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PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1869.

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MARRIED.
THOMAS—HORSTMANN.—On Monday evening, De-sember 20th, at the residence of the bride's father, by Revs. Philips Brooks and Churles D. Gooper, Rev. Bichard N. Thomas to Clara L., daughter of William T. Horstmann, 48q., all of this city.

DIED. COOPER.—On Sunday 19th inst., after a brief filness irs. Eliza H. Cooper, relict of the late Thomas Cooper of this city.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to at-The relatives and friends are respectfully invested as the funeral, from the residence of her nephew, Samuel L. Clement, No. 2125 Mount Vornon street, on Wednessky, December 22d, at 2 o'clock. To proceed to Laurel Hill.

PRATT.—On the morning of the 21st instant, Carrie, wite of Wm. S. Pratt.

Interment at Wimington, Del., at 3 o'clock P. M., on Thursday, the 23d inst.

ADIES 18K. GOLD WATCHES, INE W. BALLY'S, 622 Market street. Splendid Presonts for Christmas. NEW STOCK OF FINE GOLD WATCH. ES and Jewelry, Diamonds, &c., at reduced rates, T. W. BAILY, 622 Market street, Splendid Presents for the Holidays. ADJES AND GENTS GOLD CHAINS

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FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS OF VALUE.
EYBE & LANDELL.
FOURTH AND ARCH. SPECIAL NOTICES.

See Sixth page for additional Notices.

NOTICE.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF COKE. The price of Coke has been reduced to EIGHT CENTS PEB BUSHEL at the Market birect and Spring Garden Works, and to SEVEN CENTS PER BUSHEL at the Point Breeze and Manayunk Works. Orders may be left at the different Works, or at the Office, No. 20 South

THOS R. BROWN, Engineer. PHILADYLUMIA, December 2th, 1869. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Philadelphia Stockholders of the Republic Fire Insurance Company of Chicago will be held at, 12 M., TO MORROW, Wednesday), Dec. 22, at the office of the Company, N. E. corner Fifth and Walnut arrests, for the choice of Directors for the coming year. SABINE. ALLEN ADD LLES, Managers.

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CITY NOTICES.

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A large assortment of fine Groceries, comprising all the delicaries known in the trade; purchased experiency for the Helidays, is now offered for sale, at reduced prices, by Cripped 2 Madrock [lato W. It. Mad took & Co.), No. 116 South Third street, below Chestnut, White Almeria Grappa, in large clusters; finest quality Deliesa Halsins, in quarter, half and whole hoxes; new fresh Nuts, Paper Shell Almonds, Paradiss Nuts, Kaglish and Green and Harks, Lemons, new Layer Figs, Gnava Jelly. Herrida Oranges, Lemons, new Layer Figs, Gnava Jelly. Marmaiade, Lemons, new Layer Figs, Gnava Jelly. Marmaiade, Isvana Preserves of various kinds. Teas. Marmaiade, Isvana Preserves of various kinds. Teas. Marmaiade, Isvana Preserves of various kinds. Teas also been taken to procure Coffee of the finest mark imported, such as Liberias. East India, Mocha. African, Government Java. Marzaalso, etc., etc. New Mess Mockerel, Shad and Balmon. We call especial attention to our fresh assortment of fresh delicacies, such as French Peas, Mushrooms, Truffiee, L. Henry Pates de Pois Gras. Boneless Saraines, and as great variety of other brands. Fresh Gosbon Butter, in small tubs, second of the pressely fer family use. Agents for the sale of the sale of the sale of the price and delivered free of charge. Crippen & Maddock, No. 115 South Third street, below Chestnut, Philadel. Mr. Assorted Minks—Jacob F. L. Whappers! Whappers!

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HAS PROVEN A SUCCESS.—The great mammoth sale of Kid Gloves, now fully under way. Many customers are embracing the opportunity, and buying two or three pairs; others take them by the hilf-dozon; others again, by the dozon pairs. Such a grand opportunity is seldom offered, and certainly not by any other house in Philadelphia, than at A. & J. B. Barrholomers, whose advertisement is in this paper. HOLLDAY CONFECTIONS.

The largest assortment, in neat boxes.

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TEN DOLLARS CASH.
BALANCE IN MONTHLY INSTALMENTS.
Q. F. DAVIS,
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REST QUALITY, WARRANTED.
Tea Sets, & Dioces, cups with handles, \$5.
Chamber Sets, 11 pieces, large sizes, \$3 25.
Flint Glass Goblets, new patterns, por dozen, \$1.
Iron Stone China Dinner Sets, 30 pieces, \$10.
The above goods in quality, patterns and sizes, are equal to any offered in the city at the same prices.
Packed free of charge.
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SAMUEL FETHERSTON & Co., No. 276 South Second street, above Spruce.

