THE CITY.

The Thermometer.

DECEMBER 25, 1862.			DECEMBER 25, 1863.		
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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.—Christmas Day passed away as it was ushered in, with mirth, peacefulness, and enjoyment. Good humor prevailed on all sides, and the children had such a carnival as they never before experienced. Santa Claus looked upon them more benevolently than ever, and found time and inclination to descend every chimney and fill every stocking pendant from the mantels. He came with his richest stores of good things, and in every imaginable variety. Doll-babies and sugar plums, bugles, trumpets, china tea-pots, popguns, and every conceivable caricature of a living thing, were emptied into the fire-place, and as greedily snatched up by the anxious and joyous urchins. The weather was highly enjoyable, and the Schuylkill river was frozen over, to the infinite delight of thousands of sprightly skaters. The promenade was patronized; the shops closed; churches well attended; dinner tables groaned with luxuries of all sorts, and universal havoc was made upon the turkey tribe. Altogether, it was such a holiday as Christmas ought to be—lively, enjoyable, serene, and happy.

Christmas at the hospitals was observed with great spirit and eclat. At all of them there were appropriate services, in which the wounded soldiers participated with great satisfaction. For days previous to the advent of Christmas Eve the ladies connected with the institutions were industriously at their efforts to procure a sufficiency of substantials and delicacies, and in the prosecution of the pleasant duty they were greatly assisted by the surgeons and chaplains, and the outside public. The well-filled tables proved highly profitable to the labor—how benevolent the soldiers' friends. The various buildings were decorated with flags and evergreens, and when the time for the commencement of the festivities arrived the convalescent sick and wounded sat down at the tables with appetites as keen as those of any of their comrades, who, more fortunate, were permitted to partake of the Christmas meal at their own homes.

The unfortunate patients who were unable to descend to the dining room were not forgotten, and fair hands presented to their half closed, feverish lips choice offerings, which could not fail to cause at least a temporary forgetfulness of pain and suffering. To describe the scene at each hospital would be to describe the festivities at all. Eloquent and patriotic addresses were delivered; appropriate prayers were offered up to the Ruler of all for a continuance of his manifold blessings, and that joyous hilarity which every lover of his country would wish to perceive in an army hospital on such an occasion reigned throughout the day. No disorder was apparent; nothing occurred to mar the general enjoyment, and the soldiers retired at a late hour of the day's proceedings, and invoking blessings upon those who had so kindly given them a day of such unalloyed happiness.

The churches, too, were largely patronized, the Episcopal, Catholic, and Lutheran being open during the day.

At St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, at 10½ o'clock A. M., Professor W. A. Newland's Grand Mass was performed with the assistance of an orchestra and an excellent choir. Dr. Meignan was the leader on the occasion, and Professor Newland presided at the organ. The Mass celebrated was a Deacon and a Sub-Deacon one, Father Jamison being the principal celebrant, and the discourse was delivered by Father Lee. The altar was splendidly decorated with innumerable flowers, candelabras, &c., and was illuminated with hundreds of wax taperers, imparting an effect of the most brilliant and captivating character. The church itself was ornamented with evergreens.

At St. John's P. E. Church, Sabbath School, Third street, a Juvenile Concert took place. About fifty young girls took part in the exercises. Exhibitions for the children also took place at Summerfield M. E. Church, at Cohocksink M. E. Church, and at several other churches.

The Christian Church, Tenth and Locust streets, was yesterday dressed in Christmas green, for the first time since its erection. There were no religious services, though a wedding took place there during the day.

Dinners suitable to the occasion were served up at all our public institutions—the Deaf and Dumb, the Blind, and the Homes for Friendless Children. At the Northern Home there were also addresses and singing, commencing at half past 3 o'clock.

A grand entertainment was given to the recruits at Camp Wm. Penn. There were a large number of persons from the city. The volunteers enjoyed the festivities of the occasion, and expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the large provision made for them. Turkeys, in great profusion, were supplied, as well as pies and other delicacies. The occasion cannot but be remembered by the recipients of these favors with great satisfaction.

