SAND OF THE DESERT IN AN HOUR GLASS.

BY HENRY LONGFELLOW.

A handful of red sand from the hot clime
Of Arab deserts brought
Within this glass becomes the spy of Time,
The minister of Thought.

How many times this little globe has been
From pole to pole,
How many times its sands have flown between
Its narrow bowls—who knows?

Perhaps the caravan, kneeling to drink
Beneath the palm
Upon the Desert's edge, on the brink
Of Libyan wilds and balm,

Poured it in haste from his leathern urn
Upon the ground
Where, ankle-deep in the hot sand, in turn
Knelt the Arab band

Perhaps it was of Moses, that land bare
Crushed it beneath their tread;
Or Pharaoh's chariot wheels, into the air
Scattered it as they sped;

Or Mary, with the Christ of Nazareth
Held close to her caress,
Whose pilgrimage of love and love and faith
Hallowed the wilderness;

Or anchorites beneath Engaddi's palms
Facing the Red sun-beam,
And singing slow their old Armenian psalms
In half articulate speech;

Or caravans, that from Damascus's gate
With westward steps depart;
Or, with a pilgrim, incendent of Fate,
And resolute in heart.

These have passed over it, or may have passed
Now in this crystal tower,
Imprisoned by some curious hand at last,
To gaze the passing hour.

And as I gaze, these narrow walls expand;
Before my dreamy eye
Stretches the desert, with its shifting island
Its mingled sea-sky.

And borne along by the sustaining blast,
This little golden thread
Dilates into a column high and vast,
A form of fear and dread.

And onward, and across the setting sun,
Across the boundless plain,
The column and its broader shadow run,
Till though pursues in vain.

The vision vanishes! These wall again
Shut out the lurid sun,
Shut out the hot, immeasurable plain,
The half-hour's sand is run!

Written for the Saturday Morning Post.

KATE ORTON;
OR,
The Forced Marriage.

BY MORTIMER.

(CONCLUDED.)

Mr. John Orton drove up to Mr. Orton's, got out, gave his establishment to the hostler, and turned to the crowd gathered about the door, said: "What in the name of all that's good and bad do you mean? What's all this fuss about at any rate?" Then stepping up to Mr. Orton, he slapped him on the shoulder, and exclaimed: "This is a dirty of a rumpus you're raised, my good feller. I'll bet my eyes on it, as disturbers of the peace."

"Where is my daughter, Johnston?" demanded Mr. Orton, somewhat angrily.

"Go where do ye think? but at my house, as sure as a pitter in an Irishman's fist."

"Thought you would have brought her home this evening," spoke Mrs. Orton, in the same tone.

"Brought, Hannah, on what do ye think? I've a fortune coming for your daughter, and I'm just keeping her, so her body and soul, until the one comes with higher authority, do you understand?"

"Who gave you the hallow couple? was the simultaneous inquiry of many.

"Direct a time, gentlemen, an listen! yes it is my earliest inference, cousin Peregrine Harvey [illegible] Mr. Orton.

"Cousin Peregrine! exclaimed Mr. Orton.

"Yes, and the same to you, sir! ever know, dear, [illegible] Peregrine's residence, called for [illegible] intention of going thither.—[illegible] I [illegible] up in a large [illegible] and sets down, and presented him [illegible] at the door. In answer to his knock Mrs. [illegible] appeared, and to Henry Harcourt's inquiry, is Miss Orton staying here? returned an affirmative answer. "Would you be good enough, ma'am, to tell Miss Orton that Henry Harcourt wishes to see her?"

"Certainly, sir," said Mrs. Johnston, vanishing in a trice.

In confidence to this invitation, our hero stepped in, and on entering the parlor found the object of his search. Kate was sitting on a sofa, reading. When the plain Mr. J. threw open the door, and said, "Kate, here's a gentleman that wishes for till see you."

Kate looked up and a blush spread over her fair face, as she recognized her long loved Henry. She sprang to her feet and, forgetting the rules of etiquette, exclaimed: "Oh, Mr. Harcourt, now please I am to see you."

"Thank you, Miss Orton, thank you. I have long been desirous to see you; but indeed I am surprised that you recognize me; I was sure that you had forgotten me."

Being left to themselves they fell into a strain of conversation, which soon led to Kate's present troubles. She gave Harcourt a faithful account of her father's conduct towards her, and the death of her agency. After the sorrowful narration was completed, Harcourt took her hand and said: "Cheer up my dear Kate, I think I can sweep away these dark clouds."

"You astound me, Mr. Harcourt," replied Kate, as she raised her beseeching eyes to Henry's face. "How do tell me how."

"By revealing to you and to your father, that there is a mistake existing between you and my uncle."

"Your uncle!" exclaimed Kate. "You still more astonish me. What has your uncle to do with this matter?"

"My uncle's name is Van Eisley," replied Henry, watching the effect which the announcement would make.

