New Items.

Mahogany furniture is said to be coming in fashion again.

The lumber mills of Maine are working to their fullest capacity.

Many of the Ste xandoah Valley farmers are planting large quantities of sugar cane.

Within less than six years 25,000,000 forest trees have been planted in Iowa.

The losses by fire in New York city during the last month amounted to $461,000.

The canal to connect the Mediterranean with the Bay of Biscay will cost $88,400,000.

Land that sold in Virginia four years ago for $6 an acre will now bring $80.

The Canton crape shawls of our grandmothers are coming into fashion.

Cincinnati brewed 42,944 barrels of beer in March.

Sixty immigrants from Holland arrived in Richmond on Wednesday night.

In one county of Kentucky are 6,000 hogsheads of tobacco not yet offered for sale.

Mississippi expects to realize forty millions of dollars from her cotton crop of this year.

William E. Dodge has been reelected President of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

The American Medical Association, which has been in session at New Orleans, will meet in Washington next year.

Some of the New York editors have their residences and offices connected by telegraph lines.

The war in South America has helped Texas handsomely, by creating a new demand for hides.

The noted racer "Muggins" was sold publicly at the race course near Nashville last Thursday for $2,800.

The Montgomery *Advertiser* says the recent overflow of the Alabama river destroyed thousands of acres of corn and cotton.

A beaver weighing thirty-eight pounds was recently caught within the city limits of Lawrence, Kansas.

Judge Conover, of Delphi, Ind., is four feet two inches high, five feet one inch around, and four hundred pounds in weight.

It is stated that the number of German newspapers published in the United States is over 250, about 10 of them being dailies.

The Mount Vernon estate, consecrated by the memory of George Washington, is advertised to be sold at auction on June 10th.

Chicago rejoices in having produced the largest American failure for the present time.

The wedding present of the artists of Munich to King Louis of Bavaria is a silver shield, like Homer's shield of Achilles.

Definition of an elephant by a Frenchman, a animal to whom nature has given the privilege of being unable to see himself.

The Hon. Ignatus Donnelly will be an independent candidate for Governor of Minnesota at the next election.

Thurlow Weed recently presented the Baptist Church at Aiken, S. C., with a handsome communion service.

The Emperor Napoleon celebrated his sixty-second birthday by a grand dinner at the Tuileries on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult.

The Hoosac Tunnel, it is asserted, will, when completed, cost the State of Massachusetts the large amount of sixteen millions of dollars.

A New Hampshire magistrate has decided that language which does not embrace the name of God is not profane swearing punishable by law.

The Ladies' Memorial celebration at Richmond and other Virginia cities occurs to-day.—Business generally will be suspended.

The apples, peaches and cherries in the vicinity of Suffolk, Va., have not been killed, and it is expected that the crop of each will be a fair one.

The Richmond Knights Templar are swelling their numbers in anticipation of the good time expected in Philadelphia next month.

Rev. Dr. James Young, of Kentucky, has been employed by the Society of Friends of Temperance, as a lecturer of the State of Virginia.

A Georgia paper asserts that a much greater quantity of tobacco can be grown per acre in northeastern Georgia than on the best tobacco lands of Virginia.

The number of Chinamen living in California and other States and Territories is said to be about 100,000, or nearly one-fourth of the adult male population.

A caucus in the Republican members of the Indiana Legislature, on Wednesday night, agreed to postpone the suffrage amendment until May 18th.

Proposals for deepening the channel at the mouth of the Mississippi have been issued by a committee of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

Henry Shaw, the St. Louis millionaire, will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his residence in that ancient city by a grand fandango at his celebrated garden.

The Value of presents made by the Sultan to the Princess of Wales during her recent visit to the East is estimated at $100,000.—"To those who have shall be given."

A despatch from Key West says the British steamer Salvadora, which was fitted out by Cuban sympathizers, has sailed for St. Thomas, to connect with a filibustering expedition.

The Iron Mountain railroad will be opened this week to Knob Lick station ninety-five miles from St. Louis. Forty-five miles of rails remain to be laid, which will be done and the road opened through to Belmonte during the month of July.

When steel pens were introduced, nine were sold for a dollar, with the common quill for a handle. A gross of so much better quality that the first comers would not be looked at in comparison, can now be bought for 50 cents.

There is great misery and poverty in the city of Mexico. Wealthy families are reduced to beggery, and for the poor there is no employment. Real estate cannot be disposed of on any terms, because there are very few people who can pay even the most moderate rents.

A Nevada letter reports as an important fact that a mining tunnel has struck a stream of water. The scarcity of that article in the mountains is to one bred in a cold water region the most serious drawback to a residence at White Pine.

The lumbering season in the Saginaw (Mich.) region has just closed. About 450,000,000 feet of lumber have been cut, but nearly one-third of it will be left in the woods unless the streams are speedily swollen by freshets.