On Christmas Eve the Niagara Hose Co. were the recipients of two handsome silver fire hooms. The donors were the Niagara Assembly, and deserve great credit for these valuable testimonials. After the usual ceremonies were conducted those present partook of a collation. There were hundreds of balls, parties, and minor celebrations, that we have not space to refer to at greater length than in this brief paragraph. At the Bedford-street Mission, in the afternoon, a fine dinner was prepared and served up to the children and their parents, and all present appeared to relish the delicacies which had been provided for the occasion. Perhaps there is no spot within the city limits which claims the attention of the benevolent to the extent that this does, and yet persons who have it in their power to contribute are slow to realize the fact. A visit to the Mission room will soon convince the most skeptical of the great importance of the work in which the managers of this enterprise are engaged. Hundreds of children are being educated and trained up in the ways of rectitude, who have been born of intemperate parents and are among the most destitute. The return of this annual festival of Christmas is related a season of MUCH HUMANITY. DURING CHRISTMAS DAY and evening the places of amusement were packed, jammed, pressed down and running over with young and old pleasure-seekers.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—The practice of celebrating periodic wedding anniversaries—the wooden wedding at five years, the tin at ten, the copper at twelve, the silver at twenty-five, and the golden at fifty—has become quite fashionable, and in cases (which are unfortunately few) where the latter period of married life is attained, its observance becomes more or less a matter of public interest. We had on Wednesday occasion to be pleasure of attending one of these fiftieth wedding anniversaries at the residence of Mr. John Linton, North Seventh street, a retired merchant of this city, and one of our most respected citizens. The simple wedding was in this instance dispensed with, but nothing was wanting that pertained to the *éclat* of a fashionable affair, the religious ceremonies, the joyous congratulations of kindred and friends, and the usual golden presents.

A very touching part of the affair was the reading of a written statement by Mr. Linton, (who has outlived the Psalmist's allotted three score and ten), detailing the prominent events of his life, from the time of his marriage, December 23d, 1813, and his services in the war of 1814, up to the present time, for the benefit of his children and grandchildren, with eight of the former of whom he was then surrounded, and over twenty of the latter. This was followed by a neat and appropriate address, from the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, pastor of the Second Reformed Dutch Church of this city—of which Mr. Linton and wife are members—and a prayer by the Rev. T. T. Shepherd. Among the gifts presented to the bride and groom was a group of photographic portraits of all the children and grandchildren, with the parent couple in the centre, in isolated medallions, but all enclosed in one large, massive oval frame. The presentation and acknowledgment of this, couched in suitable terms, was also a pleasing feature of the evening, somewhat tinged with solemnity, it is true, for so joyous an occasion as a wedding, but then it was the solemnity which attaches to and beautifies the close of a summer day, or that tinges autumn with its sober loveliness. The banquet provided for the guests highly reflected the taste of the confectioner vied with the skill of the florist.

After the supper, by request, the family *per se*, from the oldest to the youngest present, formed a double line in the drawing room, preparatory to the bride and groom receiving the parting congratulations of the company. There was the far-advanced, but still well-preserved pair, at the head of the room, the father's countenance illuminated with the lingering sunbeams of a well-spent life, and by his side his beloved partner of half a century, the whole picture realizing the Scriptural benediction upon him that "feareth the Lord:" * * * "Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children like olive plants round about thy table."

The company retired at a seasonable hour, impressed, we have no doubt, with the appropriateness of celebrating golden weddings, by all who attain to that prolonged period of connubial bliss.

A STOLEN LETTER.—The following is a copy of a letter found among a number, stolen recently by a letter carrier, now in prison for ten years and three months for robbing the mail. We publish it at the request of Mr. Booth, the chief clerk of Postmaster Walborn, with the view of ascertaining, if possible, the party, for whom it was intended, the envelope containing the superscription not having been recovered. The letter contains some few points, which are of an interesting character:

LIBBY PRISON,
RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 12, 1863.

DEAR DAVE: The doctors confined in this prison have been unconditionally exchanged, and will leave for the North to-morrow morning. There is some talk that you are acquainted with. There is great rejoicing among the professional tribe, while the fighting men are rather down in the mouth. Some think we will be exchanged in a few weeks, while others think we will remain here during the war.

I have no reason to think we will not get out before spring. I intend to send this by some of them, and if you can send me such articles as I mention, I think that I will be able to winter quite comfortably.

We get no more beef for our rations, and no bread but 4 oz. of *hoe cake* per day instead. This constitutes our prison fare, so you can see for yourself that it is scarcely sufficient to sustain life, and were it not for the provisions the most of the prisoners have received from home, it would be impossible to get along. We have the privilege of sending out for things at exorbitant prices, and those that were lucky enough to have money when they came in here have managed to get along very well. We were all searched on our arrival, and what money was found on our persons was taken away from us. I managed to secrete a small amount in my shoes, but have bid good-by to it long ago.

