CITY ITEMS.

A HINT TO "THE POWERS THAT BE."—It is dangerous for the rulers of a nation to undertake to enlighten it, unless they themselves are prepared to bring their own example up to the standard of their own instructions, and to take especial care that their practice shall *precede* their precepts; for a people, once enlightened, may *follow* but can no longer be *led*. Hence, a man once enlightened, will always continue to buy his clothing at the palatial store of Granville Stokes, No. 607 Chestnut street.

A MIGHTY CHANGE—An exchange says: Thirty years ago a house in the wool commission business in Philadelphia, could not purchase $5,000 worth of wool west of the Alleghanies; now, the same region can furnish wool exceeding $1,000,000 in value. The secret of this vast change is the fact that 30 years ago we had not in Philadelphia the Palatial Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, above Sixth, where woollen fabrics are now converted by wholesale into beautiful garments for gentlemen and youths.

THE RANK IS but the Guinea's stamp—
The man's the Gould for a' that!

Long, long ago—this aphorism was written by the Philosopher Burns. Had he lived in our day when *dress* often takes precedence of rank, we think he would have it read "The dress is but the Guinea's Stamp," leaving others to judge of the genuiness of the gold, from the fact that the man did, or did not, wear the elegant and reasonable styles of R. H. Eldridge, the proprietor of the "Old Franklin Hall Clothing Emporium," No. 321 Chestnut street.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The Money Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1, 1859.

There were no sales of stocks to-day, the board of brokers observing the day as a holiday.

On Monday evening the Hon. James Cooper will address a meeting of the members of the United States Iron-men's Association, at their rooms in this city, where those interested have been invited to attend. The subject of the discourse will be "Specific Duties," the adoption by Government of iron for public buildings and ships, and the preference of the American iron over others as a material for public consumption. Mr. Cooper's well-known ability and eloquence insure a rich reward to those who can attend on this occasion.

It is a well known fact that the English railroad iron that comes to this country is inferior in quality to that used on the railways of England, and very far inferior to that produced in our own State. The proofs of this fact, drawn from actual experience, are so very numerous as to defy contradiction. The inferiority of the *foreign over the domestic article is so marked* that no discreet president or prudent board of railroad directors can be justified, even by consideration of pecuniary advantages, in sending abroad for an article which a very short term of service will wear out, and cause to be renewed at heavy expense.

It will be no bad plan for the iron manufacturers in this country, however, before they challenge the competition of other countries as to quality, to put a stop to frauds among their own number. It is openly charged that there is a considerable quantity of American boiler plates sold stamped G No. 1, which should be in reality the best charcoal iron, but which is sold at *twenty dollars a ton* less than that quality of iron can be afforded at, and is actually more than twenty dollars a ton inferior in quality to the genuine article. Such artifices as this, while criminally trifling with human life, destroy our national industry by branding all in the same business as cheats, whose stamp of quality is not to be relied upon, and whose wares are not to purchased when an imported article can be had with equal facility.

The stockholders of the Morris Canal Company and the holders of the preferred stock of the Schuylkill Navigation Company think they are entitled to receive a share of the earnings of those companies during the past year, the earnings in both cases being sufficient to make a small dividend after the payment of prior claims, and it being but reasonable that what little there is of surplus should be divided among, and no loss be sustained by, these most exemplary of patient waiters.

The counterfeit, bank-note business was carried on quite extensively in New York, on New Year's Eve. The *Courier* says: "The fact that all the bills that appeared was what purported to be a $20 bill on the Columbia Bank of Boston, Mass. There is no such bank in existence in that city, but there is a bank called the Columbian Bank. About 9 o'clock last evening, a man called at a store up town and purchased $2.50 worth of goods, tendering in payment a counterfeit $20 bill on the South Berwick Bank of Maine. He received change in good money, and soon after his departure it was ascertained the bill was a bad one. The signatures of this bill are in clean seated beside a dead deer, flying female figure on the left, and bust of Washington in the lower right-hand corner. T. P. Jewitt is signed as president, and Edw. Hayman cashier. The bill has a reddish tint, and is probably altered from a broken bank."

