THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1865.

Principles of Taxation.

has been introduced into this country has

The system of internal taxation which

been compared, with as much truth as wit, to the trunk of the half-reasoning elephant, Which can raise an anchor and pick up a pin; indeed, that system exacts an ad valorem duty upon the anchor, under the head of "iron, manufactures of," and an equal amount upon "pins, solid head or other," which, in a very inexplicable arrangement, is classed with "and pottery ware," there being as much connection and similitude between pins and pottery as there is between cheese and chalk. The plan, as far as can be judged, was to search a dictionary for a list of articles in common use, and tax them, in alphabetical order, at haphazard, regardless of the effect of such taxation upon our own manufactures and products, every burthen placed upon which is a bonus to the products and manufactures of foreign countries. We can understand why, under a protective system, ad valorem duties should be levied upon anchors, pins, and other articles made abroad and imported hither to compete with our own native industry and enterprise, but when such duties are also levied upon articles made by this industry and this enterprise, put to work by the necessary capital, in this country, we recognize in that fiscal system nothing but carelessness in framing it or ignorance of the plainest and soundest first principles of political

It will be borne in mind how, before this war broke out, general dissatisfaction was felt and expressed at the anomaly of American cotton being sent away to England in a raw state, and brought back in the manufactured condition of muslin and calico, stockings and lace, to be sold here at a cheaper rate than the high price of labor would here permit such manufactures to be made-whereby American consumers had to be taxed for the profits accruing to the cotton-brokers of Liverpool, the cotton-spinners of Manchester. and the importers in this country. To prevent this a protective tariff was adopted just before the war, the design of which was to give our home manufacturers a fair producers. How have our internal revenue laws carried out the protective principle of that tariff, not alone as regards cotton, but also woolen goods? How have they provided that American industry, capital and enterprise shall fairly compete with the calicoes of Manchester, the muslins of nets of Nottingham, and the broadcloths of Yorkshire and the West of England? How ?-by taxing cotton and wool as raw material, and by taxing their increased value when converted into knitted, woven, felted, or textile fabrics. There is the same amount of duty levied here upon the delicate kid gloves made in Paris by Jou-VIN or ALEXANDRE, for the dainty hands of our fashionable belles and beaux, as upon the coarse, warm, worsted mittens with which the handicraft-man or artisan endeavors to keep warmth in his fingers ought to be consideration for the poorer do not find it there.

agine that we are opposed to Taxation. luxuries which such a population as ours (though it errs in making no distinction between permanent and uncertain inassessment upon wealth. In numerous Income-tax paid under the present law, by hundreds of our rich folks, is money which would have been hoarded, and exceeds what the persons so paying actually expend, one year with another, on their own maintenance. A man, however rich, cannot consume a much greater quantity of necessaries than his neighbor who lives by hard labor of hand or head; all outlay beyond should be taxed on a graduated or ascending scale, for it must go to provide for luxuries. We hold that the laboring, the prodective classes, cannot be taxed too lightly-but, save in the six hundred dollars exemption of the Income tax, our Internal Revenue system does not entertain this principle.

Under a proper system, (to use a figure of Mr. Burke,) taxation is exhaled from | of Mozart and Mercadante. the lakes, and streams, and seas of wealth, and descends in fertilizing showers, that refresh and revigorate the whole country. It breaks up the masses of property which had previously accumulated in the hands of the rich, takes a large per centage out of them for the use of the Government, and | to Ohio to find a painter leads us to supdistributes the amount to fructify the manufacturing and commercial interests. We are not overladen with taxes, but a larger amount of taxation could be borne, were it imposed upon the correct principle of suiting the burthen to the back.

This very week, in Congress, a proposition to raise the duty upon malt liquor from one dollar per barrel to one dollar and a half was voted down. The financial Nestor of the House subsequently remarked. "more in sorrow than in anger," that three million dollars were lost to the revenue by that vote. He forgot that the present duty of one dollar upon a barrel (31 gallons) of malt liquor is considerably higher than is levied on the same product in any other part of the world. The highest in Europe is in Great Britain-52 per cent. per barrel; in Prussia, 23 cents; in Bavaria, 40 cents; in Baden, 24 cents; in Hesse Darmstadt 25 cents; in Rhenish Bayaria and the Palatinate, no tax whatever on malt or beer. We could have understood had a sagacious legislator proposed to reduce the tax on malt liquor, even if he had to augment that upon spirits—simply because the morale of American artists, is still a faithful student fiscal jurisprudence suggests that excessive of his profession. Any of these men might taxation of a harmless and popular beverage leads to the substitution of whisky or spirits, the use of which degrades the mind and injures the health. So well is this understood in England, that while the duty of \$2.50 per gallon is levied upon all homemade spirits, (of course, it is more on imported,) only fifty-two cents per barrel is by giving him good advice about his opera, payable upon malt liquor. There is some and, unless we end now, we shall wander thing more, we respectfully submit, than we know not whither. the raising three million dollars extra out of ale, in the neglect of the principle that, when practicable, the health of body and health of mind of the public should also be the various places advertised in another column. considered in national or local legisla-

A good thing cannot be done too late. however long it may have been delayed. Therefore, we most sincerely hope that, even now, the Government will institute an inquiry into the principles of taxation in foreign countries. It would be well to investigate the practical operation of such principles, not only in England and France, but in Germany—especially in Prussia, where, under a system introduced by the late Prince HARDENBURG, the taxes, though producing a large amount, considering the extent of the population, press so equally that the working classes feel them very alightly. We may look forward, of course, at Palmyra, Jefferson county.

to a long future of taxation—for the public creditor must be paid his interest, and this country will be greater than ever, with a necessity for large establishments, after the war, now closing, will have wholly terminated. It will be prudent, no doubt, to remodel our system of taxation, and we must not be above availing ourselves of the experience of other and older nations. But it will be provided, we hope, if a Commission be sent abroad to make such inquiries and investigations, that prudent and practical men, and not mere idealogists and partisans, shall be placed upon it, Our internal taxation has been imposed in hot baste, without much thought beyond that of merely raising money, and we ought not to be above revising it, upon proper principles, with the least possible delay.

Mr. Grover, Music, and so forth.

Mr. GROVER, after wandering over the

chant ten farewell nights longer. It is

somewhat of a pity that he postponed his coming until the Lenten season, for not even Johannsen of Frederics can tempt us into dissipation and amusement during these weeks of abstinence. The success of German Opera has been one of the wonders of the lyrical stage, and Mr. GROVER should certainly improve his time of triumph. It is not in the nature of things that he should have all this harvesting to himself, and other reapers already look longingly into his fields. The German Opera last season was a success because it was a sensation. It was a cheap opera. The people came so readily that there was no necessity to induce them. Such things are freaks of fortune, and will occasionally happen. We have no doubt as much money will be made in the season now opening, but to do so it will be necessary that all possible care be shown in the preparation and production of the operas. The temptation that awaits all fortunate men should be avoided by Mr. GROVER. The taste for operatic music is not natural, but cultivated, like the taste for olives, tomatoes, and terrapin. People are often apt to quarrel with it, and to be critical. These sounds and notes are not all that is required. Opera is among the untaxed luxuries, and people will never object to pay its full value. Nevertheless, they want its full value. Shabby opera is as much a crime as Connecticut "Havanas" or New chance of competition with the foreign | Jersey champagne. Too many of our opera companies slur and prune good operas, assuming the prerogatives of BEETHOVEN and Mozart. Now, without intending to say anything invidious to the ladies and gentlemen who sing for us, we must say that we have more respect for the men who write the music than for those who chant Glasgow and Paisley, the stockings and | it; and when we go to the Academy to hear "Ernani" or "Fidelio" we do not want a burlesque or a dilution. We make these remarks for the benefit of Mr. GRO-VER. He is making so much money that he can afford to hear the truth.

