THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH -PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1871.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

PATER PATRIE.

139th Anniversary of Washington's Birthday The Meeting of the Old Soldiers of 1812-An Appeal for Aid-Other Events of the Day. This is the anniversary of Washington's natal

day-a piece of intelligence which will undoubtedly be regarded as quite superfluous. Time was when, upon this day, there were popular demonstrations to celebrate it, but these, from perhaps a diminution of patriotic ferver and the claims of business, have gone out of custom. This anniversary is now celebrated by the flying of national bunting from municipal, national, and private flag-staffs, a street parade of one or two companies of the military, and the meeting of that aged body of patriots who, in 1812, so zealously upheld the national honor, and in latterlyears so pathetically appealed for Govern-mental consideration. At suurise a salute of 38 guns was fired by the Keystone Battery, Capt. John V. Creely, at Broad and Market streets. perhaps a diminution of patriotic ferver and the

THE OLD SOLDIERS.

This morning at 10 o'clock, in the Nisi Prius Court Room-so remarkable for the political battles that have transpired within it (vide reports of return judges' meetings)-the soldiers of 1812, some thirty or forty in number, assem-bled according to their well-established custom. Many of them wore upon the lapels of their coats blue silk badges, indicating that they were heroes of the conflict between the States and England.

Alderman Peter Hay presided, and Colonel Thompson acted as Secretary. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Hay, and when the invocation was completed the Presi-dent delivered an address, in which he said that a law had at last been passed by Congress which granted a moderate but permanent relief to many of the soldiers who nearly sixty years ago perilled their lives in the defense of their country against the attacks of a haughty foe.

The following report of the Executive Committee was accepted:-

mittee was accepted:--The lamented decease of our experienced and efficient Secretary, John H. Frick, Esq., in the early part of July last, puts it out of the power of your committee to furnish a list of the deaths that have occurred among the members of the association since that time. Mr. Frick took great pains to pro-cure from the public papers, and all other accessible sources of information the names of such deceased members members.

The committee offer the following resolution:-Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this associa-tion be respectfully tendered to the President of the United States and the two houses of Congress for the liberal provision which they have made in aid of the surviving soldiers and widows of the soldiers of the war of 1819.

These sentiments were then proposed and adopted:-

1. The 22d of February-Each return of this national festival serves to increase our admiration of the stern integrity and fervid patriotism of the Hero in whose honor it was instituted.

2. Washington-First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

 The President of the United States.
The Governor of Pennsylvania.
The Statesmen of 1776-The founders of a re-uable which will be the model of all the future re-tables of the world. publics of the world.

6. The Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution-They have passed away, but their memory will

fourish in eternal youth. 7. The Officers and Soldiers of the War of 1812, the Second War of Independence. We cherish the memory of the departed, the survivers we love and s. The Officers and Soldiers who fought and bled

to preserve the Union-They gallantly performed their duty, and liberally have they been rewarded

by a grateful country. 9. The United States Congress—For their recent act of justice to surviving soldiers of 1812 they have

13. Woman-The last, best gift of God to man.

twenty-one gentlemen of intelligence and mora worth. During the year 1869 \$30,000 were se-cured, and large additional buildings put up;

giving, in connection with the previous build-ings, accommodation for one hundred and our cordial thanks. 10. An Enlightened and Honest Judiciary-One of seventy-five young men, and a comfortable dwelling for each of the four professors now in

the strongest safeguards of the people's rights. 11. Our National and State Legislatures— May they always be true interpreters of the people's will. 12. A Free Press the Palladium of Liberty—May it always be directed by honesty, patriotism, and

The President then read Washington's Fare-

ASH WEDNESDAY.

The Services and Customs of the Dav-Aucleut Observances. The observance of the days previous to the festival of Easter as a season of festivity and solemnity is among the most ancient customs of the Christian Church. It is, among other things, in commemoration of the miraculous abstinence of Jesus when under temptation. The familiar word for the period, "lent," is de-rived from the Saxon term for spring, "lengten-tide," spring being the time for the lengthening of the day. The period was the forty days previous to Easter, and it origi-nally begun on what is now the first Sunday in Lent, but it being found that when Sundays, as improper for fasting, were omitted, there re-mained only thirty-six days, the period was mained only thirty-six days, the period was made by Pope Gregory to begin four days earlier, namely, on what has since been called Ash Wednesday. This name was derived from the notable cere-