When Queen Victoria was married, twenty-nine years ago, she had twelve bridesmaids. Every one of these young ladies had since been married; one has been married twice, and is now a widow, and three are dead.

Gilbert Pell, the original "bones" of the original Christy's Minstrels, was arraigned in an English court the other day, for stealing a clock from a tavern. The charge was, however, withdrawn, and Pell discharged on the ground that his mind was effected.

The shell of a land turtle with the flesh freshly picked out, fell into Meriden, Connecticut, the other day, probably from the claws of an eagle who had made a dinner of him. The shell was engraved with an initial W. and the date 1750. The old fellow had a long life and a distinguished death.

A plumber of Davenport, Iowa, bought 35,000 pounds of army belt buckles at Rock Island for about seven cents a pound. They cost nearly a dollar a pound, and would have supplied an army of more than 200,000 men. They are to be melted down for the brass and solder.

The Boston Peace Festival Committee on Accommodation of Strangers have established a bureau at 24 Washington street, Boston, room A, where a record will be kept of such rooms, halls, vestries, or unoccupied houses, as may be secured for the comfortable shelter of the thousands of persons in excess of the ordinary accommodations furnished by the city hotels, who will visit Boston during the Jubilee week in June.

The question whether the people of Rhode Island really approve or disapprove the recent course of Senator Sprague will soon be subjected to a partial but yet quite interresting test. The term of office of Thomas A. Doyle, the present Mayor of Providence, is about to expire, and he is a candidate for re-election on the Sprague platform. The contest will of course be very ardent, but if Mr. Doyle should be successful, it will be impossible to deny that the majority of the voters in that city are supporters of the Senator.

The following document, picked up in a town in Indiana, is said by an expert to have the ring of the genuine metal: O, my Derest Maley I will try to ancer your Deer letter. O how my throbbin heart does ake to Embrace you once more. O you Darling Rosy Bud won't you marry me. I here echo ancer I will. Don't let that ugly thing take you Buggy Riding again. O how I felt the first time that we tutched our lipps together. O how my hole frame did quiver but I must stop or I will go crazy. O how we will divide the corrows and joys and comforts of life. Anser rite of from your George."

Stopped his Paper.

The following anecdote of the late Mr. Swain, from the Philadelphia *Press*, is not without its moral in other latitudes than Pennsylvania:

Many years ago, Mr. Swain, then editor of the Public *Ledger*, was hailed at the corner of Eighteenth and Chesnut streets by a very excited individual, who informed him in the most emphatic terms, "I have stopped your paper, sir," and proceeded to explain the why and wherefore, all the time gesticulating wildly. "My gracious, sir, you don't say so. Come with me to the office, and let us see if we cannot remedy the matter. It grieves me that any one should stop my paper." Down Chesnut street to Third the two proceeded. Arriving at the office, Mr. Swain said: "Why, my dear sir, every thing seems to be going on here as usual; I thought you had stopped my paper." Then and there the excited gentleman, whom the long walk, by the way, had partly cooled, said that he had stopped taking the one copy of the *Ledger*. Mr. Swain was profuse in his apologies for having misunderstood the meaning of his late subscriber's words, and regretted that he had given him the tramp from Eighteenth street to Third, down Chestnut. The gentlemen went on his way home, a wiser if not a better man, marvelling at the stupidity of editors in general, and of Mr. Swain in particular. Before he left, however, he ordered that the *Ledger* be still sent to his address.

Wise Men.

A good fire engine is wanted by Ebensburg, Cambria county.

James R. Struthers has been appointed Supervisor of the Canals of the Lehigh Canal and Navigation company.

The estate of the late Arnold Plumer is said to be worth $2,000,000, and was devised to his widow.

The Erie *Dispatch* will be sold to-day at Sheriff's sale. Its liabilities are stated at $22,000.

Isaac Walton's disciples will find plenty of amusement at Ebensburg. The streams in the vicinity are literally teeming with trout.

Two handsome fountains have just been put up in the two public squares of Erie. They add very much to the beauty and attraction of the city.

John M. Bell was elected County Superintendent of the schools of Mifflin county, on Tuesday last, the vote standing 50 for Bell, 7 for Mary M'Cord, and 5 for Aiken.

George W. Snyder was elected superintendent of common schools of Clearfield county on the 4th instant, and his salary increased from $1,000 to $1,200.

Horace Armstrong was elected county Superintendent of Luzerne county, on Tuesday last—receiving 51 votes to 15 for W. A. Campbell—salary $2,000 per annum.

Maj. T. J. Powers, of Pittsburgh Pa., has been appointed disbursing clerk by Register Allison, of the Treasury Department in place of Colonel Burnside, of Illinois, superceded.

Dog appears to be epidemic; nearly all the State papers are talking dog. Our noble legislators have dog on the brain, and where it is going to end we do not know, but advise all to beware of the dog.

