Philadelphia Trade Statistics for the Last Three Years.

IMPORT OF HIDES.

	1860.	1859.	1858.
Porto Caballo	49 150	59,450	30,616
Fernambuco	17 080	20 030	
Maracaibo	1,812	883	293
West Indies	170	348	
Africa	12,620	10 428	9,633
Liverpool		2,384	
Coastwise	21,000	8 307	1,300
Total	131,940	131,768	102,349

RECEIPTS OF LAND.

	1858.	1859.	1860.
Coastwise, skins	12,820	21,290	9,726
Foreign	7,262	6,962	1,979
By Pennsylvania Railroad		15,000	9,100
Total	19,682	43,140	20,805

RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

	1858.	1859.	1860.
Charleston, bales	15 560	18 713	15,460
Savannah	14 578	18 677	15,101
Mobile	2 700	6,074	3,842
New Orleans	9 613	8 613	4,854
Other ports	5,928	4 840	4,920
Total	58,666	53 914	43,967

Imports of Coffee at the port of Philadelphia, both foreign and coastwise, for the years 1858, 1859, and 1860;

	1858. Bags.	1859. Bags.	1860. Bags.
Laguayra	46 820	37,419	35,626
Rio de Janeiro	105,940	139,036	60,030
St. Domingo			
Cuba			
Porto Rico	14		77
Java			
Maracaibo	5,162	7,260	1 940
Jamaica	375	1,670	31
Matanzas and St Thomas			
Port-au-Prince and Cape Haytien	18,000	7,974	5,673
Havana	15		
Coastwise	91,200	9,500	10,300
Total	263,516	204,160	112 777

IMPORTS OF SUGAR AT PHILADELPHIA.

Imports of Foreign Sugar at the Port of Philadelphia for the years 1859 and 1860.

Mo'ths	1859. Hhds & tcs	1859. Bxs	1859. Bbls	1859. Bags	1860. Hhds & tcs	1860. Bxs	1860. Bbls	1860. Bags
Jan.	13	371		1217	26	1831		4500
Feb.	2013	194	67	6633	1129	330	46	1910
March	4420	304	332	7976	5810	619	445	7870
April	2363	377	651	8460	5371	991	265	750
May	2727	1364	1189	8737	3600	998	862	2600
June	3326	1745	133	10960	2222	455	507	12700
July	2	2119	702	3500	2118	1474	712	1150
August	1757	3006	33		1757	4316	460	4450
Sept.	1559	484	53		996	3430	11	4764
Oct.	59	438			1636	3064		3300
Nov.		3013			730	1800	33	1000
Dec	387	1941	8		7	1330		3300
Total	13653	15308	3183	44493	26070	20 231	2476	37714

RECEIPTS OF NAVAL STORES.

	1858.	1859.	1860.
Rosin, bbls	48,410	68 570	48,307
Tar, bbls	3,674	3,560	3,779
Pitch, bbls	1 445	2,140	2,000
Spirits, bbls	10,125	17,466	11,100
Total	64,449	91,836	65,186

SUGAR AND MOLASSES RECEIVED COASTWISE.

	1858.	1859.	1860.
Sugar, hhds. and tierces	6 670	9,737	5,527
Sugar, bbls	3,674	3,560	3,779
Sugar, bags	1,405	1,905	900
Molasses, bbls	8,440	9,626	10,516

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES IMPORTED, FOREIGN AND COASTWISE.

	1858.	1859.	1860.
Brimstone, tons	1 960	3 397	4,125
Fish, bbls	34,840	26,099	26,266
Honey, kegs	350	417	500
Iron, tons	4,990	3 720	3,166
Iron, pigs	124,519	208,110	291,306
Iron, bars	101 600	203,703	221,000
Lemons, box	21,170	27,015	30 700
Logwood, tons	2 976	2 396	2,300
Oranges, box	54 530	79 279	75,000
Rice, tcs	10 492	9,838	9,440
Salt, sks	236 943	173,548	211,053
Salt, bus	277,184	224 264	238,300
Saltpetre, bags	5,010	8,005	9 214

MOLASSES.

