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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

EATH OF A CLERGYMAN.—Rev. E. W. Dickin- pastor of the Baptist church at Marcus k, and father of W. H. Dickinson, Esq., died he residence of his son in Chester, on nesday evening last, after a brief illness.

E POWHATAN IN PORT.—The U. S. Steamer hatan was disabled at the Breakwater, yes- y, while towing three monitors from ue Island to Annapolis. She was at once ght to this city, and went up to the H. & H. s for repairs.

LD FOR THE U. S. COURT.—Ira Corbey, of ton, Kent county, Del., was arrested by S. Marshal Dunn, yesterday, at the in- e of Collector Prettyman, charged with selling of liquor without the payment of Government tax. Being brought to Wil- ton, Mr. Corbey was arraigned before U. mmissioner Smith for a preliminary hear- and was held in $300 to answer the charge urt. In default of bail he was remanded e custody of the marshal.

E ENDOWMENT FUND AT SWARTHMORE.— rah F. Wharton, of Philadelphia, has given endowment fund of Swarthmore College housand dollars. The management are ex- ely anxious to increase the fund, to afford ties for more pupils, and to give the oppor- y for educating more students of limited ns. A home for the professors has been ed at a cost of $26,000, of which $18,000 been contributed by Friends. The resi- e of the President cost $11,000 and the new works a similar sum. The present number upils is 238.

ROPOSED IRON WORKS NEAR THE LAZARETTO. e purchasers of the real estate in Delaware ry, adjoining the Lazaretto, formerly the rty of Thomas M. Smith, will commence tions as soon as the Spring opens. The rs are now engaged in making preparations uilding a large rolling mill, iron foundry, other works, which it is proposed to erect as little delay as possible. The Reading oad Company, which is said to be interes- n the project, will be benefited largely by the blishment of this industrial enterprise in proximity to their road.—*Chester Republi-*

NERAL OF CAPT. MENDENHALL.—The funer- Captain W. S. Mendenhall took place from ate residence, 604 Market street, yesterday noon, a large number of friends following remains to its last resting place. Funeral ces were held in Calvary Church, Rev. G. Latimer officiated. William T. Sedgewick, ge R. Roberts, William B. Hyland, John H. er, Lewis H. Foulk and John J. Yates, all bers of Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F., acted all bearers. of the members of the regiment to which Mendenhall belonged, the 97th Pennsyl- , were present at the funeral. These were: Henry R. Guss and DeWitt C. Lewis, of t Chester; Col. John Wainwright, Wilming- Major Isaiah Price, of Philadelphia; Capt. J. C. Savage, of New Castle county, and k Fraim, of Chester county.

CHURCH WEDDING.—The West Presbyterian rch was well filled last evening with an in- sted audience to witness the nuptial cere- es between Mr. Frank Bryer and Miss Jen- Capelle, both of this city. The parties en- d the church shortly after 7½ o'clock, at- ed by Mr. Thomas Porter of this city as sman, and Miss Bettie Goodrich, of Wash- n, D. C., as bridesmaid. The bride was ed in a beautiful suit of white satin, med with tarlatan ruffles and white swiss. ath of orange blossoms crowned her head a white veil reached the floor. The groom becomingly attired in a dress suit of black. Dr. Otts, who had sufficiently recovered his recent indisposition, officiated, after h the married pair with their attendants drew, and the audience were entertained by ie by Mr. Bradley James, the organist. The py couple after a pleasant reception at the e of the bride, left in the midnight train New York.

THE STAMP TAVERN SHOOTING.—The circum- nces in the shooting of Thos. P. Bullock by father-in-law Wm. E. May at Stamp's Tavern, the West Chester road, in September last, re brought out at the trial, which has just n concluded at Media. Mr. Bullock testified no words passed between May and him, and at when they were only eight or ten rods apart . May drew his revolver and fired, the ball king in the shoulder. Mr. Bullock was cor- borated in all his statements by several wit- sses, except as to the passage of words be- en the parties, the other witnesses declaring h to have been the fact. The Court ruled conviction could not be had on a charge other n assault and battery, and the Defendant eading guilty, was acquitted on the other unts. May was sentenced to pay a fine of $200, costs of prosecution and to give security in e sum of $1000 to keep the peace. Security s also required of Mr. Bullock.

