THE CITY.

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COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.—Yesterday morning the contested election cases involving the certificates of the Sheriff and Clerk of the Orphans' Court were commenced.

In the case of Mr. Stevenson, Clerk of the Orphans' Court, the petition contesting Mr. Lawrence's certificate is ready and in the form of a printed book of 38 pages.

The petition, in the first place, raises the question of the constitutionality of the act of Assembly, allowing soldiers to vote. Specific items of error and fraud are then set out:

1. That in Company F, of the Twenty-first Regiment, D. V., Col. Baller, the election officers received 88 votes and upwards, for Clerk of Orphans' Court, which were taken and counted in the general return for Albert Lawrence, none of whom were qualified electors in or of the city and county of Philadelphia.

2. That in Company I, of the same regiment, 90 votes and upwards were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence under similar circumstances.

3. That in Company K, same regiment, 43 votes and upwards were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence under similar circumstances.

4. That in Company F, First California Regiment, the company officers received the votes of 53 persons and upwards, which were counted for Mr. Lawrence, none of whom were qualified electors in or for the city or county of Philadelphia.

5. That in Company A, Col. Owen's Regiment, 16 votes and upwards were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence under similar circumstances.

6. That in Company B, same regiment, 35 votes and upwards were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence, as before mentioned.

7. That in Company C, same regiment, 23 votes and upwards were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence, under similar circumstances.

8. That in Company E, same regiment, 84 votes and upwards were counted for Mr. Lawrence under similar circumstances.

9. That in Company F, same regiment, 92 votes and upwards were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence, under similar circumstances.

10. That in Company G, same regiment, 60 votes were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence under the same state of facts.

11. That in Company K, same regiment, 80 votes and upwards were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence, under similar circumstances.

12. That in Rank Company ——, same regiment, 21 votes were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence, under similar circumstances.

13. That in Company C, Forty-fifth Regiment, Col. Roberts, the election officers of the company received the votes of persons in said company to the number of 49 and upwards, which were taken and counted for Albert Lawrence, none of whom were qualified electors in or for the city and county of Philadelphia.

14. That in Company D, same regiment, 48 votes were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence, under similar circumstances.

15. That in Company F, same regiment, 67 votes were received and counted for Mr Lawrence, under similar circumstances.

16. That in Company I, same regiment, 16 votes were received and counted as before.

17. That in Company I, Twenty-eighth Regiment, Colonel Geary, 40 votes were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence under similar circumstances.

18. That in Company F, Thirteenth Regiment, Colonel Patrick, 40 votes were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence under similar circumstances.

19. That in Company A, Twenty-first Regiment, Colonel Baller, 40 votes were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence, the returns of which votes were not duly transmitted by mail in the manner provided by law.

20 That in Company C, same regiment, 94 votes were received and counted for Mr. Lawrence, but not transmitted in the manner required by law.

21. That in Company D, same regiment, 70 votes were received and counted, but not duly transmitted by mail.

22. That in Company B, same regiment, 75 votes were received and counted, but not duly transmitted by mail; so with Company F, same regiment, where 77 votes were received; so with Company I, same regiment, where 101 votes were received; so with Company D, same regiment, where 54 votes were received; so with Company A, Colonel Owen's Regiment, where 22 votes were received; so with Company B, same regiment, where 41 votes were received; so in Company C, same regiment, where 21 votes received; so in Company E, same regiment, where 96 votes were received; so in Company H, same regiment, where 105 votes were received; so in Company G, same regiment, where 71 votes were received in the same manner.

These objections were numerous throughout the petition.

An objection was urged before Judges Thompson and Ludlow that the petition should not be received on the ground that it had not been filed within ten days after the election.

READY FOR PATIENTS.—Yesterday we visited the five Government hospitals that have been fitted up in this city under the supervision of Dr. Neill, acting surgeon United States Army, and were surprised to find four of them nearly ready for the reception of patients—the fifth, in Christian street, below Tenth, being in active operation. A brief description of it may be of interest. The different wards contain eighty beds, about thirty of which are in use by sick soldiers who belong principally to regiments located in and near the city. A regular guard is kept here, sentinels being placed on the outside and in the yard, so as to prevent the inmates from leaving without orders, and to keep out intruders.

Neatness, quiet, and good order prevail, and the invalids receive careful attention at the hands of competent nurses and physicians.

