THE PRESS.-PHILADELPHIA. MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1862.

Launch-General Banks' Transports.

ad brought order and security to the city.

a cheerful obedience to his every order.

order of the Government of the United States.

nerous manner of General Banks and staff.

On the 16th Generals Butler and Banks met at

eadquarters. General Butler welcomed General

Banks to the Department of the Gulf, and assured

inst., via Havana on the 22d.

The news is important.

gether of old friends.

mander as worthy of his love.

United States till further orders.

ward as fast as they arrived.

roops were in good health.

PROCLAMATION.

The duty with which I am charged requires me t

assist in their restoration to the Government of the

people of every class all the privileges of possession

eople, and upon the manifest interest of those de

pendent upon the pursuits of peace as well as upor

the support of the naval and land forces. My in

tructions require , me to treat as enemies those who

those who are friends. No restrictions will be

placed upon the freedom of individuals which are

not imperatively demanded by considerations of

public safety : but, while their claims will be liber-

mutable conditions which surround them.

lly considered, it is due also to them to state that

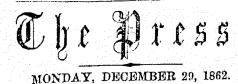
nation as follows : _

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claims them.

North.



The Organization of Councils. On Monday next the newly-chosen Councils will be organized. The result of the last election has left each Chamber in the possession of the Union party by a very small majority, and as the new body will be called upon to elect the heads of departments, and to dispose of the patronage of the city for the next year, the Democratic politicians are making extraordinary efforts to secure the majority. The history of these efforts is most shameful in its character. It shows a wanton, reckless, criminal disregard of every feeling of justice, honor, and manhood. The case of Mr. DUFFIELD is the bestremembered illustration of their desperation and injustice. We saw a member driven from his seat without a hearing, and a part of this community disfranchised by a partisan majority acting in obedience to the dictates of a caucus. The courts returned Mr. DUFFIELD to his seat. In the case of Mr. E. S. MILLAR, pending before the Court of | the Revolutionary war, and the heart of the Common Pleas, we have another evidence of what we assert. Mr. MILLER was elected us a member of Select Council by a clear and unmistakable majority. Mr. Lowny, the South seeks to inaugurate. his opponent, after an unsuccessful effort

on the part of his friends to secure him the returns, was understood to waive his claim to the seat. The necessities of party, however, will not permit Mr. LOWRY to do an honorable act in this case, and we find him agreeing to take his seat at the call of the Clerk, and have a vote in the organization of the Select Chamber. Mr. MILLER has applied for a legal remedy against this threatened wrong, and his request will be considered to-day.

There are other stories in circulation that we are pained to hear. Members of Council who have been chosen by the Union party as representatives of Union wards are openly quoted as having sold themselves to the Democratic organization. The most distinguished name thus mentioned is that of Mr. FREDERICK C. BRIGHTLY, who has heen chosen by the Union party as a member of Select Council from the Twenty-second ward. Mr. BRIGHTLY's adhesion to the Union party was unexpected and gratifying. He had been a Breckinridge Demowould consent to it-Russia because crat, of the extreme type, a friend of Southern rights, and devoted to the policy of the of her hereditary designs upon Tur-Southern leaders. He came to National key, and France, because, independent Hall, however, on the 9th of October, and | of her jealousy of "perfidious England," Lefore an audience composed of thousands the occupation of the throne of Greece by of his fellow-citizens announced his unone of Queen VICTORIA's sons would make qualified support of the Union party. That | England virtual ruler of the Mediterranean. party elected him to Council from a ward in | In a short time, of course, the diplomatic which it was largely in the ascendant; he | correspondence on this subject will be made public, and it will then be found, we venaccepted the nomination and the office. pledging his honor as a gentleman to susture to predict, that England, France, and tain the party which had paid him such a Russia have been engaged in a triangular distinguished compliment. We cannot beduel: England firing protocols at Russia against the candidature of the Duke of lieve that Mr. BRIGHTLY contemplates the LEUCHTENBERG ; Russia bombarding France perfidy which is now discussed on every corner, and has been charged in one of our with notice that no BONAPARTE need apply journals. He is a man of good name, a in Greece; and France pelting England with member of an honorable profession, a dis- protestations against the election of Prince tinguished writer on law, and well esteemed ALFRED.

The outside candidates are: 1. Prince in other parts of the country. As we have said, we cannot believe that a man of such

LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL." our officers put to death without a trial, the moment they fall into the enemy's hands, while an insult is offered to the private soldicr by a supposition that he will forget the duty that he owes to his flag and his leaders. and accept a mercy that is denied to them. The President will make a proper response.

1860 I predicted that the slaveholders would destroy the railroad between Baltimore and Washington in order to prevent the inauguration of a Republican Chief Magistrate. His Administration will defend our national Mr. Lincoln was, however, duly installed ; honor, even if necessary to make a terrible but my prediction was substantially fulfilled example. He should declare a policy by rein the succeeding April. I remember well fusing to tolerate the invidious distinction that this prophecy when made was regarded drawn between the Army of New Orleans, as rash and unfounded. Some of our good and the rest of our troops in the field, by friends classed it among the impossibilities. instantly annulling the convention for the Had the people believed such a thing to be parole and exchange of prisoners throughout probable at that time, many of the evils of the whole area of the war. Unless this Secession would have been anticipated and policy is declared demoralization and discrushed. I now feel like risking another trust may follow, for no soldier or officer prediction, which will have the great advancan be expected to adhere to a flag which his superiors suffered to be publicly dishonored. But the President will meet the

tage of seeming to be reasonable in view of the extraordinary events of the last year. THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE PREPARING threats of the enemy with the bold front TO SANCTION THE DISSOLUTION OF THE that belongs to his high office. He should UNION. Their whole policy looks to this, direct that every rebel who may be taken, and to this alone. They conceal it from whether officer or private, shall be retained their followers by cries against the Abolias a hostage for the safety of General BUTtionists and Black Republicans; but they LER and his associates. He should do as cherish it in their hearts, and make it the General WASHINGTON did, when menaced real inspiration of all their actions. Take with equal insolence by the English during any of these leaders in Pennsylvania. There is not one of them that does not nation will be roused to something of its insist in private, nor act upon the idea in pristine energy, and we shall assuredly not public, that the Union can never be restored ; have the worst in the bloody game which that the South can never be subjugated, and, therefore, that recognition and peace should

be acceded to at the earliest moment. in The European Difficulty. order to prevent a further expenditure of What is called the Greek question remains blood and treasure. I could name fifty perunsettled. It is declared by French and indignantly denied by English journals, that sons, now the accepted chiefs of the Democracy in Pennsylvania, who preach this the revolution which expelled King Отно from Greece was got up by British intrigue, theory hourly in their households. Supand that the undeniable favor with which posing that the Government was paralyzed Prince ALFRED is regarded by the Greeks in the recent elections, they grow bolder with every hour, and nothing but the fear was created by similar means. There was no doubt that, on the 22d December, the day | that the Democratic masses may be undeceived prevents them from proclaiming their appointed for taking the votes, Prince AL-FRED would be nominated to the crown of real purposes. If they can still further Greece, by an immense number of Hellenic weaken the Government, they will throw electors. It is not expected that the young off all disguise, and insist that the only way gentleman, now a midshipman in a British to close the war is to consent to a division

of the Republic. To this sequel every inwar-steamer, will be allowed to accept the trigue for power, every attack upon the Adcrown-he is already booked, by family arministration, every effort to stir up turburangement, to succeed his uncle as Grandlence in the free States, every conspiracy to Duke of Saxe-Coburg. It is declared, and spread discontent in the army, irresistibly not without reason, that the British Goleads. And although the majority who severnment should have given timely intimacond these movements do not think so, the tion to the Greek pro tempore Executive, if it declined the candidature of leaders do, and labor accordingly. At all Prince ALFRED. Neither Russia nor France events, this is my honest judgment. Let

> us see if time will prove me to be a false OCCASIONAL. prophet.

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatches to "The Press." WASHINGTON, December 28, 1862.

Rebels Advance to Occoquan. Rumors, believed to be based upon reliable infor-

mation, state that the rebel cavalry under General J. E. B. STUART have crossed the Rappahannock, and advanced to Occoquan and Dumfries, occupying those villages, and capturing several hundred prisoners, chiefly guards and sick and wounded soldiers. These men were paroled. The telegraph wires are cut, and it is impossible to get any further news to-night substantiating these rumors. The War Department has no word of this affair. The Wounded from the Rappahannock.

