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CITY ITEMS.

Bitter Fruits and bad Bitters.

Intelligent reader, do you know what nine-tenths of the bitter compounds you are solicited by the proprietors to accept as universal panaceas are composed of? Give need for a moment. They are manufactured from unpurified alcohol, containing a considerable portion of fusel oil, a poison almost as deadly as prussic acid. The basis of the regular tinctures of the Materia Medica is the same. No amount of "herbal extracts" can overcome the bad tendency of this pernicious element. The essence of sound rye thoroughly rectified is the only stimulant which can be safely used as a component of a Tonic, Alterative and anti-bilious medicine, and Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the only medicinal preparation in the world in which this article is used as an ingredient. Hence the extraordinary effects of this great specific. It gives strength without producing excitement. No other tonic does this. All the ordinary Bitters flush the face and affect the brain. Hostetter's Bitters infuse an agreeable calm through the nervous system promote digestion and produce sleep. No other tonic so quickly revives the exhausted physical energies, restores the appetite, and removes gloom and depression which always accompanies weakness of the bodily powers.

Fall and Winter Goods.

It is with great pleasure we call the attention of our readers to the superb stock of Fall and Winter Goods just received by Mr. John Weler Merchant Tailor, No. 136 Federal street, Allegheny. His stock embraces some of the rarest and most beautiful Cloths, Cassimeres, Overcoating and Vesting ever brought to the western market. His assortment of Furnishing Goods, comprising Shirts, Drawers, Collars, Neck-ties, Handkerchiefs, &c., cannot be surpassed east or west. A large stock of ready-made Pants, Coats, Vests and Overcoats will also be found at his establishment. Persons in want of any thing in the clothing line should not fail to give Mr. Weler a call.

Blandy's Mills.

Messrs. B. & F. Blandy, of Zanesville, appear in our paper this morning, with a new advertisement, which our readers will please refer to, as of more than ordinary importance. Messrs. Blandy, seem to be abundantly successful in a business point of view, evinced by the fact that they are the largest operators, in their line, in the world. Men do pass right by the great commercial centers of the world to Zanesville, or Newark, Ohio, and buy Blandy's Mills, and Engines, and the only possible reason must be their superiority. They now turn out ten Mills weekly, which is, perhaps, as many as were made at all other points in the United States put together. A significant fact. Send for circulars.

Great Holiday Sale of Ladies' Furs.

At the extensive and Fashionable House of Wm Fleming, No. 139 Wood street, where you will find nothing in anything in the Ladies' Fur Line. Our stock is not excelled by any other house in the city—consisting in part of full sets of Hudson Bay Sable, Mink Sable, German Fitch, Siberian Squirrel, Water Mink, Black and Brown Sables, Isabelline Fur Hoods and Skating Caps, Gents fine Fur Caps, Gauntlets and Gloves—all of which will be sold at the lowest prices. Gents' and Boys' Hats and Caps, at Wm. Fleming's, No. 139 Wood street sign of the Golden Hat.

Fading Away.

How often do we see men, and women who are fairly fading out of existence. They seem to have no especial disease, but general lassitude and languor; no ambition, no energy, indigestion, weakness, total inability to eat and relish food, &c., all of which is nothing but dyspepsia.

COE'S DYSPEPSIA CURE will surely cure every such case, no matter of how long standing. It is also a most excellent remedy for Cholera Morbus, Cramp Colic, in either stomach or bowels. We advise all suffering to try it. Sold at Fleming's Drug and Patent Medicine Depot, No. 84 Market street. Remember the place.

For a New Year's Gift.

There is nothing more suitable for a New Year's gift, either for a lady, man or child, than a nice fur cape, berths, collar, victorine or muff; the cry has been it costs too much to get them, but remember, it is the cheapest present you can buy and to convince yourself of the fact, call at Dunlap, Luker & Co.'s 136 Federal street, and examine their stock and prices, for they are selling at extremely low prices to close out the entire stock. Don't forget the place, 136 Federal street, Allegheny.

