CITY ITEMS.

CONCERT IN AID OF THE POOR.—Arrangements have been made for a concert to be given at Musical Fund Hall this (Saturday) evening, for the benefit of the poor of the Second ward.

From the talent engaged for this occasion, the entertainment promises to be one of unusual interest, and as the object for which the concert will be given is one with which our people universally sympathize, the committee who have the matter in charge will doubtless realize handsomely from it.

THE STATEMENT of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company for the year ending on the 31st of December, 1857, appears in our advertising columns this morning. When we consider the calamity which has fallen upon all branches of business within the last six months, we cannot but congratulate this company upon the wholesome statement which they are enabled to present. Their assets, with some few exceptions, are excellent, and their unimpaired capital is a strong proof of the confidence reposed in their energy and integrity. This fine organization has been in existence since 1840, and, during that period of time, has won largely upon the confidence of the community. The system of life insurance has proven itself to be an admirable one. The principle itself is established, and with our knowledge of the gentlemen connected with the "Penn Mutual," we can do nothing else than recommend our friends to them.

THE GRAND VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT at the Musical Fund Hall this evening, for the benefit of the Second Ward Relief Association, promises to be one of uncommon attraction. The array of talent set forth is perfectly familiar to the music-loving public; and as the object is a charitable one, we advise all who feel interested in the "poor of our city" to attend.

HERODOTUS tells us that Xerxes wept whenreflecting that of the many thousand men comprising his army in a hundred years' time there would not be one remaining. Rather a solemn thought, we confess, although we think now-a-days he would weep from a very different cause—i. e., how he should clothe so mighty an host without having the great Clothing Bazaar of Clifton, Albright, & Co., "Jayne's Hall," No. 621 Chestnut street, to go to.

NEWSPAPERS.—Nothing is more agreeable than a good paper. All read a good paper. The young lady reads the paper; the old lady reads the paper; the old gentleman reads the paper; the child reads the paper; the idiot reads the paper; the doctor reads the paper; the divine reads the paper. Everybody reads the paper, especially The Press, and hence everybody is informed that the greatest clothing establishment in the country is that of Grandville Stokes, No. 607 Chestnut street.

A STARTLING INCIDENT.—A dark frown overspread the handsome features of Fernando. "Why, why," he asked, "will you not believe me, my beautiful Maria de Argyle? By yais good sword I swear I love thee!" "Then stay stand so coldly aloof from this bosom which is bursting for thee!" The beautiful girl replied, drawing herself up to her full height, "I'm afraid you're blowin'. If yer warm, yer'd buy yerself a decent suit at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, 603 and 605 Chestnut street, above Sixth."

ANOTHER INSULT!—A country gentleman was insulted, at Evans's Gift Book Store, in the most outrageous manner. He got a book and a breastpin worth twenty-five dollars, and all for one dollar. This is the second insult of the kind which we have recorded within a fortnight. Evans's is at 439 Chestnut street. Sensitive people should not go there.

ONE OF THE NICEST THINGS IN THE WORLD, says a *gourmet*, is a dish of beef's tongues, dressed with sauce *piquante*, in the best style of Petty Brothers', third street, near St. Paul's Church. We say ditto to that; and we will add, that there are a plenty of other delectable dishes which the Petty's get up. Down-town diners, and those who visit to give dinner parties away from home, should bear this in mind.

VERY GRATEFUL.—One of the readers of THE PRESS says he never felt more grateful to anybody than he did to us when we advised him to go to R. C. Walborn & Co.'s, Nos. 7 and 9 North Sixth street, and buy a wrapper. The article was just what he wanted, and the price as low as he could expect.

PETER DONAHOE's Boots are models of elegance and durability. Does the reader wish to know who Peter Donahoe is? We will tell him: He is successor to Henry Herth, and his store is in Eighth street, below Chestnut. Dom sends packages of his boots to California by nearly every steamer.

CLOUDS.—There were clouds abroad yesterday, aye, and rain and wind; but still a light sparkled in many an eye within Jones's. We saw one pair of it hidden; for instance, who were enjoying a package of candies from E. G. Whitman & Co.'s, Second street, below Chestnut, and who were perfect models of happiness. Whitman & Co. never did a brisker business.

