CITY ITEMS.

THE LECTURER.—Dr. Boynton delivered his 61st lecture dealing lastly in Godey's at Musical and Hall last evening to a large and appreciative audience. There can be no question as to the fact that this interesting lecturer finds one of the most able and eloquent exponents of its hidden mysteries in Dr. Boynton. This evening he delivers the third of his course at Godey's Hall, and is sure to be greeted with a crowded house. At 7½ o'clock this evening Lieut. the Hon. A. Gifen, chaplain in the United States Navy, who has recently returned from China and Japan, will deliver a lecture on those countries at National Hall. The political and religious relations of these countries to our own will be especially discussed.

PLATED SILVER WARE.—As the season is at hand when all who have the means to indulge in the praiseworthy and time-honored custom of making Christmas presents, should make their necessary purchase, it may be a reasonable hint on our part to inform the reader that Messrs. T. A. Jenkins & Bro., manufacturers and importers, have one of the most splendid assortments of silver-plated ware ever offered to the public. The superior character of their work has placed for them an enviable reputation, and we know from experience that their prices are unusually moderate.

TESTIMONY OF THE REV. DUDLEY A. TYNG.—We have long felt under obligations to the publishers for a copy of a admirable wood-engraving, by Messrs. Baker & Hagey, of this City, of the late rector of the Church of the Covenant, Rev. Dudley A. Tyng. It is executed in the highest style of the art, and will doubtless prove an acceptable memento of that latest martyr of the Gospel to hundreds in this city and elsewhere, who knew him while living, and who still honor his memory.

GERMANIA ORCHESTRA.—In consequence of the previous engagement of the Musical Fund Hall, for the use of the Fair, there will be no public rehearsal by the Germanians on Saturday afternoon. They will, however, be continued thereafter, as usual, on every Saturday afternoon.

AN ELEGANT PIECE OF FURNITURE.—In passing up Ninth street yesterday, we observed in the window of Mr. N. Schotte's Cabinet Warerooms, above Cherry street, a table of very fine workmanship. Upon inquiry, we learn that it was imported from Florence, by a gentleman of this city. The design and workmanship are truly elegant, and well worthy the inspection of the curious in such matters.

CONGRESS.—THE HOLIDAYS.—THE CONVENTION BILL, &c.—Congress will assemble at 12 o'clock today, and we hope the adjournment for the Christmas holidays will take place. We understand that a large number of M. C.'s will come on to this city, during the recess, to inquire concerning the contested election case in the First district, and to procure for themselves handsome and reasonable outfits at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, above Sixth.

HEAT BROUGHT THIS SUN.—An eminent professor has announced as a fact not to be disputed, that were the distance between our planet and the sun diminished, the excess of solar heat would convert her waters into air, while the rich stores of metal garnered in her bosom would become stream rivers, discharging themselves, when their race was run, into the vacant depths of the ocean. Accordingly, we feel safe in saying that no agreeable and warm-hearted gentleman, truly honest and so important as the fact that the very best Clothing sulted to our autumnal sphere may be had at B. H. Rieg'ter's Old Franklin Hall Clothing Emporium, No. 631 Chestnut street.

"WARNING AWAY, Companion of the Sun?" Why, there should a man go, who is not afraid to walk abroad by daylight? There is only one place for such an individual to go to; he dares not appear accordably before his fellow-men, and that place is to Granville Stokes's Clothing Store, No. 607 Chestnut street, in order to get a new suit which will bear the full brightness of daylight. Properly dressed, a man may go everywhere in Stokes's clothing; he dares to go anywhere. This is the philosophy of human nature, is well understood, wherever its truth is that Stokes does a large business by furnishing good clothing.

FINE AND COMMON TEA TRAYS.
Fine and Common Table Cutlery.
Fine and Common Japanned Toilet Ware.
Fine and Common Dusters and Furniture Brushes.
E. W. Carry's Furnishing Store, 714 Chestnut st.

Importations.

[Reported for the Press.]

NEW-BEDFORD—Schr Cornelia, Russell—7935 galls crude whale oil, 24,000 galls Sperm & Lin oil, 166 do oil Penna RR Co, 6000 do oil Sperm, 45 do oil sea elephant, 4 do oil A E Anthony, 1000 galls Van Dusen, Norton & Co; 2661 galls winter sperm do $118 do seal do order.