We are need more like dogs than men. Officers being shaved in the face by the razor of irregular contraband barbers, who dare, thirty-five a hounding, to shave an *officer of a third*. With all this we are living like princes compared with the privates encamped on Belle Island and in the store houses in and about the city. They are dying from starvation, and not a day passes but their corpses may be seen carried by this prison to be put in the ground, not being allowed a decent burial. General Neal Dow was over on the island distributing blankets that were sent by the Sanitary Commission, and he says he never saw hogs in a worse condition, many being without shoes, hats, and shirts—nothing on but a ragged pair of pants. He says that starvation is staring them in the face. The poor fellows were wild with joy at seeing a Union officer, thinking he had come to relieve them. He says their cry was, "General, for God's sake send us something to eat; and with the often-repeated words, "When are we going to be relieved? Has our Government forsaken us?" He says words cannot describe their condition; have merely given you an outline of our sufferings, that you may see what Union prisoners have to undergo, while the rebel prisoners are living like princes. This may all be policy on the part of our Government, but the most of us don't exactly see it in our present situation. When I get out I will give you the lights and shades of Libby.

I frequently get letters from Sarah, but she gives me no news: I also get many from home. They have made many threats about sending me a box ever since I have been here, but I have seen nothing of it as yet, and it is for this reason I look up to you for assistance, knowing you will send it if possible. I am sorry to have to impose upon your good will, as you have been so kind in sending me things already; but were it not for you I know not who I should look to in time of need. If you can send me the following articles I think I will be able to stand the siege: five cans of condensed milk, one smoked ham, can or jar of butter, can stuff, such as meats, fruits, &c. If you can get these things with little cost, I would like them very much; if not, let them go. I feel now as if I could devour a whole ham; I think I could give it a lively turn. I have had nothing to eat for three days, but a little dry hoe-cake and the coffee you sent me. I enjoy good health and spirits, but am hungry.

Hoping this finds you in good health, and to hear from you soon, I remain,

Your affectionate brother, JOHN.

KEYSTONE CURLING CLUB.—The members of the club played a "game of points," near Gray's Ferry, on Christmas day. The medal was handsomely won by Mr. John Lamond, Jr., who gained eight points. The medal, attached to a red white and blue ribbon was then placed upon Mr. Lamond. The party, who are all Scotch by birth, gave three cheers for the Union and success to the national arms.

ARRIVAL.—One of the double-bowed iron steamers recently built for the Government at Chester, by Reaney, Son, & Co., arrived off the navy yard on Saturday afternoon. She will there receive her armament, stores, &c., and then sail for active service.

CANARY BIRDS.—Mr. George Taylor, at the Pennsylvania Hospital gate, has a large number of Canary birds, from which pretty and entertaining New Year's presents might be selected.

COMPLIMENTARY.—Captain F. Zarracher, who formerly commanded a company in the 29th Veteran Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, gave a supper on Saturday evening to the remaining men of his former command. The festive scene came off in Market street, above Eleventh. Capt. Zarracher was early in the field, and served his country well. He possessed an iron constitution, but it finally gave way under the hardships of a long campaign in Virginia, and he being of no further use as an active soldier in the field, had to retire, much to the regret of his men, from physical disability.

The board was well supplied with choice delicacies. The Rev. Mr. Sewell, chaplain to the regiment, was chosen to preside.

After the viands were sufficiently discussed, Mr. George R. Graham, former proprietor of *Graham's Magazine*, was called upon, who made some humorous remarks, concluding by proposing the health of Wm. Moran, the orator of the evening.

Mr. Moran was loudly called for, and delivered an eloquent address, which was enthusiastically received. A tribute to General Banks was greeted with long and hearty applause.

He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Sewell, in a sensible address.

Mr. J. H. Vosburg, of the New York *Herald*, and others, were called upon for remarks, and they made happy responses.

The entertainment passed off to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

TROOPS DETAINED, FED, AND LODGED.—During the past few days, since the bridge at Gray's Ferry was partly destroyed by accidental fire, quite a number of soldiers have been detained in this city. They have received ample accommodations at the volunteer refreshment saloons. Three hundred men arrived on the night of the 23d, belonging to different regiments in the field. One hundred and fifty of these men were entertained and lodged at the Cooper Shop for two days and nights. One hundred and eighty seven recruits for the 11th Regiment Vermont also arrived, and were provided for. They were under command of Captain Charles Ormsley.

