[From [illegible]]

THE STORY OF DEATH.

Reader, have you ever been dead? I have been. I will tell you the story of death. Dr. Benaiah W. Somes of Essex county, New Jersey, was my physician. I shall not curse him now. Time has taught me that it is better to [illegible] than to curse. And I feel [illegible] as my malison might be [illegible] condition were [illegible] consciousness [illegible] must bring [illegible] his nature [illegible].

I will tell you the story of my death.

I died at the age of twenty-three. A stalwart man, who on my father's farm mowed my swath or hoed my row with the rest, in an unfortunate hour I became the victim of the practice of medicine which then prevailed, but which now, happily, is nearly disused. I had some sort of fever. No doubt I was ill enough. From my right arm one day the physician took ounces of blood—how many I knew not; certainly, in liquid measure, a gallon of the red fluid flowed. I did not mend that day; at least, I suppose I did not, for on the next day he cut my left arm and took thence a like measure—the crimson measure of half a life. I was a dead man then. But a shudder or two must always come before the conscious soul lets go its hold upon the frame. With me the shudders were in the shape of cold sweats. There were three of them. By the clock—so some one at my bedside whispered—the chill and sweat lasted six hours. Six dim, dark centuries they were to me. The third—its commencement, its fierce chill, its dead, cold, compared with which ice were a pleasing warmth—its dread slow march, I remember, but nothing more. In the midst of it, I lost all sense of life and its pains. The great gates of the valley of death rolled on their ponderous hinges and shut me in.

I do not recollect the circumstances of funeral and interment. In fact, I do not deem that I was buried. The weight I felt above me I knew was no more ten feet of earth, in a quiet nook, with daisies springing from it. The mountains were resting on me. I realized their weight. Straight up to the light—if light existed—as under the centre of the central mountain I lay, it was many miles through solid rock. I was not imbedded in the rock, like a cold toad, caught in, during the formative era of the geologists. It lay upon me. I felt all its weight. Sense had gone, but consciousness was with me. Forty millions of millions of tons weight was upon me. Oh, how I suffocated and smothered! But, dead as I was, consciousness cruelly clung to me. I had died—why could I not cease to be! Time had passed away; there was no day, no night. But if mortal measure could indicate the period I lay alone, and dark, and suffocate, beneath that weight, centuries might have flown above my head.

The silence was as dread as the suffocation was terrible. There was no sound. All was still, still, dark and hopeless. Had the mountain roared as it crushed, it would have been an alleviation. But it did its work without sound, without remorse—like Fate, grim and silent.

I have said there was no measure of time to tell how long this monstrous weight pressed me down. There came a relief. A sense of hearing came to me, or the internal fire of earth had rolled nearer to me. I heard their voice, distant as yet, like the wind in the leaves of ten thousand forests—like the surge of a thousand unseen oceans. I felt its heat—but it was far away. A new sense of suffoca-[illegible]

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... crippled limb brings their terrors bodily back, and once again—thank God, it is but for a moment!—I lie suffocated and pressed beneath the mountain's remorseless breast.

Wines and Liquors.

IRISH AND SCOTCH WHISKEY, Wholesale and Retail, [illegible] HUGH HARE, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, corner of FRONT and WHARTON Streets, (opposite the Navy Yard,) [illegible] Philadelphia.

BOHLEN'S WEESP ANCHOR GIN—[illegible] pipes, now landing at Lombard-street wharf from on board the brig "Pierre Lacoste," from Rotterdam, and for sale by the undersigned, sole importers of this Gin. HENRY BOHLEN & CO. [illegible] 221 and 223 S. Fourth street.

OLD WHEAT WHISKEY.—E. P. MIDDLETON & BRO., No. 5 North FRONT St., importers of Cognac and Rochelle Brandies, Holland Gin, Scotch and Irish Whiskey. Also, sole proprietor of the Old Wheat Whiskey. E. P. M. & Bro. have on hand the largest and best stock of fine old Monongahela, Bourbon, and Rye Whiskey of any dealer in the United States, all of which is highly improved by age. no7-3m

BRANDIES.—Pinet, Castillon & Co., Marett, and other Cognacs, of various vintages, in half pipes and quarter casks; Pellevoisin [illegible] Brandies, pale and dark, in half pipes, half casks, and one-eighth casks. Imported and for sale by HENRY BOHLEN & CO., [illegible] 221 and 223 South Fourth street.

PORT WINE.—In bond and entitled to debenture 250 casks St. Joseph's Pure Juice Port Wine, in qrs. and eighths. [illegible] Islay Malt Scotch Whiskey, 9 years old. [illegible] Anchor Gin. [illegible] Marett, Rouyat, and J. J. Dupuy Brandies, all of which I offer to the trade at reduced prices. JOS. R. TOBIAS, [illegible] 38 and 40 S. Front St., below Walnut.

