THE CITY.

MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE TURF.—A meeting of the friends of the turf and the lovers of fine racing was held at the Continental Hotel, on Monday evening, for the purpose of forming an organization to carry out the programme for the coming contests in June.

Mr. John L. Cassady, well known among the frequenters of the turf, stated that he had secured the Suffolk Park, where he intended to give a series of races commencing on the 17th of June next. He had promises of horses from ten different stables in Kentucky, which would be a larger representation in Philadelphia from that State than at any time heretofore. He suggested that a meeting should be called of all those who take an interest in racing, and desire to see it revived. Out of this meeting, let there be chosen a committee of not less than seven, and as many more as may be deemed advantageous, of the most respectable and influential citizens, who shall zealously canvass for subscriptions, and in order that the amount of subscriptions may be so trivial as to induce all who feel in the least degree interested to subscribe; he suggested that the amount of individual subscription be assessed at the sum of ten dollars; but those who can afford it, and are really desirous of seeing racing revived, should contribute as much more as they are willing to. Hotels, railroad companies, ferries, and other classes and branches of the business community, that derive benefit from the influx and liberality of the non-resident population, always attracted and augmenting in the city during the race week, might reasonably be required to contribute to an enterprise that is sure to prove profitable to them. The subscriptions not to be paid in till the week before the races, each subscriber to have the privilege of the track and stands. Ladies to be admitted free.

Mr. Cassady thought that if he could get the co-operation and assistance he had proposed, there would be no difficulty in procuring the horses. Turfmen will not send their horses from Kentucky North, unless good purses are offered for them to contend for. How are these purses to be found? Only by subscription; for it must be borne in mind that three hundred thousand men of the North are now bearing arms. Of this number, it is fair to infer that one hundred thousand contributed to the support of the turf, when they had an opportunity; that is, that a great majority of them frequented the race course, which was no inconsiderable item towards paying the purses. That portion of the revenue of a race course is now shut off.

The meeting last evening was largely attended by the lovers of horse racing, all of whom took a great interest in the meeting and seemed to enter into the proposition of Mr. Cassady with spirit. Subscription lists were opened and large amounts subscribed for.

The first programme, to come off at Suffolk Park, will be as follows:

Stake for three-year-olds, mile heats; $200 subscription, $50 forfeit; six or more entries to fill the stake; second best to receive back his stake; track to add $250, if two or more start.

SAME DAY.—Purse $250, two miles out; free for all ages. Horses that have won in Kentucky, at the spring meeting, to be excluded from starting for this purse.

SECOND DAY.—Stake for two-year-olds, one mile out; $100 subscription, $25 forfeit; five or more to fill the stake, second best to save his stake; track to add $100, if two or more start.

SAME DAY.—Purse $500, two-mile heats; free for all ages; entrance money on all purses five per cent., to go to second best.

THIRD DAY.—*First Race*—Purse $200, one mile out, for three-year olds; winner of three-year-old stake on first day to be excluded from starting.

Second Race—Purse $600, mile heats, best three in five; free to all ages.

FOURTH DAY.—Purse $1,000, three-mile heats; free for all ages.

Another meeting will soon be called to complete arrangements. The Suffolk Park will be fitted up so as to render it one of the finest of its kind in the United States.

BUILDING OPERATIONS—A BRISK SEASON.—From present indications the building season promises to be an unusually brisk one. Already an unusually large number of permits have been granted by the inspectors. Mechanics each day are growing more and more in demand, and owing to the large numbers in the army, it is thought that when the season fairly opens, there will be a great scarcity of workmen. This will have a tendency to cause an increase of wages. Although there are numerous workmen still out of employment, yet the number is comparatively small, all things considered, and is growing less each day. We understand that some attention will be paid by builders, this year, to the erection of small dwelling houses, suitable for families, which at present are much wanted, and command fair rents. Large dwellings are a drug in the market, although the rents of some have been reduced nearly one-half.