THE FAIR AT CENTRAL CHURCH.—The Taylor ission Band had quite a successful opening of eir fair at Central church, last evening. The om is very tastefully decorated, and the young dies have spared no pains to make everything attractive as possible. The fancy table is iled with beautiful articles suitable for Christ- as presents, while the refreshment table is resistible with its cakes, candies, fruit, jellies, d cold turkey. A supper is served any time af- r seven o'clock, and a fine bill of fare has been epared, which includes oysters in every style, ffee, rolls and butter, and chicken salad pre- red by Robert Graves. We may safely prom- e all who go a good supper, well cooked, and rved by attentive waiters at reasonable prices. We would call special attention to the art llery, which, last night, contained over forty re and beautiful works of art. This evening, will be even more attractive, as the manager s obtained from Philadelphia a number of ally exquisite paintings which are entirely new d never before exhibited in Wilmington. This llery should be visited by all our readers, this ening.

Proofs that Ignorance is the Parent of Virtue.

From the Morning Herald, (Bayard anti-school paper,) Dec 10.]

I. Prussia having the best educated popula n in the world, is a despotism which menaces e peace of Europe, and contains more infidels oportionately than any other country in Eu- pe.

II. Sweden second in education is more thor- ighly debauched than any christian country in e world.

III. More revolting and horrid crimes are com- itted in proportion to the population, in New ngland than in any other section of the coun- y.

IV. Southern Delaware, although low in the ale of education, crime is almost totally un- own among her white population.

V. Industrial education stands first as the pre- rvative power of society, mental last.

VI. Penal statistics prove that the ordinary ucation of our schools do not check the growth crime.

Notes About our Neighbors.

A scarlet fever epidemic prevails at Reading, ch is rapidly spreading this damp weather. nty-two new cases were reported on Wednes- . Some families have three and five cases them.

S. S. Kindt, of Reading, has a cat of remarka- e size. It stands about one foot and four in- s high, and is twenty-two inches in length measuring the tail.

The Pennsylvania State Grange meets in Lan- ter, next week. Over 1200 delegates will be attendance.

Dr. James Aiken, who is serving out a sen- ce in the West Chester prison for abortion, been recommended for pardon.

Four new locomotives have been started in the ila. & Reading Co.'s shops at Reading, and re is some hope of an increased amount of rk in that city this winter in that direction.

In the United States Senate, yesterday, the t of Standing Committees was adopted. There e no changes of material importance in their mposition. The Senate subsequently ad- urned to Monday.

Several buildings in Mission Place, and Park d Worth Sts., New York, were burned yester- y morning. The loss is about $320,000.

FIRST EDITION.

The Whiskey Trials.

VARIOUS NEW FEATURES OF INTEREST—BABCOCK INDICTED AT ST. LOUIS—THE GRAND JURY EN- DORSE THE PRESIDENT—WHAT GENERAL HEN- DERSON SAID.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—There is now no doubt that Babcock is indicted. The Grand Jury brought in twelve indictments this morning, against various parties, the most of them being insignificant in their nature. Great excitement prevailed, however, when it became known that Babcock was one of the indicted. The new and corroborative evidence which the Grand Jury had been waiting for arrived this morning, and the Grand Jury at once came to vote. Nineteen Grand Jurors were present, and the indictment was found by a vote of 18 to 1 in favor of a true bill. The charge contained in the indictment is conspiracy to defraud the Treasury of the United States. The Grand Jury, before adjourning, sent letters to ex-Marshal Newcomb and ex-Dis- trict Attorney Patrick, saying that although charges had been made against them of conspi- racy to defraud the Government, a full and ex- haustive investigation had failed to convince the jury of their guilt.

As an evidence that the Grand Jury had the most unlimited confidence in President Grant, the following letter was forwarded to him through their foreman:

UNITED STATES GRAND JURY ROOM,
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9, 1875.

To U. S. Grant, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.:

The undersigned, late Grand Jurors for the Eastern District of Missouri, in the discharge of their sworn duty have found it imperative upon them to present to the United States Court of said district the names of many officials and oth- er persons as being connected with the con- spiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue of the United States. As citizens of our common country, sincerely desiring to uphold the hands of the Chief Executive in securing an honest collection of the public revenue, we cannot re- frain from thus testifying to our estimation of the moral support which we have leaned upon, as imparted in your notable in- structions to the Secretary of the Treasury, "Let no guilty man escape." With this all good citizens can contribute their share in aid- ing the Government, and in sustaining your administration in its endeavor to conduct it with purity and fidelity, we individually and collectively, tender to you our highest consider- ations of esteem and confidence, and an as- surance of our appreciation of the wisdom, patriotism, and independence displayed in di- recting the measures necessary for detecting and convicting the gigantic frauds which have lately preyed upon the public revenues. We have the honor to be, with great respect, your fellow citizens.

