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MARRIED.

BURBANK—HUBBARD.—On the 11th inst., by the Rev. N. W. Conklin, Lieut. J. B. Burbank, 3d U. S. Artillery, to Miss Emma D. Hubbard, daughter of R. S. Hubbard, of Philadelphia. No Cards. *

SKIPWITH—POLK.—In St. John's Church, Maury county, Tennessee, on the 13th Nov., by the Rev. David Pise, P. H. Skipwith, of N. Orleans, La., to Frances D., eldest daughter of the late Right Rev. Leonidas Polk, Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana.

DIED.

CLARKE.—On Second day morning, Twelfth month, 10th, at West Hill, near Burlington, N. J., Julia K. Clarke, aged 73 years.

Her relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, (without further notice,) at the close of Friends' Meeting, at Burlington, on Fifth day, the 13th inst. (Meeting commences at 10 o'clock, A. M.) *

DUBS.—At Newtown, N. J., on Sunday evening, the 9th inst., after a lingering illness, Miss Susan M. Dubs, aged 64 years.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from Wm. H. Moore, Undertaker, 505 Arch street, on Friday, the 14th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M., without further notice. To proceed to Laurel Hill. **

HATHAWAY.—In Whiteford, Monroe county, Mich., Dec. 3d, Sylvester R. Hathaway, aged 71 years.

HIBBS.—On the 10th inst., at Harrisburg, Jacob R. Hibbs, aged 56 years.

MILLIGAN.—On the 9th instant, Miss Sallie J., daughter of William C. Milligan, in the 18th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her father, near Haddonfield, N. J., on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 10 o'clock. Interment at Laurel Hill, at one o'clock. *

POLLOCK.—On the evening of the 11th inst., Robert Pollock, in his 53d year. Due notice will be given of the funeral. *

MELODEON COVERS AND RICH PIANO COVERS, FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. Fine Shawls, for Christmas; fine Silks, for Christmas; Christmas Delaines and Prints; Hdkfs., Collars, Gloves and Scarfs.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

UNION LEAGUE.—At a meeting of the UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA, held MONDAY, Dec. 10th, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

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GEORGE H. BOKER, Secretary.
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NOTICE.—The Third ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the McELHENY OIL COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, No. 218 WALNUT Street, on TUESDAY, January 1st, 1867, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of electing a clerk and a board of nine Directors to serve the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such further and other business as may properly come before them.
By order of the Board.
CHAS. H. REEVES, Clerk.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12th, 1866. de12w,f,m,t,ja1§

ST. PAUL'S P. E. CHURCH.
The Annual Sale of Useful and Fancy Articles held by the Sunday Schools connected with this Church will be opened on MONDAY, December 10th, and continue open until WEDNESDAY, December 12th, at the WASHINGTON BUILDING, THIRD Street, above SPRUCE. de8,4trp§

THE INDUSTRIAL HOME, Corner of BROAD street and COLUMBIA avenue, is open for the admission of Girls from twelve to eighteen years of age, who are neglected or deserted by their parents, and who need the shelter and instruction of a Christian home. If the public will sustain this Institution, many girls may be kept from evil and made respectable and useful women.
Contributions may be sent to James T. Shinn, Treasurer, Broad and Spruce streets. no22-rptf

MERCANTILE BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION.—The terms of admission are as follows:
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Annual 3 00
Entrance fee 1 00
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UNITED STATES TREASURY, PHILADELPHIA. NOTICE.—Holders of twenty or more Seven-thirty coupons, due Dec. 15th, 1866, can present them at this office previous to the 15th inst., for count and examination. Checks will be issued for the same on the 15th inst. C. McKIBBIN, de8-5trp§ Assistant Treasurer United States.

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MME. RISTORI.—The audience at the Academy of Music, last evening, was very large. The play was an Italian version of Schiller's *Mary Stuart*, and it is hard to conceive of anything more perfect than the great actress's representation of the unhappy queen. Criticism is at fault and mere praise cannot do justice to her genius as exhibited in the play. In most of the scenes tenderness and sadness are the prevailing emotions expressed. But in the third act, in the interview with Queen Elizabeth, there are several bursts of passion that are magnificent. The sudden look of repugnance and horror, when she is first about to throw herself at Elizabeth's feet, was superb and thrilling. At the close of the act she reproaches the daughter of Anna Boleyn, and in a grand passage exclaims, "*Il trono d'Inghilterra e profanato d'una bastarda,*" with look, gesture and voice that are superlatively fine. The scenes preceding the execution, in the last act, though totally different, are equally fine. But it is idle to attempt a description of them, or to single out any particular points in the performance. The audience were repeatedly aroused to extraordinary enthusiasm, and after each act in which she appeared, Mme. Ristori was vociferously called for. She was very well sustained, and the performance of Mme. Cottin, in the ungrateful part of "Elizabeth," was deserving of especial praise. This evening Mme. Ristori appears in the play of "Elisabetta," which has created an extraordinary sensation, and the desire to see her in it is so great that there is a certainty of a larger audience than has yet been assembled.

FOYER OF THE ACADEMY.—On Friday, at 4½ P. M., Mr. Wolfsohn will give his second piano forte matinée, when he will have the valuable assistance of Herr Pollak, who made such a favorable debut at the first concert. This artist will sing a number of rare and interesting German songs, the interpretation of which seems to be so difficult with ordinary singers. Mr. Wolfsohn will perform his own beautiful "Album Leaves," Sonata by Weber, Impromptu by Mendelssohn, and Fantasia by Chopin. This is a more modern and popular programme than the first, and doubtless will give increased delight to all students of the piano.

