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[illegible]OTEL, CITY OF WASHINGTON, [illegible]y Morning, Dec. 13, 1847.

[illegible] I arrived here on Saturday evening, [illegible]eedingly unpleasant journey across the [illegible]ains, in consequence of incessant rains and [illegible]dy roads. Nothing of interest to newspaper [illegible]aders occurred on the road. I found the good people of Uniontown making arrangements to receive the remains of their late fellow-citizen, the brave and gallant Col. Roberts, in such a manner as would reflect the highest credit upon the intelligent people of that section of Pennsylvania.—Col. R. appears to have had a strong hold upon the affections of his neighbors and friends.

The citizens of Fayette county, I have learned, are very much dissatisfied with the results of the late meetings in Pittsburgh, in regard to the Connellsville Railroad. They assert that unfair measures were resorted to, for the purpose of transferring the interests in the company to the west; and they hope that a favorable connection with Baltimore will be formed. At least, they claim, that it is impolitic to surrender the charter, as another one may not be obtained from the Legislature, when, perhaps, it will be greatly needed.—There is, I confess, much good sense in this kind of reasoning.

The only places possessing the least attraction, from Cumberland to the vicinity of Baltimore, are Harper's Ferry and Ellicott's Mills; and those who are fond of the beauties of nature, and are pleased to look upon the arts and ingenuities of man, may there be gratified to their heart's content. At the Relay House, 8 miles from Baltimore, passengers take the cars in the Washington branch Railroad; and as this portion of the journey is performed after night, there is nothing to break the monotony of the ride. The first thing that attracted my attention, when a few miles from this city, was a brilliant light, which appeared high up in the heavens. Upon inquiry, I learned that it was an immense lantern, which was elevated upwards of ninety feet above the dome of the Capitol, which lights up, not only the enclosed grounds around, but also several squares in the vicinity. The lantern is some twelve feet high, and 6 feet wide; and the burners certainly reflect a brilliant light. The entire building is lighted up with Crutchett's gas; and to effect this, Congress appropriated the sum of seventeen thousand dollars. The gas is manufactured immediately under the Capitol, and principally from old grease, which produces a very offensive smell in the vicinity.

The city is full of strangers, a large majority of whom belong to the military service of the country, and were subpœnaed here as witnesses in the Fremont trial. Here, at Gadsby's, there are quite a number of these military gentlemen; and they appear to enjoy themselves very much indeed.—Among them I observe Col. Taylor, a brother of "Old Rough and Ready," and Maj. Baker, formerly commander at the Arsenal, near Pittsburgh.

In company with several others, I yesterday visited the Capitol, to hear a discourse from Bishop HUGHES, of New York, a celebrated Catholic divine. But as I was late arriving, I found it utterly impossible to obtain a seat, either in the Hall, the lobbies, or the galleries; hence I returned home to my lodgings, to rest myself after the fatigues of the journey.

The President's message, I am pleased to learn, is well received by the great mass of the people, irrespective of party. The Democratic members of Congress, and visitors to the city, are unanimous in the opinion, that it is just such a document as will unite together the honest of all parties; who will rally for the country, and frown down any attempt which may be made by captious politicians, to array a portion of our countrymen against the administration, in the course it has been compelled to take in reference to the war with Mexico.

The Report of the Secretary of the Treasury is considered here as one of the ablest papers that ever emanated from any of the Departments at Washington. In consequence of the immense labor bestowed upon this great Report, Mr. WALKER's health has been very much impaired, and he is confined to his room, and does not see company. He is at present, however, considered convalescent.

L. H.

MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 13th, 1847.

Dear Post.—The "hum, the crowd, the shock of men," was every where observable throughout the city to-day. The city is full of strangers. Every hotel and boarding house is jammed to overflowing; and from present indications we shall have a long session, and a "gay season," in the Metropolis. This is what the citizens of Washington like; for, apart from the sessions of Congress, it is a dull and uninteresting place.

To-day I had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with several of the heads of the Departments and Senators and Representatives from various States; but as I design alluding to them hereafter, I shall not take time, at present, to draw their portraits.

I had an interview this evening with Mr. HAMPTON; and I am pleased to learn, from his own lips, that he will sustain the war, and vote for supplies, and for additional volunteers. He is a decided Taylor man, and thinks that all the country are for the General. *Our* HAMPTON (for there is another in Congress) will be popular here; and although I would have greatly preferred to have McCANDLESS sent to represent our district; yet I am free to acknowledge that Hampton possesses many excellent qualities; and is a perfect gentleman in his manners.

The Hon. W. W. IRWIN is here, attending the Supreme Court.

L. H.

TUESDAY MORNING, Dec. 14th, 1847.

PAINTINGS IN THE ROTUNDA.

