CITY COUNCILS.

A regular stated meeting of City Councils was held yesterday afternoon.

SELECT BRANCH.

President LYND in the chair.

THE BOUNTY BILL.

Immediately after the calling of the roll Mr. BRIGHTLY (O.) said that, to his great regret, he was absent at the last meeting of Councils, when the bounty bill was brought up for consideration. It was not passed, in consequence of the conduct of several members of the Opposition, refusing to vote upon the bill, and therefore left the chamber without a quorum. Mr. Brightly said that, being in favor of the bill, he would therefore move a suspension of the rules in order that this bill might be considered. The suspension of the rules was agreed to.

The bill was then read.

Mr. ARMSTRONG (O.) had intended to say something in reference to this bill, but, finding that the opposition had dwindled down very much since the last meeting, he would postpone his remarks.

Mr. HODGSON (U.) said that he would stand by the opinion which he had already expressed.

The bill was finally passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong (O.), Brightly (O.), Cattell (U.), Gimbode (U.), Kamerly (O.), King (O.), Manuel (U.), Marcus (O.), McElroy (O.), Nicholson (O.), Omerly (U.), Uhler (U.), Zane (U.), and Lynd (U.), president—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Hodgdon (U.), and Spering (U.)—2.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the communication of Colonel J. A. Brown, U. S. A. quartermaster, asking permission to run a locomotive from Willow-street wharf to Broad and Prime streets, and return, for the purpose of conveying Government forage, reported adversely to the petition.

A minority of the same committee presented a report in favor of granting the permission asked.

Mr. BRIGHTLY (O.) moved the minority report be indefinitely postponed. Agreed to.

THE COAL CONTRACT OF THE GAS TRUSTEES.

The joint special committee, to whom was referred the message of the Mayor relative to a proposed contract by the trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works for the purchase of a large quantity of coal, for two years, for the use of the works after July, reported that they find, from the evidence taken before them, that there has been considerable misapprehension in regard to the amount of coal proposed to be purchased. The committee find that the trustees have generally advertised for proposals for supplying coal, but still there have been many exceptions to this practice. The chief engineer was authorized at any time, whenever he found a cargo of coal offered much below the market rates, to purchase it for the works; and he was specially authorized to purchase at his own discretion, and of course without previous advertisement, as high as 10,000 tons at a time. In 1861 the trustees also, without advertisement, extended two very large contracts from one year to three years, for the annual supply of 50,000 tons. These contracts were with the Westmoreland Coal Company and the Penn Gas Company, and from the circumstances under which this extension was granted, the committee are of opinion that the trustees not only acted in the matter in the most perfect good faith, but their action was sagacious and beneficial to the trust.

It must be borne in mind in examining this matter that the price of gas-producing coal is higher than that of the ordinary anthracite coal, and that the large quantities of coal used by the works, being thousands of tons per month, and the necessity for a large stock of fuel (requiring 5,000 to 10,000 tons to be kept constantly on hand), render an amount for which for individuals would be enormous, but for the much greater needs of the Philadelphia Gas Works comparatively insignificant. The delivery of coal by Mr. Hayes was to commence on the expiration of the present contracts. His contract is also at the same price per ton as that of the contracts given to the Westmoreland and Penn Gas Coal Companies, which, at the present rates for freights and wages, will pay them a good profit. The coal mined by Mr. Hayes is to be much superior in gas-producing qualities.

It was also shown that the present market rates are from twelve to fifteen dollars per ton; while the kind of coal required by the works has not been sold in this city since last July at a less price than $12 per ton. This fact, the committee think, should be exculpating the trustees or any member of the board in this contract or any other contract.

The committee attach to their report a series of resolutions declaring that the Board of Trustees, in making the contract with William B. Hayes, Esq., acted in good faith to the city, and that the gas trust has been managed by them in the most commendable manner, but that in the opinion of Councils where large contracts for furnishing coal are to be awarded proposals should be advertised for and received. The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

ORDINANCE FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

The ordinance from Common Council making a further appropriation for the relief of the families of volunteers was concurred in.

The ordinance from the other Chamber, making an additional appropriation of $40,000 to the Department of Surveys, was taken up.

Mr. CATTELL (U.) moved to amend by making the salary of the chief engineer $4,000, an increase of $1,000.