B. K. Willard & Young's *Reporter*, of Chicago, says: "Some parties have been endeavoring to put into circulation, in the southern part of this State, the notes of the Southern Bank, Georgia. Do not touch it. It has no credit here, nor in New York, or at its own home."

"The new State Bank of Iowa and its branches will be ready to commence the issue of notes about the first of January. They will probably be received at par here, if the bankers are perfectly satisfied that they intend to manage their banks in good faith, and that there is really a substantial bottom to them."

The Girard Life Insurance and Trust Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent., clear of State tax.

The Beaver Meadow Railroad Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent.

The following statement shows the business of the United States Custom House in Philadelphia, for the month of December, and for the year, as compared with previous years:

DECEMBER,	1858.	1857.	1856.
Merchandise in warehouse 1st of month	933,200	2,682,762	624,843
Received in warehouse from foreign ports	356,800	188,785	56,028
Received in warehouse from other districts	68,828	828,562	28,922
Withdrawn from warehouse for consumption	251,701	509,858	154,280
Withdrawn from warehouse for transportation	6,005	10,689	8,120
Withdrawn from warehouse for export	3,082	3,028	6,740
Merchandise in warehouse 1st of month	1,202,050	2,881,029	555,158
Entered for consumption direct from foreign ports	914,645	190,622	549,669
Free merchandise	48,389	138,997	376,915
DUTIES RECEIVED,	1855.	1856.	1857.	1858.
December	235,201	271,944	149,155	127,728
Previous 11 mos.	3,118,816	4,070,180	2,947,169	1,851,214
	3,353,517	4,361,124	3,096,124	1,978,942

The following table shows the value of dry goods imported into New York for the last three years:

	1857.	1858.	1858.
Woollens	$27,370,471	$27,120,611	$19,388,084
Cottons	16,138,831	18,593,501	11,057,769
Silks	31,055,876	28,932,549	19,558,274
Flax	9,465,676	7,041,892	5,798,807
Miscellaneous	7,791,017	7,685,624	4,190,290
Total	$93,822,652	$91,034,947	$60,005,228

STATEMENT of Domestic Produce exported from Philadelphia to foreign ports for the last two years:

	1857.	1858.
Flour, bbls	199,124	218,690
Wheat, bus	189,874	67,943
Rye Meal, bbls	8,206	4,714
Corn Meal, bbls	47,209	59,46
Corn, bus	625,142	46,1260
Rice, tierces	1,592	5,118
Ship Bread, bbls	16,464	21,487
Beef, tierces	2,974	5,574
" bbls	8,047	5,037
Pork, tierces	700	100
" bbls	5,704	14,841
Codfish, lbs	762,185	662,375
Tallow, lbs	1,138,792	1,597,736
Candles, lbs	547,264	519,160
Soap, lbs	911,075	1,109,187
Butter, lbs	356,794	608,147
Cheese, lbs	17,936	116,743
Bacon, lbs	3,714,109	848,642
Lard, lbs	1,036,214	1,497,213
Cot'on, bales	1,879	475
Coal, tons	21,264	24,667
Tobacco, lbs	654,812	392,946
Bark, hhds	3,493	1,857
Cloverseed, bus	4,436	16,740
Pickled Fish, bbls	1,868	970
Oil, galls	59,204	21,340
Vinegar, bbls	1,918	2,236
Porter and Ale, bbls	967	934
Powder, kegs	4,093	5,183

STATEMENT of Coffee imported into the port of Philadelphia, both foreign and coastwise, for the last two years:

	1857. bags.	1858. bags.
Laguayra	21,176	46,820
Rio de Janeiro	136,061	106,010
Cuba	140	—
Porto Rico	—	18
Maracaibo	2,019	5,152
Jacmelos	124	375
Matanzas and St. Thomas	100	—
Port au Prince & Cape Haytien	2,181	12,000
Havana	5	15
Coastwise	15,183	31,200
Total	177,909	202,620

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS, Jan. 1—EVENING.—There was a limited attendance at the Corn Exchange to-day, and business was altogether neglected. No changes have occurred in the market of any description. Cotton is firm, but several small lots changed hands to-day at full prices. Groceries and Provisions—Nothing doing to alter quotations. Seeds—A small sale of prime Cloverseed was made at $5.75, and 100 bags, from second hands, at $6 ⅝ bus. Whiskey is steady; sales of bbls at 24½@25½c and drudge 23c ⅝ gallon.

