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The earliest regular edition of THE EVENING TELEGRAPH goes to press at 11 o'clock, and the subsequent regular editions at 21, 31, and 41. Whenever there is important news of the progress of the European war, extra editions will be issued after this hour, and before the regular time for the early edition.

WE hope that the opponents of the Penn Square site for the public buildings are satisfied now, for they have signally failed in their last desperate attempt to defeat the will of the people of Philadelphia, the Supreme Court this morning having dissolved the injunction against the commissioners, so that now there is nothing whatever to prevent the building from being erected in the manner proposed. We never doubted that the Supreme Court would decide this matter as it has done, and we refer our readers to the decision delivered this morning, which we publish on our first page. The citizens of Philadelphia have reason to congratulate themselves not only upon this decision, but upon the fact that it has been delivered. It ought to set at rest finally and forever all question as to the site of the public buildings; and the property-holders in the neighborhood of Washington and Independence Squares should remain satisfied with having submitted their case to the people and to the Supreme Court, and with having been defeated in both instances. Let us have Deace.

PHILADELPHIA DEMOCRACY sends as its best and worthiest delegates to the Democratic State Convention such shining exemplars as John Ahern, Robert Lister Smith, William McMullin, and John Tobin. These selections are eminently appropriate. They represent with photographic fidelity Democracy as it is in this city, and confer due honor upon the men who in sunshine and storm bear the heat and burden of the fray, and who are equally ready for a fight or a fraud when the interests of the party demand extra exertion. As they work the machine, why should they not run it from the initial step of its operations? What is the use of putting up respectable figure-heads to bewilder the public, when it is well understood all round that all true Democrats must bow to the McMullin influence?

ferent hands; and if anything can incite | peace, while Austria has only 27,265, so that among the people an irrepressible determination to right the wrong inflicted by venal legislators, the strenuous efforts of other States to secure good representation in the highest deliberative body in the land will ring the death-knell of our corrupt Camerons and our servile Scot ts.

WHY IS NOT AHERN BROUGHT TO JUSTICE?

On the 13th of October last an outrageous assault was made upon the election return judges by a party of ruffians, one of whom lost his life in the affray that ensued. One of the leaders in this riot was John P. Ahern, a man who has been for a long time notorious for his misdeeds; but in spite of Ahern's wellknown character and the direct testimony to the effect that he was one of the chief rioters on this occasion and, in company with Nolan, was one of the assailants of Return Judge Crawferd, no effort whatever has been made to bring him to punishment. The excuse of the District Attorney is that he has no official knowledge of Ahern's complicity in the riot, as there has never been such a presentment of the case as will justify action on his part. no one having yet come forward to enter a complaint against the criminal. This is certainly an extraordinary state of affairs, as there were men in attendance at the time of the riot who are fully competent to appear as Ahern's prosecutors, and who, as law-abiding and law-loving citizens, ought to be interested in bringing him to justice. The evidence at the Coroner's inquest on the body of Nolan most conclusively implicated Ahern as one of the chief rioters, as will be seen from the following statements which we quote from the sworn testimony of several witnesses. Hugh Mullen, a reporter, testified as fol-

lows:-

"Heard Ahern say 'push in;' Mr. Lyman approached him, and he was wedged in the doors, and struck from both sides; the panel of the door was broken in; and the first one I saw come in was John Ahern; he came in staggering, the blood blinding his eyes; he got into the middle of the room; don't know whether he had a pistol or a blackjack, but there was something in his hand; it looked like a b'ackjack; he turned near the middle of the room and said, 'we'll change this business,' or 'change the tables:' something like that.

Joseph H. Paist, a reporter, testified that 'he saw Ahern and Nolan come in; * * afterwards I saw Mr. Abern with a piece of railing."