While speaking of music let us say a word in reference to our local musicians. We do not think any community is as classically musical as Philadelphia, and we have among us many associations /that deserve encouragement. The Germania Orchestra has made its Saturday afternoon entertainments fashionable. Of course, people do during the freezing winter-time. There say that these Saturday afternoon arrangements are popular because a large number classes in our national taxation, but we of pretty young ladies have an opportunity the entire population to arms, and ordering the deof seeing a large number of susceptible young gentlemen, but this is scandal. The Germania people play good music, and On the contrary, it has become necessary— hence lovers of good music go thither in virtually necessary—for the purpose of pre- crowds. There are many other associaserving this country as a great and united tions devoted to this art. Wolfson and nation. The only means by which the | Thomas give us Classical Soirées, as they United States can continue a great Republic, | call them. For fear our readers should one and indivisible, is War. To secure | recall Sam Weller's definition of a soi-Union and Peace, it has become requisite | ree, we will say that nothing but the finest to pass through War, that terrible ordeal | music is performed, and that none but those of fire and blood, and if war, then its cost, of cultivated taste would receive amusehowever large, must be paid for. Far from us | ment from these entertainments. It will be to argue that taxation is an evil, for we seen how very general this taste is when we have a strong conviction that it is not. say that, in addition to Wolfsonn and By taxation, direct and indirect, large THOMAS, we have the weekly matinées of amounts of money are detached from the the Classical Quintette Club, at the Assemmasses of private property, and distributed | bly Buildings, and the exhibitions of Cross by the Government through various chan- and Jarvis. The Handel and Haydn Sonels, whereby capital is employed by its | ciety, one of the best in the country, give a possessors to enable productive industry great deal of attention to music, and with to supply the various necessaries and marked success. We have seldom had "The Stabat Mater" so gloriously sung as demands. We recognize the justice of at a recent meeting of the Handel and taxation: for example, our Income Tax, | Haydn. The Germans have the Mænnercome,) acts most justly when it levies an other societies, for the Teuton is full of music. In addition, we have concerts from assessment upon wealth. In numerous sic. In addition, we have concerts from never fights is a long-established military proverb. Instances, we doubt not, the amount of wandering minstrels who come and give us A deliberative body never acts. Hence, experience semi-annual farewells, together with the rude exponents of Ethiopian melody, whose sneer. CAROLINE RICHINGS should be mentioned. She is a sweet singer, and has taught us all the Pirate's Song in the "Enchantress." In a private way, Signor Perelli, an excellent master, has been developing music, and recently, we are told, gave a series of amateur operas, at which several shy people, who would only be known as "Mr. Sm-th" and "Miss Jo-n-s," sang very sweetly, and created a great deal of love for music among our good society. Some of our church music is superb, and at the leading churches we have the glorious anthems of the Episcopacy and the magnificent masses

We see that Congress, having given an appreciation of its taste by bestowing a commission on our truant son, the gorgeous Leuze, of New York, is about to call upon an Ohio artist named Powell to paint a sea scene. This going all the way to Ohio to find a painter leads us to suppose that there is something else in that State besides major generals, Cabinet ministers, and judges of the Supreme Court. We have no doubt Powell is a good painter, but we certainly think that the American Capitol would be incomplete without a painting from some of our own great artists. Why not cover one of the panels, of the rotunda with one of the magnificent conceptions of Hamilton, a man whose genius as an artist makes him one of the first painters of America? Hamilton dies and created. A marine scene from Hamilton dies are the conception of Farragada of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont to the contract of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont of the word of the glorious achievements of Farragada or Dupont to the contract of the contract of the contract of We see that Congress, having given an achievements of FARRAGUT OF DUPONT would be a thing of everlasting beauty. Or, if something more quietly historical were preferred, why not call upon ROTH-ERMEL, OF SCHUSSELE, OF RICHARDS, OF MORAN? Philadelphia art never saw palmier days. The dear old Sully, who painted our grandfathers with the same exquisite touch that age has not dimmed, and who is now, perhaps, the father of living be called upon to leave behind them a monument. We like this idea of developing American genius, and our Capitol should be made an example of the taste

and skill of our sons. - But, - Mr. GROVER is responsible for this straggling article. We began

THE SATURDAY MATINEE.—The sale of seats for the performance at the Academy of Music, on The entertainment will consist of "East Lynne. or the Elopement," Miss Lucille Western coming from Washington to assume her most popular cha racter of Lady Isabel, for the benefit of the sufferers by the late calamitous fire. Miss Western will be ssisted by some of the most able dramatic artists in the city. The cause is a worthy one, and our citizens should vie with each other in the purchasing of tickets for Saturday.

MR. Sylvester's Readings.—On next Tuesday, in aid of the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the recent petroleum confiagration, Mr. W. W. Sylvester will give a series of readings and illustrations, in the Assembly Buildings. Mr. Sylvester, as an elecutionist, has had considerable experience and success in New England, and in "the old country," though he is here "to the manor born."

SOUTH CAROLINA. SHERMAN'S FORCE ACROSS THE

EDISTO RIVER.

The South Carolina Bailroad Struck at Branchville.

BLACKVILLE OCCUPIED AND ORANGE BURG THREATENED.

A SMALL UNION FORCE TWO MILES FROM CHARLESTON. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The Richmond Whige

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Richmond Whig of the 13th inst. contains the following despatch: "CHARLESTON, Feb. 10.—A force of the enemy, believed to be from 2,000 to 3,000 strong, landed at Grimballs, on James Island. this morning, and drove in our pickets. Some skirmishing took place, but no general engagement. Grimballs is on the Stone river, about two miles southwest of Charleston, the Ashley river, two thousand yards wide, interventing. West with his German singers, positively assures us that he is coming back, and will

ton, the Ashley river, two thousand yards wide, intervening.

"The enemy are making active demonstrations at various points, but they are believed to be feints.

"A force attacked our troops on the Salkahatohie this morning, but were easily repulsed. They also advanced upon the Charleston road, near the Blue House, and opened with artillery, but made no impression on our lines.

"Intelligence from the road to-day reports that the enemy crossed the Edisto at Beanecker's bridge. The enemy are moving on Edisto.

"A portion of Sherman's column, it was rumored yesterday, moved forward, crossing the South Edisto and fianking Branchville on the west, and advanced to Orangeburg on the Columbia and Branchville road, sixteen miles north of the latter point.

"Corporablyse is a beautiful village of shout and oint.
"Orangeburg is a beautiful village of about one day, per telegraph, from the Provost Marshal Gene thousand inhabitants, and has been a favorite re-treat of refugees from Charleston. It was largely engaged in the manufacture of indigo before the war."

The Whig also contains the following:

"THE LATEST FROM THE SOUTH—SHERMAN'S MOVEMENTS.—It will be remembered that on Friday, the 4th inst., Sherman crossed the Salkanatchie, between Blackstone and River Bridge, thereby completely outflanking our forces, and compelling them to fall back to Branchville.

"We have since learned that the Yankees forded the river through water waist deep at River bridge. A sharp engagement took place, which lasted several hours, in which General Wheeler's cavalry inflicted severe injury upon the enemy.

