THE MORNING POST.

L. HARPER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

PITTSBURGH:
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Democratic County Convention.

The Democrats are hereby requested to assemble in their respective districts, in primary meeting, on Saturday, the 8th of January, 1848, and appoint delegates to a County Convention to be held at the Court House, in Pittsburgh, on the Wednesday following, for the purpose of choosing delegates to the State Convention.

In the country districts, the time of meeting will be between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock, P. M.; and in the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the Committee of Correspondence
CHARLES SHALER, Chairman.
ANDREW WYLIE, Secretary.

Editorial Correspondence of the Morning Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, 1847.

Dear Post—Yesterday afternoon, I was absent from the City; and was therefore prevented from writing a letter last night, giving an account of yesterday's proceedings in Congress. However, nothing of importance was transacted; nor will there be, untilafte r the Holidays, when the various committees will make their reports.

In the *Senate*, yesterday, a number of petitions were presented, mostly of a private nature. A resolution was read by Mr. Miller, authorizing the erection of a monument to Gen. Washington, which was read the first and second time, and referred.

Mr. CALHOUN has opened the ball on the question of acquisition of territory from Mexico. He read in his place the following resolutions, which were ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That to conquer Mexico, and to hold it, either as a province or to incorporate it in the Union, would be inconsistent with the avowed object for which the war has been prosecuted; a departure from the settled policy of the government; in conflict with its character and genius; and in the end subversive of our free and popular institutions.

Resolved, That no line of policy, in the further prosecution of the war, should be adopted, which may lead to consequences so disastrous.

It will be here observed, that the South Carolina Senator has taken a position similar to that of Mr. COWIN, in his public speeches. He has so framed his resolutions, however, as not to lay himself liable to the charge of being opposed to the acquisition of *a portion* of Mexico, as an indemnity for the claims of the United States against that government.

On the other hand, Mr. DICKINSON, of New York, has submitted resolutions, which will be more acceptable to the great body of the American people, North and South. They are in the following words.

[The resolutions referred to by Mr. Harper, will be found in the Post of yesterday.]

Mr. D. yesterday gave notice that he would call up those resolutions after the holidays; and by that time there is no doubt that the proceedings of Congress will begin to possess some interest.

In the *House*, yesterday, the resolution, previously offered by Mr. VINTON, of Ohio, was taken up, with the amendment of Mr. RITTY, for the appointment of a "Committee on Commerce among the States," with power to take into consideration all the petitions, matters and things touching the appropriation of the public money for the improvement of the navigation of rivers, lakes, harbors, bays, and inlets, both upon the seaboard and in the interior. Upon this resolution a debate arose, in the course of which the whole system of internal improvements by the general government, was considered. Messrs Rhett, Caleb B. Smith, Root, and Bedinger, addressed the House, when

A message was received from the President, and read, containing the reasons for his veto of the River and Harbor bill of the last session.

Mr. WENTWORTH moved to refer the message to the Committee on Commerce, at the same time expressing the belief that said committee would report adversely to the doctrines of the message.

Mr. VINTON, of Ohio, and Mr. STEWART, of Pa., were in favor of referring the message to a select committee, as they considered the subject a very important one.

Mr. BAYLEY, of Va., in a few remarks vindicated the positions assumed by the President.

Mr. SCRENCK, of Ohio, commented upon the doctrines of the message at some length, but gave way to

Mr. HOLMES, of S. C., who reported a preamble and resolutions, setting forth, as the basis of a treaty of peace with Mexico, that the National existence of that country should not be extinguished, but that free commerce should be established between the two countries, as betwen the several States of the Union, &c. The House adjourned.

In the *Senate* to-day. Mr. BERRIEN appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. FOOTE, of Miss., announced, in an appropriate manner, the death of the Hon. Jesse Speight, formerly Senator from that State, when the customary resolutions were adopted, and the Senate adjourned.

In the *House*, Mr. PETTIT, of Ia., took a stand against the remarks of the President, in regard to appropriations for the improvement of inland rivers, &c. On all the other great questions discussed in the message, he was with the President. Mr. P spoke in a very energetic and vehement manner, and his voice echoed through the dome above like the rolling of thunder!