The bill was then considered in a Committee of the Whole, and, after finishing it, postponed, the committee asking leave to sit again.

The bill making an annual appropriation to the City Commissioners was next considered, and reported back by the Committee on the Whole without amendment.

Messrs BARRON (U.) and GRAY (U.) asked leave to record their votes upon the passage of the bounty bill, which being granted, they voted in the affirmative.

The ordinance making an appropriation to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the year 1865 was considered in a Committee of the Whole and reported favorably. The bill was finally passed.

An ordinance making an appropriation of $42,250 to the Trustees of the City Ice Boat for 1865 and for other purposes was passed.

The ordinance authorizing the erection of wooden buildings by Mr. J. S. McIlhenny, on the building part, at Twenty-first street and Columbia avenue was passed.

The ordinance making an appropriation to pay the assessors for extra services was passed.

The bill making an appropriation for the Receiver of Taxes for the year 1865.

Mr. GINNODO presented a bill to pay Francis Fougeray for extra services, which was passed.

An ordinance making an appropriation for the clerks of Council for 1865 was passed.

Also, ordinances making appropriations for the Department of Street Cleaning, for the City Controller, for the City Treasurer, and for the Department of Markets.

An ordinance was also passed making appropriations for the Water Department for 1865.

The ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of Highways for 1865 being under consideration,

Mr. GINNODO (U.) objected to the item making an appropriation of $10,000 for the repairing of streets occupied by city railway companies, and said that the Chief of the Highway Department had repeatedly stated that the passenger railway companies were obliged to keep the streets upon which their tracks were laid in order, and now the Chief has the temerity to ask us for money to repair these very streets.

Mr. HODGDON (U.) said that unless some appropriation was made the Chief would be powerless in the matter.

Mr. GINNODO (U.) further opposed the bill. He said that an act of Assembly made it obligatory upon the railroad companies to keep the streets on which they run in repair, and that if they did not do it the Chief Commissioner should report them to Councils.

Several gentlemen explained that this appropriation was merely to enable the Chief Commissioner to make what repairs were necessary upon these streets. Suit could then be instituted by the City against the railway companies, and the money expended recovered.

After further discussion the consideration of the bill was postponed.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO MR. LYND.

Resolutions of thanks to James Lynd, Esq., for the kind, able, and judicious manner in which he has presided over Select Council during the past year, were unanimously passed.

Mr. LYND briefly returned his thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

Ordinances making appropriations for the next year for the Board of Health, for lighting the city, for the Department of Police, were passed.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS TO THE CLERKS AND MESSENGERS.

Resolutions tendering the thanks of the Chamber to Benjamin H. Haines, Esq., Robert Bethel, Esq., clerks, and Thos. Massey, messenger, for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties during the past year.

RETIRING MEMBERS.

Mr. UHLER (U.) and Mr. GINNODO (U.), whose terms have expired, being so requested by the Chamber, made graceful addresses appropriate to the occasion, thanking their fellow-members for their kindness, and taking leave of them.

Mr. Ginnodo has served a longer term than any other member of the present Select Council.

A resolution directing satisfaction to be entered upon the official bond of James McClintock was taken up, but the Chamber adjourned at a quarter to eleven o'clock without taking any action upon it.

COMMON BRANCH.

THANKS TO OFFICERS.

Mr. WOLBERT (O.) offered a resolution of thanks to Mr. Alexander J. Harper, president of Common Council, for the ability, zeal, and intelligence with which he discharged his duties during the year just closed.

Mr. LOUGHLIN said that he had known Mr. Harper for thirty years, during five of which he had been associated with him as member of Council, and he took pleasure in testifying to the ability of Mr. Harper.

The yeas and nays being called, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Similar resolutions to the clerks and messengers were adopted.

THANKS TO A MEMBER.

Mr. POTTER (U.) offered the following, which was agreed to unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are eminently due, and are hereby rendered to William Loughlin, Esq., whose term of service as a member of this Council will expire on the 31st day of December inst., for his valuable services, disinterested conduct, urbanity of manners, and devotion to the interests of the city, the State, and the country, and that the members of this Council tender to him by his retirement the assurances of their sincere regard and friendship, with the hope that his future career will be as successful as his conduct in this Chamber has been praiseworthy.

A resolution was received from the Board of Health remonstrating against the taking of the railroad tracks, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The ordinance from the Finance Committee, creating a loan to pay deficiencies for the year 1864, and previous years, was taken up and passed.

