The Press.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864.

THE SITUATION.

The capture of Savannah may be considered certain. SHERMAN is already in communication with the fleet, and the capture of Fort McAllister opens the Ogeechee river. The comment of the rebel papers indicates the importance of this position, and also the ease with which it was captured. We have another report to-day, by a steamer from Charleston, that Savannah has already fallen; but there is no reason to pay much attention to rumors when we are in daily expectation of definite news of its reduction.

The possession of this city will be of immense advantage to our arms. SHERMAN establishes a new base in the rear of the rebel forces, from which he will threaten all their southern communications. From Savannah he can advance upon Charleston, and, with the aid of the fleet, take it without great trouble. His movements from this base will interfere directly with LEE, and it is plainer now than it has ever been that GRANT has not delayed his attack upon Richmond because of the difficulty of success, but in order to await the results of SHERMAN's co-operating movements. We repeat that the scope of this campaign is far greater than any others of the war, and that General GRANT does not aim merely at brilliant and decisive victories—though since he has been in command of our armies we have had many of them—but is working for the complete and permanent overthrow of the rebellion.

The soundness of SHERMAN's great march is confirmed by the result of HOOD's advance on Nashville. Prompt advantage was taken of his temerity, and though it appears that large forces were left to guard his lines, two expeditions were sent out from Vicksburg and Baton Rouge to cut his communications, and both were successful. That from Vicksburg has severed him from Mobile and Jackson entirely, and made the Mississippi Railroad useless for months. In the meanwhile, with all these dangers in his rear, HOOD is severely pressed by THOMAS, who, in accordance with that masterly policy which has governed the whole movement, which begun with the division of the army at Atlanta, delayed a battle till SHERMAN was beyond the reach of pursuit, and HOOD's communications cut. The greatness of the victory won before Nashville is confirmed by the despatches we print to-day, which show that it is no longer THOMAS but HOOD that is on the defensive, and that the rebel problem is not how to take Nashville, but how to get away from it.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES has passed the new Bankrupt act, and all that remains to make it efficient is its passage by the Senate. This act is of the highest importance to our commercial interests, and its legislation at this moment is important and welcome.

WENDELL PHILLIPS' LECTURE AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—This evening, the great orator and thinker of Abolition will lecture before an audience worthy of his best powers. His speech will be political, timed to the events and character of the hour, and will discuss "The Next Step" in the national life and history. It is unnecessary to speak of one of whom all have spoken; and Mr. Phillips' talents, earnestness and honesty must command the widest range of attention, both of the public and the world. No one has greater power to utter truth and conviction in language simple, eloquent, and philosophic. If those who differ with him have something to learn from the patriotic criticism of Mr. Phillips, he has also much to learn from events. We trust that the lecture of this evening will engage the largest respect.

The Explosion at Dupont's Powder Mills.

INCIDENTS, NAMES OF THE KILLED, WOUNDED, ETC.
[Special Despatch to The Press.]

WILMINGTON, DEL., Dec. 16.—I have endeavored to gather the full details of the explosion at Dupont's powder mills yesterday. It seems that there were several explosions, of which the first was the heaviest, and was probably the one which was heard, and created so much alarm, in your city. It occurred in the Hagley yard, about 10½ A. M., when all the men were in the yard and at work. It is hard to tell where the grand destruction commenced, or what was its cause, but it is supposed to have begun in the press-room. The explosion communicated itself to three of the mills engaged in making Government powder, tearing them to atoms and scattering their ruins far and wide. Other buildings were very much injured—some of them so much so as to make them useless. It may be cited, as an evidence of the terrible force of the explosion, that great heavy beams were lifted up like rushes into the air, whirled distances, sometimes, of over 800 feet, and imbedded so deep in the ground, frozen hard as flint, as to stand firmly on end. Great hollows were scooped in the ground by the mere concussion, seemingly, and timbers scattered in profusion over the fields around. Not a vestige of some of the exploded mills remained, save the foundation walls and scarred earth. The heat generated by the sudden ignition of such a large quantity of powder was so sudden and so intense as to char great trees in a twinkling—the moist green bark burning as readily as tinder, but ceasing to burn when the last rumble of the roar of the explosion had died away. The windows in the surrounding country were, of course, damaged much. In Christ Church (Episcopal), every pane was crumbled, and in the house of Mrs. Alexis Dupont, which is situated one hundred and fifty feet from the scene of disaster, the glass was shattered so violently that some of the family were cut by the flying fragments. The house was shaken from roof to foundation and seriously damaged. Immediately after the explosion, and when the excitement had spent itself, the yard was closed and no admittance granted to the numerous persons who were attracted from this city and the country around to curiously view the havoc. As usual, there is a sad catalogue of deaths to write along with the exhibit of damages to property, which are insignificant in comparison. There were ten men killed. I have not seen any of them, but I hear that some are torn to pieces, and only charred and bleeding fragments remain, sickening and unrecognizable. They were named] John Dougherty, Edward O'Donnell, Chas. O'Neal, Michael Hazzell, Dennis Collins, Cornelius Carr, Patrick Deary, Thomas Hennesy, Michael Deary, Thomas Gill. No others were much injured.

As the risk of explosion is always taken into account in powder manufactories, the buildings are never made either ornamental or valuable. They are usually frame structures, cheaply built, and easily replaced when blown to pieces. The loss is therefore not great, financially; it is only great, and properly so, in the death that attends it. I believe, however, that the men, who go into the works with the probability of sudden death always in view, and thus show a great moral courage, are very well remunerated for their labor, and their families, in case of their death by accident, are provided for by the Messrs. Dupont. The provision is said to be ample to those in need. J. C. W.

A Terrible Railroad Accident in Canada.

DETROIT, Dec. 16.—A terrible accident occurred on the Grand Trunk Railway last night, caused by a collision with the westward-bound train, near this city. After the collision several of the wounded passengers failed to extricate themselves from the weight of the cars, and were burned to death. Two passengers are known to have suffered death in this manner, and it is reported that several others were as unfortunate. The full extent of the loss of life has not yet been ascertained.

THE RECENT RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

DETROIT, Dec. 16.—George W. Miller, mail agent, was the only person killed by the collision on the Grand Trunk Railroad. Several were severely wounded, but there has been no detention of the trains.

Public Entertainments.

CHESTNUT-STREET THEATRE.—The Caledonian Club will show their appreciation of the fine manner in which "Jessie Brown" is produced by visiting the theatre in costume to-night. Occupying seats together, they will make quite a fine display. This afternoon the last matinee of "Jessie Brown" will be given. On Monday the fine drama of "The Octoroon" will be produced. This play, in depicting the horrors of "slave life" in Louisiana, where the taint of one-eighth blood is by the law sufficient to condemn a man to slavery, strikes a chord in the public heart which cannot fail to respond. From the well-known care and taste of this theatre, we have good reason to believe that it will be produced in splendid style.

ARCH-STREET THEATRE.—Mr. Clarke has had an immense success this week, and produces a fine bill to-night.

NATIONAL CIRCUS.—Mr. Le Jeune Burt, young Nicolo, the Nicolo Troupe, and the trained dogs, will perform at the Circus this afternoon.

SIGNOR BLITZ is making every preparation to signalize the holidays in the recollection of those who will attend his performances during that festive time. The Signor has always pleased, and will continue to please during the holidays, and long after they have passed. He and his "Bobby" are a never-failing fountain of amusement.

A FAIR for sick and wounded soldiers will be held by "the ladies of the Sanitary Committee of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, auxiliary to the Sanitary Commission," on Monday, December 19, at Concert Hall. Every inducement that a Fair can present—polite attendance, warm welcome, and well-stocked tables—is offered to those who feel that our sick and wounded deserve sympathy and aid—and who do not? A committee, consisting of Mrs. T. J. Bowers 917 South street, Miss Henson, 612 Locust street, Mrs. J. J. Dorsey, and others, are empowered to receive donations for the Fair.

ATTENTION is called to the time table of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad, in another column.

NOTICE—EXTENSIVE SALE OF FURNITURE.—The sale of the furniture of "St. Lawrence Hotel" will commence on Monday, January 9th.

THE WAR.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF SAVANNAH.

ELEVEN THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN.

PREVIOUS CAPTURE OF FORT McALLISTER, ON THE OGEECHEE.

Confirmation of the Victory at Nashville.

MOVEMENTS AND SUCCESS IN EVERY QUARTER.

OFFICIAL WAR GAZETTE.

A VICTORY FOR THOMAS—A THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The following official report of the fight near Nashville has been received from Major General Thomas:

"NASHVILLE, Dec. 15—9 P. M.—I attacked the enemy's left this morning, and drove him from the river to below the city, very nearly to the Franklin pike, a distance of about eight miles; have captured Chalmers' headquarters and train, and a second train of about twenty wagons, with between eight hundred and one thousand prisoners, and sixteen pieces of artillery. The troops behaved splendidly, all taking their share in assaulting and carrying the enemy's breastworks. I shall attack the enemy again to-morrow, if he stands to fight, and if he retreats during the night, will pursue him, throwing a heavy cavalry force in his rear to destroy his trains if possible.

"G. H. THOMAS, Major General."

FURTHER DETAILS.

An unofficial despatch gives the following details:

"NASHVILLE, Dec. 15—10.30 P. M.—Our line advanced and engaged the rebel line at 9 A. M. to-day. The line was formed thus: Stedman on the left, T. J. Wood with 4th Corps next, A. J. Smith next, with Cox in reserve next, and the cavalry, under Wilson, fighting dismounted, occupying the extreme right, aided by gunboats on the river. The artillery practice has been fine, and at times the musketry firing continuous and heavy, and, though the casualties have been light, the results are very fair. The left occupies the same ground as in the morning, but the right has advanced five miles, driving the enemy from the river, from his entrenchments, from the range of hills on which his left rested; he is forced back upon his right and centre, his centre pushed back from one to three miles, with a loss of seventeen guns and about 1,500 prisoners, and his whole line of earthworks, except about a mile on his extreme right, where no serious attempt was made to dislodge him.

"The whole of Hood's army is here, except the cavalry, and one division which has been detached to threaten an attack on Murfreesboro. The whole action of to-day was splendidly successful. The division commanded by Gen. Kimball, of the 4th Corps, by Gen. Garrard, of the command under Gen. A. J. Smith, and the cavalry division, under Gen. Knipe, were under my observation, and I have never seen better work. Gen. Kimball's division carried two fortified positions by assault, with very slight loss, capturing at one point 400 prisoners and six guns. No doubt the other parts of the line did as well. I only speak of what I saw."