This is signed by all the members of the Grand Jury who were present, nineteen in number. They reside in all parts of the District, and sev- eral are Democrats.

The report that Ex-Senator Henderson in his summing up, in the Avery case, made an attack upon the President, has been the subject of much comment. Henderson is employed by the Department of Justice, and not by the Secretary of the Treasury as has been represented. The allusion to the President is regarded as wholly uncalled for and gratuitous. The Attorney General telegraphed Henderson, Thursday, that if he had used such language regarding the President as is reported in the papers, his servi- ces as a prosecuting officer of the Government would be no longer required. Mr. Henderson telegraphed a reply that he had been incorrectly reported, and would send a correct report of what he did say. Until this is received there will be no further action.

What Bishop Haven Said.

From the Boston Globe, Dec. 7.

The Methodist preachers and the Methodist Sunday School Union held a joint meeting yes- terday morning in the Temple Street Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. L. B. Bates presi- ding. * * *

Bishop Gilbert Haven, in accordance with an invitation extended by the Preachers' meeting a fortnight ago, addressed the audience on the condition of the South. He said that there was one class of people in the South who had been recognized as a nationality by the Pope, and they would welcome his followers to these shores; but the race freed by the people of the North will never strike a blow against constitutional liberty. Bishop Haven said that there is to be a tremendous political, battle this year, beginning with the election of a Democratic Speaker of the National House of Representatives. He said that the ministers of Boston are in the field of battle: their words are reported and the Southern papers comment on them. The question is, "Shall the Northern people rule the nation?" "Shall the Puritan or the Cavalier be the ruler?" "Shall Boston or Charleston be the centre?" The Methodist Episcopal Church is the only institution in the South to-day that represents the American na- tion. You must, he said, stand by the Church. There are in the South nearly 300,000 members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who know what they believe just as well as the people of New England, and better. They appreciate lib- erty, and those who gave it to them. They nev- er will be betrayers, and let the people of the North never betray them. The malcontents of the South know that they were de- feated by one man; that man is Presi- dent Grant, and if the people throw him over at the command of politicians they will rue it. Pray, brethren, that President Grant may be re- elected. Pray for the true people of the South, and you will find that thus you will be able to keep down the kindred threatening powers, the slave power and the power of the Papacy. The Rev. Dr. Sherman of Brookline moved that the meeting vote that they had heard the sentiments advanced by Mr. Haven with great pleasure and hearty approval. This motion was unanimously adopted. All opposed were invited to rise, but not one person rose. There was great applause.

The Ex-Confederates in the House.

Washington Correspondence Cincinnati Gazette.

A visitor at the Confederate Congress would have been reminded of the men and times when Robert Toombs was going to call the roll of his slaves at Bunker Hill. Within the House was the vacant chair which was occupied during the last Congress by the Vice-President of the Con- federacy, and which is now reserved for him in this. John H. Reagan, the Postmaster General of the Confederate Government, was sworn in. Among those sworn in were a score of persons who held high places in the political service of of the Confederacy While the Confederate Brigadiers were present in large numbers, the number of those who were compelled to take the modified oath, would, a few years ago, have startled the North and have been declared im- possible.

The Confederate Congress in Epitome can be found in the House of the Forty-fourth Con- gress, and those who have been so long called rebels in the North guard the door. From to- morrow the approaches to the hall to the House of Representatives will be guarded by Lafayette Fitzhugh, the old Sergeant-at-Arms of the Con- federate Congress. The prayer, which was omitted to-day, will be spoken by an Episcopa- lian rector, who was unable in the war days to minister to a church in Connecticut because he then refused to remember the President of the United States in his public prayers as his rubric and his Bishop commanded; and the letters will be distributed to the members at the hands of a Captain of Joe Stewart's cavalry.

California Measures.

Governor Irwin of California (Dem.) was in- augurated yesterday. He recommends in his in- augural that the influence of the State be brought to bear upon the general Government to procure a modification of the treaty with China for the purpose of restricting Chinese immigra- tion; also that the State should demand that the country resume specie payments at the earliest possible moment.

The Judges of the Supreme Court of the Uni- ted States have decided to accept the invitation of the Centennial Commission to accompany the members of Congress on their visit to the Cen- tennial Grounds on the 17th inst.

