rooms. All the modern conveniences for offices and stores have been introduced, such as stone lined fire-proofs, hoisting machines; and closets and wash basins are furnished for each room, even up to the fifth story. Gas pipes have been liberally distributed throughout, so as to insure an abundance of light for any requisite purpose -and all the rooms are warmed by hot air generated in furnaces with basements. In fine, the whole of the buildings are complete and replete with every convenience, being combined with beauty and constructed in the most substantial and permanent manner, with the best material, and reflecting credit on the Architect, his foreman, and the persons who executed the several mechanical branches of the work.

Much praise is due to the Chairman of the building committee, Thomas Snowden, Esq., for the great energy, industry and liberality manifested by him during the whole progress of the work, to forward which his exertions have been untiring, and have now been happily crowned with complete success.

In a financial point of view, the Committee have also cause to be congratulated. The revenue derived from the former building was \$4400, which represents a capital of \$73,333. The cost of the new buildings is about \$100,-000, and the income which will be derived from them will be about \$18,000 per annum, representing a capital of \$300,000, thus making an increase in the revenue of \$13,600, which is equal to 132 per cent. on the investment made in the buildings.

In conformity with the usual custom on finishing extensive blocks of buildings, the City Councils, the Commissioners of the Girard Estate, the gentlemen connected with the work, and a number of citizens, partook of an elegant collation yesterday evening, in one of the spacious second story apartments on Chesnut street. The viands were furnished by Mr. Richard B. Jones, of Dock Street Hotel, and the wines by Messrs. Thomas S. Jacobs & Son, also of Dock Street, and both were themes of general commendation. The gathering was of a most delightful character-wit, song, speech and sentiment abounded-and the enjoyment was general.

The New Graard Buildings.—The new Girard Buildings, on Chestnut street above Taird, and on Third street below Chestnut, being completed, the event was celebrated last evening, at the Chestnut street building, by a mignificent collation, prepared by R. B. Jones, of the Exchange Hotel, under the superintendence of the Commissioners of the Girard Estates.

Mayor Gilpin presided on the occasion, supported by the Presidents of Councils.

At the head of the table were also our Representatives in Congress, and a number of distinguished greats.

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After the removal of the cloth, his Honor the Mayor gave the first toast—

'The Corporation of the City of Philadel-

which he prefaced with an eloquent speech. This was replied to by John Price Wetherill, Esq., in a brief but pertinent speech. Mr. Wetherill gave—

"The City of Philadelphia—Its manufactures and its industry will overcome the maritime power of New York."

Mayor Gilpin next gave—

"The memory of the merchant and mariner—Stephen Girard."

This was followed by—

"Our Representatives in Congress."

To this Hon. Jos. R. Chandler responded in eloquent terms, in which he took occasion to pay a tribute to the respectability and power of the Press of Philadelphia—

Mr. Chandler gave—

"The Press."

To this Morton McMichael, Esq., responded. A variety of other toasts were drank.



OUR COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKET.-We are indebted to R. B. Jones, of the Exchange Hotel, 77 Dock street, for the following quotations of the Philadelphia narkets, this morning.

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Turkeys—Small, \$1 75 a \$2 each. Very scarce. Chickens—Old, 874c. a \$1 25 per pair. Spring Chickens—Old, 874c. a \$1 25 per pair. Spring Chickens—Old, 874c. a \$1 25 per pair. Berf—Prime cuts, 14 a 17c. per pound. Veal—Very fine, 9 a 124c. per pound. Mutton—8 a 10c. per pound.

Mutton—8 a 10c. per pound.

Lamb—Very superior, \$5 each. Pork—10c. per pound.

Ham—124 a 16c. per pound.

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Prime Butter—28 a 32c. per pound.

Fresh Eggs—11 a 16c. per dozen.
Old Potatoes—40 a 45c. per bushel.

Bermuda Potatoes—Very fine, \$450 a \$5 per bbl.