On Christmas night one hundred and ninety-seven belonging to the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery and Cavalry, under command of Major J. Welch, of the 19th Maine Volunteers, arrived and had supper and breakfast at the Cooper Shop. Some of the men were quartered at the Southwark Hall. The detention gave them an opportunity to observe how Philadelphians passed their Christmas day. Some of the soldiers were taken into private houses, where they had their dinners. Thus, the old established character of Philadelphia for hospitality was fully maintained.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.—Crowley Duckett, aged 04 years, was admitted into the hospital on Saturday, having been badly scalded by the upsetting of a kettle of boiling water, at his residence, Eighth and Fitzwater streets.

Mary Welsh was also admitted, having received severe injuries by falling down stairs, at her residence, No. 41 Ellsworth alley.

Michael Hurley, aged 40 years, employed as an expressman, had his left hand mashed between the buffers of two cars, at West Philadelphia, on Saturday afternoon. He was admitted into the hospital, where his mangled hand was amputated.

Dennis Mulvaney, aged 30 years, was thrown from a car, at Kensington, on Saturday afternoon, by a railroad car coming out, at a fast speed, from a depôt turnout, on Market street, above Eighth. The accident was so great that Mr. M. received considerable injury. In this condition he was removed to the hospital.

A KIND ACT.—At the time of the large coal-oil fire on Delaware avenue, below Almond street, about ten days ago, a widow lady, named Mrs. Roach, residing at Cox's alley and Swanson street, supplied a number of the firemen with hot coffee, which was very acceptable to them. A member of the Wecacoe Engine men thought they would make a present to the widow lady for her action to the word, they procured a barrel of flour, which they hauled to the house on a push-cart, on Christmas day, and presented to her. It was quite a surprise to her, but she received it in a grateful manner. The board of directors of this company also presented a series of resolutions thanking the Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon Committee for their kindness in providing that company with something to eat during the time of the fire.

THE GREAT TESTIMONIAL.—As our readers very well know, there is a great interest felt in the welfare of our soldiers. A large number of our citizens have tendered a complimentary testimonial to Gen. Joseph Thomas G. Funston, an old Mexican soldier, and a volunteer during this war. Captain Funston fell severely wounded at Gettysburg. His friends have engaged Park Benjamin to lecture upon the war, on the evening of January 8th, the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans. A rich treat for those who may be expected. The old battle-flags of the Legion will be displayed, and the old heroes will be present in uniform. We hope there will be a large turnout on this occasion.

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS.—One hundred and ninety-five recruits for several Vermont regiments now in the field arrived at the Refreshment Saloon, on Saturday, from Brattleboro. Among them was the 3d company of Independent Sharpshooters from that State. They were all under the charge of Captain Wm. Hartlett, of the 8th Vermont, and will leave for Washington this morning. A squad numbering about two hundred of the Connecticut regiments, also arrived on Friday, and soon after left for Washington. These men were entertained at the Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon.

LADIES OF GERMANTOWN.—At the Christmas dinner given to the soldiers at the Cuyler General Hospital, on Christmas Day, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the soldiers:

Resolved, That we, the inmates of Cuyler General Hospital, hereby tender to the ladies of Germantown, and those friends who have co-operated with them, to the surgeon in charge, and those associated with him, our sincere thanks for their kindness, and another demonstration of their regard for our comfort."

DROWNED IN THE SCHUYLKILL.—On Saturday afternoon John Conleff, aged about twenty years, broke through the ice on the Schuylkill, near the falls, and was drowned. He was skating at the time. His body was recovered.

A boy, whose name we did not learn, broke through the ice on the Schuylkill opposite Walnut street wharf, on Saturday afternoon, and was drowned. His body was recovered soon after.

LECTURE.—The Rev. Dr. Alday will deliver his popular and patriotic lecture on "The Hour and its Lessons," (our country, past and present), in the Eleventh-street M. E. Church, Eleventh street, above Washington avenue, this evening, next, commencing at 7½ o'clock. This lecture has been delivered at other churches in the city, and we understand with much enthusiasm. The Doctor is ranked with Mr. Gough in his abilities as a lecturer.

ACCIDENT.—John Dunlap, nine years old, was run over by a car at Ninth and Poplar streets, about noon on Saturday. He lost one of his feet in consequence. The little fellow jumped from a car just as a train was approaching from another direction.

