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DELEGATE ELECTIONS.

The democratic delegate elections took place on Saturday last. The delegates were chosen without any disturbance, and with great unanimity.

From the list below, it will be seen that Mayor Guthrie has been unanimously selected the Democratic standard bearer, in the coming municipal canvass. He received the unanimous vote of every ward in the city, and has consequently but to go through the formality of a nomination by the city convention, to take his place in the field, as the regular Democratic candidate. But to the delegates—the following is a list of those selected:

First Ward.—George Wilson, John M'Farlane, Michael McGlinn; A. J. Dalles, and James Dunlevy.

Second Ward.—Samuel Dilworth, John H. Lewis, John C. Davitt, Wm. H. Smith, Michael Keegan.

Third Ward.—John G. Dunn, Martin Lytle, M. C. Miller and Jas. H. Latshaw, John Dunwoody.

Fourth Ward.—Thomas R. Bill, Joseph Wall, Jas. J. Kerr, Columbus West and John Devine.

Fifth Ward.—John Mackin, Andrew Scott, John Taylor, H. J. Rogers, Joseph Bell.

Sixth Ward.—Joseph Birmingham, James D. Kelly, Joseph Hughes, Wm. C. Rea, Wm. A. Law.

Seventh Ward.—Wm. Moorhead, Stephen Barrett, W. W. Irwin, John Magaw, Joseph Feltwell.

Eighth Ward.—Bernard Flannegin, C. Bierman, E. Pratt, J. Watt, R. McDermott.

WHO HAVE THE WHIGS NOMINATED!

We are not disposed to say much on the subject of the Mayoralty, for the fact is, that the subject will not allow of much being said as regards the whig nomination. We may, however, note the fact that the editor of the *Journal*, who is the whig candidate for Mayor, and who claims to be the organ of the whig party, had not raised to the organ of the whig party's candidate for the office of Chief Magistrate. How is this? Is he ashamed of the whig candidate, or does he repudiate himself? He is the nominee, and his party looks to him to give himself a warm and hearty support. They expect that he will be united on the subject, and that he will not permit anything to endanger the success of the whig candidate.

We may mention here with propriety, that he is acting foolish by refusing to put up his name as the whig candidate. We are informed by his party, that he is waiting for White and Biddle to "do it first." If he depends on their raising his name, he will have to wait until doomsday.—They are not the men to minister to the overweening vanity of R. M. Biddle, who desires to make them his step-stones to power, and holds back with a magnanimity worthy an autocrat, to allow the humble White and Biddle to announce that Robert M. Biddle is the whig candidate for Mayor.

Whether they will follow his dictation or not, is of small importance to us, but it is very evident that he is endeavoring to force them into an endorsement of his nomination, and it is said by those who know, that in the course of the present week, the American and Gazette will take a strong position in favor of the editor of the Journal. We have heard the kind of *arguments* made use of to induce them to raise his name, but they still hold off, under the plea that his name should first appear at the head of his own columns. He, however, is too gentle to do anything for himself; he will accept the office from his party by courtesy, and when Biddle and White have elected him, (if they could perform such a wonder,) he will say, "well done, thou good and faithful servants," thou hast been faithful over a few things, and made me master over many—I will attend to you.

We can conscientiously say, that the case of Mr. Biddle is a most deplorable one. There is not an organ of his party that will support him. He is the editor of one of the whig organs, and he wont support himself, notwithstanding he has received the whig nomination. What does this mean? The party could not be in a greater dilemma if they had nominated Joe Barker, and, in fact, they might be better. They once elected Joe over their regular candidate, and he was then endorsed by the Gazette as a *good whig*, an endorsement which the editor of that paper has not yet vouchsafed to the present whig candidate, whose name he declines to publish.

We have a proposition to make to the Gazette and American, and we make it in all seriousness: That if they will publish the name of the whig candidate until the Mayor's election, we will pay them a reasonable recompense if the editor of the Journal refuses to honor the bills. This is a fair proposition, but we are certain the whig organs referred to will not accept it. They have determined to defeat Mr. Biddle, and with the aid of those who desire an efficient Mayor, we think they will succeed in their design.

