Affairs in and Around Washington.

The *Star* of last evening says:

STARRING CASE.—Yesterday afternoon a difficulty occurred at the Government Mess House, corner of H and Twenty-second streets, in the First ward, between an ambulance driver, said to be named Duffy (some accounts say he is a Baltimorean named Wm Jones), and a Government teamster named John O'Day. Duffy threw O'Day down, and scabbed him in the back, inflicting a terrible wound several inches in length. O'Day was laboring under such excitement that he did not know he was stabbed; but on blowing his nose a bubbling sound was heard.

Robert Johnson, the stable master, asked him to blow his nose again, when the sound was again heard, caused by the escape of air from the lungs through the wound. He then walked to Dr. Benoit's office, but was greatly weakened by loss of blood, and from there he was taken to the hospital, and it is said his injuries are so severe that he cannot possibly recover. He has a wife and child. The mounted guard are in search of Duffy, but we have not heard of his arrest. He is said to have gone in the direction of Georgetown.

O'DAY'S wound was closed, and this morning he is quite comfortable. Ten knife penetrated the left lung.

RUMORED ADVANCE OF THE ENEMY.—Yesterday, a Mr. Cowing, a resident of Virginia near Claremont, about five miles from Alexandria, came to this city with a load of furniture, and returned in the evening for his wife and another load of furniture. He says the Confederates have advanced so far as Bush Hill and Claremont, and ordered him yesterday morning to leave forthwith.

ANOTHER HOMICIDE.—A private in Col Cass's Eleventh Massachusetts Regiment was shot dead, at a drinking house in Bladensburg, night before last. It seems that a squad of men were sent out to arrest and bring into Camp Curtin a number of men belonging to the regiment, and who had been absent therefrom for several days. Among the number was the deceased. He resisted the guard, and in an attempt to escape from the house was shot dead.

CAPTURE OF "BILL WOODWARD."—This desperate colored character, who escaped from jail a short time since, where he was confined on the charge of murdering a soldier of the Seventy-ninth New York (Highland) Regiment, was captured yesterday, by County Constable John W. Gross, of Georgetown.

BUSY TIMES AT THE DEPOT.—Yesterday no less than five burden trains arrived here from various points North, with freight for Government; among them several cars laden with fine beeves, from the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pa. Notwithstanding the great exertions made to accommodate the increasing tide of freight, &c., the platforms and yards about the depot are pretty much blockaded, and it is with no little difficulty that teamsters are able to get their respective loads. Beside this the engines are constantly crowding and pushing around on the various switches, and the bewildered teamster is often at a loss what to do with his frightened team, which dances and wheels in among the trains, to the great consternation of the nervous.

STRIKE OF AMBULANCE DRIVERS.—The Government has reduced the pay of drivers of one horse ambulances to $15 per month and rations. They were formerly paid $25 per month and rations, some fifteen or twenty "struck," and refused to work at the new rates, and seem disposed to act in a disorderly manner.

A SUPPOSED SPY ARRESTED.—While the Provost Guard was in search of the man who stabbed O'Day at the general mess-house, they found a chap snugly packed away in an ambulance, who, "scary soul," said he thought the soldiers were looking for him. As he was a stranger, the guard very properly came to the conclusion that he must have dense red hair-looking affair, or he would not have tried to avoid arrest. His case will be investigated.

The Baltimore Police Commissioners and Writs of Habeas Corpus.

On Wednesday morning the sheriff of Kings county, New York, Anthony Campbell; J. W. Higgins, deputy, and F. J. Dalton, proceeded to Fort Hamilton, for the purpose of serving an attachment upon Col Michael Burke, commandant at Forts Hamilton and Lafayette, for refusing to make return to a writ of habeas corpus, directing him to produce the persons of the Baltimore Police Commissioners. The officers went to the fort, and, making known their business to the officer in charge, were politely informed that they would not be permitted to visit Fort Lafayette, or take any prisoners now in charge of the military authorities of that station. A guard was brought up, and the boats were strictly watched, so as to prevent any person from reaching the fort, which is known to be situated in the channel, some distance from shore. The county officers, finding further attempts useless, returned to the city, without having accomplished their object.

The following is Sheriff Campbell's return:

I am unable to arrest the within named Col Michael Burke as within commanded—the said Michael Burke being commandant of Fort Lafayette and Fort Hamilton. I have endeavored to obtain entrance and access to Forts Hamilton and Lafayette, which are held by armed troops, and am not able to serve the writ; and have no power or means within my control sufficient for that purpose. ANTHONY F. CAMPBELL, Sheriff of Kings county.

Dated Brooklyn, Aug 14, 1861.

In making this return the lieutenant colonel gave verbatim the answer he was instructed to make by Lieutenant General Winfield Scott.