Marine Intelligence.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10, 1858.

SUN RISES.....7 18 | SUN SETS.....4 37
HIGH WATER.....5 11

ARRIVED.

Brig Rechna, (Dutch) Zuiderdinz, 32 days from Rotterdam, with mdse to Stewart, Carson & Co.
Schr Cornelia, Russell, 5 days from New Bedford, with oil to Shober, Huntley & Co.
Schr Elizabeth A Vaughan, 3 days from Great Egg Harbor, with oil to order.
Schr Chas Townsend, 4 days from Suffolk, Va, with shingles to captain.
Schr Geo F Brown, Dukes, 10 days from Plymouth, NC, with shingles to captain.
Schr Minerva, Winslow, 4 days from Fall River, with mdse to Cowell & Hand.
Schr Maria Beck, Smith, 5 days from Boston, with mdse to Worrell & Clapham.
Schr Eliza, Kelly, 3 days from New York, with mdse to Patten & Bro.
Schr Vandalia, Dorsey, 1 day from Smyrna, Del, with grain to Christian & Currie.
Schr E W Pickup, Pickup, hence for Pawtucket, at Bloomington 7th inst.
Schr Mary Fletcher, Crosby, hence, arrived at Rockport 3d inst.
Schr S Westerman, Bowman, hence, arrived at New Bedford 7th inst.
Schr Edwin Reed, Chipman, for Philadelphia, cleared at Boston 6th inst.
Schr Charles Walting, Inman, hence, arrived at Fall River 6th inst.
Schr Globe, from Delaware City for Marblehead, was ashore Boston 5th inst.
Schr E K Blecker, Edwards, hence, and Minerva, Crocker, from Delaware City, at Providence 7th inst.
Schr Tuscarora, Wooster, hence for Rockport, at Edgartown 4th inst, and sailed again 5th.
Schr Wm C Wilson, hence on Charlestown (B I) bound up to 12 M of Tuesday had landed 200 bbls rosin, 40 do turpentine, and 80 bales cotton. It is supposed the remainder of the stock will be saved. The vessel is in 7 of water at high tide, but lies perfectly safe; and if the weather continues favorable may be got off.
Brig Novelty, Bell, cleared at New York yesterday for Philadelphia.

MARINE MISCELLANY.

Captain Adams of the schr Dos A Vilas, which arrives at this port on Wednesday from Boston, reports having been down off and laid-to off Cape Ann on the 20th ult, lat 42 20, lon 69 40, and saw a whale. Capt A S Hammond, of the schr Flower, (of Barrington, NS) from Philadelphia for Norfolk, with fish, she was so badly injured in her bows and upper works she sank shortly after, except the stern and her masts, stamped on board the George & Philip, which left for the wreck until 4 P M, when they returned safe to their own vessel. Since then the F has not been heard from.

FOREIGN PORTS.

(By the Atlantic City, of Washington, off Cape Race.)

At from New York 4th ult Union, at Sierra Leone 11th, Humboldt, at Charleston 10th, Nord America, at Fowey 30th, Sardinia, at Newcastle 30th, Ocean Queen, at Havre 30th, Ocean Pearl, at Liverpool 30th, Kurod, and Prince Louis, at Cienfuegos.

Sld fm New York 18th ult, Hermann, from Queenstown; Ariadne, Lewis, from Liverpool; Galveston, from Liverpool; Ida Wise, Crowell, from Liverpool; Ocean Queen, for New Orleans 4th; Hibernian, from the Clyde; Sir Robert Peel, Stevens, from Liverpool; Oceanic, from Liverpool; Ariadne, Lewis, Calcutta and Liverpool; Kurod, Calcutta and Liverpool; Prince Louis, Calcutta and Liverpool.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

NEW YORK, Dec 9—ar, schr C B Dixon, Swain, Wilmington, NC.