mony of the day in the Romish Church. mony of the day in the Romish Church. It being thought proper to remind the faithful at the commencement of the great pentitential season that they were but dust and ashes, the priests took a quantity of ashes, tlessed them, and sprinkled them with holy water. The wor-shipper then approached in sack-cloth. The priest took up some of the ashes on the ends of his furger, and made with them. of his fingers, and made with them the mark o the cross on the worshipper's forehead, saying Memento, homo, quia cinis es, et pulveren re-verteris (Remember, man, that thou art of ashes and to dust wilt return). The ashes used were commonly made of the palms consecrated on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. In England soon after the Reformation, the use of asher was discontinued as a vain show, and Ash Wed nesday thence became only a day of marked solemnity, with a memorial of its original cha racter in a reading of the curses pronounced against impenitent sinners.

The day in this city was observed this year the customary manner. The regular appropriate services were held in the churches of severa denominations, and in those of the Roman Ca tholic persuasion the church decorations have special reference to the character of the occa

WHO ROBBED THE BANK?

An Important Arrest in New York-Suppose Connection with the Kenalagton Ban Robbery.

The New York Times of this morning has the

A few minutes before midnight last night Mr. William F. Howe, the well-known criminal lawyer, suddenly appeared at police headquar-ters, accompanied by Mr. William Cook, a personal friend of the Superintendent. Mr. Howe had a private interview with Mr. Moore, the detective on duty, and, it is understood, asked permission to see a prisoner confined in the strong-room on some criminal charge. The request was denied, which exasperated the law-yer, for he loudly demanded the whereabouts of Superintendent Kelso. The detective thought the superintendent might be at one of the negro minstrels, but as Mr. Howe knew very well that every place of amusement was closed at that hour he was not thrown off the scent, and at once rushed out of the Central Office in hopes of finding Mr. Kelso. He returned in half an hour, and repeated his demand to see the pri-soner, which he was refused, and he departed in great anger, increasing the mystery by declining to divulge the purpose of his visit.

From the rumors that were in circulation during the evening, it is believed that the detectives have arrested a man who they claim is one of the burglars who personated a policeman, and after gagging the watchmen of the Kensington Bank of Philadelphia on the night of the 3d instant, carried off \$60,000 in money. Whether the prisoner can be connected with that daring crime remains to be proven. It is supposed that the New York detectives

wish to conceal the facts of the arrest in order that no claims can be made for a share in the rewards probably to be gained in the event they prove to be on the right scent.

THIRD EDITION	FOURTH EDITION
MATTERS AT WASHINGTON.	DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.
Republican Senatorial Caucus.	Washington and Richmond R. R.
Southern Pacific R. R. Bill.	Explosion in Cincinnati.
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Annexation Ardently Desired	Proceedings of Congress.
Fenians at the White House.	Stc., Stc., Etc., Etc., Stc.
Stc., Etc., Stc., Stc., Stc.,	FROM WASHINGTON.
FROM WASHINGTON. Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22. A Republican Senatorial Caucus was held this morning, for the purpose of ar- ranging an order of business, with the view of securing necessary legislation. It was decided to go on with the appropriation bills after the morning hour until Friday, when it was agreed to take up and pass the enforcement bill, which passed the House last week. They also adopted several rules which will greatly facilitate the passage of the appropriation bills.	The Legislative Apportionment Bill. Special Despatch to the Evening Telegraph. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The House Judiciary Committee has agreed to report the Apportion- ment bill with an amendment, providing that the Legislatures of the several States that are to be elected in 1871 are to make an apportionment under the bill. Legislatures elected for two years and that will hold over for two years may also make an apportionment. The bill will be reported at the earliest moment, with the view of getting concurrent action at this session. Both houses are engaged on The Approprintion Bills. and the House on the Deficiency and Senate on the Indian bill.
The Senate Pacific Railroad Committee hold a meeting on Friday for the purpose of consider-	FROM THE WEST.
ing the Southern Pacific Railroad BHI. It is understood that the committee will adopt the House amendment cutting off all branches. There seems to be little doubt of the passage of this measure early next week.	Novel Ruse of a Kobber. Sr. Louis, Feb. 22.—The <i>Republican</i> has a special from Denver, dated the 21st, which say a box marked "F. C. Cross, Newton Corner Massachusetts," was left at Wells & Co.'s Ex press office last night to go east by the Kan sas Pacific train. Suspicions were in some way

Southern Pacific Railroad BHI.

