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"Arctic Researches and Life Among the Esqui-maux," by Charles Francis Hall, is a comely octave. of six hundred pages, with maps and one hundred ine engravings after sketches by the author, photo graphs, and from implements and olothing collected among the Esquimans. Believing it possible that some of the one hundred and five of Sir John Franklin's men, known to have been living on the 25th April, 1848, are yet among the Esquimaux, and feelprought back to their homes, Mr. Hall conceived the the matter early in 1860. He came eastward from Cincinnati, interested the truly liberal Mr. Honry Grinnell, of New York, and others in his plan, and, having obtained subscriptions to cover the cost, he salled from New London, on May 29th, 1860, in the bark George Henry, attended by the far-famed Rescue, of Arctic celebrity, as a tender. The volume before us, giving a full account of the expedition, which was two years and three months and a half absent, is compiled by Mr. Hall from his "rough and ready journals," as he calist them, written on the spot. Their authenticity is therefore undoubted, and their interest not surpassed even by Doctor Kane's own diaries and memoranda. Six months ago, (his proface is dated "June 30, 1864, on board bark Monticello, bound for the Arctic Regions,") Mr. Hall was on his way back to the Esquimaux, whose language he can now speak, determined to live two or three years among them. On the expedition, though Mr. Hall went to and even beyond the places known to have been visited by Franklin, he did not ascertain that any of the Franklin men survived, but, having picked up a tradition among the Esquimaux that, very many years ago, some white men built a ship in one of the islands of Frobisher Bay, he followed the matter early in 1860. He came eastward from up a tradition among the Esquimaux that, very many years ago, some white men built a ship in one of the islands of Frobisher Bay, he followed up the idea, and found iron, coal, worked timber, bricks, tiles, pottery, chips, wood-charcoal, glass, cord, and other relics of Martin Frobisher's visits in 1576, 1577, and 1578—in quest of gold. These relics of an early British explorer are now in the Museum at Greenwich Hospital, London, where the Franklin relics are also deposited. The tenacity with which, for nearly 300 years, the Esquimaux preserved their traditions of Frobisher, now proved to be correct, holds out the hope, Mr. Hall thinks, "that among them may be sought, by one competent, with every chance of success, the sad history of Sir John Franklin's men." We may add that Mr. Hall, living much among the Esquimaux or

account yet published of their manners, habits, customs, sports, superstitions, and domestic life. "Queens of Song," by Ellen Creathorne Clayton, is a broad 8vo. volume of 543 pages, giving anecdotal memoirs of forty-two leading female vocalists, who have performed on the lyric stage from the year 1703 to the present time, i. e., from Katherine Tofts and Margarita de l'Epine to Piccolomini, Louisa Pyne, and Teresa Tierjens. It is to great ingers what Dr. Doran's "Annals of the Stage" to English performers—with this exception, that his iramatic heroes and heroines are exclusively British, whereas most of Mrs. Clayton's nightingales sang in Italy, France, and Germany before ap-pearing in England. A great deal of incidental opera history is given in these memoirs of the Queens of Song, and the book will interest all who are fond of operatic performances. The life of Garcia Malibran here is a model of miniature biography. The book is enriched with portraits, en. graved on wood with wonderful and effective deli-cacy, of Mrs. Bellington, and Mesdames Pasta, Sontag, Garola Malibran, Guilia Grisi, Clara Novello, Viardot Garcia, Marietta Alboni, Lind Gold schmidt, and Marietta Piccolomini. A chronolo-gical list of operas, from 1673 to 1863, an alphabeti cal list of dramatic composers not pre-eminent as operatic writers, and an Index, which might advan

tageously have been more copious, suitably con-clude this attractive volume. The December and January numbers of that fine work, "Harper's Pictorial History of the Great Rebellion," have just appeared. The engravings are good, and the narrative full and clear, without The following opinion of the Attorney General of this State on the Contested Election in the Sixteent Congressional District is an important and interest-

Congressional District is an important and interesting document:

Two papers, purporting to be returns of the recent election in the bixteenth Congressional District, have been sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The district is composed of the five countles of Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford, and Someret. One of these papers is signed by four persons—viz: Messrs Mann, of Bedford connty; Laker, of Franklin; Winter, of Fulton, and Diehl, of Adams, styling themselves a majority of the return judges elected by the several boards of the return judges of the above named counties; and the paper roses on to state that they examined and counted the votes cast for Congress in the district, and that Messrs. Coffroth and Fulton, and that Mr. Coffroth having a majority of all the votes cast as counted before the board, is declared duly and legally elected. It is further stated in the paper that Somerset was not represented by a judge, or otherwise, in the board, and that notice of the time and place of meeting was give; the return judge of Chambersburg (where the meeting was find borough of Chambersburg (where the meeting was held) on the day of meeting.