"On the 8th a heavy column of his infantry struck the South Carolina Railroad at Grahamsville, about eighteen miles west of Branchville, while Klipatrick, with a cavalry force, occupied Blacksville, on the game road, about nine miles a little northwest of Grahamsville."

Richmond papers of Tuesday, the 14th inst., fully

Richmond papers of Tuesday, the 14th inst., fully confirm the report of Sherman's occupation of Branchville, S. C., and of Orangeburg, 16 miles north of it. They state that a complete destruction of the railroads and property is going on. An advance on Columbia, the capital of the State, seems to be anticipated. Wheeler's cavalry is the only force that appears to be operating against Sher The Richmond Whig, of the 13th, says:

"We learn from the Charleston Courier, of the 6th, that on Saturday one transport and four of the enemy's barges landed troops at Little British and about a hundred men at Secret Post. About 2½ o'clock P. M. they advanced to King's Creek, and after skirmishing for a short time they retred, and our picket line was re-established. The enemy threw two shells at the city on Saturday."

THE SOUTH.

RICHMOND NEWS OF MONDAY

GREAT ALABM CREATED BY SHERMAN. PROCLAMATION OF GOVERNOR MCGRATH.

A FINAL APPEAL BY GENERAL LEE.

[Special Despatch to The Press.]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. Files of Richmond papers of Monday have been received. Their most important contents are the disclosure of the alarm created by Sherman's advance into South Carolina, and the manner in

which they propose to meet it. The Sentinel publishes a proclamation by Gov. McGrath to the people of South Carolina, calling struction of all property which cannot be reme The Exan Edisto and line of the South Carolina Railroad im portant events are in preparation. Sherman, who is making his cautious advance to ravage and ut-terly desolate South Carolina, is likely to find a lion in his path. Beauregard is in his front with the greater part of that ubiquitous army, the Tennessee, which was the other day before Nashville General Lee issues general orders as commanderin-chief, summoning his-army for the spring cam-paign, with a tone like a trumpet. He makes a final appeal to stragglers, and says that it is probably their last chance to bear a hand in the coming struggle of the war. The following is all the war news given: We may take the general fact as well established that Sherman's cavelry have cut the Augusta branch of the Geor-gia and South Carolina Railroad at various points from Midway, the first station beyond Branchville, geven miles distant from it towards Blackville. which is seventeen miles from Augusta; between these points there is about twenty miles stretch of railroad, which has doubtless been badly broken up. An official despatch has been received from General Beauregard, dated on appearance in considerable force on the South Edisto. We may expect at any hour news of a great battle. It is evident that Sherman has this force well acrois the railroad, and is moving upon the upper branch of the Edisto with a design of executing chor Musical Society, which occasionally a flank movement upon Branchville, while at the gives us some public exhibitions, as well as same time he threatens Augusta. The Sentinel has and wisdom in all ages have determined that for executive duties and for prompt, energetic action, there must be a single will, and the great duty o efforts are not to be passed over with a legislative bodies in times like these, where action is of great importance to the Government, is to confer discretion and watch its exercise. Let it be

remembered, there can be no exercise of power where there is no trust, and if the power is to be vigorous the trust must be larger.
[By Associated Press.] A CAVALRY BAID IN STAFFORD COUNTY, VA. The Richmond Whig, of the 13th, contains the following:

following:

"Passengers by the Fredericksburg train, yesterday afterneon, stated that it was reported in Fredericksburg that a Yankee cavalry force, variously estimated, accompanied by a large wagon train, had reached the upper part of Stafford county, and was moving in the direction of that town.

"We give the rumor for what it is worth, but can see no reason why so heavy a force would, at this season of the year, attempt a raid or march through a country as bare of provisions and forage as the Yankee is of principle." WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The Richmond Whig of

Grant had entered the James, It needs confirmation. If there were any transports there it is questionable whether they really had troops aboard, as it is more than probable that Grant regards it expedient to send reinforcements to Sherman rather than squat more men in the trenches in front of Petersburg or Chaffin's, The transports, if not Imaginary: may be intended for this purpose.

"A large fire ingimarianna, Fra., destroyed the court house, telegraph office, and Nickel's hotel. The loss was very large.

"Our latest exchanges from the South embrace the following dates: Columbia, Feb. 7th; Charleston, 4th; Augusta, 5th; Macon, 2d; Columbus, 1st; Atlanta, 1st; Mongomery, 31st ult.; Selma, 29th; Mobile, 28th. The Confederate postal system is a great institution, worthy of the days of Noah."

Mobile, 28th. The Confederate postal system is great institution, worthy of the days of Noah." REBEL NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- The Richmond Whig, of Monday, says:

"A letter in the Mobile Register, dated Osyka, Miss, Jan. 27, states that reports from the river concur as to the passage of large numbers of troops down the river to New Orleans. One report estimates the number at 40,000. Cavalry preparations on a large scale are also said to be going on at Baton Rouge, and another raid is expected soon. Mobile is generally supposed to be the object of these preparations."

FORTRESS MONROE. FORT MONROE, Va., Feb. 13.—The barges Fashion and Samuel Wooley left here last night, in tow of the steamer Diamond State, for Baltimore, for repairs, and when about twenty five miles up the bay, both went to pieces in a very heavy gale that was blowing at the time. The captain of the Fashion was lost, and the others were all picked up in an almost frozen condition, by the Diamond State and teamer Louisiana, and brought here. Both barges

were light.

The Diamond State broke her rudder in the gale, and had to return here.

Colonel R. C. Webster, chief quartermaster at his post, has been assigned to duty elsewhere, and Captain Wm. L. James, A. Q. M., who has been on duty at this post for a long time, is now acting as chief quartermaster in the place of Col. Webster. The schooner John R. Frimplin got aground last right on the sand shoals, northward of Cape Charles. The crew were all taken off by the schooner Warren Blake, bound to Portland, Maine, It is thought the schooner may be saved. The storm has been quite severe along the coast. The weather was quite rough here last night.

The Weather. BATHTWORK, Feb. 15 .- There has been a heavy hall and rain storm here all day, with heavy showers it may be well to state that the same corporation to night. The temperature is mild, indicating a has under contract a branch road from Litiz to Lan-

thaw.

WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, February 15

THE DRAFT. It has been incorrectly stated that Provost Mar shal General Fay has issued an order to the provost marshals postponing the draft.

The terms of the President's proclamation of De cember 19th, 1864, calling for 300,000 men, in order to supply a deficiency under the call of July 18th 1864, provides that "in case the quota or any par thereof of any town, township, ward of a city, p sinct or election district, or of a county not so subdivided, shall not be filled before the 15th day of February, 1865, then a draft shall be made to fill such quots, or any part thereof, under that call, which may be unfilled on the said 15th day of Feb reary, 1865."

In pursuance of this proclamation, the Provos

Marchal General, on Monday, issued instruction to the provost marshals, requiring them, in all those districts and sub-districts wherein the quotas should not be filled to-day, to proceed to make preparations for a draft, just as he did prior to the previous drafts, neither of which took place until some time after he day, up to which time was given by the proclamation for recruiting. The preparations for the draft will be consummat ed as speedily as possible, and there is every reason to suppose that the draft will be made at an early

THE ARMIES TO BE PAID. The Secretary of the Treasury has commence paying the troops. General Schorisho's army has already been provided for, and to-day the Secretary commenced signing the warrants for the pay of the Army of the Potomac. It is expected that all the other armies will be paid as rapidly as it can be done with safety. ORDERS OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENE-The following are the instructions issued vester

ral's office:

WAR DEPARTMENT,

PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL'S BUREAU,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13, 1865.