Imports from foreign ports at Philadelphia for the years

	1858. Hhds.	1858. Tier.	1858. Bbls.	1859. Hhds.	1859. Tier.	1859. Bbls.	1860. Hhds.	1860. Tier.	1860. Bbls.
Cienfuegos	234		634	1 464		150			55
Cardenas	2 415	773	1,965	3 799	960	2,579			
Trinidad	2 883	923	1,027	3,414	979	349			
Trinidad	23,129	333	653	3,794	455	703			
Havana	44	35	29	254		46			
Remedios	136			2,247	30	85			
English Islands	209		4	150	11				
Porto Rico	848			1,477	36	176			
	12,776	1,277	4,069	24 270	2,545	4,130			

COTTON.

The following are the receipts of cotton, via railroad, at Philadelphia for the years 1859 and 1860:

	1859.	1860.
Pennsylvania Railroad, bales	35,255	43,800
Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad, bales	6,376	4,824
Total	41,130	48,324

Statement of the number of cattle brought to the Philadelphia market for the last ten years:

	Beeves.	Cows.	Hogs.	Sheep.
1850	103,000	6 000	167,000	320,000
1859	88,000	8,000	147,000	311,000
1858	81,000	17,100	128,000	322,000
1857	83,000	15,000	125,000	325,000
1856	84,000	6,500	97,000	298,000
1855	84 150	9,000	67 000	171,000
1854	76,000	15 000	70 000	161,000
1853	72,000	18,100	83 000	141,000
1852	92 000	18,000	85,000	105,000
1851	91,000	18,700	84,000	101,000

New York Stock Exchange—Dec. 31.

SECOND BOARD

$200 U S 6s '74 coup	89			100 Harlem R Pref		30	34
5000 Virginia 6s 6s	78		100	Reading R			36
1000 Missouri 6s 6s	60¾		200	do			36¼
2000 do	60¾		100	do			36⅜
3000 Erie 6th m bds	77		200	do			36⅜
4000 do 6th m bds	77		400	Clev & Toledo R			30⅜
200 Cum Coal Pref	34½		100	do			30⅝
100 do	34½		100	do			30⅞
140 Pacific M S Co	82		52	Mich Central R			49¾
50 do	82		100	do			49⅞
115 N Y Central R	78		50	do			49
do	78½		50	do			49⅝
100 do	78½		100	do			49⅞
200 do	78½		100	do			49⅞
50 do	78½		50	Mich So & N I R			33
100 do	78½		100	do			32¼
200 do	78½		100	Ill Central R			73¾
100 do	78½		100	do			73¾
200 do	78½		200	do			74¼
100 do	78½		100	do			75
50 Hudson Riv R	44¾		100	Gal & Chi R			57
200 do	44¾		100	do			57¼
100 do	44¾		100	Chi, B & Quin R			65
200 Harlem R	34¾						

THE MARKETS.

ASHES, quiet with small sales for immediate use, at $4.75 for Pots and $4.87½ for Pearls.

BEEF—There is no inquiry, and held 10@20c higher; sales 600 barrels at $22 delivered, for mixed Western. Oats are steady at 27½@28½c. Barley is quiet at 70@72c. Rye is nominal at 90@95c.

BREAD—Wheat is firmly held, and the market is very quiet. We note sales of 1,000 bus at $1 50 for white Michigan.

WHISKY.—Whisky is held at 19½c, with buyers at 19 cents.

PROVISIONS.—Pork is quiet and steady; sales of 80 bbls at former rates. Beef unchanged, with small sales. Cut Meats are dull and heavy. Lard steady; 20 kgs sold at 10½c. Butter and Cheese are unchanged.

RICE is more demand at 3¾@4¼c

FLOUR.—The day opening for sales was Sunday and New-year's day, but little business comparatively was transacted. Still, the nature of the foreign news being favorable, holders were firmer. Flour is held $@10c higher. We note sales of 5,000 bbls at $5.25@5.37 for extra Western; $5.37½@5.50 for extra Ohio; $5.62½@6 for family Western, and $6@6.75 for family Ohio, and $6.50@6.75 for ex'a Western. Southern Flour is firmer, but quiet. We note sales of 120 bbls at $5 62½@6 for mixed to good, and $5.87½@6.25 for family and extra. Canadian Flour is held higher. We note sales of 200 bbls at $5.62½@5.75.

GRAIN.—The market is very firm; and prices have a strong upward tendency. Dealers report the following sales for Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey, N.Y., Canadian, Upland, Florida, Mobile, N.O. & T.