The other paper is signed by five persons, viz: Messrs. Will, of Rome set county; Cart, of Adams; Wilhelm, of Franklin, Fulton, and Somerset. The paper goes on to taste that having carefully examined the returns of the said several districts.

Hersin contained, according to law, they certify that Messrs. Keontz and toffroth had each appended number of votes in he respective counties of Adams, Bedford, Franklin, Fulton, and Somerset. The paper goes on to state that having carefully examined the returns of he said several districts, an added the returns of he said several districts, an added the returns of he said several districts, an added the prevince humber of votes in the respective counties of Adams, Bedford, Franklin, Fulton, and Somerset, and declare the votes a herein contained, according to law, they certify that hesses. Keontz and toffroth had each append

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In a recent opinion I bave stated my reasons, which need not be here recapitalisted, for arriving at the conclusion that the Governor has no right to go behind the returns for the purpose of inquiring into their correct-

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FROM T. E. Peterson & Brechers we have Progited Powers, in the progress of algorithms of the progress of the progress

indeed, the return substantially is, that Mr. Cofroth had a majority. "Of all the votes east as counted before the board," (that is to say, of the votes in four out of five counties which composed the district, and therefore is duly elected. This return is so essentially defective that I conceive it to be no return at all, and am of opinion that the fovernor ought not to base his proclamation drift as a return. opinion that the Governor ought not to base his proclamation dry take a return.

Tragretted to observe on the argument that it was stated by the counsel of Mir. Recontributed the literality, irregularity, and confusion which have attacked the returns from this district, arose from the action of a majority of the judges of election in Adams, Bedford, and perhaps one other country in illegality throwing out parts of what are called the soldiers yotes. Their duty is clearly defined by law to be to cance the Clerks to make out a fair statement of all the votes which have been given at the election.

Joshua Spering, Junes Barratt, American Control of the country the power of throwing out, at their discretion.

Vernment, and in such times as there, public confidence, important to every Government, is essential to ours.

It appears to me that he must be the boldest of men, who, being at the head of the Government of any one of our States at this crisis, should have the courage to be feeble and vacilizing, regardless of law, partial in his judgments, uturping in his practice, and guided by menely personal feelings or personal influence, thus loosening the structure of our political fabric, and expering its very foundations to clustication.

On the other hand, I should esteem him to be fortunate, who, in such a position, rising to the level of the occasion, should leave below him all the turns of ordinary politics, should preserve his own calmness during the storms that are reging, not as lacking emotion, but as feeling that upon his c-immess may depend the public safety; who should combine a thoroughly active, energitic and loyal administration of affairs, with open fairness and equity to all, obey himself the law to which he enforces the obedience of others, compet the trust of the honest and truth-loving masses of all parties in his vigor, justice, and integrity, and thus, commanding the public confidence, cause to strike daily deeper and deeper the roots of authority, and make threatened confusion an anarchy impossible by rendering irresistible the just power of government.

I should esteem him to be fortuate, because—though his task would not becasy—when he should have fulfilled it be would have connected for all time his own fonce with the history of the salvation of the Republic.

W. M. MEEEDITH.

Attorner General.

CITY COUNCILS.

Both branches of Councils met yesterday afternoon SELECT BRANCH. A message was received from the Mayor enclosing a series of resolutions adopted by the trustees of the Gas Works, in reference to the Hays contract for coal. The resolutions aver that the trustees are desirous of a full examination into the affairs of the trust. Referred to the special committee LOCOMOTIVES ON WILLOW STREET. A communication was received from Colonel Brown, Chief of Quartermaster's Department, assing permission to run a locomotive from Broad and Prime to Willow-street wharf, in order to facilitate the transportation of

street Whari, in order to Analysis and privi-forage Mr. ZANE (U.) introduced a bill granting such privi-lege. Raferred.

A communication was received from teachers in the Girard College, calling attention to the fact that three years ago the salaries were deereased, and that since that time, while the cost of living has been increased, there has been no increase in the salaries. Referred to the Committee or Girard Estate.

the Committee on Girard State.

CHESTNUT-STREET BRIDGE.

Mr. Manuel (U), chairman of the special committed to which was referred the Mayor's communication in reference to the Ghestnut-street bridge, made a report. It is stated by the committee that M. Motiey was called before the members in order to substantiate his charges in reference to the construction of the bridge, and he failed to establish one fact.