Shad—Per hundred, \$15; choice, 31 a 374c. each.

Rock—124c. per pound.

Lobsters—124c. per pound.

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Green Peas—\$1 per basket.
Asparagus—Penna. 12kc; Jersey, 8 a 10c per bunch.
Salad—3 a 10c per head.
Rhubarh—5 a 10c per bunch.
Young Onions—1c. per bunch.

Baltimore supplied our market with the following

Strawberries sold from 31 a 75c per quart. Gooseberries—15c per quart. Currants—16c per quart. Cherries—371c per pound.

PRODUCE MARKETS. - Our produce market presented a beautiful sight this morning, and everything in the vegetable line appeared in abundance. We annex the following as the range of quotations:

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Butter—A prime article, 28 a 30c. the pound.
Eggs—14 a 15c. per dozen.
Green Peas—\$1 per basket, or 25c. the half peck.
Asparagus—Penna. 12½ a 16c per bunch, Jersey, 8 a 12½.
Rhbabt—5 a 9c per bunch.
Strawberries—37½ a 50c per quart.
Gooseberries—12½ per quart.
Currants—12½ a 15c per quart.
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Cherries—31½ a 37½ per quart.
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Chickens—Very few in market, old selling at 75c a
\$1 per pair, and spring chickens at 37½ a 50c.
Beef—12½ a 16c. per pound, for prrime cuts.
Veal—8 a 12½ c, per pound.
Lamb—A fine article, \$4 50 a \$5 each, or \$1 a \$1 25
the quarter.
Pork—Scarce, at 10c. per pound.
Bermuda Potatoes—\$4 50 a \$5 per bbl., or 4c. per lb.
Old Potatoes—40 a 45c. per bushel.
Lobsters—12½c. per pound—very fine.
Rock Fish continue scarce, at 12½c. per pound, and
Blackfish at 10c.
Shad are quite plenty, and sell at \$14 a \$15 per hundred, or 18½ a 37c. each.

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PHILADELPHIA PRODUCE MARKET.—The several produce markets this morning were well filled. A number of articles have fallen off in price, while the general character of the market remains firm. Neck" farms present a fine appearance. The followng may be considered the ruling family prices:

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Meats—Beef, 15a18 cents per 1b. choice pieces; Veal, 2812½ cents; Mutton, 8a12½; Lamb, 62½a\$1 per quarter; Pork, 10a12½, fresh and salt; Sliced Ham, 12½a18½ cents; young Pige continue scarce, and command high prices.

Pouttry—The market is pretty brren. Capons and Turkeys are scarce, the former selling at \$3 the pair, and upwards. Chickens command 57½a\$1 per pair, while Spring Chickens are worth 50a87½ cts; Squab Pigeons, 37½a40 cents per pair.

Fish—Fresh Salmon scarce at 87½a\$1 per 1b; Halibut 10 cts; Rock, scarce, 12½ cts; Blackfish, 8 cts; Shad, 18½a 37½ cts, or \$18a\$20 the 100, Lobsters 10 cts per 1b.

Butter—A prime article, 25a28 cts per 1b.

Eggs—14a15 cts per dozen.

Fruit—Strawberries are quite plenty, and prices have gone down, they sold to-day at 18½a31½ cts the quart. Cherries, scarce and poor, at 12½a25 cts the 1b; Gooseberries & cts the quart; Currants 10a12½ cts; Cranberries 18½ cts.

183 cts.

Vegetables—Green Peas, Southern. \$1 25 per basket, Jersey do, \$1 50, or 25 cts half peck; Tomatoes 25cts the quart; Cucumbers 10al2 cts each; Caulinfowers 8a37½ cts each, as in quality; Asparagus 8a25c per bunch for Jersey and Penn'a, as in quality; Rhubarb 5a10c per bunch; Salad, 62½ a \$1 the barrel, or 2 a 6 cents the head; New Beets, 12½ cents the bunch; New Cabbage, 4 a 6 cents the head; Spinnach, 5 cts. the half fpeck, Radishes, 2 cts. the bunch; Young Onions, I ct. the bunch; Green Mint, 2 cents; Sweet Potatoes, 62½ a 75cts the basket; Old Potatoes, 40a45 cents per bushel; Bermuda do 4 cents the pound.

