CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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TAXABLES.

The Number of Voters in Philadelphia—The Two Assessments foot up 161,678.

Below we give the number of white male taxables in each voting division of the city of Philadelphia, for the current year, according to the report of the City Commissioners. The numerals at the top of the double columns indicate the number of the divisions in the several wards, the left hand column under each giving the numbers of the regular assessment, and the right hand column those of the extra assessment. The aggregate of both assessments foots up 161,678, in contrast with 144,572 in 1867, and 141,898 in 1866. In the following table the aggregate vote of each year is placed in comparison with the number of taxables:—

Year.	Taxables.	Vote.	Per Cent.
1868	161,678	121,466	75
1867	144 572	101 668	70
1866	141,898	103,022	73

A more accurate showing of the comparative votes of the three years is given by taking the numbers of the regular assessments, the majority of the names placed on the lists at the extra assessments being those of persons who have changed their residences after the regular assessments, in which they were included, and of those enterprising persons known as "repeaters." Taking the figures of the regular assessments for the three years we have the following result:—

Year.	Regular Assessment.	Vote.	Per Cent.
1868	139 814	121,466	87
1867	133 268	101,668	76
1866	125,828	103,022	82

The following table gives the regular and extra assessments for the current year:—

Wards.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Third 1868.	Third 1867.
First	155	68	468	77	441	60	612	72	378	84	431	69	695	114	261	179	2611	2611
Second	580	27	458	36	449	48	384	21	267	36	313	45	460	19	128	111	2818	2818
Third	526	10	317	18	422	18	521	18	218	18	317	18	317	18	128	111	2818	2818
Fourth	324	65	245	65	245	65	324	65	245	65	245	65	245	65	128	111	2818	2818
Fifth	324	125	205	125	205	125	324	125	205	125	205	125	205	125	128	111	2818	2818
Sixth	666	135	446	135	446	135	666	135	446	135	446	135	446	135	128	111	3818	3818
Seventh	395	100	295	100	295	100	395	100	295	100	295	100	295	100	128	111	2818	2818
Eighth	532	100	432	100	432	100	532	100	432	100	432	100	432	100	128	111	3818	3818
Ninth	692	125	567	125	567	125	692	125	567	125	567	125	567	125	128	111	4818	4818
Tenth	394	181	213	181	213	181	394	181	213	181	213	181	213	181	128	111	2818	2818
Eleventh	523	140	383	140	383	140	523	140	383	140	383	140	383	140	128	111	3818	3818
Twelfth	540	175	365	175	365	175	540	175	365	175	365	175	365	175	128	111	3818	3818
Thirteenth	561	155	406	155	406	155	561	155	406	155	406	155	406	155	128	111	3818	3818
Fourteenth	595	170	425	170	425	170	595	170	425	170	425	170	425	170	128	111	3818	3818
Fifteenth	467	177	290	177	290	177	467	177	290	177	290	177	290	177	128	111	3818	3818
Sixteenth	458	63	395	63	395	63	458	63	395	63	395	63	395	63	128	111	2818	2818
Seventeenth	771	116	655	116	655	116	771	116	655	116	655	116	655	116	128	111	4818	4818
Eighteenth	580	63	517	63	517	63	580	63	517	63	517	63	517	63	128	111	3818	3818
Nineteenth	451	40	411	40	411	40	451	40	411	40	411	40	411	40	128	111	2818	2818
Twenty	722	109	613	109	613	109	722	109	613	109	613	109	613	109	128	111	4818	4818
Twenty-first	559	115	444	115	444	115	559	115	444	115	444	115	444	115	128	111	3818	3818
Twenty-second	267	36	231	36	231	36	267	36	231	36	231	36	231	36	128	111	1818	1818
Twenty-third	293	52	241	52	241	52	293	52	241	52	241	52	241	52	128	111	1818	1818
Twenty-fourth	518	97	421	97	421	97	518	97	421	97	421	97	421	97	128	111	3818	3818
Twenty-fifth	267	18	249	18	249	18	267	18	249	18	249	18	249	18	128	111	1818	1818
Total	9,814	2,268	7,546	2,268	7,546	2,268	9,814	2,268	7,546	2,268	7,546	2,268	7,546	2,268	2,048	1,668	161,678	144,572