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.

An ordinance appropriating $6,000 to the inspectors of the County Prison, for the purchase of leather, was adopted.

Ordinances providing for the transfer of items in the Department of Street Cleaning and the Department of City Property were adopted.

An ordinance appropriating $1,200 for the erection of a green-house on public burial ground on Lamb Tavern road was agreed to.

An ordinance making an appropriation of $21,276 to the City Controller's Department was adopted.

An ordinance appropriating $31,574.50 to the clerks of Councils was adopted. Of this amount, $8,050 is to be distributed in salaries, $10,000 for printing, $5,200 for binding, and $6,000 for advertising.

An ordinance to make an appropriation of $118,171 to the Inspectors of the County Prison for the year 1865 was adopted.

Mr. Potter, from the Committee on Finance, reported an ordinance appropriating $4,050 to the assessors of the city, and additional remuneration for extra services during the year 1864. This will give each assessor $75. The ordinance was adopted.

An ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasurer for the year 1865, of $60,499.48 was adopted. In this bill the following expenses were provided for:

For the salary of the City Treasurer, $2,600; for salaries of the chief clerk, paying teller, stock clerk, and warrant clerk, $6,300; for salaries of miscellaneous clerks and messenger, $2,800; for books, printing, and stationery, $2,500; for fuel, stamps required by act of Congress, office and other expenses, $1,000; for interest on loans, warrants, paid by the City Treasurer during the year 1864, in pursuance to the provisions of an ordinance to provide for the payment of interest on warrants, approved March 1, 1861, $44,399.48.

An ordinance appropriating $18,625.42 to the Department of Markets was adopted.

One appropriating $38,700 to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes was also adopted. The items of salaries in this bill were: By the Receiver of Taxes, $2,500; by the chief clerk, $1,500; by seventeen clerks and one messenger, $17,800.

The ordinance appropriating $346,109 to the Board of School Controllers was taken up, and, after much consideration, adopted. Among the expenses provided for were the following: Expenses of the Boys' Central High School, $27,780; expenses of the Girls' High and Normal School, $8,850; 1st section, $20,150; 2d, $27,987; 3d, $27,520; 4th, $20,180; 5th, $22,485; 6th, $16,200; 7th, $20,385; 8th, $18,440; 9th, $18,140; 10th, $26,862; 11th, $20,190; 12th, $17,237; 13th, $17,475; 14th, $22,955; 15th, $23,495; 16th, $21,085; 17th, $22,500; 18th, $20,385; 19th, $19,060; 20th, $20,970; 21st, $25,160; 22d, $20,768; 23d, $26,722; 24th, $26,370; 25th, $18,078; 26th, $20,516; special appropriations, $4,868; general expenses, $171,860.

Mr. SULGER (U.) moved to amend by adding an item of $117,161 to increase the salaries of all teachers and employees of the Board of Control 20 per cent. Not agreed to—yeas 6, nays 17.

An ordinance to make an appropriation of $840,312 to the Department of Highways and Bridges, Sewers, &c., for the year 1865, was taken up.

Mr. EVERMAN moved to amend by striking out the item for salary of Superintendent of City Railroads. The amendment was lost, and the bill passed.

At this point the Chamber took a recess of half an hour. On re-assembling at 8 o'clock,

An ordinance was submitted to make an appropriation of $274,325 to the department for supplying the city with water, which was adopted.

An ordinance to make an appropriation of $45,445 to the Board of Health for the year 1865, was passed.

An ordinance to make an appropriation of $415,545 for lighting, extinguishing, cleansing, and repairing the public lamps, was adopted.

An ordinance to make an appropriation of $610,837 to the Department of Police for the year 1865, was next taken up.

Mr. STOKLEY (U.) moved to increase the item of forty dollars for uniforms of policemen to sixty dollars, which was not agreed to. The bill then passed, with unimportant amendments.

An ordinance to increase the revenue of the city of Philadelphia, by additional taxation, was read.

Mr. LOUGHLIN moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject, which was agreed to.

The report of the committee appointed to investigate the coal contract of the Trustees of the City Gas Works to Mr. Hayes, (which was submitted to Select Council) was taken up. A debate ensued as to the adoption of the resolution attached to the report, exonerating the trustees from all blame in the matter.

