SECOND EDITION.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LATE FROM WASHINGTON.

The Case of Jeff Davis and C. C. Clay,

FATAL STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT

The City of Norwich Burned.

Ten Lives Supposed to be Lost.

THE EXPLOSION AT SAN FRANCISCO

More Bodies Identified.

THE FENIAN EXCITEMENT.

U. S. Troops for the Frontier.

From Washington. [Special Despatch to the Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON, April 18, 1866.—The House Judiciary Committee to-day instructed their Chairman to report against the proposition recommended by the President, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Postmaster General, to repeal the test oath. The Chairman will submit an elaborate

report upon the subject. Strenuous efforts are being made to induce the President to release on parole, Jefferson Davis and C. C. Clay.

It will not be done pending the investigation now going on. The Ways and Means Committee to-day

finally agreed to reduce the tax on crude There has been a warm contest over this

matter. They will be ready to report the tax bill as soon as it can be completed. The President has in contemplation the

removal of several important Federal officeholders in the city of Philadelphia. A. B. Sloanaker has been appointed Collector of Internal Reveue in the First District of Philadelphia, vice Taggart removed. It is understood that this appointment will undoubtedly be defeated in the Senate.

Steamboat Disaster.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The steamer City of Norwich, of the New London and New York line, was in collision with the schooner Gen. S. Van Vliet, off Huntington, at 9 o'clock this morning. The schooner struck her amidships, cutting her through. The water rushing in her, lifted her fires so that they communicated to the wood work, and she was entirely destroyed. She had about fifty persons on board, about forty of whom were saved by boats from the steamer Electra, from Providence, and brought here. The remainder are supposed to be lost. The schooner was abandoned in a sinking condition, and the captain and crew taken on the wreck nearly two hours, and until all was done that could be to save the lives of those on board the burning wreck.

The Explosion at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—It is tolerably well ascertained that the explosion yesterday was caused by oncussion, in opening a leaking box of ni ro-glycerine, which was refused to be re eived on account of its damaged condition. The marks on the box indicated its character.

The bodies of eight of the killed have been identified in addition to those previously named. Seven or eight others are missing who were probably blown to atoms.

The Board of Supervisors have passed an order, causing all nitro-glycerine found within the city, to be seized and destroyed. They have also passed resolutions of respect to the memory of G. W. Bell,

The Fenians. TORONTO, C. W., April 18th.—The examination of the Fenian prisoners at Cornwall. was resumed to-day. It is understood that

the Court room will be thrown open to the public. Special despatches from Cornwall say that nothing of importance has been elicited so far, and all the prisoners, except Murphy,

are likely to be discharged. A Cabinet meeting will be held to-day. BUFFALO, April 18th.—The Courier learns that the Relief purchased by P. O. Day, Head Centre of the Fenians here, is one of the strongest and most powerful on the Lakes and belonged to the Board of Under-

From the Pacific.

San Francisco, April 17.—About a hundred whalers have recently been heard from at Honolulu. All were very successful, the amount of oil secured running from 200 to 500 barrels each.

The remainder of the passengers from the wreck of La Bouchere arrived yesterday.

U.S. Troops on the Frontier. PORTLAND, Me., April 18.—The Government has chartered the steamer Regulator to take a company of Regular troops to some point, probably Eastport. She will probably leave on the arrival of the noon train, which is expected to bring General

From Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, April 18.—A resolution has passed both Houses of the Nova Scotia Parliament in favor of the confederation scheme, and appointing a delegation to visit England to arrange the details.

Price of Gold in New York. [By the American Telegraph Co.]
NEW YORK, April 18.—Gold has been quoted to-day as follows:

126½ 126½

10.30 A. M., 1261 | 11,30 1268 | 11,45 1263 | 12,15 P. M., 1264 | 10.45 11.00

Markets.

New York, April 13.—The Cotton market is dull at 27c. Flour has advanced 15@40c., and the market is excred. State 7. 15@\$1.90. Onlio \$8.55@\$11.75. Western \$7. 15@\$3.95. Southern is 15@30c. better; 900 barrels sold at \$7.76@\$15. Canada Flour is 15. @30c. better; 60° barrels sold at \$7.90@\$12. 40. Wheat is 5c@10c. higher. Milwaukie Club, inferior to good, \$1.63. No. 1 Milwaukie \$1.83@1.87. White Canada \$2.80. Corn quiet but held firmer. Oats advanced 16. Beefquiel. Pork quiet at \$26. Lard unchanged. Whiskey dull.