Window Drapery.

BROCATELLE,
SATIN DAMASK,
SATIN DE LAINE,
WORSTED DAMASK,
REPS, MOREENS, AND PLUSHES,
Together with all the trimmings appertaining to the Curtain trade.

Owing to the lateness of the season, we will close out our heavy Curtains at greatly reduced rates. Curtains cut, made, and put up, lower than prices elsewhere. Also, White Lace and Muslin Curtains of every description, bought at auction, and selling at half the usual price. Window Shades, Gold Bordered, Landscape, Gothic, Wreath, Plain Linen, and Oil Cloth, at wholesale and retail.

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ds 1m 636 CHESTNUT Street.

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These Machines sew from two spools, and form a seam of unequalled strength, beauty, and elasticity, which will not rip, even if every fourth stitch be cut. They are unquestionably the best in the market for family use.

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Importations.

[Reported for the Press.]

RICHMOND—Steamship City of Richmond—189 bxs tobacco, Buckner; McCommon & Co; 97 do do Dohan & Taitt; 709 boxes do *40 cases* do, Thos Webster, Jr; 45 boxes do, Mctz & Bochm; 60 boxes do, Tellier, Anathan & Co; 25 boxes do, J R Sunk & Co; 16 boxes do, Mercer & Antelo; 61 boxes do, Wardle & Stevenson; 40 pigs lead, O J Adams & Co; 1600 bbls flour, Thos A Newhall & Sons; 30 bales wool, B Bullock & Sons; 8 do do, 8 bags fruit, J Mc'gan 819 bags fig, Sixteed, Miller & Bro; 27 bales domestics, Welling, Coffin & Co; 45 bales Cotton, Pressy & Sons; 1 box mdse, Cornelius & Baker; 1 do do, D Jayne & Son; 119 bags fruit, Austin & Shawell; 183 do do, Martin & Co; 55 do do, S Grant & Son; 145 do do & 4 do feathers, Stevenson & Farrell; 17 bags apples, T A Smith; 20 do do, N & H Arnold; 200 bags fruit, N Hellings; 50 pkgs mdse, various consignees.

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.
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LETTER BAGS

At the Merchants' Exchange, Philadelphia.

Barque Conrad, Salsbury.....Rio de Janeiro, soon
Barque Hamilton Jackson.....Havana, soon
Barque Mary H. Kendall, Shankland.....Havana, soon
Brig Thos Walter, Hiorth.....St Barts, soon
Brig Bacchus, Zuidersman.....London, soon
Brig Klas, Williams.....Barbadoes, soon
Schr Nimrod, Bridges.....Antigua, soon

Marine Intelligence.

FORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3 5859.

SUN RISES.....7 24 | SUN SETS.....4 38
HIGH WATER.....12 10

ARRIVED.

Steamsh'p Delaware, Copes, 19 hours from New York with mdse and passengers to James Alderdice.

Steamship City of Richmond, Mitchell, from Richmond, via Norfolk, 76 hours, with mdse and passengers to Thos Webster, Jr. Encountered very heavy weather on the passage, during which was compelled to throw overboard a portion of cargo.

Schr Mountaineer, Cann, 1 day from Pennsville, N J, with corn to J E Peterson.

Schr A Hammond, Clark, 6 days from Boston, with mdse to David Cooper.

Schr James Nelson, Burt, 3 days from Taunton, Mass, with mdse to Tweile & Co.

Schr Harriet and Sarah Tice, 4 days from New York, with guano, to Allen & Needles.

Schr Lilly, Voorhees, 1 day from Bombay Hook, with grain to Jas E Bewley & Co.

Schr Mary, Hendrickson, 1 day from Blackburn, Del, with corn, to J L Bewley & Co.

Schr Ann O Gray, Kelley, 1 day from Smyrna, Del, with wheat and oats to Jas Barratt & Son.

Schr Passport, Kelley, 1 day from Smyrna, Del, with wheat, to Jas Barratt & Son.