Mr. CRESSWELL objected to the report, and was not in favor of adopting the resolution, because the trustees had given the contract for coal in an irregular manner, they failing to advertise for proposals, as is usual in those cases.

Mr. HAYES thought that the report was a whitewashing one. It was far from satisfactory. He believed that members of the Legislature were interested in having this contract given out to Mr. Hayes.

Mr. POTTER said that, as a member of the investigating committee, he was particularly desirous to have a thorough and complete investigation. In fact, he went into the committee with some prejudices against the trustees, and now he felt that there had been nothing done which was actually wrong. The only fault was in not advertising for proposals. The committee failed to find any evidence to implicate any member of the Board of Trustees with any pecuniary interest in the awarding of the contract.

The report was finally adopted.

The Chamber soon after adjourned.

THE CITY.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AN URGENT APPEAL TO HUMANITY.

A brief telegraphic despatch, dated at Nashville, Tenn., 27th inst., has been received at the office of the Freedman's Relief Association, 424 Walnut street. It is brief, but it speaks volumes for humanity at once on charity and humanity. The despatch, which is official, says: "*Send bedding and all goods necessary; the people are dying.*" The despatch refers to the freed people of Southern Tennessee and Northern Alabama. They have been driven into Nashville by hundreds by the advance of Hood's army, and are now in great distress for want of bedding, clothes, and shoes. Any articles of the above description, intended for their relief, will be received at the office of the association, and contributions in money may be sent to the treasurer, Mr. T. W. Clark, 35 South Third street. Before the late battles they were supporting themselves in the camps prepared for them, under the care of Mr. Mitchell and other superintendents. Many of them are the wives and children of soldiers in the army, and this appeal to our citizens should not pass unheeded.

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Professor Saunders was injured on the Baltimore Railroad, while on the way from Washington to Philadelphia, on the night before the recent Presidential election. He is yet confined to his house, in West Philadelphia, from the injuries received.

SWORD PRESENTATION TO GEN. MEADE.

We understand that Mayor Henry presented, yesterday, to General Meade, at his residence, the sword voted him some time since by City Councils.

DEATH OF MISS HETTY A. JONES.

We regret to record another sad death which has resulted while displaying the devoted patriotism which has characterized the ladies of America from the commencement of the war. Our list of deaths includes the name of Miss Hetty A. Jones, of Roxborough, sister of Colonel J. Richter Jones, who fell so gallantly at the head of his regiment in North Carolina in May, 1863. Miss Jones, for years past, especially since the death of her brother, considered it her duty to devote her whole life to the care of the sick and wounded soldiers of her country. She was known everywhere through the hospitals of the city, and at last went down to the hospital at City Point, Va., where, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., she fell a victim to labors too arduous for her strength. Thus another victim has been added to the dark record of the fratricidal rebellion, and another example held up for the imitation of the country's women.

NEW CARS.

The Spruce and Pine-streets Passenger Railroad Company have placed a number of new cars on their road, to take the place of others which long use and extensive travel had somewhat defaced. The new cars are elegantly cushioned and substantially built, and cannot fail to increase the comfort of those who patronize the well-managed road.

PHILADELPHIA NAVY AGENCY.

Paymaster A. E. Watson, of the United States Navy, yesterday took charge of the books, papers, and accounts of the Navy Agent of Philadelphia, by order of the Navy Department at Washington. The reasons for this change have not been made public.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT BEVERLY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The military hospital at Beverly, New Jersey, was the scene of gaiety and happiness on Christmas. A correspondent, who was present upon the hilarious occasion, asks to be permitted through these columns to say that "we do not think we were behindhand in our celebration of the festival. Besides a sumptuous dinner and the music of the Burlington band, we had, as the crowning feature of the day, the presence of receiving as a guest the wife of Lieutenant General Grant. This honored lady was welcomed by the patients not less for her personal worth than for the manner in which the account of her gallant husband; and many a poor fellow will long remember her pleasant words by his bedside. The unfavorable weather did not seriously interfere with the enjoyment of the day, which passed off most happily."

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southwark school section Miss Mary J. Fales was elected principal of the Southwestern Girls' Grammar School, and Miss Susan Whitney, formerly of the Northwest Grammar School, elected first assistant in the same school.

ANNUAL WATCH MEETING.

