lisher, until all arrearages are said. ADVERTIREMENTS inserted at the usual gates Jes Paisting dose with nestness and dis-

Orrice in South Baltimore street, directly opposite Wamplers' Tinning Establishment "Confices" on the sign.

Wanted.

200.000 BUSHELS WHEAT, RYR, CORN, OATS, SEEDS, &c. which the highest market prices will be paid. We have constantly on hand at wholesale and retail, Pish, Salt, Guano, Plaster, Coffee, Sugars, Molasses, Cedar-ware, Tobacco, Burning Pluid, Matches, Spices, Breinig & Fronefield's Cattle Powder, &c., to which we respectfully invite the attention of Merchants, as we are determined to sell at as low a figure as the same articles can be bought elsewhere. We have also on band a supply of the BEST QUALITY OF COAT. for Cook, Parlor and Bar-room Stoves, and for Blacksmith's use, which we are selling to be surpassed in quality. It embraces Dry low, as we receive it direct from the mines. Goods, of all kinds, such as Cloths, Cassimeres, low, as we receive it direct from the mines.

MILL FRED also for sale.

BASTRESS & WINTER.

New Oxford, Jan. 10, 1858. 3m*

Blanks!

OMMON Blank Deeds, single and double acknowledgment - Administrator's Deeds-Executor's Deeds, and for Administrators with the will annexed-Common and Judgment Bonds Country Merchants are invited to call and ex -Executions, Summonses, Bubpounes, Le., for sale at THE COMPILER office. Gettysburg, Feb. 14, 1859.

J. W. Scott,

(Late of the Firm of Winchester & Realt.)

ENTLEMEN'S PURNISHING STORE, and
SHIRT MANUPACTORY,
No. 814 CHESKUT STREET, (pearly opposite the

Girard House.)
PHILADELPHIA.

J. W. SCOTT would respectfully call the attention of his former patrons and friends to his new Store, and is prepared to fill orders for SHIRTS at short notice. A perfect fit orders for new Store, and is prepared to fill orders for of Liquors, Porsign and Domestic, such as Bran-SHIRTS at short notice. A perfect fit guarantied. COUNTRY TRADE supplied with Fixx SHIRTS and Country TRADE supplied with Fixx SHIRTS and Rectified Whiskey, Champagne, Ginger and Collars.

[Out. 4, 1859. 1y Brandy, Cordials, Kimmel, Anice,

Good and Cheap! FIRE undersigned would infurm his friends most reasonable rates and warranted good. By and the public generally, that he continues strict attention to business and an effort to please, the CARRIAGE-MAKING BUSINESS, in all we hope to merit the patronage of the public. its branches, at his establishment, in Kast Middie Street, (near the east end.) Gettysburg, Pa., where he has on hand a first-rate lot of work. and is prepared to put up to order whatever may be desired in his line, viz ;--Rockaway and Boat-body Carriages. Falling-Top, Bockaway and Trotting Bug-gies, Jersey Wagons, &c. With good workmen and good materials, he can

pledge his work to be of the hest quality—and his prices are among the lowest, Repairing doue at short notice, and at personable rates. Country produce taken in exchange for work. Call!

JACOB TROXEL, June 15, '57.

To the Country,

To the Country,

OOD NEWS.—I have rented the Foundry for the ensuing year, and am prepared is make the different kinds of Castings usually made at a Foundry. I will keep constantly on hand the different kinds of PLOUGHS, Points, Shares, Cutters, &c.; Pots, Kettles, Pans, Wash
of the analy machines that will do the work that is required of a Sewing Machine. Call and examine and see for yourselves burnes and for durability cannot be beat—there being now in use over 15,000 of Singer's Machines, which recommends that will do the work that is required of a Sewing Machine. Call and examine and see for yourselves before purchasing elsewhere. For beauty they cannot be surpassed, where. For beauty they cannot be surpassed, and for durability cannot be beat—there being now in use over 15,000 of Singer's Machines, which recommends that will do the work that is required of a Sewing Machine. Call and examine and see for yourselves before purchasing elsewhere. For beauty they cannot be surpassed, where. For beauty they cannot be beat—there being now in use over 15,000 of Singer's Machines, which recommends the first particular of the Machine, and if you have any notion of the Machine, and if you have any notion of the Machine, and if you have any notion of the Machine, and if you have any notion of the Machine, and if you have any notion of the Machine, and if you have any notion of the Machine, and if you have any notion of the Machine, and if you have any notion of the Machine. ing Machines, &c.; Stoves and Machinery; Porone you will be cortain to buy. Machines of
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and but up with disputch.