THE RIVER.—The river Delaware was full of large cakes of floating ice yesterday, which was broke loose from the creeks further up by the heavy rains. The ferry boats plying between this city and Camden found much difficulty in crossing the river in consequence of it.

DEPARTURE OF A WAR VESSEL.—The United States gunboat Kansas, launched from the navy yard in October last, left this port yesterday morning with sealed orders. She carries a heavy armament, and is a fast sailer.

DEMISE OF A CHAPLAIN.—The Rev. Levi W. Smith, who was chaplain during the past year at the Cuyler Hospital, died on Christmas Eve. His funeral will take place to day. His death was rather sudden.

FIRE IN THE FIRST WARD.—Shortly after 4 o'clock on Saturday morning, the engine house on the second wharf of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, below the Navy Yard, was destroyed by fire. Damage $1000, fully insured.

MARINE DISASTERS.—The schooner D. L. Vandervoort, Captain Chase, from Philadelphia for Providence, with an assorted cargo, got ashore below Fort Adams, on Friday night last. She was got off after taken off with loss of rudder and leaking badly, and towed to Newport.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Miss Anna M. Ross, vice president of the Soldiers' Home, took place on Saturday morning. It was largely attended. The remains of this philanthropic lady were buried in Monument Cemetery.

The City Ice Boat.—The City Ice Boat, Captain Schellinger, left Lombard-street wharf yesterday morning in tow the ship "The Craige," for Liverpool.

FIRE ALARM.—The alarm of fire about nine o'clock on Saturday morning was caused by a slight fire occurring at a tavern, corner of Tenth and Locust streets.

THE POLICE

[Before Mr. Alderman Kennedy.]

Probable Homicide

On Saturday morning, Joseph Davis, Patrick Casson, Thomas Campbell, James Hoyle, and James O'Donnell had a hearing on the charge of being concerned in a murderous affray, on the evening before, at the house of W. Vasey, on Oak street, Eleventh ward. The parties were committed. The arrests were made by Officer George Hart and others. It seems that on Christmas night the defendants were at the house of Vasey. They indulged in card-playing. This ended in a fight, in which knives were used. O'Donnell was severely cut in the abdomen, so as to allow a large portion of his bowels to protrude. He was so low in consequence that he could not be removed to prison. Davis was also slightly lacerated about the head, the gash extending from the crown to one of his eyebrows. The only knife seen in the conflict was in the hands of O'Donnell. Whether he cut Davis, or whether Davis got the knife and cut him in return does not seem to be clearly demonstrated.

Another Arrest.

Subsequently, the officers made a descent upon the house, and arrested Mr. Casey and five girls who boarded there. Mr. Casey, in consequence of sickness, was not taken into custody. Mrs. Casey was bound over to answer the charge of keeping a disorderly house. The girls were ordered to find bail to be of future good behavior.

Alleged Robbery.

Two young men, calling themselves George Gassely and George Williams, were arraigned before Alderman Kennedy, on a charge of feloniously entering a house on Front street, near Coates, on Christmas Eve, and stealing therefrom the sum of $300. The parties were held to bail.

[Before Mr. Alderman McMullin.]

Alleged Larceny.

William Lawdin was arraigned on Friday, on the charge of the larceny of $130 belonging to a man named James Senat. The sum of $40 was recovered. The alleged robbery is said to have taken place in the vicinity of Fourth and Shippen streets. Lawdin was committed to answer.

Alleged Robbery.

John Mitchell and James McCully were arraigned on Friday, on the charge of breaking into the house of Jane Simington, on Moyamensing avenue, near Carpenter street, and stealing therefrom the sum of $200, and a couple of watches. At the time of the alleged robbery Mrs. S. was attending market. The accused were held to bail.

Selling Liquor to Minors.

Henry Ulrich, the keeper of a saloon at Third and German streets, was arraigned on the charge of selling liquor to minors. A little boy, alleged to have been made drunk at this place, was carried to the Second district station-house. He was in a beastly state of intoxication. The defendant was bound over in the sum of $800 to answer at court.

Shoplifter.

John Green, a mulatto, was arraigned on the charge of stealing a piece of cloth from the store of Charles Dick, on South Second street, on Christmas Eve. There were two shoplifters in company; one of them escaped. The cloth was recovered, and the defendant was committed.

Arrival and Sailing of the Ocean Steamers.