CORNS, Bunions, Inverted Nails, skillfully treated by Dr. J. Davidson, No. 915 Chestnut street. Charges moderate. JUDICIOUS MOTHERS and nurses use for children a safe and pleasant medicine in Bower's lafant Cordial

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J. Isaacs, M. D., Professor of the Eye and Ear, treats all diseases appertaining to the above members with the intenset success. Teatimonials from the most reliable sources in the city can be seen at his office, No. 305 Arch street. The medical faculty are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no secrets in his practice. Articleis eyes inserted. No charge made for examination

EDITION

4:30 O'Clock.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LATER BY THE CABLE

LATEST FROM WASHINGTON

THE GEORGIA BILL Leading Republicans Taking Sides

Againtt It. Important Confirmations

By the Atlantic Cable.

Paris, Dec. 21.—It is reported that Prince Sapoleon will soon resume his position as President of the Privy Council.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Mail advices from Rio de Janeiro to the 29th ult. have been received to-day. The vomito had broken out among the soldiers of the allied army. It is reported that Lopez has fied to Bo-

LONDON. Dec. 21. John Arthur Otway, Under Secretary for the Foreign Department and member of the House of Commons for Chatham made a speech to his constituents in that city last evening. He expressed hearty satisfaction at the settlement of the American naturalization question. He said that the draft of an act would be brought into Parliament at the next session, enabling British sub-jects to divest themselves of their nationality wherever they see fit to do so.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Monarch, with the Peabody remains on board, sailed for the

Debate on the Georgia Bill. [Special Despatch to the Phila, Evening Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON. Dec. 21—The discussion on the Georgia bill in the House was continued by Sunset Cox, who followed Mr. Eldridge in a short but well-delivered speech against the bill. John A. Bingham created the oill, John A. Bingham created some sensation by taking the floor and making a forable appeal to the Republicans against stultifying their past record by pass-ing this bill, and said he should vote against it. In conclusion, he made a motion that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the third Wednesday in lanuary, and said that when the debate closed he would ask a vote upon the motion.

Mr Farnsworth followed, and said he also should yote against the present bill.
General Butler will close the debate on the

> Nominations Confirmed. [By Hasson's News Agency.]

Washington, Dec. 21.—Among the nominations confirmed in the executive sessions vesterday and to-day were a large number of Postmasters for New York, Pennsylvania, and other States. Patrick H. Jones. Postmaster for New York city: Saml. R. Harlow, Marshal for southern New York; P. R. Gray, Collector of Internal Revenue, Twentieth District of Pennsylvania; Wm. C. Gray, Seventh District of Pennsylvania; Mahlon Yardley, Fifth Dis-trict of Pennsylvania; Horatio G. Sickel, Fourth District, Pa.; J. W. Patton, Fifteenth District, Pa.; George De La Montague, Thir-teenth District Pa.; Wm. E. Barber, Assessor

The Senate made the following confirma-tions to-day: Henry T. Blow, Minister Pleni-potentiary and Envoy Extraordinary at Brazil; Frederick F. Low, as Minister at China; E. Ramsey Wing, of Kentucky, Min-ister Pesident at Ecuador. To be United States Marshals—Samuel B. Harlow, Southern District of New York; Joseph T. Hoile, District of Nebraska. Assayers of Branch Mink—Jacob F. L. Scheimer at Denver; Frank D. Hetrick at Carson city, Novada.

Carson city, Nevada.

To be Collectors of Internal Revenue—Charles
C. Walcutt, Seventh District of Ohio; Newton Cooper, Nineteenth District of Kentucky; Kobert M. Kelly, Seventh Kentucky; George Moore, Tenth Indiana; Ralph Hill, Third Indiana; S. R. Lewis, First Indiana; Reess J. Chestnutwood, Ninth Indiana; Arthur C. Stewart, Fourth Missouri; Philander R. G. Stewart, Fourth Missourt; Finialder K. Gray, Twentieth Pennsylvania; W. C. Gray, Seventh Pennsylvania; Mahlon Yardley, Fifth Pennsylvania; Horatio G. Sickel, Fourth Pennsylvania; L. W. Patton, Fifteenth Pennsylvania; W. M. Trumbull, Third Iowa; Transfer Second Lowa; Francis Springer, Second Iowa.

Snow....Gold.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Considerable snow is reported along the line of the Union Pacific

The gold reports from Big Horn are still increasing, and miners are accumulating at Cheyenne, which is now becoming crowded with miners, who are determined to start for there in the Spring, notwithstanding the hreatened Indian troubles.

New York Criminal News.

New York, Dec. 21.—Daniel McFarland was arraigned to-day in the Court of Quarter Sessions, for the murder of Albert D. Richardson. The prisoner, through his counsel, pleaded not guilty. No day was fixed for the tried.

In the case of Col. Rush C. Hawkins against George Bliss to recover \$30,000, which Hawkins claimed to have lost in certain stock operations in which he was led by Bliss, the jury this morning, after being out all night, brought in a verdict for the defendant.

Increase of Circulation.