Not satisfied with this return, the county judge declared that the commandant should state on his return: 1, whether the prisoners called for were in his custody, and 2, by whose authority he held them. This Lieutenant Colonel Burke declines doing, since he has received no instructions from his superior officer to make any return other than the one already given.

Application was then made to General Duryea in Brooklyn, by order of the inevitable Judge Garrison, to ascertain what force could be obtained by the county to execute the writ. General Duryea informed the sheriff that about fourteen hundred men could be raised, but that the county was in possession of no artillery sufficiently powerful to make an impression on the works, and that it would require between five and ten thousand men to take them.

So the matter rests for the present. Judge Garrison is evidently perplexed by the firmness of Colonel Burke.

In order to insure the safety of the prisoners, the garrison at Fort Lafayette is to be immediately strengthened. We learn that the right wing of the regiment known as the Long Island Volunteers quartered at Fort Schuyler, received orders on Wednesday to proceed to Fort Lafayette for the purpose of reinforcing the garrison, and that Lieut. Col. Dodge, with some 450 men, obeyed these orders promptly. The sheriff of Kings county, in his attempt to arrest the garrison, will find a decided obstacle in the way. It is understood that the sheriff has Judge Garrison's warrant for making the wholesale arrest, and was to have gone down with a posse yesterday morning for the purpose of executing it.

Explorations in Labrador.

Professor Hind's exploring party has returned to Toronto, from his trip through the Labrador peninsula. The Toronto *Globe* says:

"The route into the interior of the country was the same as the one followed, perhaps for centuries, by the Montagnas Indians. It lies, for a distance of forty miles, up the Moisie, which enters the Gulf of St. Lawrence below Seven Islands. At that distance from the coast the Moisie becomes too impetuous a torrent for the passage of any kind of craft, so that a traverse has to be made across the country, and through small lakes, to the east branch of the Moisie. Professor Hind's party consisted of Messrs Gaudet and Caley, surveyors, and Mr. W. Hind, artist, with eight voyageurs and Indians. They ascended the main and east branch of the Moisie as far as practic ble, in three canoes. "The region traversed by Professor Hind is described as very mountainous, and, with the exception of deep valleys, destitute of trees. As a substitute for trees, moss of every variety, and of most luxuriant growth, covers the country. The species most common is the cladonia, or reindeer moss, on which the animal subsists throughout the year. The country from the coast to the table land has evidently been peopled with numerous bands of Indians at some not very remote period—the remains of their encampments, and the portage paths round rapids and between lakes being still easily discernible; but at present, the Montagnas and Nascapees, who formerly hunted in this desolate region, have either removed to the coast or followed the caribou, on which they subsist in their migration to the north. The table land of the Labrador peninsula contains numerous very large lakes, some of which are laid down correctly on any of the maps to which we have access; and large rivers exist in this vast peninsula, of which the names are not even known, much less their courses laid down.

"Some conception may be formed of the character of the upper part of the Moisie from the fact that one portage alone, which is said to be about two thousand feet above the sea. It is Professor Hind's intention to publish an illustrated narrative of his expedition."

Outrages of the Enemy in Southern Kentucky

We find the following narrative in the Louisville (Ky) *Journal* of Monday:

"A party of six young men, between the ages of fifteen and twenty, arrived in this city on Saturday evening from the vicinity of Columbus, Ky. Four of the number are named Busby, and the other two are named Harp. These young men give a distressing account of the state of affairs in the vicinity of Columbus. On Sunday last an officer from the Southern camp at Union City visited the neighborhood of Columbus, and warned ten families to leave within two hours.

"There was some hesitation on the part of the Union men and they were called upon again before the time expired and warned that they could choose the alternative between hanging and leaving. Mr Busby, the father of two of the young men who arrived here, is an aged man, nearly blind, and has a family of six young children. In addition to that embarrassment, he had a large crop ungathered, and a vast amount of business unsettled. He was forced, however, to gather together hastily whatever he could, and, with his family, was driven away from his home.

"There is no accusation whatever against the individuals thus driven from their homes, save that they entertain Union sentiments. The young men alluded to, who arrived here on Saturday evening, had a sad experience on their travels to this city. Their feet were blistered, their clothes torn, and their flesh lacerated. They were forced to travel at night and lie by during the day, in order to avoid scouting parties of Secessionists, many of whom they encountered on their way. The party left this city yesterday for Shelby county, where they have relatives."

Union Meeting at West Chester.

WEST CHESTER, August 15.—An immense meeting of Republicans, and others willing to sustain the Government, was held here to day. Great unanimity and enthusiasm prevailed, with a determination to forget former political differences and put down treason, and to sacrifice everything for the support of the war, until a peace is conquered. The Hon. William Williamson presided, with a large number of vice presidents, embracing men of all parties.

