THE PRESS.—PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1864.

THE CITY.

Thermometer.

JANUARY 25, 1863.			JANUARY 25, 1864.		
6 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	6 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.
42°	50°	53°	41°	46°	46°
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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.—The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Board of Trade Association was held at their rooms last evening. The attendance was rather slim, but more than is usual on such occasions. The meeting was called to order by the President, after which the minutes of the last stated meeting were read by the Secretary and adopted.

The draft of a bill memorializing the National Legislature in remonstrance against the passage of a bankrupt bill was read. The original memorial has already been forwarded to the Legislature. The proposed course is deprecated, because a vast amount of money is owed by the States in insurrection, and that such a law would benefit them. A communication from the Corn Exchange Association, of this city, was read. It called attention to the importance and value of League Island as a site for a navy yard and national foundry, and asks consultation with the Board of Trade on the subject, previous to the going down to Washington of a committee from that body, who intend to impress upon the minds of the members of Congress the importance of securing League Island for navy yard purposes.

On motion, the president was authorized to reply to the communication. [We might state here that the Board of Trade has already appointed a committee with the same purposes in view.]

MR. E. A. SONDER presented a resolution amending the rules so that in future the usual public meetings held on the fourth Monday of each month be dispensed with.

This was laid on the table.

The same gentleman then presented a communication from Mr. James Perot, of the Corn Exchange Association, calling attention to the necessity of a Stone Inspector in the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Sonder said there had been no such public officer for a number of years, and the increase of that function requires such a person. Mr. Perot had been an officer in the army, and desires the position. He moved that the resolution passed by the Corn Exchange in favor of the appointment of Mr. Perot as flour inspector be accepted, which was agreed to.

No further business being before the Board, they adjourned.

GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.—A stated meeting of the Board of Guardians of the Poor was held yesterday afternoon. The house agent reported the following as the census of the almshouse:

Population of the almshouse on Saturday	2,636
Same time last year	2,705
Decrease	47
Admitted during past two weeks	171
Births	5
Deaths	78
Discharged	73
Eloped	41
Bound	33
Granted lodgings	45
Granted meals	93

The receipts of the house were reported as amounting to $71 92.

In reply to a resolution of inquiry, the City Solicitor submitted a communication, informing the Board that he had no power to incur extra expenditures over appropriations, and also that it cannot set aside a bond entered into.

A communication was submitted from Mr. Marshall Hartranft, relative to the sanitary state in reference to the condition and requirements of the almshouse. He urges the erection of a suitable building for the manufacture of the soap which now houses on the ground. He recommends the introduction of steam into the manufactory; a building for cooking, and other improvements, as necessary. The number of admissions during the year were, 4,401; the average population was 2,492. The institution is healthy and in good condition.

The Superintendent of Manufactures submitted his annual report of the operations of his department. The number of hands employed was 1,000; wages, $7,373 13. The products of the shoe-shop amounted to $3,535 85. Tailor's work, $6,024; weaver's work, $14,864; cooper's work, $4,428; sundry work, $2,287.

The resolution offered at the last meeting to abolish the office of chief apothecary was called up and also a resolution to have it withdrawn to allow the Board to ballot for Chief Apothecary.

G. W. Shingle was elected chief apothecary, and Wm. Rennels, assistant.

Mr. Lowry offered a resolution fixing the salaries of these officers at $650.

Mr. Sonder offered a resolution to inquire into the expediency of raising the salaries of the employees of the house, which was agreed to; and the Board adjourned.

THAT DANGEROUS PILE.—The accumulated ice, at Third and Walnut streets, by which an accident happened on Saturday evening to Mr. A. J. Wester, a fall of snow, and a carriage, has awakened public attention to the fact of the entire neglect of the passenger railroad companies to comply with their charters in this respect. Unless otherwise stands, a suit will probably be instituted against the city by the injured party, and a verdict will be rendered for the plaintiff in the case, as there is no plenty of evidence of the obstruction. The passenger railway companies, though having passed a resolution to remove the ice before it shall accumulate, often officers of the respective companies, have, we believe, with scarcely an exception, issued free tickets to the members of the City Councils. The same intended civility was tendered to Mayor Henry, but this gentleman declined receiving them in a very respectful manner, and the tickets were, of course, returned.

The example thus set by the Mayor is worthy of emulation by the City Council men, as it would leave them free to act, and thus make the passenger railroad companies comply with the law, in reference to keeping the streets in good order, and keeping the street free from all obstructions. There can be no general supervision of these tracks in all parts of the city; a score of policemen upon which the rails are laid are decaying; the spaces between the rails are not paved in many places up to the regular grading of the street crossings, filled in wet weather, especially at some of the street crossings, full of mud and water-holes. It is stated that some members of the City Councils have, like the Mayor Henry, returned the "dead-head" tickets, with the view to leave their own interests unmolested in their action relative to the proper enforcement of the law.

