

THE GEOMUNICAL COUNCIL.

Dr. Cummins on the Pope's Last Infallibility.

To the Editor of the London Times.—Sir: It has occurred to me that the Pope has fallen into a perplexity from which his infallibility cannot extricate him.

But on reflection he seems to think he has gone too far, and has shut the door in our faces too hastily. He therefore sends a third letter in which he explains his meaning, so far as it is concerned by his own people as well as by us heretics.

I beg to assure him that as far as my means of information reach, no such impression exists, and that "wise and prudent men" are as accessible to us in England as in Italy.

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.—The morning session of this body was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. Benjamin Bousman.

The Committee on Contested Seats presented their report. The former Treasurer was requested to hand over to the present Treasurer whatever bonds he might have belonging to the Synod, and the present Treasurer was requested to pay over to the former Treasurer the balance due him.

The minority report of the Committee on Contested Seats was then taken up, when the following resolution was offered by Rev. Mr. Neilan: That inasmuch as the credentials of both sets of delegates of the Iowa Classis cannot be regarded valid on the testimony here presented.

But where is the infallible Council? Where shall I hear an infallible Pope? There is not now, and there never was, such a person on earth. The Pope pronounces our doctrines to be errors condemned already.

Rev. Dr. Bomberger was not fully prepared for this step, and hoped that the matter proposed would not be urged.

Rev. Dr. Miller also urged the consideration of the subject. A motion made by Dr. Nevin's motion on the table was lost. The subject was then debated at great length.

Rev. Dr. Bomberger wished to know what better organization than that now in existence could be proposed. He could not see that any better order of things could be instituted for the reformation of the Reformed Church.

Rev. Dr. Nevin then offered the following as a modification of the former resolution: Resolved, That the special committee to whom was referred the subject of the Reformed Church, be instructed to recommend a reorganization of the church, as far as the General Synod is concerned, with the view of bringing about an organization more efficient and better fitted.

Rev. Dr. Humphries, delegate from the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Synod, and congratulated the body on the late reunion of the Old and New School bodies of the Presbyterian Church.

THE SHIPPING INTERESTS.—The committee appointed by Congress to inquire into and report upon the decline of the shipping interest of the country, held a meeting in the office of the Surveyor of the Port, in the Custom House building, this morning.

Mr. Francis R. Cope, of a committee appointed by the Commercial Exchange Association, first made a statement. He attributed the reason why a fair competition cannot be maintained between American and foreign vessels to either the first cost of construction and equipment or the expenses of sailing.

Mr. Henry B. Edmunds, a representative of the Shipowners' Association, was next examined. His Association, he said, is more particularly interested in the coasting trade.

nanced sailing qualities, but the sailing vessels have been superseded by the steam vessels, introduced principally by England.

Mr. Henry B. Tatham, representing the Board of Trade, presented to the Committee a number of English documents, which he said would materially aid in the consideration of the subject.

Mr. Charles H. Cramp, ship-builder, considered that England excelled in the construction of marine engines, and said that while the English patents after the year 1840, the Americans copied the models of the English marine engines.

Mr. Lewis C. Medara, Captain J. S. Clark, John W. Everman, Esq., and others, also expressed their views on the subject under consideration.

THE COURTS. The Seibert Homicide. Over and Terminals—Judge Pease and Paxson—The jury, in the case of Philip Seibert, charged with the murder of his wife, on the 21st of September last, in the neighborhood of Broad and Girard avenues.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY GIFTS OF THE finest and most beautiful and latest style of Gentlemen's, Youth's Hats and Caps, at OAKFORD'S, under the Continental Hotel.

IRONING TABLES, MEAT SAFES, Wringers, and full assortment of articles for the kitchen, and for the laundry.

HOLIDAY GIFTS OF FINE FURS. Handmade and largest stock to choose from. At 834 and 836 Chestnut street.

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TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION. BUCK-HART, December 2d, by the Rev. A. A. Wills, D.D., Mr. William A. Holley, both of Hart, all of Philadelphia.

REMOVAL. NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO STROUD & MARSTON, General Agents.

CAUTION TO DUCK-SHOOTERS.—It is well for sportsmen and market-gunsners from this city who have been in the habit of extending the game laws of Maryland, to observe that these laws are now being strictly enforced.

ONELETTE A LA CARTE.—At Tenth and Shippen streets there is a grocery store. This morning the proprietor had on the counter a barrel of eggs, a barrel of apples, and a keg of mackerel.

JUVENILE FIRE RENEWERS.—The Mayor, this morning, instructed the Lieutenants of Police to place their reserve force along the principal streets during alarms of fire, for the purpose of arresting all boys found running with the fire apparatus.

THE SCHUYLKILL BRIDGES.—The Schuykill Harbor Police have been directed to take charge of the Wire Bridge and the bridges at Chestnut and Market streets.

FOUR OPEN.—During last night the Fifth District Police found fourteen houses infested with rats. The Sixth District had thirteen, and the Tenth District, ten.

SWORN IN.—T. S. Holloway and Jos. R. Pritner were sworn in this morning, as Constables of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-seventh Wards.

AN OWNER WANTED.—The Eleventh District Police want an owner for a box containing forty pounds of soap, found yesterday on Queen street, above Palmer.

SPECTACLES AND NOSE GLASSES. MICROSCOPES OF EVERY KIND. SEY GLASSES. OPERA GLASSES. THERMOMETERS, &c., &c.

WANTED.—A GIRL TO DO DOWN-STAIRS WORK at 728 CHESTNUT STREET, Philadelphia, O'Connell & Warr.

WANTED.—REPAIRS TO WATCHES AND Musical Boxes in the best manner, by skillful workmen. FAIR & BROTHER, Chestnut street, above Third.

WANTED.—1,000 GALS. WINTER SPERM OIL, 1,200 do. B. W. Whale Oil, 800 do. B. Elephant in store, for sale by GOHRMAN, BUSSELL & CO., 111 Chestnut street.

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Any garments bought at night, or any other time, CHEERFULLY EXCHANGED, and when not able to suit the customer, the MONEY RETURNED, according to OUR CUSTOM FOR YEARS PAST. An extra force of Salesmen in attendance, and most careful attention given to all.

We are glad the people appreciate the opportunity and are getting such bargains. WE HAVE STILL AN IMMENSE STOCK. WANAMAKER & BROWN, OAK HALL, THE LARGEST CLOTHING HOUSE,

THE CORNER OF SIXTH AND MARKET STREETS. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. SHEPPARD, VAN HARLINGEN & ARRISON, NO. 1008 CHESTNUT STREET

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White Goods, Laces, Embroideries, Handkerchiefs, Linen Collars and Cuffs, &c., and Cuffs, &c., At Very Low Prices. EDWARD FERRIS, 807 CHESTNUT STREET.

This stock is the most extensive and varied ever offered at retail in this city, and contains more novelties and staples of recent importation than can be found elsewhere. ONE PRICE AND NO DEVIATION. RICKEY, SHARP & CO., 727 Chestnut Street.

JOHN W. THOMAS, Nos. 405 and 407 N. Second Street, Has now open his Fall and Winter importation of LADIES' CLOAKINGS, Black Caraculla, Astrachans, in Black and White, Seal Skins, Velvet Beavers, in all colors. Fancy Cloths, for Opera Cloaks, Silk Plushes and Velveteens.

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