CLEARED.

Brig O B Allen, Wass, Batavia, via Wilmington, Del, to E A Souder & Co.

Schr Cayione, Dall, New Bedford, Curtis & Hand.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.]
LEWES, Del., Jan 1, 1859.

Owing to the thick rainy weather that has prevailed for the last three days, we have been unable to see anything passing in or out. The barque, four schooners and steamer America, reported in our last, still remain at harbor. The sloop J D Fish, erroneously reported as having left, is now in the Creek, waiting wind. Wind north and raining.

Yours, &c. WM. M. HICKMAN.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.]
CAPE ISLAND, Jan 2 4 P M.

The barques Thomas Dallet, for Port Spain, Trinidad; Orion, for Kingston, Ja; David Lapsley, for Aspinwall; Meta, (Brem.) for *St Jago de Cuba*; *brig* Clyde, (Br) for Ponce, P R, and a fleet of schooners, coal loaded, went to sea yesterday. The barque Leila, from Boston, went in this forenoon. Wind N W.

Yours, &c. THOS. S. HUGHES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE PRESS.]

NORFOLK, Jan. 1.

The schooner Samaria, of Baltimore, bound to Richmond, collided off Hog Island with the schooner R A Conklin, of Brooklyn. The former was seriously damaged.

There are one hundred and fifty vessels in the Roads.

NEW YORK, Jan 2.

Arrived yesterday, British steamer Cleator, from Kingston, Jamaica, Dec 18th, bound to Liverpool, put in for a supply of coal. Also, arrived brig Molinikas from Calais, leaking, and lost sails and part of deck load; brig W R Kirby from Havana; arrived to-day, bark Sultana from Smyrna.

FORT OF PHILADELPHIA.

List of foreign and coastwise arrivals at the Port of Philadelphia for the month of December, 1858:—

FOREIGN.

Ships	5	Brigs	16
Barques	12	Schooners	5
Total			39

COASTWISE.

Ships	1	Sloops	299
Barques	7	Steamers	111
Brigs	13	Barges	569
Schooners	418	Boats	914
Total			2292

MEMORANDA.

Steamship City of New York, Howes, cleared at Boston 1st inst for Philadelphia.

Ship Rhea Sylvia, Ev ns, from Callao, via Hampton Roads, with guano, at Baltimore 31st ult.

Ship Norway, Major from Sydny Sept 6, for Puget Sound, was spoken, no date, in the Straits of Fuca, by the Eli Whitney at Port Townsend, Nov 24.

Ship Reynard, Freeman, at Honolulu Nov 18th was to sail next day for Jarvis Island to load guano.

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Bark Susan Jane, (274 tons) formerly of this port and now on her way to Boston, has been bought there for $8700.

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Bark Ozmanti, *Gordon*, cleared at Boston, 31st ult for Baltimore, to Order, loading for Cape de Verdes.

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Ketch Commerce, Hathaway, hence was loading at Rio de Janeiro, Nov 19th to return.

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Schr Mountain Avenue, (supposed) Greenfield hence was off Vail River 31st ult.

MARINE LOSSES FOR DECEMBER—The New York Courier and Enquirer publishes the usual table of marine losses for the past month, showing an aggregate of fifty-five vessels, of which ten were ships, six were barques, seven were brigs, thirty-one were schooners, and one a steamer. The total value of property lost was $832,274; for the twelve months ending to-day, $8 898 665, and as compared with the year 1857, showing a falling off $3,468,435.

This is the value of the property totally lost, exclusive of damage to vessels not amounting to a total loss and of partial losses on cargo.

The vessels reported in the list are chiefly American, although some foreign are included, when bound to or from a United States port, or known to be insured in this country.

Total losses for January	Vessels. 15	Value. $443 500
Do February	33	1,182 300
Do March	33	818,500
Do April	33	951 010
Do May	33	714 000
Do June	22	814 402
Do July	22	540,700
Do August	18	240 750
Do September	20	1,128,200
Do October	30	533,500
Do November	41	663,500
Do December	55	852,274
Total for twelve months	355	$8 889 605
Same period in 1857	558	$17,357,100

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