No intelligence has been received from General Sherman's army, later than the published despatches transmitted by General Foster and Admiral Dahlgren. EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

SECOND OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

SUCCESSFUL EXPEDITION FROM VICKSBURG—HOOD'S COMMUNICATIONS WITH MOBILE CUT—TWELVE REBEL GENERALS KILLED, WOUNDED, AND CAPTURED AT FRANKLIN—CAPTURE OF FORT M'ALLISTER, ON THE OGEECHEE, BY GEN. SHERMAN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, 1864—8.15 P. M.

Official despatches from General Canby have been received to-day, showing the complete success of an expedition sent by him from Vicksburg to co-operate with General Sherman's operations and cut Hood's communications with Mobile. General Canby also reports the probable success of another expedition from Baton Rouge, under command of General Davidson, the details and objects of which it is not proper now to disclose. When last heard from, Davidson was reported as having caused quite a panic in Mobile, and devastating the country generally.

Lieut. Col. Earl, commanding a special party, was severely wounded and fell into the hands of the enemy at Fayette, Mississippi.

The Richmond papers of to-day confirm the reported capture of Bristol, Tenn., by an expedition supposed to be under the command of Generals Stoneman and Burbridge, also the surprise and capture of the Slade Spring depot on the railroad thirteen miles south of Abingdon, Va. They also contain General Hood's official report of the battle of Franklin, in which he acknowledges the loss of many gallant officers and brave men, among whom he enumerates Major General Claiborne, Brigadier Generals John Williams, Adams, Geist, Strahl, and Branberry killed, and Major General John Brown and Brigadier Generals S. Carter, Manigault, Quarlis, Cockerell, and Scott wounded, and Brigadier General Gordon captured.

They also state that on Wednesday General Sherman carried Fort McAllister, commanding the entrance to the Ogeechee river, by storm, and that the capture of this position puts Sherman in communication with the Yankee fleet, and necessitates the reinforcement of Savannah. The despatches of General Canby, so far as proper for publication, and the extracts from the Richmond papers, giving Hood's official report of the battle of Franklin, and our success in Southwestern Virginia and in Georgia, are subjoined. Up to this hour (8 P. M.) nothing has been heard from Nashville since last night, and nothing from General Sherman later than the Richmond newspaper report of the capture of Fort McAllister on Wednesday:

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 9.—On the 25th ult. I reported that a movement co-operative with Gen. Sherman's operations would be made from Vicksburg and Baton Rouge for the purpose of cutting Hood's communications with Mobile. The expedition sent from Vicksburg, and consisting of about 2,000 cavalry and eight pieces of artillery, commanded by Col. E. D. Osband, 3d Colored Cavalry, returned on the 4th inst., having met with a complete success. After an admirably-executed flank movement on Jackson, on the 24th, the expedition started for the Big Black bridge on the Mississippi Central Railroad, which was reached on the 27th, and, after a stubborn resistance, captured and destroyed, thus cutting Hood's army off from the large quantity of supplies and stores accumulated at Jackson, Miss., and making that railroad, which was his main reliance, unavailable to him for months to come. Besides this important bridge and trestle work, the following property was completely destroyed, viz: Thirty miles of railroad track, including culvert, wagon bridge over the Big Black; Vaughn, Pickett, and Goodman Stations; railroad depots and buildings, 2,600 bales of cotton, two locomotives, four cars, four stage coaches, twenty barrels of salt, and $162,000 worth of stores at Vaughn's Station. The expedition was considerably harassed on its return by large bodies of the enemy's troops, but suffered no material losses and brought back more recruits than the entire loss in effective men. Major J. B. Cook, commanding the 3d Colored Cavalry distinguished himself and his regiment greatly, by the gallantry with which the force guarding the Big Black bridge were driven off from behind their strong stockades on the opposite side of the river. Our men had to charge, dismounted, with nothing but railroad-ties for a path, and in the face of a sharp fire. I have announced Major Cook in general orders as promoted to the vacant lieutenant colonelcy of the regiment, subject to the approval of the President. E. R. G. CANBY.

CITY POINT, Dec. 16.—The Richmond *Dispatch* of to-day, after fully confirming the previous reports of the capture of Bristol, says that "the enemy then advanced up the railroad towards Abingdon, which we presume fell into their hands, though we have no information of the fact. The next we hear of them they had, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, pounced down on Slade's Spring, a depot on the railroad 13 miles this side of Abingdon, taking every one there by surprise, and capturing all of the railroad employees except one, who managed to escape to tell the tale. At last accounts the enemy were pushing up the railroad in the direction of Marion, which is 27 miles on this side of Abingdon. This is a raid in Breckinridge's rear. The raiders, leaving his forces somewhere in the neighborhood of Knoxville, came up the north side of the Holston river and crossed over to Bristol. It is probable that the raiders separated, one party proceeding to Bristol and the other to Abingdon. If unchecked, it is likely they will come up the railroad, even as far as Salem, and thence escape to Kanawha by the route followed by Hunter last summer. It is unknown who is in command of this expedition, but it looks very much like some of Stoneman's galloping work.

"None of the despatches received say anything about Saltville. If it is unprotected, it has doubtless been visited by the enemy. If, however, there were any troops there, the Yankees were apt to fight shy of it, and confine their operations to the railroad."

THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN.

General Hood's official report of the battle of Franklin has at last been received. It will be seen that our reported extraordinary loss of general officers is but too true. The following is General Hood's despatch:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
SIX MILES FROM NASHVILLE, Dec. 8, 1864,
VIA MOBILE, Dec. 9th.

To the Hon. J. A. Seddon:

About four o'clock P. M., November 30th, we attacked the enemy at Franklin, and drove them from their centre line of temporary works into the inner lines, which they evacuated during the night, leaving their dead and wounded in our possession, and retired to Nashville, closely followed by our cavalry. We captured several stand of colors and about 1,000 prisoners. Our troops fought with great gallantry. We have to lament the loss of many gallant officers and brave men. Major General Claiborne, Brigadier Generals John Williams, Adams, Geist, Strahl, and Branberry were killed. Major General John Brown and Brigadier Generals S. Carter, Manigault, Quarles, Cockerell, and Scott were wounded. Brigadier General Gordon was captured.

J. B. HOOD, Major General.

A subsequent telegram from General Hood says that our loss of officers was excessively large in proportion to the loss of men.

FROM GEORGIA—FORT M'ALLISTER TAKEN BY SHERMAN.

"Official intelligence was received yesterday that the enemy on Wednesday carried Fort McAllister by storm. The garrison of the fort consisted of one hundred and fifty men. Fort McAllister is on the Ogeechee river, fifteen miles southwest of Savannah, at the point where the Savannah, Albany and Gulf Railroad crosses the river. It is about six miles from the Ossabaw Sound. The capture of this position puts Sherman in communication with the Yankee fleet. Without attempting any military criticism, we cannot withhold the opinion that the exposing of one hundred men to the assault of Sherman's whole army was a piece of extravagance that our present military resources do not seem to warrant."

The *Examiner* has the following: "Fort McAllister commands the entrance to the Ogeechee river, and has prevented the enemy heretofore from ascending the river. We believe there are other works further up the stream which would render its navigation by the enemy extremely uncomfortable. The fall of Fort McAllister does not by any means involve the loss of Savannah, but will necessitate the reinforcement of the troops defending that city.

THE RAID IN VIRGINIA.

"At Slade's Spring the enemy captured an engine and fourteen flats, with some railroad hands. On these a party of men were mounted and sent up the road towards Marion, and a despatch from the operator at that place, on yesterday, tells us that they were, at 2 o'clock, within a mile of that place. Their object is easily divined. It is to burn the bridge over the Holston, and break the road, to prevent troops from being sent down the line by steam to reinforce Saltville. To Saltville the main body will undoubtedly go—in all human probability, has already gone. There are some fortifications at Saltville, and some reserves; what number we do not know. If these can check them by any sacrifice, reinforcements will soon put the place out of danger. At present it is certainly in very great danger."

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

THIRD OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

ANOTHER FIERCE BATTLE AT NASHVILLE—GEN. THOMAS VICTORIOUS—HOOD FALLING BACK—THOMAS PRESSING HIM—CAPTURE OF MEN AND GUNS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, 1864—10.30 P. M.

The Western telegraph lines are working very badly on account of rain storms prevailing.

The following unofficial despatches have been received:

"NASHVILLE, Dec. 16, 1864—hour not stated.—Just returned from the battle-field. The battle was severe and terrible. Our forces victorious."

"NASHVILLE, Dec. 16—2.15 P. M.—Hood has fallen back, and is apparently doing his best to get away, while Thomas is pressing him with great vigor, frequently capturing guns and men. Everything so far is perfectly successful, and the prospect is fair to crush Hood's army."

Nothing since my last despatch from any other quarter. EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

GEN. SHERMAN'S ARMY.

REBEL ACCOUNTS OF SHERMAN'S MOVEMENTS—SHERMAN DEVELOPING HIS FORCES NEAR SAVANNAH—SKIRMISHING WITHIN FIVE MILES.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 15.—The steamer Crescent arrived last night, from Port Royal, with 780 released prisoners, and proceeded immediately to Annapolis.

The Charleston *Courier* of the 10th says: "Sherman's army is reported still moving towards Savannah. We learn that the affair at Station No. 2, on Thursday, was simply a slight skirmish."

The Augusta *Chronicle* of the 7th says: "We had the pleasure yesterday of meeting Captain Chapers, of Winder's staff, who is in our city in connection with the Confederate prison bureau, whose headquarters are to be located in this city. Capt. Chapers informs us that all the prisoners at all points within reach of Sherman have been safely removed. He also states that the vandals were so disappointed at finding that the 'blue-bellies' had flown from Millen that they vented their spleen on the defenceless inhabitants of the vicinity."

The *Courier* of the 9th says of Georgia affairs: "We learn that on Sunday last Lieutenant Reynolds, of Wheeler's cavalry, with a detachment of fifteen men, crossed the Savannah river, at Hudson's ferry, in Beaufort district. He had been engaged on a scout, and, becoming separated from his command, crossed into this State to join them higher up. He represents Sherman's army as occupying Branin's bridge, on Briar creek, sixteen miles from the river, with all the roads towards the river occupied and guarded. The opinion seems to prevail that Sherman intends to attack Savannah, but that if he attempts it he would be badly defeated.

"A report was in circulation yesterday that on the arrival of his forces at No. 2 he had turned off in the direction of Sister's Ferry, which would indicate an intention to cross into South Carolina. The enemy near Pocotaligo was reported to be shelling the road on Friday. About one hundred prisoners from Sherman's army arrived in this city yesterday."

Beauregard arrived in Charleston on the 7th, and immediately left for the scene of hostilities on the Charleston and Savannah Railroad.