A young girl in Irvintown, West Moreland county, some two months ago found a bottle of whiskey and drank so freely of it that she never awoke from the stupor occasioned by it.

A Mrs. Trimble, of Pittsburgh a few days ago recovered a verdict of two hundred dollars damages against B. T. Campbell, former proprietor of the *Evening Mail*, for that city for malicious prosecution.

Information is wanted of William Thannon, who left Newry, Ireland, June, 1856, by William Marshal, Clearfield, Pa. Said Thaunon is supposed to be somewhere in Pennsylvania at this time.

George Swartz was elected Superintendent of Common schools of Cumberland county on Tuesday last on the fifth ballot, the final vote standing 55 for D. E. Kast, and 50 for Swartz.

In Fayette county is an apple tree which was planted in 1772, four years before the Revolution. It is still living and still in good condition. Forty bushels of apples is its average yield each season. Long may it wave.

Some two weeks ago a passenger on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad refused to pay his fare—was about being forcibly ejected from the cars by the conductor and train hands, when he fired a pistol killing the baggage-master.

The Huntingdon *Globe* notices the report that Peter K. Harnish, while crossing Warrior Ridge in that county on horseback a few days ago was met by two negro highwaymen, who, with pistols in hand, demanded his money or his life, and Mr. H. was accordingly relieved of what he had, $23.

The Fulton *Republican* tells this story: "Henry Spannuth, who lived two miles west of McConnellsburg, died on last Sunday morning of the loathsome disease of 'glanders,' Mr. S., it is said, has been dealing in 'glandered' horses for the last few years, and several have died for him. About a week ago he took sick, and since that time to his death developed this offensive and dangerous disease in all its forms."

Cuba Affairs.

HAVANA, May 5.—News from Hayti to the 22d ult., says the blockade at Aux Cayes is raised. The revolutionists were gaining ground in Hayti. A French steamer from St. Thomas, May 1st, reports the two monitors still in port. News had reached St. Thomas from St. Domingo, through rebel channels, that the troops of President Baez, and the revolutionists under Cabral, were advancing.

The insurgents are burning plantations again around Sagua, Romedo and Santiago. Several insurgents have recently been executed at Santiago and Bayamo.

The steamer from St. Thomas brought back twenty seamen of the Peruvian monitors. They will be sent to New Orleans tomorrow by the American Consul. The British gunboat Favorite has arrived here and took on board four sailors captured by the Spaniards on board the brig Mary Lowell, and since confined in jail here.

HAVANA, May 7.—The journals publish accounts of several engagements between the troops under Count Valmaseid and the Cuban forces. The Spaniards claim a victory.

A special to the *Herald* from Havana, May 5, says a meeting of wealthy Spaniards was held at the Government Palace, at which the necessity of sending to Spain for more troops was suggested. Gen. Dulce complained of the want of money.

Advices from the interior plantations have been made in the Vuelta Abajo region. The mobilized negro troops at Neuvitas show signs of insubordination.

Dates from Aspinwall to the 1st inst., have been received. Commodore Phillmore will demand the release of vessels captured in British waters, the liberation of their crews, and explanation and indemnity from the Spanish authorities at Havana.

He will also require an explanation of the circumstances connected with the landing of Spaniards on British territory. If the reply to these demands is unsatisfactory he will make reprisals.

HAVANA, May 10.—Captain General Dulce, with the volunteers who accompanied him, has returned from his visit to Matanzas. Fighting is reported near Neuvitas. No particulars have been received. The U. S. sloop of war Saratoga has arrived.

The press praise the American authorities for their prompt action in detaining the steamer Quaker City. No important news was received to-day from the interior. The details of the fighting around Nuevitas are still wanting.

Laying the Last Rail.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—This afternoon there was an interested crowd, principally members of the press, in the receiving office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, watching the instrument which was in connection with that at the junction of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads. The operator at the latter point sent over the telegraph: "Keep quiet. When the rail is laid I will say done." Next came a dispatch. "Almost ready." Then—"Prayer is being offered. After I say done I will close the circuit, so you can tell it is finished." Another dispatch announced the prayer ended at the formal presentation of the spike, and shortly after this the signal of striking the first blow was given and then other blows, the last being announced as fastened at 2:45 P. M.—Washington time. The word from the operator, "Done," was pronounced and the circuit closed. A little bell attached to the instrument gave voice to the pulsations of the wires which were connected with the rail after it was laid down. Each stroke of the hammer upon the last spike, which was made of gold, caused the bell to tinkle, and the great fact of belling the continent was accomplished.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 8.

There has been no delegation proper as a representative body from the Conservative people of Virginia in conference with the President relative to affairs in Virginia, but representative men, have had interviews with the President. The Conservative delegation from Virginia will be here early next week to confer with the President, and the latter has signified his readiness to meet them and give them a hearing.

