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THE OHIO DIFFICULTY.

OPINION OF EDWIN M. STANTON, ESQ.

The difficulty respecting the organization of the lower branch of the Ohio Legislature, has assumed a very important character, all over the country, and a great deal has been said and written concerning it, even by persons who are not familiar with the facts. We called upon our friend EDWIN M. STANTON, Esq., a few days since, and requested him to prepare the facts of the case for our readers, and to submit, over his proper signature, a legal opinion upon those facts. He promptly consented to do so. We publish below the communication of Mr. STANTON, to which we call the earnest attention of the public—Whigs as well as Democrats. Mr. S., for many years past, has been one of the leading members of the Ohio bar, and is thoroughly acquainted with the Constitution and Laws of the State. His opinion, therefore, is of great value; and as he is removed from the scene of the difficulty, he may be regarded as a disinterested spectator:

The Ohio Controversy.

Editor of the Post:—In reply to your enquiry as to my opinion respecting the Legislative controversy now pending in Ohio, I will endeavor fairly to state my view of the case.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The Ohio Constitution, Art. 1, provides that the legislative authority shall be vested in a general assembly, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives, both to be elected by the people—that every four years the number of representatives shall be fixed by the Legislature, and *apportioned among the several counties, according to the number of white male inhabitants in each.* Sec. 2.

At the last session the period for apportionment arrived, the Whigs having a majority in both branches of the Assembly. A Bill, apportioning five members to Hamilton county, but at the same time dividing the county in two districts, so that two of the five members should be elected by one district comprising the city of Cincinnati, was introduced and passed the Senate. Such thing had never before been done, nor could any reason be assigned except that the city was largely Whig, and the county largely Democratic. The Democratic members vainly remonstrated against the measure as a violation of the Constitution for party purposes. Some slight amendments being made in the House, the Bill returned to the Senate, and thereupon, the Democratic Senators seceded, so that there was no longer a constitutional quorum to do business in that body. In this state of affairs a resolution was passed in the House, rescinding its amendments; whereupon the bill was signed by the Speakers as a law. The Democrats insisted that this was a gross usurpation of Legislative power. That the Bill was in the Senate, and therefore could not be acted on by the House; and no action could be had in the Senate for want of a constitutional quorum, the 8th Section requiring "two thirds to do business."

Here the matter rested until the election. The Democrats elected five members by vote of the whole county at large. The Whigs elected two members in the city district. The Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, who is by law the returning officer, gave a certificate of election to the five Democrats. He also furnished to the two Whigs elected by the city district an abstract of the votes polled therein, showing that within the district they had a majority of votes.

The first Monday of December is the Constitutional period for the meeting of the General Assembly. Upon two members it depends which side shall have the majority in the House and on joint ballot. Both parties organized in anticipation, so as to get possession of the House. The Democrats got there first—appointed a Chairman, swore in the five members from Hamilton county; and have ever since, remained day and night in permanent session. The Whigs took possession of one side of the Hall—appointed a Chairman, and swore in their two members from Hamilton county, and have continued to go through the form of daily session. This has continued for more than two weeks, during which time, the legislative power of the State has been suspended in a state of anarchy. In the meantime, another question has arisen, respecting the Executive power—whether it be in Mr. Bebb, by holding over, or in Mr. Ford, the Governor elect. This state of affairs presents questions of the utmost importance to State sovereignties and to popular governments. The contest is one for political power—peaceable as yet—and so long as violence shall be avoided, the calm application of reason will settle all difficulty.

OPINION.

The provision of the Apportionment Law, dividing Hamilton county, is in my view clearly unconstitutional. The Legislative authority exists only by the Constitution, and those who exercise it must come within the Constitutional limits, or their acts become usurpation and are void. Now, the Constitution has established a specific basis, upon which the Legislative authority must act, and according to which it must be apportioned. To this Supreme Law, all action of the Legislature is absolutely subject.