The Savannah *News* says: "On the 6th the Union forces again made an attempt to take the railroad, but were repulsed and driven back. On the 7th they were reinforced, and renewed the attack, and fighting continued all day, and had not ceased at night."

The *News* adds: "It is, no doubt, a determined effort on the part of Foster to open a way for Sherman's escape."

On the 9th a skirmish with the rebel outposts, five miles from Savannah, is mentioned.

The latest Richmond papers say: "Official despatches state that Sherman has developed his forces near Savannah. Hardee is in command of the defences. A report is mentioned of fighting at Coosawhatchie, and the article closes by saying the report was probably correct, as the enemy have persistently endeavored to make a lodgement on this road."

THE REBELS ADMIT THE FALL OF SAVANNAH—CAPTURE OF 11,000 PRISONERS.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16—11 P. M.—The correspondent of the *American*, at Annapolis, telegraphs as follows:

"The steamship Varuna left Charleston bar on the 14th instant at 8 o'clock A. M. A report had been received there, before she left, by a rebel flag-of-truce boat, that Sherman was in possession of Savannah, after a fight of eight hours, and that he had captured 11,000 prisoners."

DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE.

THE BATTLE AT NASHVILLE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The following has been received at the Navy Department:

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 16—10 A. M.

Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy:

General Thomas attacked yesterday Hood's left, supported by the 10th division of this squadron. The result was the capture of Chalmers' headquarters train, with his papers, 1,000 prisoners, and 16 guns, with a probable loss to the army not exceeding 500 killed and wounded. The attack will be renewed this morning.

S. P. LEE, Rear Admiral,
Commanding Mississippi Squadron.

KENTUCKY.

CAIRO, Dec. 15.—A steamer from up the Ohio river reports that the rebel Gen. Lyon and his command occupy Eddyville, on the Cumberland, with a force estimated from two thousand five hundred to seven thousand. A battery posted on the east side of the river, three miles below the town, opened on the steamer Naugatuck, bound down, last week, but she ran past without serious damage. All the boats at Smithland are ordered to the opposite side of the river, and gunboats have been sent down to destroy the battery. Eddyville is the birth and marriage place of General Lyon, and his late residence.

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

ANADVANCE INTO NORTH CAROLINA—REPORTED CAPTURE OF KINSTON—WRECK OF LIGHT-SHIPS AT STONO INLET, S. C.

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 13.—It is reported here *this morning* that our forces captured Kinston, where they struck the railroad, and are still moving into the interior.

The steamer Patapsco, from Stono Inlet on the 13th inst., reports that the light-ship there went ashore on the 9th, and was totally wrecked. The light-ship off Light-House Inlet was also wrecked the same day, and all hands except one were lost. The Patapsco passed on the 14th inst., off Hatteras, a large fleet bound South, including four monitors.

NEW ORLEANS.

CAIRO, Dec. 15.—The steamer Olive Branch has arrived with New Orleans advices of the 8th, and fifty-three bales of cotton for Cairo. She brings no news. Cotton, sugar, and molasses dull. The steamer Anna Jacobs, from Memphis, had one hundred and twenty-eight bales of cotton.

The *Era* of the 10th contains full details of Col. Osband's raid, but Gen. Canby's report contains all essential particulars.

The electoral college of Louisiana met on the 7th inst., and cast their vote for Lincoln and Johnson, and appointed a messenger to carry the vote to Washington.

The French corvette La Megere had arrived from New York.

CANADA.

PARLIAMENT TO MEET ON JAN. 19TH—MAGISTRATES FOR RAIDERS—DIX'S ST. ALBANS PROCLAMATION AND THE GOVERNMENT.

QUEBEC, Dec. 16.—Another Cabinet meeting was held to-day. Parliament has been summoned to meet on the 19th of January.

Stipendiary magistrates have been appointed for the frontier, especially to take cognizance of breakers of international law, and they are to be aided by a strong police force.

The *Journal de Quebec* of to-night says that Gen. Dix's proclamation is disapproved by the Washington Government.

EXCITEMENT AMONG THE RAILWAY MEN OVER THE ST. ALBANS DECISION.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—A private despatch from a reliable source at Montreal states that there is a perfect panic in Canada amongst the railway managers, in anticipation of non-intercourse with the United States, which is expected unless the Government takes prompt action to allay the excitement on the border. At 5 P. M. to-day nothing was known at Montreal of the Confederate raiders, nor were there further developments in regard to the money stolen from the St. Albans bank.

Death of a Member of the Legislature.

[Special Despatch to The Press.]

HARRISBURG, Dec. 16.—Dr. R. R. Reed, a member elect of the House of Representatives from Washington county, Penna., died at his residence yesterday of small pox. He was formerly a member of Congress and was a valuable and prominent member of the last House of Representatives of this State.

CITY ITEMS.

Beautiful Goods for Christmas Presents.

The elegant ZEPHYR WORK GOODS now so popular, we are glad to find, is receiving a very large share of purchasers' attention, and we may remark that nothing could be more desirable or suitable than the beautiful designs in zephyr or slippers, chair seats, cushions, rugs, and a variety of other articles, filled up in the plain parts by the hands of a friendly or affectionate giver? Ladies who entertain our opinion on this point should visit the store of Mr. John M. Finn, Seventh and Arch streets, where they will find the most magnificent assortment of embroidered zephyr designs, of the class above referred to, ever offered in this city. Some of these contain capital representations in zephyr of tufts of flowers, game heads, and tropical birds, which, to be appreciated by the lovers of the beautiful, need only to be seen. We would also state, in this connection, that Mr. Finn has a very large assortment of zephyr, which he is selling at as moderate prices as any other house. Don't forget the place—John M. Finn, Seventh and Arch.

STOCKING YARNS.

A very large assortment of Stocking Yarns, embracing nearly one hundred different varieties, suitable for fine ladies' wear, the heaviest articles for gentlemen's use, articles for the soldiers, every description of infants' wear, all colors suitable for gloves, including the fine white Saxony (German make), will be found at the store of Mr. John M. Finn, Seventh and Arch streets.

GERMANTOWN WOOL.

This elegant and deservedly popular substitute for the German Zephyrs is rapidly being introduced for all purposes for which the zephyrs are adapted. The colors of the Germantown Wool are equally as rich and durable as the zephyr, the fibre nearly as soft, and the price a great deal lower. The place to get it is at John M. Finn's, southeast corner of Seventh and Arch streets.

FANCY ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.

In this department such things as Morocco Satchels, Pocket-books, fine Brushes, Hand Mirrors, Beads, Colognes, Soaps, Umbrellas, and goods of that class, are always acceptable gifts. A very superior assortment of them may be found at the popular store of Mr. John M. Finn, Seventh and Arch streets.

TRIMMINGS AND SMALL WEAR.

At this season, also, good style Dress Trimmings are much in demand. The most extensive assortment of fashionable Buttons, staple Trimmings of all kinds, what are denominated under the general term of Small Wear; also, Cloth and Silk Gloves in great variety, now offered by John M. Finn, southeast corner of Seventh and Arch streets.

ELEGANT HOLIDAY STOCK OF FURS.—Messrs' A. K. & F. K. Womrath, No. 415 Arch street, with their characteristic liberality and enterprise, make the largest and, in all respects, most attractive display of Ladies' Fancy Furs, suitable for presents, that is offered in this city. Their prices, also, are reasonable. They now offer Siberian Squirrel Muffs at eight dollars, Mink Sable ditto at twelve dollars, Hudson Bay Sable ditto at thirty, together with a general assortment of Fitch, Stone Marten, Royal Ermine, and Chinchilla Furs at correspondingly moderate rates. Their stock of Carriage Robes is also rich and varied.

"BUY A GOOD ONE OR NONE," is a good rule in making purchases of all sorts, but it is doubly so in its application to Sewing Machines. Many absolutely worthless sewing machines are now before the public, to purchase which would result in nothing but disappointment and vexation to the owner. A *cheap* sewing machine generally proves a *dear* bargain. *Grover & Baker's* have stood the test for many years; thousands are in use in this city, and but one opinion prevails as to their worth; the advantages they possess for Embroidering, Braiding, Hemming, etc., and their wonderful simplicity renders them the best in use. Persons selecting sewing machines for "Presents,"—which, by the way, is an admirable idea—should bear this fact in mind, and call at 730 Chestnut street before selecting.

ADVICE TO THE LADIES.—We trust that the lady readers of "*The Press*" will bear in mind the fact that the most attractive field from which they can select presents for the sterner sex is in the department of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods. Certainly, nothing could be more acceptable to a gentleman than an elegant Morning Wrapper, a handsome pair of Gloves, articles of dress and comfort for the neck, or seasonable underwear. The place to find the most splendid assortment of these goods is at the popular old stand of R. C. Walborn & Co., Nos. 5 and 7 North Sixth street.

NOTICE.—The West Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company (Market-street line) have placed a number of additional cars upon their road, to run between Thirty-fourth and Market streets (their sub-depot) and Front street, for the better accommodation of the public, and have prepared transfer tickets (good until used) to carry passengers to their western depot, Forty-first and Haverford streets, without extra charge. Said cars will be designated by a notice thereon, "To Thirty-fourth street," and be known at night by a green light.

1t* WM. MARTIN, Jr., Secretary.

DELICIOUS CAROMELS AND ALL OTHER CHOICE CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONS can be obtained in great, est richness and perfection at E. G. Whitman & Co.'s, No. 318 Chestnut street; the Confectionery headquarters of our city. The choicest things that genius could invent, or taste appreciate, can be had here fresh, wholesome, and inviting, put up in neat boxes, either for present or family use. Their various candies, chocolate preparations, mixtures, &c., are a most delicious and healthful luxury.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND ALBUMS.—Mr. F. Gutekunst, Nos. 702, 704, and 706 Arch street, has just issued, in his usual excellent style of the Photographic Art, Pictures of various sizes of Generals Nagles, Hancock, and Meade, also of Jas. E. Murdoch and other celebrities. His stock of Albums, Frames, and *Cartes de Visite* of distinguished persons, is very rich, and the same is true of his life-size Crayons and Photo-miniatures. His fine new series of Views of the *great Oil Regions* is a popular novelty, and is having a large sale.

GENTLEMEN REPLENISHING THEIR WARDROBES should visit the famous old house of Messrs. C. Somers & Son, No. 625 Chestnut street, under Jayne's Hall. Their stock of ready-made garments is large, and their prices have been largely reduced in anticipation of the close of the season. They import most of their fabrics direct, and can sell on more favorable terms on that account. In their Customer Department, also, their facilities for gratifying gentlemen of taste are not equalled in this city.