Cld, ship E Tuckr, Trask, Apalachicola; bark Trovatore, Sarrey, Mobile; brigs Sarah, Redker, Belfast, Ire; Island Matilda, Richardson, Aguadilla; Thomas Hilcomb, Gowles, Savannah; African, Patton, Port au Prince; J E Anderson, King, St Marks.

Sailed, ship John Stuart, Hanson, New Orleans; bark Joseph Hale, Stevens; do; brigs Sea Lark, Allen; Malaga, Adams, Wilmington.

SAN FRANCISCO—Ar 6th ult, bark What Cheer, Thompson, Melbourne.

7th—Ship Alboni, Darrahy, New York.

8th—Old, ships Harvey Birch, Nelson, Johnson's Island; Borneo, Edwards, Hong Kong.

6th—Old, steamship Panama, Dall; Victoria, ship Medawar, Doane; Massilia, Hamb; bark Marianna, Schoenaker, Tehuantepec.

8th—Bld, ship Iconium, Heustis, Puget Sound; brig Boston, Morton, San Pedro.

7th—Bld, bark N S Perkins, Flake, Puget Sound.

20th ult—Bld, steamship Golden Age, Watkins, Aspinwall.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec 8—Ar steamships Magnolia, Crowell, Galveston; Atlantic, Wilson, do; ships Princess Royal, Currie, Liverpool; barks Mont-Redon, Boudeau, Martinique; Palma, Granada, Barcelona; American, Worlinger, Gardenas; Martha Wensall, —, Aspinwall.

Cld, steamship Robert Waterman, Huard, Matagorda Bay; ships Lizzie Harward, Lawrence, Queenstown; J S Parsons, Crowell, Liverpool; Berkshire, Williams, Boston.

Below, steamship Gen Rusk, Smith, Brazos Santiago; ships Ann Washburn, Merryman, Boston; G W Hall; Chas Campbell, barks Prince of Wales, Mowatt, Liverpool; George, Rockland; brig M A Stevens, Waters, Havana.

ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS

UP TO ONE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

GIRARD HOUSE—Chestnut street, below Ninth.

A Washburn, Worcester
W J Walker, Ind
E H Kinter, Lesnport
J Todd, Va
O H P Hutchins, Saratoga
P E Boyle, N Y
F Whitehead, N Y
Samuel Willis, N Y
Sidney W How, Boston
Geo Brooks, Boston
A Kellogs, Rockville, Ct
B Stockdale, Ky
G A Easton, Conn
W Watson, Harrisburg
John H Briggs, N Y
A & Wightman, N Y
J Estell
G J Treman, N Y
B E Jones, Pottsville
P S Marvil, N Y
J T Smith, N Y
W Wheelock, N J
O R Biddle, N Y
Thos Groom, Boston
D Gibbons, Bath
D N Ropes, N Y
J B De Haven, N Y
Wm B Wood, Maine
D T Watson, N Y
W John & la, N Y
E S Nichols, N Y
E Bowden, Winchester
Capt Porter, N Y
Richd Hill, Richmond
John H Hall, N Y
E Stearns, N J
D King, Md
R T Wood, Ill
C Bassten, Del
H S Smith, New Bedford
W W Chase, Fla
A B Smith
J V R Hunter, Reading
W H Jameson, Boston
E R Secumb, Boston
A W Forsberg, N Y
J E Coleman, Conn
L Norcross, Boston
Geo M Robeson, N J
Aug Schell, N Y
Prof Ruff
Mrs Shallcross, Pottsville
D C Sturges, N Y
Mon W Donaldson, Potts'e
W H Merritt, N Y
J M Denman and lady, N J
Reuben Smith, N J
Mr Rowen, N Y
H R Patredge, Burlington
Mr Dunphy & la, N Y
M Bowers, N C
A Mascrole & la, Brooklyn
P Tabb & la, N Y
J Jamison, N Y
J W Sedgwick, N Y
E S Goodrich, N Y
D March, Jersey City
F K Robinson, N Y
J G McCallum, California
J M Reed, N Y
John Hill, N Y
John Merchand, Balt
S M Closs, N Y
A J Barnes, Va
Dr G S Case, St Louis
A Cuthbert, Ga
P E Doolittle & la, N Y
Mr Budd, Charleston, S C

UNION HOTEL—Arch street, below Fourth.