One you will be cortain to buy. Machines of
every variety of Singer's on hand. Every family
should have one of the Family Machines, for they

and put up with dispatch.

All orders will be attended to promptly; but are certainly a handsome and useful piece of furniture. They are not liable to get out of rebeing without capital, and money being ageostary to carry on the business. I will be come pelled to sell for cash, but on all country work per cent. will be deducted. Suitable trade will be taken, if delivered at the time of purchasing. Give us a call. E. M. WARREN.

Gettysburg, June 1, '57.

Jan 3, 1850.

Gettysburg Railroad.

M. for Hanoves, returning with presengers from York. Harrisburg, Columbia, Philadelphia, and the North and West.

The above arrangement has of necessity to be adquired at threems, but it is expected that early in Barch such a spring assengement will be made on the N. C. R. R. as to enable passengers aver the Gettysburg R. R. to go through to Baltimore without may delay such as the present arrangement will occasion

HILLERT McCCHOY, Prost Feb. 21, '59. tf

WM. GILLESPIE.

Family Grocery ND PROVISION STORE.—GILLESPIE 4 THOMAS respectfully inform the people of cettysburg and the public generally, that they have just returned from the city with a general as a rement of GROCERIES. PROVIS-10NS and VEGETABLES, which they are pre-pared to sell as low as the lowest. FLOUR and FEED always on hand, and sold at small profits. Store on York street, one door east of Wate Gettysburg, Aug. 3, '57.

New Livery
ESTABLISHMENT.— CRABLE
M. Targ has opened a new
Livery establishment, at the stables

on Washington street, occupied in part by the seagle Hotel," and has made such arrangepublic at all times, on reasonable terms, with Horses, Buggies, Hacks, &c. Hi-stock is good. On funeral occasions, &c., he will be able to supply a want which has seen much needed. [May 24, '58. Terms CASH.

Fine Old Brandies, MIE subscribers, importers and Dealers in WINES & LIQUUIS, would most respectsuity call the attention of purchasers to their Old Establishment, No. 5 North From Street Plainted has, where they have a large assort-ment of Wines and Liquosa of the choicest prends and qualities. Having made arrangements with some of the first bouses in Cognac and Rochelle, enables them to furnish to their customers, upon the most liberal terms, the following brands of Cognac and Rochelle:
BRANDIES: Otard, Hennesy, Pellersion, Pinet, Castillion: J. J. Depuy & Co., T. Himes. A. Sergnette, Martel, Matett, &c., &c., of various

brands and qualities.
WINES: Champagne, Madeira, Lisbon, Old Oporto, Teneriffe, Burgundy, Hock, Muscat, Claret, Sherry, and Malaga Wines. Holland Gin, Scheidam Schnapps, Jamaica Spirits, Scotch and Irish Whiskey, Peach, Apple, Blackberry, Cherry, Ginger, and Raspberry Brandies; Cordials, Wine Bitters, Amsterdam

Also, Agents and Sole Proprietors of the Old Wheat Whiskey. Constantly on hand an ex-tensive stock of fine old Monongahela, Ryc and Conrbon Whiskey, of various grades, some of which are guaranteed to be superior to any in the country, all of which are highly improved

the country, all of which are nignly improved by age,.

From earlies experience is the instance, and a thorough knowledge of the tastes of the country of the first that th

privilege of bases paterned. No. 5 North Front St., Philadelphia. Peb. 7, 1859. 17

House

OEO. E. BRINGMAN. Teb. 21, 59. SPGABE; of various brands, distant from the importers and reals thing, wholesale, and retail. Don't at the chain more he

PARKESTORK BROS':

FHE COMPILER.

A Democratic, News and Samily Iournal.

By H. J. STAHLE.

Feb. 21, '59, 2m#

"TRUTH IS MIGHTY, AND WILL PREVAIL."