A. J. Edmondson, postmaster at Noble, Ill., was arrested on Tuesday for robbing the mails. He was detected by decoy letters.

Asa W. Kennedy, a stock drover, was robbed of $1,000 by two highwaymen near Adrain, Mich., on Wednesday night. He was also ser- iously injured by the robbers.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Rev. Enoch Stubbs will lecture in Epworth chapel on Thursday evening next on The Royal Road to Success.

Robert McCaulley has traded his farm near Glasgow with Ezra Comfort for four houses on Windsor street, between 6th and 7th.

A very pretty piece of architecture, the handi- work of a young machinist named Seeds, is on exhibition in the window of J. H. & G. R. Greenman.

THE LOANS.—The Young Men's Loan held its 79th monthly meeting, last evening and sold $150 at 12, and $350 at 4½. The remainder was applied to withdrawals.

The Star Loan at its monthly meeting, last evening sold $600 at par, retaining the remain- der of the receipts in the treasury.

THE STAMP CLERKSHIP AT THE POST OFFICE.— In relation to the appointment of a successor to Mr. H. N. Gambrill as stamp clerk in the post office, we are desired to state that the resigna- tion of Mr. Gambrill was in Post Master Pyle's hands, before the appointment of Mr. Ochiltree, to take effect on the 15th inst.

THE JACKSON FAMILY HISTORY.—The Commit- tee appointed at the lastsesqui-centennial gath- ering of the Jackson family, to have the pro- ceedings of the same published in book form, are diligently at work, and we learn are extend- ing their labors in such a manner as will furnish in connection with the proceedings, a true gen- eological record of the family, together with many family incidents of a very pleasing char- acter. The book will contain a number of views taken of the festive gathering at Harmony Grove in last August.

STILL ANXIOUS FOR A LAWSUIT.—Mr. Samuel Townsend is out in a letter in relation to the loss sustained by the European peach venture, and in which he expresses his desire in an indirect way to go to law about it. He invites "all parties to said shipment, who do not propose to enter into law suit to obtain their rights" to "please trans- fer or sell out to those that will try to seek re- dress." He does not state who will become pur- chasers of these claims, but we suppose he will. The entire loss he sets down at $5,000.—$3,000 for the fruit and $2,000 for the freight paid in advance.

Marriages.

TRUSTY—ANDERSON.—At the bride's residence, in this city, on the 9th inst., by Rev. Wm. Billings- ley Mr Geo. Trusty, of Pencader Hundred, New Castle county, Del., to Mrs. S. F. Anderson, form- erly of Liberia.

MAREE—KENDELL.—On the 19th of Nov., 1875, in Wilmington, by Rev. J. M. P. Otts, D. D., Andrew R. Maree and Mary E. Kendell, all of New Castle county.

LUMMIS—GIVEN.—In this city on 9th of Dec., 1875, by Rev. J. M. P. Otts, D. D., Edward F. Lummis and Mary Given, all of this city.

BRYER—CAPELLE.—On the 9th of Dec. 1875, in the West Presbyterian church, in this city, by Rev. J. M. P. Otts, D. D., Frank W. Bryer and C. J. Ca- pelle, all of this city.

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Associated Press Special Telegram
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Gold opened, this morning, at $1.14⅝.

Weather Record.

REPORT OF THE SIGNAL SERVICE.
Associated Press Special Telegram.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.

Probabilities—For Middle States, rising bar- ometer, cooler north-west winds, cloudy or part- ly cloudy weather.

Commercial Reports.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.
Associated Press Special Telegram.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.

Flour in steady request; Penna. family $6.@ 6.75; high grades $7.@8.50. Prime wheat firm, other kind weak; Penna. red $1.39@1.10; wes- tern do. $1 00@1.18; amber $1.40@1.43. Corn inactive; old yellow 72@73c; new 56@65c. Oats quiet; white 45@51c; mixed 41@53c. Whiskey $1.16.

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"Back To Back."

REV. EDWARD EVERETT HALE'S LECTURE, LAST EVENING.