H M Biddle & la, Ohio
P B Jones, N Y
Miss Jane Neff, Reading
J L Harrison, New York
J M Hughes, West Chester
W Vandyke, Franklin co
A M Tomlinson, N C
A D Werner, Reading
R Mariagh, Catasauqua
F A Barkish, Illinois
O Dudley, Easton
O Bartles, New Jersey
G V Morris, Ohio
T C Forster, Illinois
S Brush, New York
A H Kline, Arkansas
I Johnson, Blair co, Pa
H H Miller, Reading
S Haus, Albany
D M Dye, Ashland, Pa
J Patterson, Juniata co
D P Stewart, Texas
B Mercer, Pa
D S Buxton, Reading
A S Palmer, Illinois
P M Correll, Easton
J G Reading, New Jersey
P Russell, Luzerne co
J Tompkins, Pa
D Peck, Conn
J P Cooley, New Jersey
A J Rees, Maryland

MERCHANTS' HOTEL—Fourth st., below Arch.

D Riddle, Wash'n, Pa
J B Ganard, Pittsburg
Mr Mc Nair, N J
Thos White, York, Pa
A K Spencer, Rochester
Wm E Elliott, Pa
S B Reddig, Pa
R T Foster, M Chunk
Hon Ass Packer, Pa
W W Moore, Easton
A H Lore, N Y
B H Henderson, Pa
M Sherman, Chicago
Mrs E M. Blyler, Louw
M Wolle, Bethlehem
Dr Holly, Ala
Wm A Barrett, Phila
S H Swansey, Pa
Wm Shone, N J
S Ward, Harrisburg
T G McKinley, Harrisb
L Palmer, Lewisburg

FRANKLIN HOUSE—Chestnut street, above Third.

J Rogers, Dayton, Ohio
A Willett & la, NY
O M Allmond, Wilmington
J H Lowrey, Phila
J H Laird, Phila
A H Hunt, NY
G F Brown, Salem, Mass
Mrs D W Parsons, Mass
H W Church, Taunton
H A Brayton, Fall River
J B Williams & la, J City
E Ridgely, Dover, Del
T H Dorell, NY
J D Hoecker, Phila
A J Williams, NY
S Gowley, NY
C A Rogers, Salem, Mass
Mrs G W Howe, NY
D A Brayton, Fall River
John O Smith, Ohio

AMERICAN HOTEL—Chestnut st., above Fifth.

J M Rogers
Thos Slowey, N Y
Chas T Treub, Cuba
C G Hollowell & la, Pa
W Shaw, Clinton
O H Weed, Boston
T Pratt, N Y
A J Gillett, Conn
Jos S Read, Boston
Geo A Peirce, Me
Robt King, N Y
Chas D Lord, St Louis
Daniel Dickey, Pa
Miss A Phillips, Pa
O Portuondo, Del
D P Crockett, Newark
H Peterson & fam, Del co
W H Mann, Milton, Pa
J T Rowe, Md
Mrs Chatman, NY

NATIONAL HOTEL—Race street, above Third.

Joseph Sayford, Berks co
W O Rutter, Pottstown
W T Barney, N York
B A Minnich, Pa
J Whitaker, Md Clare
O A Vanhorn, Pottsville
E D Pierson, Wyoming
W W Markley, Lancaster
N Konigmacher, Lancaster
J J Mingle, Easton
J C Harman, Town Hill
M P Barker, Centreville
M B Miller, Millersburg
D B Shaltess, Reading
E Hambleton, Myerstown
S Huntsinger, Pottsville
W Major, Pottsville
J H Pearson, Lancaster
Wm Stegmann, Conn
J M Busbey, Adams co, Pa

SARLEY SHEAF HOTEL—Second street, below Vine.

J Bennett, Hunterdon
J V Reading, Rathbone
J W Gormley & la, Pa
Jas Clandening, N J
L Gaventa, Bridgeport
P McGee, N Y
Wm Hobensack, Pa
R Watson, Binkingham
Thos H Bedlos, N J
L W Johnson, Bucks co,

BLACK BEAR INN—Fifth and Merchant streets.