Mr. THOMPSON, of Miss., announced the death of Senator SPEIGHT, in a few feeling and appropriate remarks; and after moving the adoption of the usual resolutions, the House adjourned.

I had the pleasure, to-day, of being introduced to the Hon. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, the "old man eloquent." His health is very feeble, and his voice is weak and tremulous. The old gentleman has evidently well nigh run his pilgrimage on earth.

The City is very dull to-day, owing to the weather being exceedingly inclement. It has been raining and snowing all day. L. H.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 1847.

STATUARY AROUND THE CAPITOL.—The visitor to the City of Washington is surely possessed of little taste, if he does not stop to examine the various pieces of Statuary around the National Capitol; especially when it is known that each design has cost the government thousands of dollars, which have been paid by the people of the United States, in the shape of tariffs. The most prominent piece of Statuary that meets the eye of the stranger is

Greenough's Washington.—As most of our readers know, this colossal statue was executed by Robert Greenough, after years of incessant labor. It was first intended to be placed in the Rotunda of the Capitol, but it was found entirely too large to be seen advantageously in that famous place of resort; and has since been removed to the east centre of the Capitol yard. The artist has certainly succeeded to admiration in moulding the *features* of the "father of his country" in enduring marble; but I am free to say, that the *design*, as a whole, has failed to produce that impression on my mind, which such a work should. The artist instead of representing *General Washington* in a natural position and costume, has copied after the models of other times and other countries. He is represented in a state of almost perfect nudity, with sandals on his feet, and seated! There is neither ease, grace, or nature, seen in the design. Washington should have been represented in an erect position, with all his garments on, as worn in his lifetime. The cut of his old continental coat might not suit the taste of modern fastidiousness, but it would, at all events, be true to life, and would readily strike the eye of the beholder as a correct representation of the original. Those who may come after us, in future generations, perhaps centuries to come, in visiting the Capitol, may have reason to think, in viewing Greenough's Washington, that their ancestors, who conquered the British power in the New World, were descendents of, or colonists from, ancient Rome! The foolish opinion prevails too much through our country, that no work of art can be perfect, unless it has some classical design, or is copied after Italian models. Our republican character, our national simplicity, our form of government, and all the great characteristics of our people, are lost sight of, and sunk in oblivion, by a class of men who are busy introducing European manners, customs and follies. A stranger, who had never seen a bust or a portrait of Washington, would be more apt to take Greenough's statue to be a representation of some Roman Emperor, rather than that of the Father of his Country. The old bronze statue of Jefferson, in front of the White House, looks true to nature, and strikes the eye of the visitor as embodying a correct delineation of the sage of Monticello; because there is nothing foreign about it. Were I a member of Congress, I should not hesitate to report a resolution to remove Greenough's burlesque on Washington from the Capital square. It is unworthy of the place it occupies.

Persico's Columbus.—This huge statue adorns the right platform in front of the Capitol. Columbus is represented in colossal form, holding the globe aloft in his right hand; and calling upon the world to witness his triumphant discovery—of a western hemisphere. A female Indian figure is represented on one side, looking up with all the anxiety and curiosity of her sex and race, and listening intently to the statements of the great navigator. The design of Columbus is certainly a grand one, and as a work of art is probably faultless; but the Indian figure is conceived in exceeding bad taste, and has the effect of making visitors, particularly ladies, turn away with feelings of disgust. Her form is represented in a perfect state of nudity, the drapery having fallen to her feet in the midst of her excitement and curiosity. I think this conception of the artist has made the statue highly objectionable. It does not suit the taste of the American people.

War and Peace.—These two statues are also the work of Persico; and are placed on either side of the front entrance to the Rotunda. They are executed in marble, are creditable to the artist, and worthy of the place they occupy.

CONGRESS.—The Senate did not sit to day. In the *House*, Mr. PETTIT, of Indiana, arose to make a personal explanation, in regard to a report of his remarks of yesterday, in last night's Union. He pronounced the report, as there given, puerile, silly and false; and thundered away, for some 15 minutes, at Mr. RITCHIE, in a style which would have been discreditable to a tavern politician. What I have seen of Mr. Pettit. makes me think that the people of Indiana made a poor choice in sending him to Washington.

