THE CITY.

Thermometer.

FEBRUARY 25, 1863.			FEBRUARY 25, 1864.		
6 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	6 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.
26½	37½	40	37½	52	53

WIND.

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RECEPTION OF MAJOR GENERAL HANCOCK.—In accordance with an invitation extended by Councils to Major General Hancock, tendering him the use of Independence Hall for the purpose of holding a public reception, that gentleman arrived there shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A large concourse of old and young assembled in front of the Hall at least an hour before the General arrived. When he did come the air resounded with their cheers. Chief Ruggles was on hand with a portion of the efficient police force, who were formed in two columns from the street to the door, thereby forming an avenue for the over-anxious individuals to pass through. General Hancock was conducted into the Hall by President Lynd and Harper, of Councils, where was assembled the Mayor, members of Councils, and other distinguished guests. He was introduced to Mayor Henry, who, on behalf of the city, made the following remarks:

MAYOR HENRY'S SPEECH.

GENERAL: In behalf of the people of Philadelphia, I bid you welcome as one whom they desire specially to honor. The congratulations which, by invitation of the City Councils, you have come hither to receive, are prompted by the applause and gratitude that conspicuous and successful military deeds have won for you in a popular regard. Nowhere can those congratulations be more justly tendered than in your native State, whose soil you have aided to redeem from a usurping foe; and in no other place can the plaudits of your countrymen be so fitly accepted as in the Hall from which emanated the first impulse of human chartered rights, whose imperishable principles your sword has helped to vindicate and maintain. Standing here among memorials of the revered patriots whose fearless declaration of man's rights was a solemn protest against the wrongs of ages, we may be permitted to rejoice that no dark foreshadows of present events clouded the splendor of those truths to which they pointed as the lode-stars of human progress. It is well that the fervor of their illustrious labors was not chilled by any foresight of to-day, when the land of their devotion resounds with the ceaseless clash of arms, whose deadly conflicts reverberate through distant lands, even whilst the life of husband, son, or brother, is ebbing on the battle-field. And yet the wisdom, zeal, and patriotism that within this hall shaped the destinies of our Republic, speak to us, amid existing strife, the assurance that no disloyalty shall overthrow their glorious work; that no rebellion can prevail against its onward course.

Three years of continuous warfare have called forth much of skill and gallantry that in times of peace must have remained unproven. Among others whose achievements will have place in history, your successful career has drawn to you the admiration and confidence of your fellow-citizens, and many have enrolled themselves in the corps which you command, that under your leadership they may join in the efforts yet needed to crush a waning rebellion. Wherever you shall be called to protect or to advance our nation's standard, you will be attended by the earnest gaze and invoked blessings of those who, in the distinguished services you have already rendered, find the promise of a future brilliant with well-earned and with well-paid honors.

MAJOR GENERAL HANCOCK'S SPEECH.

The applause having subsided, General Hancock said that he felt deeply the kindness and the spirit of courtesy had been extended to him. He had not the honored being a native of the city of Philadelphia; but he could say that he was born within the shadow of its heaven-pointing spires; still he more deeply felt the honor, because he could say "this is my own, my native land." [Applause.] He was indeed his fortune to engage actively in the service of his country during the present war, and he trusted that he might continue in it until peace should be restored, to smile once again over his beloved land.

He believed that when peace does come it will be of that purely American character that a rude hand can shake it from its permanent base. It will endure, as the monument of Republican liberty, the type and the pride of freedom to the world. [Great applause.] He thought the people could safely say that the present rebellion will prove to be the last drama upon this continent. When it is over, he hoped, then, all our foreign difficulties, if any should exist, will be speedily adjusted. The moral force of the nation will accompish as much for our honor as arms are doing now, and then indeed will the sweet smiles of peace illuminate and cheer our whole country, and our people will be prosperous and happy. [Applause.]

This war (continued the General) is essentially the poor man's war, and the rich man's money. A tax of property will be open to him; a much larger field will be before him for his enterprise, in wealth of unexplored regions of our country, and will then be within his grasp. In reference to the continuation of the rebellion, he thought that it would not last much longer, although it had had the great interest of every hard-working son of toil to help with his muscle—to have the war prosecuted vigorously—which would insure peace in a shorter space of time than if they remain lukewarm. The forefathers lived for posterity; let us venerate them; let us hand down to millions yet unborn a noble country improved by our labors. Let whoever is the man who does not assist in suppressing the rebellion certainly cannot legally or morally claim as a right the blessings which we enjoy.