MASKED BURGLARS.—Last night the residence of John Davis, situated on the Lancaster pike, about five miles from the Market street bridge, was broken into by burglars, who effected an entrance by the use of "nippers" on the rear door. After gaining access, they placed masks on their faces, and then repaired to the sleeping apartment of Mr. Davis, who was awakened by the noise they made. They grasped him by the throat, and threatened him with violence if he made any noise or offered any resistance. He replied that he had been a very sick man for some time, and that it was not at all likely that he would resist them. One remained at his bedside, while two of the villains repaired to the adjoining chamber, in which Miss Davis slept, and having awakened and admonished her not to create any disturbance, they ransacked the house from top to bottom. They were evidently after money, but did not obtain any until they returned to the room of Mr. Davis, where they secured $700, which was in a trunk. Among the amount were four $100 notes and a lot of silver coin. The scamps succeeded in making their escape.

A SWINDLER.—Patrick Fox is the name of an individual who yesterday was charged before Alderman Beitler with swindling. The allegation was that he received an order from a gentleman for a lot of vegetables, which he delivered at the house where he collected the bill. He then returned to the gentleman, and collected a similar amount. The Alderman committed him in default of $1000 bail for trial.

HEARING BEFORE A UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER.—At noon to-day, before United States Commissioner Aubrey H. Smith, Michael McNamara, John Boise, and William Flynn had hearings upon the charge of illicitly running whisky distilleries in the Twenty-eighth ward. The two former were discharged, and the case of the latter was continued until to-morrow at 12 M.

THE MANAYUNK SHOOTING CASE.—A few days since a full account was published of a shooting affray at the house of Mary Randles, at Manayunk, in which a man named Greenwood was charged with having shot one William Levens. Yesterday Henry Fellows was also arrested for being implicated, and on being given a hearing before Alderman Ramsdell, was held for trial.

ANOTHER OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES.—Charles Bloomer was overhauled late last night at Sixth and Walnut streets, on the charge of having knocked down and drawn a knife on a citizen. On being searched at the Third District Station, a deputy sheriff's badge was found on him. At the hearing this morning Alderman Carpenter held him to answer.

AN IMPROBABLE STORY.—Yesterday a woman giving the name of Heston called at the Third District Station, and complained that she had been robbed of a bundle containing seventy-two yards of cloth, by a man, while standing on Lombard street looking at a negro procession which was passing. Inquiry was made, but the facts could not be substantiated.

A CLOTH THIEF.—Alderman Toland this morning bound John Ransom over to answer the charge of stealing a roll of cloth from a store at Second and Poplar streets. He was arrested by Harbor Policeman Grimes at Second and Dock streets, with the article in his possession.

THE CONTEST.

Resistance to Frauds Upon the People—The Contested Election Cases Under Way—Petitions of the Rightful Prothonotary of Common Pleas, District Attorney, and Receiver of Taxes.

This morning, in the Court of Common Pleas, the Republican candidates for the offices of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, District Attorney, and Receiver of Taxes, at the recent municipal election, presented their petitions, setting forth the frauds perpetrated in support of their opponents, and claiming that they were rightfully elected. The petitions were signed by the requisite number of voters, among them being the most prominent citizens of Philadelphia.

THE PROTHONOTARY OF COMMON PLEAS.

In behalf of Captain Richard Donagan the following petition was filed:—

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Philadelphia.

The petition and complaint of the undersigned respectfully show: That they are citizens and qualified electors of the city and county of Philadelphia, and that a general election was held therein, on the second Tuesday of October, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and that they voted at the said general election therein, for the office of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for the city and county aforesaid.