The hospital on the Schuylkill, in the immediate vicinity of the Naval Asylum, was formerly used as a silk factory. Thanks to a coat of whitewash, and the presence of many windows in every side of the building, the rooms are as cheery as even Florence Nightingale could wish, and yet in the summer time no fear need be entertained that patients will swelter to death in the broad glare of the sunlight here. The kitchen, wash room, apothecary establishment, officers' quarters, &c., are on the first floor. In all the wards, water closets and bath-rooms have been placed. In addition to the ventilation by windows, shafts of galvanized iron have been run through the building from top to bottom, and will also act as ventilators. This building has two hundred beds, giving to each from eight hundred to one thousand cubic feet. Cold and hot water has been introduced throughout the hospital and in the third story. A large tank is filled with water, which can be used in case of fire.

The Central Hospital of the city, and the headquarters of the chief surgeon, will be that on Broad street, formerly used as the Reading Railroad Depot. It would be quite an imposing structure if it were not so time-worn and faded in appearance. It is the most extensive building of the kind that has yet been fitted up, and invalids can be conveyed to the door in cars. Its dimensions are 110 by 150, and it will have from 500 to 600 beds, giving a large space for each. Four old hatchways have been turned into ventilating shafts, and a fifth has given place to a dumb waiter, for sending food, &c., to the patients in the upper rooms. The sick wards occupy the whole extent of the building, and every bed in each room can be seen at a glance.

The "tracks" of departed years have been covered with the kitchen floor, and every particular that could enhance the comfort of the sick or wounded has been most scrupulously regarded.

The hospital at Fifth and Buttonwood will accommodate 200 patients, being two stories high, and the rooms being well "windowed"—to coin a verb. The basement will be used as a kitchen, and the supply of hot water for baths, &c., in all the rooms, will come from this portion of the building. The same system of ventilation adopted in the others by shafts, has been resorted to here.

The hospital at Twenty-second and Wood streets has already been described in full in our columns. It has recently been supplied with 250 beds. Ventilating shafts have also been introduced, and a drainage has been made with the culvert.

SINGULAR CASE OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.—A THIEF CONVICTED BY AN ENVELOPE.—The value of circumstantial evidence was never more plainly evinced than at the hearing of Jos. H. Barber, before Alderman Beitler, yesterday afternoon, upon the charge of having stolen jewelry to the value of $800. The facts of the case, as developed, are quite extraordinary, and in a work of fiction would be pronounced improbable. On the 20th of November Lieutenant Bradley, a mustering officer, was robbed at the American Hotel (Trenton, N. J.) of money and jewelry to the value of $800, his trunk being broken open and rifled. The thief left in the Lieutenant's room a bunch of keys. On the 21st ult. that officer communicated with Detective Taggart, of this city, and on the 1st instant a portion of the stolen jewelry was received at a pawn-shop in the southern part of the city. Among the articles was a breast-pin, which was wrapped up in a piece of an envelope. The paper attracted the attention of the detectives, and upon a closer examination he discovered that it bore the address of a volunteer in Colonel McLean's regiment, then encamped near Washington. Following up this clue, Superintendent Franklin, of the Detective force, wrote to the colonel, asking information of the soldier's character and whereabouts during the month of November. On the following day he received a visit from the individual inquired about, who brought with him a recommendatory letter from his colonel. Mr. Franklin showed him the envelope, and asked him whether he had any suspicion as to the perpetrator of the robbery. The soldier was silent for a while, and then frankly replied that he had a suspicion that his father-in-law, by whom he himself had been robbed some time previously. On questioning the volunteer's wife, she said that the brother-in-law had been at the house, and had shown her a quantity of jewelry, which he stated he had won at a raffle. She also identified the handwriting as her own, and said that the suspected individual had picked it from the floor to wrap up a breast-pin in on a certain occasion.

Suspicion now became a certainty, as to who was the thief, and a search was made for him. On Tuesday evening he was met in Chestnut street, near Fourth, by the returned soldier, who called upon Reserve Officer Rawlings to arrest him. After a severe struggle, in which the officer's clothes were considerably torn, he was brought to the Central Station. Yesterday his hearing came off before Alderman Beitler, when he was fully committed, to await a requisition from New Jersey. The stolen property, consisting of a number of pawn tickets, by means of which most of Lieutenant Bradley's jewelry has been recovered, and also a large amount of other stolen property identified and restored to the owner.

Reserve Officer Rawlings was on the lookout for Barber, on a charge of desertion, besides which he is charged with a robbery at Suffolk Park, at the time the Ohio regiments were quartered there. While he was before the alderman, a citizen of Trenton identified the clothing worn by the prisoner as his own, with the exception of the vest, which was claimed by another party.

ANOTHER NEW HOSPITAL.—The new woman's hospital which was chartered in March last, is nearly ready to commence operations. It embraces the two large double buildings, rented for the purpose, in North College avenue, just behind Girard College. This hospital will be entirely in charge of ladies, except that they will consult with an "advisory committee" of gentlemen. The endowment of the institution is a matter of which we are ignorant, but we are told that they expect to purchase the fine edifice which they occupy. Part of one of the buildings will be reserved for the lecture rooms of a medical college.