TWO DOLLARS A.YEAR.

NO. 25.

At Cost!

ELLING OFF!—The undersigned, having disposed of his Store at New Oxford, and intending to remove West, will sell off the goods in his Hampton Store actually at cost! He is

desirous of closing out the stock as speedily as

possible. The assortment is very large, and not

Vestings ! Satins, Silks, Delaines, Cashmeres, Al-

paccas, Merinoes, Domestics, &c.; Hardware and

Wholesale and Retail

I QUOR STORE.—The undersigned respect-fully announce to the citizens of Gettysburg

and the public generally, that they have opened a new LIQUOR STORK on Railroad street, south

and Wines of every grade.

The above Liquors will be furnished at the

All orders promptly attended to. Feb. 21, '59. COVER & KUHN.

Great Reduction

M THE PRICE OF THE L. M. SINGER & CO.'S

SMWING MACHINES .- B. RANDALL, Pro-

prietor of the State of Pennsylvania, the counties

The undersigned would respectfully inform the citizens of York, Adams, Cumberland and Lan-

Dr. A. W. Dorsey,

the various branches of his profession. Office

Rev. Augustus Webster, D. D., Raltimore Md. Dr. J. L. Warfield, Westminster, Md.

Wm. B. McClellan,

D. McConaughy,

eraburg street.) ATTORNEY AND SOLICITOR FOR

PATERTS AND PERSIONS. Bounty Land War-

seats, theck-may suspended Claims, and all other claims against the Government at Wash-

ington, D. C.; also American Claims in England. Land Warrants located and sold, or bought, and

Edward B. Buehler.

J. Lawrence Hill, M. D.

HAS his office one door west of the

Chambersburg street, and opposite Picking's store, where those wishing to have any Dental

Operation performed are respectfully invited to

Kranth, D. D., Rev. H. L. Baugher, D. D., Rev.

Removals.

TilE undersigned, being the authorized person to make removals into Ever Green Ceme-

of the remains of deceased relatives or friends

will avail themselves of this season of the year to

have it done. Removals made with promptness terms low, and no effort spared to please.
PETER THORN,

Globe Inn. FECHANICSTOWN, Frederick county, Md.

MECHANICSTONES, requested and re-formished, the proprietor assures the public that a call is only needed, as he guarantees full astisfaction in

every case. Charges moderate.

REVEY HERR, Proprietor.

Feb. 14, 1853. M

COMPORTABLE Dwelling House.

"The Gem."

For Rent,

, hopes that such as contemplate the removal

Koper of the Comptery.

rof. M. Jacobs, Prof. M. L. Stever,

Gettysburg, April 11, '53.

all times when not professionally engaged.

Prof. Nathan R. Smith, Baltimore, Md.

Geo. E. Wampler, Esq.. "
Rev. Thomas Rowen, Gettysburg.

Gettysburg, August 22, '53,

or by letter. Gettysburg, Nov. 21, '53.

Opposite Danner & Ziegier's store, Gettysburg, March 20.

Jacob Reese, Esq., "
John K. Longwell, Esq., "

Oct, 25, 1858, 6m

Sentinel office.

of Philadelphia, Erie and Allegheny excepted.

Jan. 3. 1859. Gm

GETTYSBURG, PA.: MONDAY, MAR. 21, 1859.

A Letter from Mon. loane Toncey to the Committee.

Nothing is lost; the drop of dew Which trembles on the leaf or flower Is but exhaled to fall anew In summer's thunder shower: Perchane to shine within the bow

Poet's Corner.

NOTHING IS LOST.

That fronts the sun at fall of day; Groceries, Queenswafe, Woodenware, Hats and Perchance to sparkle in the flow Of fountains far away.

Cape, Boots and Shoes, Watches and Jewelry, Perfumery. Cutlery. Stationery, Notions and Fancy Goods. In almost endless variety: in short, Nothing is lost; the tiniest seed, every article that is to be found in a first class By wild birds borne or breezes blawn Dry Goods. Grocery and Hardware Store .-Finds something suited to its need, Wherein 'tis sown and grown. amino these Goods. A rure chance wiff be of-

fered to purchasers. The actual City cost prices The language of some household song, will only be asked. Ear Come One! Come All!