The improvements commenced on Broad street and on Ellsworth street, last season, consist of about thirty-five houses. The continuation of those improvements has just been started on the west side of Broad street, commencing at Wharton street. The cellars of eleven are dug, of a row of large houses, the first story of which will be brown stone; they will correspond in style with those on the east side of Broad street. The row on the west side will be continued out Reed street to Fifteenth, and along both sides of Fifteenth to Wharton, and along the last named street to Broad. In all, over fifty houses will be erected before the season closes. The final arrangements for the extensive improvements on Broad street, south of Passyunk road, we are informed, will be completed shortly.

On Ellsworth street, between Seventeenth, two rows of neat two-story houses, and some in process, are noticed, in all about forty-two in number, beside our groups of new houses just finished and going up in all parts of this vicinity. On Ellsworth, above Seventh, a row of twenty three-story houses will be built this summer, the cellars now being dug.

At Twelfth and Mifflin streets improvements are going on in the shape of a row of ten three-story brick houses; they are to have marble facings, and will correspond in other respects, making them neat and ornamental. On Pierce street, two rows of neat two-story brick, thirty in number, are now being erected. On Reed street, below Broad, are several squares south of the prison, and near the old St. Mary's burying ground; the latter spot was formerly considered beyond the reach of improvement, but it will not be many years before it will be surrounded with dwellings. The last vestige of the western end of the project once known as the "Southwark canal" is to be seen at Twelfth street, though the portions having long since been filled up, but the line of Canal street has been traced, which is about the only monument the project will be recalled to memory by.

On Tasker, in Seventh street along to Buckler and there to Morris street, twenty-two houses are going up.

The entire square, commencing at Fifth and Dickerson, south to Tasker and along the latter to Sixth, will be built upon this spring, the houses fronting on Sixth will be first class, and will make up a grand total of ninety houses in this one neighborhood. There is considerable building going on in other parts of the district which will change the appearance of things wonderfully during the next twelve months.

The same spirit of improvement is also progressing in the upper part of the city. Numerous fine and handsome buildings are about being erected which will indeed be an ornament to the neighborhood where they may be located.

ANNUAL SESSION.—The Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania I. O. of O. F. held their annual session on Monday afternoon, at the Hall, North Sixth street, M. W. Grand Patriarch Wm. F. Backliff presiding, with a fair representation of members throughout the State. Various reports were submitted, read and referred, and the election returns for officers opened, and the following declared elected: M. W. G. Patriarch, John Allen, of No. 61; M. W. G. Priest, Edmund Brewer, of No. 26; R. W. G. S. Warden, Joseph Rowbotham, of No. 9; R. W. G. J. Warden, John B. Springer, of No. 98; R. W. G. Scribe, William Oneto, of No. 12; R. W. G. Treasurer, Hosier Shoemaker, of No. 62; R. W. G. Rep. G. L. U. S., William Hopkins, of No. 64; W. I. Sentinel, William P. Taylor, of No. 5; W. O. Sentinel, George C. Hoster, of No. 47; who will be installed at the next regular session, to be held to-morrow afternoon, at 6 o'clock.

From the report of the Grand Scribe the following statistics are copied: Number of encampments, 86; members initiated, 101; persons rejected 1; admitted by card, 9; withdrawn by card, 36; rehabilitated, 29; suspensions, 267; expulsions, 4; deaths, 39; past chief patriarchs, 1,213; contributing patriarchs, 4,643; number of patriarchs relieved, 642; number of widowed families relieved, 38; number of patriarchs buried, 33. Amount paid for relief of patriarchs, $9,550.30; do. widowed families, $543.50; do. for burying the dead, $1,809; total amount paid for relief, $11,888.80; do. collected during the year, $20,156.92.

THE KENSINGTON WATER WORKS.—Yesterday afternoon, the Committee on Water of Councils held a meeting for the purpose of taking action on many suggestions from the Chief Engineer of the Water Department in reference to supplying Schuylkill water to the district watered by the Kensington or Delaware works, and on furnishing a better supply to the higher section of the Fifteenth and Twentieth wards, and equalizing the supply to the city east of the Schuylkill river.