Speeches were made by Dr. W. Worthington, P. F. Smith, Wm Butler, and Wayne McVeigh, who were all enthusiastically cheered.

A PROJECT is now under consideration by the French Government, for a radical change in the convict system in the colony of Cayenne. The harsh military rule is to be suppressed, and the convicts, if well conducted, are to be allowed to cultivate small patches of ground on their own account, and finally to become the owners of them. By this method it is thought many a man will redeem his character.

THE CITY.

THE NAVAL BOARD OF SURVEY have concluded their labors, and yesterday made a report to the Bureau at Washington, in which they recommend, with provisos, the purchase of some four or six vessels at Philadelphia and Wilmington. These vessels, as we have before explained, are required to make the blockade more effective, by penetrating into inlets and bays, where heavy draught ships of war cannot go. The Board commenced at Richmond, and went on board most of the steamers from that point to the navy yard.

They selected two iron steamers called the *Union* and the *General Scott*, now being built at Neafie & Levy's dock, and a packet steamer of the Boston line called the *Kensington*. These are side-wheeled steamers, of one thousand tons, or nearly so, and the latter is of wooden hull, capable of doing effective service. The *Kensington* is worth $110,000, and the two others about $80 000 apiece. The iron steamers are objected to by the Board on account of the weakness of the iron to withstand shell and shot. While wooden hulls are splintered by cannon balls, the plates of the iron hull are broken, and the entire side of the vessel may be torn away. The *Kensington* is two years old, and is a duplicate of the *Phineas Sprague*, now the United States vessel *Flag*.

The Board examined a few ferry boats, among others, the *Curlew* and the *Eagle*, of the Gloucester line, and a Schuylkill tug-boat, lying off the Arsenal. These were condemned, however, and not adverted to in the report.

At Wilmington, they remarked two excellent vessels—the *Morgan Ship*, No. 4, and the *Virginia Dare*—both new side-wheel steamers. The first named is intended for a Galveston packet, and cost $120,000. Both these vessels were built at the yard of Harlan & Hollingsworth.

The number of vessels taken from New York harbor is variously estimated at from twenty to seventy. In this port, probably two or three vessels will be selected.

The Board of Survey consisted of Chief Engineer Danby, Naval Constructor Hoover, and Mr. Polk.

If the six vessels referred to in the report are purchased, our builders will be interested to the amount of $500 000.

THE FIRST CITY TROOP.—We noticed the list of officers and men of this noble corps of citizen soldiers, just returned from service. It may gratify the friends of this company to learn who composed it in the war of 1814. We give the following list, containing the names of its men and officers, then and now, viz:

1814	1861.
Captain, Charles Ross.	Captain, Thos. C. James.
1st Lt., Jos. L. Cuthbert.	1st Lt., R. Butler Price.
Cornet, Robt. M. Lewis	21. William Camac.
1st Serg't, Jno. G. Smith.	O. Serg't, F. Rogers.
2d, Anthony Stocker.	2d, Wm D. Smith.
3d, Thos F. Leaming.	3d, Robert Morris.
4th, Job Bacon.	4th, S. J. Randal & Q. M.
1st Cor't, M. McConnell	1st Cor't, M. Richards.
2d, Henry Harrison.	21, Chas. F. Leaming.
3d, John R. Tunis.	3d, R. E. Randel
4th, John B Simmons.	4th, Edwin A. Lewis.
J. Donaldson, Jr., Q'm't.	Lance. Saml Bell, Jr.
PRIVATES.	PRIVATES.
H M Nixon, D Q M.	John Agen.
L Lardner, A D Q M.	William R. Angier.
Robert Wharton,	Henry Ashhurst,
Edward Davies,	Robert W Bickley,
Wm S Willing,	Wm Blanchard,
William Craig,	John Borthworth,
John Y. Bryant,	John A Brown, Jr.,
Francis Q Smith,	Jas P Brinton,
Lawrence Sink,	T Morgan Budd,
Joseph Grate,	Joseph S. Burke,
John C Smith,	John W Butler. M Chunk,
William Lehman,	Chas. E Cadwallader,
George Hugg,	John H. Caswell,
Abraham Kintsing,	Augustus M Conover,
John McCres,	Emlen N Carpenter,
Samuel Jackson,	Geo Cochran,
Wm. Whelan,	E. S. Cooper,
William Simmons,	Wm S Davis,
Edward Twells,	Richard G. Devereux,
Wm. H. Smith,	Geo. S Evans,
Thomas Taylor,	Horace V. Evans,
Henry Toland,	Randolph Ellis,
Wm. W Fisher,	Natbro Frazer, Jr.,
Samuel H. Jacobs,	John B Fassit,
Clement L. Brady,	Geo. Gilpin.
Chas P Fox.	H B Goddard,
Matthew Mathews,	Robert E Gray, Jr.,
Wm. H. Hart,	John W. Grigg,
Henry McMurtrie,	James H. Harper,
Augustus Cushing,	J Henry Hasselline,
Francis Worley,	N. P. Haven,
Lewis Vanuxem,	Alexander Hemsley,
Geo. T. Stuckert,	Alfred Horner, Jr,
Edward M. Donaldson,	Wm. H Howell,
Francis M. Bolton,	Samuel R. Jacobs,
Charles Petit,	Robert P. Kane,
Moses Thomas,	J Hamilton Kuhn,
Chas Norris,	Hartman Kuhn,
Frederick V. Krug,	Chas. S Keyser,
John R Warder,	Chas L. Leiper,
Thomas Say,	E. Lowber. Jr.,
John Warner,	Lewis McMakin,
John W Merrell,	Wm H Merrit,
Nathan Hall,	Gabriel Middleton,
Joshua Harlan, Jr.,	Horace P. Mitchell,
George McCalmont,	Joseph R Paxton,
John Isaacson, Jr.,	A. J Pemberton,
Henry Wiegff,	Clifford Pemberton,
Henry Wikmer,	Wm H. Potter,
Wharton Lewis,	Edward L. Reakirk,
Wm Elfreth,	C. D Richards,
Hugh Lloyd,	D W Riddle,
George Willing,	D. C. F Rivinus,
William J. Brown.	J D Reif,
TRUMPETER.	F D Seitzinger,
John Lambach.	Benjamin P Sloan,
	A W Sloan,
	Cooper Smith,
	Stephen E Smith,
	E W Smith,
	Edward L Tevis,
	J Thompson,
	Henry Tucker,
	James West, Jr,
	Frank D Wetherill,
	G o. J Whitehead,
	Edward W White,
	Charles M Willing,
	R P Wilson,
	Joseph P Wood,
	W W. Wood,
	William R Wurtz.
	BUGLERS.
	George Dunn,
	Joseph Norbert.
	FARRIER & BLACKSMITH.
	Frank E. Wood.

