THE PRESS.—PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1863.

MARRIED.

WEST—HERRING.—At New Orleans, on the 28th of November, by the Rev. Mr. Jessup, on board the steamship Columbia, Mr. C. W. West, of New Orleans, to Miss M. Herring, of Philadelphia.

TOMBLESON—EDMONDSON.—On Monday last, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. A. Manship, Mr. George T. Tombleson, of Pottsville, Pa., to Miss Susannah S. Edmondson, of this city. Pottsville papers please copy.

DIED.

GEORGE.—On the morning of the 15th inst., after a short illness, Mrs. Sallie A. George.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her brother, James M. Flanagan, No. 711 Pine street, on Friday, 18th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M. ***

STRING.—At Wilmington, on the 14th instant, Capt. David A. String, in the 54th year of his age.
His relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his son-in-law, William Farrow, at Brandywine village, Wilmington, Del., this afternoon, at 2 o'clock. **

ELLIS.—On Tuesday morning, the 15th inst., Josiah Ellis, aged 61 years.
His relatives and male friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 1517 North Eleventh street, on Friday morning, December 18th, at 10 o'clock, without further notice. Interment at the Odd Fellows' Cemetery. ***

RANDOLPH.—On third day, the 15th instant, Richard Randolph, in the 73d year of his age.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 1734 Chestnut street, on sixth day morning, the 18th instant, at eleven o'clock, without further notice. ***

LEEDS.—On the evening of the 14th inst., Lewis Leeds, in the 29th year of his age.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 2 Woodland Terrace, West Philadelphia, this afternoon, at 1 o'clock. To proceed to Absecum, N. J. **

LEWIS.—On the 13th instant, Fanny Draper, eldest child of Walter H. and Arabella B. Lewis, aged 7 years.

KESTER.—On Sunday, the 13th inst., John W. Kester, in the 63d year of his age.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, Frankford road, on Thursday next, at 11 o'clock A. M. **

SMITH.—At Springville, Chester Co., Pa., Dec. 14, Caroline M., wife of Samuel Smith, aged 40 years, formerly of Philadelphia.
[Troy and Albany (N. Y.) papers please copy.]
The friends and relatives of deceased are respectfully invited to attend h[illegible] on Thursday, the 17th inst., at 12 o'clock, A. M[illegible]

BLACK DRESS GOODS.—CASHMERES, Velour Reps, Tamises, 3-4 and 6-4 Mousselines, Merinoes, Henrietta Cloths or silk-warp Cashmeres, Ottoman Poplins, Irish Poplins, English and French Bombazines, Alepines, corded Mousselines, Australian Crapes, Barathens, Turin Cloths, Paramattas, De Laines, Oriental Lustres, Alpacas and Mohair Lustres, Reps Anglais, Mourning Silk, Armure, Poult de Soie and Gros Grain Silks. BESSON & SON,
oc23 Mourning Store, No. 918 CHESTNUT Street.

HAVANA BROWN AND ROYAL PURPLE FINE FRENCH MERINO.
EYRE & LANDELL.

HAVANA BROWN AND HUMBOLDT PURPLE SILK-FACED POPLINS.
EYRE & LANDELL.

HAVANA BROWN AND HUMBOLDT PURPLE RICH PLAIN SILKS & MOIRES.
de4 EYRE & LANDELL.

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE FOR Recruiting Colored Troops will hold an Adjourned Meeting THIS EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested.
1t CADWALLADER BIDDLE, Secretary.

GRAND FAIR IN AID OF THE CITIZENS' VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL, at CONCERT HALL, opened on MONDAY, and will be continued every day and night this week. We would call the attention of those desirous of purchasing Holiday presents to the splendid assortment of Books, Photograph Albums, Toys, Silverware and Fancy Articles. Refreshments of all kinds are served in the best manner. Admission 10 cents; season tickets 25 cents. d16tf

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.—The Annual Meeting of THE CORPORATORS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND will be held at the Institution Building, RACE and TWENTIETH Streets, in this city, on THURSDAY, the 17th inst., at 4 P. M.
de16 2t* ROBERT P. KANE, Secretary.

UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA.—At an ELECTION held at the LEAGUE HOUSE, December 14th, 1863, the following Officers were chosen to serve for the ensuing year:
PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM M. MEREDITH.
VICE PRESIDENTS.
WILLIAM H. ASHHURST.
HORACE BINNEY, Jr.
JOHN B. MYERS.
ADOLPH E. BORIE.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Morton McMichael, Charles Gibbons,
J. H. Clark Hare, George H. Boker,
Benjamin Gerhard, Joseph B. Townsend,
James L. Claghorn, George Whitney,
John B. Kenney.
TREASURER.
JAMES L. CLAGHORN.
SECRETARY.
GEORGE H. BOKER.
de16-3t GEORGE H. BOKER, Secretary.

ÆTNA MINING COMPANY (OF MICHIGAN.)—The first Meeting of the ÆTNA MINING COMPANY, under its Articles of Association, will be held on the Fourth of January, 1864, at 11 o'clock A. M., at No. 324 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia.
W. H. STEVENS,
B. A. HOOPES,
Two of the Associates of said Corporation.
Philadelphia, December 16, 1863. de16-15t

A LECTURE IN AID OF THE NEW CHARITY HOSPITAL, At Washington City, D. C., under charge of the Sisters of Charity, Will be delivered by REV. F. E. BOYLE, At the ACADEMY OF MUSIC, ON THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 17, 1863, At 8 o'clock.
Subject..........."THE MONKS."
Admission 25 cents. de11-4t*

JERSEY SHORE, PINE CREEK, AND STATE LINE RAILROAD.—Agreeably to previous notice, a Meeting of the Commissioners of the above enterprise was held at the Girard House, in Philadelphia, on the 10th inst., and after the transaction of business they adjourned to meet again at the FRANKLIN HOUSE, in Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, on THURSDAY, the 4th day of February, 1864, at 10 o'clock A. M., to open books and receive subscriptions, preparatory to organizing the Company. A report on the general character of the route will be made by the Engineer at that time.
DECEMBER 16, 1863. de16 wstfe4

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, (DEPARTMENT OF ARTS.)
The Examination of the College Classes, at the close of the First Term, will be held in the following order:
MONDAY, Dec. 14th. From 9 to 11, Juniors, by Prof. Kendall, (Analytical Geometry,) and Sophomores, by Prof. Frazer, (Conatology,) written. From 11 to 1, Seniors, by Prof. Frazer, (Spherical Astronomy,) oral.
TUESDAY, 15th. From 9 to 11, Seniors, (Integral Calculus,) and Freshmen, (Algebra,) by Prof. Kendall, written. From 11 to 1, Juniors, by the Provost, (Intellectual Philosophy,) oral.
WEDNESDAY, 16th. From 9 to 11, Seniors, by Prof. Jackson, (Horace's Ars Poetica and Juvenal,) and Sophomores, by Prof. Kendall, (Geometry,) written. From 11 to 1, Juniors, by Prof. Frazer, (Statics,) oral.
THURSDAY, 17th. From 9 to 11, Juniors, by Prof. Allen, (Theocritus,) and Sophomores, by Prof. Coppée, (Clark's English Language,) written. From 11 to 1, Seniors, by the Provost, (Moral Philosophy,) oral.
FRIDAY, 18th. From 9 to 11, Seniors, by Prof. Coppée, (Mahan's Field Fortification,) oral. From 11 to 1, Juniors, by Prof. Jackson, (Cicero's Tusculan Disputations,) oral.
MONDAY, 21st. From 9 to 11, Sophomores, by Prof. Jackson, (Tacitus' Agricola,) oral. From 11 to 1, Freshmen, by Prof. Allen, (Xenophon's Hellenica,) oral.
TUESDAY, 22d. From 9 to 11, Freshmen, by Prof. Coppée, (History,) oral. From 11 to 1, Sophomores, by Prof. Allen, (Thucydides,) oral.
WEDNESDAY, 23d. From 9 to 11, Freshmen, by Prof. Jackson, (Livy,) oral.
GEORGE ALLEN,
de12-9t Secretary of the Faculty of Arts.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office No. 227 South FOURTH Street. PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1863.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed on THURSDAY, 17th instant, and reopened on TUESDAY, January 12, 1864.
A Dividend of SEVEN PER CENT., clear of State tax, has been declared on the Common Stock, payable in Common Stock on and after the 31st December next to the holders thereof as they shall stand registered on the books at the close of business on the 17th inst.
A Dividend of THREE AND A HALF PER CENT., clear of State tax, has been declared on the Preferred Stock, payable in Cash or Common Stock, at the option of the holder, on and after the 31st December next, to the stockholders as they shall stand registered on the books at the close of business on the 17th inst.
Holders of certificates which have been discharged from this office, or either of the Transfer Agencies, are particularly requested to have them duly registered on the Transfer Books to which they have been transferred, prior to the 17th inst.
Stockholders whose names are registered on the New York books will be paid at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, and those whose names are registered on the Boston books will be paid at the office of Messrs. I. E. Thayer & Brother.
S. BRADFORD,
de3-tf Treasurer.