COAL FOR CHRISTMAS.—We sincerely hope that our readers, who are now expending their bounty in order to make their friends happy, will not overlook the poor. A ton of Coal from the popular Yard of W. W. Alter, 957 North Ninth street, will be a judicious, welcome and seasonable gift.

THE STOCK OF GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS offered by Mr. George Grant, No. 610 Chestnut street, is the finest in the city, and his celebrated "Prize Medal Shirts," invented by Mr. J. F. Taggart, are unsurpassed by any others in the world in fit, comfort, and durability.

MR. A. L. VANSANT, Ninth and Chestnut streets, surpasses all competitors, as usual, in his magnificent display of French and American Mixtures, Chocolate Works, fine Christmas Confections, and Fruits of all kinds. His splendid line of French Boxes is also a rich novelty.

MESSRS. WOOD & CARY, 725 Chestnut street, have made a large reduction in the prices of all their Bonnets, Fancy Hats, and other novelties, to which we would direct the special attention of purchasers.

A GRACEFUL, COMFORTABLE, AND BECOMING HAT is indispensable to the perfection of a gentleman's wardrobe. The place to get it is at Warburton's, 432 Chestnut street. For style, adaptation to all tastes, and quality, Mr. Warburton's hats have the widest reputation. His hats are the most comfortable and easy-fitting that are manufactured. del7-7t

"WHAT EVERYBODY SAYS MUST BE TRUE."—It is not doubted that there are several Sewing Machines extant that are little better than none, yet there is a wide difference between what are regarded "first-class," which any one will appreciate by examining and comparing. For some months past the praises of the celebrated "Florence" Machine, sold at 630 Chestnut street, have been upon almost every tongue, and it is very certain that these encomiums are not without foundation. The "Florence" performs all that any other sewing machine has ever attempted; performs it more neatly, and with less labor; every one is provided with a "Barnum Self-sewer" free of charge, and sold with a guarantee to give perfect satisfaction or the money to be refunded to the purchaser. Buy the "Florence," by all means.

AN ELEGANT ARRAY OF FURNISHING GOODS.—The northwest corner Fifth and Chestnut has become the great resort for gentlemen in quest of fancy articles of apparel, such, for instance, as silk, wool, and cashmere scarfs, mufflers, neckties, gloves of kid, black, fawn, cloth, silk, or wool, suspenders, pocket handkerchiefs, robe de chambers, smoking jackets and caps, wrist warmers, cloth gaiters, &c. Mr. C. Henry Love, the proprietor of the above establishment, has devoted much time and assiduity in getting up a stock for holiday sales, and we trust that his enterprise may meet with a cordial recognition from the public. His efforts to please cannot then be considered as "LOVE'S LABOR LOST."

LEARNING.—"Ah," said Mrs. Goosenbury, "larning is a great thing; I've often felt the need of it. Why, would you believe it, I'm now sixty years old, and only know the names of three months in the year, and them's spring, fall, and autumn. I larnt the names of them when I was a little bit of a gal." She had attained to the luxury of being able to read understandingly the first-class notices of the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, above Sixth.

A PAIR OF SHOES MADE IN FIVE MINUTES.—That ingenious man who made a pair of shoes for his boy in such a short space of time, by cutting the tops off of a pair of boots, slitting down the instep, and making the strings from the spare leather, might have made his son a roundabout by simply cutting the tail off of a frock-coat, and it could be done in about the same time. This might be called a *round-about* way of bringing to notice Charles Stokes & Co.'s One-Price Clothing Store, under the "Continental Hotel," Chestnut, near Ninth.

SPECTACLES.—The Parabola is sold exclusively by Edward Borhek, Optician, No. 402 Chestnut street, above Fourth. The idea of the lens is, that it presents to the eye a universal focus, and hence administers to its wants in a most natural way. Look through the Parabola at whatever angle you may, and the focus responds to your demand. It*

THE CONTINENTAL, Fifth Avenue, St. Nicholas, and all the leading hotels use the Patent Aroma Saving Coffee Roaster; also, the Mower, McLellan, Summit House, Haddington, &c., U. S. A. hospitals. See advertisement.

EVERYBODY INTERESTED.—The glory of women is a fine head of Hair—one in which the natural softness, color, and glossiness are preserved, free from any tendency to falling off and disposition to grayness. Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer and Zylobalsamum, or Hair Dressing, are the best articles for attaining that end, and no lady's toilet is complete without them. This is the testimony of those who use them, both in the United States and Europe. Millions of bottles sold every year. Every druggist sells them. del3-tuthsat

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HATS—Latest styles at Charles Oakford & Son's, Continental Hotel.

WHITE VIRGIN WAX OF ANTILLES.—This exquisite cosmetic has no equal for beautifying, whitening, and preserving the complexion. It is prepared from pure white wax, hence its extraordinary qualities for preserving the skin, making it soft, fair, smooth, and transparent. It is most soothing after shaving, cures chapped hands or lips, removes pimples, blotches, tan, freckles, or sunburn, and imparts that pearly tint to the face, neck, and arms so much desired by ladies of taste. Price 30, 50, and 75 cents. Hunt & Co., 133 South Seventh street, and 41 South Eighth street. oc8-swtf

LADIES' FURS—An elegant assortment at Charles Oakford & Son's, Continental Hotel.

HUNT'S BLOOM OF ROSES—A charming color for the cheek, does not wash off or injure the skin. Manufactured only by Hunt & Co., 41 South Eighth street, and 133 South Seventh street. oc8-swtf

PURCHASERS may rely upon getting the best Furs at Charles Oakford & Son's, Continental Hotel.

PLATE DE TOILETTE FRANCAISE.—For enameling the skin, eradicating wrinkles, small-pox marks, pimples, &c. Price $1. Hunt & Co., 133 S. Seventh street, and 41 S. Eighth street. oc12s&wtf

GENTLEMEN'S HATS—All the latest styles at Charles Oakford & Son's, Continental Hotel.

BURDSALL'S ARNICA LINIMENT, an infallible cure for burns, scalds, sprains, rheumatism, gunshot wounds, &c. A single application allays the pain from a burn the instant it is applied. No family should be without it. del6-1m

DIAMOND SET FOR SALE.—A lady's magnificent set, consisting of Bracelet, Breastpin, and Earrings, with thirty diamonds of the first water, set in full eighteen-karat gold. Weight between fifty and sixty pennyweights. Address, for one week, "H. P.," at this office. del3-5t*

GEORGE STECK & CO.'S Pianos, and Mason & Hamlin's Cabinet Organs, for sale only by J. E. Gould, Seventh and Chestnut streets. nol6-tf

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—Boys' and girls' overcoats, boys' suits, children's zephyr goods, misses' dresses—the largest and best assortment in the city, at M. Shoemaker & Co.'s, No. 4 North Eighth street. del3-5t*

EYE, EAR, AND CATARRH, successfully treated by J. Isaacs, M. D., Oculist and Aurist, 511 Pine st. Artificial eyes inserted. No charge for examination.

LADIES' FURS.—A large assortment of elegant goods at David H. Solis', 622 Arch street. del3-6t*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE DONATION VISIT.

BY THE BARD OF TOWER HALL.

Good Parson Blank (a name, what is it?)
Has had a fine donation visit
Made by his grateful flock;
And such a huge and varied load
Of useful things they then bestowed,
As seemed hard times to mock.

Barrels of flour and bags of meal,
Cheeses large as a wagon wheel,
Groceries from the store,
The best of pickles and preserves,
Corned pork and hams—but mem'ry swerves,
And can repeat no more.

I mean of things meant for the table,
But hay and oats supplied the stable;
Nor can we fail to name
Housekeeping articles, quite new,
And knitted socks of woolen, due
To a revered old dame.

But that which pleases the Parson best,
And was admired by all the rest,
There gathered, above all,
Was a most faultless suit of clothes,
Some wise and clever Christian chose
To bring, from Tower Hall!

Our assortment of Ready-made Clothing—Men's, Youth's and Boys'—is now full and complete, comprising the choicest styles of goods the market affords. We have determined to *close out our Winter stock* at reduced prices, *much below the rates at which it could be replaced.* Those accustomed to wearing fine clothing, made to order, will find among our stock garments in every way equal, at prices so much lower, as to astonish the uninitiated. TOWER HALL,
No. 518 MARKET Street.
1t BENNETT & CO.

HOOD! NASHVILLE!! VICTORY!!!

Our valiant Sherman left poor Hood
To travel where it seemed him good:
Hood wandered round and up and down,
Until he came near Nashville town.

And then we felt a little scared,
For fear he'd caught us unprepared;
We thought the man had come to stay—
But now it seems he's gone away.

Away his vanquished army runs,
While we push on and take his guns.
He'll call it "masterly retreat;"
We call it a great big defeat.

The Nashville folks are now in peace—
From all their fears they have release—
From all their foes they have repose,
And send to Great Oak Hall for Clothes.

Prices all reduced. Overcoats and suits for Men and Boys cheaper than anywhere else. People should look at our immense stock before buying. Can more than save "car fares" in coming from a distant part of the city.
WANAMAKER & BROWN,
OAK HALL,
S. E. cor. SIXTH and MARKET Streets.
☞ Great Bargains in Overcoats. 1t

RESTORE YOUR GRAY HAIR, AND PROMOTE A LUXURIANT GROWTH,

By using
"LONDON HAIR COLOR RESTORER AND DRESSING."

Only one preparation; does not stain the skin or soil the finest linen; delicately perfumed.

Read this Certificate:

I am happy to add my testimony to the great value of the "London Hair Color Restorer," which restored my hair to its original dark color, and the hue appears to be permanent. I am satisfied that the preparation is nothing like a dye, but operates upon the secretions. It is also a beautiful hair dressing, and promotes the growth. I purchased the first bottle from Edward B. Garrigues, Druggist, Tenth and Coates streets, who can also testify my hair was very gray when I commenced its use.

MRS. MILLER,
No. 730 North NINTH Street, Philadelphia.

Price 75 cents per bottle; six bottles for $4. Sold by Dr. SWAYNE & SON. 330 North SIXTH Street. 1t

JONES' ONE-PRICE CLOTHING,

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604 Market street—One Price—near Sixth.
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☞ It is well known that our Stock of CLOTHING is large and well assorted, and extra well made; and we now give notice that, in order to clear our counters before taking account of stock, we have reduced many prices, and are offering actual bargains in Overcoats and Men's and Boys' Suits. The prices are marked in plain figures, and everybody buys alike. Satisfaction guaranteed to all. JONES, 604 MARKET Street,
del7 One Price Store.