Your petitioners further show: That it has been returned that at said election Albert W. Fletcher received sixty thousand nine hundred and sixty-five votes for the office of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for the city and county aforesaid, and that Richard Donagan received sixty thousand three hundred and thirty-four votes for the said office, and that the said Albert W. Fletcher has been returned as elected thereto by a majority of six hundred and forty-one votes, which your petitioners charge to be a false return, and undue election of the said Albert W. Fletcher, and they contest his right to the said office of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia. That the said election, and the said return of the said Albert W. Fletcher, is false, fraudulent, and notrue in this, that at the said general election, two candidates for the office of Prothonotary aforesaid, were voted for to wit: the said Albert W. Fletcher, who was unduly returned as having received for the said office 60 965 votes, and the said Richard Donagan, who was returned as having received 60 334 votes for the said office. Whereas your petitioners allege charge, and verily believe, that the said Albert W. Fletcher received not more than 57,000 votes, and that the said Richard Donagan received at least 60,334 votes for said office, whereby your petitioners allege, charge, and believe that the said Richard Donagan has received the highest number of votes for said office, to wit:—At least 3350 votes more than the said Albert W. Fletcher, whereby the said Richard Donegan is elected to the said office of Prothonotary aforesaid, and should have been so returned. And your petitioners specify more particularly the following grounds of contest:—

Then follow the specifications, of which the following is a sample:—

And your petitioners further represent and charge that at the election held in the Sixth election division of the Third ward of the said city, the election officers of said division fraudulently conducted and carried on said election with a wilful disregard of all the requirements of the laws regulating elections, by means of which only the true votes and will of the people could be ascertained in said division, and your petitioners specify that the said election was conducted in the following manner, to wit:—The election officers in said division falsely and fraudulently permitted and suffered a large number of persons, not qualified voters of said division, to vote at said election, to the number of 15, whose votes were taken and counted in the general return for Albert W. Fletcher for said office of Prothonotary, whose names were not on the list furnished by the City Commissioners to the election officers, without requiring or receiving proof of the qualifications of said voters, and without requiring or receiving proof by a qualified elector of the residence in said division of said voters, and without adding the names of said voters with the names of the persons making proof to the list furnished by the City Commissioners.

They falsely and fraudulently permitted a large number of persons, to the number of —— and upwards, not qualified, to vote, in said division, whose votes were taken and counted in the general return for Albert W. Fletcher for the said office of Prothonotary, whose names are to your petitioners unknown, who voted in the names of those who were upon the list furnished by the City Commissioner to the election officers of said division.

They falsely and fraudulently neglected and refused to mark the letter "V" opposite the names of all voters on the list furnished by the City Commissioners aforesaid, who voted in said division, thereby neglecting to make the record required by law of the names and residences of those who voted.

They fraudulently refused to receive proofs or inquire into the qualifications of voters whose right to vote was legally challenged.

They falsely and fraudulently received the votes of non-residents of said election division, not qualified voters therein, at said election.

That all said acts were done and committed with the intent and purpose of holding an undue election, and with the desire to prevent an honest expression of the popular will at said election, and a true ascertainment of the real votes of the qualified voters residing in said division who voted at said election; and that in pursuance of said conduct on the part of the election officers, and the wicked and evil disposed persons who aided and abetted them in their nefarious designs, the popular will of the voters in said division was not ascertained, but was defeated; and your petitioners thereby charge that the said election so held in said division was false, fraudulent, undue, and void, and the return thereof false, and should be stricken from the general return, and be wholly disregarded.

That at said election in said division the returns of votes received, taken, and counted in the general return for Prothonotary was:—

For Albert W. Fletcher ..... 380 votes,
For Richard Donagan ..... 78 "

The following fraudulent votes are then specified;—

			Fletcher.	Donagan.	Illegal votes for Fletcher
7th Div.,	3d	Ward,	608	143	128
6th "	4th	"	312	69	59
7th "	4th	"	413	25	142
8th "	4th	"	589	154	190
8th "	5th	"	139	63	...
8th "	9th	"	484	213	...
7th "	15th	"	527	261	162
4th "	17th	"	275	122	74
6th "	17th	"	466	57	85
7th "	17th	"	345	89	96
4th "	25th	"	502	47	82