[For the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.]

Freedmen's Commission.

In the latter part of the admirable report report in Monday's BULLETIN of the meeting in aid of the Freedmen held at St. Luke's Church, the previous evening, in behalf of which General Howard spoke, the writer has inadvertently fallen into an error in regard to the name of the association. This would be of little importance had he not hit upon that borne by another society in this city. Instead of being the "Pennsylvania Branch of the Freedmen's Aid Society," it is the Pennsylvania Branch of the Freedmen's Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The office of the society is in the Episcopal Rooms, 708 Walnut street, where some of the officers of the society are in daily attendance from 12 to 1 o'clock, to furnish information in regard to its design.

Contributions of clothing, money, materials, books, pictures, &c., are urgently solicited, and will be duly acknowledged and faithfully distributed to the Freedmen, through the hands of Northern teachers.

Any worshipper in the Protestant Episcopal Church may become a member of the society, by paying one dollar annually, and will receive a copy of a monthly publication reporting the work of the association and its claims upon the sympathies and liberality of the Church. Letters or packages addressed to the Episcopal Rooms, 708 Walnut street, for the Protestant Episcopal Freedmen's Commission, will receive immediate attention. J.

John B. Myers & Co., Auctioneers, Nos. 232 and 234 Market street, will hold on to-morrow (Thursday) December 13, at 10 o'clock, a large and important sale of Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, on four months' credit, including full lines French Cloths, Doeskins, Cassimeres, Satinets, Ratines, Chinchillas, Esquimaux, Castors, Moscows, Fancy Cassimeres and Cloakings. Italians, &c. Dress Goods. Silks, Shawls, 3,000 dozen L. C. Hdkfs., 3,000 dozen Kid and other Gloves, Hosiery, Traveling and Under Shirts and Drawers, Ladies' Merino Vests. Also, Linens, White Goods, 300 dozen Broche Scarfs, 300 pieces elegant Tambour Lace Curtains. Also, invoice of very rich plain and fringed Lap Robes. Also, Balmoral and Hoop Skirts, Suspenders, Neck Ties, &c.

ON FRIDAY, December 14, at 11 o'clock, by catalogue, on four months' credit, about 250 pieces Tapestry Brussels, Superfine and Fine Ingrain, Royal Damask, Venetian, List, Hemp, Cottage, and Rag Carpetings.

Extensive Sale Extra Valuable Real Estate, on Tuesday Next.

Thomas & Sons' sale, at the Exchange, on Tuesday next, will include valuable stores, 211 Arch, 1239 Vine, southwest corner of Second and Jefferson, 819 South and 11 South Front street; valuable hotel known as the "Abbey," on the Township line road; country seat and farm of 70 acres, Washington lane; elegant residence, 1518 North Broad, 1129 Mount Vernon, northwest corner of Eighteenth and De Lancy Place, and northwest corner of Twelfth and Wallace streets; several very desirable small dwellings, building lots, &c.

☞ Their sale on the 8th January will include the valuable building No. 138 South Third street, by order of the Master. For full particulars see last page and advertisements under auction head.

Extensive Peremptory Sales of Valuable Real Estate by James A. Freeman.

The sale advertised by Jas. A. Freeman, auctioneer, for December 19th, includes a large number of very desirable properties to be peremptorily sold by direction of the Court, Executors and others; a number of Handsome Residences, TWENTIETH AND WALLACE, of which immediate possession will be given to the purchaser.

SALE OF FACTORY AND MACHINERY, FOURTH AND HACKLEY STREETS, BY ORDER OF THE ORPHANS' COURT.—On the following Friday afternoon will be sold this valuable property, the estate of *Charles Hemmann*, deceased.

Auction Sale of Fine Liquors.

We are requested to call the attention of gentlemen and families desiring fine liquors for the approaching holiday season, to the sale of very fine old wines, brandies, whiskies, gins, &c., in demijohns, to be made by Messrs. Powell & West, Auctioneers, at their store, No. 28 South Front street, to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

The liquors are all selected expressly for this sale, from the stock of Mr. E. P. Middleton, No. 5 North Front street.

A NEW ORLEANS letter says: Messrs. E. J. Hart & Co. detected an enormous swindle in their large establishment the other day. The cashier and one of the clerks in the drug department were in collusion. A bill of goods would be sold, and only one-half entered on the books. Suspecting this, a trap was set for them. A bill of small but expensive medicines was purchased, and the plot discovered. One of the men confessed that this had been carried on for some time, and several thousand dollars appropriated. I dare say many instances like this exist. The expenses of living are large, and when men with families only get from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars per month, there is a great temptation to make more—honestly, if it can be done. Salaries should always be in proportion to the expense of living.

FENIANISM IN AMERICA.

A Fenian Privateer Reported at Sea.

A British Vessel of War in Pursuit.

[Correspondence of the New York World.]

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—A most grave and exciting report obtains wide currency here to-night. A Fenian privateer is stated to have successfully eluded Federal vigilance and to have sailed from Newburyport several days ago, the last of last week, on the way to the Irish coast. The vessel in question is alleged to be the schooner Estelle, of some 700 tons burden, and is said to be armed with the most improved distructive ordnance suited in calibre to that of the vessel, with a rifled 68-pound pivot gun aft, and to contain a picked crew of more than 200 men, who have seen service on our iron-clads during the recent war.