It has been ascertained that the soft mud in the Kensington reservoirs is deposited at the rate of nearly one inch per month. It is said to be impossible to contrive any plan by which pure water can be obtained from the Delaware with the present facilities of the works. The scanty and impure supply of water in the northern districts has long been the cause of much complaint. The citizens of Kensington have been suffering for a long time in convenience of the impure and unwholesome character of the water with which they have been supplied. Some of the inhabitants of the district have asserted their belief that, unless they were supplied with purer water, there would not, in a short time, be enough of them left to bury the dead. The citizens of Kensington are in earnest about the matter, and have appointed a committee of nine citizens to urge upon the proper authorities to remedy this great evil. We understand that an ordinance to this effect will be immediately brought before Councils.

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA PRISONERS.—Yesterday morning the returned prisoners belonging to the California Regiment held a meeting, at Fifth and Prune streets, upon the call of Captain Garrick Mallory, issued upon receipt of the following order from Brigadier General Montgomery:

"Captain Garrick Mallory, Seventy first Pennsylvania Volunteers, will collect all the exchanged prisoners, soldiers of said regiment, he can find in Philadelphia, and conduct the same and report them to their respective companies of the regiment aforesaid, now in the field under the immediate orders of Major General McClellan. The assistant quartermaster, Captain A. Boyd, will furnish the requisite transportation upon the requisition of Captain Mallory.

"W. R. MONTGOMERY,
"Brig. Gen. Com'g in Philadelphia."

It will be remembered that these prisoners were formed into three skeleton companies, two of exchanged men and one of those who were released upon parole. The orders of the War Department have been revoked and the prisoners are directed to return to their companies in their own regiment. The official list of the prisoners was handed to Captain Mallory yesterday morning, and those who have been regularly exchanged will be immediately taken back to the seat of war, while those on parole will remain in the city until exchanged.

THE LAST OF THE TRAGEDY.—Yesterday morning, at 3 o'clock the wife of Peter Cherdron, who was shot by her own husband, died from the effects of her wound. Coroner Conrad held an inquest about half past ten o'clock. The evidence elicited was the same as that in the case of Mr. Cherdron. The jury rendered a verdict that Mary Cherdron came to her death from a wound in the abdomen, caused by a ball from a pistol in the hands of her husband, Peter Cherdron, on the morning of the 10th inst.

The funeral of Cherdron took place yesterday afternoon, from his residence, No 1420 Prospect street. Mrs. Cherdron will be buried to-morrow afternoon.

Yesterday all sorts of queer rumors were current as to the cause of Cherdron shooting his wife and then taking his own life. Jealousy, however, appears to have been the cause of the sad affair. One person said that he had made some three hundred dollars and been cheated out of it; he sent two or three hundred dollars home to his wife, which he lost in the National Saving Fund, which failed, and he has been more or less crazy ever since, and then became jealous of his wife.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE, STOCKS &c.—Thomas & Sons' sold at the Exchange, yesterday, at twelve o'clock noon, the following real estate and stocks:

8 shares Mount Carbon Railroad Company, $10—$80.
2 " American Academy of Music, $25—$50.
1 " Philadelphia Steamship Company, $100.
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100 " Bread Top Improvement Company—$125.
1 " Academy Fine Arts—$14.

Brick dwelling and lot of ground southwest corner of Montgomery avenue and Belgrade street, lot 17 by 90 feet—$1,600.

Building lot, Belgrade street, adjoining the above, 17 feet front—$340

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Building lot, Belgrade street, adjoining the above, 17 feet front—$375.

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Building lot, Belgrade street, adjoining the above, 17 feet front—$375.

Building lot, Montgomery avenue, near Belgrade street, 18 feet front—$295.

Building lot, Montgomery avenue, near Belgrade street 18 feet front—$295.

Building lot, Montgomery avenue, adjoining the above—$295

Building lot, Montgomery avenue, near Belgrade street, —$240.

Building lot adjoining—$155.