[By Hasson's News Agency.]
WASHINGTON, December 21.—Mr. Warner's bill, introduced to-day, increases circulating notes \$40,000,000, to be distributed to sections having the least National Bank circulation. It requires the Secretary of the Treasury to re-tire and cancel the United States' three per ct. certificates to the extent of such issue, and from the passage of this actto cease to pay the intereston such certificates.

The Georgia Bill.
[By Hasson's News Agency.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The vote at 3 P. M. on the Georgia bill will be strictly a party vote, and the bill will pass without any amend-

Shipment of Specie.

ment.

[By Hasson's News Agency.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The steamer Cimbria,

tor Hamburg, took \$40,000 in specie. Forty-first Congress--- Second Session

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[SENATE-Continued from Fourth Edition.]
Mr. Warner introduced a bill for the more equal distribution of national banking capital, providing that the amount of circulating notes to be issued to banking associations shall not exceed three hundred and forty millions of dollars, and in issuing said circulating notes preference shall be given to banking associations in sections having the least national bank circulation. The Secretary of the Treasury is required to retire and cancel United States three per cent. certificates to the extent of the issue of bank notes nuder this act, and shall cease to pay interest on the three per cent. certificates of the United States. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Finance.
Mr. Summer moved to take up the bill relative to telegraphic communications between the United States and foreign countries. He urged that prompt action on the measure was very important.
A discussion ensued concerning the propriety of giving to this measure precedence over others deemed by other Senators to be equally important.
Mr. Ramsey moved to proceed to the consideration of Executive business, which was agreed to, and at 12.35 P. M. the doors were closed for an Executive session.

[House—Continued from Fourth Edition.]

He predicted that unless the States, by every constitutions incans, resisted the encroachments of Congress, the liberties of the people would be destroyed and a republican government would be a mere sham, a dedusion advect. The Supreme Court was already hedged about and virtually destroyed. It was stigmatized in the House as the superannuated old court, and the next assault by the popular branch of the Government would be upon the Senate of the United States.

Bit. Cox was the next speaker on the same side. He denounced the bill as the gospel of anarchy and the philesophy of revolution. When he found the Governor of a State hanging around the halls of Congress, begging to have his State taken out of the Union, it led him to isquire the reason for it, and found that reason in Sheletter read gesterday from the State Trassurer, charxing Gov. Buillock with poculation. For himself he would rether bring that "Bullock" to the slaughter, then to bring the State of Georgia to ratify the Kifteenth Constitutional Amendment was the old Turkich system. Under the old Turkish law it was the Orand Signor wished it, and if they did not they were to be pounded to death in a mortar.

Bit. Bingham next book the floor. He said the bill sent to us by the Senate is in conflict with every letter of the past legislation of Congress on the subject of reconstruction. It is in conflict with the express order of the President when he was made general of the army, acting under the law of reconstruction, in 1888, in relation to Georgia.

THE MINING DISASTER.

Its Cause and Where the Blame Rests. HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 20, 1869.—The company under the directorship of Messrs. Lindermann and Carr, employed a gang of men, twenty-five strong, to enter the cave, early on Saturday afternoon, to commence the digging for the buried victims. This gang of men was relieved after a few hours of labor, and so the work continued day and night. Heavy pillars of woodwork were constructed and supported, so as to secure the laborers and enable them to continue their work. On Sunday, late in the evening, the bodies of On sunday, late in the evening, the bodies of Mrs. Schwenck, her daughter and the baby, were found lying together and badly bruised; the right leg of the daughter Rosie was almost entirely severed from the body; they were found with their clothes on—clean shirts, and even the hoors were found unbreless on these even the hoops were found unbroken on them. The bodies were hauled over a temporary railroad of wood, erected from the top to the bottom, and on arrival on the surface of mother earth were placed in wooden boxes prepared for this purpose and deposited in house No. 3. Mother and baby rest in one box

and the daughter in another.

The men also found a pocketbook containing fifty dollars, belonging to Mr. Witheraw, and a watch belonging to Mr. Lanahan—both persons who lived in house No. 4 and were saved. Up to the time of writing no other process had been found. persons had been found.

THE MINE.

This part of the mine has not been worked the last fifteen years, and has been entirely abandoned, the approaches being considered dangerous. Under the houses Nos. 5 and 6 a dangerous. dangerous. Under the houses roos bands of pillar was allowed to remain, and was supposed strong enough to support the mass of earth above. But the caving-in of a part of the ground above the pillar weakened the same so much that the balance soon fol-

same so much that the balance lowed; thus the accident.
No person as yet has been heard to charge has been brookent proprietors, Messrs. Lindermann No person as yet has ment that the present proprietors, Messrs. Lindermann & Carr. with any neglect or fault, as their new mine is laying 300 feet deeper, and is well supported, and mined with the best skill and mine ported and mined with the less skill and care. There was great danger up to this morning that the coal vein would catch fire, but all trouble is passed, as some miners have entered the chamber and found it all right.

A NEW FALL.

