CITY BULLETIN.

INTERESTING SERVICES.—For some time past the First Presbyterian Church, Northrn Liberties, on Buttonwood street, below ern Liberties, on Buttonwood street, below Sixth, has been undergoing very extensive improvements, the cost of which will be about \$13,000. The edifice, now one of the most handsome churches in the city, was rededicated yesterday. The sermon in the morning was preached by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Shepherd, D. D., from Mark xiv. 6—"She hath wrought a good (or beautiful) work on me," The object of the sermon was to specify that in Mary's act, which prompts our Lord to speak of it as beautiful, three things were specified, namely, the large liberality, the thorough unselfishness, and the sublime faith of Mary's act. These points were illustrated at length, and in and the sublime faith of Mary's act. These points were illustrated at length, and in conclusion were applied to the beautiful work which the congregation have just completed. The sermon was listened to with great attention.

In the evening Rev. Daniel March, D. D., pastor of the Clinton Street Presbyterian Church, delivered a discourse adapted to the organism. The services throughout the

the occasion. The services throughout the day were well attended, and the discourses

of an interesting character.

The history of this church, since it first started, has been of the most satisfactory character. Rev. Dr. Patterson, whose fame as an ardent advocate of the truths of the gospel, is well known, was the pastor for nearly twenty-four years; he was followed by the Rev. Dr. Carrow, who contined his labors for four years, when the Rev. Dr. Ely was called to fill the pulpit; he remained with the congregation about eight years, at the end of which his failing health compelled him to relinquish his pastoral relations him to relinquish his pastoral relations;
Rev. Dr. Shepherd, who succeeded Dr. Ely,
has labored among the congregation fifteen
years. There are at the present time four
handred and sixty-five known communicants and three well regulated Sunday
Schools, numbering six hundred children.
The church schools are nurder the survey. tendence of Messrs. Wharthman and Lin-

A ROW AND SUDDEN DEATH,-On Sunday morning about three o'clock a disturb. ance occurred at Ninth and Vine streets, between a number of men who had assembled on the pavement in front of the tavern at that point. The disturbance for some time consisted of loud and angry words, but these ended in blows. The attention of the police having been called, they interfered, and while making arrests a man named Henry J. Gideon, aged 53 years, attempted to assist the police, and while thus engaged to assist the police, and while thus engaged to assist the police, and while thus engaged to assist the police. tween a number of men who had assembled he was seen to fall suddenly to the pave-ment, from a blow, it was supposed, from some one in the crowd. Gideon was picked up in an insensible condition and taken into up in an insensible condition and taken into the tavern, but subsequently removed to the drug store on the opposite corner, upon reaching which it was found that the unfortunate man had died. Dr. Shapleigh made a postmortem examination soon afterwards, and he failed to find any evidence of a blow having been inflicted, but did find that the deceased had died from heart disease, an affection that he had long suffered from. The deceased was removed to his late residence, No. 318 North Eighth street. The Coroner will hold the inquest to-day. The police succeeded in arresting James Donahue, George Bodey, Joseph H. Donnelly, Joseph Cook and John C. Donnelly, who were held in \$1,000 bail each, to await the result of the Coroner's investigation.

CHARGED WITH RIOT.—Alderman William McMullin, Thomas Doran, John Tobin and Robert L. Lister were before Elderman Beitler on Saturday afternoon on Alderman Beitler on Saturday afternoon on the same concerned in the the charge of having been concerned in the row infront of Musical Fund Hall, on Thursday morning. Officers Glenn, Wallace, Berger and Wood were at the scene. and testified to seeing all the accused there, and more or less active. Officer Glenn saw a pistol in Alderman McMullin's hand, but did not see it discharged. When Officer Steel was stabbed, most of the defendants were in the crowd or on the edge of it; also when Policeman Wood was knocked into the gutter. Officer Wallace testified that he had his revolver, and that Officer Steele displayed one of the steele discharged one load of his pistol. The defendants were held in \$1,000, for a further

CITY MORTALITY.—The number of interments in the city during the past week was 223 against 235 the same period last year. Of the whole number 108 were adults, and 115 children—52 being under one year of age; 126 were males, 97 females 60 boys and 55 girls. The greatest number of deaths occurred in the Second Ward, being 15, and the smallest number in the Sixteenth Ward, where only two were reported. where only two were reported. In the Twenty-first Ward none were returned. The principal causes of death were—croup, 5: consumption, 35; convulsions, 11; debility, 9; scarlet fever, 21; inflammation of the lungs, 15; marasmus, 7, and old age, 8.