The resident physician, Mrs. E. H. Cleveland, has spent two years studying in London and Paris, ten months of the time in "La Maternite," at Paris. The assistant physician and pharmaceutist is Miss M. J. Scarlett.

The situation of the buildings is most admirable. Indeed, they are so high up in the fresh air that the upper stories cannot be supplied with reservoir water. The view over the Girard College enclosure, and the city generally, is very fine.

THE PHILADELPHIA AND SUNBURY RAILROAD COMPANY'S CASES.—Yesterday morning, in the Supreme Court, Justices Woodward, Thompson, Strong, and Read, the case of Gratz vs. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company, was brought up. A motion had been made for an injunction to restrain the companies defendant from entering into a contract of sale of the rolling stock of the latter company and lease of its road to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The reasons assigned in support of the motion were, that it was not within the corporate power of the companies to make such a contract, and, second, that its terms were in violation of the sinking fund provision of the Constitution.

The motion was argued some weeks ago, at Pittsburg, before the Supreme Court, then in session there, and yesterday morning the court met in this city, and Justice Strong delivered the opinion of the court, affirming the constitutionality of the Act of March, 1861, directing the satisfaction of the $7,000,000 mortgage, and deciding that the $5,000,000 mortgage is the first mortgage upon the entire railroad from Williamsport to Erie, and second only to the $4,000,000 mortgage upon that portion of the road between Sunbury and Williamsport. The motion for injunction was overruled.

ARREST OF FEMALES CHARGED WITH INDECENT CONDUCT.—For some time past numerous complaints have been made to the Mayor by merchants and others doing business in the neighborhood of the Exchange, and in Front street, from Spruce to Walnut, of a party of apple girls who frequent those localities, and behave in a very indecent manner. The Mayor informed Officers Boyd and Tait of this fact, who yesterday succeeded in taking into custody Adalina Bishop, Catharine Carr, and Kasey Shoults, aged respectively 17 years, and Agnes Baker, aged 15 years. Several witnesses appeared against the youthful prisoners, who were lost to all sense of shame, and used the most violent and debasing language in the office of Alderman Weldon, where they were taken. The witnesses testified that these girls were in the habit of frequenting offices, under the pretence of selling apples, when they would act in the most indecent manner. The prisoners were all committed to the House of Refuge. Upon the oath of one of the girls, a young man, aged about 22 years, was taken into custody, and held to answer by the alderman upon the charge of being implicated in these disgraceful proceedings. Much credit is due to the officers for these arrests, as the nuisance was becoming almost intolerable. The complainant in the case were some of our most respectable citizens.

LARGE REAL ESTATE SALE.—James A. Freeman, Auctioneer, sold the following properties yesterday at noon, at the Exchange. The sale was well attended, and the bidding spirited, every property offered being sold:

Share in the Mercantile Library, $7.75.

Five hundred shares North Branch Passenger Railroad Company (Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets), $5.

A mortgage of $3,600, secured by four ground rents of $48.00, for $100.

Building lot, Minor street, Twentieth ward, 33 by about 100 feet, for $60.

Building lot, Mount Pleasant street, Twentieth ward, 18¼ by 100 feet, for $60.

A two story brick dwelling, Ogden street, above Tenth, 16 by 78 feet—a notice being read against the title, it brought but $50.

A three-story brick dwelling, Thirteenth street, above Poplar, 36 by 80 feet, subject to a ground rent of $81, for the same reason this brought but $50.

Dwelling No. 1010 Buttonwood street, 20 by 159 feet to Pleasant street, for a similar reason this was sold for $80.

A two-story brick house and lot, No. 710 Queen street, 22 1-10 feet front by 350 feet deep to the Delaware, for $3,650.

Brick dwelling and lot No. 952 Marlboro street, 20 by 100 feet, for $725.

A two-story brick house and lot, No. 609 Richmond street, 16 feet 1 inch front by 149 feet 11 inches deep, for $2,400.

A two-story brick dwelling, No. 611 Richmond street, with side lot 22 feet 7½ inches front by 150 feet deep, subject to a ground rent of 40 shillings, for $2,650.

Two-story brick dwelling, No. 615 Richmond street, 16 feet 7½ inch front by about 156 feet deep, for $2,100.

Two-story brick dwelling, No. 617 Richmond street, 16 feet front by about 160 feet deep, for $1,550.

Two-story brick house and lot, No. 1140 Beach street, near Marlboro, 20 feet front by 90 feet 2¼ inches deep, for $1,700.

Two building lots, Beach street, adjoining, each 20 feet front by 90 feet 2¼ inches deep, for $650.