Frame dwelling, Bristol turnpike, Holmsburg, lot 66 feet front—$450.

Brick dwelling, Forbith street, north of Filbert street, subject to a yearly ground rent of $120—$2,450.

☞ THE NEW POST OFFICE.—Workmen will commence to-day to tear out the old Government Buildings at Fifth and Chestnut streets, preparatory to fitting them up for a new post office.

I. O. O. F.—The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was commenced yesterday morning at the hall in north Sixth street.

MORE SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.—The steamer John Brooks, which arrived at this port on Monday afternoon, with sick and wounded soldiers, as stated in *The Press*, had among the number nineteen Pennsylvanians; the rest are mostly from New York and New Jersey. A large proportion of those from New Jersey belong to Newark and Jersey City. James F. Packard, of Battery C, First Pennsylvania Artillery, died of consumption, at the Delaware Breakwater, at 6 o'clock on Sunday evening, during the passage. His remains were sent to the hospital here.

The following is a list of the Pennsylvanians on board:

S. W. Cochrane, Co. D, 101st Penna.
Elisha P. Dunn, 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry.
David Wolley, Co. B, 103 Pennsylvania.
Newton Stoghton, Co K. 103d Pennsylvania.
Harrison Pugh, Co. E, 103d Pennsylvania.
Wm. L. Burch, Co. C, 103 Pennsylvania.
Peter Fryett, Co F, 98th Pennsylvania.
Wm. H. Barron, Co. D, 85th Pennsylvania.
Wm. A. Holinger, Co. F, 101st Pennsylvania.
Wm. Muckleman, Co. D, 104th Pennsylvania.
Daniel Gilbert, Co. H, 103d Pennsylvania.
David Greenalt, Co. K, 101st Pennsylvania.
Henry Lutzer, Co. H, 53th Pennsylvania.
Patrick Murphy, Co. K, 521 Pennsylvania.
Wm. Whitman, Co C, 93d Pennsylvania.
Wm. Harrison, Co. C, 72d Pennsylvania.
Michael Fry, Co C, 101st Pennsylvania.
David Griffiths, Co. I, 52d Pennsylvania.
James F. Packard, 1st Pennsylvania Artillery, died during the passage.

The sick and wounded are all at the hospital, Broad and Cherry streets.

THE CHESTNUT-STREET ARSENAL.—The accommodations at the arsenal at Twenty-second and Chestnut streets, for the reception and giving out of work, are of the worst kind. Hundreds of sewing women receive material from this place to be made up. On the days on which the work is given out the women assemble in the street and there are compelled to wait, sometimes for hours, until the doors are thrown open for their admittance. Only a few persons are admitted at a time when the doors are again closed, and after those are waited on a second lot are taken in. In this manner the poor working-women are kept waiting for a half day before they can receive or return work. The rush to the doors for admittance is very great, and several persons have received injuries in this manner. Yesterday, a woman whose name we could not ascertain was very seriously injured, by being jammed in the mob. This evil, which has long been complained of, should at once receive attention. If there is not sufficient room in the arsenal for the accommodation of all who obtain work, larger quarters should at once be secured. The time of the working-women is valuable, and they should not be kept waiting hours for the small quantity of work generally given each one. Great complaint has also been made of some of the minor officials about this establishment; who, it is said, are not very courteous in their treatment towards the females who go there for employment, and when the latter remonstrate, they are only subjected to still rougher treatment.

ACTION ON A PROMISSORY NOTE.—In the District Court yesterday a suit was brought by Stephen Conlter, trustee, vs. Thomas M. Hammott, on a promissory note. The defence alleged payment. It was alleged that the note was discounted by the Spring Garden Saving Fund Association, and Mr. Hammott made various deposits in the Association with a view to meet the note at maturity. Shortly before the note matured, the Saving Fund Association failed; but, at that time, Mr. Hammott had $270 on deposit to meet the note, which was for $500. He visited the office when the note became due, and proposed to pay the differ nce between the amount of the deposit and the amount of the note. This was refused, but it was proposed that Mr. Hammott should give a check for the amount of the discount and interest, and the note would be renewed. This Mr. Hammott refused. The note was protested by the Commonwealth Bank.