In regard to the commanding of troops, the General remarked, that it was his good fortune to have in his division many Philadelphians, and he was proud of them. Steady in the hour of conflict, brave as the fearless lion, they drove the domestic foe back from the soil of Pennsylvania. At Gettysburg the great battle of Gettysburg did more to unite public sentiment for the Union than any other struggle during the war. It was to the Philadelphia troops to have the honor of receiving the first shock of that sanguinary conflict. The first line went down, but the second rallied and avenged their comrades, and beat back the advancing foe with fearful slaughter.

O'Kelly did the true sons of Philadelphia stand their ground and add lustre to the Union arms. Now the time has come when, of all other times, the army must be recruited. The appeal has been made to the people, and he felt assured that those who responded favorably in the wealthy patriotic city of Philadelphia will give a good account of themselves in the future, and still further avenge all the fallen of the Union army. [Applause.] In conclusion, he thanked the authorities of the city for the kindness extended by them, for the kindness extended to him. The General concluded amid rounds of applause. The Jocos were cheered vociferously, and the ladies began to flow in through the hall, and thus continued until the time which the General had limited himself to had expired.

THE DEBT OF THE CITY.—The following statement, showing the debt of the city of Philadelphia, was submitted in Common Council, yesterday, by Mr. Loughlin, from the Second ward:

Amount of debt Jan. 1, 1864		$24,145,989 65
" " "	1857	19,441,870 99
" " "	1858	19,836,816 82
" " "	1859	20,336,705 31
" " "	1860	20,918,505 03
" " "	1861	20,812,409 20
" " "	1862	21,516,816 93
" " "	1863	24,029,755 44
" " "	1864	24,292,376 62
Loan approved Nov. 2, 1863—not sold		435,000 00
Loan approved Dec. 31, 1863—not sold		500,000 00
Loan passed Feb. 23, 1864, to pay bounties to volunteers		1,250,000 00
		$26,487,376 62
Appropriation to pay bounties to volunteers		2,000,000 00
Loan reported to pay for bridge, Market street		80,000 00
Water loan, read in place		1,000,000 00
Floating debt, as per Controller's report		2,209,941 28
		$31,717,317 90

THE REVOLUTIONARY RELIC.—The following is the letter of General Wistar accompanying the gift of a sill taken from the Yorktown entrenchments, and sent to the city of Philadelphia:

HEADQUARTERS, YORKTOWN, VA., Feb. 16, 1864.—Hon. Alexander Henry, Mayor of the city of Philadelphia: Dear Sir: I have the honor to request the acceptance by the corporate authorities of the city of Philadelphia of one hundred (13) inch mortar shell just exhumed from the *terraplein* of the old Fort Yorktown, by a fatigue party working on the present fortifications.

From its position in relation with the lines of attack and defence during the siege by the allied army in October, 1781, it was undoubtedly fired from the right or American batteries of General Washington's second parallel at that time, and imbedded itself inside of Lord Cornwallis' redoubt without explosion. All vestige of the fuse has disappeared, but a charge remains. It has been well drowned, and is believed to be innocuous.

If it belongs to any one, it must be the old Continental Congress, which, it is believed, has no further use for it. I have, therefore, taken the liberty of sending it to the city of Philadelphia, where their last session was held, and respectfully suggest that it be placed in Independence Hall, with the other relics there collected of colonial and Revolutionary days.

I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect, your obedient servant, ISAAC J. WISTAR.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.—The following are some of the principal articles exported from this port to foreign ports for the week ending February 25, 1864:

FRANCE.	
Petroleum, refined, gallons	86,835 ..... $36,807
CUBA.	
Machinery	$27,018
Shooks	23,292
Lumber	958
	$23,292
WEST INDIES.	
Beef, bbls	7 $136
Bread, bbls	38 123
Candles, lbs	2,200 336
Fish, bbls	10 145
Ind. Meal, bbls	37 [illegible]
Ind. Corn, bu	190 242
VENEZUELA.	
Beef, bbls	8 $160
Butter, lbs	5,000 1,350
Candles, lbs	6,000 1,320
Drugs	1,597
Hams, lbs	6,721 1,077
Lard, lbs	45,924 4,592
Rye Meal, bbls	20 130
Rye, bbls	37 [illegible]
Rye Meal, bbls	105 761
Corn, ear, bu	1,193 539
Tob., leaf, hds	4 1,559
Tob., twists, tcs	383 62
Flour, bbls	968 7,146
BRITISH GUIANA.	
Shook	$380
Soap, lbs	8,750 733
Tallow, lbs	19,621 1,747
Vinegar, galls	480 164
Flour, bbls	2,201 14,702
Flour, bbls	1,000 7,789