Gen. E. M. Gregory has been appointed U. S. District Attorney for Western District of Pennsylvania; he was formerly of a firm largely engaged in the lumber business in Cincinnati, and the firm having met with reverses, Mr. Gregory immigrated to Pennsylvania at the breaking out of the rebellion. He joined the army, and upon the formation of the Freedmen's Bureau, was put in charge of a division of that institution in Maryland.

A private despatch has been received from ex-President Johnson, stating that he would be in Washington in the course of the coming week.

Gen. James M. Ashley has left for Montana to enter upon his duties as Governor.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed proposals to be issued for the purchase of Five-twenty bonds to the amount of $1,000,000 weekly.

WASHINGTON, May 11.

It is stated that Mr. Fabens, the confidential agent of the San Domingo Government, has had an interview with Secretary Fish, and that the subject of annexation is to be considered.

Yesterday's internal revenue receipts exceeded $1,000,000. During the present month the receipts have averaged half a million daily.

Thirty-six employees of the Government printing office at Washington were notified yesterday of their discharge. A colored compositor was assigned to a case in the office yesterday.

Colored delegations have lately called upon the President to ask that they be given a share of prominent offices.

The Mayor and several Councilmen of Boston are on their way to Washington to invite President Grant to attend the Peace Jubilee.

The lists for the prize "Cheshire" captured by the United States steamer "Augusta," have been sent to the Fourth Auditor's office for settlement, and the shares of prize money will be ready for payment in a few days.

The First National Bank of Burlington, Iowa, has applied for dermission to resign its privileges as a designated depository and withdraw its securities. The resignation will be accepted as soon as the accounts of the banks are balanced.

Commissioner Delano is on a visit to Ohio. One Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that liquor dealers who sell in quantities of less than five gallons and also in quantities of five gallons and over must pay tax both as wholesale and retail dealers.

The Connecticut Legislature.

The Connecticut Legislature met and organized yesterday, and Marshall Jewell was inaugurated Governor. Gov. Jewell's inaugural message shows a satisfactory condition of the State finances, and recommends the ratification of the suffrage amendment, legislation securing the control of property to married women, and biennial elections, with short sessions of the Legislature.

From Europe.

LONDON, May 4.—In the House of Commons, Sir John Hay inquired what action the government had taken in regard to the seizure of the brig Mary Lowell by a Spanish man-of-war in British waters.

Mr. O'Ferry, under Secretary of the foreign department, replied that in the present imperfect state of information, it was undesirable to make known the nature of the communications which have been exchanged with Spain on the subject.

Edward Sullivan, member for Mallow, will introduce a bill to prevent the Mayor of Cork from continuing to hold any office connected with the administration of justice in Ireland.

PARIS, May 4.—The Geographical Society have decreed a gold medal to Dr. Hayes of the United States, for his services in the work of Arctic exploration and discovery. The President of the society with a deputation of members, waited upon Gen. Dix, the American minister, and presented the medal, requesting him to transmit it to his distinguished countryman, and accompanied the presentation with the most aspiration for continued friendship between France and America.

MADRID, May 4.—A majority of the delegates in the Cortes are in favor of a new ministry.

LONDON, May 5.—The *Times* contains another leading article on the Alabama treaty, recently rejected by the United States Senate. The writer sharply criticises the speech of Mr. Sumner, and concludes as follows: "The question is one of law and not of feeling. It remains to be shown that Great Britain can be held answerable for any infraction of law or excess over the ordinary practice of both countries."

In the House of Commons, Mr. Sullivan, the Attorney-General for Ireland, moved for leave to bring in a bill to disable the present Mayor of Cork from acting as a magistrate. He gave a history of the disloyal conduct of the Mayor up to its culmination in the inflammatory language used at the dinner recently given in Cork to Warren and Costello, and said, after much consideration, the Government had come to the conclusion that the present step was advisable.

After considerable discussion leave to introduce the bill was granted, and it was read for the first time. A copy of the bill and notice of the second reading was ordered to be served on the Mayor of Cork.

MADRID, May 5.—The Spanish journals maintain that the capture of the brig Mary Lowell was a legal act, and deny that the English Government, at the request of the United States, has made any demand on Spain for restitution.

LONDON, May 6.—In the Vice Chancellor's Court, the case of the United States against Colin McRae came up for hearing. This was a bill brought to obtain from the defendant an account of and delivery over of moneys and goods received by him while acting as agent of the Confederate Government during the late rebellion. The Vice Chancellor, Sir W. M. James, in his decision, said there was no evidence to show that any money or goods belonging to the plaintiff, in his own right, as successor to the Confederate Government, had reached the hands of the defendant; and judgment was given in his favor, with costs.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Otway, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to an inquiry from Mr. Gourley said that instructions had been sent to the British Minister at Madrid in regard to the seizure of the brig Mary Lowell, but they could not be made known.

The House resumed the consideration of the Irish Church bill. It was moved that the clause providing that compensation for Maynooth College from the Church Fund be stricken out. After a protracted discussion a vote on the motion was taken, and it was rejected. For, 192; against 315.