While on this subject, we may state that some of the railroad companies were flooded with applications for dead-head tickets by attaches of various public departments, setting forth what they could do for the companies, for the privilege of riding freely on the cars. The publication of a few of these epistles would make a wonderful commentary on the public estimate of the value of official appointments. It is probable that, as the people of the city are now represented in Councils, and not merely the railroad companies, the enforcement of the law against these corporations may be expected. It is a "consummation devoutly to be wished."

INTERESTING MEETING.—Last evening an interesting meeting was held in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, West Chestnut street, the object of which was to present a report of the Union School and Children's Home. The report represented the institution as in a prosperous condition, with its numbers increased to the full capacity to attend to, and the health of all to be sound, no deaths having occurred during the year. Mr. George H. Stuart presided at the meeting, and made some valuable statements as showing the general and relative cost of all charitable institutions during the year. He said that the general contributions for objects of charity and religion had exceeded in Philadelphia all previous years. Besides this, large sums were poured out their wealth lavishly towards the support of sanitary fairs, aid of soldiers, and maintains sanitary and other commissions for the welfare of the army, with a liberality and generous feeling that was truly astonishing. Reports from missionaries in distant lands bore the same spirit, likewise, to the munificent generosity of the good people of Philadelphia.

Other addresses of a congratulatory character were delivered by Rev. Drs. Goddard and Eddy and Mr. Chapman. The collection at the door was stated to be $150, and a collection to defray it was taken up on the spot.

DEATH OF A BRAVE PHILADELPHIAN.—The relatives of Lieut. W. K. Adams, of Philadelphia, received a letter a few days since announcing his heroic death in battle, on the 1st of December. He was a lieutenant in the 1st Regiment of North Carolina Union Volunteers, and while on an expedition in the night time, to a point on Trent river, Adams was surrounded by a superior force of rebels. The gallant Union men endeavored to cut their way out. Lieut. Adams fell with three rebels, but he was shot by two others. The balls passed through his breast. His death was instant, as well as heroic. The intelligence was accompanied by a sympathetic letter from his superior officer. In it he says of his death that occurred in the expedition. There were three wounded. Lieut. Adams was only in the 23d year of his age, a Philadelphian by birth, "ambitious to serve his country, and in a military capacity gave evidence of superior judgment and skill.

HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.—The managers of this institution say that pressing necessities compel them to appeal to the public for aid. They have issued a printed appeal to the people, in which is set forth the great number of patients who have been relieved by the institution. This organization may be considered a credit to the community itself to the public. Persons having any surplus revenue may send their contributions to any of the following named gentlemen, who constitute the committee of management: John R. Kennedy, No. 1420 Arch street; Henry Lewis, No. 1224 North Broad street; Simeon Dillingham, No. 734 Arch street; Richard A. Lewis, No. 161 North Fifteenth street; George Burnham, No. 2219 Chestnut street; Henry Simons, No. 323 New Market street; Benjamin F. Glenn, S. W. corner Seventeenth and Green streets.

THE SUFFERING REFUGEES IN CAIRO.—A number of our citizens having learned that great suffering exists among the Union refugees, men, women and children, who are gathering at Cairo, often at the rate of one hundred per day, intend holding a public meeting for the relief of these suffering people, at the First Baptist Church, corner of Broad and Arch streets, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The call will be addressed by the Rev. Ezekial Folsom, chaplain of the post hospital at Cairo, who is now here on a mission of benevolence. These noble ones have, by their labors in several cities have awakened deep and practical sympathy, and the enterprise is cordially commended to our fellow citizens.

THE GENERAL RECRUITING OFFICE.—Capt. Cadwalader, general recruiting officer for all the Pennsylvania regiments, is kept busy all day long attending to the many recruits who present themselves daily. They are credited to the ward which they desire to go in, and in conjunction with the bounty given by the ward, they receive the city and Government bounties, which amounts to a considerable sum. After being mustered in they are sent to the headquarters of the drafted men, at Twenty-second and Wood, where they are quartered until ordered to the field.

ENLISTMENT OF COLORED MEN.—The number of colored men enlisting at the headquarters of the supervisory committee has been rather slack during the past few days, but it is thought they will soon be coming in faster than before. The neighboring counties will be giving a large bounty in a day or two, which will have a great effect towards inducing a number of these men to enlist. As soon as recruits are sent to the barracks near Chelton Hills, where they undergo a thorough instruction in the manual of arms and marching.