ALLEGED HORSE THIEVES.—Samuel Sterling, John Bishop and a man named Kunkel were arrested last night at Broad and Spruce streets while offering for sale a horse and wagon which had been stolen from U. B. Shade, of Whitemarsh. Montgomery ceunty. The prisoners will have a hearing at the Central Station this afternoon. TEMPERANCE MEETING.—We wish to di-

CITY BULLETIN.

rect the attention of all those who believe Intemperance to be one of the worst evils in this great city, to a meeting of the friends of the Philadelphia Temperance Society, advertised in our columns to-day. THE GREAT REMEDY OF THE AGE, for teetbing pains, croups, flatulency, sleeplecaness, &c. in children, is Bower's Infant Cordial. Laboratory Sixth and Green. Bottle, 25 cents.

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Convicted of Manslaughter.—A despatch from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., dated yesterday, says:—In the County Court in this city to-day William H. Stevens, one of the crew of the four-oared shell boat which was ma'ched against a New York boat, in a race consists. Poughkeepsie in July last, and ma'ched against a New York boat, in a race opposite Poughkeepsie, in July last, and who got into a difficulty with a man named Thomas McDermott, on the evening of the day of the race, which difficulty resulted in McDermott's death, was found guilty of manslaughter in the fourth degree, the jury strongly recommending him to the mercy of the court. Judge Wheaton has reserved the sentence until some future time the sentence until some future time

THE DETROIT Tribune learns that the ice at Mackinac on the 4th inst., was two-and-a-half feet thick, solid and blue, and at least one-and-a-half feet of snow on it. Far out in Lake Huron, beyond Bois Blanc Island, there is a solid sheet of ice. There is good crossing from Middle Village to Pine River, and from Cross Village to Parary Island. and from Cross Village to Beaver Island. The straits will not be open before the 1st of

COMMERCIAL.

SALES OF STOCKS.

PRICES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

Finance and Business-April 17, 1866. There was comparatively little change at the Stock Board this morning. Government Loans were steady at yesterday's figures, but the only sales reported were of the Seven-Thirties, at 101. State Fives were firm at 86, and City Leans of the new Issues sold to a limited extent at 92% Pennsylvania Railroad First Mortgage Bonds advanced to 100, and the shares were taken to some extent at 55%. Reading Railroad was weak, and declined %. Camden and Amboy Railroad sold at 118 -an advance of ½; Catawissa Railroad Preferred at 29@29%—a decline of 1; North Pennsylvania Railroad at 39%—an advance of %, and Lehigh Valley Railroad at 61½—no change. Catawissa Railroad Common, in which there is a corner, sold at 401 Philadelphia and Erie. Railroad closed at 3214, and Elmira Railroad

Common at 30. In Canal stocks the most remarkable change was in Schuylkill Navigation Preferred, which advanced 1½. Susquebanna sold to some extent at 15½@15½. Union Canal Preferred was firm at 115, the Common stock at 70; and Lehigh Navigation at 54%. Bank shares were more inquired after with 206 bid for Nth America; Philadelphia at 140; Commercial at 57; Northern Liberties at 90; Southwark at 100; Kensington at 98; Mechanics at 29; Penn Township at 53; Girard at 541/4: Western at 81; Manufacturers' and Mechanics' at 30; Bank of Co merce at 65%; City at 62: Commonwealth at 52: Corn Exchange at 62, and Union at 57%. In Passenger Railway shares the only sales were of Hestonville at 41@42. Jay Cooke & Co. quote Government Securities.

to-day, as follows:		
	Buving	Selling.
U. S. 6's. 1881	105	105%
l Old 5-26 Bonds	1043/	10076
New " 1864	1043/	10432
5-20 Bonda, 1865	S T T T	1043
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		1013
Certificates of Indeptedness.	····· 92½	9232
Gold-at 12 o'clock	1261/2	1263
Messrs, DeHaven & Brot	her. No. 40	South Thir
i street, make the following o	notations of	the rates o
exchange to-day, at 1 P. M.:		
	Buying.	Belling.
American Gold	1261	263
Silver-Quarters and halves.	120	122
Compound Interest Notes:		
" Innel	864 1074	111%
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	U. S. 6's, 1881	U. S. 6'8, 1881

U.S. Certificates of Indebtedn Compounds, Dec., 1864..... Philadelphia Markets.