"What! am I to be mocked. Mocked by a friend!" exclaimed Kate, withdrawing her hand.

"Do you appear as Mr. Van Eisley's agent?"

"I do not, my long cherished one; I do not. I come to declare my own love. I come to tell you that my uncle referred to me in his letter. He calls me his son. Now, will you be mine?"

Kate was silent—and Harry, taking her hand, whispered, "Silence gives consent."

"I suppose," was scarcely heard as it escaped from the sweet lips of the happy Kate Orton. All was now right. Her father's wishes would be gratified.

Late in the night, while the pale moon was casting her silvery light over this wicked and unregenerate world, in such profusion, Henry Harcourt knelt on the steps of the residence of Mr. John Orton, with Kate Orton. Do you remember, dear reader, when first we used together, and gazed upon that scene?

"I do Henry, and have often wished for the reenactment of that scene."

[illegible] Kate Orton [illegible] Van Eisley, and no one was more busily engaged circulating this story than Mrs. Crawford, taking great credit to herself for the management. Kate's friends declare were much put out with her, and reproached her in no gentle terms. The love and respect which they entertained for her, was turned to hatred, supposing that she had tricked them for the purpose of carrying out a little romance. Poor Kate, she was made the innocent victim of much ungracious talk.

CHAPTER XII.

Two months have rolled away, and again the little quiet city of S—— is on the tip toe of excitement. The evening of Kate Orton's wedding has arrived. "How will the stand up after making such a fuss," I wonder if she'll say—yes! I declare I would like to see how she will act.—After all I pity she poor thing, but I reckon that she just thought that she might as well marry him as be dogged to death by her father and aunt." Many such remarks were spoken by the gossiping family, for they were ignorant of what they spoke about.

Late in the afternoon a carriage rolled up to the W——n Hotel. It was drawn by two fine bay matched horses. From it an old, fat, hale and dumpling looking gentleman, and a tall handsome young man, came forth. They were Henry Harcourt and his uncle. When the hour for the ceremony neared, they repaired to Mr. Orton's. Henry was met in the hall by an acquaintance, and led to a private parlor, where he found his happy bride. All things being ready, they descended to the room below, and never did bride say "yes" more heartily and emphatically. This surprised nearly all present—they looked for a swoon.—Irish Jimmy, who, with the other servants, stood at the door leading into the hall, was surprised more than any one. When the ceremony was concluded, Jimmy was heard muttering, "Ho! jabers, an that's the very man that Bill an me stopped up at Stormy Hollow, it is, be the holy Virgin, an it's me that's glad, for he's a gintleman; he's not a whit like that redhaired Van Eisley.

Even Mr. Orton and Mrs. Crawford needed an explanation. Then old Mr. Van Eisley freely offered to them. And the public were set right by the announcement in the papers: "Married—On Tuesday evening, the—instant, by the Rev. C. C. ——, Mr. Henry Harcourt, to Miss Catherine Orton."

One word, and my story is closed. I termed this marriage a "forced marriage," and so it was considered until the revelation above written was made by those who knew better. Now, I would say to it my story and fact for its foundation, as many readers will doubtless perceive

Henry Van Eisley was so chagrined at his defeat, that he left his father's house in a fit of passion, and has since been a wandering victim of dissipation. Mr. Van Eisley, at his death, left Henry Harcourt heir to his estate. And I believe that he now resides in one Van Eisley mansion on the bank of the Ohio, a happy man, and marries not is.

The Morning Post.

S. HARPER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

PITTSBURGH:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1849.

☞ For Commercial and River News, see next Page.

☞ For Latest News, Market Reports, &c., will be found under Telegraphic Head.

☞ We conclude in this day's paper, the publication of the very beautiful and interesting tale of "Kate Orton." There has been an extraordinary rush after the Post containing this story, not only here, but in other places. The writer is a gentleman of excellent education, and possesses no literary acquirements. We take a pride in the fact that he is still a regular contributor to our columns hereafter.

"Please Excuse." Within the last few days we have seen some young gentleman, a large number of papers, directed to our office. We wonder gladly comply with the wishes of our friends, and really we intend to do so as fast as possible. Our exchange list is already entirely too large, and we shall be compelled to curtail rather than extend it. We may here state that we have been sending our Daily paper for two or three years to a large number of weekly papers in the country, without asking the difference in price, which is invariably required by Eastern publishers. We are indebted to many, very many, country papers for favors and friendly notices, which we shall long remember; but a large number have placed us under no obligations whatever to induce us to continue sending them the Daily Post.

Union of the New York Democracy.