The surgical corps of Dr. CUTTER, Surgeon-in-Chief, assisted by Drs. LEONARD, KING, SWAN, HATS, and HUTCHINS, of the Sturgis Hospital, 2d Division of the 7th Army Corps, arrived here yesterday with the last of the wounded from the Those have been registered in the

ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, 1862. Operations of the Revels in Northwestein Tennessee—Evacuation of "Island Ten"— Gen. Grant said to be Walling Back, &c. During the contest for the Presidency in CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 27 .- We have received nothing to-day in regard to the movements of our forces against the rebels who are operating in Northwest ern Tennessee. The rebels have done great damage to Obion River

Bottom. They have burned two long bridges over, and destroyed two miles of trestle-work at Middle

It is reported this evening that orders have been given for our forces to evacuate Island No. 10, to spike the guns there, and blow up the magazines. Information has been received to day that trains are running on the railroad between Jackson and Trenton, and that two thousand of our troops are a the latter place. There is a rumor in circulation here to-night-that General Grant's army has fallen back across the

Tallahatchic river, but it is not traceable to any reliable source.

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Morgan's Advance into Kentucky–Rebels Occupy Glasgow-Affair at Bear Wallow,

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 26 .- Morgan's rebel cavalry, three thousand strong, entered Glasgow on Wednes-day. Three companies of the 21 Michigan cavalry opposed their entrance, but fell back on Munford rille, having lost one captain and two privates The rebels lost two captains, five privates, and seven prisoners. The rebels were then reinforced, and remained i

possession of Glasgow.

On Thursday, Colonels Gray and Shanks attacked the rebels at Bear Wallow, Hart county, near Cave City. The rebels had previously damaged the railroad near Glasgow Junction At last accounts, the Federal troops drove off the

rebels, killing one and taking sixteen prisoners, but sustaining no loss. The train of ammunition cars which left here this morning was fired into, near Nolin, and returned. No Nashville passenger train left this morning. The telegraphic communication between here and Nashville was interrupted this afternoon.

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 26. The British frigate Melpomene came up and anchored in the Roads last The Monitor Passaic arrived at Hampton Roads this afternoon.

Christmas was generally observed in this departnent, and especially at the Chesapeake and Hampton hospitals

THE PIRATE ALABAMA.

Capture of the California Steamer Ariel-She is Released Under Bonds—Chase by the San Jacinto—Safe Arrival of the Ariel at New York—Capture of Arms and Ammu-nition by the "290"—120 Marines Taken Prisoners and Paroled. &c. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.-By the arrival of the steamship Constitution, from Panama, we have highly important and exciting news.

The Constitution reports that the steamship Ariel, from New York for Aspinwall, was captured, on the 7th instant, by the pirate Alabama. The Alabama detained the Ariel until the 10th instant, when she allowed her to proceed towards Aspinwall, upon her giving bonds in the sum of \$228,000 as ransom. The arms and ammunition on board the Ariel were taken from her, and 120 United States marines paroled.

Much anx'ety is felt here lest the Alabama should recapture the Ariel on her return trip to New York, and seize the large amount of treasure which she will carry. The passengers on board the Ariel speak in the

highest terms of the courtesy shown them by Capt. Semmes.

The Ariel was captured near the east end of Cuba. The only plunder, with the exception of the arms and ammunition, which the Alabama secured, was \$8,000 in green-backs belonging to Wells, Fargo, & Co.

The Alabama last coaled at Martinique.- When she was leaving that port the San Jacinto aimed her guns at her, when simultaneously the guns of the fort were trained on the San Jacinto. This is the statement of the first lieufenant of Cantain

Gen. Butler Challenged by a Secessionist. DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- The steamer Columbia has arrived, with New Orleans dates to the 20th, and General Banks Supersedes General Butler-Havana to the 23d. Cordial Meeting of the two Generals-Gen.

Butler's Farewell Address-Reoccupation of Baton Rouge-Proclamation of Gen. Banks-Expedition to the Atchafalaya The steamer Potomac has also arrived, with New Orleans dates of the 19th. There was no news of moment. The Secession River-Capture of Two Stcamers and

ists, thinking that they see a less vigorous commander in General Banks, appear in the streets in NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The Steamship Roanoke has crowds. One of them sent a challenge to General arrived from New Orleans, with dates to the 18th Butler, who put it in his pocket, and sent the angry rebel word that, if he desired an onset, to come on, in the street, or wherever else it might suit him best. The steamship North Star, with Gen. Banks and General Corcoran with his legion had arrived betaff, arrived at New Orleans on the evening of the low New Orleans.

14th: The news transpired on the following day that The Della has had occasion to rebuke the lurking Gen. Butler had been superseded, and occasioned reason of the Picayune. the utmose surprise among all classes, even those on A large number of speculators had arrived, and the register lists as enemies of the United States. All were sorry to part with an officer who at the least

may give on impulse to trade. General Banks was very busy and in hourly consultation with General Butler. The best feeling exists between them and their respective staffs. Colonel Elliott, of the 1st Louisiana Regiment had resigned.

him that he would find here troops who would yield Generals Banks and Butler were serenaded on the night of the 19th by the band of the 31st Massa-General Banks, in responding, said the only pleachusetts Regiment. ure he had in taking command was in obeying an The French Admiral Reynaud had arrived below New Orleans, in the Guerier, having returned from The meeting was most cordial, and the interchance a business visit to Havana. The steamer Renaudin

sentiment was that which marks the comin had gone down the river to bring him.up. The bark J. M. Hicks, from Philadelphia, with After the introduction of the staff officers to eac coal for the United States Government, was also other. General Banks and his staff withdrew. below New Orleans. General Butler then addressed his officers, re

lesting each member to take pains to enlighter A Survivor of "The Cumberland." and assist their successors. He spoke in the most John H. Steward, a private of marines, now living in Cloud place, (open on Race street, between Fourth General Butler's parting address to the troops and Fifth,) has been represented to us by gentlemen cars date on the 15th. He alludes in eloquent on whose statements we can rely, as a worthy oberms to their successes in the field, and in restoring ject of benevolence. He was a private of marines, order and quiet to New Orleans, to the feeding o and has been discharged on account of disabilitythe starving wives and children of their enemies, caused by dropsy, with which complaint he is seriand states that the expedition had cost the Governously, and, it is feared, mortally afflicted. He has ment less by four-fifths than any other. Speaking small means and a large family, and is unable to the word "farewell" was the only sorrowful though work. When we add that he was on board the he had, and he commends them to their new com-Cumberland at the time she was sunk by the Merrinac, we state an additional claim of his to the con-On the 16th General Banks issued a general order sideration of those who have the means and inclinaon assuming command of the Department of the tion to help a brave man. now prostrated by a pain-Gulf and State of Texas, and naming his staff ful and almost hopeless bodily affliction. A surofficers, whose names are already known at the vivor of the gallant crew of the Cumberland should not be permitted to want not merely the best me-Another order directs the military and civil officers dical aid, but the necessaries of life, at this or any in the department to report to him, and still another other season.

suspends the sales of property on account of th GIRARD HOUSE - This fine hotel, remodelled wholly refitted, and refurnished—so as to be " better General Butler accompanied by Colonel Shaffer as new." as the Dutchman said-will be re-opene Colonel Turner, Major Strong, Major, Bell, Captai Davis, Captain Kensel, and other members of his this day, by the new lessees, Messrs. Kanaga, Fowstaff, was to sail on the 22d for New York. Captain ler & Co. Already a great many permanent boarders Clark was to remain on duty at New Orleans. have transferred themselves to the Girard. The General Banks was pushing things with charac proprietors have succeeded in coaxing or capturing Mr. Charles Duffy from the office at "Willard's,' teristic energy. 'Five thousand of the troops that in Washington, and he is reinstated in his old posi accompanied him had landed at Baton Rouge, and tion at the Girard. the remainder of the expedition would be sent for LARGE SALE OF DRY GOODS, FURS, &C .- The The weather at New Orleans was fine, and th

early attention of purchasers is requested to the valuable assortment of British, French, German, On the 18th, General Banks issued his procla and American dry goods, furs, &c., embracing 513 packages and lots of staple and fancy articles, in woolen, worsted, linens, cottons, and silks, to be HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16, 1862. peremptorily sold by catalogue. on four months eredit, commencing this morning at ten o'clock, to be sold through without intermission, by John B. In obedience to orders from the President I as ume command of the Department of the Gulf, t Myers & Co., auctioneers, Nos. 232 and 234 Market which is added, by his special order, the State o street.