Among those who served in the war of 1812-15, we notice some of our most distinguished citizens: Mayor Wharton, Messrs Nixon, Lehman, McCres, Toland, Prof Samuel Jackson, with many others, some of whom went into private life; and among the few left, Captain William H Hart, recently in command, remained attached to the organization, and lives to see renewed the vigor and ardent patriotism which so signally distinguished these citizen soldiers in the days of the Revolution, and in the War of 1812. May the successors of such worthy seniors maintain undimmed the lustre and renown handed down to them through so long a train of honor and of honored pride.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A young man named John Dunn, a member of a volunteer company attached to Colonel Chantry's regiment, fell off a fence near the encampment, at Camac's Woods, yesterday morning about nine o'clock. He was almost instantly killed, having dislocated his neck. The deceased belonged to Silver Springs, Lancaster county.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.—The Democratic Convention will meet at Spring Garden Hall, on the fourth Tuesday in this month. For Man Shepherd, Anson V Parsons, and Henry S Hagert, Esqs, are the prominent candidates for Judges of the Common Pleas. For the District Court bench, we hear mentioned the names of the Hon George Sharswood, George Northrop, and James Otteron, Jr., Esq.

TO BE ENLARGED.—We understand that the committee having charge of the refreshment saloon, at Washington-street wharf, intend enlarging its dimensions so that five hundred can be accommodated. This will enable half a regiment to be fed at one time, thus greatly facilitating matters, and in view of the large influx of troops which may be expected within the next month or two, the enlargement will be found to be a necessary convenience.

ACCEPTED.—The National Grays, of Camden, have been accepted by the Governor of New Jersey, and will proceed to Trenton to be mustered into service on Monday next. There are a number of Philadelphians in this regiment.

FULLY COMMITTED.—Yesterday morning Charles C Turner, who was arrested by High Constable Clark, charged with being a military impostor, as stated in *The Press*, had a hearing before Police Magistrate Beitler. The accused was fully committed to answer at court.

FATAL RESULT.—Coroner Conrad held an inquest yesterday morning upon the body of a colored lad, named Calvin Thomas, who was run over on the Reading Railroad, on Wednesday afternoon, near the Columbia bridge. Thomas was attempting to jump from a moving train at the time. He had both legs crushed, and he died in about four hours after the occurrence. The deceased was thirteen years of age.

TO BE MUSTERED IN.—Capt. Hawkins' company, attached to Col. E. D Baker's regiment, will be mustered into service to-day.

AN INDEPENDENT COMPANY.—Collis' Zouaves, of this city, are to be mustered in as an independent company, and to be furnished with Zouave uniforms. Orders to that effect have been issued.