Mr. MEADE, of Virginia, announced the death of his colleague, Mr. Dromigoole; and, after adopting the customary resolution, the House adjourned.

I visited the Fremont Court Martial, this afternoon, at the U. S. Arsenal, below the city, and shall endeavor to give a description of it to-morrow. L. H.

COLLECTING COMMITTEES.

The following gentlemen will please take notice that they are appointed sub-committees to collect funds for the families of the soldiers in Mexico. It is important that the duties be attended to immediately. There is considerable suffering prevailing with these destitute persons. Collectors will make returns to Wm. M. Engar, Esq., Chairman of the Executive Committee.

COMMITTEES FOR PITTSBURGH.

1st Ward—John Caldwell, James May.
2d " John Irwin, T. W. Bakewell.
3d " John McDevitt, G. Adams, Esq.
4th " F. Lorenz, W. R. Brown.
5th " A. M'Ilwaine, A. Laughlin, Esq.
6th " Dr. A. Black, J. Birmingham.
7th " J. W. Totten, Jacob Tomer.
8th " T. Daft, Esq., S. Morrow.
9th " T. Rouley, K. Hughes

COMMITTEES FOR ALLEGHENY.

1st Ward—M. Stewart, H. Nixon.
2d " A. Barclay, Jacob Geyer.
3d " J. Park, D. M. Curry.
4th " Jacob Painter, J. K. Morehead.

The several boroughs and townships of the county will please appoint their own committees, as the duty more appropriately belongs to them, and better selections can be made there than here. We feel confident that, from their well known liberality on former occasions, the gentlemen in each district will cheerfully accept the duty of making collections for this charitable purpose,—no matter what may be the opinion entertained by our people in relation to the war. Humanity will teach all, that the war-worn soldier's family should not be allowed to suffer, in the absence of their natural protector. Our friends in each of the county districts are therefore respectfully requested to call meetings to designate collectors.

By order of the Committee.
R. H. KERR, } *Secretaries.*
L. ELLIOTT, }

[Other papers will please extend their usual liberality by copying.]

The Massillon Convention.

This Convention was well attended, and the proceedings are interesting. At present, our space will not admit of more than the substance of what was determined upon. The object is embraced in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the interests of central Ohio, imperatively demand the construction of a road to be known as the Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad from the city of Pittsburgh thro' the counties of Stark, Wayne and Ashland, to Mansfield, with the privilege of extending to the western line of the State, at the option of the company, by the most direct, practicable and best route. The said road to be so located, that branches may be constantly extended from it to Cleveland on the north and to Newark on the south-west.

It was resolved that the friends of this great improvement should exert themselves, to obtain such legislation for Pennsylvania and Ohio, as may be needed to carry out the wishes of the Convention.

For the Morning Post.

MR. EDITOR:—As many citizens are anxious to see for themselves, that curious compound, the Supplement Bill, I hope you will re-publish it.—While examining its provisions, let them bear in mind, that the *only* reason given to the Stockholders on several stations.—The force and operations in the Mediterranean are then spoken of, including the affair of the Carmel.ta. In this connection the Secretary speaks of privateering on the part of Mexico as inconsistent with the spirit of the age, resorted to as a means of revenue with a certain result of untold atrocities, if, favored, and deserving as it has received, the reprobation of the civilized world.

The force on the coast of South America, the squadron on the coast of China, that on the Pacific, the operations in California, the operations of the Gulf squadron, and the loss of the brig Somers near Vera Cruz, are next severally dwelt upon with special praise of Com. Perry. In connection with the last, the assistance rendered by the British, French and Spanish ships of war anchored near, is spoken of in the highest terms. The medals, which by act of Congress are to be presented to the officers and men who risked their lives on that occasion, will be transmitted as soon as Com. Perry shall have procured and communicated their names.

