

BUSINESS NOTICES. Stetson & Sons' Grand Square and High Planes. CHALKER'S... The New Philadelphia Grand Square and High Planes. CHALKER'S... No. 125 and 127 Chestnut Street.

CITY BULLETIN. State of Thermometer This Day at the Bulletin Office. 10 A. M. 54 deg. 1 P. M. 72 deg. 7 P. M. 73 deg. Wind out.

THE ORIGIN OF FIRES.

Spontaneous Combustion, Drunkenness, and the Inevitable Use of Benzine. Fire Marshal Blackburn's last annual report gives a summary of the facts of 100 accidents in basements, lofts, closets and caddies, under counters and in recesses, of dirty and greasy rubbish, which contained in the main, benzine, kerosene, turpentine and other inflammable liquids.

Another cause of fires, as given by the Fire Marshal, is "explosions of adulterated kerosene and recklessness in the use of benzine, naphtha and gasoline." In all drug and cleaning establishments large quantities of benzine are used for the purpose of cleaning and renovating.

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NARROW ESCAPE. Last evening Lieutenant Bruner observed a flashing light in the third story of a house on Third street, below Green.

The Operations of the Prison Agent. The Sixteenth Annual Report of W. C. Muller, Prison Agent, has been received. It is a very interesting document, and in reference to the operations of the Agent, it says: "By his efforts he has succeeded in releasing from prison about thirty-five (35) persons."

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SCREAMS AND YELLS OF ANGUISH which he could utter, are scenes which cannot be described; but which once seen, can never be forgotten by the beholder; the torture and suffering betrayed by his countenance, a truly horrible, the deep and lasting impression of horror which is made upon the mind by such scenes can never be erased. I have often heard that the ruffian who marks out the cause of all this misery, could be present to witness the result of his terrible doings, in order that he might realize his accountability to his Creator. He has become incorrigible. Yesterday Aid. Gooden met at the House of Burgesses.

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SERIOUS ACCIDENT. This morning, about eleven o'clock, a child, aged 10 years, and Patrick Sheridan, aged 36 years, were badly injured by the caving in of a bank of earth, while they were engaged in digging a cellar in Gothic street, above Walnut. Sheridan was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital and Craig was removed to his home.

JUVENILE DEPRIVACY. Matilda Hill, aged 12 years, has been living in a house on Main street, Germantown. She has given much trouble by frequently going on sponges and making raids on the wine cellar in the house. She has become incorrigible. Yesterday Aid. Gooden met at the House of Burgesses.

ALEXANDER BENSON, Esq., died this morning at his residence in Spruce street, after a long illness. He had reached the age of seventy-six years, and was highly respected by all who knew him. The Board of Brokers met on the announcement of his death. Mr. Benson was a gentleman of large fortune.

BASE BALL. The Athletic Base Club left the city this morning for New York, to play the first of a series of games with the Union Club, of Morrisania, at Tremont, this afternoon. The return game will be played in this city on Wednesday next.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. George Messinger, aged 3 years, was seriously injured this morning, about half past nine, o'clock, by a pile of lumber falling on him at Noble street wharf. He was carried to the Delaware Harbor Police Station, and promptly carried to the City Hospital.

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