Effort to Defeat the Philadelphia Centennial. There is an evident determination on the part of New York-Senators to defeat the centennial celebration which is to take place in Philadel-phia, They will talk against time when it comes up for consideration during the morning hour. It is Mr. Hooper's purpose to give notice to-day that he intends to call up the question of a

Repeal of the Income Tax at the earliest moment for the purpose of get ting a vote thereon.

Lettero from the San Domingo Commission. Vice-President Colfax received a private letter from ex-Senator-Wade, and Senator Wilson received one from Dr. Howe, of the San Do-mingo Commission. Mr. Wade gives his im-pression of Baez and such people of San Do-mingo as he had been able to meet up to the time of writing. Mr. Wade says he has not seen the person who is not in favor of annexation, and he speaks of the people as quiet and inof-fensive. Dr. Howe in his letter says they have discovered that all the opposition to

to no other limitation or obstruction." He explained that there was former legislation which required that no part of the money should be expended until after contracts were made for the completion of the whole building at an expense not exceeding three millions.

aroused, and upon examination F. C. Cross himself, a young man who has resided here some

time, was found inside the box. He had a pistol

and tools with him, and the box had a trap-door

A heavy shipment of gold was to go East by the same train. Cross was arrested and placed in

Boller Explosion at Decatur, Ind.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 22.-A boiler in the saw mill of H. W. Shockley & Co., at Decatur, Ind.

exploded yesterday, wounding seven or eight persons, two or three, it is supposed, fatally.

FROM NEW YORK.

Fire in Brooklyn.

Violent Death of a Telegraph Operator.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-George Clark, employed

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else. (Laughter.) An item for furniture in the Treasury Department

An item for furniture in the Treasury Department brought out Mr. Farsnworth again in an attack upon the architect of the Treasury Department, and he mentioned the incident of two expensive mirrors being toted about to adorn and beautify the house of a distinguished member of Congress in Washington City, and that one of them, costing ten thousand dollars, had been broken or lost in the transportation back and forward. Mr. Eldridge asked Mr. Farasworth to what mem-ber of Congress he referred? Was he a Democrat? Mr. Farnsworth replied that his politics were of that uncertain kind that it was difficult to tell what they were. He had been a Democrat and every-thing by turns, but nothing long. (Laughter.) Mr. Farnsworth said that he had not stated that the house of the member from Massachusetts had been graced with mirrors belonging to the Treasnry, but as it seemed that it had been proved before a committee of the the ad and stated that member, he would now say that it had been proved before a

been graced with mirrors belonging to the Treasury, but as it seemed that the coat fitted that member, he would now say that it had been proved before a committee of the House, and was susceptible of proof again, that that member's house was graced with mirrors belonging to the United States Govern-ment, and that some of those mirrors had been lost in their transmission to and from the Treasury. He held in his hand a document that would prove to any unprejudiced jury that the member from Massachusetts was interested in the stone quarry from which granite was taken for the Boston Post Office. It was as well understood in the city of Bos-ton as any other fact that was notorious there. The quarry was universally called "Butler's Quarry." The testimony taken showed that a man named French, a distiller, a former officer on the staff of the member from Massachusetts, but who could not get a commission from Governor Andrew on account of his notorious bad character, had been taken down into the member's district and used there in connection with a quarry. That man had come on to Washington because his distillery had been seized for violation of the revenue laws, and wert to consult the member from Massachusetts, who was usually consulted in such cases. He had happened to mention that he had some spare money, and to ask how he should invest it, and the member from Massachusetts had ad-vised him to buy a stone quarry, and it had hap-pened that that was about the wery day when the first appropriation of \$200,000 was made by Congress for the Boston Post Office. This distiller had never owned a sione quarry, and it mad hap-gened that that was about the wery day when the first appropriation of \$200,000 was made by Congress for the Boston Post Office. This distiller had never owned a sione quarry, and immediately afterwards, under the advice and assistance of the member from Massachusetts, he procured a contract, although he was the highest bidder, for the granite NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-Hayward & Cantrell's coffin casket warehouse on Adams street, in Brooklyn, was damaged to the amount of \$\$000 although he was the highest bidder, for the granite for the entire building of the Boston Post Office, although there was a statute which made it a high misdemeanor for any officer of the Government to make any contract beyond the appropriation already made. He was not to be told, under these circumstances, that the member from Massachusetts was not interested in that con-An item for contingent expenses of the House being under consideration, Mr. Dawes explained that the principal cause of the exhaustion of the contingent fund was the payment to contestants for seats in the House, who had received during the present Congress \$78,000, besides \$28,000 paid for expenses in connection with those cases.

well Address. The old soldiers then adjourned.