Before Congress met this morning, in the absence of any other employment, I spent two or three hours in the Rotunda of the Capitol, examining the various Paintings. To a person who has never been in Washington, these paintings are richly worth a visit here. It is utterly impossible to give an accurate description of them, on a single sheet of paper; and I must content myself by alluding to them very briefly. The first painting on the right, as the visitor enters the east door of the Rotunda, is

THE LANDING OF COLUMBUS, in 1492. The Great Navigator is represented as looking to heaven, and offering up a prayer of thankfulness to the Almighty, for the safe arrival of himself and fellow-adventurers, upon the shores of the New World. The tears are slowly coursing down his cheeks—tears of joy and thankfulness. In his right is a sword, the point resting upon the earth, and in his left hand is the Castilian flag. There are various other prominent figures in this painting, which attract attention. It is the work of VANDERLIN, a young gentleman who attracted the attention of Aaron Burr, while a blacksmith's apprentice, on account of some "charcoal sketches" on the shop walls. He was taken under the patronage of Burr, visited France, and produced some of the finest works of art extant. Congress paid the sum of $10,000 for the "Landing of Columbus."

EMBARCATION OF THE PILGRIMS.—This painting, as all the world knows, is by WEIR. The Pilgrims are represented as embarking from Delft Haven, in Holland, 1620, in the ship Speedwell. There are twenty figures on the canvass, as large as life. Soon after sailing, the vessel, I believe, proved unseaworthy, and she was changed for the Mayflower. Mr. Robinson, the Pastor of the party, is the very personification of a good man—benevolence, kindness, purity and truth, beam from his countenance. On the right is Miles Standish and his wife Rose, who has a sweet and beautiful countenance. The other leading figures are Mr. and Mrs. White, the latter kneeling in prayer upon the deck of the ship; and Mr. and Mrs. Winslow—the latter is most beautiful, and the spectator never becomes tired in looking at her face and person.

GENERAL WASHINGTON RESIGNING HIS COMMISSION TO CONGRESS, at Annapolis, Dec. 23, 1783. This painting is by Trumbull, the celebrated artist. The General occupies a prominent place on the canvass, and is faithfully represented. There are many figures, prominent amongst which are Mrs. Washington and her three grand-daughters, upon a balcony; and Charles Carroll with his two daughters, lovely little maidens, the very pictures of health and beauty.

SURRENDER OF LORD CORNWALLIS, at Yorktown, Va., Oct. 19, 1781. This is also one of Trumbull's paintings, and embraces thirty-four figures. It is a master work of art. Gen Lincoln occupies the most prominent place on the canvass.

SURRENDER OF GEN. BURGOYNE, at Saratoga, Oct. 17, 1777—painted by Trumbull also. There are twenty-seven figures represented here. Gen Burgoyne is delivering his sword over to General Gates. Col. Morgan, of the Virginia Riflemen has a conspicuous place on the right of the canvass. He is plainly dressed, and has a countenance the very home of honesty and bravery.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, at Philadelphia, July 4, 1776; likewise a work of Trumbull. The great and good men, who periled "their lives their fortunes, and their sacred honor," are represented in a bold and faithful manner, by the artist. Stern determination, and profound silence, are depicted upon every countenance. There are forty-seven figures on the canvass. John Hancock is seated on the right, while in front of him is the immortal Jefferson, with the Magna Charta of our liberties in his hand. He is surrounded by Franklin, Adams, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston.

BAPTISM OF POCAHONTAS, in 1618; by Chapman. There are fourteen figures here represented. Pocahontas is kneeling, her hands clasped, and her hair loosely falling over her shoulders. She is richly dressed in white satin. Alex. Whitaker, the pious parson, is performing the baptismal ceremonomy. Besides these, the other prominent figures, are Sir Thomas Dale; the sister of Pocahontas, in a recumbent position, with a child; Nanteguaus, brother of Pocahontas, a bold and striking figure. This is considered, by many persons, as the poorest painting in the Capitol; while there are others, good judges, too, who pronounce it one of the very best purchased by Congress.

There are many other paintings in the Rotunda, principally portraits, which are worthy of the place they occupy.

As the hour for the convening of Congress has arrived, I must leave writing for the present.

L. H.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 14, 1847.

Dear Post—Another day of bustle has just closed in Washington. A vast number of strangers arrived to-day. The morning was gloomy enough in all conscience—the rain poured down in torrents for a while; but towards evening the skies cleared away, and Sol's bright face smiled over the Capital—the first sight I have had of the King of Day since leaving home. The weather here at present is quite warm,—and the atmosphere this afternoon was almost as balmy as June.