MADRID, May 6.—In the Constituent Cortes Yesterday, the article of the National Constitution guaranteeing liberty of worship was adopted by a vote of 161 to 50.

Serrano, the Prime Minister, strongly urged the postponement of the contemplated ministerial changes until the form of government had been definitely settled upon, which, after an interchange of ideas, was agreed to.

A Carlist conspiracy has been discovered in Barcelona. Thirty-six arrests have been made in connection with the affair. Many army officers are implicated, and important papers containing details of the plot have been seized.

LONDON, May 7.—There have been several heavy robberies of arms, ammunition, etc., in various parts of Ireland during the past few days. At Belfast a party who had of arms were stolen and five persons were arrested on suspicion. Despatches from Cork mention the perpetration of similar robberies, and there seems to be no doubt that the culprits belong in every instance to the Fenian organization.

The *Times* says that England endeavored to do justice to all parties during the late rebellion and must decline to acknowledge any other motive for her action. She has offered to submit to arbitration the question whether she has been culpably negligent, but she cannot go further. Extravagant misrepresentations were necessary to furnish the basis for such policy as is foreshadowed in Mr. Sumner's speech. The *Times* concludes by assuring Americans that it will prove a failure.

The Town Council of Cork, Ireland, have adopted a protest against the bill introduced in the House of Commons, disabling Mr. O'Sullivan, the present Mayor of the city, from performing the functions of a magistrate. They also resolved to engage counsel to oppose the bill.

MADRID, May 7.—In the Constituent Cortes all the amendments to the religious clauses of the Constitution were rejected, and the clauses were finally adopted as they originally stood.

The Directory is proposed to consist of Serrano, Rivero and Olozaga, with Prim at its head, as President and Minister of War.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 7.—On the 5th of May, the first day of the Mohammedan new moon, the Sultan received the foreign ministers at Constantinople, in a body, and made a pacific address. He referred, with satisfaction, to the favorable settlement of the difficulties with Greece, the pacification of Candia, and the friendly relations of Turkey with all foreign powers. He said he should continue to insist on economy in the administration, the improvement of judicial procedure, the extension of the railway system, and the equal participation of all classes of his subjects in the obligations and benefits of these reforms. The Cretan chieftains have been pardoned and set free.

LONDON, May 8.—The following may be stated as a correct view of financial affairs here: The stock market has been influenced unfavorably by the increase in the rate of interest of the Bank of England to 4½ per cent., and the current belief that a further advance will be shortly made, owing to the political uncertainty occasioned by Senator Sumner's speech, the exportation of gold and foreign loans, and the depressed state of trade.

O'Sullivan, the present Mayor of Cork, Ireland, has refused a nomination for Parliament. The Irish national papers defend the recent course of O'Sullivan.

MADRID, May 8.—Proposals have been made to the Cortes to name Marshal Serrano as Regent, and General Prim as President of the Council and Minister of War, until a king is elected.

In the Cortes General Prim alluded to the rumors that he meditated an attempt against the Liberal regime, and pronounced them utterly baseless. He declared that the future would prove that "honor and liberty" was his motto.

The condition of the national finances causes much anxiety. It is estimated that the expenditures will exceed the revenues by 12,000,000 reals.

FLORENCE, May 9.—The new Cabinet is composed as follows: President Gen. Menebrea; Foreign Affairs, Minghetti; Interior, Ferrares; Justice, Mirabelli; Commerce, Baroque. There will probably be no change in the War, Marine or Finance Departments.

LONDON, May 10.—A great mass meeting was held in Cork, Ireland, on Saturday for the purpose of expressing the proper condemnation of the conduct of the Government in the matter of Mayor O'Sullivan.

In the House of Commons Mr. Fortescue, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in reply to an inquiry, said the Ministers were already considering the best means of increasing the power of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, for the more effectual repression of outrages in that country.

MADRID, May 10.—In the Cortes on Saturday, Senator Orenze asked what action had been taken by the Government towards acquiring Gibraltar. De Lorencanca, Minister of State, replied that the Government fully recognized the importance of the Gibraltar question, but that before negotiating for its cession the nation must be strongly constituted and financially recognized.

PARIS, May 10.—The Emperor visited the horticultural exhibition at Chartres. He was received by the Mayor, who delivered an address. The Emperor made a short speech in reply. He recalled the visit he made to Chartres when he was President. He then referred to the coming election, and invited men of all parties to aid in the advancement of liberal progress, by choosing as their representatives men worthy of such a mission.

Laughable Incident.