Her officers are as follows:

Lieutenant Commanding—John R. Burke; First Lieutenant Frank Devereux; Second Lieutenant, Samuel Jones; Sailing Master—Peter Carey; Surgeon—Dr. Edward H. Perkins; Assistant Surgeon—Dr. R. P. Scovel; Sailing Master—James Miles; Boatswain—Caldwell Taylor; Quartermaster—Haight Tabor; Chief Gunner—Martin Kerwin; Gunner's Mates—Andrew O'Neill and Patrick Lynch.

Lieut. Burke was a master's mate in the navy during the war, and distinguished himself at Roanoke and off Mobile. Of his assistants, Lieutenant Devereux, served on the ram Tennessee, while Lieutenant Samuel Jones was at one time gunner's mate on the famous Alabama. The other officers have all "seen service" in both the Federal and confederate navies, while Martin Kerwin, chief gunner, served for some time in that capacity on Her Majesty's frigate Terrible, and is said to be an unusually accomplished officer in his peculiar line.

The Fenian officials here state that before leaving for Ireland, C. O. I. R. Stephens issued letters of marque and reprisal to the Estelle, to capture, burn, sink or destroy any English vessels out of neutral waters that she may encounter, and Capt. Burke announced his intention of making the Atlantic too hot for a British ship. It is declared that the incoming Cunard steamer is to be captured at all hazards, and to that end the Estelle has sailed directly in the track of the expected vessel. Others will follow as chance offers, and it is the purpose to detach a portion of the arms and men on the Estelle to the first most available English craft captured and thus improvise another privateer.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The sudden departure yesterday of the Wolverine man-of-war, under sealed orders, has given rise to a variety of surmises and strange rumors, the one approaching nearest to truth being that she has sailed in search of a Fenian privateer, reported by the British Consul in New York as having recently left a United States port for parts unknown.

ACCIDENT, ESCAPE AND REMARKABLE COURAGE.—On Friday evening last, says the Media *Advertiser*, about fifteen minutes past five, Thomas O'Bryan and Thomas Anderson, both residents of Briggsville, near Media, and both workmen on the West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad, met with an accident which threatened the life of one and severely injured the other. They had completed their day's work, at the bank near Walker's coal yard, and were hastily returning the hand car to Bancroft's siding, about half a mile distant. O'Bryan was turning the handle of the car very rapidly, and had reached the deep embankment opposite Playford's spring house, when the wind blew his coat against the handle, which it caught, throwing him out, his head striking the track, completly lying bare the skull for six inches, and leaving a gaping wound two inches wide. He was thrown in front of the car, the wheel of which struck his right side, crushing all of the right ribs. The sudden stoppage also threw Anderson out, his head striking soft ground; but he received some injuries in the thigh. The car was thus wedged between the tracks, and the train due Media at 5.25 was coming, the embankment at the place of accident is of thirty feet fall, beyond which is a curve, and without the removal of this car, inevitable destruction and loss of life seemed to await the approaching train and its passengers. We have already described O'Bryan's wounds—the blood was streaming down his face from the ghastly gash in his head, his side was painful, but with unequaled courage and nerve, he aided Anderson to throw the car from the track—a load equal to the heft of four men—and then fell exhausted and senseless. The approaching train passed, and its many passengers could neither then know nor appreciate the high sense of duty, the remarkable strength and nerve that saved them from a fate the idea of which is sufficiently appalling. Anderson, who is about and doing well, soon procured help for his comrade, and he was carried to his home at Briggsville, and it is hoped by Dr. Scholl, the attending physician, that O'Bryan will recover. We have never before recorded a case where a man under such painful circumstances, so unselfishly remembered his duty and the danger which threatened others, and yet so courageously performed it. O'Bryan has a wife and several children dependent upon his labor for support, and this accident is the cause of much loss and bereavement to them.

TREATIES WITH INDIAN TRIBES.—Some years ago, Congress inserted a clause in one of the Appropriation bills, empowering the President to negotiate treaties with various Indian tribes in Kansas, with the view of disposing of their residences without the limits thereof, or of any organized Territory or otherwise, in what is known or termed the Indian Territory, south of Kansas and west of Missouri and Arkansas. To carry out this arrangement, delegations, not exceeding two from each of the tribes, have been invited to Washington with the idea of consummating measures for their removal from that State, and their emigration to the Indian country. The tribes contemplated to be affected by this are the following, namely: The Sacs and Foxes, Chippewas and Munsees, Pottowattamies, Delawares and Miamies, Peanhaskaws, Meas, Kaskasheas and Peorias, Kickapoos, Shawnees, Ottawas, Wyandotte and Osages.

A Shawnee delegation, representatives of one part of that tribe, in which there is a division, is now here, having heard of what was in contemplation. They had an interview with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to-day, in which they were assured of the favorable disposition of the Government towards all the tribes. They were also presented with a copy of the instructions furnished to the Commissioners to visit the Indian tribes of Kansas. The Commissioner is anxious for these tribes to await the ultimate decision of the Government upon the arrangements which are in progress for their future good condition.

Ocean Yacht Race.

[From to-day's N. Y. Tribune.]

Yesterday the great ocean yacht race, so long talked of, so long theorized on, so long doubted, was begun. The yachts Henrietta, Vesta and Fleetwing, of the New York Yacht Squadron, started on a voyage across the great Atlantic. The following is a description of the contesting vessels:

THE VESTA.