To all Acting Assistant Provest Starshals General, except Connecticut, Iowa, California, and Oregon.

See that all the boards of enrolment in your jurisdiction, which are net busily employed in examining and mustering recruits, prepare at once to commence drafting. Report as seen as possible what districts are not rapidly filling their quotas, and the day on which the ward in each will be prepared to draft, so that the order for draft may issue from this office. James B. FRY, Provost Marshal General.

THE EXPLOSION AT FORT FISHER. The board of officers appointed to investigate and report upon the cause of the explosion of the magaine in Fort Fisher have made their report to Gen TERRY. The opinion of the board is that the explosion was the result of carelessness on the part of persons to them unknown. It appears from the

finding:

First. That immediately after the capture of the fort, General Ames gave orders to Lieut. Colonel Samuel M. Zent, 13th Indians Volunteers, through Captain George W. Hinckens, 4th New Hampshire Volunteers, A. A. A. General, 3d. Brigade, 2d Division, to place guards on all the magazines and bomb proofs.

Second. That Lieut. Col. Zent commenced on the northwest corner of the fort, next the river, following the traverrees round; and placed guards on thirtyone entrances under the traverses. The main magazine, which afterwards exploded, being in the rear of the traverses, escaped his notice, and consequently had no guards from his regiment or any other.

Third. That soldiers, sallors, and marines were running about with lights in the fort, entering bomb proofs with these lights, intoxicated and discharging fire arms. charging fire arms.

Fourth. That persons were seen with lights, searching for plunder in the main magazine, some ten or fitteen minutes previous to the explosion.

SWORD PRESENTATION. Last night a splendid sword was presented to Brigadier General Byron Fibros, of Michigan, by Senator Wilkinson. Speeches were made by Se-nator W. and Representative Kellogg, of Michigan. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were

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SENATE.

Mr. JOHNSON. of Maryland, announced the death of Senator Hicke, from that State, and concluded his remarks by offering the customery resolutions of respect. These were adopted, and sent to the House of the Conce of Mr. Willet, of West Virginia, and Mr. Hall, of Mr. Willet, of West Virginia, and Mr. Hall, of Mr. Willet, of West Virginia, and Mr. Hall, of Mr. Chember, and placed in the area fronting the Secretary's table, a band of music playing a dirgs.

The Rev. Dr. Nadali delivered a discourse on the Christian and pastriotte character of Senator Hicks.

Among those in attendance were President Lincoln, and Messrs. Seward, Speed, and Dennison, of his Cabinet, the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States Senators and Representatives, and the Masonic Knights Templar, in full drees. The proceedings were of a solemu and imposing character. The gaileries were densely crowded with spectators. The procession let the Senate Chamber at half past three o'dock, and conveyed the corpse to the Congressional Cemetery. On the return of the Senators to their Chamber the Senate adjourned. SENATE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a message from the Prevident, enclosing acopy of a despatch addressed to the Secretary of State, relating to an international exhibition to be held in Norway; also, a message enclosing a despatch from our minister in Portugal, stating that an international exhibition will be held at Oporto, Portugal, August 18th, and inviting contributions of American products. Both messages were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. HUSBARD, of lows, a respiration was adopted instructing the Committee on Invariat Pensions to Invalve what further legislation, it may, is nacessary to tecure to minor children of deceased soldiers their rights under the law as heirs, in case of the death or marriage of the widow.

Mr. INGERSOLL offered a resolution, which was referred to the Library Committee, proposing to buy for twenty, five hundred dollars the portrait of Gen. Grant, now exhibited in the rotunda.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill extending for five years the time for the construction of a railroad from Marquetts to the Wiscopsin State line for the benefit of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, etc. It was rejected; years 56, nays 58.

A message was received from the Senate announcing the ac ion taken by that body respecting the death of Senator Hicks. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. the ac ion taken by that body respecting the death of Senator Hiots.

Mr. WEBSIER, of Maryland, spoke of the private and public career of the deceased, and said it was during his Gubernatorial term that this wieked rebellion was inaugurated, and when it was necessary to secure the eco-operation of Maryland to give success to the lafamous purposes of the conspirators, which included the selzure of the national capital, never did he do snything to assist the releas or injure the national cause. Governor Hicks was the early friend of immediate emancipation in Maryland, and urged others to unite in its support. In conclusion, Mr. Webster offered reso utions expressive of sorraw for the death of Senator Hicks, to wear the usual bades of mourning for thirty days, to attend his funeral, &c.

Mr. CRESWELL, of Maryland, paid his humble tribute to the private virtues and public benefactions of his deceased friend, who never faltered in the path of dury.

daty.
Messrs SMITHERS, of Delaware, and RELLEY, of Penn-yivania, also paid their tributes to the patriotic character of the deceased.
The members proceeded to the Senate Chamber to attend the obsequies. When they returned the House addressed. HARRISBURG. NON-POSTPONEMENT OF THE DRAFT.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 15.—Adjutant General Russell has just received the following despatch from Provest Marshal General Fry:
"The time for raising new organizations is hereby extended to the 1st of March, but this authority loes not postpone or interfere with the draft.
"J. B. FRY, Provost Marshal Gen."

[Special Correspondence of The Press.] HARRISBURG, Feb. 15, 1865. It will be remembered that some weeks ago the Senate adopted a resolution instructing the Comlittee on Banks to inquire and report whether any of the banks of this State have paid their dividends in specie for the purpose of evading the payment of the proper State taxes, and giving the committee power to send for persons and papers. It was then understood that three banks had been thus decellet. the Montgomery County, the Southwark, and the Lancaster County. Senator Graham, the chairman of the committee, addressed letters to the president of each of these institutions. From the Lancaster County Bank a response has come that, since the suspension of specie payments, they have to the stockholders in coin, but always in current lawful money of the United States, and that they have never taken any action with a view to avoid Bank president reports that prior to becoming a gations in specte, when so demanded, and hence dividends, as well as notes of the bank, have been paid in coin; but it never paid specie, either as dividends or otherwise, with a view of evading a The Montgomery County Bank officers, a commit-

tee from which corporation is expected here this af-ternoon, answer through their solicitor, who says that he informed the officers in October last, that, as coin was lawful money, dividends could be paid in and that there was nothing in the law that required them to pay the State any more tax for paying in coin than in any other kind of lawful money; that, in fact, they would have no right to sell coin and convert it into other currency to pay dividend with, as the law forbids them selling coin from their vaults. In consequence of this advice they declared their November dividend one half in coin and onehalf in currency. The exhibition given last evening in the hall of the House by the pupils of the Blind Institution at. racted one of the largest assemblages of interested spectators which has ever been witnessed in Harri ourg. The principal, Mr. Chapin ; the prefect, Mr.

Burns; a few of the teachers, and nearly forty of the pupils, came up from Philadelphia yesterday, accompanied by Mr. Morris Patterson. After the exhibition had closed, Mr. Kerr of Allegheny offered a resolution of thanks to the representatives of your excellent institution, who had afforded such a delightful evening's repast; which was unanimously adopted. To-night they give a concert at the court house for the edification of the citizens. The Committee of Ways and Means go down to Philadelphia to morrow, and on Friday will visit the institutions which receive annuities from the State. Mr. Cochran, your indefatigable Representative, is the chairman of the committee.