The following are some of the principal articles imported into this port for the week ending February 25, 1864:

FOR CONSUMPTION.					
Brass, bbls	2	$87	Em'y Bags, bdls.	75	$1,000
Copper, sh. pieces	2		Lead & Pw'r, bbl	1	
" bbl	1		" pipe	1	20
" old still	1	322	Mill Picks, box	1	8
Coffee, bags	1,560	26,832	Molasses wr. hds	13	34
Cotton, bags	109		Old Iron, tons	72	2
" bales	8,10,048		Silver, bullion	1	50
Decorkina, Goatskins			Sweetmeats, box	1	50
and Hides—2,358			Sugar, bags	3,400	95,561
hides, 38 dozen and			Steel, bdls	114	403
2 bales skins		7,970	V. Metal, bbls	3	37

THE SECOND GAME OF CURLING.—The members of the Philadelphia Curling Club met on the ice at Gray's Ferry, on Saturday afternoon, the 20th instant, and played a game of "points" for the medal of the Royal Caledonian Club of Scotland. The ice was not in as fine condition as on previous days of the week, but the spirits of the Curlers were, as usual, up to the mark.

The umpires, on this occasion, were Messrs. Scott and Lamont, of the Keystone Club, who performed their duties to the satisfaction of all the competitors.

Mr. Daniel Hendrie, who scored nine points, was declared the winner, and the medal, amid shouts of applause, was presented to him by Mr. Hunter Stedman, who scored second in the game.

After the above game a match was played between the Philadelphia and Keystone Clubs; the Philadelphia scoring eight points to the Keystone's five, deciding the match in favor of the Philadelphia Club by three points.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.—About four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, Colonel Wagner, commander of Camp William Penn, being at Old York-road Station, was informed by the ticket agent there that an unknown woman was lying near the railroad, a short distance from the station. The colonel hastened to the place and found there a woman, who was alone and in an insensible condition. It is supposed that she fell from the cars and lay there since the early part of the morning. The agent had visited her during the day and removed a watch from her person, which he took charge of, but no one seemed to care how long she had been there or whether she was dead or alive, although the population in that neighborhood is very large. Colonel Wagner had her removed to the Camp Hospital and placed under medical treatment. Two lady visitors from Frankford remained at the hospital to nurse her. On Wednesday morning she had so far revived as to pronounce her name, but there is little hope entertained of her recovery. The whole affair is a mysterious one, and should be investigated.

OBSEQUIES.—The members of the bar, on the occasion of the death of the late George A. Coffey, Esq., United States District Attorney, held a meeting in the District Court room in reference to the death of the distinguished gentleman, and passed the customary resolutions of condolence, sympathy, and regret. The funeral was largely attended by the members of the legal profession, the Masonic fraternity, and friends generally. The following named public men acted as pall-bearers on this mournful occasion: Judges Cadwalader, Lewis, Ludlow, and Allison, Governor Pollock, Major Taggart, Col. W. B. Thomas, Ex-Sheriff Kern, O. A. Walborn, John M. Riley, W. H. Kemble, Morton P. Henry, F. C. Brewster, and George T. Thorne. The religious services were held at the late residence of the deceased, *No.* 252 South Ninth street, by Rev. Messrs. Andrew Longacre, J. F. Chaplain, and J. Walker Jackson, of the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

HOSPITAL ITEMS.—The following cases were admitted into the Pennsylvania Hospital yesterday:

John Kane, aged twenty-one years had his head cut with a brake thrown at him by a young boy, near Washington-street wharf. He was subsequently removed from the hospital by his friends.

John Magee had his leg broken near the ankle, on Wednesday evening, in the coal mine at Carbon county, from which place he was brought on to this city and placed in the hospital.

Bertha Steedzman, aged twenty-three years, residing at No. 310 North Front street, had her head slightly bruised. The wound was inflicted with a hammer, and is supposed to have been done by her husband.

John Scheetz, aged eighteen years, was kicked by a mule, which he was driving, and had his jaw bone broken, and was otherwise bruised. The accident occurred at A. Whitney & Son's, Sixteenth and Callowhill street's.

ANOTHER COLLISION.—A passenger car propelled by a strong engine on the Frankford branch of the Second and Third-street railroad, and a locomotive on the North Pennsylvania railroad, came in violent collision yesterday morning, at Chatham street. The result was that the dummy engine was pretty well smashed, and the locomotive was thrown from the track. The engineer in the car escaped physical injury, but were, of course, terribly frightened. It was only yesterday that we incidentally referred to the fact that no such accident had occurred several months since at another intersection of the tracks of the same company.

