Building. Mr. Hanna, Jr., is still living, but is not expected to recover.

Baltimore, Feb. 24.—The friends of the policy of President Johnson have called a meeting for Monday evening. The opponents of that meeting have also called a meeting for Thursday evening next. The call of this party invites all those who voted for Abraham Lincoln, and were in favor of suppressing the rebellion by force, and who now support the loyal men of the nation and their representatives in Congress, in providing such terms of admission for the rebellious States as will secure the payment rebellious States as will secure the payment of the national debt and the repudiation of the rebel debt effectually, the abolition of

slavery, &c., &c.
The Committee of Congress appointed to visit the Naval Academy at Annapolis made their visit on Saturday in a special train, provided by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The entire body of students at the Academy were drawn up in line to receive the Committee, who were escorted by Admiral Porter and his staff through the various departments. The students went through the various exercises of their discipline, evincing perfect familiarity with the tastics of their military and naval education.
The exercises elicited from the Committee the exercises elicited from the Committee
the strongest encomiums, and they subsequently witnessed the skill of the students
in target firing. Admiral Porter entertained the Committee at his residence, and afterwards they were entertained at the executive mansion by Gov. Swann.

## From California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24—The Democrats in a meeting, last night, indorsed President Johnson's position, and have called a mass meeting for Thursday next.

The Union State Central Committee have adopted resolutions saving they do not yet.

adopted resolutions saying they do not yet perceive an irreparable breach between the President and Congress, and until such breach conclusively appears they will con-tinue to hope that the fruits of the triumph tinue to hope that the fruits of the triumph of the Union armies will not be lost. That it is the duty of all Union men to avoid en-tanglements with the Vallandighams, Sey-mours and Copperhead sympathizers; that when such men indorse the policy of the President, they do not understand that policy, or are endeavoring to seduce the President from his allegiance to the Consti-tation; that the abolition of slavery was the tution; that the abolition of slavery was the result of rebellion, and it was wicked sense less and cowardly to withdraw protection from four million of freedmen and permi them to be reduced to slavery again; that we believe President Johnson will remain true to the Constitution and his pledges.
Giliston, indicted for forgeries, while a clerk

in the Adjutant-General's office, has escaped from the county jail.

The steamer Lincoln has arrived here

from Baltimore.
The United States steamer Lancaster sailed to-day for Valparaiso. The Hon. Fletcher M. Haight, late Judge of the United States District Court, died here on Friday. He formerly resided in Rochester,

The ship Charles Luleng Von Hagen sailed to-day for New York.

Mining stocks are stronger. Savage, \$570;
Ophir, \$415; Imperial, \$123; Chollar Potosi, \$327 50; Hale and Norcross, \$1,035; Yellow Jacket, \$400. Legal-tenders, 72½ bid, 73½

### From Texas.

GALVESTON, Feb. 18.—Cotton du change on New York par to 1 per cent. discount. A wharf, cotton press and warehouse company has been formed, with a capital of \$1,000,000. They have paid \$400,000 in gold for lots of ground. A cotton factory has been established at Houston, and

another is organizing.
Capitalists here propose to dig a ten foot canal from Buffalo Bayou to Galveston

Bay. Wigfall escaped from Texas three weeks

The Methodist Church of the North offers to take the negro churches of Texas under its protection.

Ex-President Burnett is preparing a reply to Gen. Gregory, who demanded proof to sustain Burnett's charge of mal-administration, and the corruptions of the Freed-

men's Bureau. Captain W. P. Turner, of Bucksport, Me., commanding the steamer Planet, hence for Mobile, was drowned in a storm.

The track of the Southern Pacific Railroad is already laid twenty-eight miles from Marshall towards Shreveport.
The President's veto of the Freedmen's

Bureau bill gives general satisfaction here.
The steamer Margaretta leaves Mobile March 1st, with emigrants for Brazil. From South Africa.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25th.—Cape Town (C. G. H.) advices to January 13th have been received. The Basutes war continued, and the army of the free State was melting away by desertion, and the prospects of the new State were dismal enough. The result of a year of hostilities is that the Basutes have learned to fortify themselves in impregnable positions, totally unassailable without trained soldiers.