Public Entertainments. THE OPERA MATINEE,-Mr. Grau announces United States. It is my desire to secure to the grand opera matinee, on Wednesday next, at half past two. A matinee is so much part and parcel of and enjoyment which is consistent with the public an opera season that the departure of the company safety, or which it is possible for a beneficent or just without giving one was felt as a loss, especially by Government to confer. In the execution of the high the ladies, who take these entertainments under trust with which I am charged, I rely upon the cotheir especial patronage; and there is a refreshing operation and counsel of all loyal and well-disposed abandon about the whole affair which gives it an additional charm. On this occasion Traviata will be given, Mdlle. Cordier essaying, for the first time here, the part of Violetta-to see and hear a Parisian in a part so essentially Parisian will be a novelty are enemies; but I shall gladly regard as friends

Signor Maccaferri will appear as Alfredo, for the first time here. Between the acts Herr Ernst Hartmann, a planist of celebrity, will make his public debut. and play a fantasia. The sale of tickets commence this morning. THE WALNUT-STREET THEATRE .-- Mr. Daven

all the rights of the Government will be unflinchport has closed his engagement here, and temporariingly maintained. The respectful consideration and ly leaves the stage for the platform, as he is an prompt reparation will be accorded to all persons nounced to give readings at the Musical Fund Hall, who are wronged in body or estate by those under n Friday evening. His engage nt was a gr cess, considering the poor support he received Mrs. The Government does not profit by the prolonga Davenport herself is an excellent actress, but beyond tion of the civil contest, or the private or public sufthese the Walnut-street company is very mediocre. ferings which attend it. Its fruits are not equally Mr. Tilton is effective in melodrama, but has little distributed. In the disloyal States desolation ha taste and less judgment. Mr. Wright has been playits empire both on sea and land. In the North the ing leading parts, although, we think, his elocution war is an abiding sorrow, but not yet a calamity. Its is most painfully wretched. He rolls his words to citics and towns are increasing in population, wealth, gether until they pelt the ear like the sound of hail, and power. The refugees from the South alone com and leave much the same impression. In a first-class censate in great part for the terrible decimations o company he would be little more than a fourth-rate performer. Mr. Young is careful and reliable, but The people of this department who are disposed to nonotonous and cold. Mrs. Cowell is very good stake their fortunes and lives upon a resistance to in comcdy and burlesque, but can neither the Government may wisely reflect upon the implay tragedy nor the high range of the drama Mrs. Thayer is one of the best old ladies on the The valley of the Mississippi is the chosen seat of stage, and improves with advancing years. But opulation, product, and power on this continent. while the Walnut-street combination failed in supn a few years, twenty-five millions of people, un porting such an actor as Davenport, it will give surnassed for material resources and capacity for great effect to the Laura Keene company that war, will swarm upon its fertile rivers. Those who opens this evening. Laura, it seems, has a spectassume to set conditions upon their exodus to the cular piece running interminably, and she takes ad-Gulf count upon a power not given to man. The vantage of the excitement to star it here and elsecountry washed by the waters of the Ohio. Missouri where. She is accompanied by Messrs. W. R. and Mississippi can never be permanently severed. Blake, H. F. Daly, Charles Wheatleigh, Charles If one generation basely barters away its rights. Peters, C. Walcott, Jr., and Owen Marlowe. Of immortal honors will rest upon another that r these actors Mr. Blake is the best known and the most celebrated. He is really a very remarkable Thet if never be said that either the East or th actor, and in his line may be considered unequalled West may be separated. Thirty days distance from He appears as Jesse Rairal, Miss Keene taking the the markets of Europe may satisfy the wants of part of Lady Alice. In the comedy of "Old Heads and Louisiana and Arkansas, but it will not answer the Young Hearts." Miss Nelly Germon will make her demands of Illinois and Ohio. The Valley of the first appearance here in a new comedietta, entitle Mississippi will have its delta upon the Atlantic. "The Maid with the Milking Pail." The physical force of the West will debouch upon THE ARCH-STREET THEATRE .- This is the last its shores with a power as resistless as the torrent: week of Mr. J. S. Clarke, as his engagement concludes on Saturday evening. He announces splen This country cannot be permanently divided. did bills every night this week, playing an old Eng-Ceaseless wars may drain its blood and treasure. Dolish comedy in connection with "The Naiad mestic tyrants or foreign foes way grasp the sceptro Queen," a piece of show and scenery. On Monday of its power, but its destiny will remain unchanged. next Mr. Peter Richings and his daughter Caroline It will still be united. God has ordained it. What will appear. These popular and pleasing performen avails, then, the destruction of the best government are playing a successful engagement in Washington THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC .- Mr. Hood's pantonimes have thus far been very successful. The en-People of the Southwest, why not accept the conditertainment is unique, original, and attractive, and tions imposed by the imperious necessities of the geoleases the little folks very much. The audience graphical configuration and commercial supremacy, thus far have been opera audiences, and we have and re-establish your ancient prosperity and rearely seen a finer display of fashion, taste, and nown? Why not become founders of States, which beauty. as entrepots and depots of your own central and up-MR. WESTON'S CONCERT.-In drawing attention to Mr. Weston's advertisement, we desire to correct a previous mistake. Secured seats will be secured Harnden's Express only, on Monday, January N. P. BANKS. 5th. Those who wish to subscribe in the meantime should address Mr. Weston, box 1194, Post Office. CAPT. WILLIAMS .- The Whaling Voyage still draws crowded houses to the Concert Hall, where Capt. Williams exhibits one of the finest panoramas and delivers one of the most interesting and instruc tive lectures that we have ever heard. SIGNOR BLITZ .- The inimitable, irrepressible ovial, and genial Signor Blitz, whose bright face is interwoven with the childhood memories of two generations, who never seems to get any older, but continues to be wonderful and pleasing with advancing years, is now at the Assembly Buildings, with Bobby and the birds, the magic and the ventriloquism.

SLOWLY JUDGE YOUR FEILOW MA ST. JOHN'S DAY .- St. John the Evangelist is one of the patron saints of the Order of Free Be not hasty in opinion : Masons. Saturday, December 27, was the anniversary of his birth. This occasion was duly celebrated by the brethren of the craft in this city. The elebration was under the direction of Mr. Ganser, and took place in the form of a supper in the Key-

Masonic Lodges in ancient times were dedi-cated to King Solomon, the first M. E. G. M., and continued to be so dedicated until after the and continued to be so dedicated until after the Crusades. Among the various orders of Knights engaged in those chivalific wars, none were more conspicuous than the magnanimous Order of the Knights of St. John. Many brethren of the ancient craft also went forth to aid in redeeming the sepul-chre of the Saviour from the hands of the infidels; between these and Knights of St. John there existed a regioncal feeling of brotherly love.

They entered into a sciema piedge of friendship, and the plains of Jerusalem bore witness to their vows. St. John the Evangelist was, the Christian patron of Freemasonry. It was for this reason the argument was made that all lodges whose members acknowledged the divinity of Ohrist should be con-secrated and dedicated to St. John.