WEDNESDAY, April 18.—The Flour market, which has been gradually hardening for many days, still continues to have an upward tendency, and for the better grades of Western Wheat Flour, which are most in request, we advance our quotations 12% to 25 cents 3 barrel. There is no shipping demand but the home consumers are purchasing to a moderate extent at 95 25667 25 38 barrel for superfine. 27 5068 25 for artrest consumers are purchasing to a mouerate extent at \$6 25@7 25 \$\pi\$ barrel for superfine, \$7 50@8 25 for extras, \$8 75@9 50 for Northwestern extra family, \$9 25@10 50 for Penna. and Ohio do. do.—including 500 barrels at for Penna. and Ohio do. do.—including 500 barrels at \$10 25,200 barrels Lancaster county at \$10; 400 barrels at \$10 25,200 barrels Lancaster county at \$10; 400 barrels choice Ohio at \$12 50 and \$11@15 for fancy—according to quality. Rye Flour is seiling in a small way \$1 75@5. In Corn Meal nothing doing.

The market is very bare of good Wheat and it is much wanted by the millers. Sales of common and choice Red at \$2 30@\$2 00 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ bushel, Spring at \$1 75@5. \$1 80 and White at \$2 50 to \$2 90. Rye sells at \$90@92 cents for Penna. and 75 cents for Delaware. Corn is scarce and yellow is in demand at 80 cents, but holders ask \$3@\$5 cents. There is no falling off in the demand for Oats and further sales of 1000 bushels Penna. were made at at 60 cents in store.

In Barley and Malt no change.

F Cloverseed is unchanged. *Sales at \$4 25 to \$5 50 for common and choice. 220 bushels Timothy sold at \$5 15 - 20 months of the sales at \$2 25@2 26 and Ohio at \$2 28 barrel.

FOURTH EDITION.

3:30 O'Clock. THE DEARING MURDERS

The Prisoner Arraigned

The Trial Fixed for Wednesday Next.

When it was understood that the District Attorney merely proposed to arraign the prisoner, the Counse made no objection, provided time could be allowed to plead.

Frobst was then arraigned on cight bitls of indict ment, and in each case when called upon to hold up his hand, the loss of his thumb, so frequently referred to, became apparent to every spectator in the court After the arraignment the Counsel asked time to

After the arraignment the Counsel asked time to plead
Mr. Mannurged Monday for the trial, but after considerable argument the Court fixed Wednesday next. when the case must proceed,
N. INCIDENT.
While Mr. Wolbert was pleading for time to prepare for the defence, and suggesting that Monday would give them only three days, an excited spectator exclaimed "Monday is time enough!"
Judge Allison immediately directed the officers to ascertain who the man was who had thus insuited the dignity of the Court.
The man was pointed out and he proved to be Mr. Samuel Money, the keeper of the Bebtor's Apartment. An examination of witnesses followed, but Mr. Money could not be identified positively, and he was discharged.

Probst Removed.

Probst Removed. Immediately after the arraignment, the prisoner was removed to the van, under the guard of a strong posse of police. The Court room was then cleared, and the regular business continued.

XXXIXth CONGRESS—First Session.

SENATE—Mr. Declittle called up a resolution to ap propriate \$127,785, to enable the President to carry out the treaties with the Indian tribes on the Upper Missouri and Upper Platte, which was passed.

Mr. Eherman offered a resolution calling upon the President for the proceedings of a military board recently assembled at St. Louis, in relation to British appointments in the regular army.

Mr. Wil on called up the motion to reconsider the vote on the admission of Colorado.

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STOCKS:—Particulars to-morrow.

COURTLAND PLACE—4 three story brick houses, Courdand Place, (west from New Market, above Vine)
They rent for \$16 a month and are clear. They will be sold separately. Executors' Sale—Estate of William D. Portish dec'd.

NO. 5019 POPLAR ST—A three story brick house, and lot, 16 by 81 feet. Has gas, bath, range, &c.

NO. 525 ST. JOHN ST—A three story brick house, below Beaver, 15 by 73 feet to inches.

NO. 1022 FILBERT ST—A lot, 18 by 76 feet to Hunter st. There is an old-established tavers at and on the front, with 3 houses on the rear of the lot. \$112 ground rem. Executors' Sale—Estate of Patrick Mechan, dre'd.

BUILDING LOT, GERMANTOWN—Green st, near Johnson Germantown. 180 by 200 feet.

18 ACRES, CHESTNUT HILL—A tract of 18 acres of land, Willow avenue or Mermaid ane, Chestmut Hill, Montgomery county if preferred will be divided and sold in tracts of 4 or 5 acres. Plans at the store.

ROX BOROUGH—A house Ridge road, near High st. Roxborough. Crphans' Court Sale—Estate of Thos.

S. Darling, dec'd

BUILDING LOT—Lyceum avenue, Roxborough.

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CARPETINGS! THIRD EDITION

3:00 O'Clock.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FIRE IN THE OIL REGION

THE PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL CAR.

Great Destruction of Property.