Wm F Blandin, Pa
J W Caldwell, Md
Thos Dewees, Chester co
Jth B Young, Jr, Chester co
Jas Gallher, West Chester
Miss Zook, Chester co
Chas F Bladiger, Phila
J P Steel, Delaws a co, Pa
A Bunting, Delaware co, Pa
Jesse S Webster, Bucks co
L Beck, Chester co
W Johnson, Pa

MOUNT VERNON HOTEL—Second st., above Arch.

O T Adams & la, N Y
J Smyle, Jr, Boston, Pa
Master Carvatho, N Y
Nelson Opp, Muncy, Pa
O Carvatho & la, N Y
Miss Carvatho, N Y
D M Burton, N J

MADISON HOUSE—Second st., below Arch.

N Davis, Del
H B Allison, Mass
John Atkinson, Pittsburg
Miss J Bradford, Pa
D O Mellon, Mass
Robt Connell, Pa

BLACK BEAR HOTEL—Third st., ab. Callowhill.

J H Mohr, Pa
A W Loder, Outassqua
Geo W Wolf, Danboro
John Becktel, Pa
W S Boyer, Snydertown
A Buckman, Feasterville
C Helfrich, Pa
H Maurer, Pa
D Kommerer, Pa

BALD EAGLE—Third street, above Callowhill.

D Kline, Pottsville
Chas F Wack, Pa
A W Saylor, Sch Haven
S Riefer, Middleton
A Reed, Pottsville
Samuel Boyer, Pa
L F Hemperly, Pa

Special Notices.

Savage's Sewing Machines—Thirty Dollars. DOUBLE THREAD. 1t*

Dyspepsia.—There is probably no disease which experience had so amply proved to be remediable by the PERUVIAN SYRUP as Dyspepsia. The most inveterate forms of this disease have been completely cured by this medicine, as ample testimony of some of our first citizens proves.

For sale in this city by F. Brown, corner Fifth and Chestnut, and Hassard & Co., corner Twelfth and Chestnut. d10-d&Wtf

Hope.—There is yet hope for the dyspeptic! Do not despair, if you have been unable to find relief. HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS will cure any and every case of Dyspepsia. It will cure every case of Liver Complaint. It will remove the yellow and sallow appearance from the skin and eyes. It will restore the nervous system to its original vigor, and give entire health to the body. For sale by C M. JACKSON & CO., 418 Arch street, at 75 cents per bottle. 1t

The Greatest Wonder of the Age.—The EAU ATHENIENNE, OR HAIR RESTORER, OF JULES HAUEL, invigorates, restores, and beautifies the hair, and changes gray hair and whiskers to their original life color. *It is not a Dye*, and will not soil the skin or linen. Sold by all Druggists, and at the Laboratory of JULES HAUEL & Co., No. 704 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. 3t

Savage's Sewing Machines—Thirty Dollars. DOUBLE THREAD. 1t*

Fine Clothing at the Most Reasonable Prices.—Black Dress and Frock Coats, of the finest quality; Business Coats, Promenade Coats, and Overcoats, of entirely new styles, and finest quality; a full assortment of fine black and fancy Cassimere Pants, and a splendid stock of fine Silk Velvet, Cashmere, Silk, and Cassimere Vests, all cut, made, and trimmed in the most elegant style, at ROBERT E. ADAMS' New Store, S. E. corner Seventh and Market sts.

Great Safe Robbery at Norristown, December 1st, 1858.—Some time last night the flouring mill of Mr. Joseph Fenoux, in Norristown, Pa., was entered, and one of Farrel, Herring, & Co.'s best patent Powder-Proof Lock and Safe

WAS BLOWN OPEN WITH POWDER,

and $1,500 in cash taken out and carried away. This safe is now in front of Evans & Watson's store, No 26 South Fourth street, where we most respectfully invite the public to call and examine how those New Yorkers make their safes. They screw their doors together with the smallest kind of cast iron screws, and from the appearance of this safe, it could not have taken more than one musket load of powder to blow the above safe open.

OCTOBER 18th, 1858—Three thieves entered the Flouring Mill of Messrs. Dorrance & Doron, in Bristol, Pa., and tried all night to blow open their Safe with powder, which had $250 in cash, but did not succeed in getting it open. Their Salamander Safe was manufactured by

EVANS & WATSON.