The basis prescribed by the Constitution is geographical, personal and numerical. The number of the representatives to be "fixed by the Legislature and apportioned *among the several counties*" according to the enumeration of *white male* inhabitants above twenty-one years *in each*—and "shall never *be less* than thirty-six, *nor exceed* seventy-two." Art. 1, Sec. 2. Upon a well settled maxim, the expression of these limits excludes all others. Being equally expressed, they are equally inviolable or equally void. The geographical county limit, is therefore as absolute as the limit of number. And the Legislature would have the same power to reduce the whole number of representatives to ten, or increase it to one hundred, that they have to reduce the election district below a county. Again, the personal basis is the enumeration of *white male* inhabitants *in each county*, thus further demonstrating the absolute geographical limit. The power is the same to substitute black population for the basis, as it is to substitute any other than county bounds. An assembly, composed of members representing anything but counties, can have no more right to make laws for the State, than a body composed of only ten members, or representing black inhabitants. To such, the Constitution has delegated no "legislative authority," and it can exercise none except by usurpation. If analogies were sought to illustrate what is clear by the plain letter, abundance might be found. A county is, by the Constitution, a body corporate and politic; a unit, individual, in respect to its political and judicial organization. Can a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas exercise jurisdiction over only half of a county? His jurisdiction may as well be divided as that of a Representative, both being defined by the same instrument. Or can a Sheriff be elected by part only of a county? Yet their powers have the same limit as is defined by the Constitution for him who is to exercise the Legislative power.

Now the Legislature has no authority except what is expressly delegated by the Constitution, or may be *necessary* for the exercise of what is expressly delegated. Beyond these limits its action is void, having no more force than that of any other seventy-two men, assembled in any other part of the State; for neither their name, nor number, nor place where they sit, but only the Constitution can give validity to their acts. And hence no one can exercise Legislative authority in the State, unless he has been apportioned, and elected in accordance with the Constitution. The two representatives, who claim to be elected by a portion of Hamilton county, have therefore no more right to sit in the Legislative body, and exercise the law-making power, than any other two citizens of the State.

It is said, however, that the Whig claimants have a certificate which ought, *prima facie*, to give them seats.

But that certificate disclosing that they were not elected by a whole county, and that they do not claim to represent a whole county, establishes *on its face* that they can have no Constitutional seat; and, therefore, that they should be rejected. They do not stand on the same ground as the other two Whig members, who are ineligible by reason of holding the office of Sheriff. That fact not appearing on their certificates, the holders may, prima facie, be entitled to seats. But the Cincinnati claimants produce a paper which of itself establishes their constitutional disqualification.

It is said, however, that they are elected under the law, which should be respected until its unconstitutionality shall be established by the proper tribunal. Now it happens that there is no judicial tribunal to decide this question. It must be settled by the electors in the first instance, and ultimately by the House when organized, or the Members while organizing. They are the sole Judges, and must decide upon their oaths, according to their sense of public duty, and views of the Constitution. No member who considers the law unconstitutional can ever consent to these persons holding seats, or for any moment exercising legislative functions under their present claim. The oath to maintain the Constitution, requires the rejection of those who manifestly claim unconstitutional power.

The people have passed their judgment, by electing members for the whole county; they have followed the law, so far as it is valid, by electing five members. And no law can thrust in any but county representatives, against the plain letter of the Constitution, or clothe with law-making power those to whom it has not been delegated by the Constitution.

The House being sole judge of the qualification of its members; it is impossible to see how the matter is to terminate, since the rejection of the Free Soil proposition, that neither of the claiming parties should vote on the question of their membership. That proposition seemed fair, and was agreed to by the Democrats.

In any event, it is to be hoped that all violence will be avoided; and there is no fear, but calm consideration will lead to some just conclusion.

EDWIN M. STANTON.

Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

There was quite a full meeting of the subscribers to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, yesterday, at Apollo Hall. JOHN SHERIFF, Esq., was called to preside, and John Harper officiated as Secretary. The proceedings were highly interesting; but owing to the crowded state of our columns, it is impossible for us to give an extended report to-day. The previous proceedings were laid before the meeting, and the deeds of conveyance from Mr. and Mrs. Denny, and Captain and Mrs. Shindley, were read, and explained in able speeches. After a full and fair interchange of opinion, a resolution offered by Mr. EDWARDS, accepting of the Donation of those persons, was adopted—31 voting in the affirmative, and 27 in the negative. So, this question, we presume, is now settled. But when will the Hospital be erected, is the all important enquiry. We trust, now that the location has been decided upon—that the building committee will be instructed to proceed with the work forthwith. For the honor of the city—for the sake of humanity, let there be no more delays and controversies on this subject. Go to work, gentlemen, in earnest, and make up in the future for past delinquencies.

Treatment of the Cholera.

Our attentive friend, M. A. Miner, on Smithfield street, has sent us a very important and useful book, entitled, "The Nature and Treatment of Cholera, including a historical sketch of the disease, the causes which produce it; mode of propogation; pathology; rules for its prevention, and medical treatment. By L. M. Lanson, M. D." The title of the work, at this time, will be an inducement to examine its contents.