The ordinance from Common Council authorizing a loan for the construction of the Chestnut-street bridge, was concurred in.

THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES GAS WORKS.

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The ordinance from Common Council directing the
trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works to take possession of the Northern Liberties Gas Works, and authorising a loan for the purpose, was concurred in.

APPROPRIATION BILLS.
The ordinance making the appropriation to the Bepartment of Law for 1865 was soncurred in. It appropriates \$19,850.
The ordinance from Common Council making an appropriation of \$700 to the clerks and messengers of
Councils, for extra services during 1864, was concurred in.
The ordinance making the appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor for 1865 was concurred in Also, the
ordinance making an appropriation of \$5,000 to the
Board of Realth to furnish the municipal hospital.
The ordinance making the annual appropriation to the
Department of City Property was amended by increasing
the item of \$15,000 for Fairmount Park to \$30,00, and
the bill, as thus amended, was concurred in.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

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The resolutions of thanks to Professor Saunders, to H.
G. Lea and associates, and to E Spencer Miller, were concurred in.)

BOUNTIES.

were street wit to construct the control of the proposition from the control of the proposition from the control of the proposition from the control of the well to repeal the third section of the act of July 4th, and to a second reading resulted in no quorum—Messrs. Hodgeof, Spering, Freeman, and Riche refusing to answer to their names.

Those who voiced are were as follows: Messrs, Armstrong, Cattell, Glonodo, Gray, Kamerly, Manuel, Marcus, McElroy, Omerly, Uhier, Zane, and Lynd—12.

A call of the House resulted in 12 members answering to their names. There being no quorum, there was some desultor debate, in which these who favored the ordinance endeavored to prevail upon the four opponents to answer at the roll-call, and thus enable the bill to pass. It was found impossible to secure a quorum, and the Chamber stood adjourned.

Fresident Harper (U.), in the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from S. L. Brown, asking permission to run a locomotive and ears from may be dependent upon him, would deprive the draft until the strength of our armies. To accomplish the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the draft must be locked to as the main resource to maintain the strength of our armies. To accomplish the strength of our armies. To accom

Broad and Prime streets to Willow-street wharf, for the transportation of Government stores. Referred to tees of the City Gas Works, relative to a communication of the Mayor, was received and read.

A communication from the Mayor, on the same subject, was likewise received. The communications werereferred to the special committee on the subject.

A communication from citizens of the First ward,
sgainst the removal of the markets on Becond street,
from Fine to South streets. Referred.

The ordinance appropriating \$700 being \$100 each to
the clerks and messengarage \$700 being \$100 each to THE DRAFT.

Mr. Loughlin (O), from the Finance Committee, or fered the following communication and ordinance rate two to the draft:

The undersigned months. signed members of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance to make a further appropriation to encourage enlistments in the military and naval service of the United States, respectfully report back the same with a recommendation that ide on the same with a recommendation that ide on the same with a recommendation. The state of the city finances, and the vast sums of money already spent by it to spare the clitzens from a fraft, the very small results obtained from this great expenditure; your committee having been informed by gentlemen of the Bounty Fand Commission, who attended their meeting, at which this subject was considered, that they have for some time thought the greater part of the citizens' money paid in bounties was wasted; that not more than one in four of the persons receiving the bounty was retained in the service of the United States; the consequent demoralization of a large portion of our population who were tempted by the large amounts of money to become bounty; jumpers and deserters; the conviction that a better class of men will be obtained by the actual enforcement of the draft; and the belief that the city's money will be better expended in support of the families of those who may be drafted—all these considerations on which your committee have arrived. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the embies.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Pottras (U.) sked, in connection with the above,

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connected with recruiting become corrupted. The opportunities for illicit gains are so numerons, and the
temptations of great, that the Government can anaesty
trust its own official, and every channel through which
could have an derive their strength runs the risk of inthe sear proud of our simy. We know that it contains a large part of what is best and bravest in the
country, and that it has earned the gratitude of distant
generations. We, therefore, deploye the more bitterly
that its carnest particism should be exposed to the unfortunate in fluences of such a system. Justice to the
gallast discress and men who have so nobily battied in
defence of our insilications, requires that they should be
represented treet of of the past.

On the people the effect is equally had. The enrolment sub-districts no longer expect or endeavor to supply recruits from their own population. It is simply a
fluence of such a ranks, or by an empty maker roll.