The Secretary urges an increase in the number of Assistant Surgeons. He also recommends an allowance to Naval officers collecting duties in Mexican ports of one per cent on the sum collected. In the Gulf of Mexico between thirty and forty thousand dollars have been collected; the amount collected in the Pacific is not known. Of the vessels captured in the Gulf a good many have been valued, taken into service, and their value is to be paid over as prize-money to the captors as soon as they shall have been legally condemned by the District Court of Louisiana. Those taken in the Pacific have been condemned by a Prize-Court there organized, but no prize money is to be distributed till the proceeding of the Court have been revised by the Department.

The extension of our laws over the Oregon Territory and the establishment of Courts with Admiralty jurisdiction is recommended. The voyages of the Jamestown and Macedonian are next spoken of. Mr. Uriah Brown's liquid fire has been tried with the $10,000 appropriated, but his shot-proof steamship has not. The liquid fire is not approved of. The estimates of the next year are spoken of in the following paragraphs, which we quote.

I have the honor to present, herewith, the Reports from the several Bureaux of Construction, Equipment and Repair, of Ordnance and Hydrography, of Yards and Docks, of Provisions and Clothing, and of Medicine and Surgery with estimates in detail for the several branches of the Naval service for the next fiscal year. They are based on the employment, pending the war, of ten thousand men, as allowed by law, and a number of vessels in commission, requiring their services. These reports present a gratifying exhibit of the condition of the public works and of the public property subject to the control and direction of the Navy Department—and the estimates have been prepared and revised with a careful desire to ask for nothing which is not necessary to the public interest, I respectfully ask the favorable consideration of the suggestions made by the experienced, able and faithful officers at the head of the Bureaux.

The gross amount estimated for is ten millions three hundred and sixty five thousand eight hundred and twenty two dollars. The amount appropriated for the current fiscal year is $10,652,636 10. The estimates now presented includes an item of $1,200,000, to complete the four war steamers authorized by the act of the 3d of March last, an increase of the appropriation under the head of contingent enumerated, and three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the prosecution of the work on the dry dock at New York. The reasons for these appropriations are given in the reports, and, I presume, will be satisfactory. There are other objects estimated for, requiring an inconsiderable expenditure, which seem to be necessary for the efficient discharge of the public duties devolved on the Department. Of the appropriations made for the current year, the unexpended balances, will, without doubt, prove adequate to all the wants of the service.

I deem it not inappropriate to the occasion, as illustrating the expenditures of the Navy Department since the commencement of the Mexican war, to present a comparative statement of appropriations of expenditures for the three last years, under the heads of appropriation of "pay," "contingent," "increase and repair," "provisions and clothing," and "surgeons' necessaries and appliances." These may be denominated the variable appropriations and will show the increase of expenditure, during the war, over that of a corresponding period in times of peace.

This comparison exhibits the following results:

For year ending June 30	Appropriations.	Available aggregate.	Expenditures.
1845	$5,058,816 71	6,131,453 28	5,813,338 70
1846	5,083,592 00	6,504,426 63	5,371,514 50
1847	6,434,349 60	7,961,233 49	6,435,110 56

And of the expenditure for increase and repair during the past year $345,175 have been paid for fifteen vessels, storeships, steamers, of suitable draft of water, purchased and sent to the Gulf of Mexico.

The four war steamers authorized by the act of March 3d, 1846, are rapidly building. The models, tonnage and machinery were adopted on the report of a mixed board of naval officers, constructors and engineers. The contracts for the transportation of the mail in steamers between New York and Liverpool, between New Orleans, and from Havana to Chagres, have been made with Messrs. Collins and Sloo in compliance with the act of Congress. The carriage of the mail monthly from Panama to Oregon has been assigned to the lowest bidder. The Secretary says:

Astoria, in the Oregon Territory, was determined on as the Northern terminus of the route, with a right of changing it reserved to the Department; and the law was construed to require a mail to be transported from one point to the other within 30 days. The distance is more than three thousand miles, and the winds and currents known to be such as to render it impracticable to perform the required service in sail vessels. It was, therefore, determined to employ steamers. The great distance at which the service is to be performed, the heavy expenses which must be incurred by contractors in providing, on the Pacific coast, the necessary ships and materials for repair, the indispensable fuel and depots for coal, induced me to adopt the term of ten years as the duration of this contract, which has been adopted by the Post Office Department, for its foreign mail contracts. But to guard myself against the reproach of exceeding the authority which it was the intention of Congress to confer, a clause is inserted in the contract, reserving to Congress the right to annul the contract at its approaching session, if it shall be deemed proper or expedient to do so.