☞ The California Fever has taken off nine young men of this city. Some of them started this week. Considerably more than half the young men with whom we are personally acquainted, *intend* to go, but how many will really get off depends on circumstances. If the reports from the new territory continue favorable, we have no doubt hundreds will leave this country within a few months. Indeed, hundreds would be off now if they had the means, and were certain as to the best route. A few men with families are troubled with the mania; some will go alone, after making provision for wives and children, while others hope to be able to take all with them.

☞ Those persons who get up "hoaxes" of any kind should be whipped; but the miserable creatures who are circulating rumors of Cholera in this city—what punishment is due to them? We heard yesterday of five deaths in Hayti! This precinct is a good locality for the dreaded plague, and so thought the rascal who raised the report, knowing that it would be credited by those persons who are ever ready to believe any bad story. There was another rumor of a death by Cholera at one of the hotels. Of course it too was unfounded.

☞ Considerable numbers of people have been running to a Broker's office, within a few days, to see a lump of California gold worth $470! The "First of April" not being near, they had no suspicions as to the genuineness of the story.

☞ It required a well built, energetic and fearless man, to reach the Court House yesterday *via* Fifth street. How long is the work to remain in its present condition?

MAYOR'S OFFICE—*Thursday Morning.*—It may seem strange, but it is true, that on very wet nights loafers do not stir out, for on mornings after a rainy night, there are very few, or none, of the wandering tribes found in the Tombs. This morning we saw not one—the cells were empty and "to let."

QUARTER SESSIONS.—The motions for new trials in the cases of Zimmerlee and Kelly were yesterday continued till a more convenient day.

The Court commences the December term on Monday next. The list for trial is not very long; but many of the cases are exciting.

☞ The District Court was engaged yesterday in a case of Fleming vs. City of Pittsburgh. The matter of the suit was a little bit of ground in Foster's alley, near the old *Swamp*.

For Plaintiff, Messrs. Shaler and Arthurs; for City, Mr. C. O. Loomis.

BURIAL OF THE BEAUTIFUL.

BY JOHN BROWN DILLON.

Where shall the dead, and the beautiful sleep?
In the vale where the willow and cypress weep;
Where the wind of the west breathes its soft sigh
Where the silver *stream* is flowing high,
And the pure clear drops of its rising sprays
Glitter like gems in the moon's bright rays?
Or can a Sheriff be elected by part only of a county?
Yet their powers have the same limit as is defined by the Constitution for him who is to exercise the Legislative power.
Where the sun's warm smile may never dispel
Night's tears o'er the form we love so well—
In the vale where the sparkling water flow;
Where the fairest, earliest violets grow;
Where the sky and the earth are softly fair,
Bury her there—bury her there!

Where shall the dead and the beautiful sleep?
Where wild flowers bloom in the valley deep;
Where the sweet robes of spring may softly rest
In purity o'er the sleeper's breast:
Where is heard the voice of the sinless dove,
Breathing tones of undying love;
Where no column proud in the sun may grow
To mock the heart that is resting below;
Where pure hearts are sleeping, forever blest,
Where the wandering Peri loved to rest;
Where the sky and the earth are softly fair,
Bury her there—bury her there.

EDITORIAL VARIETY.

DRY GOODS.—The New York Journal of Commerce of Monday says: "The value of the importations of dry goods at this port for the week ending Dec. 14th, was $273,324; do. warehoused during the same period, $119,401; do. withdrawn from warehouse, $97,489."

GAS IN READING.—The city of Reading will shortly be lit with gas. The pipes are laid in a number of the streets, making two and one-third miles—leaving two and two-third miles to be completed by the spring.

COL. DONIPHAN.—In a recent speech at a TAYLOR meeting in Platte county, Missouri, this distinguished "Whig" said "that he did not believe that a single office-holder would be removed from office on account of difference of political opinion."

GOOD.—A correspondent sends the St. Louis Reveille an "Ode" to Gen. Taylor, the closing lines of which read thus:

May heaven thy meditations guide,
While o'er the land thou dost preside;
May wisdom be thy constant friend,
To shield thee in thy *later end*.

Old Zach, of course, will take the suggestion, and wear his buckler, henceforth, as he is prayed to do.

☞ The Taylorites have come to the conclusion that John M. Botts is a very insignificant man. They can't forgive his friendship for Henry Clay.

