THE STORY OF DON CARLOS.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* tells the following story:

It will be remembered that Gustave Bergenroth was engaged in an examination of Spanish State papers for the Master of the Rolls when he was struck down by a fever in the beginning of the present year at Madrid. His very last discovery was a detailed account of the arrest, trial, and death of Don Carlos, son of King Philip II., purporting to be written by Fray Juan de Avila, the Prince's confessor, and an eye-witness of the proceedings he describes. A summary of this document is given by Mr. Carlyle, in his "Memorial Sketch" of Bergenroth, which he has just published, and of which we shall have further occasion to speak. In reproducing the substance of this vivid and startling narrative, it is needful to say that Bergenroth died before he had fully satisfied himself as to its genuineness. The Prince of Asturias, or Don Carlos was a young Prince very much inclined to do what pleased him without any respect for others. He was, however, on good terms with his father, King Philip, until the King married his third wife, Isabel of France. Isabel was of the same age as Don Carlos, and uncommonly handsome. Don Carlos fell in love with her, and made her a declaration *in forma*, which the Queen was weak enough to answer, begging him to desist from his suit, because she, being bound by the most sacred ties to his father, could never be his. The letter was carried, and came, the priest says he does not know in what way, into the hands of Philip, who, finding it by no means improved by remonstrance, had his wife and his son, and forbade them, under severe penalties, to so much as think or to write to one another. Don Carlos, instead of repenting, conceived a very strong hatred of his father, and relieved his mind therefore, as might befall him." One result of this was that he entered into correspondence with the Prince of Orange and Counts Egmont and Horn, promising to join their movement, and, if possible, to persuade his father to give him the command of the troops in the Low Countries, which he could then transfer, together with himself, to the ranks of the insurgents. Again the Prince was unlucky in making his first overt act, or, at least, suggesting a scent of it, falling into his hands. First, the King professed to believe that it was a case of heresy, and arresting Don Carlos, referred him to the Inquisition. They pressed him at the Prince to be a good Catholic, and the King next resolved to proceed against him for high treason. He himself detailed the accusation, which was signed by three priests, of whom one was the Prince's own confessor, and the author of this memoir. "The King told them to keep his proceedings secret in order not to make public the shameful conduct of his son, and, he added, although he was perfectly justified, there are people who would say he had hard and sanguinary if they were to know the truth." The Prince begged to be executed on the spot, the next day, at latest. As he wished to be left alone, all, with the exception of the confessor, went to inform the King of his request. The King granted it.

"The conversations of the confessor with the Prince are next given, the Prince declaring his only desire being to do justice to the Finnish, who against all reason and justice were oppressed; and that the Queen was entirely innocent. Then the narrative describes the preparations for death:

"A chapel is prepared in a contiguous room, into which the sacred vessels, &c., from the Royal Chapel are brought. The Prince confesses. Mass is said. The Prince prays with his confessor until Vargas, Perez and Escovedo enter the room. The Prince takes a crucifix from the hands of the confessor, and put it on his mouth, for it was clear he bore still very ill-will towards his judges. The Prince gives his father. The confessor exhorts him to forgive also his judges, leading him slowly to the room where the executioner is to take place. The Prince says: 'I forgive all.' They enter a room where a large armchair is placed, surrounded by a great quantity of saw-dust. The executioner stands near it with his knife. The Prince is not frightened by that sight. He is seated on the chair. The executioner ties his hands, and the Prince in a gracious manner gives him his hand to bless. The executioner ties his legs and arms with 'ostas' [I do not know that word, says Bergenroth] of Cologne to the legs and arms of the chair; ties a bandage of black silk round his eyes, and places himself, with the knife in his hand behind the Prince. The Prince says to the confessor, 'Pray for my soul.' The confessor says the Credo, and the Prince responds in a clear and firm voice. When he pronounced the words 'unico Dios,' the executioner put his knife to his throat, and a stream of blood rushes down on the saw-dust. The Prince struggles little; the knife being very sharp, had cut well. The executioner takes the bandage from the eyes, which are closed. The face is pale, like that of a corpse, but has preserved its natural expression. The executioner unlites the corpse, wraps it in a black baize cloth, and puts it in a corner of the room. That done, Antonio Perez flies all at once at the executioner, accusing him of having stolen the diamonds of the Prince. The executioner denies, is searched, and Perez finds, in one of the folds of his dress, the diamonds. The executioner grows pale, and declares that this is witchery. Escovedo is sent to the Vicar, and soon returns, with the arquebusiers. The King, he says, has ordered that the executioner is to die on the spot for the heinous crime of the robbery of the corpse of a Prince of the blood royal. The executioner, confessing, protests his innocence, is led out of the soldiers into the court-yard, and two detonations of arquebuses are heard.