The opposition to Major Dodge has onliminated in a resolution requesting the President to remove him. The feeling against this officer has increased

rapidly since the developments were made relative to the cruel treatment of the soldiers at Camp Our-tin. If report is correct, tevldence against him, as elicited from investigation by the State authorities, is of the most damning character.

Your railroad companies must be on the alert, as they will find that a corporation in the interior, which now appears only insignificant, may be sum-ciently powerful to get a little ahead of them. I refer to the Reading and Columbia Railroad Company, and their plan to have a bill passed, which, in he end, will result in the construction of a new through line from New York to the South, which will leave Philadelphia out in the cold. Mr. Robert Crane, the superintendent of the road, has been here, and, being an old member, understands how to manage such matters. He gave his bill on Monday night to Senator Dunlap, of Lancaster, to read, but thus far has been unable to get it out of the Railroad Committee, thanks to your Philadelphia Senators who have at least temporari the Reading and Columbia company may have the right to build a road from Lancaster to Safe Har-bor; but when the old through route project is remembered, and also the fact that the rest of the ting to Raltimore is either completed or the charter granted, you can see how important it is that the scheme should be crushed. In connection with this has under contract a branch road from Little to Lancaster, in anticipation, evidently, of the extension

after call, at 204%.

asked for; but although they may gain a point in this respect, they will lose their prestige among the people in the vicinity of Manheim, who will thus ROB ROY. be playing the second fiddle.

Legislative Proceedings.

SENATE. Mr. RANDALL presented potitions from citizens of Schuylkill county relative to overcharge of fares and tolls on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. BILLS IN PLACE. Mr. McCANDLESS, one incorporating the Legal-Mr. McCANDLESS, one incorporating the LegalTender Oil Company.

Mr. LOWRY, one incorporating the Oil Lake and
Titusville Transportation Company.

Mr. Wilson, one incorporating the Tioga Oil, Tanning, and Lomber Company.

Mr. SCHALL, one incorporating the La Plata Silver
Mining Company of Nevada

Mr. LEMING, one relative to the election of subcol
directors in Harrisburg.

Mr. ONNELL, a further supplement to the act ensbling joint tenants and others to develop mineral lands,
anticrizing them to issue a larger number of shares
then are new showed

The resolution of Mr. Lowry, recommitting to the
Tension Committee their report made some days since,
relative to suspending the payment of pensions to solciers of 1812, except under certain circums:ances, came
up for consideration. Mr. Lowry's resolution calls for
the recommittal of the report, with instructions to the
committee to report in favor of granting to old soldiers
and their widows, who are poor and destitute, a gratuity of \$40, and an annuity of \$40.

After 9 lens thy debate the recolution was carried by
a vote of 22 yeas to 6 nays.

The bill competiting railroad companies to report accidents pessed finally.

Mr. Kilog WAY called up the bill incorporating the The bill compeliing railroad companies to report accidents pessed finally.

Mr. RIDG WAY called up the bill incorporating the Eagle Mining Company. Passed.

Also, a bill vacating part of Cherry street (now called Montgomery avenue), which passed.

The act relative to graduating public lands, which was debated yesterday, passed finally.

Mr. HALL called up the following resolutions, which had been previously reported by the Committee on Federal Relations:

OINT RESOLUTIONS EXLATING TO THE WAR AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS EXLATING TO THE WAR AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE UNION.

Whereas: These called Confederate States have taken up arms against the Government of the United States without say provecation and for the avowed purpose of asserting and matitations; their independence and still persist by armed resistance to the authority of the United States in endesvoring to overthrow the Government; and interests by armed resistance to the authority of the United States in endeavoring to overthrow the Government; and Wegriego. Our national authorities have declared it was their duty to decline to accept of any terms short of alsolute submission to the laws, and the rabel leaders have lately declared that they would lay down their arms on no condition thort of independence and a recognition of their right to destroy the ration; therefore, Recolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Communecalth of Pennsylvania; That while peace—immediate, complete, and lasting—is grantly to be desired; and extrestly to be labored for, we hold that no peace is practicable or desirable that does not involve the integrity of the Union, the entire submission of the robel nuthrities to the Government, with a promite of obedience to its laws; and recognizing donestic slavery as the cause of the rebeliton, we hall with delight the recent action of the American Congress by which the land may be rid of this cares which made rebellion possible, and the total abandonment of which will make its recurrence impossible

Recolved. That a copy of these recolutions be sent to one Senators and Representatives in Congress

Mr. WALLACE moved to amend by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting as follows:

That the President of the United States be requested to use fall honorable and inst means to bring about a listing peace, and the ree establishment of fraternal relations among all the people by a restoration of the Union was intended to secure to them and us.

The amendment was lote by a vote of 17 mays to 13 yeas.

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yeas. The resolutions were still under consideration at the time of adjournment. HOUSE.

Mr. KELLY offered a resolution asking the President the United States to remove Major Richard J. Dodge, eistant provest marshal of Pennsylvania, from his stition, and directing the Governor to forward a copy this resolution to the President. Passed—ayes 63, 19218 of in is lesonation to the analysis.

Mr. KELLY desired to amend the above by appointing a special committee of two members of each house to carry the above resolution to the President (Instead of offseting the Governor to send a copy.) Unanimousy agreed to.

Bir. KELLY stated that, although he had been in ser-Mr. KELLY stated that, although he had been in service anc seen hardships, he had never seen men treated as they were in Camp Curtin; more, in fact, like dogs then men. When fresh from their nomes they were placed in open tents, without blankets, and lying around on the freezing floor like animals. He (Mr. Keliy) had conversed with some of these men in the faccutive Chamber yesterday. Thair feet were actually frozen. For all this, Major Dodge was responsible, for he had entire control of the camp.

Mr. SUHKNCK concurred in every word of the above. An act incorporating the Woodburn Mining Company (California Oil Company) passed—year 58, nays 18.

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BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. THOMAS, as follows: "That from and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful for any city passed year company within the limits of the city of Philadelphia to demand or receive a higher fare or compensation from each passages; over the line or road of nay one company, as originally incorporated."

Mr. RUDDIMAN, an act requiring parties to whom debts or moneys are paid to give a receip! for the same, the expense of stamp to be borns by the party requiring the receipt. This act to apply where debts over one coller in amount are paid.

Mr. COCHRAN, appointing an additional notary public for Philadelphia.

Mr. SUTPHIN, paying William O. Sayder \$10 as contestant for a seat in the Legislature in 1862.

Mr. SMITH, appointing a clerk in the Auditor General's office to make report and keep record of all delinquent corporations (in the matter of taxation).

Mr. DONNELLY, to widen Cadwalader street in the Seventeenth ward.

Mr. FEREMENN, authorizing the issue of chattel eventeenth ward Mr. FREELORN, authorizing the issue of chattel Mr. Franklichen, authorizing the result of shakes, mortzagea.
Mr. DEHAVEN, incorporating the Norris Park Mining Company, of Colorado. Also, supplement to the Tenth and Eleventh-street Railroad, allowing extension of the track between floatgomery street and Germantown road. Also, repealing the act to open Palaski street. Also, vacating part of the Township line road. Also, equalizing the territory of the Eighteenth and Ninettenth wards
Mr. HOOD, incorporating the South-Penn Hose Company.

pany.

An act relative to the patenting of lands at the beds of rivers (which had been referred to the Committee of Ways and Means) was reconsidered by a vote of 42 ayes to 35 ness. The act allows such lands to be patented, and gives the State five per cent. of all revenues to be derived therefrom.