The returns of the first, third, fourth, and fifth divisions of the Fourth ward are also called in question, and the annexed number of votes in the divisions named:—

1st div. Ninth ward	20
11th and 13th div. Second Ward	39
1st to 8th div. Fifth ward	20
1st to 8th div. Eleventh ward	10
2d and 4th div. Thirteenth ward	10
1st, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th div. Sixteenth ward	5
2d and 8th div. Twenty-second ward	10
4th div. Twenty-fifth ward	240

The petition closes as follows:—

Wherefore your petitioners show that at the said election, and by the means aforesaid, Richard Donagan has been duly elected to the office of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, having received more votes than were given for the return candidate, or for any person for said office, and that therefore the election was undue and the return false, in declaring and returning the said Albert W. Fletcher as duly elected to the said office

Your petitioners therefore pray, that your Honors will appoint a suitable time for hearing this complaint, and make such order as may be necessary to exhibit the aforesaid undue and false return—that you will order, decree, and adjudge the said return of the said Albert W. Fletcher to the office of Prothonotary, aforesaid, to be false, and that the said Richard Donagan was at said election duly and legally elected to said office; and that your Honors will take such other action in the premises as you may deem fit, and as in duty bound they will ever pray, etc.

When the reading of the petition had been concluded, the Court, all the judges being on the bench, made an order that the petition be filed; that ten days' notice be given to Albert W. Fletcher, the candidate returned as elected, and that the hearing be fixed for November 14, 1868.

THE DISTRICT ATTOREY.

The petition of the citizens contesting the election of Furman Sheppard to the office of District Attorney is nearly similar to that in the case of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas. The general return of votes sets forth 61,165 for Mr. Sheppard, and 59,890 for Mr. Gibbons, giving the former a majority of 1275 votes; which they allege to be a false and fraudulent return, declaring that in truth Mr. Sheppard did not receive more than 75,000 votes, and Mr. Gibbons did receive at least 57,590, which would give the latter a majority of 2000.

In the first place, it is alleged that in the general return 1864 votes were counted for Mr. Sheppard, which should have been 2130; and 2436 for Mr. Gibbons, which should have been 2389, making an error of 313 votes that should have been added to Mr. Sheppard's majority.

The specifications of fraud set forth that the following illegal votes were taken in favor of Mr. Sheppard:—

6th division of the		3d ward,	107.
7th	do	3d do	238.
6th	do	4th do	114.
7th	do	4th do	191.
8th	do	4th do	332.
8th	do	5th do	125.
8th	do	9th do	166.
7th	do	15th do	222.
4th	do	9th do	204.
6th	do	17th do	130.
7th	do	15th do	111.
4th	do	25th do	157.
9th	do	1st do	20.
11th	do	13th do	26.
		4th do	2.
		5th do	160.
7th	do	16th do	16.
		11th do	86.

The petitioners further aver that the Sheriff appointed a body of bad men to do police duty at the polls, and they behaved in such a lawless manner as to intimidate a large number of citizens and prevent them from voting.

The petition, which the Court ordered to be filed, bore the following names:—

Edw. P. Clarke,	Wm. Elliott,
Jas. L. Claghorn,	W. W. Kess,
Edw. Strickland,	Alex. P. Colesberry,
Job J. Sharpless,	Geo. Truman,
E. D. Marchant,	Lindley Smyth,
M. N. Phillips,	Geo. Morrison Coates,
W. B. Churchman,	Thos. P. Stotesbury,
Chas. S. Jones,	Geo. P. Longhead,
W. A. Rolin,	Edward Taylor,
A. D. Jessup, Jr.,	Geo. H. Beaumont, M. D.
Geo. Soker,	Jno. Haseltine,
J. A. Woodward,	Robt. H. Smal', Jr.,
F. A. Walker,	John M. Moriarty,
J. B. Wilson,	John P. Wetherill,
Joseph R. McElroy,	W. H. Kemble,
G. W. Woo stou,	Franklin Evans,
Reed Meyer,	Samuel Bell,
Edward Pennington,	H. Avery
Ferdinand J. Dreer,	Alex. J. Harper,
Peter Lamb,	John W. Leigh,
E. W. Bailey,	Samuel T. Canby,
George R. Taylor,	Robert K. McKeely,
John E. Addicks,	Wa.d B. Haseltine.
Daniel Smith, Jr.,	

William S. Rawle, Esq., appeared for the contestants.