Smearcase, an excellent, wholesome article, sells at 2 cents the cake. may 25 1853.

## Marketing at Philadelphia & Pittsburg;

Our friend of the Pittsburg American has given a table of prices of meats, vegetables, &c., in the two markets of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and the contrast in some cases is quite striking. This is the more extraordinary when we remember the railroad facilities between the two places. We subjoin some of the figures:

THE MANAGEMENT	Philadelphia.	Pittsburg.
Beef, per lb,	16 to 18 cts.	8 to 10 cts.
Veal, do Milay	@ 10 to 12} 6	8 to 10
Mutton, do MICH	10 to 121 &	6 to 10
Lamb, (\$3 each) or	per	COLUMN TO SERVICE STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE
quarter,	125	. 50 to 75
Pork, per lb.,	10	8
Ham, do	12 to 16	11 to 12

Young Pigs, each,	175	to	250	75	to	100
	87	to.	100			624
Spring do,	62	to	100		to	
Grass Butter, lb.,	25	to	31	15	to	18
Fresh Eggs, doz,	14	to	15	10	to	11
Fresh Salmon, lb (pr	0-					
bably a mistake.)			100			20
Rock fish, lb,			121		nor	
Rock fish, lb, Allegheny Salmon			121		nor	
Rock fish, lb, Allegheny Salmon and Bass, lb.,		nor			nor	
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\*\*Pork, 10a12½, fresh and salt; Sliced Ham, 12½a18½ cents;
\*\*Poultry\*\*—Colickens command 73a81 per pair, while
\*\*Spring Chickens are worth 75a87½ cts; Squab Pigeons,
\*\*37½a40 cents per pair.
\*\*Fish\*\*—Fresh Salmon scarce at 80a87½ per 1b; Halibut
\*\*10 cts; Rock, scarce, 12½ cts; Blackfish, 8 cts; Shad, 18¾a
\*\*37½ cts, or \$18a\$20 the 100; Lobsters 10 cts per 1b.
\*\*Butter\*\*—A prime article, 25a28 cts per 1b.
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Asparagus 8a16 per bunch for Jersey and Penn'a, as in

quality; Rhubarb 5a10c per bunch; Salad, 62½ the barrel,

or I a 6 cents the head; New Beets, 11½ cents the bunch;

New Cabbage, 6a12½ cents, good, the head; Spinnach, 5

cents the half /peck; kadishes, 2 cents the bunch; Young

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Jones, jr., of the Exchange Hotel, No. 77 Dock street:-
MEAT.
Beef
Dried Beef
Beef Tongues
Veal
Veal
Lamb\$3 a \$3 50 each, and \$1 a \$1 25 per quarter.
Pork10 cents.
Ham
Young Pigs
COULTRY.
Turkeys \$1.62a2 50 each (scarce)
Ducks \$1 per pair, very scarce.
Chickens 75 cts to \$1 12 per pair.
Spring Chickens 50 cents to 874 do.
Squab Pidgeons
Turkeys
Fresh Salmon none. Halibut 10 ets per lb.
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Shad\$18 a \$20 per 100, choice 25 to 31 cts each.
Black Fish 8 cts per lb.
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Lobsters10 a 12 cts per lb.
Soft Crabs\$1,25 per dcz.
Hard Crabs
VEGETABLES.
Old Potatoes30a40 ets. per bushel
Sweet Potatoes
Bermuda Potatoes,barrel \$4,50, \$1a1,25 do
Oucumbers61 cents each, scarce
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Asparagus, Penn'a.....10a15 cts. per bunch; Jersey 10a12