POCKET PICKED.—Mr. John Sevil had his pocket picked of a wallet containing $215 in money and a check for $30, on Wednesday morning, in Camden. At the time of the theft he was at the depot, during the passage of the New York Fire Zouaves.

Yesterday afternoon, Detectives Taggart and Smith, of this city, arrested two well known pickpockets, known as John Clancey and John Keenan alias "Fiddler Jack," upon the charge of committing the theft. They were looked up for a hearing.

GOVERNMENT HORSES.—Large numbers of horses are being daily inspected and bought in by the Government agents. On Wednesday two hundred were inspected, at the Bull's Head stables, West Philadelphia. They are for cavalry service.

ATTEMPTED RIOT.—Yesterday morning, about nine o'clock, as a recruiting party, headed by two colored musicians, were proceeding down Eleventh street, and when in the neighborhood of Christian street, several rowdies set on the colored musicians, handling them very roughly. A very large crowd, consisting of butchers, huckasters &c., assembled, creating quite a stir, a portion of those present taking sides, some with the rowdies and others with the recruits. The police arriving, quelled the outbreak in a very few minutes. The attacking party were returned volunteers, who seemed to be aggrieved that colored men were used in drumming up recruits.

SLIGHT FIRE.—Yesterday afternoon an alarm of fire was caused in the neighborhood of Twenty-fourth and Biddle streets by the burning of a foul chimney. The roof of the house was slightly damaged.

SOLD.—The prize ship *Gen. Parkhill* was sold yesterday, to Holmly & Co, 79 Beaver street, New York, for $7,400, of which $200 was paid down; the remainder to be paid when the deeds to the craft are handed over to the purchasers. The vessel was worth $12,000 or $13 000. Marshal Thomas Patterson conducted the sale, and there were five bidders. The first bid was $5 000 and the last bid was but $50 beyond the preceding bid. The sale included the "tackle, apparel, and furniture" of the ship. There are four vessels yet to be sold, the *Amelia*, the *Enchantress*, and the *Herald*. The first named contains a valuable cargo.

YOUNG'S REGIMENT KENTUCKY LIGHT CAVALRY.—The War Department has ordered Col. W H Young to increase his force to a brigade of 36 companies. Twenty-two troops of 95 men each are now at or en route to Camp Park Washington. Although innumerable obstacles have to be encountered by recruiting officers, this brigade has sent off from this city four companies this week, and to morrow Captains Bell and Walton will each take a full company to camp. The headquarters are at 705 Market street.

BOARD OF OFFICERS.—A board of officers is now sitting at the navy yard, the object of which, it is reported, is to investigate charges against certain officers of the steamship *Susquehanna*.

CAVALRY HORSES.—Last evening about one hundred and fifty horses were sent to Washington. They are for Young's Kentucky cavalry.

TIMELY ARREST.—Yesterday afternoon, two noted characters, known as Jacob Kreps alias "Dutch Jake," and John Young, got into a difficulty at Fifth and Minor streets, during which a knife and pistol were both used. Had it not been for the interference of the police the result might have proved fatal. The pugilists were both locked up at the Central Police Office.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge Ludlow.—Sam'l Herbert was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery. No prosecutor appeared.

William Leibfried and Christians Leibfried were put on trial, charged with setting fire to their dwelling, with intent to defraud the City Insurance Company, of this city. On the 13 h of July last, at two o'clock in the morning, officers in the neighborhood of Third and German streets noticed a smoke issuing from a lager-beer saloon and dwelling, 771 Third street, below German, occupied by the defendants. The fire could be observed through the opening over the bulk window. The officers endeavored at first to force open the door or the saloon, and failing in this, went to the side door and again failed to effect an entrance. The cry of fire was raised, and soon Mrs. Leibfried appeared at the second-story window with two small children. She was told to keep cool, as she would be rescued. The officers broke in the door, and after some difficulty, owing to the dense smoke, got up stairs and met Mrs L. with her children at the top of the stairway. She ran down stairs and made her way into the street.

The fire was extinguished without much difficulty, and it was then discovered that everything had been arranged in the saloon to facilitate the spread of the flames. Straw and kindling wood—the first the contents of a bed, and the second made of the slats of a bedstead—were scattered about the room. A piece of bed tick was also found. The chairs were piled under the table, and everything was arranged in piles. A piece of carpet had been fixed against the door at the bottom. When questioned, Mrs L. denied that the bed tick or bed slats were her property, and insisted that somebody must have entered the premises with them. Mr. Leibfried was not in the house, being at work, as a baker, but the next morning, when he appeared, he admitted that the wood and rags found in the saloon were his property, but he could not account for their presence.

From the evidence of police officers, the fire must have been burning for at least an hour before it was traced.

The accused had an insurance of $300 with the City Insurance Company on the fixtures and personal effects.

The jury retired, and in a few minutes returned with a sealed verdict, which will be opened this morning.