The Vesta is owned by Mr. Pierre Lorrillard. She is of 201 tons burden. She has a length of keel of 98 feet, and of deck 108 feet. She is a centre-board boat, and is built of white oak, white chestnut, hackmatack and locust. On account of the ocean race she has undergone the following changes: She has had a new bowsprit fitted to her, which is carefully bolted throughout; her boom has been shortened six feet; her main and foremast have also been shortened six feet, and she has had twelve feet taken off her main boom. She has taken on board an entire new suit of sails, as also an entire new spare set, in addition to heavy weather sails. Her rigging is also new throughout, the whole being made of the best Italian hemp. She will carry a new lifeboat, and several spare spars which will be secured on deck by ring bolts. She will be steered by a patent wheel apparatus, and in case of this being carried away, she has spare tillers which can be fitted to the rudder head. She has also a patent water anchor, which, when thrown into the water, opens as an umbrella, and will be of great service in heavy weather. Her forecastle accommodation has been improved so as to be comfortable for the whole of her crew of seamen.

The Vesta is manned as follows: Captain and Sailing Master, Capt. George Dayton; first officer, Mr. Hodgson; a second mate, boatswain, two stewards, two cooks and 16 seamen. Mr. George Lorillard, brother, and Mr. Taylor, brother-in-law of the owner of the Vesta, sail on the vessel.

THE HENRIETTA.

This yacht is the property of Mr. James Gordon Bennett, Jr. It will be remembered she did good service against the rebels in the sounds on the Florida coast. She is a keel boat, and is of beautiful model. She is of 205 tons burden. She has been most carefully prepared for the present race. Her bowsprit has been shortened 16 inches, her lower mast 7 feet, and her main boom 6 feet. She has been furnished with an entire new gang of rigging of Italian hemp, and also with new fore and aft stays and jibstays of first quality charcoal wire, independent of which she has been provided with an extra forestay, which comes into the night heads. Her jibstays are double, and of 3½ inch wire; her bobstay is of 4½ inch wire, her main spring of 4 inch wire, which will prevent her backstay. She has extra gammonings, spare fore and main boom, fore and main gaff jibboom, topmast, and also two spare spars. She will carry extra sails, with three storm trysails and storm forestay sails. Her hatches are so arranged that in five minutes they can be thoroughly caulked and wooded. She has also extra deck lights fore and aft, so that the cabins will be always lighted, the sky lights being caulked and battened down. Her steering arrangements have been attended to with particular care; she has a new rudder, and is to be steered by a patent screw and wheel. In case of any accident, however, she carries spare tillers, which can be shipped in a few minutes without boring through the rudder head; and she has also, in case of the rudder head becoming twisted, some strong ropes to which tackles can be fixed. She will take two patent liquid compasses, and also two storm compasses, to which, in case the binnacle should be carried away, lights are attached. Her boats and spare spars will be secured by ring bolts passing through the deck and clinched. Her deck cabin over the ballast has been secured by extra sleepers, which are stanchioned under the deck in deep sockets. The Henrietta has the following crew: Captain S. Samuels; sailing master, Martin J. Lyons; first mate, J Jones; second mate, John Cole; boatswain, carpenter, sail maker, two quartermasters, two cooks, two stewards, officers' messmen, and 14 seamen. The owner of the yacht, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Lawrence Jerome and Mr. Melvin Knapp, sail on the Henrietta.

THE FLEETWING.

The Fleetwing is a very handsome yacht. She was built in the fall of 1865, by Joseph Van Demen, the builder of the Alarm, Gipsey and others. She is the property of Mr. A. Osgood, son-in-law of Commodore Vanderbilt. Her length on deck is one hundred and six feet, beam twenty-four feet, and depth of hold nearly ten feet; tonnage, 212. She has been refitted for the ocean race. Her main boom has been shortened five feet, and been furnished with an extra shroud. She has also received some new sails, and been supplied with a new gang of rigging. She will be, as the others, steered by a patent wheel, whose place can be supplied by a tiller in case of accident. Two boats and an extra set of spars will be used in case of emergency. Her only race has been the one with the Henrietta. Through some misunderstanding, Captain Brown, who was to have sailed the yacht, is substituted by Capt. Thomas. Her remaining officers are as follows:—First mate, Joseph Brown; second mate, Henry Hoffman; quartermasters, Joseph Crandell, John Beebee, John Wood, John Harleton. The crew consists of eighteen men, beside cook and steward. Mr. Ernest Staples and Mr. Robert Center, of the New York Yacht Club, sail in the vessel as judges. The Vesta appointed Mr. Center, and the Henrietta appointed Mr. Staples to sail in the Fleetwing.

The principal features of the articles of agreement we have already given. Briefly they were as follows: George and Frank Osgood bet Pierre Lorrillard, Jr., and others, $30,000 that the Fleetwing can beat the Vesta to the Needles, on the coast of England. The yachts to start from Sandy Hook on the second Tuesday in December, and to sail according to the rules of the New York Yacht Club, waiving the allowance of time. The yacht Henrietta enters the race by paying $30,000 subscription by members of the New York Yacht Club. The remaining stipulations concern pilots, the sails to be carried, &c.

At 10 o'clock the members of the New York Yacht Club and their friends embarked on the steamer River Queen, and set sail for Sandy Hook. While passing Fort Wordsworth the national colors were dipped in honor of the party and the occasion. At other places along the shores of the bay the yachtsmen were honored with a display of the stars and stripes.