On Wednesday afternoon, two passenger cars came very near running into each other at Fourth and Chestnut streets; and a short time since a crowded passenger car had just escaped being demolished by a locomotive train at Fourth and Washington streets.

THE LADIES' UNION ASSOCIATION, which has accomplished so much benefit upon the wives and families of poor and suffering soldiers, is now conducting a course of eloquent and instructive lectures, for its highly-charitable and patriotic purposes, at the Handel and Haydn Hall, Eighth and Spring Garden streets. A gift of $50 has been very gratefully received from Miss Martha Shumaker, of the Ladies' Aid Association, of Jenkintown, and other excellent gifts of service and means are being made by our citizens. This association urgently needs the help of the wealthy and patriotic, as its sphere for good is wide and unquestionable; and we heartily commend its practical and excellent efforts.

DESERTERS TRYING TO ESCAPE.—On Wednesday evening last about two hundred deserters, confined in Fort Mifflin, cut a large hole through the wall, near the bomb-proof, and made an effort to escape. Among the first to come out was a man named Howe, who is now being tried for the murder of a draft commissioner, near Norristown, last year. Fortunately, the attempt was timely discovered by Captain Finnie, who has charge of the guard in the fort, immediately summoned his men, who fired upon the deserters, but without effect. They were all secured, and a strong guard placed over them, which was sufficient to prevent a similar attempt being made in the future. The men conduct at the fort were all soldiers who had deserted after receiving their bounty.

ARRIVAL OF SOLDIERS.—Fifty-four men, belonging to the 47th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, under the command of Captain Hall, of Rhode, arrived yesterday from Key West, Florida. They have re-enlisted for the war, and were on their way home. Seventy soldiers belonging to a guard of marines, from the United States frigate Niagara, now lying in the New York harbor, arrived last evening, on their way to Washington. They were under the charge of Lieutenant O. H. Lackey, U. S. N. All of the above were furnished with a bounty of $402, and furloughs for twenty days, at the Cooper-shop Volunteer Refreshment Saloon.

BOARD OF CONTROL.—Mr. Fitzgerald, controller from Spring Garden section, thus speaks of Mr. Fletcher, president of the Board:

"It is but just to say that Leonard R. Fletcher, president of the Board of Control, enjoys the respect and confidence of every member of that body. The Board has never known an abler presiding officer, or one more alive to the best interests of education. His course has been uniformly intelligent, manly, and fair. His judgment is clear, his convictions of duty are firm and just, and his actions are in consonance with the nicest sense of honor."

SUPPOSED FOUL PLAY.—A colored woman, named Emma Jane Anderson, was discovered last evening in an alley near Barclay street and Ninth Seventh. She was supposed to be in a dying condition. The poor creature was removed to the Central Station. She said that a man, a stranger to her, had given her something to drink that "would either kill her or cure her." Though a stranger, she swallowed the draught. At eleven o'clock last night she was very ill at the station-house.

DEATHS OF SOLDIERS.—The following deaths were reported at the Medical Director's office yesterday:

Corporal Jacob Fortteier.—Edward Steen, Company H, 133d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Convalescent, Sixteenth and Filbert.—Roland Wright, Company D, 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment.

CONCERT.—A concert, by the Sunday-school of the Second Universalist Church, Eighth street, above Noble, was given last evening. The attendance was large, and the exercises, which were amusing and instructive, passed off pleasantly to all present.

KNOCKED DOWN.—About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, a German woman, named Christiana Bosch, was knocked down and badly injured by a horse at Second and Race streets.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court—Before Justices Thompson, Strong, Read, and Agnew.

Opinions were yesterday read in the following cases:

By Thompson, J.—Sheets vs. Vogel. Error to District Court, Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed.

Howland vs. Gariton. Judgment affirmed.

Jones vs. Ranson. D. C., Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed.

Lockhart & Frew vs. Lichtenthaler et al. C. P., Allegheny county. Judgment reversed, and a *venire de novo* awarded.

Jones vs. Brenten. D. C., Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed.

By Strong, J.—Dicks vs. Carter. C. P., Delaware county. Judgment affirmed, making absolute the rule to show cause why the appeal should not be stricken off, in revised; the appeal is ordered to be reinstated, and *procedendo* is awarded.

Cummings vs. Henderson. C. P., Union county. Judgment affirmed.

Dodge vs. Railroad Company. C. P., Chester county. Judgment affirmed.

Kline vs. McKee. C. P., Northumberland county. The order directing the set-off to be made is reserved, and the record is remitted.