That was on the night of the 23d of February, 1568.

CITY BULLETIN.

—Common Council held a special meeting yesterday afternoon. The following bills from the Select Branch were concurred in: One relating to the switches on the city railroads. An ordinance imposing a fine of $5 for the driving of any vehicle through a funeral procession. An ordinance providing for the payment of the expenses attending upon the late Admiral Stewart's obsequies. An ordinance providing for the payment of certain claims. A, by the Clerks of Council. A resolution instructing the Committee on Law to obtain legislation relative to the sale of the Almshouse property of Oxford and Lower Dublin township for a House of Refuge, which was introduced, and was agreed to. The ordinance appropriating $134,416 60 to the Department of Public Works for 1870, was reported, amended by adding $12,000 for the rebuilding of the South Street Street Market-house, and was passed. Ordinances making appropriations to the Departments of Surveys, Fire, Guardians of the Poor, Fitlers, Inspector of Steam Boilers, Lighting the City, Public Grounds, Defence and Parks, Comptroller of the City, were presented and postponed. An ordinance appropriating $2,143 75 to pay Police Magistrates for 1869, being the amount of costs paid into the City Treasury by them, was passed. An ordinance appropriating $3,214 14 for record books, &c., for the District Court. Also, an ordinance appropriating $420 12 to pay the expenses of the House of Correction Committee. The Finance Committee was discharged from further consideration of the resolution asking the Legislature to repeal the Board of Health Street Cleaning bill. The ordinance making an appropriation of $550,702 50 to the Highway Department for 1870 was taken up, the motion of $300 was made, and the ordinance passed, an increase of $8,840 on the appropriation for 1869.

—The Controllers of the Public Schools held an adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon. The annual report of the Superintendent of Buildings and Repairs was presented. It states that there were finished in the course of the year school-houses as follows: On the north side of Chestnut street, west of Broad, on south side of Maria street, east of Fifth; northeast corner of Master and Lawrence; Oregon avenue and Forty-first street; south side of Fitzwater street, west of Fifteenth. During the year there were placed under contract, school-houses as follows: Sixth and Turner streets, Twenty-sixth Section, two-story stone building, to cost $14,000; northeast corner Shippen and Guilford streets, eight divisions cost $12,000; east side of Third street, south of Green, three-storied brown stone, 18 divisions, cost $35,000; west side of Third street, south of Green, three-storied brown stone, 21 divisions, cost $44,000. Plans and specifications have been prepared for a school-house of 18 divisions, to be located on Noble street, east of Sixth, to cost $30,000; also, a school-house of 18 divisions to be erected on the southeast corner of Seventeenth and Christian streets, to cost $34,000. The report further states that the number of additional school buildings has by no means kept pace with the increased increase in the population of the city. As a consequence, the original intention of vacating the rented buildings has been, in many instances, defeated. A resolution to the effect that no public be admitted into the Public Schools who shall not attain an average of at least fifty, was then taken up and discussed, but the Committee on Supplies reported that the contract for supplying the schools with books and stationery during the coming year had been awarded to the lowest bidders. A resolution was offered by Mr. Delamotte for the manner in which he had presided over the duties during the year was passed unanimously; also a resolution complimentary to the clerks and other officers of the Board.

—Messrs. Thomas & Sons sold at the Exchange, yesterday, noon, the following stocks and real estate:

27 shares Reliance Insurance Co., $45.

Few No. 78 Seventh Presbyterian Church, $25.