The South-street Presbyterian Church, Rev. Richard Maley, located in South street, between Seventh and Twelfth streets, will hold its 25th annual watch meeting to-morrow evening. The church is now in a very flourishing condition, and the New Year opens with very bright prospects for the future career of the institution.

EMANCIPATION ANNIVERSARY.

The Second Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation will be celebrated, under the auspices of the Banneker Institute, in National Hall, on Market street, on Monday evening. H. H. Garnett, Frederick Douglass, and other gentlemen will address the meeting. Music will be furnished by the band from Camp William Penn.

REMOVAL.

The headquarters of the Medical Director, now situated at 905 Walnut street, will be removed, after the present week, to the northeast corner of Broad and Spruce streets. The cause of the removal is the sale of the property in Walnut street.

CASUALTY.

Charles F. Jones, a soldier attached to the Haddington Hospital, was run over at Fifteenth and Market streets yesterday afternoon, about five o'clock, sustaining a fracture of a leg. He was taken to the Filbert-street Hospital.

THE NEW TAX RECEIVER.

Charles O'Neill, Esq., the Tax Receiver elect, having entered his sureties, will enter upon his official duties on Monday next.

SOLICITOR TO THE TAX RECEIVER.

William M. Bull, Esq., appointed solicitor under Mr. Tax Receiver Charles O'Neill, has tendered his resignation as the United States Draft Commissioner of the Second district, to take effect upon the 1st inst. This was necessary in order to allow Mr. Bull ample time to discharge his duties as solicitor.

THE POLICE.

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

DESERTION FROM CAMP CADWALADER.

Wm. Davis was arraigned yesterday on the charge of enticing John Peyton to desert from Camp Cadwalader. Peyton stated that Davis offered him $50 to desert. He went to the Western Hotel, where he was found, and desired to know where Thomas Amos was, who had already deserted the camp. Davis replied he would have him and Peyton together in the evening, and take them to the place of rendezvous. This was the pith of the evidence in this nefarious and traitorous business. The defendant was bound over to answer at Court.

[Before Mr. Alderman Beitler.]

DISCHARGED.

Mr. Packer, an attache at the hotel of Mr. Davis, who was taken into custody a few days since in reference to a bogus check, the particulars of which have already been published, was discharged yesterday. It was very clear that he had no knowledge of the fraudulent use intended to be made of the check. The really guilty party has escaped.

[Before Mr. Alderman Carter.]

RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.

Patrick Quigley, who keeps a junk shop on Seventh street, near Fairmount, was arraigned yesterday on a charge of receiving a fire-horn stolen by a miserable, dissipated female from the house of the Moyamensing Hose Company, located in that section of the city. It seems that the woman got into the house on Wednesday evening, and took the horn from a case. It was a silver instrument, and prized at a much higher rate than its intrinsic value. A member of the company witnessed the transaction between the prisoner and receiver, and had the latter arrested. He was bound over to answer the charge of receiving stolen goods.

[Before Mr. Alderman Shane.]

THE NEWARK (NEW JERSEY) COUNTERFEIT.

A man, giving the name of Jacob Harrington, was arraigned yesterday on the charge of passing a counterfeit $10, purporting to be the issue of the Newark Bank, of New Jersey. These notes first made their appearance in Philadelphia about two weeks ago, and, from the nearly well executed, and tolerably well filled. The defendant was bound over to answer at Court.

[Before Mr. Alderman Miller.]

MORE SOLDIERS ROBBED.

A female, giving the name of Catharine McCluskey, resides in West Philadelphia, was arrested on Wednesday on the charge of robbing several soldiers of sums of money, amounting in the aggregate to $60. It is alleged that the soldiers were induced to enter her house, and, while there, were robbed of their money. The defendant denied the charge. None of the money was recovered. She was bound over to await a further hearing.

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

SAML. B. STOKES,
GEO. N. TATHAM,
BENJ. MARSHALL,
[COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH.

LETTER BAGS,
AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA.

Ship Coburg, Gibson.....Liverpool, soon.
Brig Rita Read, (Br), Tuzo.....Havana, soon.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29, 1864.

SUN RISES....7 24 | SUN SETS....4 36 | HIGH WATER....8 00

CLEARED.

Ship Australia, Stewart, 4 days from New York, in ballast to Workman & Co.

Ship New England, Randall, 12 days from Fernandina, in ballast to Peter Wright & Sons.