Just above the cave of Saturday the ground gave way yesterday and a new cave or hole is formed. This has scared the inhabitants of the neighboring houses so much that they have alandoned their residences. Even the store goods are now removed. The company takes great precaution that no new disaster may happen. The chief of the firm, Mr. Lindermann, is watching the work of the firm, and has offered all

day and night, and necessary assistance. The blame for the disaster will no doubt be found to lay on the former owners, who neglected to make the proper drafts before they abandoned this part of the mine. It appears to me that ignorance of the proper location of this old breast pre-vented the taking of proper precaution.

As yet the mass of visitors has not stopped to pour into Stockton. Great gloom prevails, although there is no grumbling to be heard; only exclamations of pity and awe.—Heratt.

Beath of Hon. Emanuel C. Reigart. Hon. Emanuel C. Reigart.

Hon. Emanuel C. Reigart, one of the most prominent and respected citizens of Lancaster, died at his residence, corner of Orange and Lime streets, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, of apoplexy of the heart, in about the 74th year of his age. The decased was in his usual health until within a few hours of his death. A resident of Lancaster during his death. A resident of Lancaster during his entire life, his death severs another link in the chain that bound the present with the past. He was universally esteemed, and, although he has departed from earth in a green old age, his death will be regretted by all who knew him. As a private citizen he was beyond reproach; and the many public positions which he held during his life he fulfilled with fidelity and honor. Mr. Reigart was admitted to the bar to be a proper previously read law with although he has departed from in 1822, having previously read law with Hon. A. Ellmaker. In 1834-5 he was elected to the Legislature from this county, on what was then known as the Anti-Masonic ticket. In 1837-8 he was a member of the State Constitutional Convention, and took a prominent part in the debates, generally co-operating with the late Thaddeus Stevens—also a member of the Convention—on important ques-tions. Hon. Henry G. Long, also a member tions. Hon. Henry G. Long, also a member of the Convention, is the only survivor from this county. Mr. Reigart, during the greater part of his life, especially in his younger days, took an active part in politics, throwing his influence with the Anti-Masonic, the Whig, American and Republican parties. In 1847 he was the native American candidate for Governor against Shunk, Democrat, and Irwin. Whig, and received 11,000 votes in the State. Shunk was elected. At the breaking out of the war of 1812 he eniisted in Captain Edward Shippen's cavalry company, and Edward Shippen's cavalry company, and marched to Baltimore, but too late to take part in the defence. In the same company were the late ex-President Buchanan, Judge Rogers, Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg, and, in fact, the clite of Lancaster. In 1851 he was applicated Companying to the World's Esir at the elite of Lancaster. In 1851 he was appointed Commissioner to the World's Fair at London, by President Fillmore, and, having fulfilled the duties of his appointment, made a tour of Europe. At an out-door Taylor meeting in this city in 1848, Mr. Reigart nominated Hon. Thaddeus Stevens for Congress. This was the first public nomination Mr. Stevens had ever received for that position. had ever received for that position. Ever since the advent of Mr. Stevens to Lancaster since the advent of Mr. Stevens to Lancaster, in 1842, Mr. R. had been his devoted personal friend, although they sometimes differed on questions of political policy. A few years ago he was appointed U. S. Commissioner for this district by Judge Cadwalader, and held that position at the time of his death. Mr. Reigart was married four times, his last consort having died but a far washe since Saven sort having died but a few weeks since. Sever children survive him, six of whom are resid ing in Wisconsin, and one in this city. He was a gentleman of wealth and culture, and

CUBAN NEWS.

always lent his aid and means in promoting the

welfare of charitable and other institutions. A few years since he founded the Athenaum Library of this city, donating \$2,500 towards the object. About the same time he also continuously.

tributed \$1,000 to the poor of this city, which, we believe, has since been incorporated with the Buchanan relief fund.—Lancaster Express,

The Slavery Plot—Rodas to the People War News—More Troops from Spain. HAVANA, Thursday, December 16, 1869.— The project of reviving the slave trade, of which I made an extended mention in my last, has received a terrible blow in its infancy. The subject was too tempting a bait for the Liberals, and the pamphlet was so palpably wicked that it even fail d to meet the unanimous approval of the Diario party.

The Captain-General appears to have been taken in; he now explains humself officially to convince the people that he neither approves or could aid such a plan as that proposed by

or countries and a plan as that proposed by the Sparrowgrass party.

The following is his letter on this subject:

"His Excellency the Captain-General having learned that a certain plan of Dr. Esparrago is circulating in Havana, stating to have been approved by the authorities, it is hereby proclaimed that said project has not the General's appropriation even in thought or practice, and approbation even in thought or practice, and that said Dr. Esparrago has only been authorized to communicate his plan in a private CREAREO FERNANDEZ, Socry. Exit Esparrago and fellow slave traders; may they soon be Christianized and civilized,

and may the signers born in Cuba remember that they are not Cubans, and not recognized by their fellow-countrymen as such, while the world at large will look on the whole slavetrading crew with the scorn and contempt they so richly merit .- Times.