Ordinary	8	8	8	8¼
Middling	11¼	11¼	11½	11½
Middling Fair	13	12	12½	13
Fair	12½	12½	13	13

HAY dull, but less active; we note sales of ship-ping parcels at 75@80c, and small lots for city use at 85@90.

HIDES.—Sales of Rio Grande Hides at 20½, less 6 per cent for cash.

LEATHER.—The trade continues dull and unchanged; we quote Hemlock slaughter at 26@28c, middle 23@30c, heavy 32@36c, Ohio oak 26@28c, light Southern oak 23@25c.

SEEDS.—Clovers seed is in demand for export; holders are firm at 6¾@6¾c, at which 600 bags sold, closing at 6¾. Timothy is in fair demand, at 19¾@19¾c, at which 300 bbls sold.

THE CITY.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"Macbeth."

MCDONOUGH'S OLYMPIC (late Gaiety), Race street, below 13th.—"Forty Thieves."—"The Star-Spangled Banner."—"The Alpine Horn."

WHEATLEY & CLARKE'S ARCH-STREET THEATRE, Arch street, above Sixth.—"Valentine and Orson."—"King Ka, the Lilly of Pekin."—"One Coat for Two Beggars."

WALNUT-STREET THEATRE, Walnut and Ninth sts.—"Rob Roy."

WASHINGTON THEATRE, Walnut st., above Eighth.—"Whitby's Great Show."

UNION HALL, Market street, Chestnut street, below 9th.—Van Amburgh & Co.'s Menagerie.

CONCERT HALL.—Grand Concert.

ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS, Corner Tenth and Chestnut.—Tom Thumb.

BARNUM'S OPERA HOUSE, Eleventh street, above Chestnut.—Concert nightly.

THE NEW YEAR CALITHUMPIANS.—Last evening, at eight o'clock, a band of midnight marauders paraded our office dressed in fantastic costumes and plentifully adorned with rouge. They called themselves the "Calithumpians," and were engaged in paying tolls to the tyrant of the New Year's advent, and the last of the old. One of them was attired as a bride, and leaned trustingly on the arm of a ragged individual, whose body was spotted in divers parts with red paint. They maintained an unbroken silence while upon their devious way, and at eight o'clock encountered another gang, similarly attired, whereat both parties made dismal hallooes, as if upon grievous errands and very loth to encounter each other. Toward midnight the streets were crowded with similar parties of calithumpians. They woke the sober watch sleepings in sober couches, and made night hideous with groans and music. Chestnut street was thronged. A wild medley of beings romped the most beautiful highways of the city, and made the time a carnival night. Far out in the suburbs, smoke-in scanty wardrobes disarranged all manner of antics, and there were scores of the population bold enough to make experiments under the shadow of the Central police station.

The array of men and women who met on Eighth street and on Chestnut, at midnight, was more fantastic than the witches in "Macbeth." Meg Merrilies grotesquely exhibited her weird physiognomy, and ruffians of all descriptions paraded the highways with dolorous music and eccentric uniform, to ring out the old year and inaugurate the new. The insignias of the gentlemen thus anxious to immortalize their folly were as various as their costumes were eccentric. One party was dignified with the appellation of "Sixty Roosters," and the said roosters vigilantly exerted their lungs in crowing away the dead year. Another party, entitled the "Palmetto Guards," enveloped themselves in cockades of four feet or more in length, and a banner, the like of which was never borne by the Bucaneers, or riddled in meb warfare. A third party distinguished themselves as "Ripsaps," and a fourth replaced in the apt appellation of "Ugly Mugs."

These and others woke sober citizens from their beds, and made night hideous. The old year was appropriately dishonored and the new welcomed with an exhibition of diablerie sufficient to compensate for all its crimes and short-comings.

Were we wrong in the fancy that the existing national troubles exerted their influence even upon the train of popular mirth which welcomes the advent of a youthful year? Were there not fewer evidences of delight on the decline of 1860 with its waning prosperity and its financial difficulties, than marked the outgoing of any previous twelve months?

SUICIDE.—Yesterday afternoon a man named Andrew S. Kelynn committed suicide at a house in St. John street, below Noble, Eleventh ward, by taking a quantity of laudanum. It seems he attempted on Sunday to poison the family of Mr. Brunner, with whom he boarded, by putting a quantity of bichromate of potash in the water they used for cooking. The family discovered the poison in the drug before any of the water had been used. Large quantities of the drug were also found on the person of the deceased, who had been in a drunken spree for several weeks. This is the second case assigned for his attempting the lives of others. He was a widower, and leaver three children. An inquest was held, and a verdict of suicide was rendered.