WESTERN MARKET HOUSE, SIXTEENTH and MARKET streets.—The public are respectfully invited to visit the Market House on the opening night of the FIFTH ANNUAL PRODUCE FAIR, TUESDAY, December 22d, at 7 o'clock. The Fair commences for the sale of Produce on Wednesday morning, the 23d inst., and continues until Saturday, January 2d, 1864.
PHILIP LOWRY, Jr.,
de16 6t Superintendent.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.—EXTRA BOUNTY TO VOLUNTEERS!!!—TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.—The Executive Committee of the Twenty-fourth Ward are now prepared to pay the WARD BOUNTY OF FIFTY DOLLARS (in addition to the City and United States bounties) to all recruits, white or colored, received and credited on the quota of the Twenty-fourth Ward, on application to
Prof. E. D. SAUNDERS,
Chairman of Executive Committee,
At Saunders' Institute, MARKET and THIRTY-NINTH Streets, West Philadelphia.
d15-3t*

A FAIR IN AID OF THE SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS, and other benevolent purposes, under the direction of the Missionary Society of the Sunday Schools of the First Baptist Church, will be held in the School Room, commencing on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 16th, and will continue every day and evening until SATURDAY, the 19th inst.
There will be a table on which Books and Albums will be for sale from the Publication Society and Sunday School Union, at their prices.
The patronage of the friends of the soldiers, and the friends of Sunday Schools, is solicited. de15-4t

OFFICE OF THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 921 CHESTNUT Street.
ELECTION.—An Election for NINE TRUSTEES, to serve for three years, will be held at the Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 4th day of January, 1864. Polls open from 10 to 12 A. M.
de12-swtja4 H. S. STEPHENS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 306 WALNUT Street.
PHILADELPHIA, November 30th, 1863.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the "Reliance Insurance Company, of Philadelphia," will be held at their Office on MONDAY, December 21st, 1863, at 12 o'clock M., and the Annual Election of Thirteen Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 o'clock P. M., at the same place.
THOS. C. HILL,
no30-td21 Secretary.

THE QUICKSILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 21 NASSAU Street, New York, December 7, 1863.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the CONTINENTAL HOTEL, in the city of Philadelphia, at 11 A. M., on MONDAY, January 4, 1864.
The Annual Election of Directors will be held on the same day, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.
The Transfer Books will be closed on Saturday, December 19, 1863, and reopened on Tuesday, January 5, 1864. By order.
J. B. RANDOL,
de9-20t Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE RELIANCE INSURANCE CO., OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 308 WALNUT STREET.
PHILADELPHIA, December 7, 1863.
The Directors of "The Reliance Insurance Co., of Philadelphia," have this day declared a dividend of FOUR (4) per cent. on the capital stock of this Company for the past six months, payable to the Stockholders or their legal representatives, free of taxes, on demand.
de8-10t THOS. C. HILL, Secretary.