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THE SCHOOL OF DESIGN FOR WOMEN .-At the room of this institution, No., 1334 Chestnut street, the annual exhibition of the School of Design for Women is now being held. The exhibition be gan on Friday, and will continue throughout to day, the room being open from ten o'clock A. M. until four P. M. This annual exhibition is a sub-

until four P. M. This annual exhibition is a sub-ject of very great interest to many parties in the city —to all endorsing that mode of culture which it is the object of the school to develop. The reports prove that the institution has accomplished its precise mission, and satisfied the most zealous as well as the least hopeful of its patrons. Paintings in water colors and in oil, drawings and designs of great di-versity in their subjects are on hand, and rivet the attention of all lovers of this form of art. The ele-ments are here taught with the utmost accuracy and cfficiency, and the present times, in the absence of so many male relatives, furnish an additional prosso many male relatives, furnish an additional reason for this institution's meeting with additional pros THE CITIZENS' BOUNTY FUND.-There

have been recently but two regiments receiving bounty money from the commissioner having charge of the fund. There have been, however, but few of the lund. There have been however, but lev applications for the bounty, and the committee are of the opinion that its continuance does not aid re-cruiting materially. On Saturday the payment of bounty by this commission ceased. Only about two-thirds of the money subscribed has been used. The balance it has been proposed to pay back, pro rata, to the subscribers. What remains, after that det the commission will be be be be be been used. date the committee will feel at liberty to appropriate to the families of volunteers, or to expend it in the best manner possible for the benefit of our soldiers.

ROBBERY.-A dwelling house, in Juniper street, below Pine, was entered a few nights since luring the absence of the occupants, and robbed of during the assence of the occupants, and roused of a quantity of articles of jewelry, and about seventy dollars, in various kinds of money. The thieves en-tered the rear third-s'ary window, their progress to this elevation being facilitated by means of an old stable and convenient shed. Within a short time, four houses have been robbed in this neighborhood. In one instance, a gold wratch and nearly one hun-dred dollars were stolen. Several yards were strip-ued of their were bother. ed of their wash-clothes. The thieves have evaded he vigilance of the police.

A PHILADELPHIAN.-Lieut. Charles F Robertson, of Company E, 121st Pennsylvania, who so gallantly led that company on a brilliant charge at the recent battle at Fredericksburg, Va., when At the recent battle at Fredericusburg, va., when Capt. S. S. Lloyd fell badly wounded, is a Philadel-phian by birth, and not of New York, as has been reported. Lieut. R. is the only son of a widowed mother, residing in Philadelphia. Company E was composed mostly of Philadelphias. They went into battle 53 strong, and came out with a little over one-third of the whole number.

MILITARY FUNERAL.-The funeral o Lieut. Robt. B. Montgomery, of the 116th Pennsylvania Regiment, took place yesterday, from his late residence, at Saranak and Jefferson streets. It was very largely attended. The escort consisted of the Hope Hose Company, Southwark Home Guard, and the 50th Massachusetts Regiment. A band of music was also in attendance. The funeral ser-vices were conducted by Rev. Dr. Brainerd.

MAJOR HAWKSWORTH .- We are pleased to learn that the report concerning Major Hawksworth's critical condition is entirely unfounded. He

was yesterday, as we learn by a private despatch; much better than he has yet been since the ampu-tation of his leg; and his surgeons consider him en-tirely out of darger. He will be brought to his home in this city in a few days.

ORDERED TO JOIN HIS REGIMENT .-- Cap-The statement of the Boston banks for the lat way tain P. R. Forney, of the 18th United States Incompares with the previous week and for the company fantry, has been ordered to close his recruiting ing week of 1861 as follows : stations in this State, after the 1st, and join his regi-ment, now in Tennessee. Captain Forney has been very successful in obtaining recruits for his regi-

Slowly judge your fellow-man; Haste may hide the good domision Acts of folly have outran; What if he has erred often! Should we not remember still Gentle admonitions soften And attract the stubborn willi Win his love, not his loathing, In doing good be instrumental, By telling him to buy his elothing At STOKES', 'neath the "Continent

NEW YEAR RESOLVES .- Almost body has some pet plan of conduct for the ap ing New Year. Some promise themselves will be more moral, that they will work ha will be more more, have they will do something in the spend less, or that they will do something in the of helping themselves along in the great be life. It is certainly wise, upon the advent of Year, to lay aside old habits, provided that mes, and (no joke intended) to procure no the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rocktalk son, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, abo To begin the year wisely and well, you stay

suited at this famous establishment

SPECIE PAYMENTS BY GOVERNMENT Congress has before it a resolution guaran the creditors of Uncle Sam the payment of th rest upon their bonds in specie. The bonds expect payment in coin, and they will be with nothing else. In the meantime lega notes, and all other good paper, will be fr ceived in exchange for the elegant and com slothing gotten up at the one-price palatiale ment of Granville Stokes, No. 609 Chestny Garments of the latest styles and fashion, gents and boys, kept constantly on hand. FOR A SPLENDID NEW WINTER IL

ashionable Cap, go to Oakford & Son's, under Continental Hotel.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

THE MONEY MARKET. PHILADELPHIA. Decem?

There was nothing of special interest t treet to-day. Gold advanced to 1321 towar the rise partly caused by the frantie efforts the rise parity caused by the frantic efforts of tors to induce profits, and by the fears of a fur of legal tenders. The provisions of Mr. Chas eminently the wisest that have been set before and deserve the fullest consideration of the and deserve the futures consucration of the Contained of Ways and Means, the members of which are greatly in favor of them. Old demands were steady at 13% Government securities were firms; money stilling tively casy at rates lately named.

Stocks were more active, with some improv prices. State fives were in demand, and rose, allog Were cent., closing at 97.4. City sixes were stead new at 10334, the old at par. Pennsylvania ha new at 103%, the one at par, reunsylvania Eadland first and second mortgages were steady. Philadebia and Erie sixes sold at 102%, an advance of %: Bid Avenue sevens at 98; Sunbury and Erie seven; at 10% Elmira sevens at par, an advance of %: Reading size 1888, sold at 102, no change. Susquehauna Canai sold at 37. Schuylkill Navigation sizes, 1892, wer at 651%. Hazleton Coal sold at 50; Morris Ganal

at 65½. Hazleton Coal sold at 50; Morris Gaat Pe-ferred at 130, an advance of 1: Lehigh srip a 30. Reading Railroad shares were more lively and sold up to 37-94, closing a shade lower; Markal sold at 50%; Catawissa preferred improved 14; Pail-delphia and Eric sold at 25; Little Schurjikill Wasatin at 90; Ponneylvania at 55%; North Penneylvania at 28; Pennsylvania at 58%; North Pennsylvania at a Long Island improved ½. Passenger milways we more in demand ; Arch-street sold at 2%, an impro more in neurons, and Coates at 37, an advance of Second and Third at 7612, an advance of 12; Thireag and Fifteenth sold at 23, no change: Spruce and Finer West Philadelphia were stendy. Consolidation Re-

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Money continues quite easy at 6 7 cent. The same o-day far exceeds the demand. The rate for mercantile paper sixty days is about 57

en. Gold is a triffe better, closing at 131/49132. Exchange on London sixty days is firm at 14%.

sold at 28, City at 4614, Manufacturers' and Mecha 242; market closed steady, 2,200 shares and in bonds changing hands. Drexel & Co. quote: United States Bonds, 1881. Inited States Certificates of Indebtedness Inited States 7 3-10 Notes

- 10 may The statements of the banks of the three principal ties of the Union for the last week compare with d previous one and the corresponding time of Ba as

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lows: Louns. Deposits. Speie Gare, N. Y., Dec. 20. .5173,653,653 5154,524,501 \$55,514,535 Boston, Dec. 22. 77,600,310 \$1,786,88 745,501 \$10 Phila., Dec. 22. 36,772,912 27,753,674 \$4,505,514

character would contemplate an act which of Sweden; 2. The Court of Flanders, sewould forever disgrace him in the eyes of cond son of King LEOPOLD of Belevery honorable man, and we repeat the gium; 3. FERDINAND, late king consort charge as an act of justice to Mr. BRIGHTLY, of Portugal. Of these the first named and to enable him to deny it in our columns. is 31, the second is 25, the third is 46 years Other names have been mentioned; but this subject is painful, and, it may be, invi- | HARNAIS, is related to NAPOLEON III. and dious, and we shall await events. We anticipate trouble in the organization of Councils. The efforts that have been made thus far by the Democracy lead us to believe | a sufficient cause for France to object to the that something more desperate—some fraud or outrage more villainous than the cases of Mr. DUFFIELD and Mr. MILLER-will be attempted. For some reason, and we believe for the worst reason, the enemies of the Government arc making strenuous efforts to obtain control of the city of Philadelphia. If they can usurp that power in Councils, the game will be in their own hands. Philadelphia will then be delivered over to the mercies of the BOOLES and VAN TINES of New York-enough of whom are at present in our City Councils and only awaiting an opportunity to obtain a control of our municipal affairs.