OFFICIAL DEATHS OF SOLDIERS.—We learn from Mr. Chambers, clerk to the Registration Office, that 893 soldiers have died in this city during the past year. The principal diseases are as follows:

Consumption, 57; diarrhœa, 106; typhoid fever, 123; inflamation of the lungs, 27; gunshot wounds, 306; marasmus, 10; dysentery, 12; debility, 11; rheumatism, 3; diptheria, 4; suicide, 2; other causes, 256. Total, 893.

THE ADDRESS OF GENERAL GANTT.—The Academy of Music will doubtless be filled to overflowing on Friday evening, the occasion being the delivery of addresses by Gen. Gantt, of Arkansas, Hon. N. G. Taylor, and others, on the "Unionists of East Tennessee." The sale of tickets will commence tomorrow, at the Academy of Music, and at Gould's music store.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI.—The Alumni Association of the Central High School will elect a speaker for the following year at the next meeting, on Wednesday, February 10. Mr. Henry R. Edmunds, a young and promising member of the bar, is a prominent candidate for the honor. He is at present the secretary of the association.

THE CITY ICE BOAT.—The city ice boat, Captain Kelly, left Mead-alley wharf at noon yesterday, taking in tow the following brigs: Kate, for Barbadoes; Mary E. Milliken, and Redwood, for Key West, and the Alice Maud for Sagua la Grande, Cuba.

COAL FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.—Owing to trouble among the miners in the Schuylkill region there will be no more coal given to soldiers' families at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association until further notice.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING of citizens interested in the steamship line between Philadelphia and Liverpool will be held at the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

MORTALITY IN THE WARDS.—The following is a tabular statement of the number of deaths in this city during the year 1863, showing the number from each ward and the ratio to the population of the same:

Wards.	Deaths.	Ratio to population.
1	816	1 in 29
2	553	1 in 36
3	676	1 in 31
4	561	1 in 35
5	577	1 in 45
6	877	1 in 42
7	482	1 in 32
8	376	1 in 68
9	1,021	1 in 46
10	399	1 in 46
11	324	1 in 42
12	520	1 in 49
13	967	1 in 47
14	636	1 in 24
15	539	1 in 32
17	492	1 in 38
18	1021	1 in 42
19	808	1 in 38
20	451	1 in 38
21	369	1 in 38
22	334	1 in 47
23	699	1 in 63
25	251	1 in 34
26	33	1 in —
Total	16,788	Ratio 1 in 36

PUBLICANS.—An adjourned meeting of publicans was held yesterday afternoon to hear the report of the committees on canvassing the several wards. The report appear to be satisfactory. The resolution previously adopted set forth the following as the programme of prices: All liquors of best liquors, heretofore sold at 6 cents per drink, shall be sold at 10 cents per drink. Malt liquors and mineral water 6 cents per glass ready change, but 7 cents per glass if change has to be made. Common whiskey and other liquors of same quality, 5 cents per drink. Cigars, all fancy Cubas, shall be 10 cents per glass. The best Scotch or Irish whisky punches, as shall be rated at 12 cents, because of the addition of lemon and sugar. Some of the proprietors of hotels charge this rate, and have been doing so for some time. In all events, the community are not at all likely to snuffer by the advance. The publicans have taken. It may be apprehended that the five-cent drinks will not be much by the transaction. The quality of whisky, gin, or brandy at five cents a drink would put a man in such a condition that he would not know his best friend, as Stephano says to Trinculo, in a very short space of time.

ANOTHER REGIMENT EXPECTED.—Intelligence was received last evening that the 73d Regiment N. Y., lately commanded by Col. Koltes, killed in battle, would arrive in this city at 9 o'clock this morning. They will be received with appropriate honors by the Council Committee of Reception, the Turner Rifles, the Keystone Guards, two companies of 9th N. Y. Reg't, the Provost Guard, a section of artillery, and squadron of cavalry, with a large number of citizens. The route will be as follows: Down Market to Twenty-first, down to Chestnut, thence to Fifth, up Fifth to Arch, down to Fourth, up to Race, up to Fifth, up to Coates, down to Fourth, down to Callowhill, down to Third, up to Turners' Hall, above Willow street.

BIRDS OUT OF SEASON.—The association for the prevention of game have issued their annual notice, warning citizens, and more particularly hotels and restaurants, against purchasing or selling game birds are prohibited by the law of that association, on and after the 1st of January next. Persons trafficking in these birds would do well to heed the warning, as information of the infraction of the law can be given by any individual so disposed.

