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THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH -- PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1871.

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THE LAST ACT.

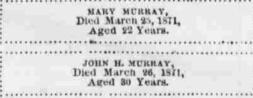
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The Fifth Street Tragedy-The Burinl of the Victims This Afternoon-Scence at the Under-Inker's.

This afternoon the burial of the remains of John H. Murray and his wife, whose lives were to tragleally ended on Saturday afternoon last, will take place in Hanover Street Cemetery, the funeral to proceed thither from the undertaking establishment of Joseph Hookey, No. 1245 North Second street. To this place the bodies of the murdered wife and the suicide were removed on Monday last, and from the moment of their arrival to the time we go to press to-day the establishment has been fairly besieged with people who had a craving curiosity to gratify.

The gentlemen to whom Murray, before he had carried out his terrible design, committed his body, and that of his wife when they were dead, generously fulfilled the solemn duties that had been imposed on them thus suddenly. That portion of the note relating to them was as follows: -"I have nothing more to ask, only that my wife and myself be buried in the same grave. Now, my dear friends, you were good to me in my living days, and do not forget me in my death. I will name the following gentlemen to take charge of the bodies, and I hope they will act in this case as I would have acted in my life to all, with a good will to pray to God to have mercy on our souls:-John H. Collins, John C. Noonan, James Rowe, John Canning, James Glark, Thomas Walls, James McDonough, William Miller, Richard Lloyd, James A. Tombleson, Samuel Nichols, and all my other friends who will help the abovenamed gentlemen to put me under the cold clay.

These citizens at once took steps to comply with the last request of their old friend, and succeeded beyond their expectations. This morning they gave notice that "they have sufficient funds on hand to defray all expenses, and no further contributions will be necessary. The trappings of the burial are far better than, perhaps, the unfortunate Murray ever thought of This morning the crowd of people before Mr. Hookey's establishment was so dense that Lieutenant Clark, with a posse of officers, was sent for to keep the pavements clear. The bodies were lying in the parlor, each encased in a casket draped in black, and ornamented with heavy silver mountings. These were the simple inscriptions on the plates; -



Up to the time of writing there was an unbroken line of people marching around them, and then out into the street.

There will be no religious services, but the remains will be taken direct to the burial ground and interred. The mother and sister of Murray are here, but none of the deceased wife's relatives. Her father is a minister, now officia-ting at Marietta, Ohio. As their remains go under the sod, let the veil of charity be drawn over their short and sad career.

BUILDINGS.

The Official Enumeration by the City Asses-

From the returns made by the assessors of the different wards, the number of houses in the

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CARED FOR.

The Will of the Late Charles Gerong. Yesterday afternoon the will of the late Charles Gerong was admitted to probate. He commands that his widow, who is demented, be thus provided for :---

I direct that after my just debts and funeral expenses have been paid, my hercinafter-men-tioned executor shall invest all my estate in approved securities, and shall pay over to my beloved wife, Augusta Gerong, during her natural life, the income arising and accruing from my said estate, in such sums as her comfort and necessities may require: that a suitable board-ing-place be provided for her where she can have such attentions as her situation and condi-tion may require. * * * I direct that upon the death of my beloved wife, after providing for her suitable burial, my said executor shall divide the residue of my estate into two equal moleties—the one-half molety I direct them to pay over to the German Reformed Salem Comgregation and their suc-cersors, * * * the other full one half molety direct my said executors to pay over to the Rev. John G. Wiehle, now pastor of the German Reformed Salem Congregation, to be his and his heirs' forever. * * * I appoint as my execu-I appoint as my execu tors Jacob Rech and Conrad Bruder, both elders of the said Reformed Salem Congregation. The value of the estate is about \$5000.