Steamship E C Knight, Gallagher, 24 hours from New York, with mdse to W J Taylor & Co. Passed ship Elizabeth, from New York, wanting steam, above the Brandywine Light; a bark in ballast trim ashore on Joe Flogger; schr Henry Perkins off the buoy on the middle ground, heading up. Passed the City Ice Boat, at 12 M, below Reedy Island, going down with ship Cultivator in tow; off Delaware city passed bark John Trucks, coming up.

Bark Nettie Merryman, Merryman, 6 days from Fortress Monroe, in ballast to captain.

Bark G W Horton, Packard, 16 days from New Orleans, in ballast to J E Bazley & Co.

Bark John Curtis, Sylvester, 15 days from Pensacola, in ballast to Workman & Co.

Brig M T Silsworth (Br), McBride, from Cornwallis, NS, 31 days, with potatoes to R S Dyer, and vessel to C G Van Horn.

Brig Abby Watson, Watson, 8 days from Beaufort, in ballast to J E Bazley & Co.

Schr Marion, N Monroe, 7 days from Newbern, NC, in ballast to J E Bazley & Co.

Schr E K Crowell, Stevens, 5 days from Provincetown, with mdse to Geo H Kerfoot.

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Schr Sussex, Bartlett, 6 days from New York, with guano to Morris Phillips, vessel to J E Bazley & Co.

Schr Geo A Boarse, Sharman, 5 days from Newbern, in ballast to Stetson & Co.

Schr J P Cake, Endicott, 5 days from Beaufort, in ballast to D S Stetson & Co.

Schr Alice B. Chase, 3 days from Norfolk, with mdse to captain.

Schr Fanny Keating, Rich, 1 day from Port Monroe, in ballast to captain.

Schr Ida F Wheeler, Dyer, 15 days from Boston, with mdse to C C Vanhorn.

Schr Wm E Gerry, Baker, 5 days from New York, with salt to Wm Bumm & Sons.

CLEARED.

Bark W E Anderson, Reed, Fort Barrancas.

Brig M C Mariner, Mariner, Fort Royal.

Brig Marie Louise (Swed), Stalfe, Barbados.

Schr L Church, Adams, Providence.

Schr Wanalis, Hayden, New Orleans.

Schr E C Cobb, Williams, Newbern.

Schr Magie Weaver, Fort Monroe.

Schr C P Sleeper, Garwood, do.

Schr P A Sanders, Townsend, do.

Schr E S Clowes, Grace, Port Royal.

Schr Chas S Costelle, Naylor, do.

Str Martha Stevens, Chance, Baltimore.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Press.]

LEWES, Del., Dec. 27, 1864.

The following vessels are at the Breakwater this afternoon: Steamer Ulysses, from New York; bark John Griffin, from Pensacola for Philadelphia; brig Aristan, from Jamaica for orders; schr Ellen Maria, from Philadelphia for Fort Monroe; schrs Prince of Wales, from West Indies, with loss of two deckloads; schr Ann, from New York for Fort Monroe, with hay; John Aumack, with hay for do; West Wind, from Philadelphia for do; W C Pavon, do for Fort Royal; New Jersey, for Fort Monroe; Chief, with salt for Baltimore, and Benjamin, with do.

The schooner Young America, which ran on the Ice Breaker off this bank, was loaded with wheat. The hull and cargo are a total loss; sails and rigging saved.

Yours &c., AARON MARSHALL.

MEMORANDA.

Brig Orzimbo, Tracey, from Boston for this port, remained at Holmes' Hole 24 inst.

Brig Ocean Wave, Cole, from New Orleans, at Providence 27th.

Schr S A Hammond, Paine, hence, at New York, for Boston, on Wednesday.

Schr Thos Redwood, Crowell, from Boston for this port, at Newport night of 26th inst.

Schrs Ida Hepburn, Vroman, and Henry May, Parker, hence at Fall River 25th inst.

Schr Monterey, Mulane, hence at New Bedford 27th inst.

Schr Sahwa, Jasper, hence, at Boston on Wednesday.