It must be a matter for sincere rejoicing to every Democrat throughout the country that there is about to be an end to the long standing and inveterate feud which has existed in the Democratic ranks in the State of New York. "There's a good time coming, boys," and no mistake. Such names as "Old Hunkers" and "Barnburners" will be obliterated, and the Democracy of the Empire State, will once more stand before the world in all their original strength and majesty, united, [illegible] and [illegible] as [illegible] though! On Saturday morning last, a salute of one hundred guns was fired on the Battery, in the City of New York, in honor of the victory achieved by the Democracy of Virginia. In attending this demonstration, the Globe, which supported Van Buren, says: "The event will be hailed as the precursor of union, harmony and victory hereafter." From our heart we trust such may be the case. We find in the Albany Atlas, another Van Buren paper, a long and able article, exhorting the Democracy of that State once more to unite. Says the Editor: "A union, springing up spontaneously throughout the State, we most earnestly desire. A union against the whigs, having for its object the deposition of New Yorkers to present degraded position, and reaching from Suffolk to Chautauqua, would electrify and rejoice every democratic heart. Any other union, not originating with and sanctioned by the masses, we think would prove likely to be productive of little good. It is not a truce among leaders which the times require, but the regenerated spirit of democracy struggling as it has heretofore done for the blessings of freedom, good government, and the restoration of public virtue. This such a struggle which the public exigencies now call for, and through it the New York can and will be regenerated."

☞ The amount of coin now in the banks of the city of New York is over $6,000,000, and in the Sub-Treasury, $1,872,000, making a total of near $8,000,000. Specie is now flowing back rapidly from England, in consequence of the existing Tariff, which allows it to flow where it pleases. At least one million is expected in the next steamer.

☞ We have constant complaints from our subscribers out of the city in relation to the irregular receipt of the Daily Post. We hope Mr. Collamer will report on, or express a certain opinion on the subject.

☞ Mr. B. Adams, Esq., the able, fearless and dignified editor of the Erie Observer, paid our editorial sanctum a visit yesterday. He is serving his country in the capacity of a juror in the U. S. Court, now in session in this city.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

Literary Sketches and Letters, being the Final Memorials of Charles Lamb, never before published. By Thomas Noon Talfourd, one of his Executors. Second edition. New York: D. Appleton & Co. For sale by H. S. Bosworth, Fourth street.

The author of "Elia" is known to every reader in Europe and America. The volume before us consists chiefly of private letters addressed to Coleridge, Manning, Hazlitt, Wordsworth, Talford, &c., &c., never before published. They include many Sonnets and other poetical effusions, which do not appear in other volumes of Lamb's writings. There is a melancholy interest attached to every thing written by Charles Lamb. The life and character, the thoughts and feelings, yes, the very pulsations of his heart, are seen in every letter in this little volume under our eye. His poor unfortunate, but gifted sister Mary, was the subject of his daily meditation. He almost idolized her, and in every letter he wrote she was chiefly the theme. In a letter written to Coleridge, speaking of his visit to Oxford, Lamb thus alludes to his sister: "Unluckily, it was not a family where I could take Mary with me, and I am afraid there is something of dishonesty in any pleasure I take without her." This little extract will show the true character of the man. Lamb was a lively, sprightly, even a humorous writer; but there is a deep melancholy that lies at the bottom of his productions, which makes us weep when we feel inclined to be gay. Mr. Sergeant Talfourd has performed his duty well in arranging the matter in this volume.

We understand that Mr. Bosworth has but a few copies left of these Sketches and Letters of Lamb.

"Honest and Competent."—The Ohio Statesman truly says, many of the appointments already imposed upon General Taylor are the most ridiculous that ever occurred under any administration, and must soon render it unpopular. A democratic Senate will have a rich time in looking into some of those coming under its supervision, though we have not made up our mind exactly whether it is better to let [illegible] itself into the ground so deep that it will [illegible] itself, or check it by exposure.—The [illegible] relative question for grave Senators to decide.

The last spark of loyalty to the crown of England, in Canada, is seemingly extinguished. The Montreal Courier, of the 26th, says the N. Y. Express, contains some with the Queen's Arms at the head of the paper, reversed and in mourning! And there is only one of the significant signs of the times, perhaps, the way to unmasked revolution.

☞ Dr. George Price, late M. C. from the Columbiana District, in Ohio, has removed to Cincinnati, where will hereafter reside, and practice medicine.

Letter from the Californians

St. Joseph, April 24, 1849.

We are all well, and in a most cheerful have been firing guns, whooping, yelling. Cannons booming from the hills, from other companies. All is animation, and in a few hours we start.

I think nothing of the journey. I would not change my condition now for a thousand hearts. The thought of going through the wilderness, across the plains and over the mountains, fills my soul with delight. Geo. Brisben, Alfred Lambert and other Rooks are here. Lambert and Brisben are in good spirits, they did not tell me what. Other Brosius is here and inspirited.