Murphy et al. vs. Nathans. C. P., Schuylkill county. Judgment affirmed. Concurring opinion by Agnew, J.

By Read, J.—John Chambers vs. Girard Life Insurance, Annuity, and Trust Company. Certificate from Nisi Prius. Judgment reversed so far as regards the principal of the trust fund, and judgment entered on as much of the verdict as consists of income, that is, for $24 75. The costs to be paid by the plaintiff, the attaching creditor.

B. Brooke's appeal. Orphans' Court, Philadelphia. Decree affirmed, with reduced interest, at cost of appellant.

Appeal of Alexander T. Shankland. Common Pleas, Philadelphia. Decree affirmed at cost of appellant.

Field vs. Jamison. Common Pleas, Lycoming county. Judgment affirmed.

Abbott et al. vs. Hall. Lycoming county. Judgment affirmed.

Pessler vs. West Branch Bank. Common Pleas, Lycoming county. Judgment affirmed.

Williamson vs. Worthington. District Court, Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed.

By Agnew, J.—De Con's appeal. Fassitt vs. Middleton, District Court, Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed.

Masser vs. Dewart. Northumberland county. Judgment affirmed.

Spring Garden Loan Association vs. The Tradesmen's Saving Fundand Loan Association. District Court, Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed.

Commissioner of Lycoming County vs. Lycoming County. Judgment affirmed.

Judge Thompson announced, after the reading of opinions in the above cases, that the present term of the court, for the hearing of Philadelphia cases, would cease on to-day. Any cases on the list which had not been argued could be submitted on paper books, or the court would hear them at Harrisburg.

The following cases on the Philadelphia list were then argued:

No. 13. Taylor vs. Maule. Argued by William S. Pierce for plaintiff in error, and by A. Thompson for defendant in error.

No. 17. Alexander vs. Paxson. Argued by Eli K. Price for plaintiff in error, and by E. M. Paxson for defendant in error.

No. 104. Schnauffer's Appeal. Argued by B. Woodward for appellant, and by Samuel Robb for appellee.

No. 119. Shiels's Appeal. Submitted on paper books.

District Court—Judge Hare.

James and Thos. Harge vs. W. W. Scattergood. Before reported. Verdict for plaintiff, $175.10.

Wm. Gaul vs. Anna P. Newlin, executrix of R. Newlin, deceased. An action on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff, $6,012 97.

David Rank vs. H. B. Hellman. Promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff, $1,414.50.

B. F. Gallagher vs. Wm. B. Baker. Promissory note. No defence. Verdict for plaintiff, $591.74.

The court then adjourned for the term.

District Court—Judge Stroud.

George Snyder vs. Bustleton and Somerton Turnpike Road Company. An action to recover damages for the loss of a horse and injuries sustained by plaintiff by reason of negligence on the part of the defendants. The latter left a pile of stone in the road, and plaintiff, while riding along at night, was thrown by his horse falling over the stone and was much hurt. The horse's leg was broken. Verdict for plaintiff, $405.

John White vs. Eliza Jane Grey. An action on two promissory notes for $100 each. Defence that the defendant was not the maker. Jury out.

Court of Quarter Sessions—Judge Ludlow

This court was in session all day but no case of the slightest interest was tried. The business of the court has been much retarded by the non-attendance of parties and witnesses. Yesterday, Judge Ludlow directed bench-warrants to be issued in a number of these cases and the parties brought into court this morning.

THE POLICE.

[Before Mr. Aldermen Beitler.]

Alleged Highway Robbery.

Three young men, giving the names of Henry Wilkins, William Jackson, and John Hart, were arraigned at the Central Station yesterday afternoon, on the charge of highway robbery. From the evidence, it seems that Samuel Rushton and John Taggert, belonging to Schuylkill county, arrived in this city, and stopped at the New England House on Dock street, where they obtained some refreshments. As they went out, it is alleged that Wilkins and Jackson, two of the defendants, followed them. Rushton was struck by somebody. He ran away for help. Taggert was then attacked, and in the melee lost his watch-chain.

Henry Shepard, who resides at 205 South Ninth street, testified that he was in the New England House about the time of the visit of Rushton and Taggert. He stepped up to take a drink, and one of the defendants made use of an undue expression, and the next moment another one of them suddenly snatched some of the brass rod out of his pocket, and threw them behind the bar. The bar-keeper told him to "not to do that." Witness resumed his seat, when Rushton and Taggert went out. Presently Wilkins and Jackson returned. They were panting, as though nearly out of breath. In a few moments Hart came in, and shook hands with one of the other two, at which time the witness saw some glittering thing pass between them.