Thomas W. Perry & Co.,

Practical State Roofers, and Dealers in American Slate of various colors. Office at Alexander Laughlin's Iron Dye Works, Pittsburgh, Pa. Residence, No. 75 Pike street. Orders promptly attended to. All wor warranted water proof. Repairing done at the shortest notice. No charge for repairs, provided the roof is not house after it is put on.

Carpenter Jobbing Shop.

Having returned after an absence of three years in the army, I have re-opened my shop for all sorts of jobbing in the carpenter line, at the old stand, Virgin Alley, between Smithfield street and Liberty Alley. Orders solicited and promptly attended to.

WILLIAM F. HURST.

Household Words.

Delicious, refreshing, purifying, preservative, indispensable, exquisite, are the terms applied to the famous Sozodont, in thousands of households every day. And why? simply because all the virtues scrupulously claimed for other dentifrices, actually exist in this wonderful preparation.

To Get the Cheapest,

Simplest and best sewing machine in the world—one that will perform all kinds of sewing in a neat and perfect manner—call at the Wheeler & Wilson salesroom, No. 21 Fifth street. For a new year's gift nothing could be more appropriate or acceptable.

We Would Advise

Those selecting holiday presents, to pay a visit to Pittock's, where they can find an immense stock of Albums, Gold Pens, Books, Ladies' Companion, Satchels and Purses. His stock has been replenished.

Hostetter's Bitters

Are sold wholesale and retail at very low rates at Fleming's Drug and Patent Medicine Depot, No 84 Market street, corner of the Diamond, near Fourth street.

McClintock,

22 Federal street, Allegheny, is selling the best and cheapest Boots, Shoes, Gaiters, Balmorals, Polish Boots, Gums, &c., of any house in the twin cities.

The Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine

Has been awarded the highest premiums at all the fairs wherever exhibited. Purchase one as a new years gift to your wife.

Brick Making.

The scarcity of skilled labor will compel brick makers to resort to machinery. We refer to a machine advertised in our columns.

Grover & Baker's

Is the best in use.

No Sewing Machine

Will embroider but the Grover & Baker.

None but the Grover & Baker

Will answer for all family purposes.

The Grover & Baker

Is the simplest, cheapest and best in use.

Get a Grover & Baker

For Christmas.

A Grover & Baker

Will make home cheerful and happy.

Fathers, Brothers and Sons

Should get a Grover & Baker.

McClintock,

95 Federal street, is the place to get good shoes cheap.

McClintock,

95 Federal street, is selling good Boots and Shoes for less money than trash can be got elsewhere.

McClintock,

92 Federal street, warrants all his Boots and Shoes.

McClintock

Shoe Store, 92 Federal street.

92 Federal Street

Is the place to go for Boots and Shoes.

Large Arrival

This day, at 92 Federal street, of Boots and Shoes.

New York Dailies

Delivered to any part of the city. Leave orders at Pittock's.

All the Weeklies

At Pittock's.

Toy Books and Games

At Pittock's.

Seven New Books

Received lately at Pittock's, opposite the Post Office.

CITY ITEMS.

The Pittsburgh Leader—Contents of No. 1, Vol. 3, Dec. 30.

STORIES.

How Mr. Keith mastered—Over the Alleghenies.

POETRY.

A New Year Lyric—Skating Accidents—The Child's Prayer—The Elements—When You're Down—Petrolia.

SKETCHES.

Skating Amusements—Morals of the Metropolis—Locust Plague—Birth in a Family.

EDITORIALS.

Enlargement of the Leader—Christmas Observances—The Pittsburgh Post—Miss Dickinson's Lectures—Mrs. Jane G. Swisshelm—The Hempfield Railroad—Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad—Evening Lamplit Reflections (Illustrated)—Fashionable Gossip.

SUBSCRIBERS.

Miscellaneous Items—Facetiæ—Literary Items—Musical and Dramatic.

Price 6 cents. Sold by all newsdealers. Sunday edition as usual.