RELFASE OF C. C. CLAY.

Conflagration at Titusville, Pa. TITUSVILLE, Pa., April 18th.—A fire broke out at 11 o'clock this morning, in a small frame building at the corner of Franklin and Short streets, and thence extended in all disastions with court model. in all directions with great rapidity from the railroad track.

SECOND DESPATCH.
TITUSVILLE, April 18th.—The fire is now sweeping with irresistible force northward. It seems impossible to stay the fury of the flames until Raceway is reached.
The following respectively.

The following are among the losers—Dillingham & Coles, machine shop; Union Hotel, Railroad Hotel, National Hotel, Buffalo Dining Saloon, Adam Goods, foundry and machine works; Muller & Michert's grocery; Olmsted & Jewhurt's paint and oil store; Granger, Tuttle & Co., grocery and feed store; Mueller's cigar and tobacco fac-tory; William Schew's grocery; Brown & Barrowe's hardware store, meat market and shoe store; Smell's grocery, and various other minor buildings.

THIRD DESPATCH. TITUSVILLE, April 18.—The fire has at iast been brought under subjection. McMullen & Bryan's foundry, the Petroleum Hotel, Sacke & Sons' machine shops, and the bakery north of the foundry are the only buildings left on Franklin street between Raceaway and the railroad. Two parties have been arrested on suspicion of having caused the fire.

The total loss is estimated at \$300,000.

The Presidential Funeral Car. New York, April 18.—The Secretary of War has finally consented to the sale of the Presidential funeral car, to Thomas C. Durant, Vice President and general manager of the Union Pacific Railroad, who tenders its use to his company for the ac-commodation of officers on special occasions. It will leave New York in a few days, for the West, with several Government Directors, who go out to examine the condition of the work on the road.

Release of C. C. Clay. FORT MONROE, April 18.-C. C. Clay was released this morning on parole.

From Maine. BELFAST, ME., April 18.—To-days Pro-

gressive Age says on authority of W. G. Hichborn, State Treasurer, that the Senate bill allowing \$10,000,000 additional National Bank capital for New England, reserves \$1,500,000 for the nine remaining State Banks A new custom house office is just established at Stockton, in this district, and Captain M. M. Partridge has been appointed

The Powers of United States Assessors.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 18.—Judge Smalley, of the U. S. Circuit Court, has rendered a decision in relation to the powers of the United States Assessors. He deduced in the case of Thomas Brown, of this city, that an Assessor has no right tolenew any assessment made by him, and which has been transmitted to the Collector. of the United States Assessors. He de

and paid, and that any proceeding under such Assessor's authority is a nullity and without color of law. XXXIXth Congress-First Session.

WASHINGTON. April 18.

House—On motion of Mr. Pauerson (N. H.) the Committee of the Whole was discharged from tac consideration of the Sepate bill for the relief of James G. Clark, and the bill came before the House for consideration. It appropriates \$6,450 96 for services as acting Charge d'a ffaires, at Brussels, from June, 1857, to september, 1858. The report was read and the bill passed Mr. Paine (Wis.) presented the memorials of the Wiscoresin Legislature, asking the assent of Congres to the change in the route of the Land Grant Baliroad from Portage to Bagfield, and thence to Lake Superior and asking a grant of lands to aid in the construction of so incuch of the Portage and Superior Railroad as extends from Fon du lac to Bepon. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Schofield (Pa.) introduced a bill for the relief of Commodore J. C. Carter. Read twice and referred to the (omnittee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Burleigh (I Akotah Territory) introduced a bill making a grant of lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the city of Yankton to the western line of the State of Minnesots, in the Territory of Dakotah. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Also, a bill to amend the Agricultural Collegeact. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The House processed to the regular order of business, being the call of Committees for Reports, resumed the comsideration of the bill reported yesterday from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Pensions to \$4,000. And of the chief Clerk of the Pension office to \$4,500.

The pending question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Ferham (Me.) to strike out the second section of the bill iterasing the salaries of the chief Examiners, the amendment was agreed to.

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gun ent justifying an increase of salary to the Commissioner of Pensions, would apply also to all the heads of Bureaus.

The discussion was further participated in by Messrs Hale, Benjamin, Farnsworth, Stevens, Perbam and Chauler,

Mr. Farnsworth (III.) said that if there were any vacancies from resignations on account of deficient salaries he wanted to have notice of them, for there offices at the present salaries.

Mr. Stevens (Pa.) said that there were some resignations in consequence of iosufficient salaries. The attorney General was unable to command the requisite talent at the present salaries, and unless provision was made for increasing them that shop would not be able to keep open much longer.

