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Eight hundred thousand dollars, with about one-third of that sum with which to meet them. As the epidemic has been confined to Philadelphia alone, your correspondent, deeming that some special cause operated to bring about this morning, called upon a leading Market street firm this morning in search of information. I found it necessary to prove that I was not in any manner connected with mercantile agencies before they would give the desired information. Having satisfied myself on this point, the following facts were elicited:

CONSPICUOUS--I have called, sir, in search of information regarding the causes that have led to the suspension of so many shoe houses in this city of late.

MANUFACTURER--The suspensions have occurred for the most part among a class of manufacturers who desire to compete with leading houses. They pay more for their stock (because they have less than larger houses) and sell at lower rates. Unless they could pick up an immense trade at once it would follow that they would go under.

MANUFACTURER--They have been buying in New York instead of Philadelphia. With the exception of the shoes of one dealer in New York those of Philadelphia manufacture sell the best. They can't all buy of that dealer, and the shoes of the dealer who local buyers will buy of local manufacturers rather than pay the same price and not get a good article.

MANUFACTURER--Yes, some of them will; but I can make anything by failing.

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BOOTS AND SHOES.

Victor Emmanuel's Occupation of Rome to Be Denounced by the Boston Catholics--An Address Forwarded to the Pope by the Clergy and Laity.

After considerable delay the Vatican of Boston have decided to form a protest against the purpose of expelling the pope and indignation against the occupation of the Holy See by Victor Emmanuel and the Italian Government. The meeting will be held in Music Hall next Friday evening, and Bishop Williams will probably preside, and addresses will probably be made by various prominent clergymen and laymen.

A meeting of this character has already been held, but as it was under the auspices of only a single association it has been decided to have one upon a more general basis. The following address and protest to the Holy Father were forwarded from here to-day:

Most Holy Father--The clergy and laity of the Diocese of Boston, humbly expressing the most fervent regret and indignation at the outrage to which your Holiness has recently been subjected. Although remaining, however, in the joyful belief of your pontificate was made sorrowful by the usurpation of the Holy See, we are not without hope because of the present season of tribulation, but having seen your present return to your delighted and anxious prayers, we have marked the interesting signs betwixt you and your people, we had hoped that the evil danger began in 1860 and partially carried out in 1869 would be the usual term allotted to man; a priesthood of more than a century, which has been the cause of the years of Peter, and filled with remarkable benefits to religion and to morals, led us to expect, for you, above all things, that you would be the cause of continued peace and concord in the Church, and that you would be the cause of the triumph of the Holy Spirit, and that you would be the cause of the triumph of the Holy Spirit, and that you would be the cause of the triumph of the Holy Spirit.

PHILADELPHIA MATTERS.

The Old Fire Department--Held at Every Five--Knives and Pistols Used--Companies Disbanded--Overhauling of Custom House Employees--Changes in Management of Pennsylvania Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2, 1871. The volunteer fire department of Philadelphia is terribly disorganized. Mayor Fox having signed the Paid Fire Department bill on Friday last, thereby destroying their last hope that the bill would fail to become a law has enraged them beyond belief.

A man named on the ice yesterday, striking his head on a scraper and fracturing his skull. He was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital, where he died this morning.

A fire broke out yesterday forenoon in the cellar of the four story brown stone building No. 26 West Sixteenth street, occupied as a boarding house by Mrs. Mary Gage. The damage done to the building was \$2,900; insured; and to the furniture, \$300; not insured.

The fire at Franklin, Pa. Destruction of the Marshall House--Burning of the Wire Bridge--Two Lives Lost--Several Persons Injured.

Franklin, Venango County, Pa., Dec. 31, 1870. A sad and singular accident occurred here just before noon to-day. The Marshall House, an old hotel on the bank of the Allegheny river, well known to all men, took fire, and was burned down. It was situated close to the end of the suspension bridge crossing the river at this place.

The millinery and fancy store kept by Mrs. Jennings in Nowata avenue, opposite the City Hall, Jersey City, was almost entirely destroyed by fire at eight o'clock last evening. The loss is about \$2,000; insured for \$3,000.

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