ATTEMPT TO ROB.—The steamer John Cox was lying at Walnut street wharf, when she was boarded by a couple of sneak thieves at an early hour yesterday morning, but were frightened off by the appearance of one of the hands, who charged a pistol at them. They got no plunder.

FINAL DISCHARGE.—The notorious Kate Kane, charged with picking pockets at Second and Callowhill streets, was finally heard before Police Magistrate Beitler yesterday, at the Central Station, and was discharged, in default of $1,500 bail, to answer at court.

FURTHER HEARING OF THE SIXTH-WARD BURGLARS.—Yesterday afternoon the three men arrested by Detectives Chas. H. Smith and Bartholomew, upon the charge of breaking into and robbing the silk house of Messrs. J. T. Way & Co., No. 28 North Third street, as reported in *The Press*, had a hearing before Police Magistrate Beitler, at the Central Station. At the hearing yesterday the one known as John Culin gave the name of William Lane. The names of the other two are John Murphy and Henry Johnson. The first witness examined was Mr. J. T. Way, one of the firm whose place had been robbed. He testified that his place had been robbed of a lot of silks. He was able to identify the silks taken from the prisoners by the private mark of the firm.

Detective Charles H. Smith was next examined, and fully corroborated the lengthy statement made in yesterday's *Press*.

Peter Flanery sworn—He is employed at McGrea's stables, back of the place that was robbed; on Saturday afternoon last he saw two of the prisoners, whom he recognized as Murphy and Johnson, prowling about the place in a rather suspicious manner; they again made their appearance on Sunday morning, but the witness did not suspect anything.

Detective Bartholomew was also sworn.

Fire Marshal Blackburn testified that he took a key from the person of one of the prisoners, which belonged to a valise also found in their possession.

Walter M. Miller sworn—He was bar-tender for Mr. White, at No. 114 Spruce street; the prisoners came there together on Saturday and appeared to be well acquainted with each other; they went to bed, two in one room and one in another, and on Sunday morning left between seven and eight o'clock; they all left together; one of them had a bundle under his arm, which the witness thought was a valise.

The prisoners were then committed in default of $2,500 each to answer at court.

While the alderman was making out their commitments, Culin or Lane stepped up to the front of the desk and said he wished to make a statement. He said he started from New York on Friday night, took the train and came to this city. After arriving here he met with Murphy and Johnson, whom he had never seen before, and they all three started off together to find lodgings. His errand to this city was to meet another man, with whom he was going to St. Louis on a sparring expedition. He learned his friend had left the city, and he intended to go back to New York.

During the hearing of the case the mayor's office was completely jammed with persons, who seemed to take a great interest in the proceedings.

MEETING OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.—The regular stated meeting of the Board of Guardians was held yesterday afternoon at their rooms on North Seventh street, Mr. Maris, president, in the chair

The whole number in the house on Saturday last was 2,330; same time last year, 2,840; decrease, 90; admitted during the last two weeks, 83; bir.hs, 10; deaths, 27; discharged, 113; eloped, 29; bound out, 1.

Mr Server submitted his annual report From the out door agent has been received $16,616 34; emigrant tax, $32 52; clinical tickets $105 50; total, $16,754 36.

Dr. Isaac McBride submitted his resignation as out door physician of the Sixth district Dr. Wm. R. Claridge was elected to succeed him.

The steward reported having collected $137.01, and paid the same into the treasury.

Mr. Dickinson said the Board of Health had notified them that they now had twenty-eight small-pox cases—all they could accommodate. He then offered the following:

Whereas, At the time the estimate for the expenses of this Department for the ensuing year was made it was with the expectation that all small pox cases coming under the care of the Board could be treated at the City Small-pox Hospital, under the care of the Board of Health, and to pay for the support of such cases an appropriation was asked for.

And whereas, It is now understood that the Board of Health intend closing the Small-pox Hospital on the first of April next, thus obliging this Board to make other arrangements for the treatment of said cases: therefore,

Resolved, That Councils be requested to amend the appropriation bill of this Department, as reported by the Finance Committee, to read: "$1,000 for the purpose of procuring suitable accommodations for small-pox patients."