The unique characteristic which is exhibited in many of Rev. Mr. Hale's stories—"My Dou- ble, and How he Undid Me," "The Brick Moon," &c., &c.—a sort of imaginative jesting that would be absurd if it were not witty and sa- tirical, was exhibited in the reverend gentle- man's lecture, last evening. It bore no appa- rent relation to the announced topic. It was un- usually brief for a lecture, (though many a one we have wished as quickly ended,) and it was not a lecture, exactly, but a story. An imagina- ry John Sapp was taken to typify the "civil servers" who, being qualified only for places where there is nothing in particular to do, are eternally applying for such positions, and using all the influence they can command to get into them. The sketch of John's early life, and lack of training, his service in the War Department, and his subsequent career, including his candidacy for the Legislature, abounded in good hits and smooth but pungent satire. For an hour's en- tertainment it was a very pleasing lecture, though people seemed to go away puzzled to know what estimate to put upon it.

The church was well filled, being the largest audience in the course, except at the lecture of Mrs. Livermore. It included many of our most prominent citizens, who thus showed an appre- ciation of the efforts of the ladies in the ar- rangement of the Channing Course. They were no doubt highly gratified to find so many people of culture and refinement present. The decora- tions were prepared with much taste. An abun- dance of geraniums and other flowering plants were placed upon the platform, while long Car- olina moss hung from a small tree like unto the live oak, and vases of nicely pressed New Eng- land ferns held places on the sides of the pul- pit.

At the conclusion of the lecture Rev. Mr. Is- rael announced that Bayard Taylor's lecture would take place on the 20th inst., and that the tickets for the remaining lecture in the course might be used on this occasion, or they may be retained for the lecture of Robert Collyer, the date of which is yet to be announced.

FALL OF A BANK.—While the city employees who are engaged in the laying of the large mains from the new reservoir were at work in the "College lot," this morning, a bank caved in injuring William Baird. Mr. Baird was stand- ing in the bell hole with both feet when the earth fell, and as it tumbled without any warning he was not able to avoid it, and was buried up to his waist. A shovel handle was firmly wedged against his ankle and broken, and the ankle was also slightly fractured. Mr. Baird was removed to his home at 15th and Market, where his wound was dressed by Jno. J. Gallagher, the druggist. William Humes, residing in Wilson street, was also in the ditch at the time, but es- caped injury.

During the funeral of S. Whilldin Robinson, which was largely attended, this morning, the Water Witch bell was tolled. Mr. Robinson was a member of the Company.

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Excitement in the Coal Regions.

REVIVAL OF THE REIGN OF VIOLENCE—FOUR MUR- DERS, THIS MORNING.
Associated Press Special Telegram.
POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 10.

Despatches received from Mahanoy City and Gilberton, this morning, state that there is much excitement in that vicinity in consequence of two dreadful murders committed at two o'clock, this morning, by a party of masked men, who entered the house of Chas. O'Donnell, seiz- ing and binding him back of the house, where he was shot dead.

A man named McAllister was also taken from his house and shot. A later dispatch states that a sister of McAllister was also murdered.

The Deutschland.

A HOPELESS WRECK—AN INQUIRY TO BE MADE.
Associated Press Special Telegram.
LONDON, Dec. 10.

The steamship *Deutchland* is now a hopeless wreck. Her back is broken. The Board of Trade will institute an inquiry into the disaster late in December.

The Republican Policy.

SOME IDEA OF WHAT IT IS TO BE—THE CURRENCY QUESTION TO BE PARAMOUNT TO ALL OTHERS.
Special Dispatch to the New York Times.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.

The Republicans have not formally adopted a policy to govern the party action in Congress during the winter. Much thought has, however, been given to the subject and considerable dis- cussion. The only question of great importance likely to be prominent as a party measure is the currency question. This question the Republi- can leaders feel they cannot afford to ignore, and if they take a position upon it it must be that which won in Ohio. The leading men among the Democrats are very desirous of placing their party on the hard- money platform, but dare not attempt it, and an opportunity is thus afforded the Republicans to force the issue and precipitate the division which seems imminent in the Democratic ranks the moment they are compelled to vote upon any declaration of principles regarding the currency. Some of the Republicans, it is needless to say, are opposed to any positive ex- pression from the party on this question, but the hard-money Republicans are in earnest, and they think it is important to know if Republicans cannot be united in favor of honest money. The Republican Party in Congress is therefore like- ly, at no distant day, to take such action as will place it fully in accord with the President and Secretary of the Treasury upon the currency question. There are many ways in which a yea and nay vote can be forced, so that a record must be made. It is not likely the Demo- crats will vote together. Some of them will certainly not declare for perpetual green- backs, and others will not vote against in- flation. A movement which offers such obvi- ous advantages to the Republicans is not likely be to neglected, therefore one of the first move- ments of the minority in the House will be the offering of some resolution which will require a direct, unequivocal declaration from every member of the body upon the proposition to re- establish a currency of gold and silver and pa- per convertible into gold at par. The minor- ity are likely to accept the recomendations of Secretary Bristow as the basis of their attempts for legislation on the subject during this ses- sion.