RECEIVER OF TAXES.

This office is also included in the contest. The petition is in form like the preceding ones, and the same averments of fraud are made, and upon the ground of fraud the petitioners pray the Court to cast out of the general count the following precincts, which, they hold, will give Mr. Richard Peltz a handsome majority:—

Sixth division, Third ward.
Seventh division, Third ward.
Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth divisions, Fourth ward.
Eighth division, Fifth ward.
Eighth division, Ninth ward.
Seventh division, Fifteenth ward.
Fourth, Sixth, and Seventh divisions, Seventeenth ward.
Fourth division, Twenty-fifth ward.

In the following precincts frauds were committed to the extent of twenty votes and upwards:—

Fifth and Ninth divisions, First ward.
Eleventh and Thirteenth divisions, Second ward.
First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth divisions, Fourth ward.
First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth divisions, Fifth ward.
Seventh and Eighth divisions, Seventh ward.
First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth divisions, Eleventh ward.
First, Second, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh divisions, Twelfth ward.
Second and Fourth divisions, Thirteenth ward.
First and Second divisions, Fourteenth Ward.
First and Second divisions, Fifteenth ward.
First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Eighth divisions, sixteenth ward.
Fifth, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth divisions, Seventeenth ward.
Eleventh and Twelfth divisions, Eighteenth ward.
Second, Seventh, and Eighth divisions, Twenty-second ward.
Eighth division, Twenty-third ward.
Fourth division, Twenty-fifth ward.
First division, Twenty-seventh ward.

Complaint is here made, too, of the conduct of the Sheriff's deputies about the polls, and its influence in deterring citizens from voting.

Annexed are the names of the petitioners:—

Charles M. Prevost,	Thomas Birch.
Richard Wright,	A. J. Harper,
A. P. Colesberry,	A. E. Loughead,
George Truman, Jr.,	Thomas P. Stotesbury,
G. M. Coates,	C. Howard Brown,
Ezra Lukens,	H. B. Lippincott,
R. R. Corson,	Henry Sylvester,
John McLaughlin,	John D. Gerhard,
Charles H. Cramp,	D. Smith, Jr.,
Isaac M. Moss,	J. J. Hartman,
D. C. McCammon,	Edw. Graig,
James H. Orne,	William Pettit,
John E. Addicks,	Joseph R. McElroy,
E. U. Barsley,	John C. Lewis,
E. H. Fitler,	W. E. Littleton,
John P. Wetherill,	Lindley Smith,
Evan Randolph,	John S. Bradbury,
Henry C. Baird,	James F. Butler,
M. R. Harris,	John B. Wilson,
B. M. Dusenberry,	L. L. Wesler,
E. C. Knight,	Frank H. Roberts,
Edward Pennington, Jr.,	E. H. Webb,
E. Ward,	J. Stewart, Jr.,
W. L. Denis,	Geo. H. Beaumont, M. D.,
W. B. Haseltine,	Samuel R. Trotter,
Wm. P. Hacker,	Ed. Taylor,
Lewellyn B. Barry,	John M. Moriarty,
S. M. Heaton,	Samuel Bell,
F. A. Hinkle,	Robert H. Lenoir, Jr.,
John Moss, Jr.,	John Haseltine.

The Court ordered the petition to be filed, with ten days' notice to the party therein returned, and fixed November 14th next for the hearing; which order applied to all the petitions presented.