As some organization, shall purchase exemption, regardless whether the quota shall be represented by
brave men in the ranks, or by an empty maker roll.

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or some organization, shall purchase exemption, regardless whether the quota shall be represented by
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All the sound a seponsibility is lost; donest an end of the
proper of particine, and paper credits are substituted for men.

This spirit is rapidly extending. It must be checked,
if we would overcome the ferey energy of the South,
welded into a compact mass, and wielded by the strong
arm of military despotism.

In place of the apparently prompt alacrity of volunteering which shows upon the surface, we have in reality a traffic in men worthy of Ashantes. Agents are
commissioned to traverse the country to your young and
in the prosecution of the war become
of the patriotism of the community, but merely a matteering by the house of the patriotism of the patriotism of the control of the patriotism of the contro

and prompt response to its demands, and would so move much of the stigms which now separates the con-script from the volunteer. It would likewise be its keeping with the character of our institutions, and the generous care with which the Republic watches over the welfare of all its ditzens. The additional expendi-ture involved would be trifling, for, as under our pre-sent system, but a small percentage of recruits are drafted men, nearly all receive bounty already. The increased number to be paid would therefore be very small. in this we mistaken however, we would pray that your superier wisdom may devise some means of promptly ramoving the evils to which we have venitured to call your attention. Those evils are so widely pread and so rapidly increasing that we cannot look forward to their cost inuance without the gravest appreleusions for the welfare of the Republic.

J. Edgar Thomson, Andrew Wheeler, Ellevslie Wallace, M. D., George Trott.

FOUR CENTS.

J. Edgar Thomson,
Ellersile Wallace, M. D.,
James L. Claghorn,
Horace Binney, Jr.,
Morton McMichael,
J. I. Clark Hare,
George H. Croiman,
Wa. D. Lewis,
George Whitney,
E. Spencer Miller,
J. E Rapublle.
Andrew Wheeler,
Charles George Troit,
Henry C. Lea,
Jan. H. Orne,
Ezra Dyer, M. D.,
Wm. M. Tilghman,
J. G. Fell. Mr. Potter (U.) asked that the following commu-ications; from the Mayor and from the City Bounty fund Commission; should be read: Office of the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, December 5, 1864. December 6, 1864.

I have carefully considered the memorial to Congress and interest to the congress and interest to the congress and an argestions. Never has a system so permitous to public and social well-being met with such eady and short sighted acquissence from an entire people as this of bounty to volunteers. The evil it has worked its incalculable and irreparable; but no effor should be spared, even at this late hour, to stay its further mischiefs.

OFFICE OF THE CITY BOUNTY FUND COMMISSION,
COMMONWALTH BUILDING, 613 CHESTINT STREET,
PHILDEEPHIA, Dec 5, 1864.

Whereas, This Commission has, during the leat
twelve months, paid bountles to more than twenty
thousand volunteers, and less thus had the opportunity
of acquiring familiarity with the working of the system
of local bountles; and, whereas, a memorial to Congress
setting forth the evils of the said system. and suggestlag certain remedes, has been laid before this Commission for its consideration; therefore.

Resolved, That this Commission do keartily approve
the said memorial; believing that there is an imperative necessity for some action on the subject by the
General Government, since the active competition which
exists precludes any independent measure of reform on
the part of any State or locality.

Mr. Loughlin (O.) only asked to refer to the second item in the memorial in support of the views he held why the bounty should be continued. He was not willing that the citizens of Philadelphis should be subjected to the terrible calemities incident to a draft while

put in a dozen substitutes. Look at the names of those who sign the memorial; men who have got rich by profits made by them off this war. How many of them have eent substitutes; how many of them are willing to shoulder a nucket slongside of the poor man? Not one; and yet they claim to be loyal men. He called a man loyal who was willing to shoulder his musket and give his last dollar towards recruiting the army and suppressing the rebellion. He had said more than he intended to say, but when a gentleman gets up here and attacks foreigners, who had done as nuch towards suppressing the rebellion as any natural-born citizen, he thought it was mean; and no one would employ a foreigner as a substitute sconer than the renteman from the Fifteenth ward, and he was supprised that that gentleman should be so wittle. And if the remarks of the gentleman from the Tenth ward (Mr. Cresweil), do not touch the hearts of loyal men, God help our country and protect our citizens.

The amendment offered by Mr. Evans was lost.

The amendment offered by Mr. Taylor was withdrawn.

Agreed to—yeas 24, nays 9.