The New Postage Stamps.

[From Holbrook's United States Mail.]

Heretofore all the Government postage stamps have been manufactured at Philadelphia, by Messrs Toppan, Carpenter, & Co, who have, it is understood, executed their contract with that degree of promptness and fidelity which was originally guaranteed by the high character and standing of that well known house. The old contract having expired, proposals were called for by the Postmaster General for the new one, and it has been awarded to the National Bank Note Company of this city.

Now dies have been prepared for all the different denominations of stamps, differing somewhat from the old styles, and presenting a marked improvement in coloring, the distinctness of the rate of each, and in some other respects. We have no doubt that the public will be well pleased with the new issue. They are now being distributed among the postmasters.

The stamps are hereafter to be manufactured in the new substantial fire proof edifice at the corner of Nassau and Prune streets, known as Duncan & Sherman's building. The machinery is all new, and of the most costly and approved description, and everything is in perfect keeping with the importance and magnitude of the undertaking.

It is calculated that there will be about two hundred million stamps used during the coming year, from August 1, 1861.

During the year 1860, there were delivered to the Post Office Department 223,867,270 stamps, viz:

One-cent	55 979.325
Three-cent	160.592 600
Five-cent	618 180
Ten cent	4 438 750
Twelve-cent	1,616 875
Twenty four cent	423.500
Thirty cent	179 820
Ninety-cent	18,160

The twenty four-cent stamps were not issued until within the second quarter, and the thirty cent and ninety cent in the third quarter of the year.

The number issued during the two expired quarters of this year is:

1st quarter	57,621 799
2d do	47,310,959

Ending 1st of July, 1861.

The average income for a number of years past has been about nineteen millions per annum.

The new stamps differ materially from the old ones in design, and they are uniform in having the value of the stamp designated by figures in each of the upper corners, and the letters U S in the lower corners, in addition to U S. Postage, Three Cents, etc. The one-cent stamp represents a profile bust of Franklin, and the three-cent a profile bust of Washington. The five-cent has the head of Jefferson, the ten, twelve, and twenty four cent the head of Washington, the thirty cent the bust of Franklin, and the ninety cent is distinguished by Trumbull's head of Washington.

DIED IN SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco papers of the 16th ult record the death by apoplexy of Mrs Elizabeth Grosvenor, daughter of the late Thomas Hamblin, of the Old Bowery Theatre, New York, known on the stage as Mrs Hamblin. Her husband left her in good health at 11 A M, and on returning at 2 P M found her dead.

SLAVE PROPERTY has depreciated over fifty per cent since the war commenced. Young negroes were sold in Savannah, Ga., for $600 and $650, who would have brought from $1,600 to $2 000 a year ago.

WE ARE authorized to deny that the President has ordered work to be recommenced on the extension of the Capitol. The national revenues will be better applied by Mr Lincoln than to decorative architecture.—*N. Y Tribune*

CITY ITEMS.

THERE is a way of doing good in the world on a small scale that is scarcely appreciated. A man who educates one child faith ully may effect a work of greater benevolence than one who won the name of philanthropist. A man who purchases his garments at the gift clothing depot of Granville Stokes, 603 Chestnut street, not only shows his sense and sound judgment, but also does himself a great good, and effects a saving of a snug little sum in a very short time. With every purchase a handsome gift is presented.

RETURN HOME OF THE FIRST CITY TROOP.—The First City Troop had a splendid reception on their arrival home yesterday morning. The Home Guards were out in force, and Patterson's regiment escorted the corps to their armory. It has been attributed to the circumstance that most of the men in the ranks had procured their uniforms at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, above Sixth. This establishment is now the great Military Clothing Depot in the city.

New York Stock Exchange Aug. 15

FIRST BOARD.

10000 US 6s '81 reg'd	88	1000 Hud Sd m	80
16000 U S 6s '81 coup	88¾	100 Harlem 1st mt	98
1000 U S 5s '71 reg	80¾	12000 Wich 2d mt	60¾
12000 U S 5s '74 coup	81	15 Bank of America	100
40500 Tr'y 6 6P ct 2 Yr	96	30 Metropolitan Bk	82
6000 Ohio 6s 1860	91	50 Imp & Trad Bk	118
1000 Il Cump lds '63	81¾	300 Erie Railr sd	26¾
1000 I Cump lds '77	82	5 Erie R pref	47
54000 Tenn 6s '90	42	41 do	50
1000 do	42¾	125 Pac R 5S Co	78
19000 do	44½	5 do	83¾
10000 do	44½	100 do	77¾
5000 do	43 44¾	10 do	77¾
9000 Virginia 5s	54½	150 do	78
200 do	55½	100 U S Trust Co	70
10 0 do	55	100 N Y Cen R rds	80 74
5000 do	55¾	150 do	80 74¾
2000 do	55¾	100 do	80 74¾
5000 do	55	25 do	80 74¾
5 00 do	55¾	50 Hud Riv R	34¾
4000 Georgia 6s	70	100 Il Cen R sc	84¾
24000 N Carolina 6s	65	100 Gal & Chi R	66¾
14 00 Missouri 6s	44	100 do	66¾
31000 do	44¾	50 do	66¾
10000 Mo 6s ins H & S of R	46¾	100 Cle & Tol R	30¾
500 Louisiana 6s	63	100 do	30
500 do	64¾	200 do	30¾
6000 do	70¾	200 do	30¾
1000 Erie 2d mt bds '83	85	33 Chic R & Q	88
1000 do	86¾	50 do	88¾