THE NEW HALL OF THE Y. M. C. A. OF GER-MANTOWN .- Last evening the new rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association of Germantown were opened to the public for the first time. This association has hitherto met in the various churches of Germantown, but they have now leased the whole of the upper portion of the building No. 4765 Main street. The meeting room of the association is a large room on the second floor. On the third floor is situated the reading-room, which will be comfortably nished and supplied with books and periodicals intended to attract young men into the association. The association hitherto numbered about 56 members, but last evening 52 new members were proposed and elected, making a member-ship now of 108. The treasurer last evening received \$61 from the members present. The members are divided into several classes paying different sums into the treasury. Active members are required to be members of some evangelical church and pay \$2 per annum. An associate member pays \$2, a sustaining member \$5, a life member \$20 without further payment, and an honorary member \$50 without further payment.

After the transaction of some routine business, Mr. John A. Wagenseller addressed the meeting, saying that the efforts of the members should be turned to bring under religious and moral influences young men who are not as yet members of any Church. He spoke of the closing of the fire companies' houses, and hoped that the young men who formerly congregated there would be brought into the reading-room of the association.

AN ALLEGED FRAUDULENT CLAIM .- The case of Captain Thomas Conner, charged with pre--enting a claim to the Government for subsiste. ce of troops prior to their being mustered into the service of the United States, was resumed this morning before United States Commissioner Hibler.

One of the receipts which, it is alleged, the defendant forwarded to Washington, was for the payment by Conner of the rent of barracks. The precise locality was not stated. The testin ony of the following witness was produced to show that the barracks were not at Barnwell and South streets:-

Bernard Magnire sworn-I reside at Barnwell and South streets; Barnwell used to be called Baak street; Captain Conner never used my premises for r cruiting purposes; he used the property opposite; there are two corners there; there is only one d welling at the corners; I live in it; Captain Conner re-cruited a company in 1861, at Chippewa and South streets, I think; there are three houses between

Later from Europe. Manifesto from Versailles. Ric., Rtc., Etc., Stc., Stc. FROM EUROPE.

Circular from the Versailles Government. VERSAILLES, March 29 .- The Government has

issue da circular to the prefects, announcing that "order has been established in Lyons and Toulouse, and that the attempt at insurrection in the large towns has failed, save in Marscilles, Narbonne, and Saint Etienne."

La France says the regulars are

Rallying to the Support of the Govern-

The continued occupation of French territory by the Prussians is due to the insurgents. The Government has

Temporized with the Insurrection to avoid the shedding of blood, but is ready today to meet and crush it. Menotti and Ricciotti Garibaldi have declined to fight except against a foreign enemy.

> LONDON, March 29. General Cluseret

is said to have been appointed general administrator of the insurgent military affairs, vice Du Besson, suspended, but the report is considered doubtful.

Flourens' Resignation of his military functions has been accepted.

PARIS, March 29. The Committee of the Republic

resigned their powers, and were newly elected. At the Assembly,

at Versailles to-day, there was a turbulent meeting of Deputies.

Large Bodies of Cavalry and Infantry have arrived from the West, and a large military camp has been formed at St. Germain for the protection of the Government.

There were religious ceremonies in the cathedral yesterday for the rest of the souls of the departed.