David B. Beitler, an alderman and return udge, testified that "Ahern got stuck in the door; * * I saw Ahern have a pistol in his hand cocked; I took hold of the pistol; the hammer came down and wounded me in the hand; it was twisted away from me and the door was forced; * * * saw Abern with a blackjack: heard him say, 'For God's sake give me a pop;' * * I heard Abern say to the crowd, 'Why don't you help me?' he

at the commencement of a war nearly the whole of the German cavalry can be mounted at once, while Austria would have to obtain more than 29,900 horses over and above her peace establishment. The rapidity, too, with which her troops can be mobilized gives Germany a great advantage over neighboring nations. "Every State on her frontier, therefore, which cannot equal her in the rapidity and precision of her inflitary system, is not secure against invasion ;" and the writer accordingly urges that it is indispensably necessary "for Austria's very existence" that she should accept without delay the Prussian plan of mobilization. He also recommends that the whole of the Austro-Hungarian army should be at once provided with the Werndl rifle, of which only about 300,000 have as yet been issued ; that Olmutz, Komorn, Pesth, the line of the Enns, and the Carpathian passes should be strengthened, and that a regular system of fortifications should be constructed for the defense of Bohemia

THE FISHERIES OF PUGET SOUND .- From Wilkeson's "Notes on Paget Sound" we take the following glowing account of the valuable fisheries at the Pacific terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad :-"The fisheries of Paget Sound are those of the

Sound proper and of the waters commercially appurtenant. Vicinity makes this appurtenance. The cod, hake, and halibut of Alaska, and the North Pacific generally, are about eight hundred miles nearer to the drying-racks on Puget Sound than to those of San Francisco. Therefore they belong to Puget Sound, and Puget Sound will take that trade in fish whenever she wants it; and it can no more be got away from her than Norfolk can get away the cod and mackerel fishery from Gloucester. But the variety and abundance of fish highest excellence in Puget of the Sound proper, as designated in the Northern Pacific Railroad charter, are as striking a characteristic of these waters as are its timber and its climate. Salmon of many species-for of this famous fish are many kinds, differing much in quality and value-crowd the seas, bays, and streams at certain seasons of the year. They abound literally in millions. The statement often made to me by residents that 'salmon can be taken in any destred quantitles' is most strictly true. In water of convenient depth they are seined. In deep soundings they are taken with the hook. No other facility and no other outlay are necessary for the prosecution of the business of fishing for them than a good seine and men enough to work it. An idea of the abundance of the salmon in Puget Sound can be got from the fact that in August, 1969, at the fishery of Morris H. Frost, at Mukilteo, at the mouth of the Snohomish, 1700 were taken at one haul. The Indians catch large quantities, and the Hudson's Bay Company long established a profitable export trade in them. Some Yankees from Massachusetts and Maine have just got into the business. and they will show that it is capable of indefinite expansion. Cured and salted, these fish sold last year for ten dollars a barrel for shipment to China and the Sandwich Islands, and down the South American coast. But there is a fish, so superior that the salmon is not worthy of lying in the same basket with it, and the speckled trout only as a gracious favor should be permitted to get into the frying pan in which it has been cooked-the cod, the true Gadus. That is in Puget Sound. It especially abounds on the west side of Vancouver and the north of Fuca. But it is everywhere, and it is a kingly fish in its proportions. It averages two and a half feet in length, with a girth round the shoulders of eighteen inches. It has the flavor of the Block Island cod, and of food for man or gods nothing more can be said than that. These fishes are seined at several places on the sound and caught also with the hook in deep water. The price last year, saited and in the barrel, was from sixteen to twenty dollars. But these Puget Sound cod are only the dank of the main body of these admirable fishes. The banks on which they live begin on the northwestern extremity of Vancouver and extend beyond Alasks. Whaling captains have assured me that on the old Russian-American whaling-ground they have at times sensibly felt a retardation of the motion of their ships under shortened sail by reason of the masses of these fishes. Halibut abounds in Puget Sound of enormous size, and of a delicacy and tenderness not known in its Atlantic congener. The quantity in which they exist here may be estimated from the statement of an official of the Hudson's Bay Company that in forty-eight hours a fishing vessel of six hundred tony can be loaded with them. Eulachon, a very delicious fish of the size of a small herring, is in shoals on the North Pacific coast as far south as the mouth of the Columbia. Sturgeon of immense size are plenty off the mouths of the Frazer and other rivers. So abundant is this fish that isinglass made from it is a regular article of export by the Hudson's Bay Company. Herrings are in countless millions. Smelts - precisely the delicate fish of New York Bayare taken by boat loads. Dog-fish in incredible quantities are taken by the Indians solely for their o'l, and this oil is a staple export of the Hudson's Bay Company. There are several varieties of rockfish and deep-sea perch, the latter often running to eight pounds weight. Of speckled trout in the cold streams flowing into the sound, even to 'six-pounders' there seems to be no end," M & NNERCHOIR BAL MASQUE, AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, TUESDAY, February 14. TUESDAY, February 14. One-haif of the proceeds will be appropriated to the assistance of the sufferers in the French and German war. Tickets, \$5, to be had of the Com-mittee, and at L. Meyer's, No. 722 Arch street, Lee & Walker's, No. 922 Chesnut street, Continen-tal Hotel, and R. T. Schmidt's, No. 610 Arch street. 118 wstf GRODERIES, ETC. SHOTWELL SWEET CIDER. ALBERT C. ROBERTS, Dealer in Fine Grocerles, Corner ELEVENTH and VINE Sts. 117 WATCHES. Established in 1854. D WATCHES. STEM-WINDERS. KEY'WINDERS. QUARTER SECONDS. MINUTE REPRATERS. ETC. ETC. ETC.



