the effects as aforementioned. Went on landing immediately to the United States Consul's office, where I saw him and the Minister Resident, and told my story to them.

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THE NAMES OF THE WRECKED OFFICERS The following are the names of the wrecked officers:-Captain Montgomery Sicard; Lieute nant Talbot, Ensigns Cogswell, Gast, and Par-sons; Paymaster Reid, Dr. Franks, Engineers Butterworth, Ryan, Main, Force, and Godfrey; Robertson, Master's Mate; and Blythe, Assistant Engineer to the contractors. The crew of the Saginaw numbered sixty-four men, and there were also on board fifteen men who had been in the employ of the contractors for the works at Midway Island.

The Saginaw, as your readers know, was en-gaged in assisting the contractors for the proposed harbor at Midway Island, at which it was hoped the Chine steamers would be enabled to make a coaling station. It is understood that Captain Sicard and his officers agree in the opinion that it is utterly impracticable to make an available harbor at the island mentioned.

RELIEF IS SENT. Immediately upon Halford's arriving at Honolulu action was taken by our Minister, H. A. Pierce, Esq., and by American residents generally to send relief to the unfortunate men at Ocean Island. Within eight hours after the deplorable news became known, a fast sailing packet was under way with food, medicine, and other comforts on board that the utmost forethought could suggest.

RAILWAY CALAMITY.

Particulars of the Accident to the Pacific Express on the Pennsylvania Railroad-Fwe Coaches Over an Embankment.

The Pittsburg Commercial of Saturday evening has the following:—
Yesterday morning, between 7 and 8 o'clock, an accident occurred on the Pacific express train, Pennsylvania Rallroad, coming west. The train, rennsylvania Railroad, coming west. The train, consisting of a baggage car, two passenger coaches, and four Pullman sleepers, drawn by engine No. 348, engineer, Mr. Taylor, had reached a point about one mile and a quarter east of the Fouth Fork, which is about nine miles east of Conemaugh, when a rail broke and the train, or a portion of it at least, was thrown from the track.

thrown from the track. The engine and baggage car passed over the break safely, but the two first passenger coaches left the track and went over the embankment, one falling upon its side, with one end in the Conemaugh river, and the other turning completely over, and bringing up at the foot of an embankment fifteen feet deep, perhaps. The cars were dragged some distance before they went over the embankment, and one of the coaches took fire from the stove, but as soon as the car dropped into the water it was extin-guished. The sleeping cars was also thrown from the track, but did not go over the bank, and being of the Pullman pattern and very strong, were not injured. No one in the sleepers was injured. The coaches which went over the bank were pretty well filled, yet strange to relate no person was killed. The cars were but partially wrecked and but one person was severely injured. That person was William Dietrich, news agent on the train. He had his hand taken off in some manner not reported, and as soon as possible, Dr. Lauman, of Johnston, resident physician of the company, arrived and amputated the arm above the elbow. The patient will no doubt recover. Two passengers, Mr. Schell and James Archie, place of residence not known, were slightly injured, and two others, whose names it is not considered worth while to give, in consequence of the slightness of their bruises. George Woods, conductor of one of the Pullman cars, was also slightly in-

The train was running on schedule time, at the ordinary rate of speed, having passed Cresson and other points east of Somerhill all right. The tracks both ways were obstructed for awhile, but Conductor Brinker having telegraphed promptly to the Superintendent of the Western Division, Robert Pitcairn, Esq., a force of workmen were speedily despatched to the scene of the accident and the obstructions removed.

STATEMENT OF PASSENGERS. Mr. F. H. Glidden, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. Nixen Moore, passengers on the train, called upon us last evening, and furnished us the following statement:—Two sleepers were thrown partially from the track, but nobody was injured, and Mr. Glidden says the shock was not unlike that felt in going over a "frog. None of the passengers took notice of it. car that first went over the bank caught fire, but the male passengers at . once themselves in line, and passed water up in buckets from the river, and it was extinguished in a short time. Both cars were pretty well wrecked, and the passengers in the first escaped through the windows and side near the middle, it having been crushed in. The other car lay on the side of the bank, and there was considerable space under it, the car resting only on the ends. From this space the passengers emerged, being assisted by the male passengers who had escaped from the first coach which went over, and which, it seems, was used as a smoking car. The two sleeping-cars which left the track stood across, and obstructed both tracks, whilst the others were not moved at all. The trucks of the cars which went over laid on the bank, together with the debris belonging to the wrecked cars. The passengers say it was trightful to look upon the scene, and then reflect how singularly fortunate and miraculous the

escape from death. THE CAUSE. Mr. Glidden says there was a piece of rail three feet long broken out of the track. He thinks it remained in position until the trucks of the first passenger car struck it, when the axle broke, and the displaced portion of rail was broken into three pieces. These pieces were scarcely bent a particle, and seemed to be cut off as with a knife.

Both these passengers express the highest commendation of the conduct of the officers of the train. They did all that men could possibly do. A SUBSCRIPTION. Mr. Glidden and Mr. Moore raised a donation

among the passengers for young Dietrich,

amounting to \$114. WEDDING AND ENGAGEMENT RINGS of solid 12 kerst fine gold. QUALITY WAR RANTED. A full assortment of sizes always on hand. FARR & BRU THER, Makers, No. 224 ORESENUT Street, below Furth.

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