JACOB AULABAUGII. The persume of some cherished flower, Though gone from outward sense, belong To memory's after hour.

> So with our words; or harsh or kind, Uttered, they are not all forgot; They leave their influence on the mind, Pass on, but perish not!

So with our deeds; for good or ill They have their power, scarce understood; Then let us use our better will To make them rife with good!

Miscellaneous.

What's the Page of Rggs.

On'a Saturday afternoon, as the Fakir of Ava was walking down Main street, he met a broad-brimmed countryman from the Dunker settlement, with a basket of eggs under his arm. The Fakir stopped him and looked into his basket.

"Those are remarkable-looking eggs you have, sir; what do you ask for them?"

"Bit a dozen," replied broad brim. "Let me try a single one-here's a dime for it," said the Fakir.

caster counties, that he will sell Singer's Secung Machine at reduced prices. Persons desirous of purchasing a good Sewing Machine should by all means purchase one of Singer's for they are the only machines that will do the work that is required of a Sawing Machine. Call and are in the case of the sawing Machine. Taking out his knife, he coolly procceded to erack it, when to the astonishment of the Dunker, out rolled a dozen shining half-eagles. Plucing them in his pocket, and handing out another dime, the Fakir remarked:

"I'd try another, if you please, sir." This, too, he crucked opon, with the same phenomenon of half-caglee.

"I'll take all your eggs," said the Fakir, apparently much excited. "No, you don't," said broad-brim, who had just recovered his speech; and spreading the folds of his woollen 'warmus" over the basket, he made tracks down the streets as fast as his burthon, the amplitude of his breeches, and his hobnaried shoos would allow

"I wantsh to schipp in the Lu-The Compiler office, where he may be found at iclia," said a Dutchman to a clork in a shipping office. "Well," said the clerk, pen in hand.

"Valiat's your name?"
"It is Hans Vanaddsmahandordannesevancymondymitchitenschinyfulutimildeshupuadromp!" said Dutchy, spitting out his old quid and taking a fresh

"Jo-ru-sa-lom " said the astonished clerk, "I cannot write that. Look a cruisers were exercising it upon the here mister, what is it in English—do merchant vessels of the United States TTORNEY AT LAW, -Office on the south you know ?" side the public square, 2 doors west of

"Ich does. It ish Shon Smidth!"

A Vankee Answer .- A wager was laid on the Yankee pessiliarity of answering A TTORNEY AT LAW, (office one door west one question by asking another. To of Buebler's drug and book store, Chame decide the bet, a down-caster was interdecide the bet, a down-caster was interrogated.

"I want von," said the better, "to give me a straightforward answer to a plain question." "I kin da it, mister," unid the Yankee. "Then, why is it New Englanders al-

highest prices given. Agents engaged in te-cuting warrants in lows, Illinois and other western States. Apply to him personally iu roturu?" " Du they?" was Jonathan's roply.

One of the guests, at a late bril-A TTORNEY AT LAW, will faithfully and promptly attend to all business entrusted liant party in Washington city, a Mrs. of New York, is said to have worn to him. He speaks the German language.— Office at the same place in South Baltimore street, near Forney's drug store, and nearly others were decked with fortunes in this attractive shape - hirch.

This sum would make five hundred poor, starving, freezing families in her own city comfortable for a whole winter. It would educate and render selfsupporting five hundred orphan girls. It would rescue as many scametrescos from destitution or crime. Extravagance is the national curse, and all vices most unworthy of Americans.

An Amusing Mistake.-The editor of the Frankfort (Ky.) Commonwealth, recently, when somewhat forcibly expressing his opinions, wrote "we will defend our views to the last," but the printers made him say, "we will defend our wires to the last," which would cartainly have been a most heroic and gal- Republic of Paraguay." Independent lant determination if the fair ladica had the editor in question has no wife; and that other men's wives are not alarmed at any very imminent peril, and conse-ductive the language looks a little out vessels, including two store ships most of place. Accidents will happen it the of them to be fitted for the purpose of

best regulated printing offices. A great ourse of American socisty is the folly or, in many instances, rather the crime, of appearance making. How many a ruined family might be well doing and happily circumstanced but for this folly !- how many a crime would never have been commit-