As there was no proof that at the time of maturing, the note was in possession of the Association, the Judge directed the jury to find a verdict for plaintiff. Verdict for plaintiff for $300. F. C. Brewster appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Paul for the defendant.

THE DISTRICT COURT.—In this court yesterday, before Judge Sharswood, an action was brought by French, Richardson, & Co. vs. James Harper, on a book account, for glass furnished in the fitting up of a drug store, at the corner of Eighteenth and Spruce streets. The defendant was the owner of the premises, and in the beginning of 1860, rented the store to a Mr. Thomas Lancaster, and stipulated in the lease that the store should be altered into a drug store, under the supervision of Mr. Lancaster, the expense of which alteration was to be paid for by the addition to the rent of six per cent. interest on the amount of the cost of the repairs.

The glass necessary for this purpose was purchased of the plaintiffs by Mr. Lancaster, and ordered to be charged to the defendant, which was done. Mr. Lancaster was called as a witness for the plaintiffs, but failing to make his testimony in the case fully agreed to suffer a nonsuit, which was accordingly entered. Gest for plaintiffs; Valentine and Gilpin for defendant.

Smith vs. Chatterton. An action on a book account, to which there was no defence offered. Verdict for plaintiff for $270.66.

AID FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED.—The propellers Whilldin has left for "Fortress Monroe and Hampton with further supplies from Governor Curtin, to continue the good work of furnishing relief to wounded Pennsylvania volunteers. Surgeon General Henry H. Smith is specially charged with this duty, and takes with him Drs. J. W. Reisinger, H. Lemon Hodge, C. S. Bist op, and J. Campbell, with Medical Cadets King and Bartine, Five Sisters of Mercy, of the Order of St. Joseph, have again volunteered to aid the surgeon general, who also takes with him three male nurses, and a full supply of medical stores, ice, oranges, and delicacies for the comfort of the wounded. Ample provision has also been made for embalming and sending home to their friends the dead who may unfortunately be obtained. The success of the movement of the State authorities, in the relief of the wounded at Yorktown and Williamsburg, will, we hope, also attend the present expedition, and prove equally honorable to the parties engaged in it.

PHILADELPHIA UNION ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSALISTS.—The annual session of this association has just been held in the church at Eighth and Noble streets. All the societies within the bounds of the association, except two, were represented in the council, and the business was transacted harmoniously. Washington Hagaman, Esq., of Philadelphia, was elected moderator, and Rev. James Quigley clerk. A most eloquent and instructive sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Chapin, of New York. The council adjourned to meet in Reading the second week in May, 1863.

The Missionary Society connected with the above association elected for its officers George R. Frill, Esq., president; John Carrow, vice president; E Dallett, treasurer; Lewis Briner, secretary. The society was represented to be in a flourishing condition, having a very handsome fund on hand, and will doubtless soon send a missionary into the field to labor, at least a portion of the time, among churches destitute of pastors.

BOARD OF SURVEYORS.—This body have approved the deed dedicating Grove street, Fifteenth ward, which is to be 30 feet wide. The Board have also agreed to recommend to Councils the construction of a three-foot culvert on Coates street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, and one of the same dimensions on Germantown avenue, between Norris and Diamond streets. An application has been made by Mount Zion M. E. Church, for a fence view, in accordance with the recent act of the Legislature, and Messrs. Kelly, Lightfoot, and a committee were appointed to make the necessary examination.

ARRIVAL OF FRUIT VESSELS.—Several cargoes of foreign fruit have recently arrived at this port. The brig Black Fish, from Messina, brought 200 boxes of lemons, 50 of lemons, and 5,000 boxes of almonds. These arrivals have had no effect in lowering the market rates for fruit, most of it being immediately shipped to the West.