There is a good deal of out door and lobby legislation going on here. There are men here from all sections of the Union—attornies, agents, and others, with huge bundles of papers, pressing claims, &c. The members are beset on every side, and well nigh bored to death. They must have a good deal of old Job's patience, to listen to all the appeals made to them. However, it is their business to attend to these little matters; and I am sure they are well paid for their trouble.

The Fremont Court Martial is still in session, "dragging its weary length along." But few persons attend it, save gentleman attached to the army and navy.

Last night there was an immense gathering of the Democracy at Jackson Hall. Several Democratic members of Congress were in attendance. LYNN BOYD, of Ky., and several other speakers, addressed the meeting. The whole affair passed off with the greatest *eclat* imaginable. Jackson Hall was erected by Messrs. Blair & Rives, the well known proprietors of the Globe, in years gone by. The Hall is the largest I have ever been inside of. The front of the building is of pure white marble. The printing establishment and publication office of the Congressional Globe are in this building.

CONGRESS.—The business of the session has scarcely yet commenced; and, in fact, very little will be done until after the Holidays. The members, as yet, do little but talk politics.

In the *Senate*, the various subjects embraced in the President's message, were referred to the appropriate committees, a list of whom I sent yesterday to our readers.

In the *House*, after the transaction of some unimportant business, Mr. GIDDINGS, of Ohio, arose and called the attention of the House to an article which appeared in the National Whig, the organ of the Taylor branch of the whig party, reflecting pretty severely upon him for casting his vote for Mr. FRENCH, for Clerk of the House. After the article in question had been read at the clerk's desk, Mr. G. attacked the paper in his usual ferocious style—charged that the paper was under the control of certain members of Congress, who wished to brow-beat their fellow members into their party measures, *nolens volens*. He claimed the right to exercise his own judgment, and declared that he represented one of the strongest whig districts in the United States, and took considerable credit to himself in producing the political results in that part of Ohio. This is all a family quarrel between the Clay and Taylor-branches of the federal party; and from what I hear and see every hour, it is perfectly obvious that our political opponents will soon be in the midst of a most delightful fight. The Clay clique are the most numerous here; but the Taylor men are the most active and noisy.

The House then commenced balloting for a Chaplain, and on the third ballot, the Rev. Mr. Gurley, the celebrated colonizationist, and a Pastor of the Presbyterian denomination, was elected.—The candidates were Messrs. Gurley, Cushman, M'Siltons, Dewey, and Reese. On the third ballot the vote stood,

For Rev. Mr. Gurley, 102 votes.
" " " Cushman, 100 "

Some little colloquy took place in relation to the raising of a new committee, on affairs between the States, after which the House adjourned.

L. H.

PRESIDENT MAKING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1847.

Dear Post:—I have been long enough at the seat of Government, to learn that the principal business that will be transacted for a month to come, will be the manufacture of Public Opinion, in relation to the Presidency. All political parties here, are actively engaged in this intensely interesting game; who the winners will be, time alone will reveal. The White House, for years, has been the goal where many a Presidential aspirant fondly hoped to be safely moored. Ambition, that sin by which angels fell, has spurred them on, and like the gambler who has "set his life upon a cast," they, too, risk their all upon "the hazard of a die." A certain statesman of the West, ever since that period when the "memory of man runneth not to the contrary," has been a standing candidate for the Presidency; the White House has been the Mecca towards which has been turned his idolatrous eye, "from his youth up;" and although it has been decreed by Fate, that Mr. Clay will never rule over the American people, yet we find, even when old age has blanched his locks and furrowed his cheeks, that he will not "fling away ambition." Mr. Clay has been a great man, and even yet, he possesses many noble traits of character, which will secure for him a wide circle of friends. But ever since he forsook the Democratic party, he lost the confidence of the great masses of the American people—*that confidence he never again will acquire!* I find, however, that a powerful effort is being made here, to bring Mr Clay's name once more before the American people. This movement is confined to the old leaders of the party—those who are federalists in principle; who oppose the war; desire no indemnity from Mexico; would withdraw our troops, and give up all the valuable acquisitions which have cost blood and treasure—they are the "Whig" party proper; the advocates of a national bank; a high protective tariff, and many other "obsolete ideas." They make Mr. Clay's Lexington speech the platform upon which to rally. This portion of the federal party are deadly opposed to the nomination of General Taylor—they say they were fooled and deceived by John Tyler, and will never again take a candidate on trust, "without a why or wherefore." On the other hand, the Taylor branch of the party, are very actively engaged in pushing forward the old hero. They are very liberal with their money and their time—they are talking incessantly in Congress Hall, in the Hotels, boarding houses and at the street corners—and are huzzaing with all the force of their lungs, for the old General. They are men who care not a pinch of snuff for principle—they never put themselves to the pains of enquiring whether Gen. Taylor is in favor or opposed to a National Bank, a Protective Tariff, indemnity from Mexico, or any other measure. They wish to make the General President, *in order to secure the loaves and fishes of office for themselves!* From what I hear, an effort will be made to induce the General to visit Washington this winter, and take him towards spring through Pennsylvania and west, so as to get up a "grand whorah" among the people in his behalf. But I think the old hero has too much good sense to make a fool of himself in such a manner as this, merely to gratify the wishes of his "anxious friends." While the war is still in existence, such a movement, in the eyes of the American people, would be disgusting as it would be disgraceful, and would detract, very much from he well-earned laurels of the hero of Buena Vista.