$2,000 Schuylkill Navigation Boat and Car loan, 60 per cent.

Few No. 49 St. Mark's Church, $25.

5 shares Southwark National Bank, $114.

25 shares Bank of Northern Liberties, $123.

5 shares Academy of Music, $51 50.

8 shares Philadelphia and Southern Mail Steamship, $35.

200 shares Amygdaloid Mining Co., $1.

15 shares Philadelphia and Carupano Sulphur Mining Co., $1.

$1,000 Warren and Franklin Railroad, 81 per cent.

$4,000 Western Pennsylvania Railroad, 80 per cent.

$2,000 Tremont Coal Co., 80 per cent.

120 shares Central Transportation, $55.

5 shares Mercantile Library, $6 50.

31,568 shares East Sandy and Hall's Run Petroleum, 1 cent.

1,000 shares Sherman Oil Company, 1 cent.

600 shares Freedom Iron and Steel, $1.

400 shares Story Farm Oil Company, 1 cent.

50 shares Delaware Mutual Insurance Company, $27 50.

Store, southwest corner Fifth and Locust streets, 19 feet 5 inches by 79 feet, $7,600.

Two frame dwellings, Nos. 202 and 204 Prosperous alley, $625.

Three-story frame dwelling, No. 208 Prosperous alley, $800.

Ground rent, $75 a year, $1,050.

—Charles Surry, formerly an Alderman of West Philadelphia, was put on his trial yesterday, in the U. S. District Court, on the charge of carrying on the business of a cigar manufacturer without having paid a special tax, and was convicted.

—The lady managers of the Newsboys' Home, 915 Locust street, will give a dinner to the Newsboys of Philadelphia on Christmas Day, at 2 o'clock. Tickets must be procured at the *Ledger* Office, on Thursday and Friday.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

CITY OF ALLEGHENY, PA.
TREASURER'S OFFICE, December 15, 1869.

ALLEGHENY CITY

Compromise Bonds Wanted.

Persons holding Compromise Bonds of the City of Allegheny, Pa., are hereby notified that the Sinking Fund of 1869 will be invested in those Bonds at the lowest rates offered. Proposals will be received by the undersigned until SATURDAY, 1st day of January, 1870.

D. MACFERSON,
Treasurer of the City of Allegheny, Pa.

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CITY OF ALLEGHENY, PA.
TREASURER'S OFFICE, December 15, 1869.

Notice is hereby given to the holders of the

SIX PER CENT.

Municipal Bonds of the City of Allegheny,

that the Coupons equal Bonds coming due January 1st, 1870, will be paid on and after that date at the Bank of Pittsburgh, in the City of Pittsburgh, Pa.

D. MACFERSON,
Treasurer of the City of Allegheny, Pa.

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"THE MAHANOY VALLEY R. R. COMPANY," OFFICE, 227 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Company, and an Election for Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1870, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock A. M.

RICHARD COX, Secretary.

"THE SHUR'S LANE AND EDGEWORTH BOROUGH RAILROAD COMPANY," OFFICE 227 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, and an Election for Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1870, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, noon.

RICHARD COX, Secretary.

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FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18, 1869.

The annual election of Directors of this Bank will be held at its Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

WM. H. WEBB, Cashier.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21, 1869.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at its Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1870, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

JOHN S. MORTON, Cashier.

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NORTON McMICHAEL, Jr., Cashier.

NORTH PENNSYLVANIA BANK, 733 ARCH STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11, 1869.

The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held on TUESDAY, January 11, 1870, between 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

E. F. MOODY, Cashier.

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NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE.

PHILADELPHIA, December 10, 1869.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at its Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1870, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, noon.

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MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 10, 1869.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at its Banking house on WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1870, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

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ELECTION—PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, December 10, 1869.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 10, 1870, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, noon.

SAM'L E. STEWART, Secretary.

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NOTICE—A SPECIAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Germantown Gas Company of Fair Ars will be held at the Academy on WEDNESDAY, December 22, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, to consider the purchase of a new site for the institution.

JOHN T. MORRIS, President.

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COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, 1869.

The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1870, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

J. E. DENNING, Cashier.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TAXES.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, 1869.