NAVY DEPARTMENT,)

Feb. 14, 1859. Sir: I have received your letter of the 8th and 5th instant, with copies of certain testimony, and an expression of the desire of the committee over which you preside to receive from me any statement or information in regard to it

which I may wish to present. I now comply with the request, and first with reference to the contracts for live-oak of June 14, 1858. No live-oak timber had been purchas-

ed by advertised contract for the last sixteen years, excepting in these in-1st. A contract made September 12,

1848, for 11,000 cubic foct. 2d. A contract made in September 1855, for the frames of six large sloops

of-war, eut to moulds to replace that which had been taken for the six large steam frigates built in 1855, of which two have since been used for the sloopsof-war "Lancaster" and "Pensacola, authorized in 1857, and the other four can only be used for ships of that class.

8d. The want of additional quantities of live-oak having been repeatedly urged by the Bureau of Construction, the department on the 1st of July, 1857 authorized a contract to be made for such timber as would replace in part what had been taken from the complete frames of ships-of-the-line and frigates, which the wants of the service had made it necessary to break in upon, and also to provide crooked timber suitable for the repairs of vessels of the larger classes, of which the supply was wholly insufficient.

For several years past the repairs on the sloops-of-war and smaller vessels have been very great, and have gradua!ly absorbed the best and the most of the small size timbor, and the want of that timber was every day becoming more apparent. Thus, this kind of timber being absolutely wanted, it became advantageous and economical to purchase that which had been refused on the existing contracts for being below the contract size, rather than to cut the larger and more valuable pieces that remained of the old stock, or that was then coming in on the new contracts. So great was the want of this smaller timber that it had been used to a considerable extent in the Norfolk and Kittery yards; in the latter to the believing that the public interests warranted that course. And so great was the deficiency of live-oak timber in the Navy Yard at Pensacola, that there is not now a stick of that kind in the yard

which has not been purchased since. While this deficiency of timber in the Navy Yard was known to exist, reliable information was received in the month of May last, that the British government had revived the pretended right of search, and that the British in the neighborhood of Cuba. This information created great excitement throughout the country. It is only necessary to refer to the warlike debutes in both Houses of Congress to appreciate its extent. To resist the exercise of this right a fleet of twolve war yessels was titted out and deepatched to the neighborhood of Cuba, with instructions given them from time to time, between the 14th of May and the 15th of June, to protect all vessels of the United States against the exercise ways answer a question by asking one of the right of search on the high seas in time of peace, by the armed vessels of any power. These instructions would probably have produced a collision had not the right been abandoned

by the British government. While this was going on, Congress, gems worth fully \$100,000, and several on the 12th of June, passed an act requiring the Secretary of the Navy to cause to be constructed, "as speedily as may be consistent with the public interests. eight war steamers of light draught, "combining the heaviest armament and greatest speed compatible with their character and tonnage." On the 3d of July orders were given to all the navy yards that they should be launched by the next meeting of Congress, and that nothing should be permitted

to prevent it. sioner in execution of the joint resolution passed on the 3d of June, authorizthe adjustment of difficulties with the of this resolution, the President debeen in any danger; but it appears that termined to act promptly, and measures were taken to increase the squadron on

In this threatening posture of affairs, with the public mind excited by the re-

of the adjournment of Congress, June | delivered at the same place. This has 14, that an advertisement be issued call- caused an increase of purchases of coal ing for a supply, in as short a time as in this country, but it has proved mest practicable, of live-oak timber, most of decidedly an economical and beneficial it of smaller dimensions than had been improvement, as will appear by detailusually required, such as was adapted ed returns which are now probably beto the construction of the smaller vessels, which the exigencies of the service any increase of cost to the government, would be likely to require. I would have resigned my place before I would

have failed to act with the promptitude which the occasion seemed to demand. The list was made out by the Chief of timber, made under the advertisement to his own judgment of what the interests and necessities of the service required, without interference by me in by Mr. Hunter, the present agent, its details, and the advertisement was whom I appointed in May last, upon issued on the 14th of June, calling for his own responsibility. I was not one-half on the 1st of September, and hware until the present investigation, the other half on the 1st of February that he had employed another person following, giving to bidders two and a to aid him, allowing him to share in his

other. Time allowed in the advertise-

sure had proved highly coonomical and lollars beyond what could have been

been accomplished by an open purchase. After the contract had been awarded to the lowest bidders, a question arose to which I applied the principle of a one of the bidders applied to a subordinate officer and obtained assurances of more favorable terms at variance with those advertised, had regulated his bid accordingly, the department would enforce the advertisement and not the aspeared that those to whom the contracts | vigilance and uprightness. were awarded had neither performed forfeited contract and instead of pur- general statement. chasing or contracting in open market