VOTE OF THANKS;

Mr. Loughlin (O.) moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to H. Carey Lea, R. P. King, Thomas Wilmer, and John P. McFedden, commissioners of the bounty fund, for their services. Agreed to. A vote of thanks was also tendered to B. Spencer Miller, Eq., for his energies in promoting recruiting and saving the city from a draft.

Mr. Williamson (O.) called up a bill from Select Council relative to the paving of Hancock street. Referred to Highway C mmittee.

Mr. Bumm (U.) offered an ordinance providing for the opening of Vienna street. Referred.

A number of bills from Select Council were concurred in. Adjourned.

Pennsylvania Raiiroad sold at 25; Minehill at 57%; Norristown at 58, and Philadelphia and Erie at 27, the latter a fall of 2. There was less sald in Bank stocks: Philadelphia sold at 158; Mechanics at 34, and Kensington at 100. The passenger Railroad and Ganal stocks were very dull. Of the Coal stocks there were sales of Locust Mountain at 52, and Green Mountain at 41-16. The Oil stocks were moderately active; Maple Shade sold up to 39%; Frankijn, Dalzell, Curtin, and Egbert were more inquired for. Were more inquired for.

The McRiheny Oil Company yesterday declared a dividend of one per cent. on the capital stock, clear of State tax, payable on and after January 4th. terday declared a dividend of four per cent, and an extra twelve per cent., making in all sixteen per cent., payable on and after the 50th inst., clear of State taxes. The books will be closed for transfer on the 24th at 3 P. M., and opened on the 31st. The directors of the Big Tank Oil Company have de-dared a dividend of two per cent., Payable on and after the 30th inst., free of tax.

The following were the quotations of gold at the hours

annual dividend of five per cent. free of tax; the

Bank of North America, five per cent., free of tax; the

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PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES, Dec. 22 FIRST BOARD.

AFTER BOARDS. AFTER BOARDS.

100 Egbert Oil. ... b30 4½ 100 Schuy Wav Co...
100 City 6s new due b 98% 900 dc...
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100 Co... 98% 600 Story Farm...
100 Franklin... lots 2 100 do...
100 Thinklin B. 57% 500 Bruner
100 Upper Economy 2 250 Caldwell
100 Upper Economy 2 250 Caldwell
100 Mineral 2 20 200 Delevel oil

following quotations were made at the board as ared with the prices of Wednesday afternoon.

ing to 113%. At the 1 o'clock call Brie closed at 87, New York Central at 112%, Hudson at 114%@115. Philadelphia Markets. The demand for Flour is limited, both for shipment and home use, and the market is dull; sales comprise about 800 barrels extra family at \$12, including 150 barrels fancy at \$13 50 % bbl. The retailers and bakers are buying in a small way at from \$9 75@ 10.50 for superfine; \$10.75@11 25 for extra; \$11 50@11.25 for extra family; and \$12.50@13 50 % bbl for fancy a small way at \$909.25 \$ bbl. Corn Meal is scarce, and prices are without change.

GRAIN.—There is very little demand for Wheat, and the market is dull at about former rates, with sales of about 4.00 bus at \$26,286 to reds, and white at from 28.0286 \$2 bu, the latter for prime Kentucky. Kye is seiling in a small way at 1730/156 \$ bu. Corn is lower; about 2.500 bus new soid at 1866 for yellow, and 1806 for white; old is held at 1869.88 \$2 bu. Oats are in fair demand, with sales of 3 000 bus Pennsylvania at 92 \$2 bu.

BARK.—Ist No. 1 Quercitron is held at \$42.50 \$ bt on, but there is little or nothing doing.

COTTON.—Prices remain about the same as last quoted, and the market is dull. Small sales of middings are making at 1250/185 \$ 10, cash.

HAY.—Baled is selling at from \$39.30 \$ ton.

GROCERIES.—There is very little doing in either Sug; for Coffee, and the market is dull and prices unsettled.

GHOCKELES.—Inter is very little would not entered for rooffee, and the market is dull and prices unsettled.

FATROLEUM continues scarce at about former rates, with small sales to notice at 50c for grade; 73@75c for refined in bond, and free at 10cm 93@95c # galion, as to quality.