DEATH OF JUDGE BRYANT, OF KEN-TUCKY.

He 14 Killed by Falling from the Third Story of a Hotel.

[From the Louisville Courier Journal, Dec. 17.]

The city was shocked yesterday by the announcement of the sudden and terrible death of Judge Edwin Bryant, Judge Bryant lived in Payer, Valley, but, suffering from bad in Pewee Valley, but, suffering from bad health, came to the city three weeks ago, and placed himself under the treatment of his physician. He was staying at the Willard Hotel, and occupied room No. 21 in the third story. Yesterday morning, about half-past six o'clock, while his servant was absent from the room, and while, it is supposed, he was laboring under a fit of temporary insanity, he got out of his bed, and, opening the window, jumped out, falling to the pavement below, in the back yard, a distance of fifty or sixty feet. He was severely bruised internally by the fall, and lived not more than half an hour afterward. Judge Bryant was sixty-two years of age. He was at one time editor of the Means of age. He was a one whig paper at Lexington, Ky., and in 1845 became associated with Mr. Haldeman in the editorial management of the Louisville Courier, which position he relinquished, however, at the expiration of a year, when he undertook a trip across the Plains to California, in company with Colonel R. T. Jacob, Mr. Robert Ewing, Mr. E. A. Bryson and one Ewing, Mr. E. A. Bryson and one or two other gentlemen. On his way across the Plains, the war with Mexico broke out, and, after his arrival at San Francisco he was made an Alcalde by General Kearney. Judiciously investing his funds in property in that city, it became very valuable, and gave him ample means during the remainder of his life o cultivate his literary tastes and devote himself to the hospitality for which he was noted, and which he dispensed so gracefully and liberally. Returning from California, he wrote and published "What I Saw in California," a book which had a great run and a large popularity. He purchased a residence in Pewee Valley about the year 1858, where he has ever since resided, with the exception of intervals spent in the city.

CITY BULLETIN.

STREET CLEANING CONTRACTS.—The Board of Health held a meeting this afternoon, Dr. Eliab Ward, President in the chair. Mr. Davis, of the Committee on Street Cleaning, presented the following report: Gentlemen—The Street Cleaning Committee to whom was referred the bids for cleaning the streets for the years 1870 and 1871, desire to make the following report, with resolutions

attached:
The large number of bidders for the several districts amount in the aggregate to 264—bids varying in many instances for the same district at least 100 per cent., as will be observed ou take the maximum and minimum for all the district, shows the highest bids amount to \$249,998, and the lowest to \$126,-215, a difference of \$123,783, clearly demonstrating that some of these bids could not have been well considered; and we have not, therefore, recommended in all cases the lowest bid-ders as the best bidders, but have endeavored to select men who have the ability, and whose bids are such as it is confidently believed will be fulfilled. The Board have seen, during the last eight months, how difficult it is to get those contractors to do their duty whose bids were made below the cost of doing the work.

The Committee recommended the following resolutions : Resolved, That contracts be awarded to the following bidders for the period of two years

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Resolved, That twenty per cent. of the amount of contract be withheld for the mouths of January, February and March of each year, to be paid at the close of each year.

Resolved, That the contractors give freehold. security to the amount of thirty per cent. of

their contract. Resolved, That the awards for districts Nos. 20, 21 and 22 be deferred for the present.

Resolved, That the action of the Committee

be approved by the Board.

HENRY DAVIS, Chairman,

JAS. STEEL, C. S. GROVE CHAS. B. BARRETT, Committee on Street Cleaning.

The resolutions of the Committee were

adonted. DEFACING HOUSES .- One of the most annoy ing of the various pranks which juveniles indulge in is the practice of defacing houses and fences by chalk or charcoal marks. Boys seen to think it nice fun to write their initials r draw figures on walls or corner fences, and they generally pick out the finest places is sometimes very difficult to remove these marks, and citizens are thereby put to great trouble and inconvenience. This style of sport appears to be carried to a fuller extention than here were here. now than has ever been known before, and it the police would pay a little attention to the matter and capture some of the youths engaged in it, it would have a beneficial offect in putting stop to a great nuisance.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY .- This morning, about half-past one o'clock, Samuel Grace was arrested by Policeman McCaffrey, in iront of the confectionery store of Wm. Warnock, on Carpenter street, below Eighteenth. He was on his knees close to the door, and, as there were several marks on the door, it is supposed that he was attempting to open it. A coat, supposed to have been stolen, was found by his side. Grace was taken before Ald. Dallas, and was held for a further hearing. He has been in the custody of the police before.