Removal of General Butler. It is not without a certain degree of regret that we notice the removal of Gen. BUTLER. There were, no doubt, excellent reasons for the step, and the country will be glad to know that an officer as eminent as General BANKS has been assigned to the Department of the Gulf. Gen. BUTLER was never a favorite of ours in civil life, but his career as a soldier is one that does him infinite honor. We like him for his bold, manly, unwavering devotion to the Union. We like him for his stern and unbending severity to traitors. We like his frank and straightforward manner in meeting and crushing every difficulty. He is the first general who avenged with death dishonor to our flag. He looked upon loyalty as no have plundered our commerce will be remere name, but as something sacred and holy. His dealings with the traitors were marked by justice and magnanimity. Those who were pertinacious in their treason were punished; those who were unfortunate or ignorant were pardoned, and preserved from starvation. The poor were given employment, and the rich were protect- at Fredericksburg. Their articles have been ed in their rights. He may have been copied into all the disloyal journals of the guilty many times of undue severity; in his land, and are being read by hundreds of zeal for the good cause he may have over- ; thousands of people. General BURNSIDE's stepped discretion; his conflict with the own letter proves that assertion to have consuls may have been a violation of international laws; but we can pardon these things, and more, to a spirit high, inflexible, and loyal. The time will come when the history of Gen. BUTLER's administration of af- tive than to speak of their falsehood as somefairs in New Orleans will be written. We cannot anticipate its verdict, for there may be evidence that would alter our opinion but it will say of Gen. BUTLER, that of all the officers in the service of the Union, none was more hated by its enemies. They denounced him in a spirit of frantic hatred; they covered his fame with calumnies and falsehood ; they finally doomed him to the votion, and his promotion will be grateful to death of a felon and an outlaw. This is an his fellow-citizens of Pennsylvania, whose honor that may well be envied, for no true patriot can wish for anything more flattering to his faith than the scorn and contumely of those who are seeking the destruction of his country.

Retaliation.

The proclamation of JEFFERSON DAVIS, which appeared in THE PRESS of Saturday morning, and in no other Northern newspaper, brings the country to one of those periods of crisis which occur in every great Mr. WEED upon his patriotic determination struggle, where the only choice is between to remain with his paper at a time when the a bold and resolute advance and a retro-

OSCAR, the younger brother of the King งกคไข่ old. The first, grandson of EUGENE BEAUconnected by marriage with ALEXANDER II. many of the patients. of Russia. The other two are cousins of Queen VICTORIA, which, no doubt, would be election of either to the Greek sovereignty Under all the circumstances, there is little prospect of the Greek difficulty being speedi-

ly and satisfactorily settled. International jealousies will operate against such an issue.

English Piracy.

The Alabama pirate has been heard from She is prowling around Cuba and the Gulf waiting for California steamers, and the rich prizes that comprise the West Indian and South American trade. The Oveto is said to have escaped from Mobile, and is now, we suppose, plundering our commerce. These pirates are two-practical evidences of the

neutrality of England, and her friendship to the United States. "Think for a moment," says Mr. SEWARD to Mr. ADAMS, in the courseof his diplomatic correspondence, "of the singular transaction in which this Government is now actually engaged-namely, the fortifying of New York harbor to resist a piratical expedition coming from Liverpool -Liverpool, a chief port of a great nation with whom we are at peace, to whose capitalists we are sending gold, and whose sufferings we are supplying with bread. It seems too strange to believe, and yet what menace of this kind can we discredit after the experience of our merchantmen destroyed on the high seas by the Alabama?" The conduct of England in giving life to these piracies and protection to those who

membered to her shame.

General Halleck.

The Secession newspapers in New York expressly stated, and repeated the statement, that General HALLECK ordered the advance of General BURNSIDE upon the rebel works been a falsehood. That letter has been in print a number of days, and yet these writers have not corrected their assertion. Their pertinacity leaves us no other alternathing wilful, deliberate, and malicious.

General Meade. The appointment of Major General MEADE to command the Fifth Army Corps, is a fine compliment to a distinguished and able soldier. General MEADE has served his country with consummate gallantry and dement brothers and sons he led over many a hardfought and glorious field.

Mr. Weed.

We announced, on the authority of the New York Tribune, that Mr. THURLOW WEED had disposed of his interest in the Albany Evening Journal, and was about to retire from editorial life. The Tribune denies its own statement, however, and we allude to it partly to correct a matter of fact, but more particularly to congratulate

hospital over six hundred wounded natients, on whom the surgeons have performed capital operations, namely : ampu3ations of legs, arms, or resections of these limbs, to the number of seventy-fourall excepting four were primary operations; the deaths after operations were eight. The patients reached Washington in good condition. Anæsthe tics were used in all cases much to the comfort of both patients and surgeons, as stated by Dr. MORTON.

who was present and administered anæsthetics to Internal Revenue Decisions. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has made the following decision relating to the tax on manufactured tobacco : When manufactured chewing or smoking tobacco is put up in packages of tin foil, paper, or other wrapping material, for consumers, the cost of such material shall first be deducted from the gross amount of the sales of such tobacco before

the tax on the same is levied. Refiners who refine sugar are subject to a tax of one-fifth of a cent per pound on the refined sugar produced, known as stove-dried, as hard sugar, in

the various forms of loaf, lump or crushed, gradulated and pulverized. The molasses and the soft or, coffee sugar produced is not taxed, being considered as the esiduum of the refining process. Refiners who refine or make sugar from molasses are subject to a tax of one-fifth of a cent per pound on the sugar produced. The molasses produced is not taxed, being onsidered as the residuum.

Affairs in Utah. Accounts from Utah represent the recently-appointed United States judges to be dissatisfied with the condition of affairs in that Territory, the Legislative Assembly still throwing every obstacle in the way of holding courts and bringing criminals to justice.

Senator BROWNING, of Illinois, has introduced bill endeavoring to remedy these defects ; but from all accounts one thing seems to be certain-namely, that the United States Government will have to meet the issue in Utah at once for all by prompt and vigorous measures. Owing to the inefficient conduct of former Administrations, the accumulating evils have become difficult to remedy, and the former contempt for the home Government intensified.

The Public Printing. The report of JOHN D. DEFREES, superintendent of the public printing, giving in detail the transactions of his office for the year ending the 30th of September, has just been printed. The increased demand for printed blanks occasioned by the war has been very great. The report shows a saving to the Government of \$205,506 since the establishment of the office in March of last year.

The Interior Department. This evening, there was a large gathering of offi-

cers of the Interior Department at the residence of Secretary SMITH, who was presented with a magnificent silver service by his subordinates, and Mrs. SMITH with a gold watch and chain, inlaid with diamonds, and a diamond ring, by the employees of the Capitol extension. The Secretary leaves for Indiana on Tuesday next.

Rumors about Winchester. There are rumors here to-day, that the rebels have e-occupied Winchester, Va., from which they retired a day or two since on the approach of a small Union force under Col. KEYES. We presume this is likely to be so, as there was nothing in its occupation by Col. KEYES, that indicated the purpose on. his part, or that of the officer commanding our main body of troops, to hold the town at this time. So we think it not unlikely that, having reconnoitred the country around the town, Col. K. promptly fell back towards Harper's Ferry.

The Alleged Holly Spring Disaster. We apprehended that the War Department yester

day received official information substantially conadicting the story of our recent considerable losses at Holly Spring, Miss., published in the telegrams in this morning's papers. According to this later information, direct from the Southwest, the rebel raid on Holly Springs was an affair of little importance, and the assailants were promptly driven back with loss, and ere they could accomplish anything of mo-

Adjutant General of New York. Major SPRAGUE has been allowed leave of absence till further orders. This is to enable him to accept the position of Adjutant General of the State of New York under Governor SEYMOUR'S administration.

The McDowell Court of Inquiry. The cross-examination of General Sigel is still rolonged to explain the inconsistency of his having returned almost to the same point he had started from while on the march towards Manassas. He urged that it was in compliance with General Pope's orders he had done so, they having directed him to march to Centreville by way of New Market. He was asked if General McDowell had not informed him, at Buckland Mills, that the cavalry which had been sent forward under Buford had forced Longstreet to deploy his whole army between Salem and White Plains, thereby delaying his pro

gress. He said he did not remember.