PATRIOTISM AND CHARITY. On this day, when the people are thought to be inspired with the deepest patriotism, and the profoundest regard for the "Father of His Country," Mayor Fox appeals to our charity for a nation that has been humbled by her foes and driven to the verge of starvation. He says :--

To France and Germany alike our country will forever stand indebted for their noble recognition of her needs in times of national peril. From the land of the generous Steuben, from the home of the chivalrous Lafayette, across the stormy waste of three thousand miles, there comes to sore distress. Suffering with hunger, dying of wounds, wretched in their misery, thousands are

wounds, wretched in their misery, thousands are looking hoperally to America for relief. From under the very shadow of the steeple whence, in joyful peals, was proclaimed that inde-pendence to which Lafayette and Steuben gave their fortunes and their swords, on this day of patriotic memories, we appeal to our fellow-citizens for contributions in aid of the countrymen of those with peace; His bonnteons hand has filled our granaries with golden grain, and "the pestilen to that walketh in darkness," that erewhile shadowed the fairest cities of the South, is known no more in the land. Shall we not then render a noble thanksgiving?

The generosity of her citizens has stamped the name of Philadelphia in characters of love wherever sufferings could be reached. We appeal to the ministers of every creed to present this cause from their pulpits to their congregations on the first day of worship in March, making special collection

therefor. Under a resolution of Congress, a national ship bill soon arrive at this port to convey our donations. Let us have them ready. Contributions of money or provisions for either or both nationalities will be thankfully received.

OTHER EVENTS OF THE DAY.

This morning the Polytechnic College of the State of Pennsylvania was the scene of an interesting ceremony. There was a large assem-blage of ladies and gentlemen. This was the This was the programme, and it was faithfully observed: -

Overture.-Grand selection, Stradella-Flo-tow; selections from Washington's Farewell Address, Cecil A. Preston, Pa., '72; music, Scene from the opera Maritana – Wallace: "Webster's Union of the States," Edward F. Noble, Alabama, '73; music, "Tellegramme," B. Strauss; Oration, Charles P. Matlack, Pa., 71; music, selection, Genevieve-Offenoach.

This afternoon the Washington Grave will make a street parade in full uniform, Captain W. C. Ward commanding. They will be accompanied by the Liberty Silver Cornet Band, and leaving their armory in Ladner street, below Green, to Broad, to Master, to Twelfth, to Chesnut, to Fifth, to Walnut, to Broad, to the armory

At 2 o'clock a meeting held under the auspices of the Cadets of Temperance will be opened in Concert Hall. Among the speakers we see the names of Rev. Dr. A. A. Willits, Rev. W. C. Best, William Nicholson, and General Joshua T.

Owen. At 136 P. M. Commercial Lodge, I. O. O. F., will celebrate the day by an entertainment at will celebrate the day by an entertainment at the hall Sixth and Cresson streets. There will be singing by the Apollo Glee and Plymouth Ouartette.

At the same hour Washington Camp, No. Pa. P. O. S. of A., will entertain their friends at Lyceum Hall, Roxborough. There will be a flag presentation, in which the emblem will be offered by George W. Blake, Esq., and received by Colonel William M. Runkel.

The banks during the day will remain closed; the public offices likewise. This is a day on which school does not keep.

CRAZED WITH RUM .- Last night, a man named John Denny, crazed with drink, made a violent assault upon Policeman McNulty, at the corner of Seventh and Bainbridge streets. The officer received pretty rough usage, but two brother policemen arriving. Denny was with much difficulty finally lodged in the station-He was arraigned before Alderman house. Bonsall, and was sent to prison to await trial for the offense.

MR. O'DONOVAN ROSSA will lecture at the Academy of Music this evening in aid of the Irish cause, and will describe his prison life in England. A full military band will be in attendance.

professors.

It is now proposed to ask the citizens of Phi ladelphia and vicinity to raise \$25,000 for the endowment of an additional professorship. The friends of this institution, and of the race else where throughout the country, it is believed, will raise at least \$100,000 additional for the endowment of scholarships, to aid those young men who have no means of their own, and who have no friends to whom they can look for assistance.

WHY AND WHEREFORE.