There is great discontent here among the members—all raised within twenty minutes. A meeting has been called, and resolutions passed to take charge of the company's property. There are minority resolutions in favor of going across the river and on out way to Ft. Childs. The rest of the resolutions are in favor of going to St. Joseph's and taking boats. About thirty minority have already gone to Ft. Kearney. The some of the owners have sailed in a vessel for the purpose of taking charge of the company's property, and carrying it with them. Meredith is the leader of the Ft. Kearney party. They are gulled.

There may be trouble in the camp yet. Tell Captain Ashburn. We will now start in about one hour. Rodgers is in town. A number have shipping to one of the companies in large droll six wagons. Every blessing that money can buy is on board.

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Correspondence of the Morning Post.

Issue-Houses.

Mr. Editor—Be so good as to call the attention of the Banking Committee of Councils, to the difficulty of obtaining good bills for purchasing the pieces of citizens. If time could be had at the price that holders pay for it, an immense quantity could be used. It is thought that the Sanitary Committee should make it their business to see to this matter, and it is of much importance to the health of the City.

CALCIUM.

The Virginia Election.—The incendiary press is in a frenzy of delight over the results of the recent Congressional election in Virginia. The result however, might have been reasonably anticipated, and was by many of the most intelligent whigs of the country. Causes altogether foreign to a regular election were at work, as is well known, in which our opponents had the advantage, and in many open districts was the only cause of defeat.—*Phila. News.*

☞ Then it seems the whigs anticipated a defeat in Virginia! And if they are disposed to be honest they will confess that they expect to be defeated in the other states which hold elections this fall. A party that obtained power by fraud cannot hope to retain it very long. Whiggery has effectually used itself up! Its days are numbered!

Georgia Hammond.

This is the title of a new novel, by the author of "The Four Cousins," and appropriately styled "The Queen of Blue Eyes." It will be found to be very serious and deeply interesting. Work is Hickory, third street, opposite the Post Office, have it [illegible]

Fearful Loss of Life.

In consequence of the tempestuous state of the weather, [illegible] evening last, at Rochester, a very [illegible] accident, involving loss of life, occurred on the Genesee River. The wind had been blowing strongly all the afternoon, but towards evening it had somewhat the appearance of subsiding, and large numbers of people came out to attend the circus. The tent, owing to the wind, had been secured by treble fastenings, so strongly that no danger of its blowing down was apprehended, and the performance began, the tent being full of people. About 8 o'clock, however, there came up a gust of wind so strong that the stay-ropes gave way, the centre poles broke one after another, and the canvass was crushed down upon the heads of people below.

The lights went out and the confusion that followed was indescribable. After the wreck was somewhat cleared away, it was discovered that several persons were injured, and we are deeply pained to add that the injuries of one man, William H. Crowell, were fatal. He had been struck on the head, probably by one of the broken and falling poles, and he died on his side, in the room of the temple, shortly after the accident. He died in about twenty-five minutes after the accident.

A fine horse was in the ring when the accident happened, but, by the presence of mind of one of the men, he was taken out, without trampling up on or in any way injuring any person. The other horses were also taken out of the small tent in which they were enclosed as speedily as possible, and just at the moment it blew down. Thus it was so violent that a wagon on the ground was overturned by it. Chimneys in the west part of the city were blown down, and we hear that the walls of a brick house were also prostrated. The [illegible] of Millinger & Cole. [illegible] was mill was injured in the gale.

☞ The citizens of Detroit are making efforts to have that city lighted with gas.

Compliment to General Cass.

We publish, with pleasure, says the Harrisburgh Democratic Union, the following correspondence between the Democratic members of the Legislature of this State, and General Lewis Cass, the standard bearer of the Democracy at the late Presidential election. Its late appearance is accounted for by the fact, that the invitation did not reach Washington until after Gen. Cass's departure for Detroit, from which last named place, his reply is dated.

The compliment is well conceived, and so happily responded to:

Harrisburg, March 22, 1849.

Hon. Lewis Cass,

Dear Sir:—The undersigned, members of the Legislature, your political friends, give you a cordial invitation to visit Harrisburg on your way home, from your duties in the Senate of the United States, where you have recently been recalled with such honor to yourself, by the Democracy of your own State. They hope you will afford them this opportunity of paying their present respects to you, at the Capital of the State of Pennsylvania, and of expressing to you the gratification they have in viewing you as the honored standard bearer of the Democratic party of the Union.

SIGNED

Wm F Parker (Speaker) Edward Nickleson, Wm Y Roberts, Jacob M'Cartney, John C Myers, Samuel Fegely, Wm Shaffner, Daniel Zerby, James K Kirk, Josiah Miller, James W Long, Peter D Bloom, Robert Hampson, Armah Watties, Charles Stockwell, John B Meck, George Walters, A Lamberton, Stewart Pearce, James Porter, D M Bole, Wm Redick, J B Gordon, J S M'Calmont, Thomas Hastings, Samuel Marr, Robert Klotz, John Smyths, Hugh M'Kee, David Evans, Wm J Morrison, Wm Henry, D M Courtney, Geo A Frick, Charles A Luckenbach, Jos Laubach, B S Schoonover, John Souder, Robert R Little, Samuel Taggart, N A Elliott, Jacob Cort, J Fonsold, J H M'Culloch, H P Laird, Alonzo I Wilcox, J W George, David F Williams, Thos Grove, George F Carl—*of the House of Representatives.*

Wm F Small, Thos H Forsyth, John Potteiger, W Overfield, P B Streeter, V Best, R C Sterrett, Isaac Hugus, M M'Caslin, J Porter Brawley, and Timothy Ives—*of the Senate.*

Detroit, April 3, 1849.