The contracts require the vessels to be ready for sea in October and November of the year 1848, and the right of pay will commence with the commencement of the performance of the mail service stipulated. The annual compensation under the contract will be:

To E. K. Collins,	$335,000 00
To A. G. Sloo,	290,000 00
To Arnold Harris,	199,000 00

I regard them as favorable contracts and the establishment of a regular and speedy intercourse by mail between the Atlantic cities and Oregon, as of the highest national importance.

I have cordially co-operated in the establishment of the several lines of steamers stipulated by these contracts. Thirteen new vessels will be constructed in the most skilful manner, which may be used as war steamers, and will be available for national purposes on any emergency.

The contracts stipulate that a mail agent, to be appointed by the Postmaster General, shall be placed and maintained on board. But as the contract is made with this Department, and the payments will be made from the Treasury, on bills approved here, unless otherwise directed, it may be a question whether the law sufficiently provides for the regulation and collection of postages by the Post Office Department, and how far such receipts would be applicable to the payment of these contractors. I respectfully submit that the necessary legal enactments on the subject may be made by Congress.

The Secretary asks Congress to make appropriation for these contracts and to approve or annul the term for which they have been made.

The Observatory is in successful operation.—The refunding of $2,279 20 duties on instruments imported for its use is asked for. The Superintendant was to have a salary of $3,000, but owing to a clerical error in the act prescribing the salary he has as yet only received the pay of a Navy Lieutenant. The necessary enactment is asked for.

At the Naval School 90 Midshipmen are in attendance; the School is doing well and an excellent thing. An increase of the number of Midshipmen in the Navy to 460 is recommended, making two for each Representative in the House.

The full number of Marines authorized by the act of last March have not been appointed. As the additional corps is serving on land and for the war only, they ought to have bounty land given to soldiers. The corps have served with distinction in Mexico, and is entitled to the favorable consideration of Congress.

The system of disbursing money and supplies in the Navy is a good one and works well. The measures taken for the construction of floating docks at Philadelphia, Kittery and Pensacola will be made the subject of a special Report.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE MEETING IN ALLEGHENY.—On Thursday last, a large meeting of the citizens of Allegheny was held in the Town House, over which H. Campbell Esq. the Mayor presided. Resolutions offered by Col. Robinson, were adopted, favorable to the speedy construction of a Rail Road to the Ohio state line; and also, appointing a committee, composed of Wm. Robinson, jr, John Morrison, J Carothers, John Irwin and G. E. Warner, to memorialize the County Commissioners, requesting of them to call of a county meeting, in order to obtain from the Cities and County of Allegheny, a united credit to the extent of a million of Dollars to secure the certain and speedy completion of the Pennsylvania Rail Road.

☞ The times are dull with the officers of the Police. Not a single case was found by His Honor, the Mayor, in the Tombs, yesterday morning.—This is something strange. The Independents have been idle. We have heard of no acts of villainy (such acts, we mean, as are punishable by law,) that have been transacted for some weeks, except the affair at Bell & Co's., last Friday evening. The gangs of burglars and thieves, that sometimes infest the cities, have either left, or are lying low for a rich harvest, some of these days. Meanwhile, our citizens should not fancy themselves secure, and cease their vigilance.

ATHENÆUM MUSICAL HALL.—Mr. Foster succeeded in giving a very agreeable entertainment last evening; which was attended by a respectable audience, notwithstanding the disagreeableness of the weather. Professor Risley and sons are indeed wonderful performers. After seeing them, we can readily believe all that has been said of them by the Foreign Journals, to be well merited.

THE YANKEES.—The New Englanders residing in this city, have made arrangements for another Supper, to be given at the St. Charles Hotel, to-morrow evening, the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. We learn that the company will be very large, of which we have no doubt; and there will be enthusiasm in abundance.