Every important mountain in their country in the property have already

try is fortified. The Basutes have already commenced to make raids, and there was danger of their overrunning the whole country. It was understood that a levy en masse of the people would be attempted as a last resource against the Basutes. A skirmish had occurred, in which six of the latter were killed, and nine hundred horses, cottle and heaf contured. cattle and beef captured.

From Georgia.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Feb. 23.—The Legislature has passed a resolution cordially incorsing the address of Mr. Stephens delivered yesterday, and orders it to be put on the Journal of both Houses.

The Financial Committee appointed by

The Financial Committee appointed by the Convention, after a session of fifty-four days, and after hearing sworn testimony, report that there is no evidence found of corruptions or of the improper use of the public money by any State official, from Gev. Brown down to the lowest official agents and report a full and applications. agent, and report a full and complete acquittal of the late State Administration of every charge made against it.

From Louisville.
Louisville, Feb. 24.—The steamer Kate was sunk yesterday six miles above Leaven worth, Indiana. No lives were lost. Tom Neury, the guerilla, sentenced to imprisonment in the New Hampshire Penitentiary, will soon be released.

There are rumors here, which cannot be verified, that the steamer Stephen Decatur blew up above Memphis.
The steamers Madison and J. R. Gilmore

have been raised, and leave for Cincinnati

Billiards.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 24.—The billiard tournament closed last night. The first prize was won by Foster, of New York; second prize, Myers, of Memphis; third prize, Brown, of Nashville. The game between Roberts, of England, and Kavanagh, of New York, was for one thousand points. Roberts won by 21 points

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.—At Cincinnati few days ago, a young girl of bad character was found brutally murdered in an alley. She had previously been seen intoxicated, and in company with a man named Oliver

Stansifer, Stansifer has since disappeared.

The Aurera Borealis Display of Febru-ary 20th and 21st, 1866. [From the Cincinnati Gazette.] At about a quarter before eleven Tuesday

At about a quarter before eleven Tuesday night February 20, my attention was called to an auroral display of uncommon brilliancy, especially for this latitude, and unequaled since the grand exhibition of September 2, 1859. The following memoranda were made at the time, in the hope that similar observations being made elsewhere, the extent and altitude of the auroral cloud might be determined. My point of observations being made of the auroral cloud might be determined. might be determined. My point of observation was 1.4 miles N. 58° W. from the Cincinnati Observatory. The latter is in latitude 39°, 5′, 54″; longitude 84°, 29′, 31″

FEBRUARY 20.

10.45—First observed—ill-defined, white arch in the North 8° or 10° high.

10.53½—Streamers shooting up 35° to 40°.

10.58½—The arch has a curved depression of 4° dividing it into equal wave-like curves the centre about 5° E. of N.

11.021—Brilliant crimson clouds in north-west 10°, 18° high with bright white streamers. 11.05-10—Long rosy and crimson stream

ers through Cassiopeiæ. Il 11.092—Long horizontal white belt, 50 wide, between Alpha and Gamma Cassio-peiæ, in west northwest, where the lower edge was about 6° high, suddenly turning to the horizon. 11.103—White belt mostly gone, leaving

white clouds; changes are very rapid, with streamers shooting up suddenly.

11.113—Brilliant oval white cloud 15° long, horizontally, by 8° broad in Cassiopeia's 11.131-A bright cloud in the square of

Cassiopeia's Chair, appears and disappears several times. 11.14—The bright, scattered and quivering clouds, which have prevailed hitherto, have now all disappeared, leaving a faint diffused light in the north, extending 30 or

40° east and west. 11.29—Faint white streamers reaching from 10° below to 10° above the pole; a belt of bright streamers stretching through and

above the Dipper, 30° long and 20° wide; flashes of white light. flashes of white light.