Arrived off Stapleton, Staten Island, the party on the River Queen found the three yachts which were to take part in the ocean race and a number of steamers tugs and pilot-boats. The accompanying vessels bore many of the friends of the contestants and many more who had sailed merely to witness the opening of the race.

At about 12 o'clock the keeled procession passed from before Stapleton, the tug Wm. Fletcher towing the yacht Fleetwing, the P. C. Schultz towing the Henrietta, and the C. Chamberlain towing the Vesta. It was a busy scene on board the yachts, on the passage down the lower bay. Every man was at his post, and hard at work. They were an improvement on the crews under the orders of my Lord Nelson, for every man did his duty in such a way as to make unnecessary the running up of a placard stating that Gotham, or the New York Yacht Squadron, or any one else expected such duty to be performed. Every man did his duty, and ropes, and sails, and spars gave ready answer to the magic touch of these who had individually resolved to win a great stake. By the time the yachts had arrived opposite Sandy Hook, each had nearly all its canvass spread. At one o'clock three calls from the whistle of the United States revenue cutter Jasmine, on board of which was Captain Fearing, who had been appointed to act as Judge, gave the signal to the yachts to prepare for a start.

Three minutes passed, and then came the long-drawn out "go!" of the steam-whistle. Each yacht swung round at the call and running up a jib, swiftly glided from its anchorage. The wind was west-south-west. It was a seven-knot breeze. Each vessel payed off handsomely, the Vesta having the lead, with the Henrietta under the lee of the point, and the Fleetwing to the northward. As they started each had up a foresail, mainsail, main-gaff topsail and three jibs. Immediately after wearing, the Fleetwing hauled down her jibs and set her squaresail. The others immediately set their squaresails, but kept up their jibs. The Fleetwing soon after set her fore topsails and jibs.

It was now a beautiful, an exciting scene.

At 1½ o'clock we passed, in the steamer River Queen, the bows of the Fleetwing, and bade her and her gallant crew good-bye. Three rousing cheers were sent to her and promptly answered back. The last sounds they heard from our vessel were the notes of "Hail Columbia," played by the band. At 1 50 the River Queen ran astern the Vesta and "good-bye" was again given from strong lungs and the stronger brass band. The men on board the yacht looked jolly; they even danced, in the midst of their cheering, to show us they were not downhearted. At 2 o'clock we gave the last greeting to the Henrietta, her men answering back in tones full of hope. Her gallant owner stood proudly in the stern of the vessel and waved his adieu to his old friends. Thus we left the racers. The River Queen turned her prow homeward, after having accompanied the yachts miles out on the open sea, and the remaining steamers of the expedition followed in her wake. In a short time the hulls of the yachts were below the horizon. So far as could be seen with a glass, they then maintained the positions they relatively occupied at starting. A glorious breeze favored them, and they rapidly grew dim. At 2.20 o'clock a light haze hid the Fleetwing and Vesta. The Fleetwing was not again seen. A burst of sunshine finally revealed the Vesta, and then the wave rapidly swallowed her up again and refused to give her more to the sight of her homeward bound friends. The Henrietta, being further to the south was still in sight, her topsail simply a faint white speck in the distance. Ten minutes more and she, too, was below the horizon.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE WALNUT.—There is an irresistible fascination about Mr. J. S. Clarke which fills the Walnut nightly until the theatre overflows with humanity. His Jeremiah Beetle, his Waddilove, his Bob Acres, his—anything in fact but Toodles—keep thousands of people in roars of laughter for hours. Last evening, for instance, the huge audience was quiet only long enough to hear what he had to say, in half sentences, and then a shout of laughter would echo from parquet to gallery. Such power of amusing a vast mass of people is seldom possessed by any actor or orator, nor does this kind of fun often seem so perennial as in the case of Clarke. This evening he appears in "The Rivals" and "Toodles."

THE CHESTNUT.—This evening Mr. McDonough gives "The Long Strike" for the last time but two. The afterpiece will be "The Two Bonnycastles."

THE ARCH.—Mr. F. S. Chanfrau in "Sam."

THE AMERICAN.—"The Black Crook."

ASSEMBLY BUILDING.—Signor Blitz.

NATIONAL HALL.—The Old Folks.

OIL has been discovered on Shoal Creek, St. Clair county, Alabama, in abundance, at a depth of 900 feet.

FROM NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A series of systematic thefts, by which an oil firm in Maiden lane was robbed to the amount of about $8,000 by a confidential porter, and which has been going on for a year or more, was brought to light by the detectives, and the delinquent porter committed to custody. It is supposed that other parties, as yet unknown, are also mixed up in this affair.

Another body was recovered from the ruins of the Walker street fire yesterday. It is supposed to be the body of John J. Birmingham.

The case of Messrs. Develin, Tilton and Levan, charged with branding liquors on which it is alleged no taxes had been paid, was commenced before United States Commissioner Newton, in Brooklyn, yesterday. The testimony was of a very direct and positive nature, and revealed the extent to which frauds have been carried, and the manner in which the work was conducted.

Yesterday Commissioner Newton pronounced his decision. in the case of James H. Greatrex, who is accused of having forged at Glasgow. Scotland, a large number of the notes of the Union Bank of that country. The Commissioner granted a certificate for the rendition of the prisoner.