TO AVOID THE DANGERS OF A COUGH, COLD, ANY THROAT, BREAST, OR LUNG DISEASE, use

Dr. Swayne's Compound Syrup Wild Cherry,
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The greatest known remedy. It strengthens, heals, purifies, promotes expectoration, and has cured very many hopeless cases of Consumption. Prepared only by Dr. SWAYNE & SON, 330 North SIXTH St. 1t

E. McCLAIN'S CACTUS GRANDIFLORIS; OR, NIGHT-BLOOMING CERUS.—We believe it to be the only genuine extract in the market, it being made from one of the most beautiful and fragrant flowers of the Cactus tribe; also, his new extract Queen of the Meadows, Perfect Love, and other choice extracts of the toilet. Prepared by W. E. McClain, No. 334 N. SIXTH Street.

N. B.—A liberal discount given to wholesale dealers. del7-1m

GIFTS OF HARDWARE.—TABLE CUTLERY, with ivory, rubber, and other handles; Children's Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives, fine Scissors and Razors in cases; Boxes and Chests of Tools, from $2 to $25; Boys' Turning Lathes and Work Benches; patent Tool Handles with miniature tools in them; Boys' and Ladies' Skates; Clothes-Wringers (they'll save their cost in time and clothing), Carpet Sweepers, Plated Spoons, Forks, and Butter Knives, miniature Garden Tools, Spice Boxes, Cake Boxes, Fancy Tea Bells, and Spring Call Bells, Nut Crackers and Nut Picks; patent Ash-Sifters (pay for themselves in the coal saved), and a good variety of other Housekeeping Hardware, Cutlery, and Tools, at TRUMAN & SHAW'S,
No. 835 (Eight Thirty-five) MARKET Street,
de5-24t Below Ninth.

A MAGNIFICENT SEVEN-OCTAVE ROSEWOOD PIANO for Sale, at a great sacrifice, by a family leaving the city; made five months ago by one of the best makers in this country.

Cost $600. Will be sold near half cost, if applied for at once at residence,
del5-6t* No. 241 North TENTH Street.

BOYS' CLOTHING, BOYS' CLOTHING, BOYS' Clothing.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.—We have the largest and best assorted stock of Ready-made Boys' Clothing in the city, cut in the latest styles, and made in the best manner. H. L. HALLOWELL & SON, 534 MARKET Street.
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MARRIED.

VICKERS—KING.—On the 15th inst., by the Rev. E. W. Hutter, Jonathan Vickers to Kate S. King, both of West Chester, Pa.

ERVIN—SHALLCROSS.—At Frankford, November 23d, 1864, by the Rev. T. P. Coultson, Mr. Jonathan C. Ervin, of Somerton, to Miss Mary F. Shallcross, of Byberry, all of Twenty-third ward, Philadelphia.

SANDY—ALLEN.—On November 29th, by Rev. E. T. Kenney, Benj. F. Sandy to Miss Kate N. Allen, all of Philadelphia.

DIETRICH—RILEY.—On December 12th, by Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, David B. Dietrich, of New Holland, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and Miss Sarah Riley, of Philadelphia.

LAFERTY—FENN.—On December 12th, by Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, Mr. Jacob E. Laferty and Miss Mary Fenn, both of this city.

MATHEWS—ERWIN.—On December 15th, by Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, Charles Augustus Mathews, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Miss Maggie M. Erwin, of Brooklyn, New York.

DIED.

FRICK.—At Nashville, Tenn., on the 13th ult., Geo. B. Frick, aged 34 years.

His relatives and male friends are invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his brother, Dr. Wm. S. Frick, 321 North Eighth street, at 10½ o'clock, on Monday, the 19th inst.

BERRY.—On the evening of the 16th, John Hartman Berry, son of Benjamin L. and Emma C. Berry, aged 3 years and 4 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 312 Catharine street, on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

To proceed to Lafayette Cemetery.

WEBSTER.—At Bethlehem, Pa., on Thursday, the 15th inst., Joseph Wilbur, infant son of Benjamin C. and Eliza C. Webster.

LONG.—On the morning of the 16th inst., in the 31st year of her age, Pennsylvania Tod, wife of Robert H. Long, Esq., and daughter of Francis Grice, Esq., naval constructor.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral services, at her late residence, 219 Mt Vernon street, on Sabbath afternoon, 17th inst., at 4 o'clock. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery, New York. [New York papers please copy.]

MERCER.—At Northwood, near Milestown, on Friday, 16th inst., Jane Hall Mercer, relict of John Mercer, in the 79th year of her age. ***

CUMMINGS.—On Thursday afternoon, 15th instant, Cornelia Reakirt Cummings, widow of the late Lieutenant Commander A. Boyd Cummings.

Her male relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 1524 Chestnut street, on Monday morning, 19th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. Interment at Laurel Hill. **

COWELL.—On the evening of the 13th inst., Mr. John V. Cowell, in the 80th year of his age.

Funeral services in the Central Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Cherry streets, on Saturday, at 11 A. M., precisely. **

WATT.—On the 15th inst., J. Wesley Watt, in the 42d year of his age.

The friends of the family, the officers and members of Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, and Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, A. Y. M., West Philadelphia Lodge, I. O. of O. F., No. 472, also the members of Manual Hook and Ladder Fire Company, are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, Forty-first street, above Market, on Sunday afternoon, 18th inst., at two o'clock. To proceed to the Asbury vault. **

HOWELL.—On Wednesday, 14th inst., John A. Howell (of Howell & Brothers), in the 59th year of his age.

His relatives and male friends are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 1516 Spruce street, on Saturday morning, 17th inst., at 10 o'clock. Interment at Laurel Hill. **

MYERS.—On the evening of the 14th inst., Nannie Bispham, youngest daughter of the late John B. Myers, in the 16th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, from No. 1124 Arch street. ***

SHARPLESS.—On Fourth-day morning, the 14th, Hannah W., wife of Enos Sharpless, in the 82d year of her age.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her husband, near Chester, on Seventh-day morning, the 17th inst., to meet at the house at 10 o'clock; carriages will meet the 8 o'clock A. M. train, from Broad and Prime streets, on the morning of the funeral.

ELDRIDGE.—On the morning of the 14th inst., Eli H. Eldridge, in the 40th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, officers and members of Harmony Lodge No. 52 A. Y. M., are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, 603 North Eighteenth street, on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. ***

BURNLEY.—On the 12th inst., Mary Elizabeth, daughter of the late George Burnley, of Upper Darby, Delaware county, aged 19 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the late residence of her father, on Sunday, the 18th inst., at one o'clock. ***

PIERS.—On the 13th inst., Harriet Piers, aged 60 years.

Her friends, and those of the family, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, No. 1212 Monterey street, at 2 o'clock on Saturday, the 17th inst.

BESSON & SON HAVE JUST RECEIVED—

Large Crimp English Crape for Veils.
Large Crimp English Crape Veils.
Black Alpacas and Glossy Mohairs.
" Wigens, Cambrics, and Chintzes.
" Crinoline and Book Muslins.
" Sack Flannels.
Gray and Black Balmoral Skirts.
Gray and Purple Balmoral Skirts.
White and Black Striped Skirting.
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MERRIMAC PRINTS, FAST COLORS.

2,000 yards Christmas CALICOES.
6,000 " Christmas DELAINES.
4-4 French CHINTZES, 50 cents.
SOLDIERS' GRAY BLANKETS.
Point Lace Collars, Hdkfs., &c., for Christmas.
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NOTICES.

☞ CHURCH CONSECRATION.—THE Protestant Episcopal Church of the Evangelists, in CATHARINE Street, above Seventh, will (D. V.) be consecrated to the worship of God, by Rt. Rev. ALONZO POTTER, D. D., on TO-MORROW (Sunday) MORNING, at 10½ o'clock.

Confirmation in the evening, by Bishop STEVENS. The public generally are invited to attend. 1t*

☞ FIRST REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH, SEVENTH and SPRING GARDEN Streets, Rev. J. H. SUYDAM, Pastor.—Services at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 7½ P. M. The young are invited. *

☞ SPIRITUALISM.—MRS. CURRIER will Lecture at SANSOM-STREET HALL, ON SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock A. M., on "Scenes Behind the Veil;" and at 7½ P. M., on "Woman in Politics." Meetings free. 1t*

☞ ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, NEW Street, below Fourth, between Race and Vine. Services by the Pastor, Rev. E. W. HUTTER, on TO-MORROW (Sunday) MORNING, 10½ o'clock. Evening service commences half past seven. 1t

☞ UNION M. E. CHURCH, FOURTH Street, below Arch. Quarterly Meeting, SABBATH, December 18th. Rev. FRANKLIN MOORE, D. D., will Preach in the Morning, at 10½ o'clock, and Rev. JACOB DICKERSON at 7½ o'clock in the Evening. 1t*

☞ WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, COLUMBIA Avenue and SEVENTEENTH Street. Divine Service every SABBATH Afternoon. Preaching TO-MORROW, at 3½ o'clock, by Rev. E. B. BRUEN. Seats free. 1t*

☞ HEDDING, SIXTEENTH AND COATES.—Rev. A. MANSHIP at 10½. Rev. Bishop LEVI SCOTT at 7½. Mrs. MATTIE BROWN lectures at Hedding, on "Conflict of Principles," TUESDAY next, at 7½ P. M. 1t*

☞ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, FRANKFORD Road and MONTGOMERY Avenue—Rev. D. L. GEAR TO-MORROW, at 10½ A. M. ("Lessons from Experience") and 7½ P. M. Exhibition and Concert of Sabbath School FRIDAY EVENING. *

☞ CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CONCERT HALL.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. EDWARD HAWES, TO-MORROW, at 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M. The public are cordially invited. 1t*

☞ MEDIATION OF CHRIST.—SERIES suspended until chapel improvements completed. Preaching SABBATH AFTERNOON, by T. H. STOCKTON, at 3 o'clock, in the Lecture Room, ELEVENTH and WOOD Streets. All invited. No morning service. 1t*

☞ REV. J. HYATT SMITH, AT the request of Friendship Division, No. 19, Sons of Temperance, will deliver a Sermon on Temperance, at the Church in TWELFTH Street, above Race street, on TO-MORROW EVENING, Dec. 18th, at 7½ o'clock. Members of the Order and the public are invited to be present. 1t*

☞ PASTOR GEORGE G. MULLINS will preach in the Church of the Disciples of Christ, on TWELFTH Street, above Wallace, LORD'S DAY, at 10½ and 7½ o'clock. Subjects—"If a man die, shall he live again?" "Baptism for believers only." The ordinance of baptism will be administered at night. 1t*

☞ OFFICE OF THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 921 CHESTNUT Street.

ELECTION.—An Election for Nine Trustees, to serve for three years, will be held at the Office of the Company on MONDAY, the 2d day of January, 1865. Polls open from 10 to 12 A. M.

del7-sw6t H. S. STEPHENS, Secretary.