11.33½—Upper edge of belt, 12° high in north 15° east; flashes and waves upward.

11.37½—Upper edge of belt, at the same point of the compass, now 23° high; faint streamers to an altitude of 35°.

11.40½—Belt 25° broad, from Alpha Cephei active of white streamers 15° long.

eastward, of white streamers 15° long. 11.46—Horizontal belt 5° wide, the upper edge 8° high; upward flashes, 11.50—White bank rising from the horizon

to an altitude of 11°, and stretching eastward from Alpha Cephei 35°.

11.56—The white bank 20° high, upper edge undefined, reaching from northwest by north to east northeast.

12—Faint striæ between 30 and 40° high from northwest to northeast. 12.07—Faint streamers 35° long reeching to the North Pole.

12.8-11-An appearance as of jagged rocks and cliffs in the north 10 to 14° high, with faint streamers behind them. 12.17—An arch 20° high at the upper edge descending from north 15° east, to the hori-

zon in the northwest.

12.22-24—Bright flashes upward of white light in a zone 20°-40° of altitude, from north, northwest to north northeast. 12 24—Lower edge or base of faint stream-

ers 20° high. 12.28-54—Rapid upward waves of light in a zone whose altitude was 12°-35°.

12.54—Dark circular segment in the north, surmounted by an arch of light whose lower edge was 10° or 12° high, at first ili-defined. then the arch becomes quite regular, stretching across the whole north horizon neither

ing across the whole north norizon neitner epge very well defined—then the belt 10° or 12° wide, by developing a dark line is somewhat divided into two concentric belts.

12.57—Upward waves from this belt or arch. The lower edge of the arch quite well defined, 2° above Beta Cassiopeiæ; the light diffusing upward to the pole. 1 A. M.-Lower edge of the arch rising

11°. The arch is regular as a lunar halo and much brighter, stretching from east by north to northwest by west; 5° wide. 1.02-The lower edge just over Gamma

Cassiopeiæ,

1.05—The lower edge just over Gamma

1.05—The lower edge just over Delta
Cassiopeiæ, and 1½° below Alpha Cephei.
1.08—The lower edge 1° abovel Delta Cassiopeiæ. The upper edge is diffused in a regular arc through Polaris and Capella, the arc having a well defined crescent shape.

Energetic action in the cast. Energetic action in the east. 1.11-Faint rays on the dark segment. Height unchanged.
1.13—Lower edge of the arch passing through Alpha and 1 Cephei, and 1½° above

Delta Cassiopeiæ.
1.15-17—The belt and dark segment, which

have lasted twenty minutes, become quite inconspicuous in the north and northeast distinct in the northwest. 1.19-Irregular horizontal dark base; fain streamers between Polaris and Capella, 35°

high.
1.21—Very bright streamers reaching to 1.21—Very bright streamers reaching to the Dipper, bright rose and crimson for 10° from the top, stretching from 10° east of Polaris to a rosy shaft sharply defined on the west by Beta Aurigæ.

1.25—A belt of colored streamers 15° wide, whose west edge was defined by Zeta Tauri.

1,27-38- Streamers from northeast to northwest, reaching to the zenth, splendid in color and rapid in action, gradually spreading until they occupied the north horizon from 10° north of east to 20° north of

1.40-The streamers have mostly disappeared, except in the northwest; waves of white light to an attitude of 50°. 1.42—No streamers; the slaty gray light diminishing upward to Poleris.

diminishing upward to Polaris.

1,46—Irregularly defined belt of light, upper edge 20° high.

2.05—No change, except that curiously shaped white clouds of auroral light are

Slowly changing.

At ten minutes past two o'clock, I discontinued my observations. The most brilliant, as well as the most extended discontinued my observations. play, occurring at about half past one, pro-bably was missed by many who observed the earlier manifestations.