CORN EXCHANGE BANK, PHILADELPHIA, November 23d, 1863.
At the Election held 18th inst. the following Stockholders were duly elected Directors of the Corn Exchange Bank:
Alexander G. Cattell,
James Steel, Christian J. Hoffman,
Robert Ervien, H. W. Catherwood,
William P. Cox, Edmund A. Souder,
Samuel T. Canby, Charles E. Wilkins,
Philip B. Mingle, David Vanderveer,
John F. Gross, Jonathan Knight.
And at the meeting of the Board this day ALEX. G. CATTELL, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President; ALEX. WHILLDIN, Esq., Vice President, and JOHN W. TORREY, Cashier.
J. W. TORREY,
no24-3m Cashier.

MANUFACTURERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, Office, No. 411 WALNUT Street.
PHILADELPHIA, December 4, 1863.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company will be held at the office, on MONDAY, January 4, 1864, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year.
WM. PETTIT, Secretary.
de4-1m

SURGEON-ARTIST'S OFFICE, FOR MUTILATED SOLDIERS.—SOLDIERS who have lost an ARM or LEG in the service, and desire the Patent "PALMER Limbs" to be supplied by Government, should return this notice immediately to this office, stating their loss by letter, with name, company, regiment, and residence.
B. FRANK PALMER,
oc22-tf 1609 CHESTNUT Street, Philadelphia.

AT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, held THIS DAY, the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors:
Nathan Hilles, Simon R. Snyder,
George W. Rhawn, Edward Hayes,
Benjamin Rowland, Jr., John Milnes,
Lewis Shallcross, Benjamin H. Deacon,
Charles E. Kremer.
W. H. RHAWN, Secretary.
FRANKFORD, Dec. 11, 1863.
At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Second National Bank of Philadelphia, held THIS DAY, NATHAN HILLES was unanimously elected President.
EDWARD HAYES, Sec. pro tem.
FRANKFORD, Dec. 11, 1863. de14 6t

CONCERT FOR THE BENEFIT OF SAMUEL H. PAIST, (the blind Medium,) at SANSOM-STREET HALL, on SATURDAY EVENING, the 19th instant, to commence at a quarter before 8.
PROGRAMME.
1. An Original Poem.
2. Song—"Praise the Lord."..........Trio.
3. "Washington's Grave"..........S. H. Paist.
4. "Last Hopes" (Gottschalk)....By a Lady Amateur.
5. "The Cricket"..........By Master Felix Emmanuel.
6. "Salutation to America."
7. "The Cork Leg"..........S. H. Paist.
8. "Home, Sweet Home, (with variations,)..........Mr. C. E. Sargent.
PART II.
1. "Ruth and Naomi."
2. "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep"....S. H. Paist.
3. "Marseilles Hymn"..........Master Felix Emmanuel.
4. Duett on Harp and Piano..........By Lady Amateurs.
5. "I've left the Snow-clad Hills."
6. "The Old Arm Chair"..........S. H. Paist.
7. "A. B. C."—A Comic Duett.
8. "Star Spangled Banner"—S. H. Paist—Chorus by the audience.
Admittance 25 cents. de16 4t*

A CONCERT IN AID OF THE TABERNACLE M. E. CHURCH, ELEVENTH Street, above Jefferson, will be given on WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 16, 1863, commencing at ¾ to 8 o'clock, on which occasion will be performed some choice selections by well-known amateurs, assisted by an efficient chorus. Tickets 50 cents. de12-4t*

THE NORTHERN SOUP SOCIETY will open their house, situated at the corner of PETER'S Alley, FOURTH Street, above Brown, for the gratuitous distribution of Soup to the poor, on MONDAY, the 21st of December, 1863. This Society has added to its other valuable gratuities a free Bathing establishment for women and children, at which about 9,000 baths have been taken this year. Donations in money, flour, meat, vegetables, coal, &c., will be thankfully received at the house, or by either of the undersigned.
CHAS. J. SUTTER, President, No. 304 Callowhill st.
SAM'L F. CHILD, Secretary, No. 624 North Second st.
S. MORRIS PEROT, Treasurer, No. 621 Market st.
SAMUEL JEANS, No. 1023 Arch street.
HORATIO C. WOOD, No. 117 Chestnut street.
JOHN O. JAMES, No. 239 North Third street.
RICHARD W. BACON, No. 809 Market street, and by any of the other managers of the Society. de16-6t