CHURCH DEDICATION.—The Baptist meeting house at Pughtown, Chester county, will be dedicated to the worship of God on Saturday, the 31st inst. Services will commence at 10 o'clock A. M. The Rev. Messrs. Peters and Cresswell, of this city, and the ministers of the neighboring churches, will be present. The services will be of a solemn and impressive character, and the attendance will probably be quite large.

THE PROGRESSIVE FRIENDS.—The Progressive Friends, a society of recent origin, and having no connection whatever with the society of Orthodox or Hicksite Friends, will hold an annual meeting at Longwood, Pa., on the fourth of next month. The doctrines of the organization are those of Wm. L. Garrison and Theodore Tilton, who will be in attendance.

CITY EXPENSES.—The expenditures of the Committee on Safety and Protection of the city, during the past week, were $2,018.40.

The amount distributed by the Commission for the Relief of the Families of Volunteers, during the past week, was $11,500.00.

RECOGNIZED.—The man found drowned on Sunday last at Vine-street wharf, has been recognized as James McCormick, aged 55 years, who resided at No. 1717 South street. He was engaged in the clothing business, and has been missing for five months.

HALF-MASTED.—The flags on the State House, Custom House and other public buildings, were displayed at half-mast yesterday, in token of the death of the late Brigadier General W. H. Keim.

SALE OF A PRIZE.—The prize schooner British Queen has been sold by the United States Marshal for the sum of $1,225. Her cargo, consisting of 1,500 bushels of salt, was sold at 28½ cents a bushel, and 21 bags of coffee at 10 cents per pound.

ARM BROKEN.—A boy named Charles Sleeky fell over a stove at the Brook-street Public School yesterday, and fractured one of his arms. He was taken to his residence in Green street, near Second.

TOWN BALL.—The Olympic Ball Club will play a game of town ball on the Camac property this afternoon, at two o'clock. All who take an interest in out-door sports should be present.

COMMITTED.—Patrick Cook was committed yesterday by Alderman Beitler to answer the charge of attempting to pass a counterfeit five-dollar bill of the Bank of America of New York city, at divers places near Fairmount.

A DECREASE.—Before the war broke out it required, weekly, about two thousand head of beef cattle to supply the Philadelphia market. Now, about twelve hundred head are all that are necessary.

GENERAL NEWS.

SKIRMISH AT WASHINGTON, N. C.—About 3 o'clock on Friday morning a company of rebel cavalry, about one hundred strong, under the command of Capt. Walker, made an attack upon the troops stationed at Washington, N. C. One company of the Twenty-fourth Massachusetts occupy the town as a guard. It is thought there is an attempt being made at this place, as previously reported, to organize a North Carolina regiment for the Union service, of which, if successful, the son of Mayor Reospess is to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Their design is supposed to have been the capture of our officers in the town, which they hoped to do and escape before the gunboats should have an opportunity to open fire upon them. Our pickets heard them approaching and fired upon them, and they were finally repulsed, it is thought with some loss. While the skirmish was in progress two of the North Carolina recruits were shot and their brains barbarously beaten out with the butt end of a musket. The rebels finally retired discomfited. None of the Massachusetts men were injured.

THE AMERICAN COLLECTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.—Says a London correspondent—an American—writing of the great International Exhibition, just opened: "I entered the building by the southeast corner, which happened to be the part allotted to America. It is very small. When the last exhibition opened, and the great space taken by the United States was ill filled, loud was the laughter at the slowness of the go-ahead nation. Now there is no laughter. Little was expected from America, and less has been received. The unhappy cause is too well known. And as I walked beneath a solitary flag of the United States, and noted that for every star and stripe there were not even two articles of American manufacture exhibited, I wished that the miserable collection had been sunk in the deep ocean it had crossed, rather than have arrived in safety, to make palpable to all nations the sorrowful truth that the freest institutions are not a safeguard against civil strife and unhallowed ambition."