I am pleased to learn that but very few democrats take part in this movement. The great mass of our party, as in times past, wish a candidate for President, whose principles are well known and understood—a man who will rally to his support the "tried and the true" in all sections of the country, north and south, east and west—a man who is governed by those golden precepts and in estimable principles, of which the immortal Jefferson was the founder and advocate, and which have been faithfully carried out by Madison, Jackson, Van Buren and Polk.

L. H.

☞ The recent hurricane in the West Indies, has almost desolated the beautiful island of Tobago. It is, said, in the Jamaica papers, that 61 large country residences, 59 plantation sugar works, and 632 dwelling houses, and other edifices, of which some were religious ones, churches, chapels, &c., have been swept into irretrievable ruin by this awful storm. Up to the latest dates, the names of 30 human beings have been ascertained as having perished.

☞ It is noted, as a singular coincidence, that just thirty eight years ago, Massachusetts gave a Speaker to the U. S. House of Representatives; and in the same year, Mr. Winthrop, the present Speaker, was born.

☞ Mr. William Heaton, of New York, is said to have invented a new printing machine, by which, at a single revolution of the cylinder, both sides of eight sheets may be printed, and 20,000 sheets in an hour.

☞ The people of the State of Maine have decided that a plurality of votes shall hereafter elect a candidate for public office.

☞ Mr. Edward Sargent, of Bangor, Me., has invented a new method of stopping railroad cars, by which, at the slightest notice, the brakeman may apply the velocity of the train to aid in bringing all the wheels in the train to a dead stop.

☞ Our friend CALDWELL still favors us with that spirited and entertaining paper—the *Yankee Blade*.

Proceedings in the Senate.

Among the proceedings in the U. S. Senate, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., we notice the introduction of two resolutions, by Mr. DICKINSON, of New York, which come with peculiar propriety from the representatives of sovereignty of the Empire State, and the appearance of which we hail as an intimation of a more harmonious action on the part of the Democracy of that State. They sustain, fully, the Spirit of our Federal Constitution, and consequently censure any attempt to infringe upon the letter or spirit of that glorious instrument. The resolutions will be taken up for discussion on a future day, when we hope that every man; professing to be a Democrat, in that body, will sustain them. They are in the following words:

Resolved, That true policy requires the government of the United States to strengthen its political and commercial relations upon this continent, by the annexation of such contiguous territory as may conduce to that end, and can be justly obtained, and that neither in such acquisitions nor in the territorial organization thereof, can any conditions be constitutionally imposed, or institutions be provided for or established inconsistent with the right of the people thereof, to form a free sovereign State, with the powers and privileges of the original members of the confederacy

Resolved, That in colonizing a territorial government in territory belonging to the United States, the principles of self-government, upon which our federative system rests, will be best promoted; the true spirit and meaning of the constitution be observed, and the confederacy strengthened by leaving all questions concerning the domestic policy therein to the legislatures chosen by the people thereof.

Chaplains to Congress.

The Rev. HENRY SLICER, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. R. R. GURLEY, of the Presbyterian Church, both of the City of Washington, have been elected Chaplains to Congress—the former by the Senate, and the latter by the House of Representatives.

☞ The first number of the new series of the *Cincinati Signal*, has reached us. It is now printed once a week, and is one of the most neatly printed papers in the country. From the character of its contents, it will prove a highly acceptable visiter at the fireside of every family.

POPE PIUS IX.—The following resolution, offered in the Senate of New York, by Col. Young, was unanimously adopted by that body, and sent to the House for concurrence;—

Resolved, (if the Assembly concur,) That the Legislature of this State have regarded with deep solicitude and unbounded admiration, the efforts of Pius IX to ameliorate the condition of the Italian people—to emancipate them from the political thraldom under which they have been crushed for centuries, and to bestow upon them the incalculable blessings of National Independence and Constitutional Freedom—That no spectacle of more intense interest can be presented to the philantropic mind that the struggles of a down trodden people in brust the shackles of despotism, whether foreign or domestic, and to regain their long lost liberties. That on this occasion that interest is sublimed and sanctified by being mingled with the classic recollections which Italy inspires—that renowned Italy which has been the native home of the Fine Arts—the cradle of European civilization—the theatre of intellectual beauty and sublimity—the land of story and of song, of eloquence, of sculpture, of music, of painting, and of poetry. That the hearts of all who love their fellow-beings will throb in sympathy with the noble exertions of the Roman Pontiff, and join in aspirations to Heaven that he may be guided through every obstruction in his glorious career, by "a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night," until he shall have safely conducted the Italian people to the land of promise.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the proceeding resolution to Pope Pius the IX.