The preamble and resolution were agreed to.

Mr. Server offered a resolution calling the attention of Councils to the urgent necessity of passing the appropriation of this Department at as early a day as convenient, in order to enable the Board to furnish food to the inmates. Agreed to.

The Board then adjourned.

CONTESTED ELECTION OF THE FOURTH WARD.—The contested election case of Lehman vs. Butler was resumed yesterday afternoon before Recorder Enerd. Alderman Wm. McMeldin, of the fourth ward, was sent for by District Attorney Maun, to bring the ballot-boxes in his charge. The Recorder decided that the ballot-boxes should be opened. Several boxes were then opened, but not being the proper ones, were again sealed. Finally a box was opened containing the inspectors' tickets for the return of votes for member of Congress for Sixth precinct of the Fourth ward. The vote stood: Lehman, 232; Butler, 61; King, 5.

The case was then adjourned to half past five o'clock, when the opening of the boxes was continued. The box containing the inspector's certificate of the Seventh precinct was next opened. It gave Lehman 230; Butler, 44; King, 5

The box of the Eighth precinct was opened, and stood as follows: Lehman, 265; Butler, 119; King, 41.

After some discussion between counsel, the Recorder ordered the ballots cast at the election to be counted. The boxes were accordingly opened, and the count stood as follows:

Sixth Precinct.—Lehman, 228; Butler, 64; King, 7.

Seventh Precinct.—Lehman, 104; Butler, 176; King, 14.

Eighth Precinct.—Lehman, 260; Butler, 123; King, 1.

The case was then adjourned until three o'clock this afternoon.

DISGRACEFUL ROW.—About a quarter past three o'clock on Sunday morning, a disgraceful row occurred among a party of about twelve rowdies, at the restaurant under the Assembly Buildings, corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets, during which the whole neighborhood was thrown into an intense excitement. A number of pistols were discharged, and bowie-knives and "billies" were freely used. A number of pistol-shots took effect in the windows and walls of the place, but, as far as could be ascertained, no one was shot. The noise attracted the attention of the police, who rushed into the place, and took the following named persons into custody: John Baird, Edward Wood, Leslie Earles, William Bogge, Daniel Pollock, and Robert Logden. Two of the prisoners, Baird and Wood, it is alleged, had in their possession pistols, which they threw away when arrested. They were both held in $1,000 bail by Alderman Patchel to answer at court. Leslie Earles was also held to answer the charge of having in his possession concealed deadly weapons. The remainder of the party were held to answer the charge of disorderly conduct.

THE POISONING CASE IN THE SIXTH WARD.—Yesterday, the persons who were poisoned at No. 239 Races street, were doing as well as could be expected. Mr. Biggardt, Mr. Bordenheim, Mrs. Rosenheim, and Mr. Essen were very sick yesterday, and still confined to their beds. They are not considered dangerous The remainder of the victims are almost fully recovered. One of the men who was taken sick refused to take the emetics prepared by the physicians, saying that he had peculiar views concerning the matter, and would prefer suffering to medicine. Moritz Mendelsohn, the alleged poisoner, will have a hearing as soon as the parties sufficiently recovered The opinion of those who know him is that he is not altogether *compos mentis*.

THE ADJUTANT GENERALSHIP.—At a meeting of the officers of the Third Brigade, held on Thursday evening last, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The officers of the Third Brigade have heard with pleasure that Colonel Wm. F. David B. Birney, of the First City Troop has been used in connection with the position of adjutant general of this State: therefore,

Resolved, That the officers of this brigade cordially endorse Mr. Birney, and recommend him to the Governor for appointment to that position.

A resolution in favor of Colonel Curtis for the appointment of General Wm. F. Small to the office of adjutant general, is in circulation, and has been signed by a number of the officers of the Second Brigade.

The friends of Major Peter Fritz are also moving in his favor.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEES.—G. W. O'Malley and Mary Williams were taken into custody on Saturday by High Constable Clark, upon the charge of stealing a lot of toys, pocket books, and other small articles from the store of Mr. Charles Dummig, on Chestnut street, where the accused were both employed. Their residence, at No. 1426 Thompson street, was searched, and a number of stolen articles were recovered. The accused were both committed, in default of bail, by Alderman Beitler to answer.