The Cause of the Breaking and Bursting of Water Pipes. Chief Engineer Graeff, in response to an in-quiry of Councils as to the cause of the breaking

of the water pipes in Roxborough and Mana

of the water pipes in Roxborough and Mana-yunk, says there are several causes, to wit:— First, owing to their weight and length, and the number of times that they had to be handled before they were laid in the ground, they were subjected to injury, after being proved, of a kind which does not develop itself until the pressure of the water is brought upon them. The twenty-inch mains, which weigh from 1815 to 3687 pounds each, were handled fifteen times in their passage from the foundry to the pipe-trench.

passage from the foundry to the pipe-trench, much of this by careless boatmen and teamsters

A second cause, in Manayunk, is the excessive head the pipes are subjected to, and the shock they have to withstand by reason of the sudden

shutting off of hydrants, producing what is tech-nically called the water hammer. The head in some parts of Manayunk is as much as 339 feet, equal to over 147 pounds to the square inch.

A third cause is inequality in the thickness of the pipes, which occurs from accidental shifting of the core during casting. This cannot always be prevented, and frequently escapes detection

by the most vigiant inspector. Another cause is defect in the proportion of the bells and the thickness of the pipe.

BROAD STREET.

The Question of Repaying It-The Area to be Covered.

It now looks as though Councils were about

taking active measures to repaye this our greatest thoroughfare. Chief Engineer and Surveyor Strickland Kneass sent this note to the

Finance Committee when it was considering the

rinance committee when it was considering the cost of a new pavement:— Dear Sir:—In reply to your question as to the area of the street pavement upon Broad street, between Park avenue (late Diamond street) and Diokerson street, I would say, that if the spaces left in the middle of the street below Federal street, and known as the "Boulevards," be paved over, the fol-lowing table is correct.—

lowing table is correct:-From the north side of Park avenue to the south

If the public buildings are placed at the intersec-tion of Broad and Market streets, this will be re-

duced 6785 square yards, as between Olive and Fil-bert streets; and if the "Boulevards" are left un-paved, there will be a still further reduction of 4808

square yards. I would also state that the Jenkins & Taylor con-

tract embraces the street between Coates and Wil-low, now paved with cobble-stones, amounting to 22,346 square yards.

THE LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, CHESTER COUNTY,

PA .- The institution known as the Lincoln University, situated in the town of Oxford, Chester

county, Pa., designed for the education of co-lored young men, is now in a flourishing condi-tion, and if its pecuaiary needs are continued to

be looked after by the public at large, a most prosperous future is in store for it.

It was chartered by the Legislature of Penn-sylvania in 1854, under the title of the Ashmun

Institute. On the 1st day of January, 1857, it

was opened as a school for the education of

colored young men as teachers for their face. In 1866 the name was changed to that of Lincoln

University. The Board of Trustees consists of

the institution. These buildings, with fifty acres

of ground, are worth at a low estimate \$100,000

and may be considered as free of debt. In addi-tion to the ground and buildings, there is an en-

dowment fund of \$80,000 for the support, in part,

tract, amounting to 29,840 54

Square yards to repave 130,902.00

bia avenue to north curb Coates is now paved, under the Jenkins and Taylor con-

employed in their delivery.

The claims of the African race are those of common humanity. The masses of the colored men are at present in the most ignorant condition, and the best way to enlighten them is through educated young men of their own race. It is this class that the institution is designed to supply.

The list of contributors to the institution so far embraces about one hundred names of our most solid business men. It is hoped that the number will be much increased.

THE "STAR" COURSE OF LECTURES .- The next "Star" lecturer will be Mr. James E Murdoch, who will to-morrow evening, at the Academy of Music, give "An Actor's View and Impressions of the Character of 'Hamlet,'" and will illustrate his subject by readings from the play. Mr. Murdoch's personation of "Hamis celebrated for its scholarly qualities, and let" his analysis of the character upon the lecture-platform from an actor's standpoint will undoubtely be exceedingly interesting. It is to be regretted that some of the great actors who have distinguished themselves in the role of "Hamlet" have not given us, outside of their performances, their impressions of the character; and it will be a great pleasure with many intelligent admirers of the drama to hear from Mr. Murdoch such an analysis of "Hamlet" as is certainly able to give. The season he of lent has now commenced when many persons object to indulging in the ordinary round of amusements, and a series of lectures like that now being conducted under the auspices of Mr. Pugh will afford much pleasure to those who are for the present de barred from patronizing theatrical and operation entertainments. There can be no objection whatever in any one attending a series of intellectual entertainments, such as the "Star" course certainly is, and on this account if on no other the second series of the "Star" course ought to be even more extensively patronized than was the first.