☞ PHILADELPHIA TRACT AND MISSION SOCIETY.—The Seventy-third Meeting in behalf of this Society will be held in the METHODIST CHURCH, FRONT, above Laurel, on SABBATH AFTERNOON, 18th inst., at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. FERNLEY, Pastor; Rev. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, and others, will take part in the exercises. Public invited. 1t*

☞ "THE MISERS," AFTER QUINTIN MATSYS; "ST. CATHARINE DOMINECHINO;" "MATER DOLOROSA;" "ST. JOHN," and other beautiful subjects, consisting of some twenty cabinet-sized pictures, studies by an artist of this city, will be on exhibition THIS DAY, at L. B. HOPPER & CO.'s Salesrooms, 210 MARKET Street. Sale on Monday next, 19th inst. 1t*

☞ SWEDENBORGIAN, CORNER OF BROAD and BRANDYWINE Streets.—The subject of Rev. B. F. BARRETT'S Lecture, at 7½ o'clock, TO-MORROW EVENING, will be "How the Apostles and Early Christian Fathers Understood the Scriptures," showing that they held the true doctrine of a Spiritual sense. Mr. Barrett's sermon at 10½ in the Morning will be on "The Laws of the Divine Forgiveness." Public invited. 1t*

☞ "SONS OF NEW ENGLAND."—Annual meeting of the Society for election of officers will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, 20th inst., at rooms of Prof. Kendall, THIRTEENTH and LOCUST Streets. By order.

del7 3t* JAS. B. ALVORD, Secretary.

☞ THE UNION PASSENGER RAILWAY

Is now running regularly between
FAIRMOUNT PARK AND THE NAVY YARD.

The cars leave the
DEPOT, AT TWENTY-THIRD AND BROWN STS.,
and run down Twenty-third to Wallace, down Wallace to Franklin, down Franklin and Seventh street to Federal, down Federal to Front, down Front to Wharton, up Wharton to Ninth street, up Ninth to Spring Garden, up Spring Garden to Twenty-third street, and thence to Brown street.

1t WM H. KEMBLE, Secretary.

☞ REV. CHARLES G. AMES', OF New York,

LECTURE,
"THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT,"
At SPRING GARDEN INSTITUTE, corner of BROAD and SPRING GARDEN Streets, WEDNESDAY, December 21st, at 8 P. M.

Tickets, Twenty-five Cents, to be had of T. B. Pugh, corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets. del7-4t*

☞ THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA will be held TO-MORROW (Sabbath) EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, in the NORTH BROAD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of BROAD and GREEN Streets. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. H. E. ADAMS, D. D., Pastor of the Church, and GEORGE H. STUART, Esq., President of the Society. THOMAS T. MASON,

1t* Chairman Committee on Public Meetings.

☞ OFFICE OF THE LOCUST MOUNTAIN COAL AND IRON COMPANY,

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 16, 1864.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the above-named Company will be held at their Office, No. 230 South THIRD Street on MONDAY, the 16th day of January next, at 12 o'clock M., when an ELECTION will be held for seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed for fifteen days prior to the day of said election.

del7-tja16 EDWARD ELY, Secretary.

☞ FAIR FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.—The ladies of the Sanitary Committee of ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, auxiliary to the United States Sanitary Commission, intend holding

A FAIR,

for the benefit of Sick and Wounded Soldiers, at CONCERT HALL, CHESTNUT Street, above Twelfth, commencing on MONDAY, December 19th, 1864, and continuing throughout the week.

The tables will be supplied with a fine assortment of Useful and Fancy Articles, Refreshments, Confectionery, &c.

Believing it a duty we all owe, to assist in quelling this unholy rebellion of the slave power, and sustaining the United States Government in establishing Universal Freedom, we flatter ourselves our efforts will be fully appreciated by the public, who will cheerfully extend their patronage.

Any donations in goods or money will be thankfully received. Mrs. THOMAS J. BOWERS, President.

LUCY HENSON, Secretary. 1t*

☞ NOTICE.—THE WEST PHILADELPHIA PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY (Market-street line) have placed a number of additional CARS upon their Road, to run between THIRTY-FOURTH and MARKET Streets (their Sub-Depot) and FRONT Street, for the better accommodation of the Public, and have prepared Transfer Tickets (good until used) to carry Passengers to their Western Depot, Forty-first and Haverford streets, without extra charge. Said Cars will be designated by a notice thereon, "To Thirty-fourth Street," and be known at night by a Green Light.

del7-6t* WM. MARTIN, Jr., Secretary.

☞ PHILADELPHIA SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The Monthly Meeting of the PHILADELPHIA SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION will be held on MONDAY EVENING, December 19, in the Church corner of BROAD and GREEN Streets, at half past 7 o'clock.

The following question, continued from last meeting, will be discussed:

"What improvements may be made in the internal arrangements of our Sabbath-schools whereby their prosperity and usefulness may be increased?"

The friends of Sabbath-schools are invited to be present. [1t*] A. MARTIN, Secretary.

☞ OFFICE OF THE PARKER PETROLEUM COMPANY,

No. 411 WALNUT Street,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16, 1864.

In pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Directors, a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the PARKER PETROLEUM COMPANY will be held at 411 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of December, A. D. 1864, at 12 o'clock M., to take into consideration an offer for the Purchase of a Portion of the Lands of said Company.

By order of the Board. WM. MOONEY,
del7-10t Secretary.

☞ CHRISTMAS DINNER TO THE POOR.—The Officers and Teachers of the BEDFORD STREET MISSION, intend giving their usual Dinner to the children of the Schools under their care, on CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday), at the Mission House, No. 619 BEDFORD Street, at 12 o'clock. The friends of the cause are affectionately invited to be present. Donations of Money, Poultry, Provisions, &c., are respectfully solicited, and can be sent to either of the undersigned, or to any of the managers:

JACOB H. BIRDSALL, 523 CHESTNUT Street.
EDMUND S. YARD, 2 & 9 SPRUCE Street.
JAMES L. BISPHAM, 710 South SECOND Street.
GEORGE MILLIKEN, 828 ARCH Street. del7 7t

☞ GREAT BASIN OIL COMPANY—DIVIDEND NOTICE, No. 2.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1864.

The Directors have THIS DAY declared a Dividend of TWO PER CENT. to Stockholders of record, payable on and after the 15th inst. Books close on WEDNESDAY, 7th instant.

de6 10t G. W. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

NOTICES.

☞ MEMORIAL OF THE GREAT CENTRAL FAIR FOR THE U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION, HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, JUNE, 1864. BY CHARLES J. STILLE.

PRICE, FIVE DOLLARS.

U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION,
PHILADELPHIA AGENCY, 1307 CHESTNUT STREET,
December 15, 1864.

To the Members of the Various Committees of the Great Central Fair:

The SANITARY COMMISSION begs to announce that the "HISTORY OF THE FAIR," prepared by Mr. STILLE, at the request of the Executive Committee, is now ready for delivery. It forms a very elegant quarto volume of more than two hundred pages, is printed on the finest paper at the "Caxton Press" of Messrs. Sherman & Co., and is illustrated with photographs of some of the more interesting objects of the Exhibition. It contains an account of the origin and progress of the Fair; a description of the different Departments; a statement of the financial result; a full list of all the Committees, &c., &c.

As this work is designed primarily for the members of the various Committees, and a limited edition only has been printed it has been thought best to place it in charge of Mr. JAMES K. SIMON, as special agent for its delivery.

Those who desire copies will please call on or address him at No. 33 South SIXTH Street (second story).

Mr. Simon will call upon those who may not be able to communicate with him.

N. B.—Will be ready for delivery on WEDNESDAY, 21st inst. del7-tf

☞ HOME FOR SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHANS.—This institution is rapidly and favorably progressing to completion. Mrs. E. W. HUTTER, 307 NEW Street, in addition to the amounts heretofore acknowledged, has received the following donations:

Davis, Pearson & Co.	$200 00
Dallet & Sons	200 00
George Bullock	200 00
W. D. Smith	100 00
Alexander Whilldin & Sons	100 00
Randolph & Jenks	100 00
F. C. Laurence	50 00
E. G. James	50 00
Jonathan Watson	50 00
Caleb C. Childs	50 00
Lewis, Boardman, & Co.	50 00
John B. Heyl	50 00
Willoughby H. Reed	25 00
Henry C. Davis	10 00
Cash	10 00
	$1,245 00
Heretofore acknowledged	4,930 00
Total	$6,175 00

As stated, the above institution is to be in connection with the NORTHERN HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN. Additional contributions are earnestly solicited. 1t

☞ SPRING GARDEN HALL, THIRTEENTH and SPRING GARDEN Streets.—The meetings of the Church of God assembling here are every LORD'S DAY at 10½ A. M., for worship, in "the breaking of bread" "showing the Lord's death till He come," in prayer and praise, and for "teaching and admonishing one another." Preaching of the Word by CHAS. CAMPBELL, at 7½ P. M. no5-s18t*

☞ DIVIDEND NOTICE.—PHILLIPS OIL COMPANY.—Office, 23 North FRONT Street.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of TWO PER CENT. on the Capital stock, free of State taxes, payable to the Philadelphia stockholders at their office, on and after the 15th inst.

Transfer books closed from the 8th to the 15th inst.
de15-3t JOHN H. TAYLOR, Secretary.

☞ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, Office of Chief Commissioner, S. W. cor. WALNUT and FIFTH Streets.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, 1864.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against this Department for Labor or Material furnished during the present year will present them for payment on or before SATURDAY, the 24th inst. W. W. SMEDLEY,
de16-fmw3t Chief Commissioner of Highways.

☞ MASONIC NOTICE.—THE MEMBERS OF HARMONY LODGE, No. 52, A. Y. M., are requested to attend the funeral of Bro. ELI H. ELDRIDGE, from his late residence, No. 603 North EIGHTEENTH Street, on SATURDAY afternoon at 2 o'clock. By order of JNO. R. BRUCE, W. M.
de16-2t* V. C. SWEATMAN, Secretary.

☞ WENDELL PHILLIPS

WILL LECTURE ON
"THE NEXT STEP,"
ON SATURDAY EVENING, Dec 17, at 8 o'clock,
AT THE
ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Tickets, with Seats Secured...50 cents.
To the Amphitheatre...25 cents.

To be had at PUGH'S, Sixth and Chestnut; CALLENDER'S, Third and Walnut; NEEDLES', Twelfth and Race; UNION LEAGUE, and on SATURDAY, 17th, at the Academy.

Proceeds of the house will be for the benefit of the Asylum for Destitute Aged Colored People and Colored Children of the District of Columbia, abandoned by their late owners and masters when they fled to rebeldom. del5 3t

☞ SHADY GROVE OIL COMPANY—Office 45 South THIRD Street.