There was also during Mr. Fillmore's

Expedition. Mesers. Howland & Ap-

inswall, of New York, were the special

agents employed by Mr. Graham, Sec-

saving the defaulting contractors from loss, securing the best terms for the delivered immediately as if time had forcets of Florida or Louisiana, to cut it. postponed, for the reasons I have stated. When I came into the Department I use of the Navy by the instrumentality of two coal agents-one for anthracite, the other for bituminous ecol-with a compensation of five per cent. commusion on the cost of purchase and trans-portation contracted for by the agent.

By the same act Congress made an

appropriation to defray the expenses and compensation of a special Commising the use of force, if necessary, " for the east coast of South America, so the expedition.

vival of the pretended right of search, with no certainty that the attempt to suppress it would not bring us into collision with Great Britrin, with a squadron of twelve ships in the vicinity of Cuba to resist it, with a larger squadron TEW RESTAURANT. The understance have been committed of the public in stance of the public in the most approved trips, and splicts a stance flavor flavor of McConaughry Hold building, in the most approved trips, and splicts a stance flavor flavor of the public in the most approved trips, and with eight war assumance of the public in the chief. His Oysters, Ais, acc., will always be found of superior quality, this the charges from the public interests, I doesned it may appropriate the distribution of the system of the public interests, I doesned it may approve that the only instances of the wignam of the system of the public interests, I doesned it my approved trips. The properties of the first state of the public interests, I doesned it my approved to the consistent with a superior quality, this the charges from the public interests, I doesned it my approved to the consistent with the chief the public interests, I doesned it my approved to the only instances of the wignam of the system of the country.

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MAVAL CONTRACTS AND EXPEN- vice by promptly directing on the day no greater cost than that of foreign coal fore the committee, securing, without ery for vessels of war, has been to prewhat is deemed the best coal in the plans and proposals subject to such conworld for war steamers—the anthracite coal of Pennsylvania.

No change has been made in the bitment for this timber was sufficient for with coal of the best kind and quality for persons who were actual dealers in such | naval purposes, at less cost than formtimber, and who in making offers in- erly, at what was deemed in the Butended to comply with them, or were reaus, reasonable prices, and that the in view to dispose of his contract to ful and vigilant officers of the governother parties. These were the reasons ment, who were in the constant pracwhich influenced the department in the tice of instituting inquiries into reasonexercise of its discretion in this particu- ableness of prices, and of refusing pay-

their duty upon their own responsibility, with such assistance as they might other bidders. When therefore, it ap- not only in their capicity, but in their

tisement, the department set aside the jects, I shall content myself with a brief

The system by which the Navy Yards or of the next highest bidder, and are managed is the same which I found charging the difference to the default established when I came into office, ing parties, accepted a contract with with some improvements. The com-Mr. Swift for the whole amount at the mandant of the yard is responsible for lowest bid, which was much lower than its general condition. It is his duty to the bids which he had made, thereby correct or report any abuse which may come to his knowledge. He receives all orders from the Department, and is Government, and requiring him to ac- authorized to use the proper means to cept as low a price for the timber to be execute them. If an order is given that a vessel be built or repaired, or been given to go into the live oak other work done, he directs the employment of the men, and fixes the number The department did not advise any one to be employed, without interference of the contractors as to the course he by the Dupartment. He is authorized should pursue, but apprised them, un- and required to dismiss any workman, equivocally, at all times, that the time and to report any master for neglect or of delivery, as advertised, would not be misconduct.