He was also questioned as to the reason of his

advance still halting at Gaincsville at half past

Semmes The Alabama claims to have a speed, under twenty-five pounds of steam, of sixteen knots an hour. She overtook the Ariel when running with only seven pounds of steam, and fired two guns at her, when she hove to.

[SECOND DESPATCH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27, P. D. Captain Semmes at first intended to destroy the scamship Ariel by burning her, putting the passengers ashore in the little settlement huts at San Domingo; but Captain Jones, of the Ariel, protested that half of his passengers would die if this was done.

Captain Semmes then propose to land the passen gers at Kingston ; but, after much parleying, an arrangement was effected to release the Ariel on Cautain Jones giving bonds in the sum of \$228,000, payable in thirty days after the acknowledgment of the Southern Confederacy. Later .- Safe Arrival of the Ariel at New

York. SANDY HOOK, Dec. 27-10% olclock P. M.-The steamship Ariel has just been signalled. She will

come up to port between 12 and 1 o'clock in the morn-NEW YORK, Dec. 28-1 o'clock A. M.-The steam-ship Ariel has arrived in port. Thenews of her capture and release by the Alabama'

on her outward trip, as stated in the despatches from San Francisco, is fully confirmed. Statement of the Purser of the Ariel.

The Ariel was captured on her outward passage by the rebel steamer Alabama under the following circumstances: On the 7th inst., at half past 1 P. M., when rounding Cane Maysi, the eastern point of Cuba, we saw a vessel about four miles to the west-ward, close under the high land of Cuba, bark rigged, and under canyas. As there was nothing in her ap-pearance indicating her to be a steamer ber smoke. of its giant rivers. earance indicating her to be a steamer-her smol pipe being down-no suspicions were aroused till, in a short time, we saw she had furled her sails, raised her smokestack, and was rapidly nearing us under steam. The American flag was then fiying at her peak. Such was her speed in comparison to ours that in about half an hour she had come up within ever devised by man-the self-adjusting, self-co that in about half an hour she had come up within a half a mile of us when she fired a lee gun, hauled down the American ensign, and ran up the rebel flag. No attention was paid to the summons, and the Ariel was pushed to her utmost speed. She then sailed across our wake, took a position on our portquarter about four hundred yards distant, and fired two guns almost simultaneously—one shot passing over the hurricane deck, between the walking, here and chalestatek and the other recting constitution of the United States? walking beam and smoke-stack, and the other hitting the foremast and cutting it half away. A

per valleys, may stand, in the affluence of their reources, without superior, and in the privileges of United States marines, consisting o the people without a peer among the nations of the undred and twenty-six men, passengers on board the Ariel, had been drawn up and armed, but the officers in command deemed it worse than folly to earth. Major General Commanding. officers in command deemed it worse than folly to resist, as we could plainly see they were now train-ing a full broadside to bear upon us, and Captain Jones gave orders to stop the ship and haul down the ensign. A boat then put off to us, and the boarding officer, on coming aboard, at once assured the passengers that none should be molested, and that all baggage and private property should be re-spected. He then demanded the keys to the specie locker together with all the shive nones and before NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The New Orleans papers re port the capture of two steamers loaded with sugar and a launch filled with arms and ammunition, and a small brass cannon, by an expedition sent up the Achafalaya river, by Commander Buchanan. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- Advices from Ship Island

locker, together with all the ship's papers and letters, and informed the captain he must be in readiness to go on board the Alabama with him where he was detain-ed as a hostage till the next day. The money in the ship, amounting to \$9,500, was taken off, and the prize crew, twenty in number, all well armed, put on board. The ongine new was taken off, and the prize to the 18th, received at Havana, state that all the ships that sailed from Hampton Roads, with troops for Gen. Banks' expedition, had reached there except two, the Thames and Georges Creek. The Curlew got ashore there, but was got off The engine room was taken in charge by two engi-neers from the Alabama. The officers and marines safely.

neers from the Alabama. The officers and marines on board the Ariel were paroled, and their arms taken, as well as some belonging to the ship. Both vessels lay off the Cape during the night and part of the next day. On the afternoon of the 8th our sails were thrown overboard and the steam valve taken away, in order to prevent our escape should they give chase to any other vessel, as they were expect-ing to take the Champion, and had been lying in wait for several days at this point for that purpose. The same night our valve was returned, and the in-Among the vessels from New York which had not reached Ship Island, in addition to those already reported broken down, are the Shetucket, Cont nental, Quinnebang, and Honduras.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

The same night our valve was returned, and the in-tention of landing on St. Domingo was changed to Kingston, Ja. Both vessels were then headed for that Rebel Account of the Affair near Suffolk Movements of Lee's Army—The Situation— Rebels Still Digging about Fredericksplace, and on the 9th inst, at nine o'clock P. M., we arrived off Point Morant, about forty miles from Kingston. Near this the Alabama gave chase, and boarded a vessel, from which some information was burg-Reported Movement Towards Cul-

peper, &c. HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Dec. 28, 1862.-The Richmond Dispatch of the 25th contained the following :

PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.-On Monday Gen. Prvor with a small detachment attacked a Yankee force of several hundred, stationed at Isle of Wight Court House to protect the election of Representatives to Congress. At the first charge Gen. Dix's protectors fled in great confusion, and were chased ten miles at full speed. Our loss was triffing. Pryor afterwards visited Smithfield.

SELMA, Ala., Dec. 23 .- The Reporter of this morning says that passengers by last night's train report that 5,000 cavalry, under Van Dorn, dashed into Corinth on Sunday, dispersed the Yankees, and took

NEW MEXICO.

ral Milne-A Cargo for the Rebels.

Pierre Soule was at Havana on the 20th.

Admiral Milne arrived at Nassau on the 13th.

rom Havana of the 20th.

Nassau.

desire for a reconciliation.

another Federal outrage.

in the channel Keys.

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possession of the place.

No Reappearance of the Texans-Col. Carson Pursning the Rebels-Activity among the Miners.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27 .- Santa Fe advices of the 12th inst., state that it is now pretty well ascertained that there is no probability of the immediate re appearance of the Texans in New Mexico. Advices from Fort Stanton had been received. Colonel Carson was in active pursuit of the rebels. Many settlers are on the way to Rio Roneto to Harrisburg, and secured the pardon, and took it to the Eastern Penitentiary, where the document se-cured the release of the bold forger. Fortunately for the marshal, in his visit to the prison, he was ranches, and large numbers of miners were rushing to the placers, which were being so profitably worked when the Texans took possession of that portion of NASSAU.

THE HISTORIC MIRROR OF THE WAR.-Messrs. R. and W. Pearson have prepared a panorama of the eading events of the war, which they exhibit at the Concert Hall. This panorama gives a connected and vivid idea of the great scenes that have taken place, and it will afford the opportunity for passing

"MERCURI LOQUANDI."-An association under this cabalistic name gives a ball to-morrow evening at Musical Fund Hall, for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers. It promises to be a brilliant affair.

> THE CITY. The Thermometer. Hipple, No. 820 Arch street. His galleries have been

DECEMBER 27, 1864. | DECEMBER 27, 1862. \$ A. M....12 M.....3 P. M. 6 A. M....12 M.....3 P. M thronged for months past with the *clite* of our city. GEO. STECK PIANOS WIND. SW.....W. w by N. SSW....W by N. WSW. Geo. Steck Pianos DECEMBER 28, 1861. | DECEMBER 28, 1862. 5 A. M.....12 M.....3 P. M. 6 A. M.....12 M.....3 P. M. Geo. Steck Pianos Geo. Steck Pianos

A HABEAS CORPUS APPLIED FOR IN THE CASE OF COLONEL J. BUCHANAN CROSS .- The attempt of Colonel J. Buchanan Cross, the most notorious forger that ever lived, to forge himself out of prison, is familiar to almost every one. It will be remembered that United States Marshal Millward received letters purporting to be written by the Assistant Secretary of War, informing him that Colo nel Cross was needed for some special service b the War Department, and requesting him to lay th facts before Governor Curlin, with a view to a par-don. The letter was written upon Department paper, and enclosed in a Department envelope, and bearing the frank of the Assistant Secretary of War. About the same time Governor, Curlin received a letter from the Assistant Secretary of War convey-ing the same information.

a first-class house on Broadway, New York. EDWARD P. KELLY, Tailor, 142 S. Third lward was thus misled. He started fo

ment, which is one of the finest in the regular

The New York Evening Post of to day says: The stock market is decidedly better on the amoun ment that Mr. Chase will ask authority of Congre-adopt any of the measures for financial relief which he heretofore been granted him. The bulk see in this ar green-backs," hence the disposition shown to parch to day at advancing rates. Since the adjournment of Board the market is still stronger. N. Y. Central 41: bid, Erie 622, Pittsburg 50, Michigan Central 32; Hante preferred 492, Terre Hante common 82; Railway, bonds are very firm with but its of soft The issues of the Terre Hante and Alton, Chicago: Northwestern, and Cleveland and Pittsburgs are in mand. The New York Evening Post of today says ARRIVAL OF A SLOOP-OF-WAR. - The United States sloop-of war Saratoga arrived at the navy yard on Saturday, from a two years' cruise on the western coast of Africa. The Saratoga carries eighteen guns and is 882 tons. She is much worn, and it is expected that she will be refitted and her own paid off of this rotation. crew paid off at this station.