Marine Intelligence.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16, 1858.

SUN RISES.....7:14 | SUN SETS.....4:46
HIGH WATER.....3:40

ARRIVED.

Steamship Palestine, Sellew, 48 hours from Boston, with mdse and passengers to H Winsor.
Steamship Delaware, Copes, 24 hours from New York, via Cape May, with mdse and passengers to James Allerdice.
Steamship Boston, Sellew, 24 hours from New York, via Cape May, with mdse and passengers to James Allerdice.
Schr Geo M Robertson, Morrow, 9 days from Bermuda, in ballast to J P Donaldson. Left brig Mayhew, hence from New York, dis.
Schr Adamantine, Brown, 1 day from Pedrickstown, NJ, with corn to L J Peterson.
Schr Lucy Marston, 1 day from Brandywine Dell, with corn to Bohemia Iron Co.
Schr Sarah Cook, Arnold, 2 days from Cumberland City, with grain to Christian & Curran.

CLEARED.

Steamship Delaware, Copes, New York, J Allerdice.
Barque Sos Maxwell, Davis, Laguayra, Dallett Bros.
Barque Triumph, Dimble, Montego Bay, Jas D N Weiss & Co.

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.)

LEWES, Del., Jan. 14—8 A M.

There are now some thirty sail at harbor, among which are the brigs Elmira and Henry Leeds; schrs Sarah Woodbridge, Harriet R Bennett, Mechanic, Silver Heels, Green, J H Seguin, J M Houston, Surprise, A Dazian Power, and Black Hawk. Several coilliers went to sea this morning, and there are over fifty sail in the bay upward and outward bound. Wind NNE—weather clear.

Yours, &c., WM. M. HICKMAN.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.)

CAPE HENLOPEN, Jan 15, 5 30 P M.

A barque went in to-day. Nothing in sight bound out. Wind N—weather stormy.

Yours, &c., THOS. S. HUGHES.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE PRESS.)

NEW YORK, Jan 15.

Arrived, ship Corinna, from Hong Kong; barques Lena, from Angier; Parana, from Rio de Janeiro.

BOSTON, Jan 15.

Arrived, ships Union, from Calcutta; Mary Goodell, from Baltimore; barque Abagail, from Rotterdam.

HAVRE DE GRACE, Jan 15.

The ship Sunshine has arrived here from the Chincha. She signalled the ship Lyon, from Calcutta for New York, sloop of war Constitution, Capt Page, was at the Cape of Good Hope Nov 2, and would shortly proceed to Hong Kong.

MEMORANDA.