ARMY HOSPITAL REPORT.—The following is the report of the army hospitals for the week ending January 23d, 1864:—Admitted, 112; returned to duty, 429; died, 4; remaining, 4,636.

FOUND.—An infant was found dead yesterday, and removed to the Twenty-fourth-ward station-house, where the coroner was notified to hold an inquest on the body.

FIRE.—A slight fire took place yesterday afternoon at No. 506 North street, caused by the burning of an ash-box in the cellar. No loss.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Supreme Court in Banc—C. J. Woodward and Justices Strong, Read, and Agnew.

Yesterday, opinions were rendered in the following cases:

Estate of James Bell, deceased. Appeal of Thos. Bell from Orphans' Court, Philadelphia. Opinion by Read, J.:

Ordered that so much of the decree as declared that the appellant was entitled to the trustee of the testator's will be and the same is hereby reversed, and all proceedings upon that declaration are reversed, and the residue of the said decree is affirmed. The costs to be paid out of the estate in the hands of the trustee.

The point which appears to have been decided by Judge Read, in his opinion, which, for the present length, is that the auditor erred in laying down, as a rule, in Pennsylvania, that a trust to receive rents and pay them to another is executed, although not a use executed by the statute of uses, but arising from some general principle inherent in the common law of trusts.

"This," the learned judge says, "is not supported by authority, for in Fullen vs. Reinhard, 1 Wharton 551, it was decided that the trust in such cases the legal estate must continue in the first devisee, so that he might perform the trust, because, without having the control of the estate, he could not receive the rents and pay them over as directed."

Lloyd vs. McCaffrey. Error to District Court, Philadelphia. Opinion by Strong, J. Judgment affirmed.

Aldridge vs. Ashelman. Error to District Court, Philadelphia. Opinion by Woodward, Ch. J. Judgment reversed, and a *venire de novo* awarded.

Shaw's Appeals. District Court, Philadelphia. Opinion by Woodward, J. Decree affirmed.

Ayerkey vs. Avery. Appeal from District Court of Philadelphia. Opinion by Chief Justice Woodward. A deserted wife, who obtains from the Common Pleas a certificate in pursuance of the provisions of the act of Assembly of 4th May, 1855, "that she has, acquires not only all the powers of a *femme sole* under the provisions of the statute of 22d February, 1718, but, in addition thereto, the power of free and absolute disposal of her property, real and personal, as if her husband were dead. She may trade, she may sue and be sued, and she may convey real estate by deed or will without the assent or concurrence of her husband, but can she divest her husband's estate?

This is the question upon the present record. It is of no consequence to this question that the plaintiffs' estates have been sold by the sheriff under the married woman's act of 1848, because her husband's estate by the curtesy is expressly saved to him by the act. His estate would not indeed seize in execution during her life, but still it is a vested estate, the enjoyment of which in possession is expectant upon the wife's death. The unity of title not essential to a curtesy initiate any more than a curtesy consummate. Bank vs. Stauffer, 10 Barr, 399. Nor does the right depend upon the performance of duties—it results necessarily out of the marital relation.

Howe, then, can she divest that estate by her conveyance? Before the act of '55 she could not convey her own estate without the concurrence of her husband, therefore she had control over her own estate. Thorndale vs. Morrison, 1 C., 327. The act of '55 removed this disability, and it is not clear that it has removed more than this. But if its terms be construed to mean that she may convey not only her own estate, but that of her husband also, a serious constitutional objection is encountered. For how can the Legislature authorize a wife to convey her husband's estate any more than they can authorize one man to convey the estate of another man who is at the time *sui juris*? In other words, is there any constitutional power to divest a vested estate in lands, except for public use upon compensation? I suppose there is not. The Legislature could not, by the same principle cite as to the constitutionality of the act of 1848 and of diverse laws, do not touch this question. Doubtless the marriage relation may be dissolved, and even dissolved by law, for it is rooted only in law and has no constitutional guarantees; but property is protected by the Constitution, and when it has vested by reason of the marriage relation, it enjoys the same guarantees while the relation subsists as if it had vested by deed or will or any other means. Desertion of a wife, however cruel and long continued, does not resolve the relation. The faithless husband is still husband, and the law, like that Divine beneficence which "maketh his sun rise on the evil as well as the good, preserves to him the conventional rights of property. Therefore, whatever force we give to the act of '55, we cannot give them effectual to the divesture of the husband's estate without his consent, and consequently the decree below is affirmed.