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

SUN RISES	5 16
SUN SETS	6 44
HIGH WATER	11 1

ARRIVED

Steamship Delaware, Johnson, from New York, via Cape May, 7 hours, with mdse and passengers to Jas Alderdice. Left at 9½ A M on Wednesday, south of Cape Beach spoke schr Grecian with loss of sails and sails, having been in a gale the previous night—wanted no assistance.

Bark Benjamin Hallett, Little, 15 days from Rio Grande, in ballast to order.

Schr Emma York, 7 days from Havana, with mdse to G W Rennard & Bro.

Schr Mary Standish, Atwood, 6 days from Boston, with mdse to Crowell & Collins.

Schr Ceres, Meredith, from Lynn, in ballast to Van Dusen, Norton & Co.

Schr Lydia A Way, Baker, from Portland, in ballast to N Sturtevant & Co.

Schr T P Allen, Allen, 6 days from Boston, with ice to captain.

Schr John Wilson, Hardy, 6 days from Baltimore, with naval stores to T Weyman & Co.

Schr Delaware Denby, 1 day from Smyrna, Del, with corn to Jas Barratt & Son.

Schr Paul Evans, 1 day from Lewes, Del, with wheat to Jas L Bewley & Co.

Schr Young America, Tuft, 1 day from Port Deposit, with wheat to Jas L Bewley & Co.

Schr Ann Eliza, Collins, 1 day from Smyrna, Del, with wheat and corn to Jas L Bewley & Co.

Schr J G Rowe, Swan, 5 days from Boston, in ballast.

Brig Judge Whitman, Bray, from Boston.

Schr Mary Richards, 1 day from Camden, Del, with wheat to Jas L Bewley & Co.

Schr V V Simmons, Godfrey, from Boston.

Schr L A Dunnshower, Miller, from Boston.

Schr Eliza Ann, Cobb, from Boston.

Schr G D & R P Shannon, Bowen, from Boston.

Schr John F Dough y, Leeds, from Barnstable.

Schr Rachel Hillman, Hillman, from Providence.

Schr E C Parker, Parker, from New York.

Schr Sophia Ann, Smith, from Milton.

Steamer Kensington, Jones, 24 hours from New York, with mdse to Wm M Baird & Co.

Steamer George Washington, Whilden, 7 hours from Cape May, with passengers to captain.

CLEARED

Steamship Delaware, Johnson, New York, Jas Alderdice.

Ship Lancaster, Doane, Liverpool, J R Penrose.

Brig Judge Whitman, Bray, Boston, Van Dusen, Norton & Co.

Schr Vic Abbott, Ludlam, Boston, do

Schr Geo L G ee Cobb, Boston, do

Schr H W Morse, Benton, Washington, do

Schr J C Hoagt, Hale, Washington, do

Schr Ceres, Meredith, Lynn.

Schr V V Simmons, Godfrey, Boston, J Street & Co.

Schr Eliza Ann, Cobb, Boston, do

Schr Lydia A May, Baker, Boston.

Schr E T Allen, Allen, Boston, L Rothermel & Co.

Schr Paul Evans, Swan, Boston, Van Dusen & Co.

Schr E Forrester, Lawson, St John, NB, E A Souder & Co.

Schr M Reinhart, Peterson, Fortress Monroe, Tyler, Stone & Co.

Schr West Wind, Burnett, Fortress Monroe, do

Schr West John, Gallison, Newport, do

Schr John F Doughty, Leeds, Chatham, Noble, Hammett & Sidwell.

Schr G D & R P Shannon, Bowen, Lynn, E R Sawyer & Co.

Schr R B Parker, Parker, Providence, R H Powell.

Schr Sophia Ann, Smith, Rockville, L Audenried & Co.

Schr Mercy Taylor, Nickerson, Boston, captain.

Schr Ex ez Post, New Bedford, Reppler & Bro.

Schr E Townsend, Williams, Boston, J R Blakiston.

Schr A Townsend, Townsend, do do.

Schr L A Dunnshower, Miller, Boston, do do.