Dr. C. Sill

Extracts teeth without pain, and exchanges "gold and silver" for ten dollars a set. Call at 246 Penn street.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

A London correspondent of *The Manchester* (England) *Guardian* states that the young King of Belgium is strongly attached to the political principles of the Ultramontane party, and that he is expected to use his whole influence in behalf of returning to this party the ascendency. If this statement be correct, we may soon learn of the outbreak of serious disclosures, which will be of importance to all Europe, as they may be expected to influence essentially the schemes of annexation, which according to common belief, Napoleon and Bismark have for some time entertained.

The New British Parliament.—The *Annual Reform Almanack* (in England) says of the new Parliament from which we gather the following:

The House of Lords consists of 433 members, of whom 231 are classed as conservatives, 184 as liberals, and 20 as of politics undefined. Of peers of the realm who are minors, there are 3 dukes, 3 marquises, 11 earls, and 4 barons. The Irish representative peers sit for life, the Scotch are elected only for the duration of each parliament. Three peers are of the blood royal.

The House of Commons has six hundred and thirty-eight members, but three of them have died since the last elections—Lord Palmerston, Colonel Watkies and Mr. Trelawne. The liberals numbered three hundred and sixty-six, and the conservatives two hundred and ninety-one.

Lord Lyons, formerly British Minister at Washington, and now Diplomatic Representative at Constantinople, lately received a deputation of American Missionaries, and gave them assurances of his determination to maintain religious liberty in Turkey. He also said that he was six years in the United States, and that during all that time, although the very reverse was in an explosive state, no insulting or unpleasant word was ever addressed to him in public or private; but on the contrary, he was always and everywhere treated with the greatest courtesy.

The New Map of Europe.—It is said that in virtue of an arrangement already concluded, and with the consent of England, Antwerp and the sea-coast are to be given to Holland, Flanders and Brabant to France, and Luxembourg, with a part of Limburg, to Prussia. We have not seen the treaty, and we are not responsible for the mistake of the preparators of the report. Nevertheless, it is the annexation possible without the entire overthrow of the present political policy of France?—*Paris Siècle, Dec. 10.*

The Sunday question in England is increasing in interest. The cartoons at the Kensington Museum were closed to the public on Sundays. A certain "Sunday Journal" sent a petition to Lord Granville, and begged that the cartoons might still be shown on a Sunday evening. A counter deputation attacked Lord Granville during the following week. He then stated, that, although his private sympathies were in favor of granting the request of the first deputation, he should in fact give way to the second.

The winter has seen a new fashion in lady dress inaugurated in Paris. It consists in having the knees of coats which, in an article of this sort, are now worn full and puffy, of one color, being black, and the sleeves of another, say green. The contrast of the two colors is said to be very strange, but simple and tasteful.

Cats are fond, as everybody knows, of milk. Mr. Gibson, who, in his "Lives of the Musicians," says that a cat can never have enough of milk, or known that a heavy blow would cure the cholic, or, which was worse, be an heavy-eared cat, from his guilt was as the cure of every musical ear.

Queen Victoria has now sat upon her throne a year, and she has now reigned one hundred years, and she has now reigned one hundred and thirty years, and she has now reigned one hundred years, and she has now reigned one hundred years. He is called Hindustan Pitcher. Frederick Christian Charles Augustus of Schleswig Holstein Sonderburg Augustenburg.

The chief officials of British America are paid liberal salaries. The Governor-General of Canada (Viscount Monck) has yearly £7,772, the Governor of Nova Scotia £3,000, the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island £1,500, the Governor and Commander in Chief and Vice Admiralty, Newfoundland, £2,000.

The Secretary of the Atlantic Telegraph Company informs *The London Times* that the Submarine Eastern will go to sea in June, 1866, for the double purpose of laying a new cable and of picking the broken end of the cable laid this year. All the arrangements of the directors are to new capital are now completed.

Piccolomini lately appeared at a charity concert in Rome for the benefit of the families of those who had died from the cholera. Her appearance after so long a retirement attracted an immense crowd, and her efforts were received with great enthusiasm.