Two small dwellings, No. 214 and 236 Allen street, near Marlboro, each 15 feet front by 90 feet 2¼ inches deep, for $1,600.

Two building lots, Allen street, adjoining, each 15 feet front by 90 feet 2¼ inches deep, for $425.

Two building lots on Beach street, near Palmer street, each 19 feet front by about 140 feet deep, for $1,000.

A building lot on the corner of Palmer and West streets, 19¼ feet on Palmer and 82 feet on West street, for $650.

Three lots adjoining on Palmer street, each 17½ feet front by 82 feet deep, for $450.

A building lot on West street, adjoining the above on the rear, 16 feet front by 104 feet deep, for $500.

Two building lots, West or Belgrade street, each 16 feet front by 104 feet deep, for $450.

Frame house and lot, No. 1346 Cherry street, now Montgomery avenue, 40 feet front by 190 feet deep, for $700.

The same gentleman sold on the premises in Frankford in the afternoon:

A three-story brick dwelling, Main street, Frankford, 13 feet 11½ inches in front by 140 feet deep, for $1,950.

A similar property to the above, adjoining, for $2,000.

Two stone dwellings, Franklin street, and large lot 38 feet 2 inches front, by about 114 feet deep, for $3,000.

Building lot, Franklin street, 19 feet 8 inches front, by 87 feet 8 inches deep, being 20 feet 2 inches wide in the rear, for $450.

A building lot adjoining the above, 14 feet 8 inches front, by 87 feet 8 inches deep, 15 feet 2 inches wide in the rear, for $120.

This is the largest real estate sale of the season.

WHARF IMPROVEMENTS.—The slip at the foot of Washington street, now being built by that prosperous organization, the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad Company, will shortly be completed, and will prove a valuable improvement.

This slip, we learn, is intended for the steamboat *Nelson*, belonging to the Camden & Amboy Railroad Company, which will convey the freight cars to this point, where they will be run ashore, and alongside of the freight cars upon the track of the Baltimore Railroad.

The Camden & Amboy Company are now making arrangements for the purpose of arranging their freight cars so that they may pass through direct to Washington.

The experiments are made with a view to ascertaining whether it would be better to widen the tread of the wheel, so as to accommodate itself to the difference of gauge, or to have the wheels self-adjustable upon the axles.

We also learn that mud machines are at work at Camden, deepening the slips, to better accommodate the freight boats. The stock of freight and passenger cars has and is still being increased to a very considerable extent. This increase is rendered necessary to accommodate the winter business.

A CUBAN ENTERPRISE.—A steam city passenger car was shipped, day before yesterday, on board the schooner *New Jersey*, for Havana, Cuba. It has been sent out as an experiment, and, if successful, it will secure a large contract for furnishing Havana. Several have been previously sent to Vera Cruz, and other Mexican cities. The car is of a very beautiful model, both as regards skill and workmanship. The grades of the different street railways of Havana being very heavy, it has been found impossible to use animal power, and steam will be applied as a means of overcoming the difficulty. The extreme length of the car is twenty-two feet, and the engine is of sixteen-horse power. The speed is the same as that allowed by the ordinance relating to city passenger cars, which is about ten miles an hour. The machinery occupies a space equal to about two-thirds of the front platform. The water-tanks are placed along one side, under the seat, while, in the same locality, on the opposite side, is an opening for bundles, &c. This is an excellent plan to prevent the passengers from being incommoded by bundles, an evil to which we are subjected to a great extent on many of our city railways. The car is large enough to seat twenty-five persons comfortably. Several of our own city roads have these cars in operation. They are now employed on the upper branch of the Fifth and Sixth streets railroad, and the Plank Road Company, leading to Germantown, are negotiating for them.

ARREST OF PRAIRIE HENS.—A gang of rowdies known as "Prairie Hens" infest the neighborhood of Broad and Coates streets, and were formerly quite notorious for the commission of outrages. Latterly they have been pretty quiet. On Tuesday, however, Officer Roberts, of the Fourteenth ward, attempted to arrest Eugene McCarty and John Prizer, two of the "hens," on suspicion of having been concerned in a robbery. The officer was resisted and called to his assistance Mr. William H. Conrad, captain of the night watchmen of the Custom House. Mr. Conrad was very roughly handled by the two rascals, and was badly cut about the face, as is supposed, with a chisel. The men were secured, however, and locked up. Yesterday morning, they had a hearing before Alderman Plankinton, and were committed to answer at court. McCarty was convicted of riot at Strawberry Mansion about two years since, and sentenced to fifteen months' confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary. His term only expired a few weeks since. Prizer has been serving a term in the House of Refuge for burglary in the Twentieth ward.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

THE MONEY MARKET.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11, 1861.