Johnson, garnishee, vs. Herring. Same vs. Ashton. Same vs. Malcolm. Same vs. Klopp. Error to the District Court, Philadelphia. Opinion by Strong, J.

The learned judge, after referring to the act of March 24th, 1815, which regulates voluntary assignments for the benefit of creditors, and the facts of the cases as they appeared upon the record, says in conclusion:

The real question in these cases, however, is, what did the Legislature mean when they declared that no assignment not executed within thirty days after they are made and executed shall be considered null and void as against creditors. Was it meant that the thirty days allowed for executing shall begin to run from the time when a new trustee shall be appointed, in case the one named in the instrument declines to act, or from the time when the assignors have completed the deed, ordinarily its date? We think the latter is the intention of the act. Delivery, therefore, is necessary to give effect to any deed, is an act done after, in common language, the deed has been made or executed. The evidence of it may rest entirely in parol. It is not usually attended with any publicity, and if, in cases of voluntary assignments, it is necessary to look beyond the deeds themselves, for the time when they become operative, a wide door is open for establishing secret trusts, which it was the manifest purpose of the Legislature to restrain. Nor is there any hardship in adopting such a construction. The assignment may be placed on record by the assignors, or by any one having a legal or beneficial interest.

Our opinion, therefore, is that the points proposed by the plaintiff in error were correctly answered in the District Court.

Judgment in each case is affirmed.

After the delivery of the foregoing opinions the list for Bucks and Montgomery counties was taken up. There were but two cases on it, both from Montgomery county. One, that of Evans vs. Dalley, was submitted on paper books; the other, Custer vs. Wernitier, was argued and submitted. The court then adjourned till to-morrow.

Supreme Court at Nisi Prius—Judge Thompson.

Nothing was done in this court except to enter an order changing the day for the commencement of the next term from the 1st to the 2d Monday of February, of which all parties, parties, and witnesses are requested to take notice.

District Court—Judge Sharswood.

John Ash vs. Alexander Caseby. A feigned issue. By agreement; verdict for plaintiff.

Caseby, Dean & Co. vs. Thomas H. Allen. An action to recover for arrears of rent. Verdict for plaintiff, $274.

John Dempster vs. George W. Ryers. An action to recover for work and labor, &c. Verdict for plaintiff, $1,227.

Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Bank vs. James Devereux. An action on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff $2,000.

Mary Davis vs. Thomas S. Keen. An action to recover a balance alleged to be due on an agreement for the sale by plaintiff, and purchased by defendant, of plaintiff's interest in the estate of Robert C. Davis, deceased. The defence alleged and attempted to prove payment in full. Jury out.

District Court—Judge Hare.

J. Stewart Maloney vs. James W. Davis. An action to recover arrears of rent. The defence was set off. Verdict for defendant, and due him, $9.76.

Jonathan Martin and wife, to use, &c., vs. Arthur W. Painter. An action to recover balance alleged to be due on certain property sold. Defence payment. Jury out.

Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions—Judges Allison and Ludlow.

The Commonwealth vs. Francis Nibert and Bridget Nibert. The defendants are indicted for the murder of Patrick Meighan on the 4th of July, 1862, and were yesterday arraigned for trial. Though the facts, as they appeared in evidence, seem to be that a difficulty arose between the defendant, Nibert, and the deceased in regard to the conduct of some boys who were firing off a small cannon, about the size of a pistol, at the defendant's house, in Shippen street, near Seventh. Both parties lived in that immediate neighborhood. Meighan finally struck Nibert with a brick, upon which the latter went into his house. Meighan then threw a brick through the window. Nibert, upon this, came out and struck the deceased with his fist, knocking him down. He followed this up by jumping with both feet upon the chest and stomach of the prostrate man. Nibert's wife, the other defendant, at this juncture came out with a bar of iron, described by one of the witnesses as a door-hinge, with which she struck the deceased several times about the head and body. Meighan was carried home insensible, and died soon after from the injuries received.

The defence had not opened when the court adjourned.

T. Bradford Dwight for the Commonwealth; H. C. Thompson and David P. Brown for the defence.

THE POLICE.

[Before Mr. Alderman Beitler.]

The Wash-tubs Thieves.

Two colored girls, one giving the name of Cecelia Augustine, and the other Mary Robinson, were both committed yesterday afternoon by this magistrate on charging wash-clothes from the premises of Mr. G. B. Newton, at Ninth and Lombard streets. A bundle of clothes, valued at $100, recovered by the officer, was identified by Mrs. Palmer, residing near Ninth and Fitzwater streets. They were stolen a few evenings since from the yard attached to her residence. Some of the articles were recovered at a pawnshop. others at the house of the accused.