ALEXANDER V. HOLMES, WINE AND LIQUOR STORE, No. 229, Southeast Corner of GEORGE and SOUTH Streets. au1-1y

C. I. LEWIS, IMPORTER AND DEALER IN FINE WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS, &c., 26 South FIFTH Street, Philadelphia. au1-1y

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DITHMAR & RUTZ, PORTER, ALE AND LAGER BEER BREWERY, No. 430 (new No. 430) North THIRD Street, Philadelphia.—Shipping orders promptly attended to. au1-tf

Proposals.

STEAM MACHINERY FOR SCREW PROPELLER SLOOP-OF-WAR.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, November 19, 1857.

SEALED PROPOSALS, endorsed "Proposals for Steam Machinery for Screw Propeller sloop-of-War," will be received at this Department until 3 o'clock the 19th December next, for the complete construction of the steam machinery and appendages, and placing it on board a screw propeller ship of war building in the United States navy yard at Philadelphia.

The offers must be for a specific sum for putting the whole in successful operation; must include all patent fees for any arrangements that may be proposed; state the time in which the work will be completed, and be accompanied by the usual guarantee required by law. The name of the establishment in which the work is to be executed must be stated.

The details of the design and arrangement of the machinery will be left with the party whose proposition may be accepted as combining the greatest number of advantages, bearing in view simplicity of construction, [illegible] for adjustment when in operation, and not being subject to derangement in the working parts; it being the object of the Department to obtain the most speed and power with the most economical consumption of fuel, and the greatest stowage of coal [illegible]

Land Sales.

HOMESTEAD FOR $2.00!—LAND DISTRIBUTION!! CHANCE FOR POOR MEN!!

The Northwestern Mutual Land Benefit Association will make a grand distribution of $30,000 worth of real estate and maps to its members. The number of members is limited to 15,000. $2.00 and five letter stamps per membership, or a share. Any individual sending $10 and the stamps, shall be entitled to six shares; or any person sending $10 with six names, with the address of each, carefully written, shall be entitled to six shares.

The following is the real estate to be distributed:

No. 1. An improved farm of 80 acres in Cooke Co., Illinois, valued at	$3,000
No. 2. An improved farm of 160 acres in Whitesides Co., Illinois, valued at	3,000
No. 3. An improved farm of 160 acres in Whitesides Co., Illinois, valued at	3,000
No. 4. An excellent private residence in Dubuque, Iowa, valued at	3,000
No. 5. 160 acres superior farm land in Cooke Co., Illinois, valued at	2,000
No. 6. 160 acres well pine timbered in Waupacca Co., Wisconsin, valued at	2,000
No. 7. A good lot and cottage residence in Chicago, Illinois, valued at	2,000
No. 8. 160 acres superior land in Whitesides Co., Illinois, valued at	1,000
No. 9. 160 acres good land in Chippeway Co., Wisconsin, valued at	960
No. 10. 160 acres good land in Chippeway Co., Wisconsin, valued at	960
No. 11. 160 acres good land in Chippeway Co., Wisconsin, valued at	800
No. 12. 160 acres good land in Dunn Co., Wisconsin, valued at	800
No. 13. 80 acres good land in Marshall Co., Iowa, valued at	600
No. 14. 80 acres good land in Marshall Co., Iowa, valued at	600
No. 15. 80 acres good land in Marshall Co., Iowa, valued at	600
No. 16. 40 acres good land in Marshall Co., Iowa, valued at	300
No. 17. 40 acres good land in Linn Co., Iowa, valued at	300
No. 18. 40 acres good land in Linn Co., Iowa, valued at	300
No. 19. 40 acres good land in Linn Co., Iowa, valued at	300
No. 20. One building lot in Dubuque, Iowa, valued at	300
No. 21. One building lot in Sterling, Illinois, valued at	300
No. 22. One building lot in Sterling, Illinois, valued at	300
No. 23. One building lot in Sterling, Illinois, valued at	300
No. 24. 40 acres farm land in Grant Co., Wisconsin, valued at	300
No. 25. 40 acres farm land in Grant Co., Wisconsin, valued at	300

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Shipping.

SHIP MARGARET FOR NEW ORLEANS—Louisiana Line.—Guaranteed first vessel.

Freight taken at as low rates as any other vessel loading.

The remarkably fast-sailing packet ship MARGARET, Merryman master, now loading rapidly at Race-street wharf, will continue to receive what freight offers, and, being of moderate capacity, will have quick despatch.

Shippers will please hurry their goods alongside, and bills of lading to the counting-house for signature, and may depend on this being the first vessel to sail.

For balance of freight, at low rates, apply to BISHOP, SIMONS, & CO., 120 (late 86) NORTH WHARVES.

Agents at New Orleans, C. J. MEEKER & CO. The Margaret insures at the lowest rates, and will take steam down the Delaware and up the Mississippi. no25

FOR LIVERPOOL.—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10.—The Packet Ship PHILADELPHIA, Capt. CHARLES F. POOLE, will sail as above.

Cabin passage	$80
Second cabin	20
Steerage	18

Second Cabin and Steerage Passengers found with Provisions, according to the American passenger act.