Steadiness in prices, with very limited sales, characterized the stock market to-day. Pennsylvania Railroad shares were ¼ lower, selling at 37¼. Reading Railroad shares sold at 17 and 17.06; Camden and Amboy Railroad shares at 119; Harrisburg Railroad at 52; Morris Canal stock at 36.

There is no alteration in the features of the money market.

The stockholders of the Barclay Railroad and Coal Company will have a meeting to-morrow, Thursday, Dec. 12, at 11 o'clock, at the office, northwest corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, to receive from the directors a report of the causes which have led to the assignment in trust of the company's property, and of taking such action as the interest of the stockholders may require in the present situation of the company's affairs.

The Chicago *Tribune* says: "The good people of Montreal, having just got in operation their first street railroad, have fallen straightway at loggerheads, and broken out into columns of communications in the daily papers, because the cars will run on Sunday. If the experience of Chicago is worth anything to our Canadian neighbors, they may learn from us that they are suffering under one of the diseases of infancy, incident to all street railroads. It will soon pass off with mild treatment. One thing is settled here, as in other cities, that a population who must and will get about on Sundays, are not to be made better by cutting off their means of communication. Our church-going have come to reckon horse-cars among their Sabbath blessings."

The New York *Post*, of this evening, says:

The Stock market is flat to-day. The speculative list evinces no spirit whatever, and prices suffer from sheer inactivity, though there is evidently some realizing on the part of those holders who are disappointed in the instability of the improvement of Monday. At the close a heavy feeling prevails, and quotations fure ⅛@⅜ cent. lower than the sales of the printed list.

New York Central was among the weakest of the list. The opening sales were at 78⅞—a decline of ⅛@⅜ cent., from which there is no recovery at the close. The annual meeting is held at Albany to-day, and there are indications that the annual report will not be as favorable as has been looked for. The operations of certain brokers supposed to be intimately connected with Albany and the Central management give rise to suspicions of this kind. The stock leaves off at 78⅝@78¾.

Pacific Mail closes at 87½@87¾. Of Panama a small lot sold at 114¼, but straight lots are offered at 114¾, with 114 bid.

In Governments there is little or nothing doing. The registered issues of 1881 sold at 90; the coupon fives of 1874 at 83.

The State stocks are dull. Tennessees are weak, and 1 per cent. lower. The offering at the Merchants' Exchange sale very sensibly affected the price of this security. Missouris close at 40¾@40½. North Carolinas sold at 59.

New York State stocks are scarce and in demand at full prices. We refer to our quotations above, which are ex. interest.

The money market is dull and easy. Rates are unchanged; 5@6 ⅌ cent. on call and on prime paper. The Secretary of the Treasury's report is still the chief topic of the street, and pending the important news from Europe, produces a feeling of uneasiness and perplexity.

Five millions of the new registered United States bonds will go forward to Washington by this evening's mail. The National Bank-Note Company have gotten up these bonds in very good taste, and with remarkable dispatch.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange Sales,

December 11, 1861.

REPORTED BY S. E. SLAYMAKER, Philadelphia Exchange.

FIRST BOARD.

31 Harrisburg R	52	1 Penna R	cash 37½
2 Kensington Bank	55	6 do	37¾
3 do	s5wn 55	2 do	37¾
3 do	s5wn 55	3 Spruce & Pine R	8¼
50 Reading R	17	5 Morris Canal	36
50 do	17	14 Cambn & Amb R	119

BETWEEN BOARDS.

50 Reading R	17	50 Reading R	17

SECOND BOARD.

50 Reading R	17	3 Penna R	37¾
1000 Penna B 2d m s5	81¼	1000 N Penna R 8s 1.5	50½
4000 do 2d m s5	84¾	1000 Penna coup 6s s5	96

AFTER BOARDS.

1000 Penna coupon 6s ..... 2 days 96

CLOSING PRICES—STEADY.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
U S 6s, '81	90	93	Elmira R	4¾	4¾
Phila 6s	83	84	Elmira R Pref.	9¾	9¾
Phila 6s R	83	84	Elmira 7s '73	63	66
Phila 6s new	89	89½	Long Island R.	9¾	10¼
Penna 5s	78¾	79	Leh Cl & Nav	48¼	48¾
Reading R	17 17 1-16		Leh Cl & N Scrp	33¾	34
Reading Bds '70	81¼	84	N Penna R	5	6¾
R'dg M 6s '80-'43	92½	..	N Penna R 6s	56	56¾
Read M 6s '88	72¾	73½	N Penna 10s	72	78
Penna R	37¾	37¾	Catawissa Pref.	4	4¾
Penna R 2d m 6s	84½	85	Frkfd & South R	37	39
Morris Cl Con	35½	36½	2d & 3d sts R 3.	46½	47
Morris Cl Pref	109	..	Race & Vine-sts R	..	4
Sch Nav 6s '82	62¾	63¼	W Phila R	50¼	..
Sch Nav Imp 6s	..	74	Spruce & Pine	8	8¼
Sch Nav Stock	2	5	Green & Coates	16¼	16½
Sch Nav Pref	11	11¼	Chest & Walnut	30	..