The chain was recovered. It was identified by the owner, Mr. Taggert. The prisoners were finally arrested by Officers Baker and Smith, of the Third division. They were committed in default of $2,000 bail to answer.

Sneak Thieves.

A couple of colored men were observed prowling about Market-street stores on Wednesday night. They were arrested on suspicion and locked up. On Tuesday night a show-case containing about $40 worth of shoes was stolen from a store-front on North Second street. The case, rifled of its contents, was found in Drinker's alley. Several lads testified that they saw a couple of colored men leave it there, but could not positively identify either of the prisoners. The defendants were committed to await a further hearing.

CITY COUNCILS.

The regular stated meeting of both branches of the City Councils was held yesterday afternoon.

SELECT COUNCIL.

President LYND (U.) in the chair.

A message from the Mayor was presented, enclosing a letter from Brigadier General Isaac Wistar, presenting an old shell, which was exhumed lately on the Peninsula, to the city.

A resolution of thanks to Brigadier General Wistar, was offered by Mr. WATHERILL (U.) which passed unanimously.

Mr. BRIGHTLY (O.) presented a petition from Mrs. Elizabeth Dougherty, asking Councils to remunerate her for injuries received last November by the falling of a portion of a school house.

A petition from citizens of the Sixth ward was read. It sets forth several reasons why the seat of Mr. Omenly, member of Select Council from that ward, should not be vacated.

On motion of Mr. BRIGHTLY (O.), the petition was laid on the table.

A communication from citizens in the Fifteenth ward, asking that the Western Engine Company be located as a steam fire engine company was received, and referred to Committee on Trusts and Fire.

Several other communications were received, and referred to appropriate committees.

The Committee on Schools presented an ordinance appropriating $8,658 to the Board of School Controllers to complete a school on Charles street in the Twentieth section, the money to be reimbursed out of a loan to be hereafter created.

After a short debate, the bill was postponed for the present.

Mr. BRIGHTLY (O.), presented an ordinance repealing an ordinance which provides for the removal of the City Railroad on Broad street. Referred to Committee on Law.

Mr. WETHERILL (U.), offered an ordinance, locating the Warren Close as a steam-forcing hose company.

The further consideration of the subject was postponed for the present.

The drawing of the committee to contest the election of Mr. Omenly (U.), to a seat in Select Council was signed by the members of the committee.

Several other bills in place were read and referred.

The following appointments made by Superintendant of Girard Estate were, after considerable discussion, confirmed: Hon. J. H. Campbell, solicitor for the estate in Schuylkill county; Stephen Harris, of Pottsville, agent and engineer for lands in the same county; Charles Stockton, messenger.

Mr. BRIGHTLY (O.) offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have recently disposed of 250 shares of the stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company belonging to the city of Philadelphia, at a time when it was known that a stock dividend was about to be declared by the said company, and at a great pecuniary loss to the city; and *whereas*, It is rumored that some of the city directors of said company, and other favored parties, were allowed to become the purchasers of the said stock: Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils, That a special committee of three members from each Chamber be appointed to investigate the subject and report thereon to these Councils.

Mr. BRIGHTLY stated that by this operation the city lost $32,000, which went into the pockets of other parties.

The resolution was agreed to.

A resolution was offered directing the laying of gas pipes in the Nineteenth section.

A bill from Common Council authorizing the Mayor to borrow, from time to time, on the credit of the city, a sum not exceeding two million dollars, for the purpose of aiding in the enlistment of volunteers, was concurred in.

A bill appropriating $5,000 to pay for the covering of a portion of North Broad street with ashes was taken up, and, after a short discussion, indefinitely postponed.

The bill to establish and organize the Department of City Property was concurred in.

The bill for the appropriation of $43,495 for the purpose of extending the telegraph boxes, &c., was considered in a Committee of the Whole, and shortly after leaving the chair a message was sent to Select Council that they could not agree to the bill as it was not granted.

Mr. MILLER (U.) then moved that the bill be referred to a joint committee of Police and Fire and Trust, which was agreed to.

The ordinance to authorize an additional loan of $1,000,000 for the enlistment of volunteers was taken up, and concurred in.

Mr. BRIGHTLY (O.) moved to reconsider the loan bill of two million dollars, which was passed. The bill was then referred back to Common Council.

The sureties of W. J. P. White, register of water, were reported good and sufficient.

The bill making an appropriation to complete the school building in Ontario street was again taken up, and considerable time was spent in debate, it was moved that the bill be postponed till the next stated meeting, which was not agreed to. The bill then passed.