SEE 193.—Cloverseed continues scarce and in good demand, with small sales to notice at \$45.000 is 75 56 ths. Timothy is selling at \$5 \(\frac{1}{2} \) bu. Franced with sales at \$8.5 \(\frac{1}{2} \) bu. Transcer has advanced, with sales at \$8.5 \(\frac{1}{2} \) bu. If the continue is very little doing. Anthractic is quoted at \$55.060 \(\frac{1}{2} \) ton for the three continues. three numbers.
PROVISIONS.—The firmness of holders limits operations, and there is very little doing in the way of sales.
Meas Fork is quoted at \$39@41 \$3 bbl. Bacon Hams are selling in a small way at 20@24c \$3 bb for plain and forces. fancy.
WHISKY —There is more doing, and prices are looking up; 400 bb.s sold at \$2.262.36 B gallon; most holders ask more.
The following are the receipts of Fiour and Grain at this port to day:
Flour.

1,830 bbls.
Wheat.

18,230 bus.

FLOUR, &C.—The market for Western and State Flour is quiet, but the low grades are firm, though without sessential change in prices.

The sales are 6,200 bbls at \$9.65@10.45 for superfine State; \$10.50@10.76 for fancy State: \$10.36@10.76 for the low grades of Western extra; \$111@11 30 for shipping Ohio; \$11.36@12 for trade and family brands, and \$11.25@14 for S. Louis extras. trade and family brands, and \$11.25@14 for S. Louis extris.

Bruch wheat Flour is firm at \$4.7605 20 \$3 100 ibs.
Canadian Flour is more active and quite firm. Sales of 800 bbls at \$10.20@10.35 for the low grades of extra, and \$10.40@12 for trade and family extras.

Southern Flour is also a little more active, and prices are a shade firmer; sales of 750 bbls at \$10.30@12.25 for mixed to good superfine country Baltimore, &c., and \$12.46@15 for trade and family brands.

Rye Flour is quite and unchanged; sales of 100 bbls at \$5.00@12.25 for mixed to good superfine country Baltimore, &c., and \$12.40@15 for rise quite and unchanged; sales of 100 bbls at \$5.00@12.25 for meal is firm; sales of 350 bbls Brandywine to arrive at \$8.50. and 200 bbls white Atlantic Mills at \$11.

Grann.—The Wheat market is irregular. Winter is firm and in fair demand, while spring is heavy and in active. The demand is only for milling, owners; prices being above the limits of foreign orde s.

The sales afe 14,000 bus, at \$2.50 for red Western; \$2.55% for amber do.

Barley y is firmer; sales of 6,500 bus Canada East at \$1.90.

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Oats are easier and very quiet. The sales are 35,000 bus Canadan at 97(@\$1; Western at \$1.04@1.05.

Rye is better. We have to note small sales of Western at \$1.72.
Coyn is less pienty and better. The sales are 25,009 bus Western mixed at \$1.85%(01.91% in store and delivered; Southern white at \$2.05 and new yellow at \$1.75@1.82, latter rate for Southern, and the market by very firm: sales of 70 tons new Western in mass at \$77.60, now held at \$91; city continues scarce at \$52.00 \$85. OSS.

PETROI is quiet, and unchanged. We quote crude
at 55@56c; refined in bond 74@75c, and do free 94@95.
SUGAB.—Haw sugars are in moderate demand, and
teady; sales of fair to good refining at 15@18/c, and
1,000 boxes Hawana on private terms. Refined are dull

and nominal

Wilskx.—The market has been very unsettled, and
prices inectnated considerably during the day, opening better, and closing quiet at the improvement: sales
of 1, 200 bls (part last evening) Western at \$2.23@2.30,
closing at the latter rate. Flour has a declining tendency. Wheat dull at a decline of 5s. Corn active; new white, \$1.65; yellow, \$1.71. Provisions very dull. Whisky, \$2.34@2.35. PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE. SAML. E. STORES, GOOMITTEE OF THE MONTH. BENJ. MARSHALL.

LETTER BAGS.

AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA. Ship Coburg, Gibson......Liverpool, soon. Brig Eila Reed, (Br), Tuzo.......Havana, soon. Brig Hunter, Faulkner......Barbados, soon. MARINE INTELLIGENCE. PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Dec 22, 1864: SUN RISES.... 7 25 | SUN SETS... 4 35 | HIGH WATER.... 9 3

Brig Herald, from Cubs, and three other brigs. Brig Herald, from Cuba, and three other brigs.

Bark Brilliant, Colburn, New Orleans
Brig Avor dale, Dix, Boston.
Brig Sarah Peters, Lord, Boston.
Schr 1 B Whealer, McGlanghlin, Boston.
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Schr New Hayen, Glover, Dighton.
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Schr R Vanneman, Tewnsend, Key West.
Schr Mary H Banks, Haley, Fostress Monroe,
Schr R H Shannon, Marts.
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