UNITED STATES SENATORS.

THE Legislatures of several States have recently elected, or are about to elect, United States Senators; and from present indications the list will include Senator Wilson, of Massachusetts, Hon. William Windom, of Minnesota, Senator Morrill, of Maine, John A. Logan, of Illinois, Frank Blair, of Missouri, Eli Saulsbury, of Delaware, and F. T. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey. It is noticeable that the dominant party in each State has taken great pains to select men particularly well adapted by their talents, training, and antecedents for the special purposes required. We do not pretend that Eli Saalsbury, of Delaware, or Frank Blair are likely to make good Senators, but we have little doubt that they will be efficient representatives of their peculiar constituencies. As Delaware belongs politically to the Saulsbury family, it was impossible that anybody but a Saulsbury could represent her, and three brothers-Willard, the present United States Senator, Gove, the present Governor, and Eli, a lawyer not gorged with heretofore officewere the only competitors for the nomination of the party once so Democratic that it had a holy horror of aristocratic family dominance. Willard's career in the Senate fully domonstrates his unfitness, and as Gove's Governorship has furnished scarcely less damaging evidence of his unworthiness, the Democracy displayed superior wisdom in honoring another member of this omnipotent family. In Missouri the anti-Republican party is made up in a large measure of rampant Rebelsfellows who distinguished themselves during the war by torturing or shooting down their Union neighbors, and they will find Frank Blair, as long as he remains in his present mood, ready to go as far as the farthest to galvanize a new rebellion, to punish loyalty, to exalt treason, and to bring discredit and disgrace upon the National Government which is the object of continued Rebel hatred.

The Republican Senators just elected or about to be elected are all men of mark-Wilson, Windom, Morrill, Logan, and Frelinghuysen having each and all given ample proof of their devotion to their respective States and high capacity as legislators.

A glance over the list will make every Pennsylvanian solicitous for the honor of this Commonwealth, and regret more keenly than ever that it is so miserably represented in the United States Senate. Practically it is not represented at all, for Cameron's chief object is to pander to the ambition the Cameron family, and Scott figures only as an attorney for railway corporations. When we consider that two of the best men in the State could only secure partial justice for her interests in the Senate, it seems the height of folly to entrust her welfare to such feeble and indif-

said this while I had hold of his hand with the pistol in it." John Wallace, a return judge, testified that

"Ahern, the short man, and two others were pursuing Crawford when he fired."

Wm. H. Ehret testified that "he saw a man said to be Mr. Ahern, with his face bloody and a blackjack in his hand, coming towards the middle of the room."

Henry Everly, a return judge, testified 'Ahern got between the doors; the doors closed upon him; he hallooed for a pop, and said 'Why don't you shoot through the door?' they beat in the door; he got a pistol, but it was taken from him.'