AN ACTOR IN TROUBLE .- Henry Meredith, an actor at Mrs. John Drew's Arch Street Theatre, was tried upon the charge of assault and bat-ttery with intent to kill John Lazarus. The latter, a tavern keeper on Sixth street, com-plained that last Saturday night seven weeks ago Meredith and several other actors met him at a tavern to get drinks, and provoked a quarrel with him. They were ordered out, and as he was going out the door he was knocked down by the defendant, who cut him with a knife, the wound reaching from the eye to the lower part of the ear. The defense alleged that Lazarus, who was a prize-fighter, attacked Meredith, who in his own defense, simply struck him with his gloved hand. He fell, and cut his head on the The judge explained the different decurb. grees of the crime of assault and battery, as nade by the laws of the State. The jury convicted the defendant of assault and battery only, and he was sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars and costs.

OBSEQUIES OF COMMODORE TURNER .- At 101 o'clock this morning the funeral ceremonies of the late Commodore Turner were solemnized at the Naval-Asylum. The remains lay in state in the Commander's room, encased in a walnut coffin. covered with black cloth. The attendcoffin, covered with black cloth. The attend-ance at the ceremonies was quite large. On the lid of the coffin appeared a sliver plate, bearing the name, time of birth and death, and rank of the deceased. The casket, draped with the American flag, was conveyed to the chapel con-nected with the asylum, and there the cere-monies peculiar to the Episcopal Church were celebrated. Naval Chaplain Lewis officiating. celebrated. Naval Chapiain Lewis officiating. The remains were then conveyed to the hearse, the pall-bearers being Commodores Emmons, Inman, and Etting, and Dr. Ruschenberger, U. S. N. Among the persons present were Ad-miral Ladner, Commodore Collins, Commodore Nicholson, and Surgeons Garritt and Malsbury. The remains were interred at Mount Moriah.

RECORDER'S CASE .- This morning before Recorder Givin a hearing was had in the case of James McCormick, charged by Joseph Hemple with fraudulently conveying away his real estate for the purpose of cheating his creditors.

The testimony offered alleged that the defendant owned a stable on Eleventh street, between Thompson street and Girard avenue, and that while a writ on the property was in process of execution for the liquidation of a debt a paper sale was made of it to a man formerly in the employ of McCormick. The man, however, has never entered into possession, but McCor-mick runs the business, and has since given several receipts in his own name. The buyer says that he paid for the property with three notes, for one, two, and three years, but also admits that he has received no benefit from the

The defense denies the allegation, and says that the defendant is the owner of considerable other property upon which judgment could be had, and that the present prosecution grows out of a personal spite.

After hearing both sides, the Recorder held the case under advisement until 314 to-morrow afternoon.

AID FOR THE FRENCH .- The following additional committees to aid in the collection of funds for the relief of the French people have been appointed by his Honor Mayor Fox:-

Woollen Manufacturers-James Long, chairman; Thomas Delan, John Dobson, Martin Lan-denberger, Dennis F. Kelly. Manufacturing Chemists-Harry B. Rosen-

garten, chairman; Edward H. Hance, Henry M. Rittenhouse.

Amusements-John Thornley, chairman; J. L. Hutchinson, Jean Louis, J. E. McDonough, E. L. Davenport.

The committee are actively engaged in mataring plans by which they hope to stock a ship with provisions in a short time. Communica-tions are to be addressed to the various pastors of our churches, urging them to solicit collections in their congregations. The committee will also communicate with the authorities of the principal towns and citles in the interior of the State in reference to the proposed collections.

THE MURDBROUS ATTACK ON JAMES A. WIL-LARD-ONE OF HIS ASSAILANTS IDENTIFIED AND COMMITTED .- The readers of THE EVE-NING TELEGRAPH are already familiar with the particulars of the murderous assault upon James A. Willard at Hancock street and Girard avenue, on the 13th of January last. Yesterday was the first time that Mr. Willard has been able to leave his home, so severe was the beating he received. William B. Buck, who has been incarcerated on the charge of having been concerned in the attack, was yesterday after-noon taken before Alderman Shoemsker for a inal hearing. Mr. Willard was present and identified Buck as one of the parties concerned. Thereupon the prisoner was committed to pri-son to await trial. The other men arrested for the same offense were discharged some time ago, the evidence being insufficient.