PROMOTION.-We learn with pleasure of he promotion of W. Vogdes, Jr., to a lieutenancy n Company F, 23d Regiment P. V., for meritorious Morine esterning and the better, but rather negle-since it is ascertained that we are to have m "green backs." We however, have assured atread for some time that our Washington advices poin affirmed that such would be the case. Compassi, ISSI are 1023/26102%, registered 906/90%, seventi 1003/26100%, certificates of indebredness 906/9%, onotations are: onduct in recent actions. Lieutenant Vogdes ha been in active service since the breaking out of th ebellion, and well deserves the honor conferred o

FATAL RESULT. - An unknown white man was found in a state of insensibility in a brick yard near the United States Arsenal on Friday aftern He appeared to be stupified from taking laudanum. The stranger was removed to the First-ward station house, where he died in a few hours.

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD. -- On New Year's morning a distribution of 300 loaves of bread, to the deserving poor, will take place at No. 1346 Callowhill street. Three hundred more loaves will e distributed at Eleventh and Vine streets.

THE CITY ICE-BOAT. - The City-Ice Boat, Capt. Schellinger, left Shippen-street wharf, at nine o'clock on Saturday morning, taking in tow the bark Venice, bound to London, laden with coal

COMPLETED.—The addition to the build ing of the Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon is pleted, and incre ses its size about on third. About eight hundred men can now be fed a one time.

THE PATAPSCO.-The iron-clad floating Philada. Stock Exchange Sales, Dec. battery Patapsco attracted much attention yester-day, and the adjoining wharves were visited by a [Reported by S. E. SLATMAKER, Philadelphis Exchange FIRST BOARD. urge host of persons.

GOVERNMENT STAMPS,-Manifests and ther similar documents presented at the custom ouse will require Government stamps upon them on and after January 1st.

1000 Penna R 2d mort .. 106 100 Catawissa li pref BETWEEN BOARDS PERSONAL.-- A letter for Lieutenant James Bain has been directed to the care of the editor of this paper, and may be obtained by calling at the

CITY ITEMS.

est buckwheat ever sold in the market, being far AFTER BOARDS. 45 13 & 15th Sts R CLOSING : PRICES-STEADY superior to the Bethlehem article, which was once considered good, whilst the price of the "Silve

CLOSING Bid. A. U S 6s cpns 'S1...102% U S 7-50 D blk....101% American Gold..132% Phila 6s ..old...100 Do new.....103 Alleg co fs R.....50 Flint" is lower. We speak experimentally in recommending every lover of good buckwheat cakes on a frosty morning, to try this buckwhat. Mr. Mattson is the sole agent for its sale in this city. Do new.... Alleg co 6s R... R..... 50 9714 3734 MESSRS. CHARLES OAKFORD & SON are 97%

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now selling their magnificent Furs, Ladies' Paris Shoes. Gents' Furnishing Goods, and a host of other lesirable and stylish things in their various depart-Penna Do Do ments, at reduced prices, for the benefit of those wishing to purchase New Year's presents. Give Delaw: Do them a call. Their splendid salesrooms, under the Spruce-street Chestnut-st I Arch-street I Continental Hotel, were thronged all day Saturday with customers for the elegant goods above referred Race-street Tenth-street

Nav..... 4¹/₂ prfd 11¹/₂ 6s 'S2.... 65¹/₂ P Thirteenth-s W Phila R.

New York Stocks, Saturday, Dec. 27. THIRD BOARD 2000 American Gold...1323 40000 do......1323 20000 Demand Notes...1264 250 Citurb Coal prf...123 100 Pacific Mail...s0.123 32(0) Clev & Pir 100 Galena & C 100 Clev & Tolen in Chie & Roy 10000 38000 25000 .135 1500 Mich Southet 30 Mich So gaard 200 Hi Contral...... 100 do..... 1100 Cley & Pit 750 Galena & Chie 850 Clev & Teleda 250 Terre Hantex M 50 do.....

> Philadelphia Markets. DECEMBER 27-EV.

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ing the same information.

away a pleasing and profitable hour. THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ART IN PHILADEL PHIA has attained an eminence not equalled in any other city in the Union, and we may say that no artist in this important branch has contributed more substantially to this result than Mr. E. P

"SILVER FLINT."-This is the expressive ame of the popular brand of pure, white, elegant Buckwheat Flour, sold by Mr. C. H. Mattson, dealer in fine family groceries, Arch and Tenth streets By all who have tried it it is pronounced to be the

grade or vacillating policy, that must inevitably prove fatal. Our army has become weary of delay, and impatient of the interval which still separates it from the achievement of its great object, the regain- York city there will be but a single member ing of the whole South. Its excellence as an of the Union party. The Democrats have it army is perhaps greater; but the fire of its all their own way, and the New York jourpatriotism, its ardor and self-devotion, need stimulation. 'The army does not perceive tion, and public plunder. New York city with sufficient distinctness that the true end presents a strange anomaly. With so of the war being the vindication of the na- much wealth, intellect, power, and respectationality of the only American people now bility, the leading city of the continent and remaining, those who have rallied round the among the noblest cities on the globe, it national flag, it will be attained if our ene- permits itself to be ruled by men who have mies are so far subdued as to insure our ex- no ambition beyond public plunder, and istence as a nation, and that this has been who would not be admitted into respectable already, in a great measure, accomplished, society. It is a scandal to America that a by driving the Southern armies far back from city with a Fifth avenue should be ruled by their borders, and riveting Maryland, West- the Five Points. ern Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri firmly

to the Union, which they would otherwise have been compelled to abandon. With these we can live as a great and happy published south of Mason and Dixon's line, people; without them we might have perished; and no European monarch, except Naro- the Christmas festivities at the capital. The LEON, ever achieved so much in so short a scenes at the various hospitals were of a time as have the armies of the Mississippi delightful and interesting character. Thouand the Potomac.

sands of brave men feasted like princes, At this moment of lassitude, the audacious and their pains were forgotten in the geneand cruel threat of JEFFERSON DAVIS is ral joy. Songs, and music, and innocent most opportune, if we look only to the games whiled the hours away; woman lent future of our country and forget ourselves, her cheerful presence, and the honor of the in disclosing with unmistakable distinctness festivities belongs to the noble women of the stern and bloody purpose that animates Washington. This Christmas in the hospithe leaders of the South. Our general is to tal is a bright incident in this dark and be executed by the hands of the hangman ; dreary war.

country demands the services of every loyal journalist.

Christmas at the Capital.

New York City.

even A. M., where they had spent a whole night. He answered that he had chosen this position, be-In the new municipal legislature of New cause it contained plenty of water, and was easily defensible. The Porter Court Martial. nals predict a saturnalia of robbery, corrup-

The examination of Major General McDowell was continued. He said he received, about daybreak, on the morning of August 30, a despatch from General Porter, bidding him to instantly withdraw his forces in the advance back to the main body of the corps. This occurred whilst that portion of the peninsular army was on the march from Acquia creek to form a unction with Gen. Pope. He declared that Gen Porter always expressed a willingness to co-operate with the other commanders, and had managed his corps with zeal and ability.