Colonel William B. Mann, who was a witness of the riot from its commencement to the end, testified to Ahern's behavior both outside and inside of the room. Mr. Mann said, in the course of his testimony: -"The sudden opening of the door threw several on the floor; the next that I saw were several persons coming in with blackjacks; conspicuous in this mass was Abern: * * * Crawford retreated to the east side of the room, and Ahern cried out, 'You are the man I want;' * * * * the man I feared most was Ahern; he had received a blow on the head, and the blood was trickling down his face; he had a blackjack upraised, and was in the highest possible excitement; Ahern moved in the direction to intercept Crawford if he continued to go north. * * The persons who were pursuing Crawford-four in number-were Ahern, Nolan, and two others the witness did not know; one man in black clothes had a blackjack; Abern had a blackjack also: * * I think Ahern was the man who cried out 'You are the man we want.'

Here is certainly an accumulation of testimony in regard to the guilt of Ahern that ought to be sufficient to bring him to trial; and Colonel William B. Mann, who was not only a witness to the whole affray, but to some extent a sufferer from it, is the one person of all others who should appear as Ahern's prosecutor, and aid in procuring for EVERGOING him the punishment he deserves. Mr. Mann was for a number of years an officer of justice himself, and he certainly ought not to appear in this matter as attempting to shield this ruffian from the consequences of his crime. The prosecution of Ahera is a duty that Mr. Mann owes to himself and to the community; and if he will bring the matter to the official notice of District Attorney Sheppard, that officer will no longer have an excuse for not taking vigorous action to punish one of the most disgraceful outrages that has ever occurred in this city.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA .- A pamphlet, attributed to the Archduke Albert, recently appeared at Vienna, under the title, "The Year 1870 and the Defensive Power of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy." The author compares the military force of Germany with that of Austria. Germany, he says, has at her disposal for military service from 31; to 31; per cent. of her population, or 1,288,000 to 1,347,000 men; while under her present military system Austria could not obtain for her army more than 911,000 men. Germany has 699,000 infantry against Austria's 579,080; 74,875 cavalry against Austria's 49,460; 1794 guns against Austria's 1245. Moreover, Germany has 65,000 horses always ready, even when at

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CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, No. 218 South FIFTH Street, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18, 1871.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18, 1871. Scaled Proposals for the necessary Blanks, Books, Stationery, and Printing required by this department for the year 1871, in contor-mity with an ordinance of City Councils, ap-proved December 31, 1870, will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock M. on SATURDAY, January 21, 1871, at which time said proposals will be opened and the contract awarded to the lowest and best bidder. lowest and best bidder.

Printed schedules, on which the bids must be made of the articles required, will be furnished ou application at the City Commissioners' Office.

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ALEXANDER MCCUEN, THOMAS M. LOCKE, JAMES BAIN, City Commissioners.

THERMOMETERS, MATHEMATICAL, SURVEYING, PAI-JAMES W. QUEEN & CO., PHILADELPHIA. Children's Carriages, VELOCIPEDES, Etc. Etc. BELOW EXCHANGE O FFICE OF PHILADELPHIA SUGAR HOUSE. DELAWARE AVENUE AND NOBLE STREET, HARRIS, HEYL & CO. PHILADELPHIA, December 31, 1870. The partnership heretofore existing between HARRIS, HEYL & CO. expires this day by limita-tion and the death of Wharton E. Harris. Either of OFFICE OF PHILADELPBIA SUGAR HOUSE, PHILA-DELPHIA, January 14, 1671. The undersigned this day enter into copartnership The undersigned this day enter first coparticersamp number the firm of HEYL, GIBBONS & CO., as suc-cessors of HARRIS, HEYL & CO., and continue the business. JOHN B. HEYL, GEORGN W. GIBBONS, 1 16 6t EDWARD O. SMITH. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership between JAMES SALT, PREDE-BICK MEAR, and CHARLES W. SCHROPP was dissolved on the 2d day of January, A. D. 1871, by the withdrawal of JAMES SALT. All debta due to the seld partnership are to be paid, and those due from the same discharged, at No. 198 North SECOND Street, where the business will be continued by the said FREDERICK MEAR and CHARLES W. SCHROPP, under the firm of MEAR & SCHROPP 16 11 18 25 4t^{*} NE PLUS ULTRA