CHARGED WE'M HIGHWAY ROBBERY.-John St. Clair was arrested yesterday, by Special Officer Sherry, upon the charge of having been concerned in the robbery of Mr. Engleten, who is connected with the clothing-house of Wanamaker & Brown. Mr. Engleton was attacked, knocked down and robbed at Thirteenth and Kater streets, about ten days ago. St. Clair will have a hearing at the Central Station this afternoon. LARCENY OF WASHED CLOTHING -Samuel

Jones and William Smith were arrested by Policeman Dougherty at Eighth and Bedford streets last evening. They had in their possession a lot of washed clothing, supposed to have been stolen. They were committed by Alderman Bonsall. The clothing is at the Sevenmenth District Police Station. teenth District Police Station. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.—Charles Zallu was arrested yesterday at Fifth and Green streets, by Policeman Danenhauer, upon the charge of

beating a horse in a cruel manner. He was taken before Alderman Cahill, and was held

in \$500 bail to answer at Court.

THE READING HAILBOAD DISASTER-CORO NER'S INCERST.—This afternoon Coroner Taylor resumed the inquest upon the bodies of Joseph Nagle and James Taylor, whose deaths resulted from the explosion of the boiler of the locomotive Annapolis, at Trenton avenue and Reading Railroad, yesterday

Boiler of the locomotive Annapolis, at Trenton avenue and Reading Railroad, yesterday morning.

Jess S. Mather testified—Reside 1368 Richmond street; am despatcher in the employ of the Philadelphic and Reading Railroad Company; was employed as engineer previous to first of August last, for about twenty years; have run the engine Annapolis for three or four years up to last August has far at I know, the engine was sent to the shop and bad a general overhauling; she was ordered in by Mr. Jeffries; lave known Jos. Nagle three or four years; have had no conversation with him about the engine; never heard anybody complain of this ensine or eay that it was impurfect or liable to explode.

Jno. E. Wootton testified—Reside in Reading; am Superintendent of Machinery or Philadelphia and Reading Italiroad; came to Philadelphia yeaverday afternoon; did no. know Nagle personally; have examined the engine Annapolis; the engine was purchased in 1841; she was built by Hayward & Bartlett, of Englishmore; she weight did tons, and was very perfect system of inspection, and dif smything serious is found to be the matter, it is reported to me; it is the custom to take the engines in the close of the coal season; I asked Mr. Jeffere about this engine; he said that she roquired nothing but the packing up of the weight of inspection, and different part; it strentos and boller were in good condition; in examining the writch yesterday I could discover nothing to trace the cause of the explosion; I could see by the general destruction that no part of the tron was woaker than another part; it surplession; I could see by the general destruction that no part of the iron was woaker than another part; it attribute the explosion to excessive pressure; the rules of the company provide that no more than 120 pounds to the square inch shell be carried; the usual amount carried is from 100 to 110 pounds. Explosions do not occur, as is generally supposed, from low uses of water. I one formed one of a party who tried to explosion; I could see by the

tion.

Mr. Jeffrice recalled—I had more confidence in this engine than in any other; she would do all her work with less than 120 pounds; never heard Nagle say any thing about her being dangerous; if he had said any thing about it, I would have ordered the engine into the This closed the evidence.

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That Joseph Nagle and James K. Taylor come to their death from injuries received by the explosion of the locomotive Annapolis, belonging to the Reading Railroad Company, on the Reading Railroad, below Trenton avenue, on the morning of Dec. 20th, 1869. After a thorough investigation as to the cause of the explosion, the inry are unable to determine it with any degree of certainty."

BROKE HIS LEG.-About ten o'clock this morning two men got into a fight on Water street, below Walnut. During a tussic which ensued one of the puglistic individuals fell to the sidewalk and had a leg broken. The injured man is named Daniel Burk, He was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Fig.—A fire occurred to-day at the residence of D. S. Bunnell, No. 1920 Mervine street. A lot of clothing and other articles in the second story were burned. The building belonged to Price & Miller, and is damaged to the extent of \$200. Fully insured. House Robbery.-The residence of Thos Carr, at the corner of Rising Sun lane and Venango street, was entered last night, and was

robbed of some clothing and \$8 in money. coat and 568 belonging to a boarder were also stolen. FIRE.—This morning, about ten o'clock, a fire occurred at the house of George Glentworth, No. 1261 North Tenth street. The flames originated from the stove, and were speedily extinguished. The loss sustained will amount to about \$150.

LARCENY OF A COAT.-George Davis was before Ald. Kerr, this morning, upon the charge of the larceny of a cont, the property of W. T. Brown, No. 615 Walnut street. He was held in \$600 bail for trial.

HOLIDAY BOOKS .- Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers have made their usual bountiful provision for the Christmas wants of their cuswith an almost endless variety of literary wares, from the lively, brilliantly-colored little toy-book for the wee children, up to the most tempting standard treasures of the

In these days authors have so divided and subdivided the great field of book-making that every holiday season brings withit a rich store of gift-books, prepared for each particular age of childhood and youth, with a degree of adaptedness quite unknown in our early days. The counters of the Masses Peterson days. The counters of the Messrs. Peterson are covered with these latest productions, and the searchers after Christmas gifts cannot fail to satisfy their wants in the reading line, at least, from the varied assortment there pre-

sented to them.