ALLEGHENY CITY.—Mr. Campbell, as we noticed yesterday, has secured a majority of the delegates, and will therefore be nominated to-morrow by the Convention. The Democrats will begin a movement on Friday—the result of which we cannot predict. The present Mayor, for reasons unknown to us, has gained the ill will of many influential men of his own party; and, it is thought that the Democrats might, with a good candidate, succeed; though we could not claim his election as a party triumph.

☞ Our correspondent, "M. H." wishes to suggest that "as these are supper times, it would be well to give an entermainment of this description, to the returded volunteers, now in our city."

☞ A number of Banks have given up lately, "under the pressure of the times;" and more may follow. It would be well, therefore, for our citizens to be careful, as to the kind of money they "put away for rainy days." The Pittsburgh Banks are safe enough; but some in Ohio, and other States, should not be trusted too far.

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, on TUESDAY, evening, December 21st, 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 an attendance confirm. Ministers admitted gratis.

Doors open at 6 o'clock, P. M. Lecture to commence at 7. Admittance 12½ cents. dec21-1t

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Those who are disposed to do so, can leave their names at the Store previous to the day.

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For New Orleans.

THE Steamer AMERICAN EAGLE, ACHESON, Master, will leave, for the above and intermediate ports, positively, this day, at 2 o'clock, P. M. For freight or passage apply on board, or to GEO. MILTENBERGER.

POTASH—4 casks No 1 article, in store and for sale by SMITH & SINCLAIR,
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dec21 56 Wood st.

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dec21

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dec21

LARD OIL—15 Bbls Conkling's No. 1, Winter Strained Lard Oil, in store and for sale by F. SELLERS,
dec21 No. 17 Liberty st.

DESPATCHES BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

EXPRESSLY FOR THE MORNING POST.

Thirtieth Congress.—First Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1847.

SENATE.—Mr. Dix presented a memorial from the officers of the army at Puebla, headed by Generals Scott, Worth and others, praying for the establishing of a retired list of the army; and provision for widows and orphans; and he accompanied the memorial with appropriate remarks.

Mr. Hannegan presented Resolutions for the establishment of a Territorial Government in Oregon.

Mr. Niles presented petitions from citizens of N. H. and Connecticut, in favor of the Wilmot Proviso.

Mr. Calhoun's Resolution came up in order; when he moved to postpone them till the first Tuesday of January.

Mr. Allen wished to know whether Mr. Calhoun intended to go against the acquisition of all territory.

Mr. Calhoun replied that it was not his intention to involve any other question than that contained in his resolutions. The question of the conquest of Mexico, is the real one before the country, and that he should discuss.

A debate ensued upon the motion to postpone. It was adopted.

Mr. Holmes, of S. C. offered a resolution in the House to call on the States to return their portions of the old surplus revenue, of thirty millions, before making any more loans.

FROM MEXICO—OUTRAGE BY AMERICAN TROOPS.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20, 1847.

We have news from Fort Mann till the 25th of October. It is stated that the American troops at that place invited a number of Pawnee Indians into the Fort, several of whom were killed, and a number wounded, by Col. Gilpin's men. This is a horrid outrage. The Colonel himself was absent when the bloody deed was perpetrated.

PEALE'S COURT OF DEATH ON FIRE—THE RIVERS.

ST LOUIS, Dec. 20, 1847.

A fire broke out in the Hall in which the great Painting, "*Peale's Court of Death*," has been exhibited by Dr. Colton, which was not extinguished, until considerable injury was done to it.

The weather has been rather severe lately; and the Upper Mississippi is now almost closed with ice.

The water is seven feet deep in the city of Cairo.

CINCINNATI, Dec 20, 1847.

We have New Orleans dates to the 11st inst.—The papers have news from Vera Cruz till the 30th ult, and from the city of Mexico, till the 24th November. It was reported that Santa Anna had issued a pronunciamento against the Provisional Government, and called on the Government to organize a force of 50,000 men to renew the war.—He was at the head of 16,000 men of all arms.

Congress was in session at Queretero, a majority of which is strongly inclined to peace.

Gen. Scott had ordered Gen. Worth, with a strong division to Queretero, to protect the Congress.

The First Brigade of Butler's Division had marched from Vera Cruz to the interior.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.