The President, in his Message, in treating of the Treasury report, suggests that "some bet- ter method of verifying claims against the Gov- ernment than now exists through the Court of Claims, especially those growing out of the late war," be devised. He refers to losses being proved on affidavits of fictitious or unscrupulous persons. The whole paragraph is supposed by the officers of the Court of Claims to refer to the Southern Claims Commission, first because the Court of Claims has no jurisdiction over ca- ses growing out of the late war except cotton ca- ses; and second, the court does not base its ac- tion upon affidavits, but on the testimony of witnesses regularly examined and cross-exam- ined before the court.

Amusements.

THE KATIE PUTNAM ENGAGEMENT.

Miss Katie Putnam opens her engagement at the Opera House, this evening. On this occa- sion she will present *The Old Curiosity Shop*, in which piece she assumes the role of *Little Nell*, a character in which she is said to excel being as she is, so admirably adopted to it. To-mor- row afternoon the play will be repeated at a ma- tinee performance. In the evening the military drama of *Daughter of the Regiment* will be played, to be followed with an amusing little comedietta, *The Little Rebel.*

THEO. THOMAS CONCERT.

The sale of seats for the concert of Theodore Thomas, to be given at the Opera House on Monday evening next, is now in progress at Boughman, Thomas & Co.'s. Thus far about four hundred have been taken—not near the number which should have been bought by this time. No extra charge is made for these re- served seats, and those who expect to be present should secure their seats in advance. Unless Wilmington should give Mr. Thomas a good house it will not do its duty by him and his su- perb company.

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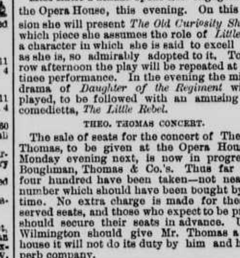

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Gen. Babcock's Indictment.

IT IS OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO WASHINGTON —HENDERSON'S TESTIMONY.
Associated Press Special Telegram.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.

The indictment of Gen. Babcock by the Grand Jury at St. Louis has been officially communi- cated to the Attorney General.

Special Council Henderson has telegraphed to the Attorney General that a sworn statement of the remarks he made on the Avery trial have been forwarded to the Department of Justice.

The Cleveland Tragedy.

DEATH OF MISS M'KAY—MRS. BURTON'S CONDITION UNCHANGED.
Associated Press Special Telegram.
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 10.

Miss Hattie McKay died, last night, from the injuries received at the hands of her step-father William Aiden, on Saturday. Mrs. Benton's con- dition is unchanged and slight hopes are enter- tained of her recovery.

Md. & Del. Railroad.

ANNUAL MEETING—THE NEW PIER AT OXFORD AND AN EXCURSION TO IT.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Md. & Del. R. R. was held at the company's offices in Easton, on Wednesday. Reports were presented from the President, Treasurer and Superintendent. C. W. Huntington, Esq., was re-elected President, and John W. Scott, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, with the following Di- rectors: Dr. G. W. Goldsborough, Dr. E. M. Hardcastle, J. P. Manlove, John W. Knotts, John A. W. Powell, Dr. Alex. Hardcastle, and William Slaughter. J. L. Caldwell was re-elect- ed Superintendent. The State Directors are Colonel Samuel Hambleton, Colonel Edward Lloyd, and William C. Satterfield, and the Coun- ty Director, Henry P. Hopkins.

On Tuesday an excursion was made from Eas- ton to Oxford to show the Directors and others the new pier which is being built there and the progress which is being made with the work. This pier is being constructed by the Railroad Company out of its earnings, the people inter- ested not showing a sufficient interest in it to aid the enterprise. The pier will extend 600 feet into the river, and has already been built out 230 feet in the most substantial manner.

New Advertisements, To-day.

Christmas presents in furniture—Ent Manf Co
Opening of books—Boughman, Thomas & Co
Patents obtained—Lewis Bagger & Co
Notice to water renters—Edw W McIntire
Wilmington & Brandywine Bank notice
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Paper hanging—S R Ball & Co
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Winter garments—Buxbaum's brevity
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