The dealers in all kinds of holiday goods are manifesting a most enterprising spirit of rivalry in the way of low prices, and Messrs. Peterson & Brothers enter so fully into this business competition that the prices are as satisfactory as is their varied and beautiful satisfactory as is their variety and consequence of this attractive combination of a well-chosen variety of every department of holiday literature with a judicious reduction in price, it is not to be wondered at that

is not to be wondered at that even the uninviting state of the weather does not prevent the large establishment of the Petersons being thronged with an animated and apparently well-pleased crowd of eager buyers. The book-stores of Philadelphia are all undergoing a "revival," and among them none seems more determined to have and to hold the patropage of the Christmas public hold the patronage of the Christmas public than the popular house to which we have

The Fine Arts.—Mr. C. F. Haseltine, 1125 Chestnut street, has a large number of oil-paintings of recent importation, representing a quality which the collections of other Philadelphia experts do not even attempt to approach. Mr. Haseltine's relations with the great art-publishing house of Goupil & Co. have given him an advantage in this respect great art-publishing house of Goupil & Co. have given him an advantage in this respect over all competitors in this city. From the same circumstance it has happened that a stock of photographs from the best foreign paintings has accumulated in the hands of Mr. Haseltine, not to be found elsewhere; many of them being copies taken, not for publication, but for the purpose of advertising the scattered branches of the house concerning the latest purchases of pictures and achievements of the great painters. Mr. Haseltine is sole American agent of the famous photographer Adolphe Braun, of Dornach, whose collection of many thousand copies after the old masters is here alone to be seen in its ontirety. Among these works by Braun may be old masters is here alone to be seen in its entirety. Among these works by Braum may be found the most exquisite views of Swiss scenery, taken by the indestructible "carbon process." A select lot of studies of beautiful swiss girls in the costumes of various cantons, most delicately taken and tinted like miniamost delicately taken and timed and are enjoy-tures, are of singular interest and are enjoying great popularity as holiday wares. The stock also includes all kinds of engravings, the best chromos, English water-colors and art-material, &c.

On Thursday evening next, Mr. Charles McShane, the popular superintendent of the American Hotel restaurant, will give a mag-American Hotel restaurant, will give a magnificent entertainment to the patrons of that very excellent establishment. He has prepared a bill of fare, perusal of which makes one's mouth water. It comprises all the luxuries and delicacies of the season, such as chicken and lobster salads, boned turkeys, and oysters in various forms. Mr. McShane thow's how to arrange a matter of this kind oysters in various forms. Mr. McShane knows how to arrange a matter of this kind Just about as well as any other man in the United States of America, and it may be set down as a fixed fact that this entertainment will be first class in every respect.

THE EJECTOR CONDENSER.—That curious instrument, by which a vacuum is made to exert a force superior to the atmospheric pressure, which was described at a late meeting of the Franklin Institute, may now be seen in operation, by those interested, at the works of Messrs. L. P. Morris & Co.

Witter & Mr Stoplien E Waltman, as celebrate executioner at his 200 marks as street; he offered the most magnificent associations of goods in the world. Every variety of candidate and presented fruits can be found upon his singlets, with, finest Chouchate preparations, here there, Sugar Plums Candidate Nuts, and hesides these a great variety of very beautiful Christians Trees. Give Waltman a call, if you want to colourate Christians preperly.

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PHESENTATION.—Last evening (at his Academy, No. 808 Filiperty threet) Professes.

Asher was the recipient of a magnificent colitaire diamond breastpin; the gift of his pupils. Doctor Alliban made the presentation speech, which was responded so on behalf of Professor Asher by E. Lucien Raphie, Esq. Many ladies were present; and after the coremonics there was dancing, and they enjoyed themselves in the highest possible manner.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.—Among the many users articles for gifts during the coming holiday season, nothing could be more desirable of acceptable to mother, wife, sister or friend, than one of Wheeler & Wilson's improved Family Sewing Machines. Call at the new and elegant salesroom of Peterson & Car-PENTER. No. 914 CHESTNUT STREET, and examine these unrivalled instruments. They are sold on very reasonable terms.

POULTRY EXHIBITION.—The annual exhibition of the Pennsylvania Poultry Society, at Horticultural Hall, has now got fully in operation. The display is a very fine one, and the collection comprises a great variety of chickens, turkeys, birds, &c. The contributions are well arranged in the hall, and the exhibition is quite attractive.

GROVED & BAKER'S ELASTIC STITCH SEW-ING MACHINES, also their SHUTTLE OR LOCK" STITCH SEWING MACHINES, may be obtained during the Holidays on very easy terms. Salesrooms, 730 Chestnut street.

WE CALL special attention of persons turnishing to the sale on Thursday, December 23, at Davis & Harvey's, 48 and 50 North Sixth

A SPLENDID CHRISTMAS PRESENT-A fine spring or hair matress from Brooks, Son & Walker, 262 South Second street, near Spruce.