A public anti-slavery meeting was held on the 10th instant, at Macrid. It was a very large and important gathering, and was addressed by some of the leading Spanish orators. Senor Olozaga, the parliamentary chief of the liberal party, presided.

The Emperor of China, not content with a palace as large as some towns, inside Pekin itself, and with another vast palace and domain at a few miles distance, has a park surrounded with a wall which extends forty miles, close to the city.

M. Lindback, the Swedish clergyman who was accused of poisoning by wholesale while administering the communion, has committed suicide by hanging himself in prison.

Stephens, the Fenian head-centre, is said to be an excellent French scholar, having translated several of Dickens's works into that language.

After the death of the present Duke of Brunswick the duchy will pass to other heirs, and cease to be a capital.

The Queen of England has a special private fortune of a quarter of a million of pounds left her by a Mr. Neild.

STATE NEWS.

Closed.—The *Spectator* says that the Kinnear House, more lately known as Green's Hotel, in that place, has been closed. It has been used as a hotel for more than forty years.

Pennsylvania Post Offices Established.—Midway Washington county; John Kennedy, postmaster; on route from Pittsburgh to Independence, between Condor and Hazelock. Moravia, Lawrence county; Asa E. Bruce, postmaster; on route from Pittsburgh to Erie, between the offices of Irish Ripple and Frost Cut.

At Platea, Erie county; William M. Connell, postmaster, vice W. Alrich removed.

Change name and site of Eleven Mile, Potter county, to Elmwood, and appoint P. P. Story postmaster, vice G. W. Burdick.

Attorney General Meredith, of Pennsylvania, gives it as his opinion that national banks are subject to a State income tax.

John C. Breckinridge, Gen. McCausland, Col. Harry Gilmore, Maj. Joon Castleman, Capt. Hindle and others, who have been officers in the army of the Confederacy, are living at Toronto. General Breckinridge looks and is in perfect health. It was represented during the war that his hair had turned from jet black to silver white. This was a mistake. A few gray hairs are perceptible about the locks; that is all. He is keeping house in an humble, retired way. He is much respected by the citizens, and is invited to two or three parties a week at the residences of the first families.

The Latest Aspect of the Mexican Question.—The ordinary rubbish, in the shape of news, which we receive from Mexico, by way of New Orleans, is no worth even a passing comment. We have to day, however, a very important statement of Mexican affairs by the London *Observer*—a journal seldom a stray on such matters. From that statement, it would appear that not only is the Empress Charlotte bound to get out of Mexico, but that her large lord, the Emperor is anxious to follow. French influence according to the *Observer*, is now vigorously employed to prevent this catastrophe. All we have to do is to wait.—*N. Y. Times.*

The New York *Evening Post* suggests that our national internal revenue be collected *in toto* by the sale of stamps, imprinting borders to manufactures of effects and pay the tax by affixing to each stamps of appropriate denomination.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

Our Special Dispatches.

FROM WASHINGTON

NEW FREEDMEN INSTITUTION.

Numbers and Cost of the Army.

INCREASE OF CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

Rebel Pirate Captain Semmes.

PARTICULARS OF HIS ARREST.

&c. &c. &c.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 1865.

COMMUNITY OF FREEDMEN.

Some three hundred of the freedmen in Elizabeth City county, Virginia, have formed a combination, and have concluded negotiations for the purchase of a large and valuable estate in that county, paying for it thirty thousand dollars in cash, which amount they have in hand, as the result of their savings. Through all this section of Virginia, there is a most liberal spirit manifested towards the freedmen, which is mainly due to the enlightened exchange of sentiment Sumner and a few other loyalists.

FREEDMEN'S COLLEGE AT OLD POINT.

The large and valuable building in the vicinity of Fortress Monroe, known during the war as Hampton Hospital, is about being purchased by northern contributions, and will be used as a freedmen's college.

GOVERNOR STARKEY.

Of Mississippi, it is authoritatively stated, has determined acting on the advice of the President to remain in the city to await the action of the Senate upon his credentials as a Senator.

Major General Ord arrived in the city to-day.

NUMBER OF TROOPS IN THE SERVICE.