RETURN OF ITALIAN EXILES.—A letter from Florence has the following:

"I am assured by a person of undoubted veracity that His Holiness has expressed, on many occasions, the wish to be surrounded by all those good Italians, (no matter to what State they may belong,) who have suffered for Italy, and are now in exile; and I am also told that measures had been taken to invite to Rome the exiles now in America, Messrs F. Foresti, Alex. Barganni, G. Apinola and F. Argentic and the time of their return will certainly be a day of joy for all good Italians."

These gentlemen are well known and respected citizens of New York.

☞ A letter from Rome says that the Pope has caused letters to be written to the different towns in the Papal States, where subscriptions are being raised for the erection of monuments in honor of him, to request that they will devote the money to a more useful purpose—namely, the foundation in Rome of a central hospital and almhouse for aged persons.

☞ GREAT INCONSISTENCY!!—Physicians prescribe DR. ROGERS' LIVERWORT AND TAR in the last stages and the most hopeless cases of CONSUMPTION, after all other medicines had failed, as it has proved itself to be the most extraordinary medical aid in curing that disease. Now this medicine is as valuable in the incipient stages, such as COUGH, COLDS, &c. &c., when the LUNGS are not too far gone before ulceration takes place. It is seldom or ever known to fail in breaking up the most distressing Cough or Cold in a few hours time, if the directions are strictly followed. The GENUINE DR. ROGERS' LIVERWORT AND TAR, which makes so many wonderful cures, is for sale by D. C. Kneeland, also by Kidd & Co. of this city. Those who are afflicted with Diseased Lungs, will do well to call on them and see the certificates of the most wonderful cures, from Hon. Judge Wm. Burke. The *wife* of the Rev. G. W. Maley, and from Dr. Hiram Cox, Professor in Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College. dec17

☞ Let every one who is in need of some such Medicine as Sarsaparilla, and who wishes a good preparation, put up in generous sized bottles at one dollar each, read the advertisement in another column, of DR. WOOD'S SARSAPARILLA AND WILD CHERRY, a compound of two of the most valuable medicines in the Materia Medica. As a tonia for General Debility, Dyspepsia, &c. we may safely say it is an excellent preparation.

Sold at the HEALTH DEPOT, Smithfield, between 3d and 4th streets, Pittsburgh, Pa: dec48

Cure your Cold and Cough before the Lungs are Diseased and fall a prey to Consumption.—It is now universally acknowledged that DR. DUNCAN'S EXPECTORANT is the only certain *Medicine* that will completely eradicate the first symptoms of this Disease from the system. This medicine commences at the very root; causes the Secretial Matter and Phlegm to loose its hold, and be discharged through the Expectorant organs, thus giving immediate ease to the Cough, imparting strength to the Constitution, and finally restoring perfect health. Those who are afflicted with the first seeds of Consumption, such as a cold, cough, soreness of the throat, pain in the breast and side, affections of Bronchia, (all of which will soon lead to a speedy Consumption if not checked,) should at once procure *Dr. Duncan's Expectorant Remedy*, whereby life may be prolonged, and probably saved.

For sale by WM. JACKSON, 89 Liberty st., head of Wood st., Pittsburgh. dec17

Died,

On Sunday morning, Dec. 19th, Mrs. HENRIETTA M., wife of A. J. Bonnet, aged 21 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral this (Monday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from the residence of Mr. Boyle, Hand street.

LOCAL MATTERS.

EFFECTS OF PAVEMENTS ON HEALTH.—We recollect the theory advocated in this city a few years ago, by a very good physician who is now no more, on the subject of the effects of pavements upon health. He contended that no closely or thickly inhabited city could afford health to its inhabitants without pavements; and in consequence, recommended that every spot of ground, now occupied by building, should be paved. His ideas were scouted as foolish at the time; and very little attention was paid to what he said.—The experience of some of our citizens since leave one to confirm his statements; and we now have an article from a foreign journal, which goes to prove that the "discovery" has been made there. We do not notice this, in expectation of effecting any change in the policy of our cities in this matter; but more with a view to give something new.