THE PENNSTLVANIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. ROOMS NO. 1322 CRESTNUT STREET, PHILA-DELPHIA, 12th mo. 21st, 1869.—Esteemed Edior: Many communications from humane formation, have been received from time to time at this office, for which this Society is truly grateful, and invites their continuance.

With your kind permission, however, I would beg to state that whilst we can take no notice of anonymous communications. care will be taken that no citizen furnishing name and address shall be unwillingly im-

plicated thereby. S. Morris Waln, President.

AMUSEMENTS.

Art the Arch, this evening, Sheridans comedy, The Kiruls, will be produced. To-merrow evening The Belle's Stratagem, and on Thursday Married Life will be offered. On Friday night Mrs. E.D. Wallace's dramatization of Little Dorrit will be presented for the first time, Mrs. Wallace making her first appearance upon any stage in the character of "Little Dorrit" Mrs. Drew will appear as "Mrs. Cleunam," Mr. Catheart as "Arthur Cleunam," Mr. Mackay as "Mr. Dorrit," Mr. Craig as "Paneks," Mr. James as "Blandois," Miss Firman as "Panny Dorrit," and Mrs. Maeder as "Affrey."

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-The successful drama, Patrice, will be con-The streets in thinks, rather, with the continue to run for a few nights more, at the Chestnut. A "Christmas Story" by Charles Dickens, will be produced at the Christmas matinee. A new drama written by Matilda. Heron, entitled Champagne; or Step by Step, is announced for early production.

—Mies Bateman will appear in Mary Warner at the Walnut to-night and to-morrow night. Leah, or the Forsaken, will shortly be produced. -At the American a new pantomime, full of startling tricks, transfermations and amusing changes. The Rizarellis will perform their thrilling gymnastic acts, and the company will give miscellaneous personations.

-Messis. Carneross & Dixey, will give another of their novel minstrel entertainments at the Eleventh Street Opera House, this eveniug.

-A very attractive bill is announced for this evening's performance at the Seventh Street Opera House. Mr. Frank Brower will appear in his amusing delineations. —Signor Blitz will give performances at the Assembly Buildings this evening and to-mor-row afternoon. The Signor is making great

preparations for his Christmas matinée. —An entertainment entitled The Voyage of Life; or, the World's Progress, will be given in the hall of the Mercantile Library

this evening. -The first subscription concert (this season) of the Mendelssohn Society will be given in Natatorium Hall, Broad street, below Walnut, this evening.

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—We call attention to the opening of the second quarter of Carl Gaertner's National Conservatory of Music, at the S. E. corner of Tenth and Walnut streets. The advantages of class-teaching in music, hitherto a novelty among us, are fully realized in the substantial progress made by Mr. Gaertner's pupils—a progress more to be felt in the possession of solid acquirements than seen in the premature performance of showy more aux. Class-teaching, at low rates, furnishes an opportuteaching, at low rates, furnishes an opportunity for all to cultivate their talent; and we hope to see many of our citizens avail themselves of it. All the modern languages are also taught at the same institution, and upon the same reasonable terms.

THE COURTS.

QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge PANSON.—A great portion of the morning was occupied with an assault and bartery case, in which hanned Nichols was charged with attacking Jomes W. Quick. The presenter alleged that while sitting at his window the defendant came there, spend it, and threw a bottle at him. He denied that had given any provocation in the snape of abuse of Mr. Nichols smother and children. The defence stant is had given any provocation in the snape of abuse of Mr. Nichols smother and children. The defence sat up that the prosecutor, who had served in the rebol army during the war, since his residence in the Eighteenth Ward has become very chonoxicus to the neighbors by reason of his abusive language and actual violence; that in addition to constant abuse of Mrs. Nichols and the children he had attacked Mr. Nichols and the children he had attacked Mr. Nichols and endeavored to goinge out his eyes. A large number of witnesses, neighbors of the prosecutor and defendant gave the latter an excellent character for peace and quiet, white they represented that Mr. Quick is a man of violent temper, and had frequently abused the neighbors. Private counsel was engaged by Mr, Quick to prosecute, but at the close of the testimony District-Attorney Gibbons remained that he felt it to be his duty to ask the jury at render a verdict of not guitty, and put the costs upon Mr. Quick as a punishment for consuming the public ime in a malicious prosecution.

Mr. Zane who appeared as counsel for Mr. Quick, asked remised that he felt it to be his duty to ask the jury and so long as he held the office be would not permit any one to take from him the conduct of the public prosecutions.

The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, and or level

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The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, and ordered.

Mr. Quick to pay the cost.

—A French paper prints the following: The
wife of General X. dying suddenly during his
absence, his family were greatly perplexed to
decide how the news should be conveyed to
him. A nephew undertook the task and
sought out the widower:

"General, my aunt is very ill."

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"You frighten me."
"Yes, I fear we cannot save her." "You sly dog," cried the bereaved husband, putting his foreinger to his nose," "I'll bet

—Hole-in-the-Day left \$5,000, three widows and several children. The widows' thirds absorb all the property, and the young braves are