OFFICE MINEHILL AND SCHUYLKILL HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY.
PHILADELPHIA, Twelfth Month, 16th, 1863.
A Special Meeting of the Stockholders will be held on the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock, at the Hall of the Franklin Institute, No. 15 South SEVENTH Street, for the purpose of taking final action on the agreements with the Reading Railroad and Schuylkill Navigation Companies.
WILLIAM BIDDLE,
de16-wfm6t Secretary.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.—THE Board of Directors have just decided that Library Scrip (on which, if not converted, no tax will be charged for 1864) may be transferred into stock and duplicated at any time next year, thus giving the privilege of two shares of stock for $10. This being the par value of each share, persons are already seeking these scrip certificates as an investment. Either stock or scrip, to be subject to duplication, must be taken before January 1st, 1864. A share of this stock would constitute a most valuable Christmas Present. Price at the Library for stock or scrip, $10. de16-6t

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.
The Price of this Stock, at the Library, is only TEN DOLLARS PER SHARE.
No more useful Christmas Present could be found for either lady or gentleman.
Any one purchasing before January 1st will be entitled to an
ADDITIONAL SHARE, FREE OF CHARGE.
The public are invited to visit and examine the rooms at any time before Christmas.
No library in the city can now compare with this, in the value of its importations, the number of its purchases, the stock of its Periodicals and Newspapers, or the popularity of its Chess Department. de15-9t

MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE, No. 7 North FIFTH Street.
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12, 1863.
Importers and Dealers in MEDICINES, HOSPITAL STORES, HOSPITAL FURNITURE, BEDDING, ICE, &c., are invited to submit their Price Lists from time to time to this Office.
J. MURRAY,
no13-6tamtf Surgeon and Medical Purveyor.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA OIL-CREEK PETROLEUM COMPANY have declared a dividend of one per cent. on the par value of the stock out of the earnings of the Company for the last thirty days, payable on demand at the Office,
THOMAS BELL, Treasurer,
de15 2t* 335 WALNUT Street.

SAFES.

LILLIE'S SAFES
Blown up and Blown down—Blown at and Blown upon—Still not An-ni-hi-la-ted.
To the Publisher of The Press: I notice an article in your paper of the 10th inst., headed "Lillie's Patent Safe Blown Open," &c., and, as you have published this article, I ask the same privilege to reply.
First. I will say to Evans & Watson that whenever they will come out over their own signature, and state that they or their agent can drill any of Lillie's Safes in any way practical for a burglar, and will back up their statement with any respectable sum, in case of failure, I am ready and willing to meet them with like sum in case of success, with the single condition, that if successful the same amount shall be pledged by both parties, that if I drill, or cause to be drilled, one of their Safes of similar cost and size, in one-half the time, the forfeiture is mine; if not, theirs.
Second. Whenever they are ready to take any bank or mercantile Safe they now have in use, and put the same against one of mine of similar cost and size now in use, and submit them to any practical burglar test, I will give them one-third advantage in time, each party pledging a respectable sum, to be forfeited by the party unsuccessful. As to fire, they may select any of my medium-size Fire and Burglar Proof Safe, sold in Philadelphia within the last three years, and I will select one of their Safes of similar size and cost, sold within the same time and both placed in a fire together, and fairly tested upon the same terms as heretofore mentioned. As to an investigation of the Troy fire, if they will allow Mayor Henry to appoint a committee to visit Troy and make a report as to how my Safes stood that fire, I will pay their expenses, provided they will publish their report in two of the leading papers in Philadelphia, one month, at their expense.
I make these offers, gentlemen, that you may have the opportunity to place your Safes fairly before the public, in contrast with the "New York humbugs," thereby saving the necessity of publishing vague innuendoes, inferences without any foundation in fact, and statements utterly untrue.
And now, with a few questions, I am done:
When Fennock & Co.'s Safe, of yours make, costing $600, was broken open at Wilmington, Del., with an old axe and small bar, and $1,500 taken, and you gave them, in place, a large Bank Safe, how was that affair settled? What did you give besides?
When your Safe was blown open at Allentown, and robbed, how did you settle that affair?
When your Safe was broken open by a hammer and bar, at Mount Joy, and robbed of $800, how did you fix up that matter with Mr. John Patterson, the owner?
When the Reading Railroad lost near $11,000 from one of your Safes, it being left alone for about a half hour, before nine o'clock P. M., with both keys in possession of Mr. Potts, the principal, who was away, what redress did you make? And how have you arranged with Judge Jordan, of Sunbury, who was robbed a few days since of $1,200, by having forty to fifty holes drilled in one of your Safes, in front of the lock, the steel plate broken, and the lock laid bare, besides many other cases that might be enumerated?
As to the Lock Haven fire, why did you first publish Mr. Emery's (the son-in-law of Mr. Evans) letter, saying that he had forwarded one of your certificates, and expected two more the next day? *If obtained*, why were they not published? Was not the Safe for which you got this certificate on the walk or street, and not in any building when the fire occurred, and opened on the same day? Did not the [illegible] together in one of your three safes? and was not another of the three so badly damaged the certificate could not be obtained? Please answer.
Gentlemen, the noble precept presented to the publicans and sinners in ancient times—"Let him that is not guilty cast the first stone," is a rule quite applicable, I think, in this case, and equally so is the latter saying—"Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones."
In my next article I shall present some important facts to the public.
LEWIS LILLIE,
Per M. C. SADLER, Agent and Attorney,
de14-3t 21 South SEVENTH Street, Philada.