Gentlemen:—Your invitation to me to visit Harrisburg, on my return home, did not reach Washington until after my departure, and was forwarded to me here; and I embrace the first moment in my power to acknowledge its receipt, and to thank you for this distinguished mark of your kindness and confidence. Though circumstances, which I am sure you will appreciate, would have prevented me from accepting your invitation, had it even found me at Washington; yet no circumstances can diminish the value of this token of your approbation, nor obliterate its impression upon my mind. Personally it is, and will be dear to me, but it is still dearer as a testimonial of attachment, from the representatives of the Democracy of Pennsylvania, to the great Democratic party of the Union, of whose principles and cause, it was their pleasure to make me the representative, during the recent Presidential contest, and to which circumstance I owe this proof of your favor. As such I accept, and thank you for it.

I am, gentlemen, your friend and fellow-citizen,

LEWIS CASS.

W F Packer, Edward Nickleson, W Y Roberts, Esquires, and of others, democratic members of the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

The Gold Dollar.

We have been assured, from a source on which we can place reliance, that the delay so much complained of in issuing the gold dollars at the mint has arisen exclusively from the time occupied in making the original dies and hubs; and on these the engraver has been continually and industriously engaged since the passage of the law authorizing the issue. We are also told that the dies will probably be finished within two or three days, and that the chief coiner has nearly $100,000 of gold planchets and strips in readiness for the new coins.

The acquaintance, by repute of the Saint of Philadelphia, has been charged with holding back the coinage because he was opposed to the law itself. It is scarcely necessary to say that a man like Dr. Patterson would not condescend to defend himself against so false and outrageous an insinuation. Nor can friends stoop to refute it.—*Wash. Union.*

Yellow Fever in New Orleans.—*Colonel Wells' Express.*—The U. S. steamer A. R. Herzel, Captain Dewey, at New Orleans on the 22d ult., arrived from Brazos Santiago, by way of Galveston. This Herzel brought over our passengers taken on Capt. Wells's, of the California expedition, on their return home, also, a Mr. Buchanan, who started from New York for California with a party of seven persons one of whom was murdered at Matamoras. Five others died of Cholera, and he, the only survivor, is attempting his way back again.

A Catastrophe.—On Friday evening a lady of respectable appearance, and without rather pretty, was taken up by Alderman Shipherd, at the request of sundry of our staid and respectable citizens, on the plea that she had passed counterfeit money on Alderman [illegible] was tried which resulted in her being remanded for further trial. Her name is said to be Howard, and her husband is supposed now to be in jail at Pittsburgh for forgery.—*Wheeling Gazette.*

The World in a Nutshell.

☞ Col. W. A. Gorsuch, of Monroe county, Indiana, has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for Congress, in the 6th Congressional district. His election is rare.

☞ It is said an editor in the south has purchased a race horse, at an expense of $20,000, for the purpose of catching his runaway subscribers.

☞ The total value of taxable personal property for the present year in Cincinnati, is over eight millions and a half. In the county the same property is assessed at $1,816,557.

☞ A deck hand fell over board from the steamer Scioto, at Maysville, on Tuesday night, and drowned. He leaves a family in Cincinnati.

☞ Rev. Richard Roberts, residing near Edensburg, Pa., was killed on the 19th ult., by the falling of a tree.

☞ Gov. Briggs, of Massachusetts, has nominated Hon. John H. Clifford, of New Bedford, for Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

☞ James M. Coale, of Frederick, Md., is spoken of for the U. S. Senate, to fill the vacancy occupied by the resignation of the Hon. Reverdy Johnson.

☞ The ship Robinson arrived at New Haven on Wednesday from the Sandwich Islands. She brings *forty thousand dollars in gold dust*, and 3,800 tuns of oil.

☞ The Duke of Wellington was 80 years old on the 1st inst. He is so young, however, as to attend all Jenny Lind's performances.

☞ Hon. Alex. H. Stephens, has so far recovered from the injuries received a few months ago in his right arm, as to enable him to use a pen.

☞ The Legislature of Canada has decreed it a matter of public good to prohibit the use of camphine as dangerous to the general good.

☞ The time necessary for a trip from New York to St. Louis is reduced, by the completion of the central railroad of Michigan, to five days.