AID TO THE WIDOW OF JAMES YOUNG.—The following additional contributions for the relief of the widow of Policeman James Young have been received:—

Previously acknowledged	$528 19	W. L. D.	8'00
G. r. Farmer	10'00	Charles Bullock	5'00
Cash	10'00	Thomas & Bros.	25 00
H. Copeland & Co.	5'00	F. P. & S.	7'00
J. Reynolds & Son	5'00	Tenbrook & Bro.	10'00
S. Huston	25 00	C. A. Walborn	10 00
J. C. McCreary	10'00	Henry Grove	5'00
Henry Seybert	5'00	B. D. Stewart & Son	20 00
Joseph R. Wilkins	5'00	J. F.	5'00
James Carstairs	10 00	Edw'd Lafourcade	5 00
T. W. Price	10 00	Lloyd, Supplee & Walton	10'00
W. H. Stevens	10'00	S. W. Bell, for clerks of Philada. and Farmers' and Mechanics' Banks	17 00
D. B. Beitler	5 00	John H. Bringhurst	5'00
—— Carson	5 00	B.	5 00
Judge J. I. Clark Hare	20 00	John A. Snermer	10 00
Cash per *North American*	2'10	Republican Executive Committee of 7th Ward	25'00
Cash do.	1 00	Contributions rec'd and acknowledged by Phila. *Inquirer*	10 00
William E. Garrett & Sons	25'00	Contributions rec'd and ackn. wledged by the *Evening Bulletin*	288 00
Charles Gilpin	$10'00	Jno. Rice additional	5'00
Wm. S. Grant	5 00	John McGillesey	2'00
Henry K. Kelly and 51 others, $2 each	104'00	Aaron A. Hurley	5 00
J. Y. C.	1'00	Samuel Castner	5 00
J. F. M. & Co.	10 00	Geo. F. Peabody	5'00
Executive Com. 5th ward Union Republican party	10'00	Cash, J. T.	1'00
M.	10 00	David S. Brown	5'00
W. S.	10'00	Total	$1340 10
Rosengarten & Sons	20'00		
John F. Shermer	10'00		
Geo. H Smith	5'00		
J. W.	5'00		
Mrs. Joseph Butler	1'00		

JAMES C. HAND.

Philadelphia, Oct. 23, 1868.

ENDS IN SMOKE.—It has been announced that the Democratic National Executive Committee were to have met here to-day to devise ways and means to escape from defeat. Our reporter visited the Democratic Headquarters, Ninth and Arch streets, and consulted prominent Democratic politicians, and they were all in total ignorance of any such meeting. No members of the committee had arrived here up to 2 P. M. to-day, and it looks as if the efforts of the White House reporter to get up a new Presidential ticket will end in smoke.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—In the Court of Quarter Sessions Judge Brewster, this morning, in the case of the Commonwealth vs. John W. Frazier, charged with assault and battery upon Mary O'Donnel and Margaret Coffee, before reported, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, imposing the costs, however, upon the defendant.

A DROWNING CASE.—John Johnson, who it is thought belongs to Brooklyn, N. Y., fell into the Delaware yesterday at Port Richmond, and was drowned. His body was recovered, and an inquest held on it by Coroner Daniels.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
October 23, 1868.

In pursuance of a Resolution of Select and Common Councils, approved by me this day, I do hereby offer a reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS "for the arrest and conviction of any persons within the State of Pennsylvania, at whose instance or by whose connivance residents of other States voted or attempted to vote, at any of the polls in the city of Philadelphia at the last general election."

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Philadelphia, on this Twenty-third day of October, A. D. 1868.

(SEAL) MORTON McMICHAEL,
10 Mayor of Philadelphia.

THIRD EDITION

West Virginia State Election.

Assassination in the West.

The San Francisco Earthquake—Great Damage to Buildings.

FROM WEST VIRGINIA.

Both Parties Claim the Election.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 23.—Both parties claim the State; the Democrats by 3000 majority. The Republicans give no figures, but are sure of the State. The Democrats carried Ohio county by about 200 average majority.

Returns thus far do not justify the Democrats in arriving at such conclusions.

The Republicans are in good spirits.

The returns are coming in very slowly; nothing definite yet.