For freight or passage, apply to THOS. RICHARDSON & CO.

Drafts on the Agents in sums to suit, from £1 upwards. no18

FOR HAVANA—Packet ship NAPLES.—To sail with quick despatch.

The fast-sailing packet ship Naples, Eastman master, is now loading at Race-street wharf, and having nearly all her cargo on board, will sail as above.

For balance of freight apply to BISHOP, SIMONS, & CO., no23-dtf 120 (late 86) North Wharves.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.—THE FIRST class Clipper Ship MARY ROBINSON, Captain HARDING, and the magnificent A 1 Clipper Ship VIKING, Captain WINDSOR, will have quick despatch from New York. For freight, apply to BISHOP, SIMONS, & CO., no18-dtf 120 (late 90) NORTH WHARVES.

SAVANNAH STEAMSHIP LINE.

STEAMSHIPS STATE OF GEORGIA AND KEYSTONE STATE.

In consequence of the depressed state of trade, the above ships will be withdrawn for the present. October, 16th. A. HERON, Jr.

FARE REDUCED TO SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVRE.—[illegible]

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Coal.

THE BEST ASSORTMENT of LEHIGH AND SCHUYLKILL COAL is at H. DORMAN'S YARD, BROAD STREET, above Vine. Sold at reduced prices. Call and see. oc31-6w

2240 LBS. IS A TON.—BUYERS and consumers are invited to examine our stock of "LEHIGH LOCUST MOUNTAIN and BLACK HEATH COAL." Our Coal is selected expressly for family use; being carefully screened, we will warrant it free from slate and dust. "We sell 2240 lbs.," being "240 lbs. more" than sold by retail dealers, at "25 cents less per ton."

Also, on hand a full supply of "BROAD TOP BITUMINOUS COAL" for Steam-generating, Blacksmithing, and Rolling-mill purposes. This Coal cannot be excelled.

Yards, BROAD and VINE—Big Sign, "2240 LBS. IS A TON." [se8-3m] LEIGHTON & CO

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J. & R. CARTER'S GREENWOOD, TAMAQUA COAL. GEORGE W. SNYDER'S PINE FOREST SCHUYLKILL COAL.

RANDALL & MEREDITH Have for sale, and are constantly receiving from above celebrated Collieries, COAL OF ALL SIZES.

There is no Coal mined anywhere, equal in quality these, and a trial will convince any one of their great superiority. Our Coal is very carefully screened at our yards, and we will warrant it perfectly free from slate, dust and all impurities. Our PRICES are as LOW as the VERY LOWEST.

Orders left at our Office, No. 151 SOUTH FRONT street, above Walnut.

Orders left at our Yard, CALLOWHILL street, below BROAD street.

Orders left at our Wharf, WATER street, above CALLOWHILL—or sent to either place per Despatch Post, will receive prompt attention.

Purchasers for Family use will do well to call and examine our Coal before purchasing elsewhere. au4-tf

SCHUYLKILL AND LEHIGH COAL.—I am daily receiving, at my yard, the best quality of SCHUYLKILL AND LEHIGH COAL. My customers, and all others who may favor me with their orders, may rely on getting Coal that will be satisfactory to them. ☞ No inferior Coal kept at this establishment to offer at LOW PRICES. ALEXANDER CONVERY, au1-tf N. E. corner of Broad and Cherry Sts.

LEHIGH AND SCHUYLKILL COAL.—DALY, PORTER & CO., COAL DEALERS, No. [illegible]

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Savings Funds.

SAVING FUND—FIVE PER CENT. INTEREST—NATIONAL SAFETY TRUST COMPANY.—WALNUT STREET, SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF THIRD, PHILADELPHIA.

INCORPORATED BY THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Money is received in any sum, large or small, and interest paid from the day of deposit to the day of withdrawal.

The office is open every day from 9 o'clock in the morning till 7 o'clock in the evening, and on Monday and Thursday evenings till 9 o'clock.

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LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY.—The PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Northeast Corner of THIRD and DOCK Streets. Capital, $613,725 03.

INSURES LIVES for short terms, or for the whole term of life—grants annuities and endowments—purchases life interests in Real Estate, and makes all contracts depending on the contingencies of Life.

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HOWARD FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Office No. 412 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia. The following statement of the affairs of the company is published in conformity with a provision of its charter:

PREMIUMS RECEIVED FROM AUGUST 1, 1856, TO AUGUST 31, 1857:

Fire premiums	$38,729 81	
Marine premiums	217,793 62	
Perpetual premiums	224 00	
Total amount premiums taken.		$256,747 43
Earned fire premiums	25,072 96	
Earned marine premiums	155,006 60—180,078 56	
Deduct return premiums		11,719 47
Net earned		$168,359 09
Marine losses paid. $93,885 75		
Fire losses paid. 8,031 11		
	$101,916 86	
Salvage received... $760 57		
Interest received... 4,351 57		
Re-insurance.....2,971 52 —8,083 66— 93,833 70		

Expenses for commissions to [illegible]

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