There were 334 deaths in this city last week, against 432 in the previous week—a decrease of 48. The officers of the Board of Health are engaged in making out their first annual reports. The documents will be voluminous, and will contain many important facts.

The start in the great ocean race from Sandy Hook to Cowes took place yesterday. The day was a very glorious one, and some twelve steamers were present with excursionists to witness the event. The yachts were started at one o'clock precisely, the Henrietta being the first on the way. The respective positions of the vessels were, however, several times changed before they were out of sight.

A very lengthy session of the Episcopal Convention, extending throughout the entire day, was held yesterday at Grace church, Brooklyn, at which resolutions were passed favoring the formation of a new diocese for Long Island, and expressing the belief that the proposed endowment can be raised.

The steamer Chauncey sailed yesterday for Aspinwall, carrying the mails for China and Japan. At Panama a steamer of the Pacific line will convey the mails to San Francisco, and thence another steamer of the same line will convey them to Honolulu, Yokohama and Hong Kong. This is the first time these mails will have been conveyed the whole way by American vessels.

An inquest was held yesterday, at the Seventh Precinct Station House, on the bodies of the persons who were suffocated at the fire at 215 Division street, on Monday night. A verdict was returned that the parties came to their death by suffocation, and the cause was from an incendiary fire.

CITY BULLETIN.

[See Second and Last pages for additional Locals.]

WALNUT STREET IMPROVEMENT.—That this is a world of change, any visitor to Philadelphia or resident thereof can testify. Every prominent street seems to feel the effect of the rage for new stores and handsome show-windows. The latest improvement projected is that at the southeast corner of Tenth and Walnut streets. We understand that Mr. J. C. Finn has purchased the property, and early in the spring he will go vigorously to work to alter it into a very handsome store. It is his intention to make it an ornament to the vicinity, and to this end no expense will be spared. Mr. Finn has long been known as connected with the firm of Howell & Brothers, wall paper manufacturers, and he will continue the same line of business, with the very best facilities, at Tenth and Walnut streets.

ASSAULT WITH A RAZOR.—Some colored women got into a row in Bay street, above Sixth, last evening. The one who originated the disturbance made a narrow escape. Three other women got after her with razors and but for the interference of the police would probably have inflicted serious wounds upon her. The three were arrested. Their names are Belle Price Sarah Gibbs and Anne Brown. They were taken before Ald. Butler this morning, and were committed for assault and battery with intent to kill.

ASSAULTING A WOMAN.—Richard White was arrested yesterday and taken before Ald. Massey upon the charge of having assaulted Mrs. Florence, residing at No. 916 Locust street. It is also alleged that he made a general smash of the furniture in the house. The value of the property destroyed was about $500. White was held in $1,500 bail for his appearance at court.

IDENTIFIED.—The two barrels of fish found on the schooner "Farmers' Delight," at Dock street wharf, several days ago, were yesterday identified as having been stolen from the schooner May Bird, in Chester creek, on the night of the 16th of November. Capt. Hart, of the Farmers' Delight, has been sent to Media for trial.

A FAST YOUTH.—James Bonhour, aged 21 years, was before Ald. Allen this morning upon the charge of misdemeanor. It seems that his father gave him an order for $100 on a man with whom he had been in the habit of dealing. James got an extra $100 and spent the money in enjoying himself. He was held in $800 bail for trial.

KICKED OUT.—Before Alderman Allen this morning a gentleman doing business on Water street, near Chestnut, was charged with assault and battery on a man named Lippincott. The latter went to the store of the defendant and talked about putting the sheriff on the place. The defendant didn't like this and kicked Lippincott into the street. He was held to answer.

EMBEZZLEMENT.—William John was before Alderman Massey yesterday afternoon, upon the charge of the embezzlement of $150 belonging to a man in this city. John belongs to Pottstown, and was arrested as he was getting into the cars at the Reading Railroad depot. He was held in $800 bail to answer at court.

DISTURBING A RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION.—Henry Springer has been committed by Ald. Fitch, for disturbing the congregation of a church, on Twenty-first street, below Jefferson on Sunday evening last, and for assaulting Officer Rodebagh when he arrested him.

TRUE BILL FOUND.—The Grand Jury of Bucks county have found a true bill against Albert Teufel charged with the murder of Captain Wiley, a boatman. Teufel, it will be remembered, was captured at Third and Buttonwood streets, in this city.

LARCENY OF CLOTHING.—Alderman Butler this morning committed James Harris for the larceny of clothing from a house No. 612 Locust street, where he boarded.

FATAL RESULT.—Ann McQuillan, who was run over by a passenger railway car at Twenty-fourth and Callowhill streets, on the 5th, died this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital.

IMPROVING.—The many friends of Lieut. Frank C. Hampton, of the Second District Police, will be glad to learn that he is recovering from his recent severe illness. He was much better this morning.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.—Mr. Charles P. Bosson, a well-known journalist of this city, died suddenly at New York, yesterday, of disease of the heart, while seated at dinner. Mr. Bosson was in early life engaged in the seed business, and in pursuit of information on that subject he traveled extensively in Europe. He was for many years a writer for agricultural and historical papers, and subsequently was employed upon the daily press, first upon the *Herald* and latterly upon the *Commercial*.—*Boston Traveller*.

AN AGED FISHERMAN.—On Tuesday afternoon last, an open boat, skippered by Mr. Zimri Cleaveland, 77 years of age, landed 113 codfish, taken at the north side of the island. The weather during the day was unpleasant, with a strong wind blowing from southwest.—*Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror*.