When a master is thus reported to the department, an investigation is orfound a system established, which con-menced during the administration of amined, and the testimony returned to Mr. Fillmore, of purchasing coal for the department for its action. The master has the selection of the men, subject to the approval of superior officers, and is held responsible for them and the work done by them under his charge, and has therefore authority to dismiss them. This system of responsibility is found to work well in the navy administration a special agency for sup-plying with coal the East India and greater difficulty and embarrasement in greater difficulty and embarrasement in Pacific squadrons during the Japan the Brooklyn yard from the super-abundant population of the great adjacent cities pressing for employment, and resorting to all legitimate means to obtain it. This difficulty will not be obviated. of the date of April 8, 1852, by which Men must be employed; they must come from the neighboring Congres-

retary of the Navy, under an agreement they were allowed ten per cent. comsional districts; they must be selected missions on the purchase money, cost of transportation, insurance and other unby some oue; they should be selected avoidable expenses, deducting thereby the master workman, who is responfrom the commissions allowed the sible for them, subject, indeed, to proper agents for supplying coal within the United States. This agreement was master workman must always feel and modified by Mr. Dobbin on the 11th of have to contend with the presence of August, 1853, by which after the 1st of September following, the agenta were especially during periods of commercial alive. to ship not exceeding one thousand distress. He is also exposed to the sebushels per month, the Department tions of dismissed and disappointed agreeing to pay the cost of the coal, workmen, and to the scrutiny of vigilant competitors seeking his place, and therage, cartage, freight, primage, and demurrage, and a commission of six per if there be any well-founded charge cent. on the cost of the coal, including against him, it is quite sure to be made known to the officer whose duty it is to inguire.

freight or transportation. The com-missions under this agency in the years 1852, 1852 and 1854, amounted to \$59,-There has been no report against any 075 86, while the commissions of all master workman of any of the Atlantic Navy Yards since I have been in the other coal agents for supplying our steam vessels of war with coal during Department, except in five cases; one the whole period from 1850 to the for alleged misconduct several years present time, amounted only to the sum ago, which was fully investigated by of \$19,851 59, and for supplying the Navy Yards to the further sum of \$18,my predecessor; one for intoxication which has been investigated and followed by a new appointment; one for tem-358 47. This special agency was abolporary insanity where the master was ished by Mr. Dubbina in 1854. There has been no other change in the system afterwards restored upon his recovery

opportunity given to the parties implies-ted to defend themselves, it is at least very doubtful whether such charges can or ought to be sestained; at all erents, neither the Department ner the efficers of the yard have had any knowledge of them. There has been an increase of the number of men employed, but it lies taken place simultaneously in all the yards and for the reasons already state! -the increased activity of the service, the expedition to the neighborhood of Cuba, the expedition to Paraguay, the construction of eight screw stoamers "as speedily as might be consistent with the public interests," in observations the injunctions of Compress. There is one instance where the Burnet has been induced to depart from the general rule of non-interference with the number of

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men to be employed, and that was in the Navy Yard at Philadelphia, to an inconsiderable extent in useful work, upon the urgent plea of necessity, humanity and utility, pressed by a gentle-man of high and honorable character, incapable of falsehood. The course of the Department in reference to contracts for steam machin-