☞ It is stated that the Whigs of Portsmouth, N. H., required the young women in their factories to contribute money to defray the expenses of their torchlight procession, and immediately after reduced their wages one-third.

CUBA SUGAR CROP.—Accounts from Havana at New Orleans to the 29th ultimo, state that the sugar market was in *statu quo*, as at last advices, and there was very little doing. The coming crop promised an abundant result.

☞ The Harrisburgh Telegraph has an article which indicates that THADEUS STEVENS is in the field actively and zealously for himself as United States Senator.

☞ The Nashville Union, of Tuesday says "Col R. L. Weakly was shot on Sunday night, by a man named Bowman, and instantly expired."

GOLD AT HOME.—The Taunton Gazette states that Mr. Seth H Keene, on the 11th inst, found a lump of ore on his land in the vicinity of Weir village, which was pronounced by competent judges to contain at least fifty per cent. of pure gold.

☞ The Secretary of the Treasury has issued instructions to collectors and other officers under the act of February 26, 1799, to aid in the execution of the quarantine and health laws.

STATE TREASURER.—The Somerset *Herald* urges the election of Joseph H. Kuhns, Esq., of Westmoreland county, as State Treasurer. What objections have the whigs to the Hon. Arnold Plumer, the present incumbent? Oh, he is a Democrat! "Off with his head."

HON. EDWARD BATES.—The St. Louis Reveille states that the Whig members of the Legislatures of Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri, are uniting in a request which will be addressed to General Taylor that he will make this distinguished Missourian a member of his cabinet. "A few more left of the same sort," as the razor strop man says.

Terrible Conflagration in New York.

THE PARK THEATRE IN RUINS—SEVERAL OTHER BUILDINGS DAMAGED.

The New York Herald, of Sunday morning, announces the total destruction, by fire, of the Park theatre, in that city. It took fire on Saturday evening, about a quarter past 6 o'clock, an hour before the time appointed for the performance to take place. About that time, smoke was seen to issue from the rear part of the establishment, which butted on Theatre alley, a small street running in the rear of Park row, from Ann to Beekman streets.

The announcement was made immediately that the Park theatre was on fire, and in a few minutes afterwards, the smoke poured from every window and daylight in the building. Soon a flame shot forth from the windows, and in an inconceivable short period of time, the whole building was enveloped in fire. The firemen were on the spot with their accustomed and praiseworthy alacrity, and as many as forty streams of water were soon directed on the burning edifice.

But human effort seemed of but little avail in stopping the progress of the destroying element. All hopes of saving the theatre were then abandoned, and the firemen directed their attention to prevent the adjoining houses in Ann street, Beekman street, and Park row from being destroyed. Accordingly, they left the theatre to a fate which they were powerless to avert, and played their streams on the property most in danger. Their efforts were crowned with success.

There are various conjectures as to the origin of the fire. M. Martini says he was in the theatre about half past 1 o'clock, when the smell of vitrol was so strong, that Mr. Dawson, who was engaged in the rehearsal of a comedy, was obliged to stop, not being able to go on in consequence thereof. When the first fire broke out there were several ladies belonging to the troupe and ballet, who became very much frightened, and one of them swooning was rescued by Louis, the servant of M. Monplasetr. All the rest escaped.

It is said by those who were in the theatre at the time, that the fire originated from the scenery taking fire from the gas light over the prompter's stand, which, being of such inflammable material, caused the flames to spread with great rapidity.

Only about one-tenth of all the costumes were saved, which were very valuable, especially those of the Monplasier troupe.

Mr. Hamblin's loss is about $25,000, upon which there was a very trifling insurance. The building belonged to Messrs. Astor and Beekman, and was worth $30,000, upon which there was also a trifling insurance.

The flames communicated to Earle's Hotel, adjoining, the rear of which was partially destroyed. The damage to the furniture was fully insured. The injury to the house is probably $2,000, which was insured.

The fire also communicated to Clarke's House, which sustained trifling damage by fire, though the furniture was considerably injured by water. They are both five story houses, which was the cause of their taking fire so quickly.

The Park House, a five story building, was at one time thought in imminent danger, though by the exertions of the firemen it sustained very trifling damage. The Fountain House, adjoining the east end of the theatre, took fire, but was extinguished without material damage. A building in the rear, on Theatre alley, took fire from the heat, but a single stream of water at once extinguished it.