MANY families are emigrating to Texas from Georgia and Eastern Alabama.

THE reported release of General Ortega is confirmed.

COMMERCIAL.

SALES OF STOCKS.

FIRST BOARD.

$3000 N Jersey 6s	102	300 sh Read R		b30	54⅝
5000 U S 6s 5-20s co Jy	108½	100 sh	do	s5	54⅝
100 U S 10-40s con	103	300 sh	do	s30	54½
1000 U S Teas 7 3-10 Notes Aug c	105¼	100 sh	do	2ds	54½
		100 sh	do	s30	54⅝
7000 Penna 5s	94	300 sh	do	s3 int	54½
400 do	94⅛	100 sh Sch Nav		b30	24½
1000 City 6s new C&P	99½	300 sh	do		24
1000 Pittsburgh 5s con	74½	200 sh Hestonv'e R		s5	14½
1000 Sch Nav 6s '82	82½	62 sh Penna R			54⅛
5 sh Ches & Wal R	58	400 sh Cataw pf			27½
500 sh Hestonville R	14½	50 sh 13th & 15th St R			19½

PRICES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.
(By Telegraph.)

	FIRST CALL.	
American Gold	138	bid
Reading Railroad	54⅜@100	bid
New York Central	111	bid
United States 6s '81	112½	bid
United States 6s, 5-20s	107⅝	bid
Erie	72⅝	bid
Hudson River	122	bid
		Steady.

Finance and Business—Dec. 12, 1866.

The Stock Market was again feeble to-day, and prices for almost everything on the list took another downward turn. There was but little demand for Government Loans, and the closing figures were 112¼ for the Coupon Sixes, '81; 108¼ for the "policy" Bonds; 108 for the Five-Twenties, '64; 106¼ for the '65s; 99¾ for the Ten-Forties, and 105½ for the July Seven-Thirties State Fives sold to some extent at 94@94½—the former figure for small sums. City Loans, of the new issues, were firm at 99¾. Reading Railroad was forced down to 54½@54⅝—a decline of ⅝, and Catawissa Railroad Preferred, sold down to 27½, s. o.—a decline of ¾. Pennsylvania Railroad was steady at 54¼. 129¼ was bid for Camden and Amboy Railroad; 61 for Norristown Railroad; 34½ for Little Schuylkill Railroad; 45 for Mine Hill Railroad; 42 for Elmira Railroad Preferred; 28¾ for the Common-stock; 30 for Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, and 47½ for Northern Central Railroad. Canal stocks were mostly nominal. In Bank shares the sales were unimportant. Coal stocks were dull. 58 was bid for Hazelton; 45½ for Locust Mountain; 5 for Fulton; 2 for Green Mountain, and 4 for Big Mountain. Passenger Railway shares were offered more freely. Chestnut and Walnut Streets sold at 48; Hestonville at 14½, and Thirteenth and Fifteenth Streets at 19¾.

Smith, Randolph & Co., Bankers, 15 South Third street, quote at 11 o'clock, as follows:

Gold	138⅛
U. S. 1881 Bonds	112⅜@112⅝
U. S. 5-20, 1862	107½@107⅝
" 1864	105⅝@106¼
" 1865	106 @
U. S. 10-40s	99⅞@100
U. S. 7-30's—1st series	105⅛@105⅜
" 2d series	105⅛@105⅜
" 3d series	105⅛@105⅜
5-20, July, 1865	108½@108⅝
Compounds, Dec., 1864	113¾@

Messrs. De Haven Brother, No. 40 South Third street, make the following quotations of the rates of exchange to-day, at 1 P. M.:

	Buying.	Selling.
American Gold	137¾	138
Silver—Quarters and halves	130	
Compound Interest Notes:		
" " June, 1864	16¼	
" " July, 1864	15⅝	
" " Aug. 1864	15¼	
" " Oct., 1864	14¼	
" " Dec., 1864	13¼	
" " May, 1865	11	
" " Aug., 1865	10	
" " Sept., 1865	9½	
" " Oct., 1865	9	

Jay Cooke & Co. quote Government securities, &c., to-day, as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6's, 1881	112¼	112¾
Old 5-20 Bonds	107¾	107¾
New 5-20 Bonds, 1864	105¾	106¼
5-20 Bonds, 1865	106	106½
5-20, July, 1865	108½	109
10-40 Bonds	99⅞	100¼
7 3-10, August	105	105¼
" June	105	105½
" July	105	105½
Gold—at 12 o'clock	37½	138

Philadelphia Markets.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12.—The receipts of Cloverseed are small and it is in demand. Sales of 500 bushels from $9 25@10—including some from wagons at the same rates. The market is bare of prime Timothy and it is wanted at $3 50@3 75. Flaxseed cannot be quoted over $3 ⅌ bushel.

The Breadstuffs market is relatively dead. There is very little Flour coming forward and very little wanted, there being no inquiry except to supply the immediate wants of the home consumers; 500 barrels Northwest extra family at $10 50@12 ⅌ barrel, small lot of Penna. and Ohio do. do. at $11@13. fancy at $14@16, extras at $9@10 and superfine at $8@8 50. A lot of California Flour was offered at $15—the quality was superior. Rye Flour is selling in a small way at $7 25 Prices of Corn Meal are nominal.