The previous question being moved and discussed, the vote was taken by yeas and nays on the passage of the bill, and resulted in yeas 35, nays 63. So the bill was rejected;

BALTIMOBE, April 18th.—Flour has an advancing tendency; the supply is scarce and the higher grades have advanced 50c. Wheat has an advancing tendency; there is none on hand at market prices, which are nominal. Corn has an advancing tendency; yellow 84c.: white 85c.@8cc. Oats firm at 62c. Provisions are dull. Sugar steady. Whisky dull, at \$2 25 for Westers.

New York Stock Market.

Stocks are dull. Chicago and Rock Island, 119: Comberland preferred, 45%; Illihous Central bonds 101; New York Central, 3314; Missouri 68, 784; Eric R. R., 724%; Western Union, 54; U. S. coupons, 1881, 10534; ditto 1862, 1064;; Ten-fortles, 9234; Treasury notes, 10074;@101; Gold, 12636.

The Grain Market.

BUFFALO. April 18.—Five thousand barrels flour sold here yesterday on a speculative demand. There is but little wheat in the market.

Sales at Philadelphia Stock Board.

THE FIRST WARD BUTCHERY,

THE PRISONER IN COURT.

HE WANTS NO DEFENCE.

An Immense Excitement. Great Crowd in the Streets

This morning the Grand Jury found true bills against. Anton Probst for the murder of the Dearing family. It was determined to arraign him at one o'clock this afternoon, and the determination was kept almost an entire secret until the prisoner made his appearance promptly at the time fixed.

At the hour named the rumbling of the wheels of the prison van was heard and a moment after Probst was hurried into the Court room and into the dook.

The secret had been well kept, but the intelligence of the arrival of the prisoner spread like wild-ne, and the court room was soon filled to overflowing. The windows were completely darkened by the anxious precing faces gathered upon the outside.

The prisoner preserved his usual sullen demeanor, and keeping his eyes fixed directly before him, he appeared to be but little affected by the ordeal through which he was passing. keeping his eyes axed directly before minima appeared to be but little affected by the ordeal through which he was passing.

After the arrival of the prisoner there was much tedious formality to be observed before the actual arraignment could take piace. First the Grand Jury had to be received, and the roll of their names had to be called. They were then questioned as to whether they had any presentments to make.

The bills were handed over to the clerk, and by the Clerk to the District Attorney. The latter arranged those relating to the Dearing family (eight is all) side by side upon his desk, making a grim show of legal testimonials of the terrible crime that has convulsed humanity.

There was then some delay in waiting for Mr. O'Neill, who had been assigned as senior counsel for the accused. That g-ntleman arrived at about half-past one o'clock and the Court soon after proceeded to business.

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District Attorney Mann arese, and after stating that the prisoner, Anton Probst, had been indicted for the murder of the Dearing family (enumerating them by name), he moved that he be now arraigned.

Judge Allisen then asked the prisoner (through an interpreter) whether he had counsel to defend him under the indictment of the murder of the persons named.

Prisoner (through the interpreter) "I have not."
Judge-"Do you wish the Court to assign you coun el?" Prisoner—"I de not. I do not wish to have any de-Prisoner—1 to bo.
ence at all!"

Judge Allison—"It is not right that the prisoner hould go to trial without counsel, and I therefore asign him Messra, John P. O'Neill and John A. Wolhort!" in him Messrs, John F. White his objection interpreter—The prisoner withdraws his objection luterpreter—The prisener withdraws his objection to having counsel.

Mr. Wolbert spoke of the duty imposed upon him as one which he would much rather have avoided, but as an officer of the Court he could not escape it. He would undertake the unpleasant task, and endeavor to fulfill it is tithfully to the prisoner, to the country and to his own conscience.

He would, however, ask time for consultation with the prisoner and he urged that the arraignment should be postponed for a time.

After a conversation with the prisoner, Mr. O'Nelli saked that the arraignment be postponed until himself and his colleague could be afforded time to examine the bills of intictment.

It is ur derstood that Probat expresses a willingness to plead guilty to the bill charging him with the murder of Cornelius Carey. District Attorney designs however, to try him upon the bill charging him with the murder of Mr. Dearing. This will show the confidence of the Con monwealth's officer in the strength of his case, without availing himself of the pretended confession of the murderer.

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From information received from persons who belonged to the same Regiment and Company as Probst,
it is learned that he was a bounty jumper, who had entered the service several times and had received large
tounties. It is alleged, also, that he shot his thumb off
deliberately, in order to gain his discharge. Among
his comrades his character was anything but enviable.

The Silver Watch,
Which has been referred to in the accounts previously
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