SOUTH CAROLINA AT A DISCOUNT IN THE POPULAR ESTIMATION.—On Saturday night, during the performance at a popular place of amusement in the Twelfth ward, a reference was made on the stage to South Carolina. A party of four or five young men, who had the appearance of being Southern medical students, and who occupied a private box, shouted out "three cheers for South Carolina!" and attempted to give the cheers. They were hooted and groaned at by the entire audience, and they soon after left the house unharmed, no measures more violent than groans being resorted to.

CHANGES AT THE PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD.—Commodore Charles Stewart, ("Old Ironsides,") senior flag officer of the United States navy, was yesterday detailed from command at his own request. An appropriate salute was fired from the receiving ship *Princeton*. All connected with the yard took leave of the old hero with much regret. The broad pennant flying from the receiving ship was immediately hauled down. Captain F. Dupont succeeds him.

PETTY THIEVING.—More petty thieving is at present committed in the Second district than in any other district in the city, and the police, who are quite active in this section, are continually engaged in arresting thieves and recovering stolen goods, generally of a small value. Yesterday William Dougherty was held by Alderman Dallas to answer the larceny of a crow-bar; Patrick Haney for the larceny of a barrel of flour. Atthe Second-district police station any amount of plunder is waiting for a claimant, some of which has been there for months.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.—Abraham Phillips, aged 14 years, while engaged in skating on a pond about twenty feet deep, at Eighteenth and Washington streets, on Sunday afternoon, broke through the ice and narrowly escaped being drowned. He was in the water for nearly a half hour, holding on to the ice for support. When rescued, it was some time before he fully recovered.

DECREASE OF THE CRIME OF ARSON.—No less than fifteen persons have been convicted of the crime of arson during the year 1860, and there is now no person in prison waiting trial for this offence. Notwithstanding the number convicted, the crime is greatly on the decrease, four-fifths of the fires that now occur being accidental. Fire Marshal Blackburn has effected a vast reformation in respect to the crime of arson.

THE M. E. CHURCH AND FAST DAY.—We learn that the pastors of the M. E. Church in this city recommend to all their churches and people to observe Friday, 4th of January, as a day of fasting and prayer, in accordance with the recommendation of the President of the United States.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.—Mr. Daniel Delaney, well and favorably known to the community, died at his residence, in this city, on Thursday evening. His death will be sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends, to whom he was endeared by his many generous and noble qualities.

SCHOOL INAUGURATION.—The inauguration of Mr. Richard Glasser as principal of the Zane-street Boys' Grammar School, will take place at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon, at the school house, Zane street, above Seventh Mr. Ludlow, on behalf of the Board, will deliver an address, and other gentlemen will take part in the exercises. The public generally and the parents of the boys are particularly invited to attend.

PRESENTATION.—A number of personal friends of Mr. Philip H Luts proceeded to his residence, at Front and Laurel streets, last evening, and presented him with a handsome service of silver The usual number of speeches were made, after which a fine collation was set before the party.

CRUELTY TO A HORSE.—A colored individual, named John Alexander Boyer, was arrested at Eighth and Sansom streets, upon the charge of cruelly beating his horse. A citizen who was passing at the time, previous to the arrest, interfered with John and gave him a sound thrashing. The accused was taken before Alderman Patchel and held to answer at court.

ROBBERY A TILL.—Yesterday morning, John J. Hagerty was charged before Alderman Patchel with robbing the money drawer of a tavern, at Twenty-second and Spruce streets. He was committed to answer.

SLIGHT FIRE.—Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, a slight fire occurred at the Children's Home, northeast corner of Twenty second and Pine streets. The flames originated among a lot of clothing in a closet.

HORSE DROWNED.—A horse attached to a cart was backed overboard, on Saturday last, at the Germantown Water Works, and drowned. The animal belonged to Mr John Nolan.

FIRE AT A FOUNDRY.—Yesterday morning a fire broke out in the Union Iron Foundry of Stileman & Ellis, on Germantown road, below Second street A wooden building, used for drying "cones," was destroyed. Loss about $200.

ILLNESS OF HON. JOHN M. READ.—The Hon. John M. Read, of the Supreme Court, is lying very ill, at his residence in this city. He has an attack of the typhoid fever.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

DISTRICT COURT—Judge Stroud.—The December term of the District Courts was commenced yesterday morning.