By to-morrow morning I think I can give the full county vote, and enough from other counties to show the general drift of the vote of the State.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

The Earthquake—The Walls of the Buildings in the City Damaged—Great Excitement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The earthquake is still the topic of conversation. A slight tremor or two have been felt to-day. The total of the casualties worth mentioning do not exceed thirty. There were only five persons killed, though in one or two instances persons who were struck by falling bricks and timber may die of the injuries received.

A committee of the Board of Supervisors, assisted by several architects, to-day held a survey of the City Hall, fire engine houses, and other public buildings. The examination of the City Hall shows that the walls are badly cracked from the ground floor upwards, and the aisles are mostly ruined. The Post Office clerks have resumed their duties. The Post Office occupies the lower story of the Custom House building. Had it not been for extra anchors and ties put into the Custom House building after the earthquake of 1865, it is probable that the greater portion of the structure would have fallen to the ground.

The old Merchants' Exchange, on Battery street, opposite the Custom House, and which for some years past has been occupied by the United States Courts, was considerably injured. There is a large fissure in the north wall of the building.

The Custom House and old Merchants' Exchange are on made ground, beyond the original water front of the city. Their foundations rest on piles. The old Exchange was severely shattered by the earthquake of 1865. The new Merchants' Exchange, on California street, was slightly injured. The ornamental work on the building occupied by the Bank of California was thrown down. The balustrade and chimneys are being removed.

Although a hundred buildings in the city have been damaged more or less, a thorough examination proves that those buildings which have been properly constructed will stand much heavier shocks than those of yesterday. The Occidental and Cosmopolitan hotels and the Lick House and the Ross House, the largest buildings in the city, are uninjured, except that in some instances the chimneys were thrown down and the plastering cracked. These buildings are all on solid ground.

The damage west of Montgomery street was very slight, very few buildings occupying solid ground showing any damage whatever.

To-day's examination only confirms yesterday's report, that the greatest wreck of buildings and destruction of property were confined to the eastern and southern portions of the city, where buildings are erected on made ground.

Business was resumed as usual to-day.

The United States steamer Ossipee sailed to-day on a cruise.

The murderer of Captain Mitchell, of the United States steamer Saganaw, has been arrested. He says that the Captain threatened his life, and he knocked him down in self-defense.

The steamer Sacramento sailed to-day for Panama with $174,000 in treasure, of which $156,000 is for New York.

SHIP NEWS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Cleared, barge Raussgua, for Liverpool, with 22,0 barrels of flour and 10,000 sacks of wheat; sloop Helene, for Liverpool, with 20,000 sacks of wheat; ship Orion, for Philadelphia, with 40,000 sacks of wheat.

MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Flour, $5·25@6·25; wheat, quiet; good shipping, $1·80@1·87½. Legal tenders, 73½c.

Assassination.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 23.—A. R. Scott, living about two miles from Harlem, Clay county, Mo., was called to the door of his house at a late hour last night and shot dead by some unknown persons. He had recently been appointed judge of election for Harlem, and during the session of the Board of Revision had furnished considerable information to the Registrars. His death is attributed to political differences.

The Weather.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 23.—There was a killing frost last night. The late corn crop is safe from injury.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 23.—There was a sharp frost this morning, which will nip vegetation and young cotton bolls.