<text> FOURTH EDITION **Proceedings of Congress.** Debate in the House. CONDITION OF THE SOUTH. Mr. Shellabarger's Ku-Klux Bill. Addition to the Conscience Fund Heavy Frost in Virginia. House. The morning session opened by a motion to reconsider a vote by which the House had defeated a bill authorizing railroad and mining companies with railroad privileges in the Luzerne anthracits coal field to merce and consoli-tate. The vore was reconsidered, and the bill actio came before the House. In the discussion which ensued, the rights of capital and labor were debated at length. On the one hand the milroad corporations were denounced as establishing dangerous monopolies, and on the other they were sustained as de-veloping the country. Mite., Mite.s S\$C ... ES&C... FROM WASHINGTON. Conscience Money. monopolies, and on the other they were subsamed as the veloping the country. The debate assumed the widest range, and the argu-ments, pro and cost, would fill volumes The supertionment of Sonatorial districts for Philadel-phin is objected to by Senator Henzer, who is coposed to the Twenty-ninth ward, but in favor of the Twentieth ward, being in the Second district. Despatch to the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 29 .- A letter was received at the Treasury Department to-day from a banker at Baden-Baden enclosing a bill of ex-VANDERBILT VICTORIOUS. Decision in the Erie-Vanderbilt Litigation-Pe feat of Brie-Jadge Barnard Dismisses the Complaint # In the action in which the Erie Railway Compauy are plaintiffs and Cornelius Vanderbilt de-iendant, to recover about \$4,000,000, which has teen pending in the courts for about two years. Judge Barnard yesterday rendered judgment for the defendant. The amount in litigation was alleged to have been paid to Commodore Vander-bilt in July, 1868, upon the settlement of the Erie litigations then pending. One million dollars was paid to the Commodore as a bonus for getting the suits against the Erie Company discontinued, and for the rescinding of the connot the victim of foul play. tract, by which Commodore Vanderbilt compelled the company to purchase fifty thousand shares of Erie stock at \$70 a share, receiving for it \$2,500,000 in cash and \$1,125,000 worth of bonds of the Boston, Hartford, and Erie Railway Company. After the trial of the suit was about half finished before Judge Barnard in 1869, it was postponed on account of Mr. Field being obliged to attend to another cause in Rochester. Several arguments have been had in the case, and several months ago it was adjourned, at the request of the defendant's counsel, to make their proofs. Judge Barnard had previously denied a motion for non-suit, holding that the evidence of the plaintiffs constituted a cause of action. The argument yesterday was heard in the room of the Supervisors. At its conclusion Judge Barnard announced his decision, as follows: After having examined very carefully the com-plaint, and the answer and the testimony, I have come to the conclusion, looking at the allegations that are in the complaint on which the right of the plaintin to recover against the defendant is claimed — I find that it is charged that the defendant obtained stock bonds and money amounting to some mu-

change on New York for \$5000 gold, with a statement that it is from a former citizen of the United States who desires to make anonymous restitution to the United States Treasury, FROM NEW YORK. A Mystery Solved. NEW YORK, March 29 .- The body found yesterday in the East river has been identified as that of Edward Fitzpatrick, cashier of Eugene Kelly & Co., bankers, who disappeared about six weeks ago, and no trace of whom had since been found. The books are correct, and the finding of property upon the body shows he was FROM THE SOUTH. Heavy Frost in Virginia. RICHMOND, Va., March 29 .- There was heavy frost with ice, here this morning, extending up to the Potomac. It is feared that the fruit crop has been destroyed. CONGRESS. FORTY-SECOND TERM-FIRST SESSION. Senate. WASHINGTON, March 29.-The Senate took up in the morning bour Mr. Anthony's resolution to amond the order of business, so that any bill on the South passed by the House of Representatives may be considered at the