A TRIP TO TOWN AND THE CONSEQUENCES .-William Dickson and his wife, who live on a farm in Bucks county, yesterday came to Philadelphia in a huckster wagon. During the trip to this locality and also after they arrived here they indulged in considerable liquor, which after a time had its legitimate effect. Mr. Dickson became rather confused in his ideas, and on driving along Second street near Vine he ran the wagon into a lamp-post, smashing the latter and also reducing the wagon to a wreck. Mrs. Dickson was thrown out of the vehicle, and her head coming in contact with the curbstone, she received an ugly wound. She was conveyed to a neighboring tavers, where a surgeon dressed her wounds. Mr. Dickson was placed under arrest and taken before Alderman Toland, who imposed a fine and sent him about his business.

AN ENTERTAINMENT will be given to-morrow evening at Concordia Hall, under the auspices of the Irving Literary Association, when an interesting programme will be presented.

FROZEN TO DEATH .-- Charles Reilly was frozen to death at the Almshouse during last night. The Coroner has been notified to hold an inquest.

annexation was stirred up by Haytiens, which government is auxious to - to have the Dominican part of the island brought under its control, and, if possible, annexed. Cabral, Dr. Howe says, draws all his support, and has for some time past, from the Haytien Government. Since the question of annexing San Domingo to the United States was agitated Cabral has received aid in both money and men from Hayti, with the view of making it appear that a large portion of the Dominicans were against both Baez and annexation. The commissioners all agree that the only strength the opposition to annexation ever had was in Hayti. and not in Dominica.

During the consideration of the Deficiency Appropriation bill in the House to-day there

Lively Debate Between Batler and Farns-worth. The latter reiterated the charge that Butler had

used mirrors and other furniture of the Treasury Department to furnish his house. Butler replied with much personal bitterness, and for some time there was an exciting scene which was much enjoyed by members. It is stated that Farnsworth has some other charges which he intends to bring out against Butler as the debate on the bill progresses.

The Fenlan Exiles at the White House Despatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-The Fenlan exiles, thirteen in number, called at the Executive Mansion to-day, in accordance with a previous arrangement, and were introduced to the President by a member of the City Councils of Washington. After paying their respect, a short conversation ensued, the Fenlans assuring the President that their treatment in English prisons had told severaly upon the health of some of them, and expressing their anxiety to present a written statement of their case to this Government. To this the President-responded that they could do so, and whatever was proper to be done by the Government would be performed.

The March Interest. Secretary Boutwell has ordered the payment

of the March interest on Friday, the 24th instant, without rebate.

FROM THE SOUTH.

Destructive Fire in Petersburg, Va.

Special Despatch to the Evening Telegraph. RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 23.-A disastrous fire occurred in Petersburg last night, destroying Morris' furniture warehouse; loss, \$25,000-in-sured for \$20,000; R. A. Martin & Co.'s cotton warehouse, with 500 bales of cotton; loss, \$65,000-fully insured. Branch & Herbert, com-\$65,000-fally insured. Branch & Herbert, com-mission merchants, H. T. Alley, confectioner, and T. H. Bond, grocer, suffer heavily by damage to stock. The total loss is estimated at \$95,000, insurance principally divided between the Home Company of Georgia, Manhattan of New York, and Virginia companies.

FROM NEW ENGLAND.

Movements of Colonel Halpin. Boston, Feb. 22 .-- Colonel Halpin was the guest of a few of his friends at a dinner at the

Parker House last evening, and left at 11 o'clock to-day for New York. Fire in Cambridge. Three dwellings, known as Rourke's block, and occupied by a dozen families, in Cambridge, were burned last night, together with a stable. Loss, \$7000.

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FROM THE SOUTH.

by fire this morning. Insured.

The Washington and Richmond Railway, RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 22 .- The Senate to-day by: vote of 21 to 14 reconsidered the vote by which the Washington and Richmond Railway bill was defeated yesterday.

Obitaary. Isaiah L. Lyon, colored member of the Virginia Senate, died this morning in New York cicy,

FROM NEW ENGLAND.

The Price of Conlin Boston. BOSTON, Feb. 22.—At a meeting of coal dealers to-day, it was decided to raise the price of coal to \$12.

CONGRESS.

FORTY-FIRST TERM - THIRD SESSION.