A laughable incident occurred at a certain beer saloon in this city, yesterday, the proprietor of which had just received from Key West a large turtle weighing four hundred pounds. Lying on the sidewalk it brought a large crowd around it, among whom was a fat man weighing as much as the turtle, "more or less." Preparations were made to cut off the head of the reptile, and the crowd, including "Fatty," expressed a desire to see how it was done. The cook appeared with a large cleaver, and placing the turtle on a large block, severed the head in one blow, the blood squirting in all directions on those who were gathered around the turtle, causing a stampede. The fat man fell on the floor, rolled over, and the head of the turtle fell upon his back, and the mouth, gasping in death, closed upon the seat of the fat man's pantaloons, nipping a small portion of the flesh. The man of fat was terribly frightened, and when his unmentionables were released from the grip of the turtle it was discovered that he was more scared than hurt. Beer for the crowd and a hearty laugh.—*Cincinnati Times.*

Arrest of a Murderer.

NEW HAVEN, May 11.—George McVetry, the alleged murder of Louis Bensch at the New Britain House in this city on Sunday night last, was arrested about noon to-day. He was found secreted in the basement of a building nearly opposite the scene of the murder.

Boston firms send about 17,000 casks of nails for building purposes monthly all over the country, and dispose of nearly 2,000 each month at home.

Latest by Telegraph!

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Lieut.-Commander E. P. Lull is detached from the Naval Academy, on June 8th; and ordered to be ready for duty on the Lancaster. First Assistant Engineer Henry L. Snyder, and Second John Borthwick are ordered to duty at the Naval Academy. Paymaster J. B. Rittenhouse will relieve Paymaster Walmouth from duty as inspector of provisions, Phila., at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, on July 1st. Lieut. M. B. Buford has been placed on waiting orders.

Leading men of both Houses of Congress called President Grant's attention to-day to the difficulty about the eight hour law, and urged upon him some arrangement by which the law of Congress could be carried out in the spirit in which it was passed.

Gen. Banks had a long interview to-day, at the Navy Department, about it and stated that there could be no doubt of what was intended by Congress, and that at the next session the law, if necessary, would be made more explicit. The Navy Department authorities reply that possibly Congress did mean what is claimed, but they cannot go back of the law as it stands, nor can they disregard the opinion of the law office of the Government, the Attorney-General.

Information has been received here to-day by the Government from a source which it is claimed leaves little room for doubt, that the Cuban insurgents are not making any headway; that the Spanish army will, in a very short time, put an end to the insurrection, and that nothing remains of the Cuban forces but detached parties acting as guerillas. As soon as the Spaniards can come up with these, the whole matter will be at an end. This, it is said, is not the Spanish side of the story, but the statement of the agents of our own Government in Cuba who have been close observers of the whole movement.

Under the recent order of the President allowing parties who choose to purchase war material from our government, application has been made within a few days to buy cannon and ammunition to a considerable extent. As no questions are asked, it is not known what the war material proposed to be purchased is for.

From New York.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The steamer Cimbria sailing for Hamburg this morning takes out in specie $112,000.

The steamer West Philadelphia, from Texas, arrived this morning, bringing 765,000 francs in Treasure.

Early this morning a steam tug named the Joseph Barker, exploded her boiler in the New York Harbor near Governor's Island. The boat was blown to atoms, and upon her were blown high into the air by the force of the explosion, but were finally rescued from the water. They were all badly injured by scalding, and two of them cannot possibly recover. The steamer is a perfect wreck.

Fisk has leased one of the finest offices in San Francisco, California, for a general ticket office for the Erie road, and has sent out six pickers for the road. His purpose is to immediately commence the sale of through tickets from California to New York, Philadelphia and Boston, over the Erie road and connections. The officers of the companies that control the road have to-day given to understand that the fare from New York to San Francisco, should be for second class passage seventy-five dollars, and for first-class one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

The Strike at the Coal Mines.

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., May 11.—But little in addition to yesterday's despatches has been learned concerning the strike at the coal mines. The miners in Wyoming region at latest advices were still at work, but counting the days until they can go out. The miners in Schuylkill county are holding meetings for the purpose of inducing or compelling other miners to join in the strike. So far as can be ascertained nothing has been done by the companies towards effecting a compromise or acceding to the demands of the disaffected workmen. The operators are determined to stand out for a long time, and accept nothing less than the increase now demanded, which is about fifteen per cent. The strike will, no doubt, become general.

Proposed Prohibitory Law and a Metropolitan Police.

BOSTON, May 11.—In anticipation of the proposed Prohibitory Law and a Metropolitan Police, the liquor dealers have formed an Association under the title of the Massachusetts Protective Union of Hotel-keepers, Manufacturers and Dealers in Wine and Spirits, and have voted to raise one hundred thousand dollars to be expended for the best interests of the Association.

Accidentally Wounded.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Miss H. E. Bailey, while personating Juliet, at the Academy of Music, last evening, accidentally caught her dagger in the folds of her dress, penetrating below the left breast, striking a rib and breaking off the point of the dagger. The wound is serious but not dangerous. A probe has failed to reach the piece.

The Magazines for May.