"The corporation of Liverpool, having recently paved the courts and alleys of that town, it has been observed that the health of the people residing in them, has wonderfully improved, and that deaths were less frequent. This led to further inquiry, and attention was directed to two of the worst courts in Liverpool. Of them, Mr. Carr, of the southern dispensary, remarks that they were formerly so notoriously unhealthy that the medical attendant was hardly ever out of them, and when any epidemic visited the town, these places exhibited their results in perfection. It is also stated by Mr. Samuel Holme, that in Freemason's row he found about two years ago a court of houses, the floors of which were below the public street, and the area of the whole court was a floating mass of putrid matter.

Since these sinks of insalubrity have been paved, the change in the health of the inhabitants has been more remarkable than what may have been anticipated. In one place (Pridport court,) which contains eighteen houses, the cases of sickness were eighteen before to two after the flags were laid. In another alley (Oak court) the proportion is five cases now to twenty-eight in former years. The obvious effect of smoothing causeways, by means of flags or other paving materials, is to do away with such inequalities as form receptacles for the stagnant water left by rain, and the offals of food with which the poor strew the fronts of their residences. The malaria, thus produced is productive of agues and other painful and fatal diseases.

Professor Risley and Sons, of whose wonderful performances the European press has spoken in the higest terms; arrived in our city last evng. and took ledgeings at the Monongahela House. They have been engaged by the enterprising Director of the Atheræum, and make their first appearance this evening. From all indications they will be greeted by one of the most fashionable audiences ever assembled at any one place of amusement in our city.

MAYORALTY.—On Saturday evening, the Whigs appointed their Delegates to the City Convention. Five wards instructed for Mr. Adams; three for Mr. Scully, who also gets two delegates in the Fifth ward; the other three being in favor of Mr. Laughlin.

ALLEGHENY.—Three wards have gone for Mayor Campbell, and one for Mr. Alexander. H. Campbell, Esq., will, therefore, be the Whig candidate.

☞ The Committees appointed, in pursuance of the Resolution adopted at the War Meeting, to solicit contributions for the families of volunteers now in Mexico,—have been handed to us for publication, but unavoidably crowded out to-day. They will appear to-morrow.

Card.

AS I am now engaged in the importation of Brandies, Wines and Gins, &c. exclusively, I have made arrangements in different parts of Europe and the Islands, with well known houses, for my future supplies of Foreign Liquors, which I will be able to sell, delivered in the Custom houses of New York or New Orleans, or in this city, at the lowest market price, for cash or approved paper. I have in store and cellar, a very large stock of very superior Wines and Liquors as imported, of the most celebrated brands and vintages, for sale on pleasing terms.

P. C MARTIN;
dec20 corner of Front and Smithfield sts

OTARD BRANDY—25 half, quarter and eighth pipes, dark and pale, Vintages from 1837, to '43; for sale as imported, by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

SAZERAC Brandy—6 half and quarter pipes, pale, Vintages from 1837 to '44; for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

ASEIGNETTE Brandy—6 half pipes, A Seignette Brand; for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

PINET, Castillon & Co. Brandy—2 half pipes, for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

HENNESSEY Brandy—4 half pipes, London color, Vintage of '42, to arrive and for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

IRISH Whiskey—2 Puncheons, for sale in quantities to suit, by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

JAMAICA Spirits—2 Puncheons, for sale in quantities to suit, by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

HOLLAND Gin—4 pipes Swan and Black Horse Gins, for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

LONDON Porter—5 casks London Porte, in quart and pint bottles, for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

Wines to Arrive:

50 Qr. casks Burgundy Port;
50 Hhds White Wine;
29 half Hhds. " " to arrive at N. Orleans the last of this month or beginning of next, per ship Waverly, Tinnman master, direct from Celte, for sale by (dec20) P. C. MARTIN.

Pittsburgh Navigation & Fire Insurance Company.

AN Election for nine Directors of this Company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company, the 3d day of January next, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
dec20-2w ROBERT FINNEY, Sec'y.

Books for the Holidays.

FRIENDSHIP'S GIFT, for 1848.
The Amaranth, " "
The Garland, " "
The Religious Keepsake, " "
The Gift of Friendship, " "
The Evergreen;
The Floral Offering;
The Ladies Scrap Book;
The Laurel Wreath;
The Sentiment of Flowers;
The Ladies Book of Poetry and Flowers;
The Fountain;
The Gallery of Nature;
Gems of Beauty;
Beauty' Costume;
For sale by H. S. BOSWORTH & Co.,
dec20 No. 43 Market street.

CHEMIZETTS AND FRENCH WORKED COLLARS, in all qualities, (some very fine,) selling off at a great sacrifice at
dec20 BARROWS & TURNER'S.