We have New Orleans papers to the 11th, which contain news from Vera Cruz up to the 1st inst.

The barque St. Mary arrived at Anton Lizardo, with troops.

The troops arrived at Vera Cruz safely; but the vessel was lost.

ALABAMA U. S. SENATOR.—In the Legislature, there were three ballotings for U. S. Senator. The third ballot stood as follows:

Lewis,	50
King,	33
Hopkins, (whig,)	49

GEN. TAYLOR was expected at Natchez, on the 15th inst.

The revenue cutter Crawford ran ashore on Wednesday night, at Guardener's Point; bilged, and a total loss.

NEW YORK MARKET.

December 20, 3 P. M.

Flour—Large demand for shipment, and market firm.

Grain—Prime Yellow Corn 81c; Prime White 76; Oats 50c.

Provisions—Sales only for supply of regular trade. Lard is dull.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

December 17, 3 P. M.

Flour—Howard street $6 29; and City Mills $6 31.

Grain—Prime White Wheat at $1 32@1 35; and Prime Red $1 37. Corn, Prime White at 58@63. Sales oats at 38@41.

Whiskey—Sales at 28c.

Molasses—Regular sales N. O. at 30@31c.

Provisions—Market heavy for Pork, no sales.

Sugars—An improving tendency. Coffee, no change.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

December 20, 4 P. M

Flour—Sales Baltimore Howard street at hands at $6 50.

Wheat—Sales Prime Red at 136@139c.

Born—Moderate sales Prime Yellow at 58@59.

Sugar—Sales 200 hhds. N. O. at 4¾@5¾.

Whiskey—Limited sales at 26c.

Annuals and Gift Books for the Holidays.

LEAFLETS OF MEMORY; an illustrated annual for 1848, edited by Reynell Coates, M. D.

The Charm; a series of graceful and elegant colored Groups, designed expressly for this work.

The Offerings of Beauty, a present for all seasons, embellished with eleven engravings, edited by Amelia W. Lawrence.

Friendship's Offering; a Christmas, New Year's, and Birth-day present for 1848.

The Garland; or a Token of Friendship, a Christmas and New Year's Gift, for 1848.

The Amaranth; or, Token of Remembrance, a Christmas and New Year's present for 1848.

The Gift of Friendship; a Token of remembrance for 1848.

The Gem, for 1848, edited by Father Frank.

The Hyacinth, or Affection's Gift, a Christmas, New Year's and Birth day present, 1848.

Christmas Blossoms and New Year's Wreath, for 1845.

Thompson's Seasons; Harper's illustrated edition.

Boudoir Botany; or the Parlor Book of Flowers, comprising the history, description and colored engravings of 44 exotic Flowers, 24 Wild flowers of America, and 12 Trees with Fruit; illustrated with 250 engravings.

The Task and other Poems, by Wm. Cowper, with numerous illustrations, &c. &c.

Together with a large assortment of New Juvenile Books, with colored plates; many of which are just published. For sale at the Bookstore of ELLIOTT & ENGLISH,
dec21 56 Market st., bet 3d and 4th.

SOAP—160 Boxes No 1 Cincinnati, just received and for sale by F. SELLERS,
dec21 No. 17 Liberty st.

STEARINE Candles—100 Boxes received on consignment and for sale, by F. SELLERS, 17 Liberty st.
dec21

Card.

AT the new 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 '44; 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.

A SEIGNETTE Brandy—6 half pipes, A Seignette Brandy; 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;
25 half Hhds. " " to arrive at N. Orleans the last of this month or beginning of next, per ship Waverly, Tinsman master, direct from Colte, 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, Secy.

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 Galley of Nature;
Gems of Beauty;
Beauty' Costume;
For sale by H. S. ROSWORTH & 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 Macinaw, Whitney and Country Blankets, at eastern cost, to close consignment, at ROBINSON'S, Fifth street, one door below Wood.
dec20

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 " " Tuah " "
20 " " S. S. Madeira;
15 " " London Market do;
10 " " Symington " "
5 " " Fayal " "
10 " " Tonneriffe " "
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,
dec20 for sale by 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, Esulapio, 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*

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