Schr Island Belle, Butler, Mattapoisett, do.

Schr S A Coles, Boice, Saugus, Bacorah, Lewis & Co.

Schr J P Foster, Rodgers, Boston, Van Dusen & Co.

Schr Sarah N Smith, Fisk, East Cambridge, Castner, Stickney & Wellington.

Str New York, Hunter, New York, W P Clyde.

Str J S Shriver, Dennis, Baltimore, A Groves, Jr.

SAILED.

Ship Lancaster, Doane, for Liverpool, left Lombard street wharf yesterday, in tow of tug America. Her cargo consists of 39 hds tobacco, 1 case do, 303 cases tallow, 77 hhds bacon, 310 bbls pork, 100 tcs beef, 2,000 bbls 3 860 bbls flour, and 47 passengers.

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.)

LEWES, Del., Aug 14

There are several vessels at the harbor, but on account of the heavy northeast wind, it is impossible to obtain their names.

Yours, A. MARSHALL.

(Correspondence of the Press.)

READING, Aug 15

The following boats from the Union Canal passed into the Schuylkill Canal to day, bound to Philadelphia, laden and consigned as follows:

Geo P Watson, lumber to Bolton & Cristman; A F Tussman and F Coleman, do to Samuel Bolton & Co; A C Moore, coal do to John C Grant, Elizabeth City; Silas Reber, cord wood to D B Fisher; Capt Porter, grain to Humphreys, Hoffman & Wright; M M Sherman do to Jos Perott & Bro; Orion, do to Kirkpatrick & Co; Sierra Alta, lumber to M H Keith, New York; Thomas & Harris iron and grain to Jas Perott & Bro.

MEMORANDA.

Steamship Kensington, Baker, sailed from Boston 14th inst for Philadelphia.

Ship Uncle Joe, Pinkham, hence, arrived at Liverpool 31st inst.

Ship William, Berry, sailed from Glasgow 30th ult. for Boston.

Ship Jas Brown, Crabtree, entered for loading at Liverpool 1st inst. for Valparaiso and Callao—altered from New York.

Bark Arcadia, Goodwin, at Greenock 31st ult. from Matanzas.

Brig Juan Antonio, Collins, cleared at New York yesterday for Philadelphia.

Brig John Freeman, Crowell, for Rio de Janeiro, cleared at New York yesterday.

Schr E Weaver, Willey cleared at New York yesterday for Marseilles.

Schr Geo W Krebs, Emerson, cleared at Baltimore 14th inst. for Newport, Del.

Schrs Eleanor, Townsend Marietta Hand, Terry, for Philadelphia and M Slater, Blizzard, for Wilmington, Del, cleared at New York yesterday.

Schrs T G Hubbard, Williams, and Redington, Clark, hence arrived at Portland 13th inst.

Schr John Stroup, hence, arrived at Portsmouth 13th instant.

Schr Sarah Helen, Sherman, from Providence for Philadelphia, at New York 14th inst.

Schrs K Corson, High, Edwin Reed, Goodspeed, and Snow Lake, Dickerson, cleared at Boston 14th inst. for Philadelphia.

Schrs M R Carlisle, Rider at Newport 13th inst. from Georgetown, DC.

Schr Jos Turner, Crowell, hence for Gloucester, at Newport 13th inst.

Schrs N B T Thompson, Conover, hence for Fair Haven, and Lillie Saunders Jones, from Fall River for Delaware City, at Newport 13th inst.

Schrs J C Runyon, Mathias, and N Holmes, Hewitt, hence arrived at Providence 13th inst.

Steamers Ironsides, Vandusen, and Novelty, Shaw, hence, arrived at New York yesterday.

Steamer Poverty, Pierce, cleared at New York yesterday for Philadelphia.

The prize ship Gen Parkhill, which was captured some time since by the frigate Niagara and brought into this port, was sold at noon yesterday, at auction, for $7,400 to Workman & Co. She rated A 2½ 34 tons register, built in 1839, and was formerly owned in Charleston.

Portsmouth, E, July 30—Put in, the American brig Anglo Saxon, Dodge from Rotterdam for Philadelphia, with damage on the starboard side, making a little water, and with loss of part of rigging and sails, having been in collision last night, at 10 45, off St Catharine's, with a bark, name UNKNOWN.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

CAPE ANN, MASSACHUSETTS.—Two gray-colored Stone towers, and two Fixed Green Lights on Thacher's Island.—Notice is hereby given that the two stone lighthouse towers which have been for some time under construction on "Thachers Island," distant about three fourths of a mile from Cape Ann, (which forms the northernmost limit to Massachusetts Bay) will be completed and the lights exhibited for the first time on the evening of the 1st day of October, 1861. The illuminating apparatus of each light is a first-order catadioptric for fixed lights of the sea ar