Steamship Virginia, Kelly, sailed from Richmond 13th inst, for this port.
Steamship Baltic, Comstock, cleared at New York yesterday for Liverpool. Capt West, of the Adriatic, goes as passenger in the B, and will take command on her return passage.
Steamship New York, McMullin, cleared at New York yesterday for Glasgow.
Ship Wm Libby, Bishop, from Calcutta about Nov 25, for London, got ashore in going down the river, but got off after throwing part of her cargo overboard.
Ship Southern Cross, (incorrectly reported yesterday by telegraph as the Gunbaum) Howes, arrived at Boston 14th inst.
Ship Redgauntlet, Andrews, from Soubraya, arrived at Batavia Oct 27, to finish loading for Cowes.
Ships John Land, Beaver, and Harriet and Jessie, Milton, for New Bedford, sailed from Honolulu Nov 7; another account says the latter sailed 14th.
Schr Mary D Bunton, Hinson, probably for N Bedford, was at Honolulu Nov 19.
Ship Typhoon, Salter, from Point de Galle, was at Bombay (Sundry advices from Calcutta Nov 23.)
Ship Wm Penn, Meade, for Philadelphia, sailed from Liverpool 27th ult.
Ship Columbia, from Calais, for the United States, which had put back to that port and was there condemned and sold, has been thoroughly repaired, and sailed from Calais Nov 26 for the Chincha Islands, under the Portuguese flag, known as the ship Mercedes, and said to be in the best condition.
Ship Thomas Jefferson, Hill, 40 days from Liverpool for New Orleans, put into Havana 24 inst. with her crew in irons, they having mutinied on the high seas.
Ships Anna Kimball, Bennett, from Calcutta for Boston soon, was at Port Louis, Mauritius, Nov 1.
Ship Romance of the Sea, Caldwell, for China soon, was at Batavia Oct 23.
Ship Georgia, Malcom, for Savannah, before reported put back to Liverpool, sailed again 20th ult.
Ship Sultana, Eames, cleared at Boston 14th inst. for East Indies.
Ship Helvetia, Lowe, arrived at New York yesterday from Hong Kong Oct 6, with silk, camfor, &c. No date, off Jasper Island, at anchor with ship Virginia, Atwood, from Amoy for New York. Left at Angier, ship Independence, Haskell, from Hong Kong for New York. Left Angier in company with ship Witchcraft, Pendleton, from Manilla for Boston. The barque Quickstep passed Angier Nov 2, for Hong Kong.
Barque Roanoke, Sherry, cleared at New York yesterday for Pernambuco.
Barque Thomas Allibone, Thompson, cleared at Boston 15th inst. for Philadelphia.
Barque Cheshire, Ferrar, hence at Charleston 15th inst.
Brig Patty, Welsh, cleared at New York 14th inst. for Richmond.
Brig Santa Clara, Ellingwood, for Trinidad, cleared at Baltimore 14th inst.
Brig J Nickerson, Nickerson, hence for Havana, was spoken 9th inst, lat 32 10, lon 75.
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Ship Polly Price, Price, from Mobile, at Boston 14th inst.
Schr Edwin Reed, Chipman, from Boston for Philadelphia, at New York yesterday.
Schr C O Sadler, Sipple, from Milford, Del, at New York yesterday.
Schr Henry Hay, Watson, from Boston, at Wilmington, Del, 14th inst.
Schr W A Merrill, Turner, for Mobile, sailed from Castle Island 14th inst.

IN SANDY HOOK.

SPOKEN.

Nov 19, off Cape of Good Hope, barque Philomela, from Singapore for Boston.
Dec 1, lat 22 8, lon 15, ship Lyra, Chenyer, from Calcutta for New York.
Dec 3, off Isle Anjouan, ship Mason B Davis, from — for Cape Hayden.
Oct 14, lat 26 10, lon 14 30, brig J H Curtis, from Portland for Cuba.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

ADDITIONAL LIGHT-HOUSE OFF THE SICILY ISLANDS.—The Lighthouse which has been for some time past in course of erection upon the Bishop Rock, the southwesternmost of the Sicily Group, bearing W N W by compass, four miles distant from St Agnes, being now far advanced towards completion, notice is hereby given that the light will be exhibited thereon, on or about the 1st September next, 1858. Mariners are to observe that the Bishop Rock Light will be FIXED bright dioptric light of the first order, and will burn at an elevation of 110 feet above the level of high water, and illuminate the entire circle of the horizon.

MARINE MISCELLANY.

Ship Pleiades, Pierce, from Hong Kong for New York, 100 days out, stopped at Anjier Nov 2, for repairs, having experienced a severe typhoon off the Coast of Japan, which carried away her bulwarks, from the foremast to the mainmast, together with several stanchions, and washed everything off the deck, including the pigs and poultry, and stove in the forward bulkhead of the forward house, and carried away the main and mizzen topmast staysails. The ship was repaired in Japan, and proceeded to sea, but encountered another severe typhoon, which carried away the main and mizzen topmasts, and stove in the bulwarks, and completely fagged out the crew. The ship Virginia, Atwood, from Amoy for New York, was at Anjier Nov 2, with the pumps and forward bulkhead stove in, and lost her foremast and bowsprit in the typhoon of the 10th ult. The ship Independence, Haskell, from Hong Kong for New York, left Anjier in company with ship Witchcraft, Pendleton, from Manilla for Boston. The barque Quickstep passed Anjier Nov 2, for Hong Kong.
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