Ship News.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Arrived, steamship Fahkee, from Bermuda.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS,
Office No. 104 S. FIFTH Street,
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22, 1868.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Chief Commissioner of Highways until 12 o'clock M., on MONDAY, 26th inst., for the construction of the following:—
Three-feet Sewers, viz.:—On Seventh street from Market street to Arch street, Marks street from Eleventh street to 63 feet east of Twelfth street, Sixth street from Green street to Coates street, Sartain street from Girard avenue to Poplar street, Woodstock street from Berks street to Norris street, Montgomery street from Broad street to Twentieth street.
Two feet six inch Sewers, viz:—On Eleventh street, from 95 feet north of Jefferson to 30 feet north of Reeves street, from Twentieth to Twenty-first street.
Thirteenth street, from 253 feet north of Jefferson; to 266 feet north of Oxford street.
Moyer and Dauphin streets, between Norris street and Belgrade street. With such iron and stone inlets and manholes as may be directed by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor. The understanding to be that the sewers herein advertised are to be completed on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1868. And the Contractor shall take bills prepared against the property fronting on said sewers to the amount of one dollar and twenty-five cents for each lineal foot of front on each side of the street as so much cash paid; the balance, as limited by Ordinance, to be paid by the city. And the Contractor will be required to keep the street and sewer in good order for three years after the sewer is finished.
When the street is occupied by a City Passenger Railroad track, the sewer shall be constructed alongside of said track in such manner as not to obstruct or interfere with the safe passage of the cars thereon; and no claim for remuneration shall be paid the Contractor by the Company using said track, as specified in Act of Assembly approved May 8, 1866.
All bidders are invited to be present at the time and place of opening the said proposals. Each proposal will be accompanied by a certificate that a bond has been filed in the Law Department as directed by ordinance of May 25, 1860. If the lowest bidder shall not execute a contract within five days after the work is awarded, he will be deemed as declining, and will be held liable on his bond for the difference between his bid and the next highest bid. Specifications may be had at the Department of Surveys, which will be strictly adhered to.
MARLON H. DICKINSON,
10 23 6t Chief Commissioner of Highways.

FOURTH EDITION

WASHINGTON.

Revenue Appointments—The President's Organ in Danger.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.

Secretary Welles

to-day received a telegram from Commodore Alden, at San Francisco, confirming the assassination of Captain Mitchell, of the Saginaw, in one of the most public streets of San Francisco, on Wednesday night.

The Earthquake.

Alden says the Navy Yard was not damaged by the earthquake.

The Democrats

have started the report that the *Intelligencer* has been bought by the Republicans, and will come out for Grant. It is said to be in an embarrassed condition, and its suspension is daily expected.

Secretary McCulloch

to-day appointed twenty-two Storekeepers for the Fifteenth district of Pennsylvania, York and Cumberland counties. William Setford and Joseph T. Reeside were appointed Storekeepers for the Fourth district of Pennsylvania, and Isaac Wormeisdorf Storekeeper for the Eighth Pennsylvania district.

FROM BOSTON.

Arrest of a Prize-fighter and an Alleged Murderer.

BOSTON, Oct. 23.—George Seddons, principal in the late prize-fight at the Isle of Shoals, was arraigned to-day in the Criminal Court, and committed in default of $5000 bail.

William J. Fulton, recently arrested in Philadelphia, charged with the murder of a young man named Foley, was arraigned to-day in the Municipal Court and committed for trial. It is charged that Fulton shot and robbed Foley, four years ago, in Boston, and has managed since to avoid arrest.

Latest Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Cotton firmer at 25c. Flour dull; sales of 7000 bbls. at yesterday's quotations. Wheat dull; sales of 7500 bushels Amber State, $2·10. Corn firmer and advanced 1@2 cents; sales of 82,000 bushels at $1·14@1·17½. Oats firm; sales of 66,000 bushels at 75c. Beef quiet. Pork dull at $27·87½. Lard heavy at 17¾@18c. Whisky quiet.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 23.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands nominally 26c. Flour in better demand. Wheat dull; prime to choice, $2·45@2·60; other grades unchanged. Corn firm; receipts small; old white, $1·2·@1·28; yellow, $1·25@1·28. Oats dull at 70@75c. Rye firm at $1·45@1·60. Provisions unchanged.

New York Stock Quotations—2 P. M.

Received by telegraph from Glendinning & Davis, Stock Brokers, No. 48 S. Third street.

N. Y. Cent. R.	127⅞	Toledo & Wabash	64¼
N. Y. and E. R.	47	Mil. & St. Paul com	102
Pn. and Rea. R.	98¼	Adams Express	50
Mich. S. and N. I. R.	87¾	Wells, Fargo Exp.	30
Clev. & Pittsb'g R.	88¼	U. S. Express Co.	48
Chi. and N. W. com	91½	Tennessee 6s, new	70
Chi. and N. W. pref.	92