Since October 31st, when the total strength of the army was one hundred and eighty thousand men, there have been fifty-three thousand mustered out, leaving now in the service a total white and colored force of one hundred and twenty-five thousand men. It is estimated that eight millions of dollars will be required to pay this force, when mustered for pay on the 31st inst.

AMOUNT OF BOUNTIES PAID.

The Provost Marshal General has addressed a letter to the Paymaster Department, asking information as to the amount expended in bounties to United States troops during the war. It is estimated in the Department, that the amount so expended will reach three hundred millions of dollars.

GREAT INCREASE OF CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

During the first five months of the present year the receipts from customs at the port of New York exceeded by nearly a million of dollars the total receipts from that source during the years 1862 and 1863. The receipts for the present month are estimated at ten millions of dollars.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

The Commissioner of Customs, has issued instructions to the Collectors on the Northern frontier, to the effect that on the coming into the United States through Canada, goods purchased for the same as goods coming into the United States direct from Liverpool or Havre; the shipments will arrange them at their actual value at the position, port of the country from which shipped.

ARRIVAL OF THE WORKED BY FREEDMEN.

Nine hundred and thirty-two bales of cotton, raised lands in Virginia, are being collected at the rendezvous under the care of Lieut. Col. Morris, Bureau.

MR. SUMNER'S BILL.

The vote on Senator Sumner's bill on Georgia was carried as follows: Yeas, twenty-seven; nays, twenty-six; against, six.

PRISONER CAPTAIN SEMMES.

Raphael Semmes, late of the Alabama, arrived in this city last night in charge of Lieut. Commander Beardslee, and a guard from the Marine Corps, and was lodged in the Navy Yard and placed in irons.

He was arrested his place of residence, Spring Hill, near Mobile, Alabama, on the evening of the 19th inst., about 10 o'clock, by Lieut. Beardslee, on an order from the Navy Department, as he was sitting quietly in his parlor reading a paper. Lieut. Beardslee, on entering the house, at once informed him of the object of his visit, at which Semmes expressed great astonishment and claimed that he had been pardoned, and that the arrest was in violation of the pardon. His daughters were fiercely indignant against, and openly vituperative concerning the Yankees.

Lieut. Beardslee made the circumstances attending the arrest as pleasant as possible, and informed his prisoner that he must allow him until twelve o'clock the following day to arrange matters with his family, which privilege he accorded, and at noon on the 16th, he announced himself as ready.

Having taken leave of his wife and three daughters the party at once proceeded to Mobile, where they took the steamer Louisa for New Orleans. At the latter place they were obliged to wait four days to take the steamer Porto Rico for New York, where they arrived on the 1st before last, and took the cars for Washington yesterday morning, arriving here last evening, and turned over the prisoner to the officer at the navy yard.

SENATOR SEGAR.

Contradicts in toto the dispatch published in the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, purposing to give a conversation between himself and Secretary Seward, in which Mr. Seward was made to say, that the Southern members would all be admitted immediately on the re-assembling of Congress.

DEPARTANTS TO ILLINOIS.

One hundred and fifty one thousand six hundred and twenty-seven acres of swamp lands were conveyed in patent by the General Land office to day, in favor of the State of Illinois.

RECEIPTS FROM INTERNAL REVENUE

To-day were one million one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

MR. CHANDLER

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, left Washington to night on a four weeks tour of relaxation.

THE ALEXANDRIA RIOTERS.

One hundred picked men of the two hundred and fourteenth Pennsylvania Regiment, were sent to Alexandria to-day by General Augur, to preserve order there. The rioters, several of whom have been arrested, are to be tried by court martial.

LATER FROM EUROPE

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S MESSAGE RECEIVED.

Spain Accepts England's Mediation.

TRIAL OF AN AMERICAN FENIAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The steamer Australasian, from Liverpool on the 16th, and Queenstown on the 17th, has arrived.

Cotton opened quiet at a decline of ⅛, but recovered and closed with an advance of ⅛ on the week.