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the House of Representatives may be considered at the present session. Mr. Gasnerly, in denial of Mr. Anthony's assertion of pesterday, quoted from various Senate debates to show that certain legi lation of the Senate, particularly the reconstruction measures, had been dictated and prepared by Republican caucuses. He read from speeches by Messrs. Summer, Sherman, and Stewart in confirmation of this. He would ask, what were these caucuses held for if not to whip in the more independent and conscionations members of the majority, and went on to enumerate some of the evils and dangers to the country from a blind obedience to party tyranoy. The Enforcement bill and similar measures had been pushed through by the majority by all night sessions and the physical extansion of their opponents. Mr. Anthony reiterated his assertion that no Republi can caucus ha lever sought to bind the conscience or judgment of a member, and defended the caucus system Mr. Anthony reiterated his assertion that no Republic can occurs bait ever sought to bind the considence or judgment of a member, and defended the cancus system as an indispensable and time honored expedient for accer-tining, the sontiment of members of the same party upon a given subject. Sr. Wilsin corroborated Mr. Authony's assertion. Ho was here for six years, when there was an over-whe ming I emocratic mejority, and that majority repeat-edly conversed the Sonate upon poming to station. Something had been said by the Sonator from California (Mr. Casserly), complaining that the minority had been compelled to stay up all night; but there were not now near so many night sessions as in the great straggles of 1857 and 1858, when the Kepublican minority had hittle success, became they were sober men. The majority towards morning were generally found stretched on the solar. Success, because filey were sober men. The majority towards morning were generally found stretched on the solars.
After further discussion the subject went over without action by the expiration of the morning hour, and the san Doming discussion of Texas furnished no precedent or justification for the beligerent interferance of the President to protect Back from his own subjects. In this convertes the same of the statement made yesterday, by the Senator Irom Misconsin (Mr. Howe), that Base, in the matter of the sublimewant of solar particulation of the sublimewant of solar particulation of the subject of the four field of the statement made yesterday, by the Senator Irom Misconsin (Mr. Howe), that Base, in the matter of annexation, was influenced by parely pair othe and unselfish motives, belaving such a step wild bring peace to his countryme.
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New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Cotton stendy; sales 4000 bales, including 35:0 bales yesterday; uplands at 15%c; Orleans at 15%c. Flour dull and market slightly favors buyers; sales 7590 barrels State at \$667.5; Ohio at \$670.6740; Western at \$3.6725; Southern at \$6 90689. Wheat quiet and nuchanged. Corn a shade firmer: Western, \$3684120.; sales 28,000 bushels. Oats firm; sales 21,000 bushels Ohio at 6766950. Beef quiet. Pork dull. Lard un-changed. Whisky quiet at 91550.

GERMANY.

Killed and Wounded of the War.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: - The official lists of the killed and wounded on the German side during the war have now been made up at Berlin, as far as relates to the army of the late North German Bund and the Baden division. The number given of killed in action is 13,960, of wounded 88,924, or, total casualties, without the missing, 102,884. But to these will have to be added at least 20,000 more of Bavarians and Wurtembergers, so that the Germans altogether may be considered to have lost 120,000, that is, more than six times as many as Prussia lost in 1866, when the casualties did not quite reach 20,000. The expenditure of the war is in still greater proportion to that of 1866, owing to the longer duration. The latter was returned at 124,000,000 thalers. The present war has been rudely estimated at Berlin at amounts varying from £120,000,000 to £150,000,000 sterling. these estimates are for money laid out, and do not include stores expended. These it took £4,000,000 to replace in 1866. Lastly there are the liabilities for pensions, and for compensation to the Germans driven out of France. The latter claim, having been excluded from the treaty, is understood to have been handed over to the German Government to be met out of the general pecuniary penalty imposed on France.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES. Reported by De Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third street. SECOND BOARD.

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According to the census returns, the number of dwellings in the city in June of last year was 112,457, the census returns of 1860 showing a total of 89,632. in the following statement is shown the num-

ber of buildings of other characters in the city: 451 School buildings, public, 134 " religious societies, 80

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Foundry and factory buildings,	*****		56
Mills	*****		7
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Tanneries			
Rope-walks			2.5
Stables			3 18
Barns			1,24
Blacksmith shops			- 39
Other shops	*****		1,03
Fire company house			- 8
Slaughter-houses			28
Offices		*****	24
Breweries and vaults		*****	11
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Total, buildings of ell kinds......121,751

A CARD FROM THE REV JOHN CHAMBERS. For many days my mind has been exercised how I could in the most Christian and modest way reach the eye and ear of a very large number of friends, whose solicitude for my restoration to health and continued life has been so marked. I have concluded that a simple card sent out through the press, from au houe-t heart, would be acceptable to all. First, then, I owe a debt of undying gratitude to the ministers of the Prince of Peace who came like doves to the windows of my tabernacle, with the in-guiry late and early, "How is he; any change for the better ?"