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Mr. McCl.URE offered an amendment requiring those who may purchase the lands to make monthly statements of the revenues to the Commonwealth, and to pay the same at Harrisburg. Agreed te.

Mr. COCHRAN, of Poliadelphia, stated that some of the gentiemen of the House were engaged in perfecting a more complete bill, and for this reason he desired a portponement. Agreed to, and the bill was made the special order for Tneedey evening next.

Mr. JOSEPHSTeported favorably an act incorporating the Seemen's Boarding House.

Mr. QUIGLEX celled up as est incorporating the Newada Gold and Silver Mining Company.

Mr. LEIDY denounced this class of mining bills as being intended to swindle the people.

Mr. QUIGLEX defended the bill as honest, legitimate, and tair, and calculated to develop the wealth of the territories. erritories Pending the question the House adjourned.

NEW YORK CITY.

BUFFECTS OF THE COLD SNAP.

Our harber is at present almost blockaded with ice, and presents a most bleak and inhospitable ap-

pearance. All the shipping is moored at the wharves. The slips are filled with floating fragments. Travel

upon the ferries is more or less impeded. A week of such weather would in all probability freeze the

bay completely over; indeed, were it not for the

continual plying of the ferry-boats, both day and

night, this ice fettering might have been already

A perfect fleet of cotton vessels, consisting of no

wannsh yesterday afternoon, under convoy.

Mile. Helene de Katow, the Russian violoncel-

list, and Mr. Wehli, "plano-forte virtuoso," have

achieved an unequivocal success at Niblo's Saloon.

DEATH OF WILLIAM FORREST.

Death has just cut down one of our "brave old pedagogues" in the person of William Forrest. In

past years he held somewhat the rank, so far as

New York is concerned, which in England was held by Dr. Arnold of Rugby. It seemed as though every one had been educated by him or knew him, or had been brought within the circle of the genial

influence which he diffused. The kindly old gentle-man lived beyond the full measure of three score

years and ten; then died in possession of all those

FROM PORT BOYAL. S. C.

EVENING STOCK BOARD.

become wretchedly slow.

No names yet learned.

Arrived from Philadelphia, maximizat, at Fiushing.
Salled for Philadelphia Jan. 29th, Rebecca. The steamer Bremen, for New York, put into Cowes on Jan. 30th, her captain being dead.
The North American reports, Feb. 5th, exchanged signals with steamship Moravian, for Liverpool, 378 miles west of Tory Island. [Special Correspondence of The Press] NEW YORK, Feb. 15, 1865. REBEL RAMS AGAIN. If, as is now asserted with a marked degree o positiveness, this city is to fall a prey to the rebel fron-člads, Sphynx and Cheops, let history at least Commercial Intelligence.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.—The funds are flat. Concils drooping. Money in good demand at 5 per cent. The Daily News says the depression in the funds is to some extent caused by apprehensions that much mischief will be occasioned among the cotton spaculators in the event of a suspension of hostilities in America. AMERICAN SECURITIES—Illinois Central shares 52935 per cent. discount: Frie shares 22935; U. S. five-twenties 54: Consols 524,0534 for money.

LONDON MARKETS.—Breadstuffs quiet and advancing. Sugar quiet and decluning. Coffee easier. The firm Rice quiet. Tailow lanctive.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET—LIVERPOOL, Feb. 2—The Cotton market opened dull and lower, but rallied and recovered the decline, closing with renewed flatness. Sales for four days 22,000 bales, including STATE OF TRADE. The Manchester market is flat, with a contract of the supplementation of the supplementation of the Manchester market is flat, with well declining. Commercial Intelligence. record that her citizens bothered themselves but little in anticipation of their fate. That a staunch iron-clad could run into our harbor, despite its forts. every body understands, and as yet we hear nothing about the driving of obstructions, or the manufacture of torpedoes, the stretching of gigantic chains, or indeed the inception of any method which could effectually bar out the enemy. This cry of "wolf" has been so frequently raised that we have grown incredulous, and every note of alarm is now regarded as a mere canard invented for the purpose of proving the enterprise of the paper which b. 600 io speculators and exporters.

STATE OF TRADE—The Manchester market is fist, with a still declining tendency.
LIVERFOOL BREADETUFFS MARKET.—Flour dull and nominal. Wheat flat, with little inquiry, and prices weak. Corn tends downward, and is 3d lower. Mixed 221/2018s.
LIVERFOOL PROVISION MARKET.—Beef steady and unchapped. Pork scarce and firm. Bacon bnoyant. Butter steady. Lard firm. Tallow steady.
LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET.—Asbes quief. Supar steady Coffee inactive. Rice, small sales. Linseed Oil firm. Rosin steady. Spirits Turpentine nominal at 6:2078 d. Petroleum flat.

LATEST VIA. GEERCASTLE.
LIVERPOOL. Feb. S.—Cotton sales for the week 1,500 bales, of which 6,500 were to speculators, and 4,501 to exporters. The marks tis irregular and dull, with considerable decline in all qualities, which was, however, partially recovered, closing id lower for American on the week, and 1/202 lower for other descriptions. The following are the authorized quotations:

Orleans. 25/24. publishes it. The truth, however, of this defence-lessness of our harbor is a very sober one; one, too, that is not forgotten by the more thoughtful of our citizens. As against the old mode of naval warfare we could assuredly boast of a comparative impregnability; but a Cheops or a Sphynz would shed the concentrated fire of the forts at the Narrows, and steam to within shelling distance of the city, where she could dictate her own terms, we being powerless to resist. The Herald this morning gives the following description of these vessels:
"Mr. Arman, of Bordeaux, France, is the constructor of the two iron-clad rams. When our informant saw them one was on the stocks, and the other, the Sphynx, was launched. She is a full-

structor of the two fron-clad rams. When our in formant saw them one was on the stocks, and the formant saw them one was on the stocks, and the other, the Sphyx, was one pass The figure of the sphyx, we can appear the sphyre of the sphyre o

An Editor Fined. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 15.—In the United States Court to day, E. N. Fuller, editor of the Newark Journal, was fined \$100 for publishing articles against the United States enrolment act. He plead guilty, and made a statement to the court which mitigated the penalty.

Departure of the Africa—A Cargo of Butter. Boston, Feb. 15 .- The steamship Africa sailed less than twenty-one craft, arrived here from Sa- for Liverpool at noon to-day, taking \$50,000 worth of butter as a part of her cargo. A. J. Polk and amily, of Tennessee, are among the passengers. Connecticut Politics. New HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 15 .- Governor Buck-

> nated for re-election to-day, by acclamation, at the Union State Convention. Non-Arrival of the Asia. HALIPAX, Feb. 15-8 P. M.—There are no signs of the Asia, now due from Liverpool, with advices of Feb. 4th. The weather is thick and mild. BEOTHER IGNATIUS.—Extraordinary doings con-