Isaac Martin vs. Evan Prowattan, Samuel L. McKinney, and Charles Prowattan. An action of trespass. Jury out.

Stewart vs. Goyant. An action for damages. Jury out. Cassidy for plaintiff; Thorne for defendant.

DISTRICT COURT—Judge Sharswood.—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs Nicholas Rittenhouse. An action on a bond. Verdict for defendant.

QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge Allison —Jacob Wentzel pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery, and was sentenced to three months.

John H. Baggs was convicted of a charge of assault and battery.

Margaret Ann Armstrong was convicted of a charge of larceny.

Edward Ferry was acquitted of a charge of stealing a horse

John Bradley, Charles Thomas, Isaiah Jordan, Samuel Allen, Isaac Turner, Emery Price, Penrose Morgan, and John Warner, were charged with committing an assault and battery upon Sarah Junior Verdict not guilty.

Owen State and Joseph Rex, colored, were acquitted of a charge of assault and battery, but ordered to pay the costs.

Mary O'Donell pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery

James Driscoll was charged with assault and battery.

None of the courts will be in session to day.

CITY ITEMS.

THE NEW YEAR.—Now is the time for all men to resolve to act wisely and well, and in such a manner as will subserve the public good and promote their own welfare. Different persons have different views as to how the first object can be accomplished; but no sane man need hesitate about the mode of advancing his own private interests A virtuous life is, of course, an essential ingredient in the composition, but some sort of comfort, elegance, and economy, by procuring your garments at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, above Sixth, where the finest stock of apparel for gentlemen and youths, in the country, will be found.

IMPORTATIONS.

[Reported for the Press.]

BOSTON—Steamship Phineas Sprague, Matthews—85 bales 1 case domestics A Sinclair & Co; 15 bales 15 trunks do B W Chase & Son; 43 bales do J Lasher & Co; 42 do do Lea, Richardson, Tunis & Co; 21 do 14 cases do D S Brown & Co; 36 cases do Frothingham & Wells; 45 pkgs do Reisel, Baird & Co; 27 do do Fithian, Jones & Co; 23 do do Bremer, Richiel & Co; 20 cases boots and shoes Brown & Pratt; 15 cases do Hinckle & Sons; 20 bbls cranberries J O Campbell & Son; 20 do N Hulings & Bro; 23 do J Warrington; 60 do rum Harris, Heyl & Co; 250 lbs 850 half do coal oil 2 Locke & Co.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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ARRIVED.

Steamship Phineas Sprague, Matthews, 48 hours from Boston, with mdse and passengers to Henry Winsor.

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.)

CAPE ISLAND, N. J. Dec 30.

A heavy brig came in and anchored at the Breakwater. No vessels in sight bound in or out. Wind northeast—weather stormy.

Yours, THOS. B. HUGHES.

MEMORANDA.

Steamship Kangaroo, Moorhouse, from Liverpool Dec 19, via Queenstown 21st, arrived at New York yesterday. Was detained at Queenstown 12 hours, awaiting the Galway steamer with the mails and passengers of the Prince Alberts. No boat could stir.

Steamship Star of the West, Griffin, from New Orleans, via Havana 21st inst, arrived at New York yesterday.

Ship Lancaster, Deacon, for Philadelphia, entered outward at Liverpool 17th ult.

Ship Monticello, Henderson, hence, arrived at Liverpool 21st ult.

Ship John Trucks, Lindsay, for Philadelphia, cleared at Liverpool 17th ult.

Ship Georgia, Macloon, for Savannah, cleared at Liverpool 17th ult.

Ship Zenas Coffin, Riddell, for Aspinwall, cleared at New York yesterday.

Ship R Lane, Bryer, cleared at New York yesterday for Liverpool.

Ships Dreadnought, Samuels, Fidelia, Reeling, and Atlantic, Archer, from Liverpool, arrived at New York yesterday. All report having experienced very heavy weather. The crew of the Dreadnought were much disabled.

Ship Havre, Askins, from Havre, arrived at N York yesterday, lost, and with foremast gone.

Ships Australia, Toward, and Wild Hunter, Baldrey, from Liverpool, arrived at New York yesterday.