LAYING OF A CORNER-STONE.—Yesterday AAYING OF A CORNER-STONE.— X esterday afternoon the cerner-stone of the new Catholic Church, to be constructed at Diamond and Hancock streets, was laid with appropriate ceremonies. Right Rev. Bishop Wood officiated, and delivered a sermon in English, which was afterwards repeated by the Rev. E. Grundther in German. A large number of persons were in attendance.

DEATH FROM COLD.—Between 8 and 9 o'clock on Saturday evening, Mr. James Fagan, a resident of Montgomery county, fell into the locks at Manayunk, but was immediately rescued. He walked home after his rescue, but died yesterday morning, it is supposed from the effects of his cold immersion.

MR. HOWARD CHALLEN announces, in our advertising column, a rich lot of holiday goods, at low prices. Call and see him if you want books, stationery, writing desks, or fancy articles; a sensible present, a yearly subscription to Challen's Circulating Library.

SOPRANO WANTED.—We call attention to an advertisement in to-day's paper, for a soprano in one of our leading Episcopal

The Case of Sanford P. Conover.
On Saturday Sanford P. Conover, alias Charles A. Dunham, indicted for perjury in cannection with the conspiracy trial, was brought into Court in Washington. Mr. Gooding, for the prisoner, after reciting a history of the case, proceeded to argue the demurrer to the indictments filed on Friday. The grounds taken by him were that the accused could not be held legally guilty of perjury, inasmuch as the Judge Advocate General, before whom his depositions were paken, had no authority to administer an oath, and that the Judiciary Committee of the House was not authorized to institute the House was not authorized to institute judicial proceedings, and that, therefore, in no case could he be held for perjury in regard to any statements he may have made. gard to any statements he may have made.

Judge Fisher said that he would like to
hear the question as to whether the House
of Representatives had authority to order
the said inquiry; whether it was not an inwasion of the Judiciary Department by one
house of Congress, and contrary to the distinction of powers in the Constitution. He
remarked that this question was included
in the point of Mr. Gooding as to the statute,
and was one in the disposition of which that
whole case would turn.

The District Attorney remarked that he
would like to investigate the question, and
the argument was continued.

A SPECIAL DESPATCH from Jefferson y, Missouri, says the rebels and bush-red lackers of Lexington and its vicinity are ing out, alarmed by the prospect of be-

verhauled. re chances are that no change in the

on tax will be made.

Terrible Explosion on a Steamboat.
FORTRESS MONROR, Dec. 8.—Yesterday evening, at 5 o'clock, the mail steamer Thomas Kelso, with about 140 passengers and a large amount of freight, left Baltimore on her usual trip to Norfolk. The weather was pleasant, and there appeared weather was pleasant, and there appeared a bothing to indicate the terrible affair which was soon to happen. The Kelso was a new steamer, built a few months since, at Chester, Pennsylvania, for the Bay Line Company of Baltimore, and although not fast, was considered a safe and comfortable boat.

was considered a safe and comfortable boat. During last night the weather became thick, with some heavy fog overhead. The boat moved carefully on her way, the pilot on the lookout for passing vessels, to avoid collision. About three o'clock this morning, when three miles to the northward of the Wolf Trap Light-ship, while the passengers were quietly slumbering, the steam drum exploded with terrific noise, startling every one on board and creating the greatest confusion. The hot, scalding steam spread everywhere, rushing into the saloon, and penetrating the state-rooms, scalding fearfully many of the sleeping passengers. These, awakening and inhaling the steam, made frantic efforts to break through the windows or the state-rooms, or, rushing into the scales. made frantic efforts to oreak through the windows or the state-rooms, or, rushing into the saloon, sought exit anywhere to reach the fresh air. A terrible scene of confusion and suffering was revealed to the gaze when the steam had escaped to the outer air. With the utmost difficulty quiet was restored and some of the passengers

outer air. With the utmost difficulty quiet was restored, and some of the passengers who had preserved their presence of mind, united with the officers in calming the excited fears of the lady passengers, and with the aid of an army surgeon, who fortunately happened to be on board, sought to relieve the sufferings of the wounded.