LILLIE'S PATENT
BURGLAR-PROOF SAFE.
DRILLED AND BLOWN OPEN WITH POWDER, AT WILKESBARRE, PA., NOVEMBER, 1863.
NOTICE.—To Philadelphia Bankers and all other persons who have purchased Safes from those New York humbugs who advertise that they are the only firm that can make Safes that will stand fire, and cannot be drilled, bored, blown open with powder, nor robbed in any manner.
We say to you that there is not one of your great Patent Safes, of this make, you now have in use, that cannot be drilled and blown open in the same manner as below.
If you, the above purchasers, will appoint a committee of three, who will go to Troy, New York, and ascertain how many more than twenty of these Lillie's great Safes were destroyed, and their contents entirely burned up, by the late destructive fire in that place, we will pay all the expense of their journey.
Please read the following, taken from the *Record of the Times* of November 18th:
"WILKESBARRE, Pa.
"BANK ROBBED.—The banking office of W. G. Sterling, Esq., a few doors from this office, was entered on Friday morning, and a large burglar and fire-proof Safe, of Lillie's Patent, blown open. The event attracted a crowd as soon as it was discovered, the news spreading like wildfire. Mr. Sterling was at work there till after eleven on Thursday evening. After that hour the burglars entered and drilled through the chilled door, filled the lock with powder, and blew it open."
All this was done in less than four hours, and these are the great chilled iron safes which the makers have been saying cannot be drilled.
WILKESBARRE, Pa., December 1, 1863.
MESSRS. EVANS & WATSON—*Gentlemen:* On the 13th ultimo, the banking house of W. G. Sterling, Esq., of this place, was entered by burglars. His money and papers were contained in one of "Lillie's Patent Burglar-Proof Safes," which was entered by means of a hole being drilled through the door into the lock, and the door blown to pieces with powder. The safe door was split across its face, and completely destroyed.
I understand from Mr. Sterling that the safe was of about the "two-hundred-dollar size," and that Mr. Lillie's agent has agreed to deliver to Mr. Sterling a *six-hundred-dollar Safe*, in order to get possession of the *wreck*. Respectfully yours, &c., C. F. REETS.
WILLIAMSPORT, Lycoming co., Pa., December 11, 1862.
MESSRS. EVANS & WATSON, Philadelphia—*Gentlemen:* I went to Lock Haven yesterday. Among the different fire-proofs which had passed through the great fire, I found three or four of your safes, which had preserved the books, papers, &c., in a perfect condition, bearing not the least mark of the great conflagration.
Messrs. Boggis & Beadle had in their store one of Lillie's make of safes, which was burned up. I send you by express part of the charred remains of the woodwork. Very respectfully yours,
C. D. EMERY.
MESSRS. EVANS & WATSON would respectfully call the attention of their Philadelphia friends and customers to the advertisement headed "Fire! Fire! Fire!" published for a long time in the Philadelphia papers, which advertisement can be found below showing conclusively the method resorted to by New York Humbugs to deceive Philadelphians. We desire all our friends and all who are about purchasing Safes to read the annexed certificate, proceed to the store designated, on Second street, the third door above Willow street, east side, where this *great fire* took place. The building still remains in the same position as after the *great fire*, the floor on which the safe stood not being destroyed, the *heat* where the safe stood not being sufficient to "roast a goose." "As this is the first trial of *Lillie's Safes* in an accidental fire in Philadelphia," it will be a very lucky circumstance for many purchasers of this make of safe if there are no more trials, more severe; for, should there be, their books and papers would be as secure in almost any other position.
FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!
PHILADELPHIA, May 30, 1863.
M. C. Saddler, Esq., Agent for Lillie's Safes:
DEAR SIR: During the night of May 19, 1863, our Grocery and Provision Store, at North Second and Willow streets, took fire at about 2 o'clock A. M., and as the store was a two story wood building it burnt rapidly, and, before the fire-engines could act upon the fire, our whole stock of goods, including much combustible material, and amounting to over $2,000, were wholly destroyed. We had one of your No. 11 Chilled Iron Safes, which was in the hottest part of the fire, and it came out of the fire not in the least injured, except the melting off of the name plate, and paint. The contents inside were not affected in the least, and we consider the Safe just as good a protection against fire now as before, and shall use it hereafter with increased confidence. The lock works as perfectly as before the fire.
Yours truly, McMANUS & CROFT,
Late 429 North SECOND Street.
Attention to the above certificate is particularly requested, as it is the first trial of Lillie's Safes in an accidental fire in Philadelphia. de15-3tif