Senute. WASHINGTON, Feb. 92.—The credentials of Lot M. Morrill as a Senator from the State of Maine for six years, from the 4th of March next, were presented by his colleague (Mr. Hamiin). Read and tabled. On motion of Mr. Pomeroy, the 30th rule of the Senate was amended so that any amendments to an appropriation bill may be laid on the table with-out of the bill. The synchronized function is a senout affecting the bill, the effect of which is to cut off debate.

off debate. Mr. Cole moved to limit debate on Postal and In-dian Appropriation bills to five minutes for each Senator on any one item. Mr. Casterly regarded the proposition as an inva-sion of privileges of the minority, and demanded the

yeas and nays upon it.

After a controversy the whole subject was laid aside, and the Senate, on motion of Mr. Cameron, took, up the Philadelphia Centennial Celebration Mr. Conkling opposed the bill, intimating that the

redit of originating the idea belonged axclusively to New York. He maintained that a proposition to give the sanction of the Government to such a cele-bration should be matured with great deliberation,

bration should be matured with great deliberation, and not in the integest of any particular locality. He then forwarded to have read a lengthy letter on the subject lately published from the Hon. John Bigelow, containing, among other suggestions, that a number of places should be selected, with a view to a general exposition of manufactures, science, and art. Before the reading of the letter was con-cluded the morning hour expired, when Mr. Came-represendent fulled to obtain leave to have the built ron asked but failed to obtain leave to have the bil further considered. He then asked that it be made the order of business for the morning hour of to-morrow, and hoped that his friend Mr. Conkling

would not further delay its pussage. Mr. Conkling replied that he did not wish to oc-cupy time unnecessarily, but would say frankly he was not disposed to see such a scheme go through hastly without his determined opposition. Mr. Cameron defended the bill, and asserted his

Mr. Cameron derended the onl, and asserted his intention to stand by it and carry it through. Mr. Harian and others protested against the taking up of the morning hour by a comparatively unim-portant measure to the exclusion of appropriation

The subject then went over, and the Senate took up the Indian Appropriation bill in Committee of the Whole, and disposed of a number of amend-ments reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

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ANCIENT AMERICAN GIANTS.

Singular Discoveries in a Cave in Iowa-Mam-moth Skeletons and Rude Sculptures.

Since the result of Governor Arny's explora-tions in New Mexico was made public, there has been no discovery of more interest to the Ame-rican archaeologist than the one alleged to have been made recently in Iowa, on the line of the projected Dubnque and Minnesota Railroad. The workmen, while engaged in exca-vating for the road, in the limestone, at the foot of a bluff, are said to have come upon a flat stone covered with strange characters. This being removed, opened the way into a passage about four feet wide and six feet high, leading leading directly into the heart of the bluff. At the distance of about fifty feet from the entrance another stone, similar to the first, had to be re-moved, when a large chamber revealed itself, cut out of the solid rock, about twenty-five feet square and twenty feet high. The floor was hard and smooth, while the walls and roof were earved, in a sort of rade basso-relievo, with figures of birds, trees, stars, serpents, and charlots. The south wall was adorned "with a representation of the sun, and immediately below this the figure of a man in the act of stepping out of a boat, and holding in his hand a dove." So far the revelations were not very different from many previous ones in similar caves and rock chambers throughout our Western country. But the most curious part of the discovery was yet to come. A flat slab in the floor of the cavern being raised, revealed below a vault filled with ske-letons of unusual size, the largest being seven feet eight inches high by actual measurement. By the side of each skeleton was set a small case filled with yellow earth, beneath which were found animal bones and particles of animal matter. The skeletons were placed in a semicircle toward the southwest.

-The Chinese at North Adams celebrated the beginning of the new year according to their calendar last week, by amusical and dramaticentertainment, and with a supper which was largely attended by the most respectable people of the town.

-The Salem woman who ate liver because she was afraid of the cattle disease, has a parallel in Lowell in the person of an old lady who went into the market and ordered an ox tail for soup, because she had heard the disease did not affect the tails of the cattle.

-On the coldest day of the present winter two women at North Anson, Me., went a mile into the woods, got a load of wood, hauled it to a school house, unloaded it, and got some boys to cut enough to keep a fire so that they

could have a prayer maeting. —Some of the papers will insist in using the term "stopping" instead of "staying" at a certain hotel or place. Thus: —"Rev. Mr. Smith is stop-ping at the Continental." On reading this an-nouncement it will naturally be asked: —"When will Mr. Smith stop. Stopping 2:" will Mr. Smith stop 'stopping?"

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