☞ Dr. D. E. Short, of Ephrata, has been appointed by Aid-de-Camp to Governor Johnston, with the rank of Lieut. Col.

☞ Steam Propellers are multiplying rapidly on the lakes. Ten arrived in Detroit on Wednesday last.

☞ Deaths in New Orleans for the week ending the 21st ultimo, were 232—of which 97 were by Cholera.

☞ In its estimate, that 20,000 hogs have been brought to the Brighton market within the last six weeks.

☞ Henry F. Camp, of Montgomery, Indiana county, Pa., was thrown from his horse on Wednesday last, and so severely injured that he died in a few hours.

☞ Mad. Jaconde Doroin, a Socialist lady in Paris, has announced herself as a candidate for the National Assembly at the approaching election.

☞ The Charleston papers mention the death of the Hon. Henry Bailey, on Saturday last. He was formerly Attorney-General of the State of South Carolina.

☞ Lt. Simpson, who is ordered to make the reconnoissance of the route from Fort Smith to San Francisco, arrived at the former place on the 7th ult.

☞ The travel to the hot springs of Arkansas has already commenced, and large pleasure parties were arriving there from New Orleans on the 20th ult.

☞ The New York *Post* states that the four stores that are to be built on the site of the City Hotel, have already been rented for $26,000.

☞ Longfellow's new prose story, *Kavanagh*, is to be published in Boston next week. The *Transcript*, which has seen the proof sheets, calls it a book of gems—a casket of New England jewels.

☞ Edward Hall was instantly killed in the coal bank of Mr. Heathworth, near Jefferson, Greene county, on the 19th ult., by the falling of a considerable mass of slate from the roof of the cave.

Married.

On the 1st inst., by the Rev. Bishop O'Connor, Mr. B. Burnes to Miss J. Kenny, all of this city.

LOCAL MATTERS.

☞ There were no rumors of Cholera yesterday. All the papers of yesterday morning (except the Post) unite in saying Jesse Kimmelfeter died of Cholera. We adhere to our declaration that he had no Cholera, and we have the authority of the physicians for saying so.

Our country friends need not be in the least alarmed. There is no danger of this frightful disease reaching this city. While it prevails below we will occasionally be visited by patients; but that it will originate here no one thinks.

United States District Court—*May 8*—Before Judge Irwin.

This Court met and organized the Grand Jury.—E. C. Wilson, of Venango, Foreman. The Jurors retired to their room, but soon adjourned, as the witnesses in the cases were not present. They will meet this morning at 10 o'clock, when those who have been summoned as witnesses *should* attend.

☞ Something for our Country Friends.—Mr. A. B. Springsteen, on Wood street, between Fifth and Virgin Alley, is the sole Agent for Anthony & Emerson's celebrated Rotary Churns in the State of Pennsylvania. He will dispose of these Churns either wholesale or retail, or sell exclusive rights to individuals for counties or townships. They are unquestionably among the best Churns now in use. Mr. S. also keeps on hand a large supply of goods of every description belonging to the wooden and willow-ware business. We hope our country friends will give him a call when they visit the city. He is a very clever man, and sells cheap.

☞ We have been requested to state, that one of the neatest affairs, in the way of dancing, is to come off in the "Virgilant Assembly Rooms," on Friday, the 15th of June, being the last, we are informed, of the season. As there will be only a limited number of tickets sold, we would advise those who intend going to purchase soon.

☞ A rumor was started a few days ago that a patient at the Mercy Hospital had died, leaving the Sisters seventeen thousand dollars! There was this foundation for the story:—A fireman on a steamboat died there, having in his possession *seventeen* dollars!

Mayor's Office.—*Tuesday Morning.*—There were five or six very common cases disposed of.—One fellow was in for committing an assault and battery upon a gentleman connected with the Theatre. He will get his dues, doubtless.

☞ A Carriage wheel crossed the legs of a little boy on Wylie street yesterday. He had to be carried home. He has no doubt lost the use of both limbs. We did not hear his name. His parents live in the Eighth ward.

☞ The Pittsburgh and Allegheny Orphan Asylum Society held their anniversary meeting last evening. A report was furnished us, which we unfortunately mislaid.

☞ On Friday evening the proceeds of the Theatre are for the benefit of the Allegheny Engine Company. The friends of this company must be prepared to attend.

☞ We heard nothing said for nor against Scrip yesterday. This is wonderful. But it will be as good as any paper promises can be—so we again urge holders to keep it, rather than sacrifice anything on it.

☞ A Whig office holder in this neighborhood spells Aqueduct, in this fashion:—*Ekqueddukt.* We have no objections to his orthography, if his party is satisfied.

☞ The river was falling slowly yesterday. This we may have to either rise is probable.

The weather was fine yesterday with occasional showers.

☞ Mr. Crisp takes a benefit to-night. He offers one of the best bills of the season.