The sureties of Mahlon Dickinson, chief inspector of streets, were approved. Adjourned.

COMMON BRANCH.

Mr. GRAY, (U.) from the Committee on Finance, reported a resolution authorizing the Clerk to advertise for a loan of $1,000,000 for the further extension of the City Railroad on Broad street. Referred to Committee on Law.

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The resolution was agreed to.

A resolution was offered directing the laying of gas pipes in the Nineteenth section.

A bill from Common Council authorizing the Mayor to borrow, from time to time, on the credit of the city, a sum not exceeding two million dollars, for the purpose of aiding in the enlistment of volunteers, was concurred in.

A bill appropriating $5,000 to pay for the covering of a portion of North Broad street with ashes was taken up, and, after a short discussion, indefinitely postponed.

The bill to establish and organize the Department of City Property was concurred in.

The bill for the appropriation of $43,495 for the purpose of extending the telegraph boxes, &c., was considered in a Committee of the Whole, and shortly after leaving the chair a message was sent to Select Council that they could not agree to the bill as it was not granted.

Mr. MILLER (U.) then moved that the bill be referred to a joint committee of Police and Fire and Trust, which was agreed to.

The ordinance to authorize an additional loan of $1,000,000 for the enlistment of volunteers was taken up, and concurred in.

Mr. BRIGHTLY (O.) moved to reconsider the loan bill of two million dollars, which was passed. The bill was then referred back to Common Council.

The sureties of W. J. P. White, register of water, were reported good and sufficient.

The bill making an appropriation to complete the school building in Ontario street was again taken up, and considerable time was spent in debate, it was moved that the bill be postponed till the next stated meeting, which was not agreed to. The bill then passed.

The sureties of Mahlon Dickinson, chief inspector of streets, were approved. Adjourned.

COMMON BRANCH.

Mr. GRAY, (U.) from the Committee on Finance, reported a resolution authorizing the Clerk to advertise for a loan of $1,000,000 for the further extension of the City Railroad on Broad street. Referred to Committee on Law.

Mr. GRAY also presented a resolution approving the securities of Mahlon H. Dickinson, Inspector of Street Pitchers, which was ordered to be withdrawn, as it was held that the sureties ought first to have been presented to Councils.

A communication was read from Mr. Dickinson, offering to give his securities Martha Dickinson and Conrad Esher. Approved.

Mr. GRAY submitted a resolution approving of the City Commissioners purchase of the property at Coates street and the Reading Railroad, as an extension of Fairmount Park.

Mr. Gerhard opposed the measure, and contended that the ordinance should place some limit on the cost of the improvement.

Mr. Lamborn contended that it would be exceedingly unwise to proceed to pass this ordinance without any information. Councils have increased the public debt of the city by four millions of dollars within the last eight years. The debt in 1855 was $16,145,939 65; the debt now reaches the frightful figure of $31,777,317 30. He thought that no urgent case is presented, he should enter his protest against adding one dollar more to the debt of the city. It was wrong that the city should purchase at this time; it is not probable at this time when the price of property is so much inflated from the excessive circulation of paper money. He thought our citizens is sufficiently well protected at the present time, and he thought if this matter is postponed for a short period, until the financial conditions of the city treasury is somewhat improved, Councils are expending millions to support the families of volunteers; also, millions to pay bounty to volunteers who are entering the service; and as the expenses of the city are at this time, and still add to the debt of the city, we should be exceedingly careful not to increase our already heavy burdens by purchasing lots for the mere purpose of adornments, or projecting improvements which may properly be postponed without prejudice to our citizens, to a more favorable period of time.

Mr. GRAY followed, and advocated the passage of the resolution. He was always anxious for economy, and never would vote away any money without being satisfied of having an adequate return. The ground to be purchased was absolutely necessary to secure pure water to our citizens. The cost of the purchase could not exceed $200,000.

Mr. Gerhard said that the ground should be purchased though it would cost one million of dollars. To him it would be no serious objection if it did cost the sum mentioned. The benefit to the city would justify the expenditure.

A motion to recommit the ordinance to the Committee on Finance was not agreed to, and the ordinance was finally adopted.

Petitions from the Spring Garden Fire Engine Company and the Western Fire Engine Company were received, asking to be located as steam fire engine companies.

A resolution releasing the sureties of John Kelsh, Commissioner of Highways, was submitted and referred.

The Committee on Finance submitted a resolution approving as the sureties of W. J. P. White, Register of Water, Messrs. Thos. Potter and Saml. M. Fox.