Schr Vandalia, of Warrington, from New York for Boston, went ashore on the spit off Chatham Bar, on the night of the 26th. Crew saved; vessel a total loss.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The beacon, off Phillips' Point, known as "Half-Tide Rock Beacon," having been carried away by the recent severe gales, a fifty-foot spar buoy will be placed at once on charity and humanity. The despatch, which is official, says: "*Send bedding and all goods necessary; the people are dying.*" The despatch refers to the freed people of Southern Tennessee and Northern Alabama. They have been driven into Nashville by hundreds by the advance of Hood's army, and are now in great distress for want of bedding, clothes, and shoes. Any articles of the above description, intended for their relief, will be received at the office of the association, and contributions in money may be sent to the treasurer, Mr. T. W. Clark, 35 South Third street. Before the late battles they were supporting themselves in the camps prepared for them, under the care of Mr. Mitchell and other superintendents. Many of them are the wives and children of soldiers in the army, and this appeal to our citizens should not pass unheeded.

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We regret to record another sad death which has resulted while displaying the devoted patriotism which has characterized the ladies of America from the commencement of the war. Our list of deaths includes the name of Miss Hetty A. Jones, of Roxborough, sister of Colonel J. Richter Jones, who fell so gallantly at the head of his regiment in North Carolina in May, 1863. Miss Jones, for years past, especially since the death of her brother, considered it her duty to devote her whole life to the care of the sick and wounded soldiers of her country. She was known everywhere through the hospitals of the city, and at last went down to the hospital at City Point, Va., where, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., she fell a victim to labors too arduous for her strength. Thus another victim has been added to the dark record of the fratricidal rebellion, and another example held up for the imitation of the country's women.

NEW CARS.

The Spruce and Pine-streets Passenger Railroad Company have placed a number of new cars on their road, to take the place of others which long use and extensive travel had somewhat defaced. The new cars are elegantly cushioned and substantially built, and cannot fail to increase the comfort of those who patronize the well-managed road.

PHILADELPHIA NAVY AGENCY.

Paymaster A. E. Watson, of the United States Navy, yesterday took charge of the books, papers, and accounts of the Navy Agent of Philadelphia, by order of the Navy Department at Washington. The reasons for this change have not been made public.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT BEVERLY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The military hospital at Beverly, New Jersey, was the scene of gaiety and happiness on Christmas. A correspondent, who was present upon the hilarious occasion, asks to be permitted through these columns to say that "we do not think we were behindhand in our celebration of the festival. Besides a sumptuous dinner and the music of the Burlington band, we had, as the crowning feature of

SHERIFF'S SALES.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Venditioni Exponas, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale or vendue, on MONDAY Evening, January 2, 1865, at 7 o'clock, at Sansom-street Hall.

No. 1. All that four-story brick messuage and lot of ground, situate on the east side of Eleventh street, fifty hundred and forty-two feet south of Shippen street, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in front on Eleventh street sixteen feet, and in depth sixty feet, subject to a twelve-feet alley, with privilege of said alley. Subject to ground rent of sixty dollars.

No. 2. All those two four-story brick messuages and lot of ground, situate on the east side of Eleventh street, northward one hundred and forty-two feet from Shippen street, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in front on Eleventh street sixteen feet, and in depth sixty feet, subject to a twelve-feet alley, with privilege of said alley. Subject to ground rent of sixty dollars.

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No. 4. All that lot of ground situate on the west side of Twenty-second street, east side of Twenty-third, and north side of Jackson street, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in front on Twenty-second street sixty feet, and in depth sixty feet.

No. 5. All that three-story brick messuage and lot of ground, situate on the north side of Lombard street, two hundred and five feet east of Nineteenth street, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in front on Lombard street seventeen feet, and in depth sixty feet. Subject to ground rent of sixty dollars.

No. 4. All that lot of ground situate on the west side of Twenty-second street, east side of Twenty-third, and north side of Jackson street, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in front on Twenty-second street sixty feet, and in depth sixty feet.

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No. 7. All that two-story brick messuage and lot of ground, situate on the north side of Cherry street, twenty-seven feet eastward from Schuylkill Fifth street, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in front on Cherry street twenty-seven feet, and in depth one hundred and twenty-five feet, subject to ground rent of twenty-five dollars.

No. 8. All that three-story brick messuage and lot of ground, situate on the north side of Cherry street, twenty-seven feet eastward from Schuylkill Fifth street, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in front on Cherry street twenty-seven feet, and in depth one hundred and twenty-five feet, subject to ground rent of twenty-five dollars.

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