They have a few more for sale, of the same kind, at their store, No. 26 South FOURTH Street, Philadelphia.

N. B.—We find in *The Press*, of December 4th, the following:

"All our safes are warranted to give perfect satisfaction, or the money will be returned.

FARREL, HERRING, & CO."

We, EVANS & WATSON, would ask all parties having Farrel, Herring, & Co.'s Patent Champion Safes to take advantage of the above offer; and return them and get their money, as they will find that in a few years the composition with which the Safes are filled (a large portion being oil of vitriol) will eat out all the iron. A specimen of their Champion Safes may be seen in front of our store, which is eaten full of holes now.

EVANS & WATSON,
No. 26 South FOURTH Street.

One-Price Clothing at the Latest Styles, and made in the best manner, expressly for RETAIL SALES. We mark our lowest selling prices in PLAIN FIGURES on each article. All goods made to order are warranted satisfactory, and our CASH SYSTEM is strictly adhered to. We believe this to be the only fair way of dealing, as thereby all are treated alike.

JONES & CO.,
204 MARKET Street, above Second.

Office of the East Mahanoy Railroad COMPANY, No. 407 LIBRARY Street—Philadelphia, December 9th, 1858.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until one o'clock P. M., on WEDNESDAY, the 5th day of January, 1859, for excavating a Tunnel through the Broad Mountain, and the approaches to the same.

A Map and Profile will be exhibited, and all necessary information given on application at the Company's office.

The Board of Directors reserve the right to reject any and all proposals which may not be considered satisfactory in all respects.

d10 fm&wtjs6* JOHN ANDERSON, Engineer.

The Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore RAILROAD COMPANY, December 10th, 1858.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will take place in WILMINGTON, at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 10th of January next, at 12½ P. M., for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

d10-f&mtjs10 ALFRED HORNER, Secretary.

Commonwealth Insurance Company, of THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—Office N. W. corner of FOURTH and WALNUT Streets.—Philadelphia, December 8, 1858.

Notice is hereby given; to the Stockholders of this Company, that the annual meeting, and an election for ten Directors, to serve the ensuing year, will take place at the office of the Company, on the first MONDAY (31) of January next, at 12o'clock M.

d9-tjs3 SAMUEL S. MOON, Secretary.

Office of the East Mahanoy Railroad COMPANY.—Philadelphia, 8th December, 1858.

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the East Mahanoy Railroad Company, held THIS DAY, the following officers were chosen to serve until the next annual election:

PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM C. PATTERSON.
DIRECTORS.

Levi Dickson,	J. Pemberton Hutchinson,
George R. Justice,	James Dundas,
Frederick Fraley,	William S. Wetmore,
Charles Henry Fisher,	Richard Moore,
Archibald McIntyre,	Thomas A. Biddle,
Joseph Patterson,	John J. Thompson.

d9-3t*

Commercial Mutual Insurance Company, rear of No. 218 WALNUT Street.

A meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held on MONDAY, December 20, 1858, at ten o'clock A. M., when an election for EIGHT DIRECTORS, to serve for the ensuing three years, will take place

d8 12t JOHN MCCOLLOM, Secretary.

The Clinic of the Female Medical College, No. 627 ARCH Street, is open regularly on WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, from 11 to 1 o'clock. Ladies will always be found in attendance to examine and prescribe for patients. d1-1m

Geology.—Dr. Boynton will give his Third Lecture at Concert Hall, on FRIDAY EVENING, December 10. Season tickets, for the remaining six Lectures, including the *Galvanic Experiments*, 75 cents. Single admissions, 25 cents. To commence at 7½ o'clock. d8-3t*

A Lecture on China and Japan, in NATIONAL HALL, FRIDAY, Dec. 10, at 7½ P. M., by Rev. R. GIVIN, Chaplain U. S. Navy, who has recently returned from these countries, and will show their political and religious relations to our country. Tickets 20 cents, at the door. For the Heading M. E. Church. The celebrated Meyers' Family, of Boston, will sing before and after the Lecture. They have filled the largest Halls in Cincinnati and Boston with wondering listeners. d8-3t*

Fair for the Episcopal Seamen's Mission open daily at the MUSICAL FUND HALL, from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. d7-5t

The Fair of the Western Provident Society AND CHILDREN'S HOME, of the 24th Ward, will open at the COMMISSIONERS' HALL, corner of MARKET and PARK Streets, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock and continue during WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, from 10 o'clock A. M. to 10 P. M.

