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**The News.**  
The near approach of the opening of Congress is concentrating public attention upon the inquiry as to what will be the leading questions of the Session, or the probable recommendations of the President; and, as far as we have been able to observe, a deeper interest than usual seems to be felt as to the foreign policy of the Administration.

**Foreign Commerce of the United States.**  
We have before us a semi-official statement of the Foreign Commerce of the United States for the year 1852, of which the following are the results, ending June 30, 1853.

IMPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1852-'3.	
Dutiable goods,	\$292,293,875
Free goods,	61,044,779
Spices and bullion,	19,274,496
Total imports for the year,	\$372,613,150
Exports for the year 1852-'3.	\$251,551,633
Total exports and merchandise,	20,660,241
Domestic produce and bullion,	42,407,246
Foreign do,	10,225,901
Total exports for the year,	\$324,014,421

**AN EXPLANATION.**—We have a report from Washington, that the Secretary of State has demanded an explanation from the Spanish Minister, in regard to the demonstration now being made by Spain against Mexico. This may prove the beginning of a serious controversy. If Spain shall persist, and attempt to overawe and reconquer Mexico, it will devolve upon the Administration to decide and define what is meant by the Monroe Doctrine.

**THE LIBRARY and Scientific men of Williamsport** have established an association which they call the Lycoming Institute, the object of the Society being the cultivation of literature and science. They met on Saturday evening of week before last, and organized the association by electing Wm. H. Armstrong, President, Henry C. Parsons and Lewis Jamison, Vice Presidents, besides the other usual officers.

**THE TREASURY RECEIPTS.** The footing up of the Treasury receipts, for the first quarter of the current fiscal year which ended on the 30th of September, shows the receipts to have been \$25,250,879, while the disbursements for the quarter were \$21,700,178; leaving a balance, in favor of the Government, over three and a half millions of dollars.

**THE COMING CONGRESS.**—Congress meets this year on the 6th of December—Monday next. By law the session must close on the 4th of March, containing a little over thirteen weeks. It will be a short but vigorous session. The tariff will be considerably modified, and the Pacific Rail Road will be attempted to be put through.

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**PEN, PASTE & SCISSORS.**  
—Source—Cash.  
—Up—The price of Pork.  
—On hand—Lots of Job Work.  
—Slightly Attended—Court this week.  
—Congress meets on the 6th of December.  
—Man—A bubble on the ocean's rolling waves.  
—The prettiest lining for a bonnet is a smiling face.  
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**The Opposition rejoicing over the recent elections does not disinherit the true Democracy of the nation. It is an old song.**  
The Troy Budget says, about every four years a class of effete politicians get up a great hubbub about destruction of the Democratic party. It has been sung so often that it has failed to alarm any one. Since the days of Jefferson, the Opposition have charged that the Democratic party could not maintain its national character and organization. It has, however, outlived these prophecies, and will survive them as long as the Union lasts. Defections will take place, as they have in the past, and will like results. They will not resist the onward march of the party in the accomplishment of the purposes of its organization and the principles upon which it is based.

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