The shareholders in the Shady Grove Oil Company will hold a meeting on MONDAY, the 19th inst., at 3½ P. M., at 45 South Third street.

de15-3t* S. B. COUGHLIN, Secretary.

☞ OFFICE OF THE BRIGGS OIL COMPANY, No. 147 South FOURTH Street, PHILADELPHIA, Dec 14, 1864.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of ONE per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Company, payable on the 24th inst., free of State Tax. The Transfer Books will be closed on the 20th inst., at 3 o'clock, and opened on the 27th.

de15-9t CHARLES A. DUY, Treasurer.

☞ OFFICE TARR HOMESTEAD OIL CO., No. 274 South THIRD Street, Room No. 8.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14, 1864.

The Board of Directors have THIS DAY declared a dividend of TWO PER CENT. payable on and after 24th instant, clear of tax.

Transfer Books will close on the 17th and open on 27th instant.

Holders of receipts will please have the same exchanged for certificates before the closing of the books.

de15-6t* C. HIESSELL, Treasurer.

☞ OFFICE OF "THE RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA," No. 308 WALNUT Street.

PHILADELPHIA, November 28, 1864.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of "The Reliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia," and the election of Thirteen Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1864, at 12 o'clock M.

no28-tde19 THOS. C. HILL, Secretary.

☞ OFFICE OF THE MANUFACTURERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 414 WALNUT Street,

PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1864.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of "The Manufacturers' Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania" will be held, at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 2d day of January, 1865, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock P. M., when an election for Ten Directors for the year 1865 will be held in accordance with the Charter and By-Laws.

del-tja2 M. B. KEILY, Secretary.

☞ OFFICE OF "THE RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA," No. 308 WALNUT STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5, 1864.

The Board of Directors of "The Reliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia," have THIS DAY declared a Dividend of (3½) THREE AND A HALF PER CENT. for the last six months, payable to the Stockholders or their legal representatives, on demand, free of taxes.

de6-10t THOMAS C. HILL, Secretary.

☞ HEADQUARTERS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECRUITING COLORED REGIMENTS, 1210 CHESTNUT Street.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, 1864.

The Supervisory Committee for Recruiting Colored Regiments having resolved to adjourn sine die on the 31st instant, all persons having claims against the said Committee are required to present them for payment to E. CORSON, Agent, at the Rooms of the Committee, on or before the 26th inst.

de7-12t CADWALADER BIDDLE, Secretary.

☞ OFFICE OF THE CITY BOUNTY FUND COMMISSION—COMMONWEALTH BUILDING, No. 613 CHESTNUT Street, PHILADELPHIA, December 10, 1864.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Bounty offered by the City of Philadelphia was withdrawn on FRIDAY, December 9, and that no bounty will be paid to men mustered in on or after that date.

In future the Commissioners will meet on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, and SATURDAYS, from 3.30 to 4.30 P. M. JOHN BLAIR,
del2-6t Secretary.

☞ OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY,

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4th, 1864.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.—The Shareholders in this Company are notified that, under Resolution of the Board of Directors, they are entitled to subscribe to the Stock of the Company the amount of TEN PER CENT. on their respective interest, as shown by the Books of the Company on the 2d inst.

Each Shareholder entitled to a fractional part of a share, under the terms of the Resolution, shall have the privilege of subscribing for a full share on the payment of Fifty Dollars.

This Stock will be issued at the par value of FIFTY DOLLARS per share. Accrued interest at SIX PER CENT. will be charged from 1st inst. until payment is made.

The Books for subscription and payment will be open on MONDAY, the 7th inst., and will close on the 31st of December next, after which no further subscriptions will be received under this Resolution.

THOS. T. FIRTH,
no5-tde31 Treasurer.

☞ UNION LEAGUE HOUSE, 1216 CHESTNUT STREET.

PHILADELPHIA Dec. 13, 1864.

At the Stated Meeting of the UNION LEAGUE, held December 12, 1864, the following Officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT.
J. GILLINGHAM FELL.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Wm. H. Ashhurst, Adolph E. Borie,
Horace Binney, Jr., Morton McMichael.

DIRECTORS.

J. I. Clark Hare, Danl. Smith, Jr.,
Lindley Smyth, N. B. Browne,
Jas. L. Claghorn, Jas. H. Orne,
Chas. Gibbons, H. C. Lea,
Geo. H. Boker, Wm. Sellers,
Jos. B. Townsend, Ellerslie Wallace, M. D.,
Geo. Whitney, Cadwalader Biddle.
J. B. Kenney,

GEO. H. BOKER,
del4-4t Secretary.

☞ THE STANDING STONE OIL COMPANY OF WEST VIRGINIA.

CAPITAL $2,000,000, in 40,000 Shares, at $50 each. Subscription price $15 per Share, subject to no further call or assessment. A working capital of $100,000 reserved. Only 30,000 Shares to be sold at the subscription price.

The property of this Company consists of the well-known Martin or Standing Stone tract, and contains from 2,500 to 3,000 acres of land, in fee simple, free from leases, undivided interests, or royalty. Standing Stone Creek (a branch of the Little Kanawha river), and its tributaries pass through this property, and it has upon it a larger amount of boring territory than is owned by any other company in West Virginia. It is situated in Wirt county, near the celebrated Rathbone or Burning Spring tract, and in extent of territory is five times greater, and it is considered by all experienced oil men familiar with the oil district of West Virginia quite equal, if not superior, to the Rathbone tract. The Standing Stone Oil Company's property extends from the Little Kanawha river, near Burning Spring Run, across the waters of Standing Stone Creek, including a portion of Robinson's Fork and Two Riffle Run, and is immediately in the Great Oil Break, extending from Burning Spring through by Standing Stone and Petroleum to Horse Neck Wells, near the Ohio river, and embraces the line of UPHEAVAL.

The property of this Company has not been developed for the reason that it belonged to minor heirs, who could not convey until they attained their majority, which the youngest did a few days ago.

Wells are being bored on the adjoining lands, and oil had. It is well known that upon this Standing Stone tract oil was first discovered in 1790.

On the Devers Farm, adjoining, a well is being bored and oil obtained. The well of McFarland & Jones, on the Morgan land, is near this property.

These lands are held in trust by J. N. Camden, Esq., President First National Bank of Parkersburg, West Virginia, and the Hon. John S. Carlile, Senator in Congress from Virginia, and will be by them conveyed to the Standing Stone Oil Company whenever the stock to be disposed of by subscription (say 20,000 shares) shall be subscribed and paid for. Three thousand six hundred shares of the stock have already been subscribed and paid for.

Subscriptions received at the Banking Houses of RIGGS & CO., and RITTENHOUSE, FOWLER, & CO., WASHINGTON, D. C. del6 1m

☞ UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, (DEPARTMENT OF ARTS.)—The examination of the College Classes, at the close of the First Term, will be held in the following order:

Monday, 12th. From 9 to 11, *Juniors*, by Professor Kendall, (*Analytical Geometry.*) *written.* From 11 to 1, *Seniors*, by Professor Frazer, (*Astronomy,*) *oral.*

Tuesday, 13th. From 9 to 11, *Seniors* by Professor Kendall, (*Integral Calculus.*) and *Sophomores*, by Professor Coppée, (Clark's *Elements of the English Language.*) *written.* From 11 to 1, *Juniors*, by Professor Frazer, (*Mechanics.*) *oral.*

Wednesday, 14th. From 9 to 11, *Seniors*, by Professor Jackson, (Horace's *Epistles.*) and *Sophomores*, by Professor Frazer, (*Hydrology.*) *written.* From 11 to 1, *Juniors*, by Provost, (*Intellectual Philosophy,*) *oral.*

Thursday, 15th. From 9 to 11, *Juniors*, by Professor Allen, (*Antigone* of Sophocles), and *Freshmen*, by Professor Kendall, (*Algebra.*) *written.* From 11 to 1, *Seniors*, by the Provost, (*Moral Philosophy,*) *oral.*

Friday, 16th. From 9 to 11, *Sophomores*, by Professor Kendall, (*Geometry.*) *written.* From 11 to 1, *Seniors*, by Professor Coppée, (Mahan's *Field Fortification.*) *oral.*

Monday, 19th. From 9 to 11, *Freshmen*, by Professor Allen, (Xenophon's *Hellenica.*) *oral.* From 11 to 1, *Juniors*, by Professor Jackson, (Cicero *de Amicitia.*) *oral.*

Tuesday, 20th. From 9 to 11, *Sophomores*, by Professor Allen, (Thucydides, *Sicilian Expedition.*) *oral.* From 11 to 1, *Freshmen*, by Professor Coppée, (Weber's *Universal History.*) *oral.*

Wednesday, 21st. From 9 to 11, *Sophomores*, by Professor Jackson, (Tacitus' *History.*) *oral.*

Thursday, 22d. From 9 to 11, *Freshmen*, by Professor Jackson, (*Livy.*) *oral.* GEORGE ALLEN,
del2-10tif Secretary of the Faculty of Arts.

☞ PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY—Office 227 South FOURTH Street.

PHILADELPHIA, December 12, 1864.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of this Company that the Annual Meeting and an Election for President, six Managers, Treasurer, and Secretary will take place on the second MONDAY (9th) of January next, at 12 M. WM. H. WEBB,
del2-tja9 Secretary.

NOTICES.

☞ UNION NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. ...

An Election for nine Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January ..., 1865, between the hours of ... A. M. and 3 P. M.

de9-fm-jal0 J. J. HUCKEL, Cashier.

☞ SEVENTH NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December ...

The annual meeting of the Stockholders for the ELECTION OF DIRECTORS will be held on TUESDAY, January 10, 1865, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

del3-tja10 E. S. HALL, Cashier.

☞ FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK.—PHILADELPHIA, December ..., 1864.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the BANKING HOUSE, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.

del0 tjal1 W. RUSHTON, Jr., Cashier.

☞ THE THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA.

December ...

The Second Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Third National Bank of Philadelphia will be held at the Banking House, S. W. corner ... and MERRICK Streets, on TUESDAY, January 10, at 12 o'clock noon.

An Election for Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held on the same day, between the hours of ... and 2 o'clock.

del0-1m R. GLENDINNING, Cashier.

☞ NOTICE.—BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, NOVEMBER 21, 1864.

Notice is hereby given, agreeably to section ... of act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act enabling the banks of the Commonwealth to become associations for the purpose of banking under the laws of the United States," approved the 22d day of August A. D. 1864, that the Stockholders of the BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, on the 14th inst., voted to become such an association, and that its Directors have procured the assent of the owners of more than two thirds of the capital stock, to make the certificate required therefor by the laws of the United States.

no22 30t J. HOCKLEY, Cashier.