Ship Winged Racer, Trundy, from Liverpool Sept 24, arrived at New York yesterday. Dec 16 came in with beautiful clear weather and moderate breeze from SE; about this part the wind hauled to the SW and blew fresh W and lightening, took in royals, fore and mizzen topgallant sails; 9.45 A M, nearly calm, with fine rain, and cloudy; 3.50 A M a squall passed over the ship, and in less than two minutes carried away jibboom, fore, main, and mizzen topmasts stove by the cap, and every thing belonging to them; stove the bulwarks, and Elias R. Stout for, both of Fayette county, Penna.

CARPENTER—HAMILL.—On the 25th ult., by Rev. N. Bailey, Mr. Jesse Carpenter to Miss Clara E. Hamill, all of city.

DEVEREUX—FIDDLY.—On the 26th ult., by Rev. John Shields, Mr. Israel V. Powell, of Chester county, to Miss Antoinette Virginia, daughter of the late Stephen Nolan, all of this city.

GARRIGUES—FRITH.—On the 11th ult., by Rev. Wm. B Wood, Mr. Wm. Cartledge to Miss Mary Ann Frith, all of this city.

SHUSTER—TUDER.—On the 22d ult., by Rev. Wm. McCoombs, Mr. Isaac E. Shuster to Miss Harriet N. Tudor, both of this city.

DIED.

HART.—At Covington, Ky. on the 23d December, leaving an infant, aged 12 days, Mary, wife of Joseph P. Hart, and youngest daughter-in-law of George H. Hart, Esq., of Philadelphia.

BACON.—On the 29th ult., Caroline W., daughter of the late John Bacon, aged 43 years.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 923 Green street, this morning, at 10 o'clock, precisely, to proceed to Germantown, at 11 o'clock. Interment at Friends' Western Ground.

THACKARA.—On Sunday last, Thomas P. Thackara, aged 23 years.

The relatives and male friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, No. 717 Sansom street.

LAWRENCE.—On Saturday morning, the 29th ult., Mary P., wife of Henry R. Lawrence, in the 63d year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her husband's residence, No. 1219 North Eleventh street, this (Thirtieth) day at two o'clock, P. M., without further notice.

LAFLIGH.—On the 29th ult., in this city, David Hallock, son of Sacramento, California, in the 24th year of his age.

The male friends and those of his brother, J. M. Laflugh, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from No. 835 Arch street, this (Tuesday) morning, at 10 o'clock, to proceed to Laurel Hill Cemetery.

BISHOP.—On the 30th ult., Annie Thompson Bishop, daughter of John and Louisa Bishop, aged 2 years and 2 months.

Funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 1310 Moyamensing avenue, this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

CALDWELL.—On the 30th ult., Annie Challon, daughter of David and Sarah Caldwell, aged 2 years and 10 months.

Funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 1206 Fitzwater street, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

PATTERSON.—On the 27th ult., Peter Patterson, aged 67 years.

Funeral from the residence of his son, Mr. James Patterson, Woodville place, between Market and Chestnut and Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

REEDER.—On the 29th ult., Peter Reeder, in the 33d year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 1610 Franklin street, above Oxford, this (Tuesday) morning, at 11 o'clock.

SEBELL.—On the 30th ult., Harriet Bond, daughter of John I. and Harriet R. Sebell, aged 3 years and 20 days.

Funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 742 South Third street, above German, on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

WOOD.—On the 29th ult., George Wood, in the 63d year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 1224 Lyndall st., south of Walnut, on Wednesday afternoon, at 1 o'clk.

PRESENTS FOR LADIES IN MOURNING.

Collars, Sleeves,	Shawls,
Lace Sets,	Silks,
Crape Sets,	Mous de Laines,
Handkerchiefs,	Chintzes,
Fans, Gloves,	Poplins,
Veils, Ribbons,	Valencias,
Balmoral Skirts,	Cashmeres,
Hosiery,	Gauntlets,
Cloaks,	Black Dress Goods, &c.

DESSON & SON, Mourning Store, No. 918 Chestnut street.

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UNION PRESBYTERIAN PRAYER MEETING, on this TUESDAY, at 5 o'clock P. M., in the First Presbyterian Church, Washington Square, Girard avenue, above Palmer. 1t*

A LECTURE ON IRELAND IN THE MIDDLE AGES, HER CAPITALS AND MONASTERIES, will be delivered by the Rev. G. GOUGH GUBBINS, of Ireland, at M