The Old Guard.—The following contents of this popular Monthly, for May, are of a superior character: "Fifteenth Amendment." "Northern Delusions About Negroes." Article 12, under the caption "Astounding Delusions and Falsehoods Employed by Wilberforce to Turn Loose the Negroes of the West Indies," which places that "reformer" in his true light before the world. The "Construction of the Bible," by a Hebrew Scholar, who has given years of labor to this great subject, is worthy of careful perusal. "W. Gilmore Simms' story, "The Cub of the Panther." The balance of the literary matter, including the poetical department, is considerably above the late average of merit. The "Book Table" and the "Editors Table," are both full of capital reading; and, all in all, *The Old Guard* for May makes a splendid number.

Lippincott.—This most excellent Magazine comes to hand with a rich table of contents, among which is a full page picture; a continuation of Owen's tale—"Beyond the Breakers;" May Apples, a poem; Salmon Fishing; Hans Breitmann in Politics; Rungsperg's story My Aunt; Scenes Life in Coal Mines; A Few Curious Derivatives, by Prof. Coppee; Dick Leslie's Fee, by L. C. Davis; Spectrum Analysis, by Chay Morris; Errl Douglass, of Philadelphia; Recollections of Washington Irving, by G. Clarke; The Argosy, a poem; A Real Ghost Story; Monthly Gossip and Literature of the Day.

The Atlantic.—This sterling and able Monthly for May contains a continuation of "Malbone," an Oldport Romance; "The Clothes Mania," "Brahmanism, "The Heroine of Long Point," "The Puritan Priest," "The Fox in the Hen Coop," "Eleanor in the Empty House," "New Taste in Theatricals," and several other able and entertaining articles. The *Atlantic* has attained a high position among American periodicals, and enjoys an extensive circulation. Its contributors are among the ablest writers in the country. Fields, Osgood & Co., Publishers, Boston, Mass.

Once a Month.—This new Monthly for May, with its attractive contents, fine solid and chaste appearance is typical of its contents. The publishers of "*Once a Month*" offer to send the first six months' numbers for 1869 (from January to June) for *fifty cents*, in order to let the people see the Magazine and become acquainted with the rare excellence of its reading matter. If you want nearly 600 pages of about the best and most entertaining reading to be had, send T. S. Arthur & Sons, Philadelphia, the trifle of 50 cents, and you will, take our word for it, make a first-class investment. "*Once a Month*" is not surpassed for beauty, excellence and variety by any Magazine published.

Littell's Living Age, No. 1290, for the week ending April 24th, contains English Hymns since the Reformation, by Francis T. Palgrave, *Good Words*; Grimm and Cruikshank, *Spectator*; The Country House on the Rhine, Part XXIII, by Berthold Auerbach, author of "On the Heights," &c., translated for *The Living Age* from *Die Presse*; Lettice Lisle, Part VI, *Cornhill Magazine*; Children, *London Review*; Chaucer's England, *London Review*; Ernest Jones, Esq., *Magazine of Biography*; An Egyptian State Ball, *Pall Mall Gazette*; Chinese Charities, *Public Opinion*; The Chinese from Home, *All the Year Round*; besides short articles, and poetry.

The Living Age is issued every Saturday, giving fifty-two numbers, of sixty-four pages each, or more than *Three Thousand* double-column octavo pages of reading matter, yearly. Subscription price, $8 a year, *free of postage*.

To new subscribers, remitting to the publishers for the year 1869, *The Living Age* is sent from the beginning of Auerbach's romance (No. 1277, for Nov. 21st 1868) to Jan. 1st, 1869, *free of charge*. Little & Gay, Publishers, 30 Broomfield street, Boston.

Onward.—Captain Mayne Reid's magazine maintains in its May issue the promise of its title in progress towards better things showing a steady advancement in interest and value. In the "Vis-a-vis with Subscribers, Contributors and Exchanges," printed as a fly-leaf prefatory to the number, the editor takes occasion to disabuse the public mind of the impression that *Onward* is designed for children, though we cannot see how such an impression could ever have been created, seeing that no number has ever appeared without papers of such thoughtful excellence as well deserved the attention of the most mature intellects. There is much in this May number to challenge approval, and something, it may be, that will not meet with a ready assent, however incontrovertible in argument, as for example that Paris is the place of all others to be avoided as a "Fountain of Foulness," whence issue streams of demoralization to all parts of the earth. "Safe on Board a Blockader," by a Paymaster in the United States Navy, who details very pleasantly his reminiscences of the late war, from his standpoint at sea, will lead the reader to desire more of the same sort. "Street Cars" deserves commendation as a useful hint for an improvement in the management of our metropolitan city railways. We are gratified to see the evidences of a determined purpose on the part of editor and publisher to push *Onward* onward to the most triumphant success. G. W. Carlton, 497 Broadway, N. Y., Publishers.

Local Intelligence.

Goethean Exhibition.