Philadelphia Markets.

DECEMBER 11—Evening.

The Flour market is dull to-day, but without any change in price or demand, the inquiry both for export and home use being limited, and holders not disposed to make concessions; 1,000 bbls Northwestern extra sold at $5.62½; 200 bbls good extra family at $6 per bbl, and about 1,000 half bbls city mills extra and extra family on private terms; sales to the trade range at $5.37½@5.50 for super, $5.62½ up to $6 for extra and extra family, and from $6.25 to $6.75 for fancy brands, according to quality. Rye Flour is scarce and selling in a small way at $4@4.25, the latter for extra quality. Corn Meal is but little inquired after; we quote Pennsylvania at $2.87½ and Brandywine at $3.15 per bbl and dull.

WHEAT.—There is not much offering to-day, and prices are rather better; about 3,000 bush. Penna. red prime sold at 138c, in store; 400 bush. Southern do. brought 140c, and a few lots of white 142@150c. Rye is steady at 76c for Pennsylvania. Corn comes in slowly, and prices are rather better; about 3,000 bush. sold at 64@65c for old yellow, in store and afloat; 58@60c for old and new mixed, and 54@56c for new as to dryness. Oats are firm with further sales of 7,500 bush. prime Penna. at 41c, and 1,000 bush. Delaware at 40c.

BARK is wanted, and 1st No. 1 Quercitron, if here, would readily brint $28.50 ⅌ ton.

COTTON.—There is very little doing, the firmness of holders limiting operations.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.—The markets for both are quiet, and prices of the former tend upward.

SEEDS.—There is no change in the market, and further sales of Cloverseed are reported at $4.50@4.75 ⅌ bus.

WHISKY continues dull, with sales of bbls at 20@21c, and drudge at 19½@20c ⅌ gallon.

CITY ITEMS.

LECTURE BY DR. STORRS.—The sixth lecture of the People's Literary Institute course will be delivered at Concert Hall this evening, by the Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., his subject to be, "A Just War; its Relation to the Higher Development of a Nation." From the great ability, superior culture, and antecedents of the lecturer in question of State, we anticipate in this lecture one of the best of the season. He will doubtless have a full house.

GREAT BARGAINS IN LADIES' FURS.—Messrs. Charles Oakford & Sons, at their elegant establishment, under the Continental Hotel, are now offering their magnificent stock of Ladies' Fancy Furs, in anticipation of the close of the season, at *lower prices than the same qualities of goods have ever heretofore been sold for.* This opportunity for procuring a most welcome and useful Christmas present, *a bargain*, is being largely embraced, as we infer from the crowds of well-dressed happy-faced customers which now daily throng their splendid salesrooms.

Their fall and Winter Hats and Caps are also attracting much attention.

SMOKED SALMON AND MESS MACKEREL of the finest quality have just been received by Mr. C. H. Mattson, dealer in Fine Groceries, Arch and Tenth streets. Mr. Mattson delivers goods bought at his store to all parts of the city, or packs them neatly and sends them to any of the depots free of charge.

WINTER CLOTHING! WINTER CLOTHING!

Winter Clothing. Winter Clothing.

Best in the city. Best in the city.

At Chas. Stokes', At Chas. Stokes',
At Chas. Stokes', At Chas. Stokes',
Under the Continental. Under the Continental.
First-class Clothing, First-class Clothing,
First-class Clothing, First-class Clothing,
At Chas. Stokes' "One price." At Chas. Stokes' "One price."

"ON TO PHILADELPHIA!"—This is said to be the cry of the soldiers of rebellion. Jeff Davis doubtless thinks it would be a good thing to turn Independence Hall into a horse stable, and to establish his headquarters at the Continental; while Beauregard thinks it would be a mighty desirable exploit to quarter a hungry army in our comfortable houses, and refit his ragged troops at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, above Sixth. All these things will come to pass, perhaps, when traitors get possession of Philadelphia, but not till then.

HISTORICAL FACTS.—The art of concealing defects in the "human face and form divine" was known to the ancients. Artificial eyes, of excellent make, have been found in a mound near Arica, in Peru, which most likely belong to the time of the Incas. At the present day, the art of concealing physical defects is universal, and we know of no better plan for beautifying the human form than by using the handsome and fashionable garments manufactured at the Palatial Clothing Emporium of Granville Stokes, 609 Chestnut street. The fine and cheap winter garments made to order at this establishment cannot be surpassed.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS

UP TO 12 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

CONTINENTAL HOTEL—Ninth and Chestnut sts.