Admitted.—On Monday, F. C. Wilson, Esq., of Venango, was admitted to practice in the U. S. District court.

☞ The Allegheny Fire Company intend to visit Philadelphia some time in June. They take their Engine with them.

☞ There was a row at a German Ball, on Smithfield street, on Monday night.

☞ There were a half dozen lost children yesterday and day before.

Office of the Old Allegheny Bridge, May 9th, 1849.

☞ Proposals will be received at this Office until the 20th inst., for Cleaning and White-washing the inside of this Bridge. The dirt and dust to be well cleaned out, and all the wood work (except the roof and top side of the cross timbers) to have two coats of Louisville Lime, well put on. [may9] E. W. Cook

☞ Pittsburgh Theatre.—Mr. J. J. Prior's Benefit.—On Thursday evening, May 10th, 1849, will be produced, "LUKE THE LABORER; or, The Lost Son." After which, the popular Nautical Drama of TOM SHINGLE'S LOG; or, Mat of the Hard Head." may9

☞ Attention.—ROBERT BARKER, Merchant Tailor, *No 71 Market, between Second and Third streets, Pittsburgh.*—Constantly on hand, a large and general assortment of Fashionable Ready-made Clothing.

Particular attention paid to the Cutting of Custom Work, which will be made in the most fashionable manner, and on reasonable terms. may9

☞ The Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Wood street and Virgin alley, will be open for the inspection of visiters on Wednesday, from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. [may9]

☞ Geology and the Scriptures.—Rev. H. R. Foster will continue the delivery of his Lectures on the Harmony between Geology and the Scriptures, in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sixth street, on *Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings*, of this week, at 8 o'clock. may9-4t

Bank of Pittsburgh, May 1, 1849.

☞ The President and Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Dividend of *four per cent.* on the Capital Stock for the last six months, payable to Stockholders or their legal representatives, forthwith.

may9 1w John Snyder, Cashier.

Merchant's and Manufacturer's Bank, Pittsburgh, May 1, 1849.

☞ This Bank has this day declared a Dividend of *four per cent.* on the Capital Stock, out of the profits of the last six months, payable on or after the 11th instant.

may9 1d W. H. Denny, Cashier.

Exchange Bank of Pittsburgh, May 1st, 1849.

☞ This Bank has this day, declared a dividend of *four per cent. on its capital stock*, payable on or after the 11th instant. Eastern Stockholders will be paid at the Western Bank of Philadelphia.

my9 1d Thos. M. Howe, Cashier.

☞ I. O. of O. F.—Place of Meeting, Washington Hall, Wood street, between 5th and Virgin Alley.

Pittsburgh Lodge, No. 338—Meets every Tuesday evening.

Mount Vernon Encampment, No. 57—Meets 1st and 3d Friday of each month. may25—y

☞ Economy.—If you wish to save your money and buy a superfine HAT or CAP, call at FLEMING'S HAT STORE, where you will find a complete assortment of the latest Fashions, CHEAP FOR CASH.

WM. FLEMING,

may28y 130 Wood st., corner of Virgin alley.

☞ G. W. BIDDLE, Dentist—Removed to a new three story Brick, on Smithfield st., one door below Sixth street. TEETH INSERTED, from one to a whole set, by Atmospheric Pressure, with a beautiful representation of the Natural Gum, restoring the Face to its original shape. TEETH EXTRACTED, with little or no pain. DECAYED TEETH permanently saved by stopping, preventing the Tooth-ache, which is much better than caring it, though it should be done in five minutes, or even instantly. apd19y

Merchants' Hotel.

Fourth street, between Arch and Market, Philadelphia.

THE Proprietorship and Management of this well known Hotel, having this day passed into the hands of the subscribers, they beg leave to state, that it is their purpose to render it worthy of the very liberal patronage with which it has been heretofore sustained, and hope, by unremitting attention, to deserve the patronage of their friends, who may visit the city on business or pleasure. C. & J. McKIBBIN.

may9 1m (Formerly of Exchange Hotel, Pittsburgh.)

INDEPENDENT POLICE OFFICE, *corner of Liberty and Irwin streets, entrance on Irwin street.*

A. G. RENNARD, Alderman and Police Magistrate, Thomas O'Bryan, Chief Constable.

Joseph Ramsdyn, Asst. do.

☞ Will attend at any hour, day or night, when required. may9

GREEN APPLES—Newtown Pippins and Romanites, for sale low. [may9] WM DYER.

BY AUTHORITY.

[Public—No. 44.]