TAX-PAYERS.—The names of all property-holders who have not received their tax bills will be advertised January 1st as delinquents, in accordance with act of Assembly, approved May 16, 1869.

M. L. BELLY,
Receiver of Taxes.

CITY NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, 1869.

The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at its Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January, 1870, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

G. ALBERT LEWIS, Cashier.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

KENSINGTON SOUP SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held at 1109 Palmer street, on MONDAY EVENING, December 27, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, when a report will be made and officers and managers for the ensuing year.

CHARLES M. LUKENS, Secretary.

THE PINE GROVE AND LEBANON COAL AND IRON COMPANY, OFFICE 22 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, December 15, 1869.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, for the election of Officers and Managers, will be held at the office of the Company on MONDAY, January 24th, 1870, at 11 o'clock, M.

JOHN C. SHOEMAKER, Secretary.

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ASHER'S DANCING ACADEMY,
NO. 1020 FILBERT STREET.

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Ladies and Gentlemen—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Evenings.
Children—Saturday afternoon.
Gentlemen Only—Saturday Evening.
Private lessons attended to at any hour to suit convenience. de20 3m

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
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OPENING MONDAY, JAN. 3.
SUBSCRIPTION
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TWELVE NIGHTS AND TWO MATINEES.
Commencing with Opera Bouffe, Lecocq's Grand Opera, in 3 Acts, entitled
SUBSCRIPTION LIST will open at MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 27, at 9 o'clock, at the Academy, 1026 Chestnut street.
Subscribers to Saturday's opera. de22-4t

LAURA KEENE'S
THIRD WEEK AND SECOND NIGHT OF THE GREAT SUCCESS OF
PATRIOT!
Supported by the Celebrated Comedian, MR. LAURA KEENE
A CRINKLE IN THE TIME OF CHARLES DICKENS,
From the Celebrated Novel of
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Commencing at 7 o'clock P. M.
Two Matinees Every Week. PUBLIC NOTICE.
ANOTHER NEW PLAY
Will be produced Shortly, Entitled
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Written by Mr. Charles Dickens and Lemon.
Doors open at 7 o'clock; Curtain rises at 7½ o'clock.
Seats secured without extra charge.

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THIRD WEEK OF THE GREAT ARTISTE,
MISS BATEMAN.
POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT OF
MARY WARNER.
MISS BATEMAN, MISS MARY WARNER, MISS BATEMAN
JOHAN, MISS VIRGINIA TRANCH and the full Dramatic Company.
Matinee at 2 o'clock to the celebrated Play, in 5 Acts, of
MRS. JOHN BULL, OR, THE HAPPY WIFE.
Commencing at 7 o'clock.
Matinee Christmas Week.
THIS, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29,
THE HOLLY STRANGER.
MRS. JOHN BULL, MISS VIRGINIA HARDY.
And Other Attractions.
THURSDAY—MISS BULL, MISS HARDY.
CHRISTMAS EVE—CHRISTMAS DAY.
MISS BULL, MISS HARDY, MISS DORRIT.
CHRISTMAS NIGHT—LITTLE DORRIT.

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HOUSE, SEVENTH Street, below Arch.
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MATINEE CHRISTMAS DAY, at 2 o'clock.
Last Night of the Great Comedian, Mr. Sheridan.
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EVERY EVENING.
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TWO DAYS ONLY—THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AFTERNOON, at 2½ o'clock.

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CHESTNUT STREET, above Tenth.
Open from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.
Benjamin West's Great Picture of
JESUS HEALING THE SICK.
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Elegant Brown-Stone Residence, three stories and Mansard roof, very commodious, furnished with every modern convenience, and built in a very superior and substantial manner. Lot 26 feet front by 160 feet deep to Cuthbert street, on which is a fine stable for three Stable and Coach Houses.
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Nineteenth and Susquehanna avenue.
Eighteenth and Susquehanna avenue.
Nineteenth and Diamond streets.
Eighteenth and Diamond streets.
Nineteenth and Montgomery avenue.
Eighteenth and Montgomery avenue.
Nineteenth and Oxford streets.
Eighteenth and Oxford