Intelligence of the disaster was sent to Cherrystone, on the Eastern Shore, the nearest telegraph station, and about two o'clock this afternoon the Annamessic steamer Citizen. est telegraph station, and about two o'clock this afternoon the Annamessic steamer City of Norfolk was signaled, and coming along side, took all the passengers and their baggage to Norfolk, where they will be well cared for. The steamer John Sylvester left Norfolk to-night, and proceeded to the Wolf Trap, where the Kelso anchored after the explosion, intending to tow her to Norfolk. The following is as complete and correct a list of the victims of the disaster as can be obtained at this late hour:

a list of the victims of the disaster as can be obtained at this late hour:

Officers and crew of the steamer—Killed, three colored firemen. Badly scalded, Chas. Reeder, chief engineer; Vance Wilson, assistant, engineer; M. Woodrup, baggage agent; Wm. Hall, fireman. Slightly scalded—John Rowan and Capt. Cralle.

Passengers badly scalded—Stephen Hays and Charles W. Nixon. Slightly scalded—Joseph Davis; Major Eugene Carter, Sth United States infantry; L. A. Sangtelle, Mrs. James Southampton, Edward J. Zochler, George Rickell, Rev. John L. Cowing.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 9.—A despatch from Norfolk to Colonel Falls, President of the Baltimory Steam Packet Company, says that the Annamessic boat arrived here at 3.30 P. M. from the Thomas Kelse, with the passengers, including wounded. Three coal-passers were killed, but none of the passengers. Only three passengers were badly wounded, but several slightly. Three officers of the boat—Engineers Reeder and Wilson and Waldrop—were badly scalded, but are doing well. Three firemen—Holt, McKenney and Betts—are very severely burned, but all the rest of the crew are safe. The disaster was caused by a seam of pivots of the outside connection of the steam-drum giving way near the mouth of the steam-pipe. The steam blew downward

drum giving way near the mouth of the steam-pipe. The steam blew downward and penetrated the saloons.

Tugs have been sent from Norfolk to tow the Kelso to that place. The wounded are all being tenderly gazed for all being tenderly cared for.

Two young men, giving their names as R. T. Sickles and Henry Brownelle, were arrested in Norfolk, on Friday, on the charg of passing counterfeit money. They were arrested at the National Hotel, and in searching their baggage ever three thousand dollars in the spurious bills were discovered. The bills are upon the Greensboro' Bank of North Carolina, and it is believed the parties have operated exten-sively in other cities North and West. Both men were committed for a further exami-

MISSISSIPPI CROPS.—The Woodville Republican of the 24th ultimo says: "Cotton-picking is nearly over. Crops have turned out wofully short, of course, as is indicated by the early end of the picking season, as it began so late; much energy is being displayed in the preparations for another crop, notwithstanding the many failures of the present year and the low price of cotton."

A MEMORIAL OF MISS NIGHTINGATOR

A MEMORIAL OF MISS NIGHTINGALE'S SERVICES.—It has been resolved to spend \$15,000 in erecting a new wing to the Derbyshire General Infirmary in England. The building is to bear the title of the "Nightingale Wing." William Edward Nightingale, father of Miss Nightingale, has been invited to become president of the institution.

A NEW RAILROAD.—The Alabama House of Representatives has passed a bill to incorporate the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, and ordered it to be sent forthwith to the Senate. The bill requires no aid from the State, but simply a charter and privilege of completing the enterprise ing the enterprise.

ODD FELLOWS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—It is stated that this benevolent order has 20 lodges in the State of New Hampshire, containing in all 2,303 members. During the year past 322 have been initiated in the order, and 25 have died. Amount paid for the relief of brothers, \$3,854 80; for widowed families, \$242; for burying the dead, \$2919 95.

MEMORIAL TO A GRAMMARIAN,—The New Haven Palladium says that Professor William D. Whitney, of Yale College, is about to send to Germany the American offerings for the "Bopp-Stiftung," instituted in memorial of the publication of Bopp's "Comparative Grammar," and intended to form a fund to advance the study of com-parative philology.

GENERAL WHIPPLE.—This officer, chief of staff to General Thomas, has returned from his Southern tour. He brings sad reports of the crops, but commends, very warmly, the energy of the railroad companies in repairing the damages of the war. He visited Macon, Vicksburg, Mobile, Montgomery and Columbus.

WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, a son of the Hon. William Montgomery, and the alleged murderer of William Densmore, near Washington, Pa., for whose arrest a reward of \$1,000 was offered, was arrested on Saturday at Wellsburg, West Virginia.

The steamship Celestial Empire, one of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's line from San Francisco to Japan and China, was launched on Saturday, at New York. She is the largest wooden steamship ever constructed.

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