Again, my gratitude is due to a large number of God's Israel, who called again and again without any other object than to know whether the light was beginning to burn brighter in the house of sorrow. How Christian-like was this! Then, again, I wish to acknowledge as best I

can, my debt of gratitude to that large class of my fellow-citizens beginning with the learned jurist and reaching down to the humblest man of toil. In this coumeration, I take more than ordinary pleasure in including a large number of the Society of Friends, especially the mem-bers of the Twelfth Street Meeting. While memory lasts, those fond inquiries of old and young will not be forgotten. Kind words never "As to my own beloved people, I may set of them, as Jesus said of the faithful woman, "They have done what they could." There has been nothing left undone to relieve the anxiety

of a pastor's hear. The press, too, has been most kind and gene-rous, for which I thank them. Nor can I pass unnoticed the eminent services of my physician, S. Weir Mitchell, M. D., whose skill and devotion, under God, have brought me into a state of

convalescence. Glorious Christianity! How unlike all other JOHN CHAMBERS. systems of religion! Philadelphia, March 28, 1871.

FIRE IN A BUMMERS' RETREAT. -- On Front FIRE IN A BOMMERS' RETREAT. —On Front street, below Green, is a boarding-hoase, the terms for lodging belog about fifteen cents per night. In view of this fact, it may well be ima-gined that the inmates of the dwelling do not include the most wealthy and aristocratic por-tion of our citizens, and it may be also inferred that at this rate of board the proprietor will never be at a loss for lodgers. The house was packed as usual last night, and nothing occurred packed, as usual, last night, and nothing occurred to mar the screnity of the sleepers until 3 o'clock this morning, when a fire broke out in one of the rooms on the first floor. A police-man luckily was near at hand and discovered the fire. He notified Fire Company No. 21, and they arrived in time to extinguish the liames before much damage was done. The house was filled with smoke, however, and the way in which the inmates (people call them bummers) swarmed out of that dilapidated dwelling was a sight to see. In the establishment is employed a person named Joseph Long, whose duty heretofore has been to serve up the eatables to the lords and ladies in the dining-rooms. A combi-nation of circumstances induced the proprietor to helieve that Long ought to be suspected for having set fire to the place. It was not long before he was arrested, and he will have a hear-ing before Alderman Toland this afternoon.

5,60 Bank and Chippewa streets. (The defendant asserts that the barracks were at Chippewa and South streets)

The defendant was held in \$15,000 bail to answer at court He was arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Beals. It is proper in this connection to state that

Captain Conner protests his entire innocence of any fraud; he says the claim is a just one, and that confusion has arisen by reason of the alteration of the names of the streets. He promises to make a satisfactory explanation.

PEDDLER IN TROUBLE .- E. R. Knight, a basket merchant, vulgarly known as peddler, was vesterday in a house at Broad and Vine streets, endeavoring to dispose of half-class soap, spliced shoe-strings, tin razors, etc. It was observed that Mr. Knight had not in his posses sion a license, and the matter being inquired into a little further, the fact was demonstrated without the possibility of a doubt that the thought of taking out a license had never en-tered the Bootian mind of the soap and razor man. This important discovery having been made, it was thought that the attention of Alderman Jones should be called to the matter. Accordingly, Knight was taken before that magistrate, and held in \$600 ball to answer at court.

BEAT HIS MOTHER. — A bad boy, so it is said, is Francis McElroy. He lives at No. 508 North Twelfth street. What did the precious youth do yesterday but go home in a beastly state of intoxication, and beat his mother; and then, to add to his bad conduct, he stuffed a number of articles in his pockets, and went out an sold them. Francis was arrested afterwards, and Alderman Massey has had the duty and the pleasure of placing the young man under suffi-cient ball to answer.