A FEMALE RIVAL TO BLONDIN.—Blondin has a female rival in the West. Mlle. Carolista is performing wonders on the tight-rope in Detroit. She walks with ease and rapidity along a rope stretched from the roof of a five-story building on Dearborn street, to the roof of a four-story block opposite, performing on her passage all the feats for which Blondin is famous, even to standing on her head midway across the rope. The fair Carolista is clad in male attire.

COTTON IN FRANCE.—Thurlow Weed says, in his last letter from Europe, "There is beginning to be much anxiety in France about cotton. Their diminished supply will be exhausted in six or eight weeks. This will deprive several hundred thousand people of employment, for whom, in such an emergency, the Government must furnish bread. Hence, the Government appeals to us for cotton. Oil or Governments are not unlikely to unite with France in an earnest appeal on this subject."

SCARCITY OF FISHERMEN IN MASSACHUSETTS.—So many fishermen have entered the navy that four thousand green hands are required to man the mackerel fleet soon to go out. The fishermen have been tempt d away by the more profitable "hauls" of the blockade. Individual cases are given where seamen have made $1,500 or $2,000 apiece in single cruises.

REVIVAL OF BUSINESS IN NEW YORK.—The number of postage stamps sold in the New York post office has been gradually increasing for the past two months, and is considered a sure indication of the revival of business generally. The amount now averages about $2,900 per day.

THE FRENCH IRON-PLATED FRIGATE COURONNE.—Accounts from Cherbourg state that the French iron-plated frigate Couronne arrived there after an excellent passage from Bellerole. During the passage her eight fires were lighted, and she performed the one hundred nautical leagues in twenty-five hours, with a heavy sea, being at the speed of ten miles per hour.

RAISING SUNKEN VESSELS.—Prof. Maillefert is engaged in raising the vessels sunk in the Neuse river, to obstruct its navigation. Two have been raised already, a barnnaphrodite brig and a schooner, and the balance will soon be afloat again.

HONOR TO ERICSSON.—The people of Sweden, with a proper sense of the great services to civilization rendered by their distinguished countryman, are having a medal struck in his honor, in reference to the Monitor affair.

AMERICAN SEWING MACHINES FOR ENGLAND.—A writer to a London paper proposes that the £200,000 which is it thought the different Albert memorials will cost be devoted to buying American sewing machines for the twenty thousand poor needlewomen in England.

MORTALITY IN BROOKLYN.—The number of deaths in Brooklyn during the past week was 101; of which 57 were children, 44 adults; males 56, females 42.

EXTENSIVE FIRE.—The extensive tobacco factory belonging to B. H. Lewis, in Glasgow, Missouri, was destroyed by fire on the 7th inst. Loss $150,000.

DR. BERNARD, who was concerned in the Orsini plot, has been confined in the Wandsworth (England) Lunatic Asylum.

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

GEORGE N. TATHAM,
BENJ. MARSHALL,
JAMES R. CAMPBELL,
} COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH.

LETTER BAGS

At the Merchants' Exchange, Philadelphia.

Ship Tonawanda, Julius.....Liverpool, soon
Ship Northampton, Elwell.....Liverpool, soon
Schr Francis Barrett, Nickersen.....Barbados, soon

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, May 21, 1862.

SUN RISES.....4 41—SUN SETS.....7 11
HIGH WATER.....8 56

ARRIVED.

Schr Sarah Matilda, Armstrong, 12 days from Rockport, with mdse to E A Souder & Co.
Schr S C Loud, Cook, 11 days from Calais, with 95,000 feet lumber to Gaskill & Galvin.
Schr Cameo, Pendleton, 8 days from Rockport, with ice to A Garrett.
Schr Lucy, Spence, 1 day from Brandywine, Del, with corn meal to R M Lin.
Schr John L Redner, Cordery, from Fortress Monroe, in ballast to Tyler, Stone & Co.
Schr R J Mercer, Robinson, from Fortress Monroe, Schr Alliance, Ireland, Fortress Monroe, Navy Department.
Schr R J Mercer, Robinson, Fortress Monroe, Tyler, Stone & Co.
Schr E J Scott, Rothell, Boston, do
Schr H A Weeks, Godfrey, Boston, J R Blakiston.
Schr Lerch, Wilson, Boston, Bancroft, Lewis & Co.
Schr C M Beale, Hardy, Boston, Twells & Co.
Schr Lady Suffolk, Baker, Boston, Sinnickson & Glover.
Schr Leesburg, Swift, Thomaston, do
Schr Wm Loper, Robinson, Mystic, do
Schr C Moore, Ingersoll, Providence, L Audenried & Co
Schr J B Allen, Allen, Providence, J B Henry.