The consideration of the resolution occasioned much discussion. It was argued that the sureties had not been regularly before the Committee on Finance. The chairman of the committee said that there had been no regular meeting of the Committee on Finance. No objection was made touching the sufficiency of the security, or the sufficiency of Mr. White. The Democrats held, however, that the resolution approving the sureties should be drawn in a formal manner, and according to the past usage of Councils.

Mr. Brooks contended that there was no rule requiring the sureties to appear before an organized meeting of the Committee on Finance.

The debate was cut off by the presentation of a communication from Mr. White offering Messrs. Potter and White as his sureties.

Mr. MARCER offered a resolution approving them, which was agreed to, and Council adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

ISRAEL MORRIS, JOS. S. WAIN, EDMUND A. SOUDER, } COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH.

Arrival and Sailing of the Ocean Steamers.

TO ARRIVE.

SHIPS	FROM	FOR	DATE.
Kangaroo	Liverpool	New York	Feb. 6
Edinburgh	Liverpool	New York	Feb. 6
Hammonia	Southampton	New York	Feb. 10
Hibernian	Liverpool	Portland	Feb. 11
Asia	Liverpool	New York	Feb. 16
Pennsylvania	Liverpool	New York	Feb. 16
Etna	Liverpool	New York	Feb. 17
Bremen	Southampton	New York	Feb. 17
Africa	Liverpool	New York	Feb. 23
Bavaria	Southampton	New York	Feb. 24
Australasian	Liverpool	New York	Feb. 27
	TO DEPART.		
C. of Manchester	New York	Liverpool	Feb. 27
Geo Washington	New York	New Orleans	Feb. 27
Havana	New York	Havana	Feb. 28
Columbia	New York	Nassau & Hav	Feb. 29
Africa	Boston	Liverpool	Mar. 5
Evening Star	New York	Havana, &c	Mar. 5
City of London	New York	Liverpool	Mar. 5
Hammonia	New York	Hamburg	Mar. 5

ARRIVED.

Bark Pilot Fish, Look, 8 days from Port Royal, in ballast to Workman & Co.

Bark Zack Bates, 5 days from Boston, with mdse to Twelis & Co.

Bark Lucy Frances, Perry, 4 days from New York, with 685 bales wool to Curtis & Knight.

Schr Thomas Holcombe, Godfrey, 11 days from Key West, in ballast to Lennox & Sons.

Schr G A Heckscher, Smith, 14 days from New Orleans, in ballast to Pilgrim & Hasslr.

Schr Forest King, Briggs, 3 days from New York, in ballast to captain.

Schr J E Mather, Willard, 15 days from Portland, with mdse to Crowell & Collins.

Schr Ann Christ, Perkins, 5 days from Boston, in ballast to J E Bazley & Co.

Schr J C Henry, Love, 5 days from Newborn, in ballast to captain.

Schr B Vaux, Powell, 5 days from Norfolk, in ballast to captain.

Steamer Vineland, Mull, 1 day from New York, with mdse to E D Wood & Co.

BELOW.

Bark St James, Wayne, from New Orleans, and brig J H Kennedy, Smith, from do.

CLEARED.

Bark Sea Eagle, Howes, Port Spain, Thomas Watson & Sons.

Bark Glenwood, Fairfield, Genoa, D L Miller, Jr.

Brig Miles Barnard, Collins, Pascagoula, Workman & Co.

Schr Harper, Coombs, Port Spain, Trinidad, 5 & W Welsh.

Schr E J Pickup, Bowen, Alexandria, captain.

Schr John Farnam, Hall, New York, Crowell & Collins.

Schr Ida V McCabe, Pickup, Alexandria, Tyler & Co.

Schr F Tyler, Tyrell, do. do.

Schr Franklin, Young, Baltimore, A Groves, Jr.

City Ice Boat, Kelly, 5 hours from Morris Ligton's, having towed thereto ship F Ank Hoult, bound to Portland, where she anchored at 11 A M, to day (Thursday).

MEMORANDA.

Steamship City of Richmond and bark Roanoke, for Lagunayra, went to sea 22d inst.

Ship William Tell, Trevelleck, cleared at Liverpool 8th inst. for this port.

Ship Maria, Killam, entered out at Liverpool 9th inst. for this port.

Ship Woodung, Colebank, sailed from Glasgow 6th inst. for San Francisco.

Schr West Wind, Gilman, from Turks Island for this port, with salt, put into St Thomas 24th ult, with loss of sails, &c; left brig Montmain, northward of Hatteras. She sailed again previous to 16th inst.

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