THE SOUTH STREET BRIDGE .- Yesterday Contractor John W. Murphy resumed operations on the South Street Bridge. The work at present 1a hand is the building of the western approach. Yesterday, also, the jury viewed the land on the eastern bank, belonging to private parties, preparatory to taking it for the use of the eastern approach and assessing damages.

BUMMERS CAPTURED .- Lieutenant Flaherty, accompanied by a number of officers, made raid last night on a gang of corner bummers who have been wont to infest the corner of Twenty-third and South streets. Five of the rowdles were put under arrest, and Alderman Morrow has held them in ball to keep the peace.

STREET LITERATURE. - Louis Barber, for tearing do a n a number of handbills which had been posted on the fence surrounding the Key-Skating Park, at Moyamensing avenue stone and Morris street, was yesterday arrested, and has been held in ball by Alderman Lutz to anawer for the offense.

NAVIGATION OPENED. - The water was let into the Susquenanna and Tide Water Canal yester-day, and boats are now passing at all points.

MOURNING NOTE PAPERS.

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FROM WASHINGTON. Bpecial Despatch to The Scienting Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, March 29. San Domingo C

submitted their report to the President to-day. It is expected that the President will send it to Congress either to-day or to-morrow, with the view of having it read while the San Domingo debate is in progress. General Grant has the idea that this report will

Answer all the Allegations

of Summer and Schurz. It has been suggested to the President that inasmuch as the report of the commissioners does not recommend annexation, he should send in a message with the report, giving the personal views of the commissioners.

Douglass and Sumner.

The President's organ here quotes Frederick Douglass as being opposed to the course Sumner has taken on the matter of annexation.

When the commissioners heard of the deposition of Sumner they all expressed their regrets at it, and Douglass among the rest. If he has changed his views on the subject, it must be since his return to the United States. The debate in the House on

The Ku-klux Bill

was opened to-day by Mr. Morgan, Ohio, immediately after reading the journal, and will be continued through the day. Democrats and Republicans are speaking alternately.

The New Loan.

Secretary Boutwell, notwithstanding the expiration of the 30 days yesterday, will allow subscriptions to the five per cent. Ioan to con-tinue for the present. Negotiations are pending with foreign bankers to allow them to take the remainder of the hundred millions. As soon as this is consummated the loan will be withdrawn. It is the purpose of the Secretary in putting the next loan on the market to allow a lower rate of interest on bonds to be subscribed for. He may limit it to 434 and 5 per cent., allowing them to be taken together.

FROM NEW JERSEY.

Proceedings of the Legislature.

TRENTON, N. J., March 29.-A Republican cancus was held this morning relative to passing the Jersey City charter over the Governor's veto, and an attempt was made to make it a strict party measure. Mr. Ripley (Rep.), of Essex county, refused to vote for it in any case. The caucus adjourned till half-past 12 o'clock

without any decided action. The Senate has killed the bill repealing the Driggs Drainage Commission, and passed the Erie Freight Equalizing bill.

The bills providing for an additional lunatic asylum and for the appointment of a Vice-Chan-cellor have passed both houses.

FROM THE STATE.

Lafayette College Commencement.

Despatch to the Associated Press. EASTON, Pa., March 29 .- The literary societies

of Lafayette College have selected Hon. Alexander K. McClure, of Philadelphia, to deliver the usual annual address before them at the approaching commencement in June next.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Senate.

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I and that it is charged that the detendant obtained stock, bonds, and money, amounting to some mil-hons of dollars, belonging to the plaintiffs, as charged therein. Another allegation that ne ob-tained possession of the b.nds, stock, and money by artifice, tr.ck, of fraud, or by the influence with or control over the board of directors or some of the officers of the Eric Ratiway Com-pany; also, the fear created in the minds of some of the then officers of the company to effect this settlement. It is alleged, further, in the

cifect this settlement. It is alleged, further, in the cimpulation that the company had no power to make the agreement as therein set forth, and no power to enter into this compromise at all with Work, Schell, and with the defendant; that it was in fraud of the stockholders of the company-the making of such a settlement- and that two of the directors, Gould settlement—and that two of the directors, Gould and Fisk, opposed it. Now, with regard to the alie-gation of fraud, I am entirely unable to find any, not even the slightest evidence, because it appears from the testimony that at that time the present plaintiffs were engaged in a series of expensive, long, and protracted litigations. There can be no question in regard to the Erie Rails ay Company having the power to retire their own stock, and to buy their own bonds or their own property whenever they have the money to do so.