In one hour and three-quarters from the time the fire was discovered, the flames were subdued, with a loss of property to the amount, including the costly costumes of the theatre, of probably $60,000. It is twenty-eight years since the Park theatre was burned, and yesterday was the anniversary of the great fire of 1835, when an enormous amount of property was destroyed.

Female Courtship in Rome.

The women of Rome know nothing of those restraints which delicacy, modesty and virtue impose upon the sex in northern Europe. A Roman lady, who takes a liking to a young foreigner, does not cast down her eyes when he looks at her, but fixes them upon him with evident pleasure; nay, she gazes at him alone whenever she meets him in company, at church, at the theatre, or in her walks. She will say without ceremony, to a friend of the young man's, "Tell that gentleman I like him!" If the man of her choice feels the like sentiments, and asks, "Are you fond of me?" she replies with the utmost frankness, "Yes, dear." In this simple and unembelished manner commence connections which last for years, and which, when they are dissolved, plunge the men into despair. The Marchese Gatti lately shot himself, because on his return from Paris, he found that his mistress had been false to him.

Mechanics.

They are the palace builders of the world. Not a stick is hewn, not a stone shaped in all the lordly dwelling of the rich, that does not owe its beauty to the Mechanic's skill; the towering spires that raise their giddy heights among the clouds, depend upon the Mechanic's art for their strength and symmetry; the thousands of noble ships that cover the seas of the world, the magnificent steamers that plough the Northern Lakes and Western rivers, the swift locomotive that traverse the land from State to State with the rapidity of lightning, are all the construction of that noblest of beings, the Mechanic! Not an edifice for devotion, for business, for comfort, but bears the impress of their handiwork! How exalted is their calling—how noble is their pursuit—how sublime is their avocation! Who dares to sneer at such a fraternity of honorable, noble, high minded men? Who cares to cast odium on such an eminent and patriotic race? Their path is one of true glory, ambition and honesty, and it is their own fault if it does not lead them to the highest posts of honor, fame and renown!

BARNEY WILLIAMS.—This popular and best of Irish comedians, arrived in town last night, looking as handsome as ever. He brings lots of new Irish pieces. Make haste, Manager Porter, and let us have Barney.

☞ **White's Band Soiree.**—The second annual Soiree of White's Band, is to take place on Friday, the 29th of January, at the Lafayette Assembly Rooms. dec22:3

☞ **A Democratic Meeting.**—The Democratic citizens of the Third Ward, Pittsburgh, are requested to meet at the house of Evan Jinkins, corner of Webster and Grant streets, on Saturday evening next, the 23d inst., for the purpose of nominating Ward officers, to be voted for at the ensuing election. (dec22:2i) MANY.

☞ **Sites for a Market House.**—Persons having property suitable for a Market House, within the Sixth Ward of the City, will please meet a Committee appointed to make a selection of a site, at the house of Mr. John Rea, on Decatur street, above Liberty street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. WM. MOORHEAD, dec22:1i* Chairman.

☞ **New England Supper.**—The Committee of Arrangements for the New England Supper, beg leave to announce that they have made arrangements with Mr. Miller, of the St. Charles Hotel, and that the Festival will come off at the St. Charles, on Friday evening next, the 22d inst.

The Supper will be on the table at 9 o'clock precisely. Tickets $1 each; to be had at Luke Loomis' Book Store, Pittsburgh, and at Dr. Bachop's office, Federal st., Allegheny City.

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During the evening, a Sailor's Hornpipe and Highland Fling.

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☞ Mr. B. WILLIAMS, the Irish Comedian, is engaged, and will shortly appear.

NOTICE.—The Gallery will remain closed during the cold weather.

☞ Doors open at 6½; Curtain will rise at 7½ o'clock.

AUCTION SALES,

BY JOHN D. DAVIS, AUCTIONEER,
South-East corner of Wood and Fifth streets.

FINE ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, ANNUALS, &c., at AUCTION.—On Saturday evening, 23d instant, at 6 o'clock, at Davis' Commercial Sales Rooms, corner of Wood and Fifth streets, will be sold a large collection of choice new work, embracing superb English and American Annuals; beautiful editions of the Poets, rich bindings; standard Literature and Science. Among the collection will be found, Gems of Beauty, Beauty's Costume, Religious Keepsake, Laurel Wreath, Tokens, Lady's Scrap Book, Souvenir Jewel, Picturesque Views, &c.—Fine copies of Moore, Byron, Cowper, Milton, Shelly, Mrs. Hemans, Ossian, Burns, &c.: Dr. Lardner's Lectures, Philip Jacob's Concordance, Biography and Fiction; Family, Pew and Pocket Bibles.