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AUCTION SALES.

BAZAAR—NINTH AND SANSOM Streets.
AUCTION SALE OF HORSES, CARRIAGES, &c. THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at 10 o'clock. SALE OF HORSES, &c., on Saturday, as usual. SALE OF FIFTY SLEIGHS, Albany and Portland style, on Saturday next.
No postponement on account of the weather.
1t ALFRED M. HERKNESS, Auctioneer.

HIDES.—WILL BE SOLD, AT AUCTION, every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the wharf, foot of G street, all the HIDES, TALLOW, &c., that may be on hand, of Cattle slaughtered OUTSIDE the limits of the District of Columbia and shipped to this point for such disposition. Terms, cash in Government funds, to be paid at the time of sale.
G. BELL,
de15-1m Lieut. Col., & C. S. V. S.

LEGAL.

ALL PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED that I hereby revoke the Power of Attorney heretofore executed and delivered by George Y. Custer and myself to one THOMAS M. MAITLAND, late of Norristown, Montgomery county, Pa., to sell the right to use and sell the "Improvement in Coal Oil Lamps," patented, of which George Y. Custer is the original patentee, and one-half of the right to which letters Patent, dated August 19, 1862, is now vested in me by virtue of a deed executed and delivered to me by said George Y. Custer, September 3, 1862.
And I hereby caution all persons against purchasing said right of or from said MAITLAND, who has recently absconded from Montgomery county, Pa., with the Original Letters Patent, which do not belong to him, but belong to said George Y. Custer and myself.
JANSEN F. CUSTER.
Shannonville, Montgomery co., Pa.
DECEMBER 14, 1863. de15-wfm 6t

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.
Estate of QUINTIN CAMPBELL, deceased.
The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of E. B. COMEGYS and WILLIAM L. CAMPBELL, Executors of the last will and testament of the said Quintin Campbell, deceased, and report distribution of the balance in the hands of the Executors, will meet the parties interested, for the purposes of his appointment, on TUESDAY, 29th December, 1863, at 4 P. M., at his office, 606 WALNUT Street, in the city of Philadelphia.
de16-wfm5t WILLIAM ERNST, Auditor.

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