W F Larrabee, Baltimore; W Griswold, Hartford; W P Stanton, Pittsburg; H W Adams, Chicago; S H Wentworth, Boston; A K F Joy, Boston; Geo Fuegnot, New York; M K Morhead, Pittsburg; R M Appleton, N H; A R Potts, Wash, D C; J C New & la, Indianapolis; A D Sellock, New York; Dr M C Lewis, U S A; Geo F Thomas, Jr, N Y; Jas K Armstrong, N Y; A S Webster, Boston; Mrs M H Bull, Boston; S M Smith, Oregon; Chas L Tilden, Boston; Jos Tilden, Boston; Mrs M C Titus, New York; Miss R Titus, New York; Mrs L Hanks, New York; C W Kellogg, New York; Pt C Kellogg, New York; Dr W S King, s'f; Mrs S G Baker, Bait; Maj G A Benson, Maine; Dr M H Gibbs, N Y; H W Dutton, Boston; Spencer W Richardson, Boston; T Albert Taylor, Boston; H Webster, California; S M Smith, Oregon; L W Coe, Oregon; Dr J W Buel, Baltimore; W A Allen & la, Delaware; Miss Phoebe Gray, Del; Mr Ulhhorn & la, New York; Miss Uhlhorn, New York; Com Stribling, U S N; C L Thompson, Missouri; J M Eastes & la, C S A; Miss Anderson, Penna; Mrs Cwothers, New York; R H Anthon & la, N York; E B Haskell, Massachusetts; Dr N E Sheldon, N York; B Farnam & la, Chicago; Mrs Cowles, Farmington; Mrs Saxton, Cleveland; F J Bunnell & la, Chicago; Mrs K P Fisk & son, Boston; P F Geisse, Wellsville, O; A Ward, New York; Chas Benedict, Waterbury; Thos Polhemus, New York; Thos Polhemus, Jr, N Y; J B Montgomery, Williamsport; Jas H Trexler, Reading; L Sturtevant, New York; R B Leverick, Brooklyn.

NERCHANTS' HOTEL—Fourth street, below Arch.

W Milhous, Virginia; J S Young, New Jersey; J H Dusenbury, Great Bend; Mrs A L Griffin, Pa; John M Wilson, Lewisburg; J Caldwell, Arch Spring; P D Caldwell, Penna; Oliver Tausey, Indianapolis; Thos D Gotwalt, Penna; T A McClelland, Pittsburg; H T White, Pennsylvania; F W Hazlewood, Cincinnati; H C Peck, U S A; Geo B Titus, Easton; T H Forrer, Berrefield; T Wilson, Clearfield; J C McKee, Chambersburg; W A Porter, Waynesburg; Dr E Wallace, Reading; J B Markley & da, Lanc co; M Barry, Lancaster co; John Terhune, New York; A H Greenfield, Baltimore; J F Smith; Thos M Gibson, Indiana; Chas D Curtiss, New York; S T Bower, Strasburg; J B Pobyns, Illinois; B K Jamison.

AMERICAN HOTEL—Chestnut st., above Fifth.

O H Morrison, Wash, D C; S H Newhouse, Philada; Lieut J A Holahan, U S A; Capt D F Dillon; T B Cook, Jersey Shore; Mr Baker & la, New York; J W Thompson, Illinois; H Gibson, Newtown, Pa; J E Mason, Manchestr, NH; G L Weis, Downingtown; O E Ferris, New Castle; J K Jones; Jame Gillfillan; Mrs P Roberts, W Chester; C W Roberts, West Chester; Mrs Gettings, Wash, D C; D Kelly, Philada; Mitchell Green; T H Pearce, Boston; Jas Reardon, New York; Com Semans, Maryland; J Rogers, Newark; J Carpenter, New York; P F Stone, Providence, RI; J Foster, New York; E K Pendleton, New York.

ST. LOUIS HOTEL—Chestnut street, above Third.

Miss C Keerl, Pennsylvania; T W Boody, New York; D W Moore, New Jersey; P A Reymer, New York; S C Pike, Maine; Chas H Carpenter, N H; Joshua Carpenter, N H; Geo T Mason & son, N J; John H Rheem, Carlisle; W M Sanborne, New York; W H Bidwell, New York; J Higler, New York; John P Fagan, New York; E Elder, Perry co, Pa; A T Hyde; E Akers, Baltimore.

THE UNION—Arch street, above Third.