(Correspondence of the Press.)

READING, May 16.

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

Orion, grain to B Rickpatrick & Co; Margaret, H E Leathers, Six Brothers, Alert, and P R Plumb, do to Humphreys, Hoffman & Wright; Winnebago, do to captain; Stars, oats to Brooks & Evans; G M Long, shingles to Jodon & Keeler; Sarana, pig iron to Gomingo & Co; Sarah Alice, lumber to John W Lynn; L Mehaffy, do to Wright & Bro; H Scmers, do to Henry Crosley; J W Young, do to Norcross & Sheets; D A Albright, iron ore to E & G Brooke.

MEMORANDA.

Brig Ann, of Digby, NS, from Porto Cabello for Philadelphia, was spoken 30 inst, lat 20 37, long 68 33.

Schr Panthea, Clark, hence, arrived at New London 17th inst.

Schr Jas Bliss, Hatch, from Fall River for Philadelphia, remained at Newport 16 A M 17th inst.

Schr Carthagena, Kelley, for Philadelphia, sailed from New Bedford 18th inst, but returned on account of a thick fog coming on.

Schr E F Lewis, York, cleared at Portland 17th inst. for Philadelphia.

Schrs J B Bleecker, Edwards, and Geo Fales, Nickerson, hence, arrived at Providence 17th inst.

The U S steamer Penguin, Capt Cleary, cruising, was spoken 12th inst off Frying Pan Shoals, all well.

LEGAL.

PHILADELPHIA, FEBRUARY 19, 1862.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That writs of scire facias will be issued upon the following claims, at the expiration of three months from the date hereof, unless the same are previously paid to the undersigned, at his office, No. 520 WALNUT Street, in the city of Philadelphia:

The city of Philadelphia, to the use of James McCloskey, vs. James Stroud, owner, &c. D. C., March 7, 1860. No. 3. Claim for $578.16, for curbing and paving in front of a lot of ground on the N. E. corner of Thirty-fifth and Aspen streets, Twenty-fourth ward.

Same vs. Thomas Bracken, owner, &c. Com. Pleas, March 7, 1860. No. 10. Claim for $860.60, for curbing and paving in front of a lot of ground on the east side of Thirty-fifth street, Twenty-fourth ward, 155 feet north of Sycamore street. STEPHEN BENTON,
fe19-w3m Attorney for Claimant.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HEREtofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of STITT & BROWN, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the house will be settled by SETH B. STITT and GEO. H. SHEBLE, who are alone authorized to sign the name of the firm in liquidation.

SETH B. STITT,
JAS. M. BROWN,
GEO. H. SHEBLE.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20, 1862.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS day formed a Copartnership for the purpose of transacting a general WOOL BUSINESS, under the name of SOUTHWICK, SHEBLE, & CO., as successors to STITT & BROWN, at their old stand, No. 68 South FRONT Street.

JAS. L. SOUTHWICK,
EDWD. A. GREENE,
GEO. H. SHEBLE.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20, 1862.

NOTICE.—THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned under the firm of FRANK & BERTHE, has been dissolved by its own limitation and by mutual consent.

D. T. Pratt is alone authorized to collect the outstanding debts, and to use the firm name in liquidation.

DAVID T. PRATT,
BENJAMIN B. KEATH,
WILLIAM G. BILLIN.

Phila., May 10, 1862.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that the firm of CHARLES E. SMITH & CO., at the Fairmount Iron Works, has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be settled and closed by

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May 10, 1862.

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