Breadstuffs dull. Provisions quiet and steady. Latest sales of American securities, 5-20's, 64½@67¾; Illinois Central, shares, 31½@32; Erie shares, 58½@65¾.

The message of President Johnson has been favorably received and is regarded as friendly, and United States stocks improved immediately after its reception.

It is stated that Spain has accepted the mediation of England in the Chilian affair.

The trial of Captain McCafferty, the American Fenian, was resumed on the 14th.

INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

Our Correspondence with France.

VIRGINIA'S HELPLESS AND DEPENDENT FREEDMEN.

Importation of Foreign Cattle.

CHASE AND THE TRIAL OF JEFF. DAVIS.

The New York Collectorship.

VISIT OF MR. SEWARD TO EUROPE.

Land Office Decision.

New York, Dec. 29.—The *Times* Washington special, says that the correspondence of our government with France, in regard to Mexican affairs will be sent into Congress as soon as that body re-assembles.

Colonel Brown, Assistant Commissioner of Freedmen, having received information that it was contemplated by many citizens of Virginia, to turn out of doors on the first proximo, all helpless and infirm freedmen, has called the attention of the Superintendent to previous instructions on the subject, that the late owners will be required to provide for their former slaves who are helpless and dependent upon them for support, all overseers of the poor of the counties in which they belong shall have made arrangements for their care and support. General Howard enjoins the order, and states that any citizen who attempts to turn out of doors helpless freedmen, will be immediately reported by name, that his case may be laid before the President for his action.

Major-General Thomas, in late despatches to General Howard, from Nashville, warmly commends the official services of the Superintendent of Freedmen in his department.

General J. Watson Webb, United States Minister to Brazil, has been confined to his room in Washington, for some time, by illness. The time when he will return to Brazil is not fixed.

The *Tribune's* Washington despatch contains the following: The Secretary of the Treasury, yesterday in a circular, calls the attention of customs officers and agents of the government in foreign countries, to the late act passed by Congress to prevent the spreading of foreign diseases among the cattle of the United States, and says that the importation, not only of bovines, but of sheep, goats, horses, mules and swine is entirely prohibited. Customs officers and foreign agents of the United States are required to explain the effects of this act and regulation to all concerned, in their vicinity.

Senator Chase in conversation yesterday remarked that wherever he found the case of the United States against Jeff. Davis on the docket he should proceed to try it, but that under no circumstances will he try it in Virginia while the State is occupied by the military.

The cattle disease is increasing. Official returns for the week give the number of cases at 5,356, being 1,828 in excess of the previous week.

The notorious Tichborneaise is not yet finally disposed of, Mr. Tichborne having given notice of his intention to move for a new trial of her case against the *Saturday Review*.

The Dublin *Evening Post* says the report that Stephens had arrived in Paris, is stated to be freely confirmed.

It is further stated that his extradition has been demanded by the British government, on the ground of prison breaking, to which demand the French government replied by referring British minister to the crime for which Stephens was originally committed, contending that the minor offense of prison breaking is merged in the high political crime imputed, and refused consequently to surrender the refugee.

The Dropheda correspondent of the *Saunder's News Letter* thinks there are strong grounds for believing that Stephens is still in Ireland.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Cotton, sales of the week, including 12,000 bales to speculators, and 22,000 bales to exporters; sales, Friday, 8,000 bales, the market closing easier. Sales of American Manchester market quiet, and dull.

Liverpool, Saturday, Dec. 16.—Cotton—The sales for the day (Friday) reached 10,000 bales, the market closing easier. Middling uplands, 2½ d. Middling Orleans, 2½ d. Breadstuffs market generally unchanged. Provisions market generally unchanged. Corn, 40s. Pork, 80s. Bacon, 47s. Lard, 57s. Tallow, 47s. Cheese, 60s. Rosin, 7s. Spirits turpentine, 34s. Petroleum, refined, 1s 2d. Sugar firm. Tea, 2s 6d. Rice, 27s. Tobacco, 1s 6d. Hemp, 1s 6d. Linseed, 56s. Sperm oil, 84s. Whale oil, 40s. Linseed oil, 29