Also, one chamber Organ, which plays eight different tunes in a fine article, and cost fifty dollars. dec22 JOHN D. DAVIS, Auct.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS, *Zephyr Woolen Coats and Sacks*, *at Auction*.—On Friday morning, Dec. 22d, will be sold, on a credit of three months, on all sums over $50, 30 doz. large zephyr woolen coats; 10 dozen small do.; 88 dozen large scarlet flannels. dec22 JOHN D. DAVIS, Auct.

LARGE SALE OF GROCERIES, *&c., on a Credit of Three Months.*—On Saturday morning, Dec. 23d, at 10 o'clock, in front of the Commercial Sales Room, corner of Wood and Fifth streets, will be sold, without reserve, on a credit of three months, for approved endorsed paper, on all sums over $50—14 hhds. prime New Orleans Sugar, 2 bbls. New Orleans Molasses; 16 hf. chests Hyson Tea, 16 do. Young Hyson Tea, 3 do. Imperial do., 20 boxes pound lump Ve. Tobacco, 9 cases Roome's Macaubar Snuff, 2 half pipes French Brandy, 2 qr. do. Campaign do., vintage of 1840; 18 bags Kentucky Feathers; together with a variety of Groceries, and other articles. JOHN D. DAVIS, Auct.

FIFTY BUILDING LOTS, *in Temperanceville, at Auction.*—On Saturday afternoon, December 23d, at 2 o'clock will be sold, on the premises, fifty lots of ground, in the thriving village of Temperanceville, by order of J. B. Warden, embracing a great variety of size and location, suitable for business purposes and private dwellings; several are very handsomely situated, among which is one of five acres and 24 perches, possessing a great beauty, having a splendid view of the city of Allegheny, the rivers and surrounding country.

A plan of the property may be seen at the Toll House of the Washington and Steubenville Turnpike Roads, or at the Auction store. Terms, which will be liberal, will be made known on the day of sale. dec22 JOHN D. DAVIS, Auct.

LARGE STOCK OF STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS, by Catalogue, on a Credit of Three Months. On Tuesday morning, December 26th, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, corner of Wood and Fifth streets, will be sold, 17 packages, embracing a general assortment of seasonable staple and fancy dry goods, from an extensive retail dry goods store, which were well selected by gentlemen of experience in that branch of business, and must be sold, to close the concern.

Goods are now ready for examination, and catalogues will be ready on the 23d. JOHN D. DAVIS, dec22 Auctioneer.

RETAIL GROCERY AND PROVISION STORE, by Scales, Store and Pipe, Store Fixtures, *&c. at Auction.*—On Tuesday next, December 26th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold, at the store of Thos. D. McMasters, head of Seventh street, his entire stock of Groceries, Provisions, Store Fixtures, &c., as he is declining that business for the present. Among the articles are—tea; coffee, N. Orleans and loaf sugar, molasses, pepper, allspice, ginger, cinnamon, mustard, chocolate; a large assortment of queensware, about 4000 lbs. bulk pork, in good order; about 200 bushels red potatoes, a good article; 30 bbls. apples, flour and corn meal; 2 platform counter scales, 1 large stove and pipe; together with store fixtures, &c., &c. JAMES McKENNA, dec22 Auctioneer.

☞ **Books for Christmas and New Years.**—A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT JUST RECEIVED AT M. A. MINER'S—

The Gem, for 1849;
The Hyacinth;
The Forget-me-not;
The Gift of Friendship;
The Fairy Ring;
The Christian Keepsake;
The Garland;
The Keepsake of Friendship;
The Rose of Sharon;
The Snow Flake;
The Philopatria.

Also, an extensive variety of small Juvenile Books.—Toy Books in great variety, just issued for the Holidays.

Also, fancy Letter and Note Paper; fancy Envelopes, from the lowest to the highest price manufactured. New and old Literature, constantly on hand and received as usual.

☞ Smithfield street, third door above 2d. dec22

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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 21, 1848.

Mr. Atcheson presented the credentials of Mr. Sebastian, the new Senator from Arkansas. Mr. S. having taken the oath of office took his seat.

A number of petitions and memorials were presented.

Mr. Bright offered a Resolution calling for a correspondence with the Grenadean Minister. Agreed to.

Mr. Clark offered a Resolution calling for copies of all the Commercial Treaties. Agreed to.