BLANKETS! BLANKETS!! BLANKETS!!! Gentian Blue Mackinaw, Whitney and Country Blankets, at eastern cost, to close consignment, at ROBINSON'S, Fifth street, one door below Wood.
dec20

FOR SALE—250 cuts of 5 double purple and yellow Carpet Chain; Wooden Bowls, all sizes; 200 dozen of 8x10, 9x12, 10x12, and 10x15 Window Sash; 400 copies of HARRIS's late Pittsburgh and Allegheny cities and Birmingham DIRECTORIES; 6 setts of the American Pioneer, in 2 vols.; 7 vols. of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, from 1790 to 1799. White Louisville Lime, by the barrel or retail; a few bed cords, fishing and chalk lines, &c., for sale low.
ISAAC HARRIS, Agt. and
dec120-6t Com. Merchant, 5th st. near Wood.

MOSEL MUSCATEL Hock wine, Henkell & Co.'s exportation, for sale by the case or bottle at the wine store of
dec20 JACOB WEAVER.

ATHENEUM.

The celebrated Artistes,
PROFESSOR RISLEY & SONS,
Whose performances have been the theme of universal admiration throughout Europe, have been engaged for Five Nights Only; and will make their first appearance this evening, *Monday, Dec. 20th*.
A troupe of Artistes in Divertisements.
Leader of Orchestra—M. Henry.
Prices—Parquette and 1st Range of Seats, 50 cts. Balcony Seats, 25 cts.
Seats secured on application. dec20

LECTURE

On the Wonders of Nature and Science

PROFESSOR SUMAN, from the East, respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Pittsburgh and vicinity, that he will deliver a Lecture on the subject of HUMAN MAGNETISM, or MONDAY, evening, December 20th, at PHILO HALL. He proposes to magnetise any that wish to be brought under the influence, if they will present themselves.

He particularly requests all those that are affected with any nervous complaints whatever to attend.—He proposes to teach the science to all who desire to make themselves useful. The lecture and experiments will be perfectly moral, as recommendations from Ministers and others will testify, and as attendance confirm. Ministers admitted gratis.

Doors open at 6 o'clock, P. M. Lecture to commence at 7. Admittance 12½ cents. dec20-1t

RUDESHEIMER BERG, 1834, Hock Wine, direct importation into the United States by Peter Arnold Mumm, (from the base of the mountain which surrounds the Castle of Johannisburg) for sale by the case or bottle, at the wine store of
dec20 JACOB WEAVER.

GEISINHEIMER Hock wine, Henkell & Co.'s Mainze exportation, for sale by the case or bottle at the wine store of
dec20 JACOB WEAVER.

HOCKHEIMER Hock wine, Henkell & Co. exporters to the United States, for sale by the case or bottle, at the wine store of
dec20 JACOB WEAVER.

HOCHHEIMER, 1839, P. A. Mumm & Co.'s direct exportation to the United States, for sale by the case or bottle, at the wine store of
dec20 JACOB WEAVER.

Wines.

20 Quarter Casks Roncao Port;
10 " " London Market Port;
5 " " Hunt "
10 " " Trash "
20 " " S. S. Madeira;
15 " " London Market do;
10 " " Symington "
5 " " Fayal "
10 " " Tennerifie "
10 " " Pale Sherry
5 " " Golden "
5 " " Brown "
10 " " Lisbon "
15 " " Dry Malaga;
10 " " Sweet do.
For sale in quantities to suit, by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

CHAMPAGNE Wine—25 Baskets Crown Brand, for sale by
dec20 P. C MARTIN

SARDINES—50 Boxes Sardines;
50 hf. " do, for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

Cigars.

75,000 CIGARS, of the following celebrated Brands: Silva, Estulapio, Dos Amigos, De Fusten; London Uranio, Falla Principe, La Royadero, Colorado, Regalias, Carado, Justo Sang Principe, Cheroot's Eagle Principe, Lord Byron Regalias, for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

LIQUORS IN GLASS—100 bottles of Brandies, Wines, Gins, &c., for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

Sundries.

50 DOZ. Playing Cards;
15 Barkets Olive Oil;
10 Boxes fine Chewing Tobacco;
10 Bbls powered Sugar;
8 doz Tomato Catsup;
8 " Walnut do!
10 " Brandy fruits;
20 " Bitters;
20 " Peppermint;
6 " Lemon Syrup; for sale by
dec20 P. C. MARTIN.

Children's Fancy Shoes.

NO. 8, FIFTH ST.,

A COMPLETE assortment of Children's Shoes, (every variety,) of his own manufacture, (and warranted,) for sale at No 8, Fifth street.
dec20-3t S. KEYS.

Ladies Water Proof Boots.

LADIES Double Sole Water-Proof Boots, for sale at No. 8 Fifth street.
dec20-3t S. KEYS.