AN ACT to settle the title to certain tracts of land in the State of Arkansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each and every owner of a Spanish or French land claim, or any part thereof, in the State of Arkansas, which was submitted for adjudication to the superior court of the late Territory of Arkansas, and by that court confirmed, being a bona fide subsequent purchaser for a valuable consideration, is hereby authorized to enter, within one year from the passage of this act, the land covered by said claim, or less quantity thereof, to be embraced in any legal subdivision, at the minimum price, under such regulations as the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall prescribe: Provided, however, That the owner aforesaid shall be an occupant or cultivator of said land.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That after the lapse of two years from the approval of this act, the sale of the lands embraced by the decrees of the superior court of Arkansas, which were on bills of review reversed, and which the President was, by the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-two, required to reserve from sale, which may then remain the property of the United States, shall no longer be reserved from sale by the President of the United States, and that the same may be brought into market under the existing laws.

Approved March 3, 1849.

[Public—No. 45.]

AN ACT for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the more convenient transaction of business in the courts of the United States within the State of Louisiana, the said State shall be, and the same is hereby, divided into two judicial districts, in the manner following, to wit: the parishes of Sabine, Desoto, Caddo, Natchitoches, Bossier, Rapides, Claiborne, Jackson, Catahoula, Caldwell, Ouachita, Union, Morehouse, Franklin, Carroll, Madison, Tensas, Concordia, St. Landry, Avoyelles, Calcasieu, St. Mary, St. Martin, Vermilion, and Lafayette, shall compose one district, to be called the western district of Louisiana; and all the remaining part of the said State shall compose another district, to be called the eastern district of Louisiana; and all criminal actions or civil suits, either in law or equity, which have arisen in the western district, or against persons residing therein, or concerning lands situated therein, together with all process, writs, recognizances, and records, belonging thereto, shall be transferred to the western district; and all civil suits hereafter instituted against persons residing in said western district, or suits concerning lands situated in the same, in the courts of the United States, shall be in said district; and there shall be held annually in said district one stated session of the court at each of the following places, to wit: at Opelousas, on the first Monday in August, for the parishes of St. Landry, Calcasieu, St. Martin, Vermilion, and Lafayette; at Alexandria, on the first Monday in September, for the parishes of Rapides, Avoyelles, and Natchitoches; at Shreveport, on the first Monday in October, for the parishes of Caddo, Sabine, Desoto, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne; at Monroe, on the first Monday in November, for the parishes of Ouachita, Jackson, Union, Morehouse, Franklin, Catahoula, Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia; and a person learned in the law, residing in said western district, shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, judge thereof, with a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, payable semi-annually, with the same powers and duties as the district judges of the United States for the district of Louisiana, as it now exists, and such as are conferred on him, or required of him, by this act; who is required to hold said terms, and authorized and required to hold special sessions of the said court, in the said western district, for the trial of civil or criminal cases, whenever he may deem it expedient; that all process, writs, and recognizances of every kind, whether requiring jurors, witnesses, bail or otherwise, which relate to cases to be tried at said special sessions, shall be considered as belonging to such sessions, in the same manner as if they had been labelled or taken in reference thereto; that any special session may be adjourned to any time or times previous to the next stated meeting of the district court for said districts; that all business pending for trial at any special court shall, at the close thereof, be considered as of course removal to the next stated term of the court; that the district court, in said western district, shall perform all the duties, and possess all the powers of circuit courts of the United States for the State of Louisiana, except in cases of appeal and writs of error, and the said judge shall appoint a clerk of the court in the western district, for each place where the court sits, who shall reside, and keep the records of the court, at that place, and shall receive, for the services performed by them, the same fees and compensation that are allowed to the clerks of said court holding its sessions in New Orleans, in the same State, and shall be subject, in every respect, to the same restrictions and responsibilities; and the district court for the eastern district shall be held in New Orleans as heretofore, and it shall be the duty of the clerks of the district and circuit courts of the United States in New Orleans to transmit by some safe conveyance, or deliver to the clerks of the western district, or their order, the original papers in all such cases as properly belong to the court in the western district by the provisions of this act, together with a transcript of the proceedings thereto.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States, be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint one person as marshal, and one as district attorney, for the said western judicial district of the United States within the State of Louisiana, created by this act, and that the terms of appointment and service, together with the duties and responsibilities of the said marshal and district attorney, respectively, for the district aforesaid, be, in all respects, the same within their said district, as to the terms of appointment and services, the duties and responsibilities of the marshal and district attorney, respectively, of the eastern district of the State of Louisiana; and said marshal shall receive such fees and emoluments as are received by the marshal of the United States for the State of Louisiana; and said attorney an annual compensation of two hundred dollars, and the same fees and emoluments as are allowed to the attorney of the United States for the district of Louisiana.

Approved March 3, 1849.

[Public—No. 46.]

AN ACT to make arrangements for taking the seventh census.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Postmaster General, shall constitute and be a board, to be styled the Census Board; that it shall be the duty of the said board to prepare and cause to be printed such forms and schedules as may be necessary for the full enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; an also proper forms and schedules for collecting in statistical tables, under proper heads, such information as to mines, agriculture, commerce, manufactures, education, and other topics, as will exhibit a full view of