Colonel Ruggles, chief of the staff of the Army of Virginia (not of that of General Pope, as he desired particularly to state) was next examined. He was handed several orders which he had written when chief of the staff, and after inspection pro sounced them to be genuine.

The main point to which his evidence referred was the purport of a private conversation between Gene-The Washington Chronicle, the best paper rals Pope and Porter at the headquarters of the former, near Fairfax Court-House. Being crossquestioned by the Judge Advocate as to the cause of gives an elaborate and graphic report of his feelings toward General Pope, he replied that he was not absolutely opposed to him, but he should prefer never to serve again under his command.

Surprise of the 2d Pennsylvania Cavalry-Capt. Johnson Killed.

A report has reached Washington that a company of the 2d Pennsylvania Cavalry, commanded h Col. Price, stationed at Occoquan, was surprised thi morning by a detachment of rebel cavalry. A fight ensued, in which a number were wounded, and Capt. Johnson, of Pennsylvania, who was in command. killed. Several supply wagons were captured by the

It is also stated that the rebels captured some of our troops and a battery at Dumfries yesterday.

Execution of Indian Murderers. ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27 .- Thirty-eight condemned Indians were hung at Mankato, at 10 o'clock A. M., yesterday. The gallows was so constructed that all the condemned fell at once. Several thouthe territory. sand spectators were in attendance. All passed off

The Newfoundland Telegraph Lines.

Coxt, N. F., Dec. 26.—The telegraph lines have been down through Newloundland for a week, owing to a succession of sleet and snow storms. A snow storm is raging to-day, and the line repairers are unable to do anything. The utmost endeavors will be given through the uness will be given through the press.

boarded a vessel, from which some information was received which induced Captain Semmes to again change his mind, and take heavy bonds for the ship and cargo, permitting us to resume our voyage. The reason was that this vessel reported yellow fever raging in Kingston, and he would not subject our passengers to its ravages; but we were afterwards informed that no yellow fever had prevailed there for some time. The conduct of the officers and crew while in charge of the ship was extremely courteous

while in charge of the ship was extremely courteous. They were in regular communication with the United States, both by letters and papers, and were fully cognizant of our days of sailing, and that there were

this reason the specie to come by the Ariel was left at Aspinwall, as Capt. Jones did not think it prudent

Report of a Rebel Deserter from Arkansas.

ST: LOUIS, Dec. 26 .- Advices received at head-

quarters from Pilot Knob are to the effect that a

leserter from Greene's rebel regiment reports that

Jeff Thompson is at Pocahontas, with between 5,000

and 6,000 infantry, mostly Missouri and Arkansas

troops, and also two regiments of cavalry and one

Reliable information has been received that Clai-

oorne F. Jackson, the deposed Governor of Mis-

souri, died at Little Rock, Arkansas, about the 8th

The deserter left Pocahontas last Wednesday.

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quietly.

Loss of the Ship Sea King, with all on Board.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The ship Sea King, which sailed from this port on the 9th of September, for Liverpool, loaded with wheat, was totally lost when ten days out, and all on board were lost, ex-cept the third mate, who was picked up by the bark Eugene, and carried to Peru. bringing in either Federal or rebel cruisers.

From Newbern. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The steamer Oriole, from Newbern on the 23d, arrived at this port this morn-ing. She brings no news.

The Bohemian at Portland. PORTLAND, Dec. 28:-The steamer Bohemian ar-ived this morning. She called at Cape Race on the 4th inst.

24th inst. The steamer Caledonian, from Glasgow for Port-land, put into St. John's, N. F., on the 20th, for

Arrival of the Glasgow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The steamer Glasgow has arrived, but her dates are anticipated.

Departure of Steamers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The steamer Bavaria sailed to-day with seventy passengers and \$154,000 in specie, and the steamer Edinburgh with sixty passengers and \$142,000 in specie. كعهد الراد

The Steamer Ariel brings no Specie. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The steamer Ariel brought no specie from Aspinwall.

for the marshal, in his visit to the prison, he was accompanied by Deputy Marshal Jenkins, who; al-though not made acquainted with the facts of the case, had his suspicions aroused, and, as he accom-panied the party to: Washington, he kept his eye-upon Crosse, and folled several ingenious attempts to escape. When Crosse was taken to the War De-partment the whole scheme was exploded, and the gay Colonel was escorted back to his old quarters at Cherry Hill. He profested against this, as his par-don was not a forred instrument. No Federal or Rebel Cruisers to be Admit ted-Arrival of Blockade Runners-Admi-NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The steamer British Queen has arrived from Nassau with dates to the 23d, and

Cherry Hill. He protested against this, as hits par-don was not a forged instrument. There the matter rested, with the public in a state of wonderment in regard to the parties who assisted Colonel Crosse outside the prison. That he had confederates out-side the prison, who were in favor with the prison officers, and who had free access to the prisoner, was evident, but who they were remained'a mystery. Possibly that mystery will soon be cleared up. On the 12th of December, Edward H. Wells, Esq., on behalf of Crosse, presented the following petition for a writ of habeas corpus to Judge Woodward, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The judge granted the writ, and directed that it would be re-turnable before the full bench of the Supreme Court on Saturday, the 3d of January next. The petition sets forth the conviction and sentence, and then avers coolly: Venezuela dates of the 22d state that the insurrection there is about ended, the insurgents evincing The Nassau papers state that the Governor has issued a proclamation forbidding the pilots from The schooner Rover, from Charleston, and the sloop Enterprise, from Florida, had "arrived at A schooner belonging to the well-known Secesh

avers coolly ; "That on the 3d day of June, 1862, his Excellency firm of Adderly & Co., of Nassau, had been captured "That on the 3d day of June, 1862, his Excellency Andrew G. Curtin, Governor of the Commonwealth, by virtue of the power vested in him by the Con-stitution, did grant to your petitioner, under the great seel of the State of Pennsylvania, a full, and free, and unconditional pardon of the offence for which he was convicted, and the same was shown and delivered to the said warden. And your peti-tioner further showeth that, by reason of said par-don he was released from confinement in the Eastern by the steamer Tioga, which the Nassau papers call Two Federal steamers are cruising near Elcuthera. The steamer Giraffe, a blockade runner, had arrived at Nassau, from Liverpool, with an assorted don, he was released from confinement in the Eastern Peniteritary by the said John S. Holloway, but was immediately thereafter taken from the Peni-tentiary by force and compulsion to the city of Washington; that afterwards, on the 6th day of cargo, probably intending to run the blockade again. The brig Chas. H. Frost, from Turks Island for Philadelphia, put into Nassau on the 5th, with loss June, 1862, your petitioner was brought back to the city of Philadelphia, and by force and compulsion was redelivered into the custody of the said warden, by whom he was since that time, and is now, de-triend Robbery and Murder at Vincennes, Ind. CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—Last night four men broke into the house of Isaac Purcell, near Vincennes, Ind., and stole \$1,700 in gold, and \$500 in bank bills. Mr. Purcell, in resisting the robbers, was wounded

by whom he was sufficient is sworn to before tained." The affidavit to the petition is sworn to before Alderman Massey, who was taken into the pri-soner's cell for the purpose. On the hearing before the Supreme Court it may transpire who the parties were who assisted Crosse in getting out. It can hardly be pretended that there is nothing by which a clue to the guilty ones can be secured. Mr. Purcell, in tesisting the robbers, was wounded, and died this morning. The robbers escaped. Sailing of the Arabia from Halifax. HALIFAX, Dec. 26.—The Arabia sailed at 9 o'clock this morning for Liverpool.

formerly principal of Kelly & Brother, and o Lukens, Kelly, & Bro., has on hand a large assortinquiry either for shipment or home use. Sale ly to supply the retailers and bakers, at \$500,250 st fine; \$6.306.75 for extras; \$767.50 for family, and ment of choice Winter Goods; also, Pattern Overcoats and Business Coats, of all the fashionable 8.50 P libl for fancy brands, as in quality. The sock styles. Terms cash, at low prices. de24-12t hand is 103,000 bbls., against 143,000 bbls at the J. E. GOULD, corner of Seventh and last year. Chestnut streets, is the only one in Philadelphia who keeps the popular and truly beautiful Geo. Steck

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