FRUITS—6 Bbls prime Oranges;
25 Boxes Lemons;
5 Kegs Malaga Grapes;
All in good order, just received on consignment and for sale low, at the Wine Store.
JACOB WEAVER;
dec18 corner Market and Front sts.

JOHANNISBURGER Hock—A few cases of this celebrated wine, for sale, by the case or bottle, at the wine store.
dec18 JACOB WEAVER.

55 CASES Hock or Rhine Wines—1 doz. each; embracing the most choice and popular brands of sparkling and still imported under the tariff of 1846, in cellar and for sale at the wine store of
dec18 JACOB WEAVER.

SPARKLING Hock, of Hochheim, for sale by the case or bottle, at the wine store of
dec18 JACOB WEAVER.

SPARKLING Moselle Hock Wine, for sale by the case or bottle, at the wine store of
dec18 JACOB WEAVER.

Flat Boat Taken up.

WAS caught adrift on the Ohio river, between Middletown and Shousetown, and taken up by John Boley and others, on Sunday last, a Flat Boat, 75 feet long by 18 feet wide, without stanchions. The owner can have it upon proving property and paying charges, by applying at John Boley's, near Middletown. dec18-3tw

P. M. STEEN,
BRASS FOUNDER AND GAS FITTER,
Smithfield street, between Diamond Alley and Fifth street, Pittsburgh. dec18-1y

Wholesale Dry Goods.

NOW opening at the wholesale dry goods rooms, 62 Market street, 2d story, 100 pcs of Alpacca, 40 pcs English Merinos, 2 cases Oregon plaids, and cashmeres; 10 pcs French broad cloths, 44 pcs fancy cassimeres, 5 cases casinetts, 10 bales of red, white and yellow flannels, 300 pairs of blankets, new styles of calicoes, domestic ginghams, gloves and hosiery, together with a general assortment of goods. Merchants are invited to examine our stock, as we are confident it will favorably compare with eastern stocks in styles and prices.
dec18 A. A. MASON & Co.

New Goods.

A. MASON & Co., No. 62 Market street, have just received an extensive assortment of dayses and fancy dress buttons; also, gimps and fringes of every variety, cashmere cravats, silk scarfs, etc., etc. dec18

To New Englanders.

AT a meeting of New Englanders held on the 23d ultimo, on motion of H. W. Williams, Esq., it was resolved, that the President and Vice President, assisted by six gentlemen, to be appointed by the President of this meeting, be a Committee to report a Constitution and list of Officers for a New England Society, to be formed on the 22d of December, 1847. That Committee consists of Hon. Chas. Shaler, John M. Austin, Messrs. Harvey Childs, Luke Loomis, H. W. Williams, George Breed, G. F. Gilmore, Wm. S. Caldwell, E. S. Ainsworth, and B. H. Hersey.

There will be a Supper on the 22d inst., the Anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, at the Saint Charles Hotel. Every person of New England birth is invited to attend.

Tickets can be Procured of the undersigned.

WM. S. CALDWELL,
E. S. AINSWORTH,
B. H. HERSEY,
dec18-td Committee of Arrangements.

Star Bakery and Confectionary,

DIAMOND ALLEY,

C. S. BICKLEY, PROPRIETOR.—The subscriber respectfully announces to his friends and the public, that he has just received a great variety of *TOYS* and *FANCY CONFECTIONARY*, of a superior quality.

He is prepared to furnish CAKES of all kinds, CANDIES, TOYS, FRUITS, etc., during the holydays, and he is confident his stock generally is equal to any in the market.

N. B. He will be prepared to serve up ICE CREAM on Christmas day. dec18-4t

TALLOW—1 Barrel, for sale by
dec18 SMITH & SINCLAIR.

DESPATCHES BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

EXPRESSLY FOR THE MORNING POST.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18, 6 P. M.

The river has fallen 9 inches, and is still receding. The weather is pleasant. The Telegraph Line has been completed to St. Louis.

DECEMBER 19, 9 P. M.

The river has fallen 12 inches since last night. There is some appearance of rain to-night.

☞ The "Buffalo Commercial Advertiser" of December 13, 1846, has the following article regarding Vaughn's celebrated medicine. We need only say, read it.

"Vaughn's Vegetable Lithontriptic Mixture.—We are not accustomed to take particular notice of the various medicines of the day, advertised in our columns, for all the ills that flesh is heir to, but the array and character of the testimoniale in proof of Vaughn's Vegetable Lithontriptic, inserted to-day, impels us to depart from our usual practice, and to admit that we have never known so extensive success to attend any previously advertised medicine, within so short a space of time. The genuineness of the certificates is undoubted—most of those named are our own