The West Philadelphia cars run to the door. d7-4t*

Reimer's Gallery, Second Street, above Green.

Here art, triumphant, our attention claims;
Here life seems speaking from a hundred frames:
Men, women, children, throng the pictured walls,
Each form, each face, its living type recalls;
Features, complexion, attitude, attire,
Beauty's soft smile and manhood's glance of fire,
Truly reflected at a rapid rate,
To astonish life with its own duplicate.
Think not these photographs by sunlight made,
Shades though they are, will like a shadow fade;
No! when the lips of flesh in dust shall lie,
And death's decree has o'erspread the beaming eye,
Then REIMER'S pictures, mocking at decay,
Will still be fresh and vivid as to-day. d6-6t*

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
HARRISBURG, Dec. 24, 1858.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the State Treasurer be authorized to issue proposals to buy, from the lowest bidder, One Hundred Thousand Dollars of State Five Per Cent. Loans

Notice is therefore hereby given that sealed proposals for the sale of the whole or any part of $100,000 of State Five Per Cent. Loans will be received at the Treasury Department, at Harrisburg, till 2 o'clock P. M. of the 16th December, A. D., 1858, the same to set forth the amount offered and the price asked, and to be endorsed, "Proposals to sell State Loans."

The bids will be opened and allotments made to the lowest bidders on that day.

H. S. MAGRAW,
d4-10t State Treasurer.

Safeguard Insurance Company of New YORK and Pennsylvania.—PHILADELPHIA, December 2d, 1858.

Notice is hereby given, that the annual election for Directors of this Company, for the ensuing year, will be held at their office, in Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the 13th of December, instant. By order,

HENRY R. FOOTE,
d3-d10t Secretary.

Jayne's Hall Prayer Meeting.—All will be glad to learn that until further notice the BUSINESS MEN'S UNION PRAYER MEETING will be held again in Jayne's Hall, daily, from 12 to 1 o'clock. This is the most central and convenient location, and THOUSANDS can be accommodated.

All are cordially invited to attend, and the meeting is open for all to take part who are members of any Evangelical Church. n24-tf

Office Philadelphia Gas Works, Nov. 25th, 1858.

Proposals will be received at this office until noon of the 30th December next, for the sale of Stock of the Germantown Gas Company, and of the Bonds of the Gas Company, to the Trustees of the Philadelphia City Water, and investment to the Sinking Fund of said works. n25-t030. W. ENNELL, Cashier.

Home for Invalids with Affections of THE CHEST.

S. W. corner PARKE and CHESTNUT Streets.
n22-1m West Philadelphia.

Railroad Companies and Human Life.—The legal duty of all Railroad Companies to adopt at once, promptly and generally, precautionary improvements of tried and undoubted value, calculated to save life and mitigate danger, needs no argument to convince a thinking man. But, unfortunately for the people and the stockholders, there are quite too many of those in authority who do not sufficiently realize their responsibility in this matter. Their thoughts are occupied about too many other things; their duties as Superintendents are clearly not their sole thought and study. Large fortunes are accumulated in a few years from small salaries, and the verdant masses of the community look up to our railway officials as if they were the Great Mogul. But let us ask how many of them perform their duties with a single eye to the interests of the Stockholders, and the safety of their employees and the precious lives that are daily committed to their keeping. Suppose, for instance, as was suggested a few years since, that a seat be provided in front of each locomotive, and one of the directors required to ride on it, each passenger train, how long would it be before the aforesaid officers would make the inquiry of their mechanics: Are our trains arranged to stop as soon as they possibly can be? We also have a profound conviction that they would have an earnest desire, also, to hold the reins themselves when in that position. This may be a strong case, but it is directly to the point. It is ABSOLUTE FOLLY and the VERY SUPERLIVE to run a railroad train a moment without giving the foremost man upon it, of his own volition, the power to arrest it instantly, if required. The time, we trust, is not far off when men high in authority, in receipt of princely salaries, can condescend to give these minor (to them—primary to the traveller and stockholder—) subjects a little of their attention. It is an unfortunate fact for the interests of railroad corporations, that comparatively few smart, able men work for salaries. The men of thought, and men of action, are their own employers; they have the forethought and judgment to adopt and get the benefit of improvements before they are driven into them by public sentiment or legislation. We wish it were fully understood by railroad officers that the success of all great enterprises is dependent upon attention to little things.