There is very little inquiry for wheat. We quote at at $2 65@2 90 for Penna. Red and $2 88@$3 10 for Southern do. 1,200 bushels Delaware Rye sold at $1 25. Corn is quiet but the receipts are light; sales of 4 000 bushels new yellow at 95 cents to $1; 2,000 bushels new white sold at 95 to 97 cents, and old $1 14 to $1 17. Oats are lower; 2 500 bushels sold at 54@56 cents.

Whisky is unsettled and may be quoted 10@12 cents lower: a small lot of Ohio sold at $2 43, but it is now offered at $2 30 and Penna. at $2 25, without buyers.

IMPORTATIONS.

Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

WILMINGTON, NC.—Steamer Pioneer, Bennett—1 lot wooden ware Saml Bolton; 104 bbls spirits 197 bbls rosin Cochran, Russell & Co; 59 bbls rosin J & T Elkinton; 10 bbls rosin 1 do spirits Dr C M Griffiths; 40 bbls crude turpentine C C Johnson; 1 bbl bedding Isaac Lang; 16 empty bbls and 32 half bbls Massey, Huston & Co; 24 bbls 4 hhds 1 box 2 bdls old metal McClure & Conliffe; 100 bbls pitch 20 do spirits Prentice & Fitler; 51 bbls spirits 553 do rosin 59 do tar 1125 pcs scantling E H Rowley; 1 case mdse Thalheimer, Hirst & Adler; 1 case mdse Teller, Anathan & Co; 45 bags peanuts T H & Co; 12,798 ft flooring Twells & Co; 43 bales cotton 38 bbls rosin 150 bags peanuts Boston steamer; 234 barrels rosin 115 do crude turpentine Liverpool steamer.

MARINE BULLETIN.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA—DECEMBER 12

☞ See Marine Bulletin on Seventh Page.

ARRIVED THIS DAY

Steamer Pioneer, Bennett, 50 hours from Wilmington, NC, with naval stores to Philadelphia and Southern Mail SS Co. Passenger—Mrs E A S Welcher.

Steamer Whirlwind, Fargo, 56 hours from Charleston, with cotton, &c. to Lathbury, Wickersham & Co.

Steamer A C Stimers, Knox, 24 hours from New York, with mdse to W P Clyde & Co.

Schr E & L Marts, Marts, 6 days from Boston, with mdse to captain.

Schr L A Burlingame, Fuller, from Boston.

Schr Geo Nevinger, Smith, from Boston.

Schr C Kinzie, Woodruff, from Boston.

Schr J C Thompson, Vansant, from Boston.

Schr R RR, 43, Ireland, from Sturgeon Point.

Schr Gen Banks, Ketchum, from New York.

Schr W G Audenried, Hewitt, from Providence.

Schr E C Knight, Taylor, from Providence.

Tug Hudson, Carr, from Baltimore, with 3 barges to W P Clyde & Co.

CLEARED THIS DAY.

Steamer Ruggles, Chase, New York, W P Clyde & Co.

Steamer Saxon, Matthews, Boston, H Winsor & Co.

Bark Princes of Wales (Br), Taylor, Gibraltar for orders L Westergaard.

Brig W N Z, Acker, Trinidad, E A Souder & Co.

Schr Sonoro, Moore, Queenstown, Bacon Collins & Co.

Schr N & H Gould, Crowell, Boston, Jas Barrett.

Schr Dart, Calloway, Choptank, Taylor & Matthews.

Tug Hudson, Carr, with 10 barges for Baltimore, W P Clyde & Co.

MEMORANDA

Steamer Roman, Baker, for this port, cleared at Boston 10th inst.

Steamer Ariadne, Sawyer, from New York, at Galveston 4th inst.

Steamer Ladona, Hovey, cleared at Galveston 2d inst. for New York.

Ship Witch of the Wave, Terrey, from Callao Sept. 1 via Hampton Roads 5th inst. with guano, at New York yesterday.

Ship Fanny Larrabee, Randall, for Liverpool, was towed to sea from New Orleans 2d inst.

Schr G W Hynson, Scull, hence, below New Orleans 4th inst.

Schr Louise Frazier, Steelman, hence at Boston 8th instant.

Schr Ann S Brown, Fisk, cleared at Boston 8th inst. for this port.

Schr J S Clark, hence at Key West 30th ult.

Schr Sarah L Simmons, Gandy, from Boston for this port, at Holmes' Hole 8th inst.

Schrs W F Phelps, Cranmer, hence for Boston; H P Simmons, Corson, do for Gloucester; Wm Wallace, Scull, and R W Dillon, Ludlam, from Boston for this port, at Holmes' Hole 9th inst. The W F Phelps sailed again next day.

Schrs Nelly Potter, Somers, hence for Boston; Austin, Davis; Jas H Moore, Nickerson; J [illegible] Jackaway, and D S Merahon, Corson from [illegible] this port, at Holmes' Hole 10th inst.

Schr Argus Eye, Townsend, from N. Yor[illegible] West 30th ult.

Schr Domitila (Br), Hadden, 52 days fro[illegible] neiro, at New York yesterday with coffee.

Schrs Lady Ellen, Jeffers, and Saratoga, P[illegible] hence at Beverly 4th inst.

Schr J H Youmans, Gildersleeve, sailed from B[illegible] 10th inst. for this port.

Schr Star, Crowell, from Boston for this [illegible] Newport 10th inst.

Schr Charles Moore, Ingersoll, hence at [illegible] 10th inst.

Schr Jas B Henry, Weaver, sailed fro[illegible] 10th inst. for this port.