SHIPS	FROM	TO ARRIVE FOR	DATE.
Edinburgh	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 9
Bohemian	Liverpool	Portland	Dec. 10
Asia	Liverpool	Boston	Dec. 12
Kangaroo	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 12
Olympus	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 15
Germania	Southampton	New York	Dec. 16
C. of Manchester	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 19
China	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 19
Persia	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 22
Africa	Liverpool	Boston	Dec. 26
	SAIL DUE DATE.		
Hammonia	New York	Hamburg	Dec. 26
Nova Scotian	Portland	Liverpool	Dec. 27
Morning Star	New York	Havana & C	Dec. 28
Bavaria	New York	Hamburg	Dec. 29
Palestine	Boston	Galway	Dec. 29
Australasian	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 30
St. George	New York	Glasgow	Dec. 30
Edinburgh	New York	Liverpool	Jan. 2
Bohemian	Portland	Liverpool	Jan. 2
Corsica	New York	Havana, &c	Jan. 4
Asia	Boston	Liverpool	Jan. 6
Caledonia	New York	Glasgow	Jan. 9
Germania	New York	Hamburg	Jan. 9

LETTER BAGS

AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA.
Ship Tonawanda, Julius ..... Liverpool, Jan 25
Ship Philadelphia (Br), Poole ..... Liverpool, soon
Bark Mistral, Worthington ..... Rio Janeiro, soon
Brig Prince Alfred (Br), Higgins ..... Barbadoes, soon
Brig Agnes (Swed), Ferguson ..... Barbadoes, soon
Brig Marie Louise (Swed), Almeida ..... Havana, soon

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27, 1863.

SUN RISES ..... 7 24 | SUN SETS 4 36
HIGH WATER 4 45

ARRIVED.
Schr J Honston, Lippincott, from Port Royal, 18th inst, in ballast to E A Souder & Co.
Schr J G Rebock, Babcock, from Port Royal, 18th inst, in ballast to Captain.

SAILED.
The City Ice Boat, Capt. Schellinger, left Lombard street wharf at 11 o'clock this (Sunday) morning, taking in tow ship The Craige, for Liverpool.

STEAMSHIPS.
Steamship Saxon, Matthews, Boston, H. Winsor & Co.
Steamship Havana, Green, N. York, Red D Line.

CLEARED (DECEMBER 26.)
Bark Villa France, (Br.) Hill, Trinidad de Cuba, S. & W. Welsh.
Bark Washington, Butcher, Collins, St. Jago de Cuba, D. S. Stetson & Co.
Schr Gen Rock, Wilson, Fogue, P. R. A. Souder & Co.
Schr Samuel Coit, Hilliard, New York, captain.
Schr Alvira, Brannin, Millville, N.J., Lehigh Coal and Nav. Co.
Sr Volunteer, Morrill, Beaufort, captain.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.]

LEWES, Del., Dec. 24.

The brig John Barnard, from Cuba for Philadelphia, before reported ashore near Cape Henlopen, is full of water, and it is thought cannot be got off. A portion of the cargo (sugar) has been landed in a damaged condition, and will be sold to-day at auction. The following vessels are at anchor in the Roadstead: Barks Charles Edwin, from Havana, for orders; Fannie, from Key West, do.; Mary Perlina; brig Issaka and ten other square-rigged vessels, and about thirty schooners. The barks Zenas Coffin, for Aspinwall; Isaac N Davis, for Pensacola; brig Stevens, for Key West, went to sea yesterday. Wind fresh from the N. and a heavy sea running.

AARON MARSHALL.

LEWES, Del., Dec. 25.

The northerly wind which has prevailed for several days has brought to the Breakwater nine square-rigged vessels, one steamer and thirteen schooners, among the latter are the Barks, from Washington, Boston; John Farnum from Georgetown for Providence, and Washington, from Boston for Philadelphia. A steamer passed up the bay to-day. The whole of the fleet, with the exception of the Barks Farnum and Washington, appear to be in a damaged condition. Wind fresh from the N. and clear.

AARON MARSHALL.

MEMORANDA.

Ship Connecticut, Gallagher, cleared at Liverpool 11th instant for this port.

Ship Peter Tellburn, was up at Liverpool 12th inst for this port 11th.

Ship Laura Russ, Russ, hence at New Orleans 15th instant.

Bark Evenings, Cunningham, cleared at Port Royal 18th inst, for this port.

Mark Lazoy, Williams, hence at New Orleans, 15th inst.

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