BECTHER IGNATUS.—Extraordinary doings continue to be reported in connection with the monastery of the English Order of St. Benedict at Norwich. The monks recently entertained several poor people to a good dinner of beef, pudding, and ale, a nun and some sisters of the Mount Calvary division of the third order superintending. About thirty sat down in the refectory. After vespers, the younger portion of the company spent the evening in amusing games, in which several of matured powers which only seemed mellowed by the the Sir Charles Coldstream, is used up. His occulpation is gone. His day has been kept in a very slovenly manner. At the Post Office scarcely onethe younger portion of the company spent the evening in amusing games, in which several of the elder brothers of the third order joined. A game called the "Old Mail Coach" caused much mirth among the boys, Brother Ignatius himself relating the story and crying the forfeits. On another occasion there was an "exposition of the blessed sacrament at the altar of the Virgin and the shrine of the Bambino." On another day the infant Samuel was brought in, invested as a miniature priest, and was crowned with flowers. He was enthroned by the acolytes in front of the altar, and was enthroned by the acolytes in front of the he were a little monarch for the time being. On the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Thomas à Becket, Brother Ignatius preached a sermon in his bonor, asserting that he was the saviour of the Church of England, and that his blood shedding communicated new life to the cause of the Gospel in England. Processions with the Bambino round the convent premises, early communion at the church of St. Lawrence, in connection with the services of the Rev. E. A. Hillyard, and a long and endless teries of special services fill up the time of the monks, who, it is stated, received during the late fretive season plenty of good cheer from all parts of the kingdom. The sister of Lord Stafford, who resides at Namur, in Belgium, has purchased a large mansion in Norwich, formerly occupied by Oaptain Ives, for the purpose of adapting it to a numbery in connection with the Roman Cathelle tenth of the number of flambouant, embassed enve lopes, which in past times floeded the boxes, have een received. The Saint, his day, drags, and has RAILWAY ACCIDENT.
The Owl train, from New Haven, was thrown from the track early this morning, near Westpert. No one was killed, but several are reported injured-The steamer Arago, from Port Royal on Feb. 11, has arrived here. Among her passengers are General Foster and family. On the evening of the 11th, off Charleston, saw and heard very sharp At Gallagher's Exchange, to-night-Gold was quoted at 205; New York Central, 114%; Erie, 76%; Hudson River, 107%; Reading, 113%; Illinois Central, 118%; Pittsburg and Fort Wayne, 84%; Rock Island and Chicago, 96; Northwestern, 35; do. preferred, 65%; Onto and Mississippi Certificates, 25%; Cumberland Coal, 57%; Mariposa, 13%.

EUROPE.

coned till the 8th of March. THE NORTH AMERICAN AT PORTLAND RISE OF AMERICAN SECURITIES.

The Sonora Treaty between France and Mexico THE TELEGRAPH OPENED FROM BAG DAD TO BOMBAY. PORTLAND, Feb. 15-6.45 P. M.-The steamship North American arrived this evening with Liverpool advices of Feb. 2d. The Nova Scotian arrived out on the 1st; the Elinburg on the 2d inst.; the New York on the 29th ult.,

and the Asia on the 30th ult. The North American, on her outward trip, arrived at Liverpool on the 31st of January.

The new Inman steamer City of Boston arrived at Liverpool, from the Ciyde, after a very satisfac tory trial trip. She leaves on Feb. 8th for New York, under command of Captain Kennedy. tory trial trip. She leaves on Feb. 8th for New York, under command of Captain Kennedy.

The news taken out by the Nova Scotian of continued Federal successes, coupled with the reiterated peace rumors, had exercised a material influence on the English market for American sadarities and produce. Satterthwatte's circular says: "We have to report a very active and excited market for American securities, caused by the reports of Federal successes, and the rapid decline of geld in New York. The scarcity of five-twenties, which existed for some time, appeared on the recent fettlement to have increased, so that there has been quite a rush to cover "bear" sales, and bonds which closed at 47 this day week came rapidly up until they touched 5t. For Illinois Contral there has been good inquiry, and they advanced \$2. Eries were pressed for sale, closing with selers at 32 ex-dividend."

The London Times publishes a lengthy opinion of Wm. M. Evarts, of New York, as the power of English creditors to recover debts in Federal courts on a specie basis. The opinion winds up as follows:

"Foreign transactions are necessarily made and expressed in foreign controls in American currency would be introducing a monstrous inequality to the prejudice of foreign creditors, which might justify give offence; indeed, our courts would thus be practically closed against the enforcement of foreign debts, and of consequent commercial credit, without which foreign commerce cannot be carried on, and will fall."

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The Morning Post's city article says: "The last advices from Mexico allude to the rumored cession of Senora to France as a guarantee for the French Mexican debt. A preliminary treaty to this effect was, it is reported, concluded in the latter end of Newton Characterial Contraction." Mexican debt. A preliminary treaty to this effect was, it is reported, concluded in the latter end of November. The Mexican Government is, however, to keep the sovereignty of Sonora. The immediate occupation of Sonora by French troops is also mentioned, a portion of the same having, it is said, already left Acapulco for that destination."

The Bourse was heavy on the 1st Inst., and rentes declined 14. closing at 66.95c.

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Vienns papers publish an analysis of the Prussian reply to the last note of Austria on the question of the duchtes. Prussia will await the opinion of the legal advisers of the Crown before coming to a decision concerning the interests of these countries and the succession questien. Great stress is laid on the wish of Prussia to come to an understanding with Austria, without which the Prussian Government could arrive at no solution. Prussia has important naval interests on the northern frontier, as Austria has on ner frontiers. Before these interests are settled Prussia cannot enter into any discussion of the succession question.

The same provincial correspondence of Berlin says: "It is said that the deliberations of the Cabinet on the Schleswig-Holstein question will in a very short time have so far advanced as to render Cabinet on the Schleswig-Holstein question will in a very short time have so far advanced as to render possible a precise statement of the indispensable conditions and stipulations, the fulfilment of which Prussia will see guaranteed before any further step can be taken."

A new Prussian military bill had been drawn up and approved by the King, and would be laid before the Chambers in a few days.

A despatch from Constantinople announces the opening, of telegraphic communication between Bagdad and India. The first message was from the Governor of Bagdad to the Governor of Bombay, on the 29th of January.

News By THE CHYY OF DIRECTS

NEWS BY THE CITY OF DUBLIN.

The following summary of news was sent out by the City of Dublin, which left Liverpool on Feb. 1:

The news of the capture of Fort Fisher added materially to the prevalent depression among Southern sympathizers, while the friends of the North were correspondingly elated. Federal securities improved & 22 per cent., while there was a corresponding fall in Confederate loan. The reiterated peace rumors baused a further decline in the Liverpool and Manchester cotton market, but there was a better feeling in Liverpool at the close.

It was generally supposed that the fall of Fort Fisher had closed Wilmington to the blockade-runers, and had deprived the South of foreign supplies. NEWS BY THE CITY OF DUBLIN. piles.
The Lendon Times says the policy of the North is evidently to isolate the rebels as the first necessity for a successful termination of the war.
Minister Adams had a long interview with Earl Russell on the 28th ult., and this fact at the present involves therets account. juncture attracts comment.

The stormy weather continued around the English coast, and had caused many additional wrecks, but no American vessels are among the

wrecks, but no American vessels are among the number.

The Surrey Theatre, in London, was burnt during a performence, but the audience succeeded in escaping without loss of life.

The announcement of the death of M. Thouvenal was an error. It was a relative of his that died.

The French Government has issued stringent orders against interference with the Protestant Missions to Society Islands.

The King of Prussia, in reply to an address from the Upper House, regrets that the House of Representatives shown of disposition to meet his advances. He will unalterably abide by what he said in his speech from the throne, and predicts that the misunderstanding at present existing will soon disappear. pear.

The Spanish Senate had voted an address in response to the Queen's speech by 102 years to 58 nays.

The popular demonstrations at Turin continue.

Arrests were being made, but no serious disturbance had yet occurred. ance had yet occurred.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH VIA GREENCAS-

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LONDON, Feb. 3.—The Times' city article says the discount demand at the Bank yesterday was a full average. In the Stock Exchange there was an increased supply of money loans offered at 4 per cent.