After passing a few private bills, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Speaker called on the Standing Committees for Reports.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, called up the Resolution making appropriations for the census of 1850.

Mr. Fleming, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, offered a Resolution inquiring into the expediency of ceding the vacant grounds in said District to Maryland.

Mr. Botts offered a Resolution inquiring what disposition should be made of the proceeds of the sales of arms and ammunitions.

Mr. McClelland offered a Resolution granting the freedom of the Public Lands to actual settlers, upon payment of the cost of surveying. Laid on the table.

Adjourned.

Cholera in New York.

NEW YORK, December 21.

There were three new cases of Cholera in the Staten Island Hospital to-day; and one death from the same.

NEW-YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—12 M.

Flour—The market is firm, with a good Eastern and home demand, and some shipping enquiry, with sales of 4000 bbls. at 5,31@5,37 per bbl.

Grain—Wheat is in active demand at full rates, for shipment and milling purposes, with sales of Western Red at 1,25 per bus. There is no change in other descriptions.

Provisions—The market for Pork is firm, and prices have an upward tendency, with sales of Mess at 13,12½ per bbl. Sales of Prime at 10@10,50 per bbl. Sales of 100 bbls. of new Mess at 14,00 ⅌ bbl.

Groceries—The market is unchanged.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21—6 P. M.

The Weather—It has rained considerable since last report. The weather to-day was very unfavorable for out door business.

Flour—The market is inactive. There was a moderate business done for shipment to the extent of 2000 bbls., at 5,00 per bbl.

Grain—Wheat is dull. The sales include Prime Red at 1,05@1,07 per bushel. Sales of new Yellow Corn at 53½c. per bu.; sales of Southern at 54@56 ⅌ bushel. Barley is unchanged.

Provisions—The market is unchanged, with an active demand.

Whiskey—Sales in hhds. at 22½, and in barrels at 23c. per gallon.

Groceries—The unfavorable weather put a stop to transactions.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21—6 P. M.

Flour—The market is firm, with some shipping inquiry, with sales of 4000 bbls. at 4,81@4,87 ⅌ bbl. for Howard street.

Grain—The sales of Wheat include Prime White at 1,03@1,10; sales of Prime Red at 90c@1,02 ⅌ bushel. The sales of Corn include Prime Yellow at 47@49c.; sales of Prime White at 44c. ⅌ bushel.

Provisions—The market for Pork is firm, and prices have an upward tendency.

Groceries—The market is unchanged, either as regards prices or demand.

Whiskey—Sales to a moderate extent at 25½c.

There is no change in other articles usually spoken of.

☞ **Annuals and Gift Books,**
SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.—Gems of Beauty, and Literary Gift, for 1849
Friendship's Offering, for 1849.
Christmas Roses, for 1849.
Christmas Blossoms, for 1849.
Amaranth, a Token of Remembrance, for 1849.
The Young Man's Offering;
The Young Lady's Offering; by Mrs. Sigourney, and others.
Leaflets of Memory, a superb annual for 1849.
The Fairy Ring, for 1849.
The Opal, a splendid gift book, for 1849.
The Hyacinth, for 1849.
The Scrap Book, for 1849.
The Snowflake, for 1849.
The Book of Pearls.
The Lady's Annual, for 1849.
The Women of the Scriptures; a beautiful work.
The Wreath of Friendship, for 1849.
The Christian Keepsake, for 1849.
Reed's Female Poets of America, containing portraits of Mrs. E. Oake Smith, Mrs. F. S. Osgood, Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, Mrs. E. F. Ellet, Mrs. Emma C. Embury, Mrs. Amelia E. Welby, Mrs. S. J. Hale, Mrs. E. C. Kinney, Miss Anna C. Lynch, Miss Sarah J. Clayke, (Grace Greenwood.)

The above, with a large collection of Poetical Works, Prayer Books, Bibles and other works in splendid styles of bindings, suitable for Christmas and New Years presents, for sale at the bookstore of

JOHNSTON & STOCKTON,
dec21 Corner Market and 2d sts.

JOHN M. KIRKPATRICK. CHARLES W. ROBB.

☞ **KIRKPATRICK & ROBB,** *Attorneys and Counsellors at Law*—Office, Fourth street, next door below R. Patterson's Livery Stable, Pittsburgh, Pa. dec21:6m

☞ **CORN BROOMS**—24 dozen just received and for sale by (dec21) ARMSTRONG & CROZER.