An officer may neglect improvements calculated to produce economy or improve work, or anything of that character; but to neglect any precaution for the safety of human life, or the control of the fearful momentum inherent in every moving train, is a fearful responsibility for any man to assume, and we undertake to say that no man possessing the qualifications for a Railroad Superintendent will neglect to give attention to such devices for one moment. It is, or rather ought to be, the most important thought of a Superintendent's business, to anticipate and provide the antidote for every danger to which his trains is liable. A man of sufficient ability and conscience for the position would hardly rest until satisfied that he had performed his whole duty in this matter. It is perfectly idle for a President or Superintendent to say, or endeavor to quiet his conscience by saying, that nothing will happen to us, we are all right and safe; to be sure, accidents have occurred, but we never shall have another train out of time—we never shall have another axle break, or wheel other; we are all right. The cattle along our road are better educated now; nobody will ever place obstructions on our track, or pry open the rails. All the villains and rogues are in State Prison. (What a blessed thing it would be if this latter clause were fact! We wonder where some railway managers would be then.)

Accidents will occur, that escape the most rigid scrutiny. Wheels break when least expected, axles ditto, rails ditto, chairs also. Murderous villains will place obstructions on the track, and numerous causes conspire to make a prompt stoppage of the train a frequent necessity. It will not do, Messrs. Railway officers, for you to say in reply to this, you are bored to death by new improvements of all sorts, and do not know what or how to decide; you ought to know; and if you do not, you should confide in the better judgment of those who do. It is a poor way to shirk your responsibility by saying those are the opinions of some over-sanguine lunatics, and entitled to no consideration. They are stubborn facts, which we are prepared at all times to substantiate. We make no statements we are not prepared to prove; and we think we have given a sufficient amount of thought and study to the subject of railroad accidents to know what will produce the largest amount of safety in railway transit. Our familiarity with railroad mechanism dates back as far as 1832, and we are egotistic enough to think that we cannot be charged with being a novice. Perhaps the greatest amount of difference in our case, as against that of most inventors, is this: We never came before the public until we had a TRIED, PROVED, AND PERFECTED INVENTION; we consequently have never had to beg any money.

We wish railroad officers to understand as early as possible that we are not to be classed with those who present them improvements of untried and doubtful value, nor do we sell patent rights and ask companies to incur the expenses and trouble of experiments. We know just exactly what we propose to do, and we intend to do it, and we also intend that every railroad company in the Union shall adopt this improvement or some other equally as good for the purpose.

It is to be hoped that the time is nearly at hand when railroad trains shall be better controlled than heretofore. There has been altogether too much *trusting to luck* in these matters, and it will not do. We urge all companies to adopt our improvement at once, while we are selling cheap; you will come to it; gentlemen, and you will evince your wisdom and forethought by acting promptly and buying it while you can (cheap); and as a evidence of our good faith and honesty of purpose, we will say that we will furnish the machines for the entire passenger equipment of any road, and will allow four months trial before settlement, and each company shall be its own judge as to whether the improvement is desirable. This precaution, we undertake to say, will promote the security of life and property in railway trains to an extent hitherto unknown, or, to use the laconic language of the late Nicholas Dean, its universal adoption would mark a new era in the safety of life and property conveyed by railroads. We refer, in conclusion, to any of the officers, engineers, or master-mechanics of the following roads: Hudson River, Cleveland and Toledo, Terre Haute and Richmond, Michigan Central, Old Colony and Fall River, Panama, &c., &c., &c.

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