The twenty-eighth annual exhibition of the Goethean Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College took place, on Friday evening, at Fulton Hall, this city. The platform of the hall was occupied by the Faculty of the College, and the "cream" of the occasion. The exercises of the evening were opened by an eloquent and appropriate prayer by the Rev. George Robinson.

A neat salutatory oration was spoken by Mr. N. M. Warner, Cumberland, Md. Mr. Warner had for his subject "The Philosopher's Stone," which he treated in an entertaining and able manner.

The second oration was delivered by Mr. W. H. Gutelius, Millinburg, Pa. The subject, "The Course of History," was in its nature an extensive one, and opened up a wide field of thought to the writer. Mr. Gutelius' remarks were in the main good—but were rather too metaphysical to be fully appreciated by his audience.

Mr. J. M. Sonder, Lovetisville, Va., had for his subject "The Future of the South." This gentleman is a plain, straightforward speaker. He possessed not only a clear voice, readily heard in all parts of the hall, but also a clear manner of expressing his ideas so that he was just as readily understood by every one present. These are excellent features, and in this practical age are to a public speaker invaluable attributes. People do not come to hear what is of immediate interest to them. The popular orators of the day are those who speak not only *for* the people, but *to* the people. Mr. Souders referred to the present condition of the South. How its fertile plains had been devastated, and its fields laid waste by war. He mentioned the great fertility of its soil, its climatic advantages, and its wonderful mineral resources. He assured his hearers that the South was desirous of peace, and that to emigrants a cordial welcome would be extended. Labor and capital is what it needs. While it asks for bread do not give it a stone. At the conclusion of his address Mr. S. was greeted with great applause, and was the recipient of a large number of beautiful bouquets from the ladies present.

"Patrick Henry" was the subject of an eulogy by Mr. S. A. Baer, Maxatawny, Pa. The address was well written and well delivered; the orator of the evening received an eloquent eulogist in the speaker.

Mr. A. E. Truxal, Pleasant Unity, Pa., with the abstruse subject, "The Mysterious Nature of Life," made an interesting oration. The orator displayed considerable graceful gestures won the close attention of the audience.

Mr. O. L. Ashenfelter, Philadelphia, Pa., read a Poem entitled "The Deluge." Mr. Ashenfelter is a young student of this difficult department of literature, and on every side we heard commendations from persons in the audience of the excellence of the production. The poem was read in fine style, with fitting gestures and audible voice.

The Goethean Oration—subject "Man's Destiny," was delivered by Mr. W. N. Kremer, of this city. The production given was worthy of the programme exhibited on the part of the society to prompt appreciation of his merits as a public speaker. Mr. K. not only writes remarkably well, but so writes that his orations are capable of being delivered with telling effect. No synopsis of his oration would convey an adequate idea of its merits—it was an admirably written production, and lost none of its intrinsic excellence in its eloquent delivery. It was replete with finely constructed sentences containing much thought, and at its termination all present must have realized the truth and force of the orator's concluding expression, "*In thy life lies thy destiny.*"

The audience was then dismissed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin.

The Goetheans have every reason to congratulate themselves on their very creditable exhibition. The music was furnished by Bowman's orchestra and was good, and the decorations of the stage were very fine, and the Committee of Arrangements: Messrs M. J. Hess, N. H. Fisher, D. R. Luckenbill, G. C. Hall, L. A. Yearick, and D. A. Hoffman, are deserving of special mention for the attention they paid in obtaining comfortable seats for the large audience. A great number of ladies were present who by their attractive attire and splendid taste added much to the general brilliancy of the occasion. All the speakers were the recipients of fine bouquets, and generous rounds of applause from the audience.

THE HARRIS DENTAL ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dated meeting of the Harris Dental Association of the County of Lancaster was held at the office of Dr. John G. Moore, at New Holland, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 6th inst.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Dr. Sam'l Welchens, of Lancaster.

Vice President—Dr. P. W. Hiestand, Millersville.

Secretary—Dr. Wm. Nichols Amer, Lancaster.

Treasurer—Dr. J. G. Moore, New Holland.

Executive Committee—Drs. John McCalla, Lancaster; J. F. Hoffer, Columbia; M. H. Webb, Lancaster.

Delegates to State Society—Drs. P. W. Hiestand, J. G. Moore, M. H. Webb.

Delegates to the American Dental Association—Drs. Wm. Nichols Amer, J. F. Hoffer, John McCalla.

This Association though young in years, has already become an institution of more than ordinary importance in our midst. It is composed of men of energy and character both in a moral and scientific point of view; and we are told by those who are well informed in the premises, that it displays a working capacity of a first-class character. It has been mainly instrumental in founding the "*State Dental Association*," which is now regarded as the leading one in the city of Philadelphia, and which bids fair to be one of the best working societies in the country.

We find also that the *Harris* has been duly honored by the State Society, in giving it a larger pro