☞ WESTERN BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, November 18th, 1864.

A meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on MONDAY, ... of December next, at 12 o'clock, M., to decide whether this Bank shall become an association for the purpose of Banking under the laws of the United States, or whether it shall exercise the powers conferred by the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act enabling the banks of this Commonwealth to become associations for the purpose of banking under the laws of the United States," approved the 22d day of August, 1864, and to take any further action that may be expedient.

nol9-1m C. N. WEYGANDT, Cashier.

☞ SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. ...

The Annual Election for DIRECTORS will be held at the BANKING HOUSE, on TUESDAY, the ... day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 12 M.

A general meeting of the Stockholders will be held on the same time.

del0stuthtjal0 F. P. STEEL, Cashier.

☞ THE MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. ...

The Stockholders are hereby notified that an ELECTION FOR NINE DIRECTORS of this Bank to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the BANKING HOUSE, on WEDNESDAY, January 11, 1865, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

M. W. WOODWARD, Cashier.

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☞ KENSINGTON NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. ...

An election for thirteen Directors to serve the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 10, 1865, from 10 o'clock A. M. to 3 P. M.

del0 stuth1m WM. McCONNELL, Cashier.

☞ SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., Nov ..., 1864.

NOTICE.—Medical Officers of not less than two years' service, who have been honorably discharged and desire to receive appointments as SURGEONS or ASSISTANT SURGEONS in the United States Army Corps are being organized at Washington, are invited to forward their applications, testimonials, and evidence of service, to the Surgeon General, without delay.

J. W. BARNES,
del-6td&the6t Surgeon General.

☞ OFFICE OF THE EGBERT OIL COMPANY, No. 147 South FOURTH Street.

PHILADELPHIA, December ..., 1864.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE PER CENT. on the capital stock of this Company, payable on and after THURSDAY, December 22d, free of State tax.

Hereafter the dividends of this Company will be declared quarterly.

The books will be closed WEDNESDAY, 14th, at 3 P. M., and opened on the 22d.

del3 6t WM. M. CARTER, Treasurer.

☞ WATSON PETROLEUM COMPANY.

DECEMBER 5, 1864.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 414 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 2d, 1865.

An Election for Five Directors for the year 1865 will be held at the same time.

The Stock Transfer Books will be closed from December 26th, 1864, until January 3d, 1865.

de9-tja2 M. B. KEILY, Secretary.

☞ FAIR OF THE FRENCH PROTESTANT CHURCH.—The above Fair ... THIS MORNING at the ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS, corner of TENTH and CHESTNUT Streets, and will continue until next Saturday Evening. Admittance 10 Cents; Season Tickets 25 Cents, to be had at the door. del...

☞ VENANGO CENTRAL AND DUCK CREEK PETROLEUM COMPANY.—Only a limited number of Shares for sale. The lands of the above Company consist of fifty-two acres in fee simple, known as the Snyder Farm, on the Sandy River, near Franklin, with a river front of ... feet, on which is one well yielding daily five barrels of oil. A second well is about being bored. The adjoining wells are yielding from 30 to 100 barrels.

Also, 60 acres on a twenty year lease on Duck Creek, Ohio, at the mouth of Whipple Run, on which two wells are now going down, with a good show of oil, and 27 acres on the same Creek, in fee simple, on which one well is being bored. There is enough oil coming out of which to pay a dividend.

Subscription Books open for a few days only at the Office of E. A. MARSHALL, Jr., No. 313 WALNUT Street.

☞ SUNDAY CARS.—TO "THE PEOPLE," PRESIDENTS, AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY CARS.—Your hearty co-operation, sympathy, aid, and attendance are respectfully solicited at CONCERT HALL, CHESTNUT Street, on SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 17th, at 7½ o'clock, when Rev. S. M. LANDIS will deliver a Spicy LECTURE, with an efficient plan for running the Cars on Sunday. Other prominent gentlemen will speak. Tickets, 25 cents. Proceeds for a Fund to continue the plan and secure the work. Poor people come and stand up for your rights! ROBERT HALL,
del5 3t* JAMES MILLER, } Chairmen Com.

☞ SCHUYLKILL NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 2, 1864.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Loanholders, and an Election for Officers for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 417 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the 2d of January, 1865, at 10 o'clock A. M. W. M. TILGHMAN, Secretary.

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☞ WITHERUP FARM PETROLEUM AND MINING COMPANY. Capital $1,250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of $5, par value. Price to original subscribers $1.

Office No. 612 and 614 CHESTNUT Street.
JOHN H. GOULD, President.
TUNIS P. CONWAY, Treasurer.
ISAAC D. GUYER, Secretary.

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☞ PETROLEUM STORAGE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.—The subscription Books will remain open at the office of the Company, 327 WALNUT Street, and at the Rooms of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, 505 CHESTNUT Street, until the stock is all subscribed for.

Persons forwarding subscriptions or instalments will please make their checks payable to the order of ... HUBBELL, Esq., Treasurer.

☞ PRESTON RETREAT.—NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that an Annual Meeting of the Contributors of the PRESTON RETREAT will be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of January, 1865, at 3 o'clock P. M., at 811 ARCH Street, in the city of Philadelphia, at which time and place an election will be held for twenty-four Managers, a Treasurer, and Auditors. EDWARD HOPPER, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, December 10, 1864.

☞ OFFICE OF THE MANDAN MINING COMPANY, No. 324 WALNUT Street, PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25, 1864.

Notice is hereby given that all stock of the Mandan Mining Company, on which instalments are still unpaid, has been declared forfeited, and will be sold at Public Auction, on THURSDAY, December 29, 1864, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Office of the Secretary of said Company, according to the Charter and By-laws, unless paid on or before that day.

By order of the Directors.
no28-tde29 B. A. HOOPES, Treasurer.

☞ THE CALL FOR TROOPS.—Persons wishing to put in a SUBSTITUTE, or a VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVE, to be credited in the military service of the United States, should have it done without delay, as MEN can be procured at LOWER PRICES now than they can after another draft has been put in force. As many good men are offering themselves from day to day, we would call attention of such of our merchants and other business men who wish it is IMPORTANT MATTER to attend to at once, to this office, where the best of references will be given to ladies and gentlemen for whom we have done business in this line.

411 CHESTNUT STREET,
McNALLY, PAXSON, & CO.,
Claim and Substitute Brokers.

P. S.—Persons living out of this city, who are enrolled and liable to draft, can have three-year SUBSTITUTES or REPRESENTATIVES sworn into the MARINE, NAVY, and REGULAR ARMY, and have the SAME placed to their credit, and to the credit of their district in which they live; PROVIDING they will furnish us with a CERTIFICATE from their Provost Marshal, showing that they are ENROLLED and LIABLE to military DUTY.

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411 CHESTNUT Street.

N. B.—SPECIAL arrangements may be made for clubs numbering over FOUR.

☞ THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the POTTSVILLE MINING AND MANUFACTURING CO., for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 217 WALNUT Street, on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1865, at 2 o'clock P. M.

del3 tja10 RICHARD JONES, President.

☞ PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office No. 227 South FOURTH Street.

PHILADELPHIA, November 30, 1864.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The transfer books of this Company will be closed on THURSDAY, December 1st, and reopened on TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1865.

A Dividend of FIFTEEN PER CENT. on the Common and preferred stock, clear of National and State taxes, has been declared, payable in common stock on the 31st December next, on all stocks standing on the books of the Company, at the close of business on the 1st proximo. All orders for dividends must be registered on the books, and New York books will be paid at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

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☞ DAUPHIN AND COLCHESTER GOLD MINING COMPANY.

Chartered by the State of Pennsylvania.
CAPITAL STOCK, $1,000,000.
200,000 SHARES—PAR VALUE, $5.
President—JOHN B. ANDERSON.

DIRECTORS.

Thomas A. Scott, James R. Magee,
N. B. Knaass, John W. Hall,
Wm. S. Freeman, T. C. McDowell,
Robt. P. King, John Brady,
John M. Riley, W. W. Wyllis,
Charles DeSilver, Wm. G. Shute,
D. P. SOUTHWORTH, Secretary and Treasurer.

Office of the Company, No. 423 WALNUT Street, Room No. 5.

Authenticated specimens have been procured from some of the Company's lodes, and have been assayed by Professors Booth and Garrett with the most gratifying results. Subscription lists have been opened at the Office of the Company and at the Philadelphia Internal Revenue, No. 427 CHESTNUT Street, Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Building. To original subscribers $3.50 per share, for a limited number of shares. Circulars, pamphlets, or information can be obtained at the Office of the Company after the 17th inst.

OCTOBER 14, 1864.

☞ OFFICE OF UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, N. W. corner of SEVENTH and SANSOM Streets, December 6, 1864.

At the Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Association, the following named gentlemen were elected officers and managers for 1864-'65:

PRESIDENT.
SAMUEL H. PERKINS.

VICE PRESIDENT.
RICHARD D. WOOD, J. FISHER LEAMING.

TREASURER.
EDMUND WILCOX, No. 404 CHESTNUT Street.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
L. MONTGOMERY BOND.

RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN H. ATWOOD.

MANAGERS.

Benjamin Coates, Thomas A. Budd,
Thomas Latimer, Charles Rhoads,
John Bohlen, Richard Wood,
William Purves, Charles S. Wurts,
Arthur G. Coffin, E. R. Wood,
Benjamin Orne, James Bayard,
John W. Claghorn, Joseph A. Clay,
Thomas Wattson, Alfred M. Collins,
Joseph H. Dulles, Charles W. Wharton,
John Ashhurst, Philip C. Garrett.

Messrs. S. C. Cooper and Thomas Evans are the persons duly authorized to collect funds for the Association. JOHN H. ATWOOD,
de6-1m Recording Secretary.

☞ THE GREAT WESTERN COMPANY.

DECEMBER ...

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Company, No. 411 WALNUT Street, PHILADELPHIA, on MONDAY, January ..., 1865, at 12 o'clock noon.

An Election for five Directors for the year 1865 will be held at the same time.

The Stock Transfer Books will be closed from December 28th, 1864, until January 3d, 1865.

de9-tja2 M. B. KEILY, Secretary.

☞ OFFICE OF THE HYDE FARM OIL COMPANY, 147 South FOURTH Street, PHILADELPHIA, December ...

The Board of Directors have THIS DAY declared a Dividend of 1½ PER CENT. on the capital stock, ... cents per share, payable on and after TUESDAY, December 20th, free of State tax.

The Books will be closed WEDNESDAY, the 14th, at 3 P. M., and opened WEDNESDAY, the 21st.

del3-6t WM. M. CARTER, ...