own stock, and to buy their own bonds or their own property whenever they have the money to do so. They are specially excepted by the third section of the General Railroad act from that provision that prevents railroad companies from buying or retiring their own stock. The very fact that two of the directors—Fisk and Gould—voted in the negative against the settlement would have no material weight that I know of-no more weight than if eight weight that I know of -- no more weight than if eight out of seventeen voted the same as those two men. There was no law to prevent the action of the majority being good. On looking at it in that light I have come to the conclu-sion that this action cannob be maintained. There is no fraud proved on the part of the defendant or of any of his officers-mothing but what he had a legitimate and proper tight to do, as far as the set-tlement was concerned. The officers of the com-pany had a right to settle these litigations. It was their duty to do so. It was a good settlement, and it was one that would benedit and has beac-fited, and I presume will benedit, the stock-holders. The plaintiffs at the time this writ was brought were governed and con-trolled by a new set of officers, who thought that in the performance of their duty they should make an enort to recover, for the benedit of the stockholders, this large sum of money they deemed improperiv enort to recover, for the benefit of the stockholders, this large sum of money they deemed improperly extracted from their hands. They commenced this suit in good faith, and I don't think it would be proper to punish them any more by fining them with costs, because it seems to have been a mistake -an honest mistake-on the part of the plaintiffs when they commenced it. The complaint is therefore dismissed without costs.—N. Y. World,

Another Heavy Judgment Against Erie.

It is not generally known that the Bergen Tunnel, so important to the Eric Road, has never been fully paid for. It was finished by the contractor, Mr. A. B. Seymour, in Decem-ber, 1860. Immediately thereupon a controversy arose between him and the Long Dock Company, otherwise Erie, about his pay. The contractor claimed that there was a large

balance due him, while the company insisted that they had overpaid him about \$34,500. The contractor, in 1861, filed his bill for relief in the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, and the suit has been "dragging its slow length along" until the 17th inst., when the master, Jonathan Dixon, Jr., to whom it had been referred, to state an account between the parties, reported a balance due from the Erie Railway Company to the contractor of \$32,616:53.-N. Y. Times.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Martinsville Case.

Court of Quarter Sessions-Judge Peirce. The case of Thorn, Trimber, and Webb still engages the Court, and other business has been post-poned until Friday.

The Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury. When the Grand Jury came into Court this morn-ing Mr. Sheppard stated that he had yesterday re-ceived from the foreman of the Grand Jury several questions in writing relating to the mode of proceed-ing with a'bill which the Grand Jury had a few days previously requested might be returned to them for reconsideration. Mr. > heppard stated that these questions involved matters of practice and law in)be Grand Jury room, and he therefore preferred that the questions should be answered by the Court. He accordingly submitted the interroga-tories to the Court, and requested that the Judge would instruct the jury as to the law applicable to

would instruct the jury as to the law applicable to to the subject inquired of. Judge Pefree then took the papers and replied to each of the questions, fully instructing the Grand Jury as to the proper mode of procedure upon the

Dull.

Court of Quarter Sessions—Judge Allison. In the case of Charles Oole, tried upon a charge of indecest assault and battery upon a little girl, the jury failing to agree were discharged. Samuel Wilson, alias "Monidy Pat," pleaded guilty on the charge of high way robbery, in knock-ing Lytticton Williams down and stealing his purse and watch. The judge sent him to the Penisentiary for five years.

for five years. There being no other business ready the Court ad-journed until to-morrow.

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