☞ **SUGAR HOUSE MOLASSES.**—20 bbls Sugar House Molasses, "Louis's Refinery," in store and for sale by (dec21) MILLER & RICKETSON.

☞ **PRODUCE.**—100 bushels Clover Seed;
60 large sized Cheese;
20 kegs Butter; in store and for sale by
dec21 MILLER & RICKETSON.

☞ **RICE.**—8 pieces new crop Rice, in store and for sale by dec21 MILLER & RICKETSON.

☞ **OILS.**—1000 gall. natural colored Winter Sperm Oil;
500 " bleached " " "
1500 " " " Whale "
500 " N. W. coast " "
8 bbls. No. 1 Lard " "
5 " Linseed (warranted fine) " "
20 " Strait's Tanners' (war. genuine) " "
In store and for sale by
dec21 MILLER & RICKETSON.

☞ **MUSTARD.**—150 boxes ½ lb. cans Long Island Mustard; 50 kegs 50 lbs. do. do. do.; in store and for sale by (dec21) MILLER & RICKETSON.

☞ **PEPPER AND PIMENTO.**—20 bags Pepper;
10 " Pimento;
In store and for sale by
dec21 MILLER & RICKETSON.

☞ **SALAD OIL.**—10 baskets Bordeaux Salad Oil;
50 " Marseilles " "
In store and for sale by
dec21 MILLER & RICKETSON.

☞ **RYE WANTED.**—Cash will be paid for 2000 bushels good Rye, by (dec21) MILLER & RICKESON.

☞ A. MASON & CO. wish to reduce their present stock of Plaid Goods, and will offer *at Cost*, from this date, Plaid Cashmeres, Plaids and Rob Roy Plaids, together with many styles cheap Plaids.

Purchasers, who wish to obtain rich and rare Goods at Eastern Cost, will avail themselves of the opportunity now offered at (dec21) No. 59 MARKET STREET.

☞ **Old Kriskingle has Come Again!**—THE subscriber respectfully informs the citizens of Pittsburgh and vicinity, that his Toys and Fancy Goods are now open, in the large room formerly occupied as a carpet warehouse by R. D. Thompson, where can be seen the largest assortment of Christmas Presents ever offered for sale in the city. All these Goods are imported direct from Europe, by myself, and will be sold cheaper than at any other establishment in the city, wholesale and retail. Call and see the fine assortment.

C. YEAGER,
dec21:tf 108 Market street, near Liberty.

☞ **NIAGARA SOIREE.**—The fourth annual Soiree of the NIAGARA FIRE COMPANY, will be given at the La Fayette Assembly Rooms, on *Friday evening*, February 9th, 1849. dec20:td

☞ **CLOTH.**—10 pcs. Drab Blanket Coating;
8 " Lavender " "
1 case Blankets;
1 " Gray mixed Cloth;
1 " Army Cloth;
2 " Tweeds, brown, black and gold mix.;
1 " Fancy Cassimeres;
1 bale Blue Blanket Coating.
Received, on consignment, direct from the manufacturers, and for sale by the package or piece.
dec20 MURPHY & LEE, Liberty st.

☞ **Public Sale of Real Estate!**—THE subscribers will offer at public sale, on the 26th day of December next, on the premises, the Home Place, known as the MEANS' FARM, situated in Moon township, Allegheny county, Pa., four miles from the Ohio river at Shoustown, and one-quarter of a mile from the road leading from Hookstown to Pittsburgh, and fourteen miles from Pittsburgh. Said Farm contains from 145 to 150 Acres, adjoining lands of Esq. Stevenson, John Morgan, George Morrison, and others. It has a good hewn Log Dwelling, with never-failing Springs, good Orchard, Barn, and improvements desirable; about one hundred Acres cleared, the balance well timbered.

Persons wishing to purchase a good Farm, being convenient to market, within one quarter of a mile of a good Grist Mill, with an abundance of Coal, (there are also two Churches near it) will do well to examine the place. The title is indisputable. Any further information needed, will be given by Archie Means, on the premises.

Terms made known on the day of sale.

WM. MEANS,
Administrator of Thomas Means.
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☞ **Going to California.**—PERSONS purchasing Goods, on time, are compelled to buy where it suits them. Those having the Cash to lay out for Clothing, can save 25 per cent. at least, and in some cases 40, by purchasing at my establishment. I have a fine stock of French, English and American Goods, all fresh and fashionable, of qualities to suit all tastes, purposes, or pockets. I am determined to close them out before spring, at some price. If purchasers will take the trouble to call,