Arrived from Philadelphia, Maximilian, at stablishment: street, above Sixth. lothing always on hand.

One Price. .

Under the "Continental." Under the "Continental."

bers of the various societies with which she warnected.

ELLIOTT.—On Fourth day morning, 16th inst., a
short illess, Mary Elliott, of No. 403 North Ta
street, in the 7rd year of her age.

Funeral on Seventh day afternoon, at 1 o'clock
the residence of her son in-law, Davis Moore, a
South Fourth street, where a steending he
daughter, also deceased. Interment at Laurelt til.

BRAN—On Sunday evening, February 12th,
Angelins Bean, widow o'lonn Bean, Req.

The relatives and rriends of the family are invistrend the 'uneral from the residence of her silaw, R. E. Chain, Req. in Norristown, on Thusat one o'clock P. M. Divine service at two o'clock
St. John's Church. Funeral to proceed to Monty
Cometay D. C. Albanda. and natural color, may be preserved to a good old age. Its premature decay and loss may be pre-Even after the Hair has begun to perish and fall the natural functions may be restored, and it made healthful and luxuriant again, by consulting Dr. Astley, who has recently come to our city and opened offices at 1838 Chestnut street, for the physilogical treatment of the Scalp and Hair. Office hours for ladies from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. Office hours for gentlemen from 2 to 6 P. M. fell-6t FURS AT COST.—Squirrel Muffs \$8 to \$10, worth \$12 to \$15. Mink Muss \$10 to \$20, worth \$15 to

do not intend to carry any over. CHARLES CARFORD & Son, Continental Hotel. fe13-8t until 8% P. M. for the present. ganizing see advertisement in another column. fil-7t by J. Isaacs, M. D., Oculist and Aurist, 511 Pine 8t Artificial eyes inserted. No charge for examination GEORGE STECK & Co.'s Planes, and Mason Hamlin's Cabinet Organs, for sale only by J. E. Gould, Seventh and Chestnut streets.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

The Continental.

Col J M Young, US A
Thos M Lavoler, New York
C G Flich, Boston
Geo E Sampson, Boston
Henry Samory, Niew York
B Pomeroy, Wilconsin
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S J George, New York

W Tarr & wf. Boston

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H Kellogg, Mass
E Milbank, New York
LE Burton, USA

Mess M Geis, Pottsville
A Kimball, New York The American.

JS Grabam, New York
Berj F Bamill, US N
Beni G Simmons
W H Custis, Pennsylvanis
L D Davenport, New Jersey
A R Haight, New York
J W Carpenter, Camb city
J C Brown & wife, Penns
J Falston, Indiana eq
J A*Forman, Princeston
E A Garrison & Ia, N Jarsey
W E Hall, tmyrna, Dal
J M Guthrie, Ind co, Pa
S & Ford
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The Braft Postponed at Buffalo, N. Y. BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 15.—It is understood that the draft, to have taken place to-day, has been post-Marine Intelligence SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—Arrived, ship W. B. Dinemore, from New York. Sailed, ships Monsoon, for New York; Veritas, for Shanghae. Dante in Our Day.

Dante in Our Day.

(From the M. Y. Evening Post 1

We spoke last week of some remarks upon Dante that were made at the Century, in this city, by one of the members of that association. We note now some memorable facts in proof of the position which the name of the great Florentine is taking in modern thought in other countries as well as in Italy.

We have before us the Evangetical Calendar for 1865, the leading church year-book of orthodox Protestant Germany, a careful and learned annual of over two hundred pages. The leading article is upon Dante and his Theology, and occupies is upon Dante and his Theology, and occupies sixty-four pages, with two good engravings, the one a portrait of the poet and the other a sketch of the scere in Paradise of the interview with the three apostles who questioned him on theology. Professor Piper is the author of this learned article, and makes out that the poet was very much of a liberal in his religitus views, and deserves a high place among the heralds of the Reformation. The editors of the Calendar have acted in good faith upen this conviction, and put Dante's name upon their list of Providential personages who are to be regarded by devout Christians as worthy of being considered in the meditations of the Christian year or the annual of God and humanity. His date is September 14, the day of his death.

But the other side of Christendom is no way inclined to give up the great seer who has embodied the history, creed, and life of the old Catholicity in his worderful poem. We have before us a specimen of a magnificent new edition of the Divine Commedia, from the manuscript of the Convent of Mount Cassino, near Naples. The monks of Cassino introduce their work with an eloquent preface, in which they express peculiar love for the poet on account of his close poetical sympathy with St. Benedict, the head of their order. They speak a sentiment which all liberal scholers may repeat, when they say that they respond to the cry which has been rising for ages from the conscience of It L Segiem, New York
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BULKLEY-RILEY.—On the 14th inst, by the James M. Crowell, William Alexander Bulkley, A, and Mery A. Biley, daughter of Benjamin S 2 Eeq., of West Philadelphia.

COWPLAND.—In Washington City, on Monday II 18th finatant, of pneumonia, Miss Ann Cowpland. Her relatives and friends are respectfully invitation of her function of the form o

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The relatives and friends of the family are trissattend the funeral sarvices, at the residence of heracides, 2023 Green street, on Thursday afternous, unit, at 20 clock.

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We in America may not be expected to enter with any great personal or national enthusiasm into the May festival in honor of Daute's sixth centential. Our artists may be moved to make a 6 w feetches or pictures, and our poets and men of letters may contribute a few poems and essays. Our thoughtful men and women, however, will not be unmindual of the honor due to the Italian who was first to create the literature of the modern people, or of the common tongue, and whose name belongs with that of Columbus to the heritage of mankind. Honor to Italy for Dante and Columbus, the father of modern literature and the discoverer of the new world: T D C auss, Pa
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WS Wood, Honsel by John B. Myers & Co., auctioneers, Nos. 232 and 284 Market street. HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI.

A meeting of this body took place at Broad and Green streets last evening. The inclemency of the weather prevented the usually large gathering. The election for speaker was quite spirited, and recuited in the unanimous choice of Mr. Charles Henry Brock. We have no doubt that this will prove a creditable selection by the Alumni. Geo R Levan, Reading
Jacob G Kline, Panna
Chas Lerau, Princeton
Solomon Fidler, Orwigsb'g GUNPOWDER CONFISCATED.

On Tuesday atternoon the police seized two hundred and fifty kegs of gunpowder that had been on Washington avenue wherf over twenty-four hours. The powder was carefully covered with a tarpaulin to keep it secure from the weather. Yesterday the combustible material was removed to the magazine. It stands confiscated. The proceeds of its sale will accrue to the Association for the Relief of Disabled Firemen. GUNPOWDER CONFISCATED. SPECIAL NOTICES. COLGATE'S HONEY SOAP. This celebrated TOILET SOAP, in such univers mand, is made from the GHOICEST materials to

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WARDER.—On the 18th instant, Joseph Andrew ner, infant son of Otis and Mary S. Warner.

McGESA.—On Monday, the 18th inst., John M. M. In the 76th year of his age
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His relatives and friends are invited to attend neral from his late residence, No. 1137 Vine st., of ay, 16th linst., st 12 o'clock. Interment at 12. Southwestern burial ground.

HEMPHILL.—On the 18th inst., from would cay, 16th linst., and inst., from would cay the strength of the 18th inst., from would cay of the Land of the family, for the 18th inst., from woll devel at the capture of Fort Fisher. Lieut. Rich Moore, in the 57th year of his age.

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