LATER.—Since writing the above, I per-ceive by the telegrams in the daily papers that the auroral current interfered with telegraphic experiments between New York and San Francisco, while between New York and Buffalo the wires were worked by

the auroral current alone. Those who have taken observations will do well to communicate them at once to the American Journal of Science and Arts, New Haven, Conn., that they may find place in the March number..

Book-Pedding in England.
The Month, an English periodical, says:
"In France the colporteurs exist as an organization for the dissemination of a literature for the poor, though there is still agreat dearth of suitable books for the purpose. In England almost the reverse is the case. Amidst the vast number of bad publications, we have good Catholic books, and we have a prospect of the class of literature to which we refer becoming more complete but we have no means of bringing them to the doors of the poor; and until we have this we shall look in vain for the good results of the efforts made by authors and publishers. A system of book-hawking has been for some years introduced in this country by members of the Anglican communion, which has met with considerable species and is republy extending its opera-

success and is rapidly extending its opera tions.
"A central association has been formed in London, to which any individual or association in provinces engaged in book-hawking may be aggregated on the payment of a small subscription. This entitles them to the reports, papers and catalogues of books printed by the association in London, and to the use of the central depot for books. When a local association is formed the When a local association is formed, the

members of it establish a depot of books of their own in the town which is to be the centre of their operations, and men are en-gaged to act as hawkers. Each hawker has

gaged to act as hawkers. Each hawker has his district assigned to him, as well as the intervals at which he is to visit its different parts. He is then furnished with a truck and a pack, and directed to call at every house in every parish in his district.

"We are told in the report of the association, that persons who would never think of going out of their way to spend money upon books are daily found eager to purchase when the hawker exposes his stock to view at the doors of their cottages, and they can examine his goods at their leisure; and if customers are not to be found at the front doors of the rich, the hawker is sure front doors of the rich, the hawker is sure of a warm reception in the kitchen. of a warm reception in the kitchen. We cannot, of course, admire the selection of books adopted by this association; but their reports show, how easily an organization can be contrived for the end they have in view—how simple the means are which it requires, and that their experiments have met with considerable commercial success. "The average income of the twelve societies at the head of the book-hawking societies in connection with the association is £5

ties in connection with the association is £56s. 4d. per week. In Lincolnshire it is £10, in Suffolk £9 10s.; in Essex £8 per week. In Northeast Lincolnshire the total produc of the sales was £470 for the past year; and on examining the different classes to which the customers belonged we find that £216 15s. 1d. was the sum received from the laboring class; £67 15s. 8d. from farmers; £65 6s. 11½d. from servants; £41 3s. ½d. from tradesmen; £64 9s. ½d. from the gentry and clergy; and £14 11s. 10d. from persons not classed—showing the according classed—showing the agricultural laborer to be by far the best customer to the bookhawker; and the summary of the sales effected by the whole association shows a still arger proportion in favor of the same

The Oldest Printed Book in the United States. BUILER, February 19th, 1866.—To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial: In the Commercial of Wednesday last the follow-

ing may be found:
"The Camden (N. J.) Scientific Association have in their possession a book published A. D. 1639, which it claims to be the oldest book in America. The editors of the Scientific American declare in triumph that they have an older book, published A. D. 1687; but Dr. Duffield, of Detroit, Michigan, announces that he has a Bible written on parchment, resembling print so nearly as to make it hard to tell the difference. It is

dated A. D. 1390, and was brought from Rome by Hon. Lewis Cass, Jr."

Rev. William White, of the Episcopal church of Butler, has a book in his library, entitled "Twenty-nine Lectures of the Church," 8vo., with marginal notes, printed by Felix Kingston, at the Starre, Popeshead Alley, London. A. D. 1631. This may be said to be the oldest printed volume in the United States, at least till others shall be discovered.

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