scribe certain conditions, advertise for

ditions, and award the contracts according to the merits of such plans, and proposals, having due regard to price. The list was made out by the Chief of uminous coal agency, nor in that for They cannot, from the nature of the Bureau of Construction, according anthracite, except that the former agent, case, be awarded to the lowest bidder, Mr. Tyson, at the end of four years having reference to the price only, befrom his appointment, was succeeded cause no two persons bid for the same thing, each plan being different from the others, and it being the object of the Government to obtain the result of the highest skill. The bids are given under seal; are not opened until the time for receiving them has expired; half months' notice to make contingent commissions as his predecessor had and, of course, no one can know what arrangemedts for the first delivery, and done, nor any want of attention on his they contain, except the party himself seven and a half months' notice for the part. It was well known to the de- and those to whom he may commune partment that the Navy was supplied cate it. A board of engineers is appointed, and each is required to give his individual opinion and his reasons for it. Often they are unanimous, sometimes there is a single dissenting in any degree prepared, but was much bills passed under the inspection, and opicion, and sometimes they are equally too short for any speculator who had it required the approval of the most faith. divided. I have in no case, that I am aware of, awarded a contract in opposition to the opinion of a majority, although I should feel at liberty to do so. The contract given to Messrs. Merrick lar case, and when the contracts were ment when they were excessive. It is & Sons, of Philadelphia, in regard to executed I was assured by the experi-enced officer in charge of the Bureau of full inquiry, that the price paid, \$6 85 the President was by him in the usual Construction and Repair, that the mea- per ton, for the best anthracite coal for course, without an intimation of any steam purposes, screened, selected, and wish on his part, referred to this departbeneficial to the government, saving to delivered at the vessel in Philadelphia, ment, was awarded to them upon the t probably about twenty five thousand has not been excessive or unreasonable. merits of their plan and proposals—in The Department has at all times left accordance with the unanimous opinion both these agents for the purchase of of the board of engineers—their bid becoal perfectly free in the discharge of ing lower than those of the other bidders whose plans were approved. The President did not in any manner decision I had previously made, viz: choose to employ at their own expense; interfere in this case nor has he in any that when the department advertised subject only to the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist of the checks which exist other case of contract since I have been only to the checks which exist of the checks wh for a contract upon certain terms, and on ship-board and at the naval stations, in the Department. In all contracts where it is the duty of the proper officer made under the act of the last session. to report any deficiency in quantity or the Department obtained an absolute quality and also to the constant super- guarantee of the number of revolutions vision of the Chiefs of the Bureaus, un- of the propeller in a minute; instead of der whose orders the purchases are the usual number of about forty, the made, and by whom the bills must be contractors guarantee eighty, and, in surances of the subordinate, and the as-surances thus obtained would constitute be passed. Both these high officers enno ground of relief, because unfair to joy my entire confidence—confidence struction at Norfolk—awarded to Mesers. Murray & Hazlehurst, of Baltimore, there is a guarantee of the speed I should be very willing to give full of fifteen statute miles an hour, under them nor intended to perform them details of the action of the Department a forfeiture of twelve thousand five hun-HANGE OF TIME.—Morning train with
passenges for York, Columbia, Philadelphia,
larrisburg, flaltimore and the North and West,
teaves Gettysburg daily, (Sunday excepted.) at
7.30 A. M., returning at 1.30, P. M., with passenThe flatter of the latter to the definition of \$3,972 47, before authority amount of \$3,972 47, before authority

In the contract for the vessel at Phifadelphia awarded to Messrs. Reaney; Neade & Co., there is a guarantes, not only for one hundred revolutions of the propeller per minute, but also for the speed of sixteen statute miles per hour, under the forfeiture of fitteen thousand dollars, to be deducted from the price if the speed fall to fifteen miles an hour, and half that sum if it fall to fifteen and a half miles. A more stringent and advantageous contract for the Goverament has not been made.

The awarding of this contract having been the subject of comment, I will take the occasion to say, that the charge made against a very competent officer. the engineer-in-chief, by un excited and interested party, was fully investigated by me and found to be without the slightest foundation, except in a misapprehension of that party, fully explained, and that the contract was awarded no experience at all, and in accordance with the opinion of a majority of the engineers whom I consulted on the

I have the bonor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, ISAAC TOUCEY, Secretary of the Navy. Hon. JOHN SHERMAN,

Chairman Committee Investigation, &c., House of Representatives.

A little orphan girl died, as was supposed, in the hospital of the Sisters of Charity, at Wheeling, Va. Her, funeral was arranged, but owing to the inclemency of the weather it was postponed. In the meantime, while one of the Sisters was arranging something. about the coffin, the little girl raised up restrictions and supervision; and this and asked for a drink of water. It is supposed that she was in a trance, and it was nothing but the heavy rain that vast numbers seeking employment, and averted her horrible fate of being buried

An Upstart Beast .- A pegro boy was driving a mule, when the animal anddenly stopped and refused to budget-"Won't go hey?" said the doy. "Feel grand, do you? I suppose you forgot your father was a jackuss."

Make friends of none in whom vou have not implicit confidence; whose you cannot trust in all places, and as all seasons. The best friendship you can. make is that which is based on those feelings which springs from the abser-

vance of secred truths. The Ohio Cultivator says, " large farms half tilled, have been the curse of the west." The same remark would apply with equal force to other acciding