[Before Mr. U. S. Commissioner Sargeant.]

False Token.

John M. Durr, the keeper of a public house on West Callowhill street, was arrested yesterday afternoon, by U. S. Deputy Marshals Jenkins and Sharky, and taken before U. S. Commissioner Sergeant, on the charge of issuing what is known in the law as a false token, by which people were likely to be defrauded, without the author intending such to take place. The token consists in a facsimile of the new fifty-cent postage currency, with the red back, excepting there is no gilt upon it. It is intended for circulation as such. Were it not for the law with such inventions.

We understand that a conductor of one of the passenger cars had three of these tokens passed upon him on Saturday evening. The officers also have heard of several other cases in which the tokens were passed, and by which poor women were defrauded to the extent of fifty cents each.

The defendant was held to bail in the sum of $500 to await a hearing to-day.

[Before Mr. Alderman White.]

Wife Beater.

Francis Boll, a resident on Front street, was arraigned yesterday on the charge of beating his wife in a most unmerciful manner. His countenance bore shocking evidence of brutality. She testified to the fact that her husband had inflicted the injuries. He was held to enter bail in the sum of $500 to answer at court.

[Before Mr. Alderman Doyle.]

Officer Stabbed.

John Devlin was arraigned yesterday morning on a charge of having stabbed Officer Harrison in two places in one of his arms. The defendant was arrested on Sunday night for behaving disorderly in the vicinity of Oakford and Philip streets. While on the way to the station-house he turned suddenly upon the officer with knife in hand and inflicted the wounds. They are not very serious. The accused was committed to prison.

Sacrilege.

It is reported, though no information of the fact has been lodged at the Central Station, that on Sunday night four men entered the dwelling of Bishop Wood, and then found their way into the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, from which they stole a number of valuables from the altar. It seems they made a hasty exit, and, in their flight, dropped one of the silver candlesticks they had stolen. A policeofficer gave chase, but the sacrilegious fellows escaped.

[Before Mr. Alderman Comly.]

Police Officer Forked.

Peter Bate was taken before this magistrate at Frankford on Sunday afternoon on the charge of drunkenness. It is alleged against him that he plunged a fork into the side of Officer Wilson, who made the arrest. The defendant was committed in default $1,500 bail to answer.

EXECUTION OF A WOMAN AT CHESTER, ENGLAND.—One of the most dreadful and sickening spectacles which has for many years been exhibited with a public execution was witnessed at Chester on the 28th, on the occasion of the execution of Alice Hewitt, the wife murderer, who made the news. Our readers may remember that Hewitt—her mother being illinduced a female acquaintance to personate the old woman, and to procure from an insurance upon her life was effected in the West of England Association for £25. Shortly afterwards the mother died, and the money was duly paid to the representatives, nor was a suspicion entertained of foul play, except that the money had been obtained by fraud, and that Alice Hewitt had actually poisoned her mother by the administration of arsenic in large quantities. After her condemnation the criminal gave birth to an illegitimate child. The weather, this morning, was bitterly cold, with a slight fall of snow, yet an existed mob of some 3,000 or 4,000 people was gathered in front of the jail. As soon as the criminal stepped upon the platform a subdued murmur ran through the crowd, which was followed by a death-like silence for a few minutes, broken only by the piteous moans of the culprit.

The cap and rope having been adjusted, she fell upon her knees, and prayed that her infant child might be spared a similar fate, and that her death might be a warning to others. She then rose, and in a most piteous manner begged the executioner to make haste with his dreadful work. Calcraft then withdrew on one side, and the bolt was drawn, but the bolt would not fall. A second time the attempt was made, but with the same result. All this time the wretched woman was crying out, exclaiming, "Make haste!" and each time she heard the bolt withdrawn she gave an agonizing shriek. Calcraft at length took the culprit by the arm, as a man of a practiced hand, and the third time, with the aid of some of the jail officials, the drop fell with a dull, heavy thud, and only ceased to fall a few inches, about three or four feet, and the prayer upon her lips was left unfinished. She struggled hard, and her sufferings were aggravated by the incomplete adjustment of the rope, as well as from her being a very light and slender woman. Calcraft almost immediately stepped in front of the dying woman and strapped her legs more tightly, as they were kicking a few more struggles, and all was over. The convicted woman was thinly and poorly attired.—*English paper.*

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

S. W. DE COURSEY, } COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH.
JAMES V. WATSON, }
GEORGE L. BUSBY, }

LETTER BAGS

AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA.