Wm Semple, Allegheny; H F Harman, Muncy, Pa; Wm B Stauffer, Pittsburg; M A Coots, Buffalo; Col B Bartlett, Tamaqua; E D Smith, Reading; E L Mansfield, St Louis; Sanford Shroder, Penna; D F Davis, Maryland; Chas Molly, Pinegrove; E D Ashton, Clinton co; J Kitzmiller, Pinegrove; D B Miller, Pinegrove; Lieut W H Campion, N J; John Keating, Clarion co; H Swavely, Reading; J H Snyder, Stoyestown; J T Holcombs, Lambertsv; H W Harper, Penna.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL—Sixth street, above Chestnut.

J A Cloud, West Chester; J R Burnite, Delaware; T Drennon New York; J H Crawford, Maryland; J Q Roades, Chester co; W Davis, Bell Dale, Pa; J C Worth, Oxford, Pa; Mon Worth, Oxford, Pa; Miss Davis, Bell Dale, Pa; Miss Underwood, Oxford, Pa; J H Hammond, Penna; R B Hill, White Deer, Pa; C J Arthur, Montgomery co; S Pennock, Kennett Square; D S Wingard, Pittstown; E M Chilmann, Maryland; M Gallagher, Maryland; E H Seal, Chester co; J R Ramsey, Oxford; D Stubbs, Oxford; J R Van Vleet, Washington; A Sharpless, Delaware; E Dixon, Harrisburg; G Ball, Delaware; E Lynch, Kennett Square; C Rowand & la, Blue Bell; E Towson, Oxford; R Johnson, Oxford; E Stubbs, Peach Bottom, Pa; J T Booth, Chester co.

NATIONAL HOTEL—Race street, above Third.

M Uhler, Penna; J L Fisher, Reading; Jno Taggart, Columbia; Col W N R Hangen, Penna; Capt Seymour, Penna; Jno W Royer, Pottstown; Chas Heist & son, Allentn; T & H Murphy, York co, Pa; H M Murphy, York co, Pa; Jos Kirch, Lancaster; J M Shinn, New Jersey; J S Brobst & la, Catawissa; T M Uhler, New Jersey; G Myer & la, Penna; D Yocum & la, Penna; Miss F Thompson, Penna.

MADISON HOUSE—Second street, above Market.

Capt V Keller, Pittsburg; T F Johnson, Maryland; W H H Davis, Bolton, N Y; Mitchell Correy, Md; J S Truitt, Milford, Del; B B Blackwell, Lambtville; J S Barnard, Delaware; Hiram S Short, Delaware; W Parkhurst, Delaware; Mrs A Gilbert, Penn'a; Mrs Lewis, Taylorsville, Pa; Mrs Kirk, Taylorsville, Pa; W G Caulk, Delaware; C R Swallow, Lumberyle, Pa; A B Lair, Rising Sun, Md.

BLACK BEAR—Third street, above Callowhill.

J Shellenberger, Fleetwood; Amos Bowers, Bucks co; W H Hagenbuch, Allentown; J G Hill Trexlertown; John Hiestand, Easton; Capt E Erdman, Centre Vy; M A Sellers, Penna; Jacob Beck, Bloomsburg; Jacob Moyer, Stonersville; Jacob Reich, Birdsboro; D H Bechtel, Penna; Chas Smith, Ridge Valley; Jos B Conrad, Barnville.

STATES UNION—Market street, above Sixth.

J G Hess, Lancaster, Pa; W Hall, Mass; J E Rogers, New York; Mrs Johnson, Wash, D C; Jas Woods, Lancas co, Pa; S Grimes, Baltimore; W A Williams, New York; Joel Miller, Lancaster co; J Bowers, Lancaster; Jesse G Hicks, Penna; H H Goodell, West Chester; Jacob Spanogle, Penna; B Franklin, Easton.

BARLEY SHEAF—Second street, below Vine.

E Shotwell, Rahway, N J; J Hooper, Williamsport; W M Cooper, Williamsport; Dr Yerkes, wf & chd, Pa; S N Thompson, Iowa; J W Mathews, Pittston; J W Boyle, Hammonton; Jno M Smith, Lambertville; J J Dunn, Watsontown; John Palmer, Penna; T Evans, Boston; B Miller, Commerchant; A Kelsey, Carbon co; R L Bodine, 26th Reg P V; J W Crossdale, Newtown; R Myers, Penna; Miller Cline, Flemington; S H Potts, Yardleyville; W Holenback, Penna; John Englbert, Hurtsville.

BALD EAGLE—Third street, above Callowhill.

H McDowell, Penna; John M Coffin, Penna; G B Deppen, Lebanon co, Pa; W H Romig, Orefield; Levi Simon, Allentown; Chas Ritter, Lehigh co, Pa; Jno Meyer, Lehigh co, Pa; J N Weiss, Camp Meigs; Alf C Roth, Camp Meigs; W H Hildebrand, Easton.

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