

BUSINESS NOTICES.

DARKNESS VISIBLE. One great Gas Company, from whom we get illumination, have lately left some streets in gloom, causing much perturbation. Folks there willy plucked along, as much in the dark as those who would go to buy their clothes elsewhere than where legions throng. To get fine goods at prices small, from unvarnished Tower Hall.

THE LATE DESTRUCTIVE FIRE has not injured the "FRAN," for again the flag of that bright orb's unfurled. Once more it twinkles in the business world; again its well-made garments all can view, and from its stylish stock make choice anew.

THE DELAWARE RIVER has felt the severity of the cold, and although navigation is kept partly open by steamers, it is full of masses of ice. During all this time the great fleet of iron-clad vessels belonging to the Federal Government lies safely moored at League Island, entirely protected from the floating acres of ice.

THE UNION ARMIES. The official report just made to Congress by the Secretary of War of the number of men enlisted in our armies during the war is the first accurate information we have had upon this interesting point. It affords a wonderful illustration not only of the inexhaustible resources of the country, but also of the determined energy with which the war was waged.

THE COMMERCIAL METROPOLIS. We find the following paragraph floating around: "As an illustration of the advantages of holding office in the New York Custom-house, it may be stated that it has seldom if ever occurred that, while the nominal salary of the collector is but \$7,000 per annum, that any one who has held it has cleared less than \$50,000 to \$100,000 per annum. There is not a place in the custom-house, even down to that of the lowest clerk, that cannot be made lucrative to the holder, if he is so minded.

THE ITALIAN OPERA. The intense cold kept many opera-goers at home last evening. But there was, nevertheless, a good attendance, and Martha was very finely performed. Miss Kellogg, Miss Phillips (whose re-appearance was warmly welcomed), Signor Irre and Signor Antonucci acquitted themselves very well, and the orchestra and chorus, both strongly reinforced, were unusually fine.

LA COTERIE CARNIVAL. ACADEMY OF MUSIC. Thursday, January 25th, 1866. FANCY COSTUMES. For this grand affair may be obtained as follows, viz: MADAME ROEBLER, 223 Green street. WM. DEMOND, 97 Race street. ALEX. FISHER, 1201 Coates street. W. VACHE, 320 York Avenue.

LOCKWOOD'S NEW COLLAR. The Lockwood Mfg. Co. announces to the Trade that they have just introduced a new, Modified Collar, being more space for the Cravat, and in all respects better adapted for the use of the Cravat than any other collar produced.

LOCKWOOD MFG. CO., 25 and 259 SOUTH THIRD ST., PHILA. A VERY LARGE VARIETY. JAMES W. QUEEN & CO., 224 CHESTNUT STREET.

GEO. S. BETHELL, ARCHITECT, 520 Walnut Street. Speciality, Churches and Country Houses.

DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. The Government has just announced that it has decided to dispose of the property of the Freedmen's Bureau, and that no property thus held has been restored to its former owners.

THE READING RAILROAD. On our second page will be found the annual report of the Board of Managers of the Reading Railroad Company. It will be found more than usually interesting, for the various purchases and leases of other roads, by this company, have added greatly to its importance.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA. PHILADELPHIA, January 6, 1866. Whereas, about 7 o'clock this morning, January 6, MISS MARY WATT, An aged lady, was cruelly murdered at her residence, on East Queen street, above Mala street, in the Twenty-second Ward of this city, by some person unknown.

REMOVAL. HARNDEN EXPRESS. HOWARD EXPRESS. Through the kindness of Mr. G. G. EVANS, the enterprising Agent of the Florence Sewing Machine Company, we will, for the present, receive small parcels and money packages at

REMOVAL. NEW OFFICE. On MONDAY, 8th instant, we shall remove from our temporary office, 355 CHESTNUT STREET, to our old location, 114 South Third Street.

REMOVAL. JAY COOKE & CO. PHILADELPHIA, January 1, 1866. COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE. From the date HENRY D. COOKE, HARRIS FAHNESTOCK, HENRY COOKE, JOHN W. SEATON and GEORGE C. THOMAS, are partners with us in the firm of JAY COOKE & CO., Philadelphia.

SKATES! SKATES! SMITH & RICHARDSON. Have, as usual, the largest, cheapest and best stock of SKATES in the city. The assortment comprises the newest styles. We flatter ourselves that every one can be suited to the sign of THE SKATE BOY.

VERY CHOICE, NEW CROP, OOLONG TEA. Just received by THOMPSON BLACK & SON, BROAD AND CHESTNUT STS.

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BRADBURY'S SUPERIOR PIANOS! Attention is invited to these unrivaled Instruments, pronounced "superior" by the most renowned artists in TOPEKA, KANSAS, PHILADELPHIA and BOSTON. Also, HORN, and Chamber and Gable's fine and sweet-toned Pianos, Parlor Organs, &c., all at the very lowest prices for reduction of stock.

MARKET COOPER & CONARD, NINTH. 24,000 YARDS BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED SHIRTINGS AND SHEETINGS. Laid in when they were lower, and now selling by the piece at wholesale prices, by the yard, one and two cents higher.

MOHAIR GLACE, With a SILK FINISH, being well adapted for Evening Dresses. 44 WHITE ALPACA, WHITE IRISH POPLINS, WHITE ALL-WOOL POPLINS, FINEST IRISH P. PLINS, WHITE CLOTHS FOR OPERA CLOAKS, SCARLET CLOTHS FOR OPERA CLOAKS, WHITE CLOTHS, WITH SPOTS, OPERA CLOAKS READY MADE, And Made to Order.

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