Ship Tonawanda, Julius.....Liverpool, Jan 26
Ship Sabiste, Small.....Liverpool soon

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26, 1864.

SUN RISES.....7 (6 | SUN SETS.....4 54
HIGH WATER.....3 (6 | MOON SETS.....3 56

ARRIVED.

Brig Romance, Duncan, 16 days from Navassa, with guano to J E Bazley & Co.

CLEARED.

Brig Anna (Br), Morrow, Barbados, J F Penison & Co.

Brig Martha, (Br) Cann, Marseilles, E A Souder & Co.

Schr Ida F Wheeler, Dyer, Gardenas, J Mason & Co.

Schr Estaces, Somers, Boston, Workman, Gaskill & Co.

Schr W P Carr, Hoseck, Hampton Roads, J A Adams.

Schr Jersey Lightning, Leach, Rockport, Port Royal, Tyler & Co.

Str Republic, Berry, New York, Merchants' Line.

Str Octorara, McLaughlin, Baltimore, A Groves, Jr.

SAILED.

The City Ice Boat, Captain Kelly, left Mead-alley wharf about noon yesterday, taking in tow brigs Kate, for Barbadoes; Mary E. Milliken, for Key West; Redwood, for do; and Alice Maud, for Sagua.

MEMORANDA.

Steamship Etna (Br), McGuigan, from Liverpool, Jan. 6, and Queenstown 7th, at New York Sunday. Has 200 passengers. Reports, 17th inst, lat 41 N, lon 61 W, saw steamship Recia, from New York for Liverpool.

Steamship Nashville (Br), Bartlett, from Glasgow Dec 27, via Portland 21st inst, at New York Sunday, with 34 passengers.

Ship Matinicus, Matthews, from Boston, at Rio Janeiro 2d ult.

Ship Alfred Fenton, Austin, from Calcutta for London, off Falmouth, 3d inst.

Ship Albatross, Lucas, sailed from Liverpool 5th inst. for San Francisco.

Ship John N Cushing, Swap, cleared at London 5th inst. for Boston.

Ship Florence Nightingale, from Calcutta for Liverpool, put into Waterford 2d inst. with mainmast damaged, having been struck by lightning off the Tuskar, with an unknown vessel. She would be towed to Liverpool.

Ships F Chapman, Miller, and Undaunted, Taw, from Akyab, for San Francisco, were repairing at Rio Janeiro 8th ult.

Bark Mondamin, Crowell, from Baltimore, at Rio Janeiro 20th ult. and sailed 21st for South America.

Brig Laura, Jenkins, hence at Kingston, Ja, 31st ult.

Brig A P L Landry, hence at Kingston, Ja, 1st inst

Brig Northern Bell, Lee, hence, was at Falmouth, Ja, 5th inst.

Brig Burgomeister Sternberg (Meck), Heldtmann, 59 days from Matamoras, with cotton, at New York Sunday.

Steamer Angelina (transport), Shaw, from New Orleans via Pensacola 15th inst. with cotton, sugar, &c. at New York Sunday.

LEGAL.

ESTATE OF JACOB T. BUNTING, DECEASED.—Letters of Administration on the Estate of JACOB T. BUNTING, deceased, have been duly granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills for the County of Philadelphia, all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said decedent are requested to make known the same without delay, and all persons indebted to the said estate to make payment.

CHARLES W. BUNTING,
Residence, No. 2125 North EIGHTH Street.
ALBERT J. BUNTING,
Residence, No. 524 N. FOURTH Street.
Office, No. 131 S. FIFTH Street. Administrators.

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IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of CHARLES FOX, Deceased.

The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of George Gardom and John Rhoads, Executors of the last Will and Testament of CHARLES FOX, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will attend to the duties of his appointment, on MONDAY, February 1st, at 4 o'clock P. M., at his office, No. 23 South SECOND Street, in the City of Philadelphia.

ALBERT G. ROTH and WALTER S. NUFF Streets, in the City of Philadelphia.

ja21-25-26 28-30 D. W. O'BRIEN, Auditor.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of CAROLINE DEVIR, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that MARY DEVIR, the widow of the decedent, has filed her petition, with an inventory and appraisement of the personal estate which she elects to retain, under the act of April 14, 1851, and claims a certain sum of money. And the same will be approved by said Court on FRIDAY, the 5th day of February, 1864, unless exceptions be filed thereto.

ja16-fri5t4 Attorney for Petitioners.

ESTATE OF EDWIN A. PALMER, Deceased.

Letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the said estate will present them for settlement, and all who are indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment without delay, to

LOUISA PALMER,
Lower side MARKET-Street wharf.
J. GARRISON KNIGHT,
Nos. 11 and 13 South WATER Street.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of CAROLINE D. HARRIS, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the children of said decedent have filed in said Court their petition and an appraisement of the personal property of said decedent to the value of $1,000, which they elect to retain under the act of April 14, 1851, and the supplement thereto. And the same will be approved by said Court on FRIDAY, the 5th day of February, 1864, unless exceptions be filed thereto.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
ja16-fri5t4 Attorney for Petitioners.

NOTICE.—LETTERS OF ADMINISTration on the Estate of ROBERT R. BRINGHURST, deceased, late of Penn township, granted to the undersigned persons indebted to said estate will make payment, and all having claims against the same will present them to the undersigned.

GEORGE BRINGHURST,
ROBERT R. BRINGHURST,
ja5-tu6t Administrators. 38 North ELEVENTH St.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

In matter of Estate of SAMUEL R. WOOD, deceased.

The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit the account of ROBERT W. RICHARDSON, executor of above estate, will meet the parties interested, at his office, S. E. corner of EIGHTH and LOCUST Streets, on TUESDAY, February 2d, 1864, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

DANIEL DOUGHERTY,
ja21-thstu5t Auditor.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

In the matter of JOHN SAILER, Deceased.

The Auditor appointed to audit, settle, and adjust the account of ISAAC FORD and JACOB SOUDER, Executors of above Estate, will meet the parties interested at his office, at the Southeast corner of EIGHTH and CHESTNUT Streets, on MONDAY AFTERNOON, February 1, 1864, at 4 o'clock.

DANIEL DOUGHERTY,
ja21-thstu5t Auditor.

1000 BARRELS PRIME GROCER'S PICKLES. Also, Pickles in 3, 4, 5, and 10 gallon Kegs. Prime Newark Sweet and Champagne Cider constantly on hand and for sale by ALDRICH & PERKINS, No. 10, 9, & 12 LETITIA Street. ja25-1m

DR. FINE, PRACTICAL DENTIST for the last twenty years, 810 VINE Street, below Third, inserts the most beautiful TEETH of the age, mounted on the Gold or Platina. Silver Palacania, Coralite, Amber, &c., at prices, for neat and artistical work, more reasonable than any Dentist in this city or State. Teeth plugged to last for life. Artificial Teeth repaired to suit. No pain in extracting. All work warranted to fit. References, best families. 1y1-9m

COTTON SAIL DUCK AND CANVAS of all numbers and brands.
Raven's Duck Awning Twills, of all descriptions, for Tents, Awnings, Trunk and Wagon Covers.
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JOHN W. EVERMAN & CO.,
mh26-tf 108 JONES Alley.

COPARTNERSHIPS.

A. W. LITTLE, OF THE LATE FIRM of A. W. LITTLE & CO., and JOSEPH ADAMSON, formed a Co-partnership under the style and title of LITTLE & ADAMSON, will continue the business of Dyeing Silks and Fancy Dry Goods, at 322 MARKET Street.

A. W. LITTLE,
JOSEPH ADAMSON.
Philadelphia, Jan. 12, 1864. ja13-12t*

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERship.—The co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm-name of DE COURSEY, HAMILTON, & EVANS is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

SAML. G. DE COURSEY.
HUGH HAMILTON.
CHAS. T. EVANS.
SETH B. STITT.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1863.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING formed a limited partnership under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, passed the 21st of March, A. D. 1836, and the supplement thereto, to make the following statement in compliance with the said act of Assembly and the supplement thereto:

First. The said partnership is to be conducted under the name or firm of DE COURSEY, HAMILTON & EVANS.

Second. The general nature of the business intended to be transacted is the Dry Goods Jobbing business.

Third. The names of all the general and special partners interested therein are, BENJAMIN MARSH (general partner), LEWIS W. HAYWARD (general partner), JOHN HENDERSON (general partner), RICHARD WOOD (general partner), RICHARD D. WOOD (general partner), RICHARD D. WOOD (special partner), and SAMUEL A. JONES (special partner), all of whom reside in the City of Philadelphia.

Fourth. The special partners are SETH B. STITT, residing at No. 219 W. Chelten Square, in the city of Philadelphia, and ROBERT VANSANT, residing at No. 62 Union Place, in the city of New York, and they have each contributed to the common stock of the said partnership fifty thousand dollars in cash, making the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate.

Fifth. The said partnership is to commence on the first day of January, A. D. 1864, and is to terminate on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1864.

SAML. G. DE COURSEY,
HUGH HAMILTON,
CHAS. T. EVANS,
SETH B. STITT,