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Imports and exports. The New York Journal of Commerce presents, from official sources, a statement of the foreign commerce of the United States for the fiscal year, ending June 30.

Meeting of Congress. Congress met on yesterday at 12 o'clock; and as the same officers hold over from the last session, there will be no other delay in the organization than calling the roll and swearing in any new members who may have been elected to fill vacancies.

Election of Gen. Kim. Contrary to all expectation, Gen. William H. Kim, the Volunteer (Republican) candidate, has been elected to Congress from Berks county, over Joel B. Wanner, Esq., the Democratic candidate.

The President's Message will appear in our next issue. During the session we shall endeavor to keep our readers advised of every thing of importance that transpires.

Exports and imports. The exports of domestic produce in the last fiscal year were \$241,351,033. The exports of cotton were 131,500,000 and the export of tobacco 20,000,000.

Politics in Kentucky. The Louisville Democrat, in noticing the State census of 1850, publishes the proceedings of the Convention of Delegates to the 8th of January Convention for nominating State officers in Kentucky, and adds that all those meetings endorse the Administration of James Buchanan.

Late from Mexico. We have advices from Vera Cruz to the 23d ult. The most important news is the evacuation of the Castle of Perote, by the Constitutionalists, under General Trejos, which, after a most determined resistance, they had been compelled to leave for want of provisions.

Declines the honor. Hon. J. J. Crittenden, of Kentucky, is now on a visit to New York. In reply to an address of some of his political friends, on Thursday, he declined their request that he would permit himself to be placed at the head of a national party movement.

U. S. Senator elected. The Legislature of South Carolina has elected Hon. James Oakes as the U. S. Senator. The election was warmly contested, and took place on the tenth ballot.

Nomination of Governor. Hon. John L. Hunter has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Virginia. His nomination was bitterly opposed by the Richmond Enquirer and several other papers in the interest of Governor Wise.

GOVERNOR PACKER'S LETTER.

The following excellent letter was sent by Governor Packer to the Duquesne Celebration, at Pittsburgh:

HARRISBURG, November 23, 1858. GENTLEMEN:—I have waited until this moment for the opportunity of ascertaining whether it would be possible for me to be present to participate with you in the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the capture of Fort Duquesne; or, in other words, to be present at the place and on the day of the anniversary of the capture of the fort.

The falling off in dutiable imports compared with the previous year is ninety-two millions, whilst there is an increase of seven millions in free goods. The increase in free goods is made up entirely of articles added to the free list by the tariff of 1857.

The importation of dutiable goods having fallen off ninety-two millions, and seven millions having come in free under the tariff of 1857 that would have had to pay under the tariff of 1848, it follows that Mr. Buchanan's administration has lost the benefit of the duty on ninety-nine millions. The average rate of duty is over twenty per cent., and therefore the loss to the Treasury on account of diminished importations of dutiable goods and extension of the free list, during the past year, was about twenty millions of dollars.

WILLING TO LET KANSAS ALONE.—The New York Tribune has come to the conclusion that Congress need not devote much time to Kansas this winter. It says: "We believe Kansas is likely to claim little attention from Congress this session."

A PROBLEM FOR SOLUTION. How to reduce the cost of living, is a problem which now presses heavily upon the public mind, especially in this country, where the abundance and cheapness of wages are low, profits scanty, and multitudes can devise or discover no way to earn a dollar.

THE PLAIN TRUTH AS WELL AS LOOKED FULL in the face first as last, says the Philadelphia Argus. False pride and deplorable laziness are at the bottom of a great portion of the ills which are pressing grievously multitudes to the earth.

THE LOCAL MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—CLOSING OF THE MAIL AT THE LANCASTER POST OFFICE.—The following carefully prepared table of the closing of the mails at the post office in this city, will be found very useful for reference by business men.

WHITE SLAVERY.—The English Parliament, evidence of the condition of the dress-makers' apprentices in London, shows that in ordinary times, eighteen hours a day is the length of the working day, and that the height of the season young girls are sometimes only allowed four hours' repose, when they are roused to resume their toil.

BEQUEST TO THE PORTER FAMILY.—Thomas McKean, aged 95 years, died recently at Easton, leaving an estate valued at \$250,000.—Among his bequests were the following: to members of the Porter family, here and elsewhere.

STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS.

The newspapers of Washington city recently announced the death of the notorious gambler Pendleton, the proprietor of the most extensive gambling saloon in that city, which had long been the resort of grave and honored Senators and members of the National House of Representatives—men occupying high social and political positions.

THE HOWARD EVENINGS.—LECTURE BY REV. DR. HOBSON.—Rev. Dr. Hobson will lecture before the Howard Association, at Fulton Hall, this evening, on the subject of "The Moral and Social Condition of the People of this City."

MISSIONARY FESTIVAL.—The Moravian Society of this city will hold their annual Missionary Festival in the City Hall, on Monday evening, the 29th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The annual session of the Lancaster County Teachers' Institute was held last week, at Fulton Hall, commencing on Monday.

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CITY AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

REV. AUGUSTINE J. McSWINEY, We at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Vine street, on Sunday evening, Nov. 13, and was greatly interested in the solemn exercises which took place there.

STABBING AFFAIR.—On Monday last Jas. B. Starnes, a colored man, residing at the lower end of Fort street, in the building of the city, some days since, resulting in the death of an employee of the establishment, which furnishes a most singular instance of the tenacity with which the human frame can be held together.

THE HAPPY HOME AND PARLOR MAGAZINE.—Published monthly at Boston, by Stone & Co., at 22 Penn. avenue, is one of the most welcome visitors to our country.

BUSINESS IN NEW ORLEANS.—The New Orleans Delta gives a most flattering account of the present and prospective condition of trade in that city.

FAILURE OF THE CUMBERLAND (MD.) CITY BANK.—It was said, some weeks since, that this bank was in an unsafe condition. This we learn from the Cumberland Civilian that it closed its doors on Friday week.

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ST. LOUIS CORRESPONDENCE.

St. Louis, Nov. 20, 1858. We have very little change to note in the weather. The early part of the week saw fall to the depth of four inches, but has since risen to the normal temperature.

THE DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL HAS BEEN RECALLED TO HIS DUTY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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