HON. JAMES X. McLANAHAN.

The American *Volunteer*, published at Carlisle, says: "The Hon. JAMES X. McLANAHAN, our able member of Congress, has again been appointed chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the House of Representatives, by Speaker BOYD. The Judiciary is one of the most important committees of the House, and the manner in which Mr. McLanahan, during the last session, discharged the responsible duties devolving upon him as chairman, was creditable alike to himself and his constituents, and advantageous to the country."

We heartily indorse all that is here said of Mr. McLANAHAN. He has made an admirable representative—able, intelligent, and attentive to the wants of his constituents.

☞ The editor of the Allegheny *Enterprise* has become critical. He quotes the following from a sentence of our paper, of Saturday, and asks for information:

"We are not, as a community, to be deprived of pure meat in order to administer to the *foetus* tastes of the Market Committee." Will the *Post* tell us what "*foetus* tastes" are?"

The *Post* will tell you what "*foetus tastes*" mean, in the common acceptation of the term. According to the latest authority, it means a "taste" for dead cats and premature *puppies*. If the editor can find a better definition we will come down.

MARBLEIZED IRON.—The use of Iron, in its application to Building purposes, seems to be daily extending; its durability of Ornament for Architectural adornment, without much increasing the cost, recommends it above all other materials. A new application of it has just been made by the NEW-YORK MARBLED IRON WORKS, (whose Advertisement appears in this paper,) in the Manufacture of Marbleized Iron, which has all the beauty and variety of colors that marble itself exhibits. The Iron appears to be enameled; and the choicest kinds of Marble for *Mantles, Columns,* and *Table Tops* are imitated so closely, that the ordinary eye, cannot detect the difference. The great advantages of this Article are its *cheapness*—it is produced at about one-third the cost of Marble, and in various shapes and forms, according to the taste of the purchaser; its durability and capability of resisting a greater degree of heat. Neither Acids nor Oils affect it, in which respect it has a decided advantage over Marble.

The beauty and utility of this Manufactured Article will make it a valuable and important substitute for Marble.

The Homestead Bill—A Constitutional Way to Accomplish its Purpose.

A bill of this kind passed the popular branch of Congress at its last session, but fell amongst the unfinished business of the Senate. We don't regret its failure, for it was liable to grave objections.

We don't allow the right of Congress thus to dispose of the public lands. It is indeed, a better disposition of them than has been made in numerous instances; but when a good thing is done, it had as well be done right; if there be a right way to do it. We agree that every poor man who has not a home of his own, should be allowed one on the public lands.

The Federal government has a vast area of unsettled territory lying uncultivated, inviting the hand of tillage. If there be a way to make it available to the wants of the landless man without sacrificing the rights of any parties to the Federal compact, it ought to be adopted.

We don't think an absolute gift of the land is the way to accomplish the purpose in the best manner, even if it were constitutional.

The object is to invite from the older settlements, and especially from the cities, the poor who have not the means to purchase land, to homes in the great West; and the object is a good one, which commends itself to every one.—But it is to be remembered that the want of land is not the only difficulty with this class of people. They have not the means to get to the land, and they have not the means to clear and cultivate it, or the means of subsistence until they can procure them from the soil. Making the land free, only removes one of the difficulties out of the way of the hardy pioneer.

It is, however, one of the difficulties he has to encounter, and it ought to be removed when it can be so easily done, preserving at the same time the rights of all intact.

We propose to extend the right of pre-emption indefinitely; as long as a man or his heirs shall occupy the land. Let the man who has no land, have the right to a prescribed portion of the public land, provided he makes his home upon it. Let him have the right to acquire the title in fee simple at any time, by paying the government price; but in the mean time, he remains the undisturbed occupant.

We copy the above from the Louisville *Democrat*, and we endorse every word the editor says. We have millions of acres lying waste for want of persons to cultivate them; and millions of poor industrious men, who would gladly cultivate them could they get possession on favorable terms. The idea of "vote yourself a farm," which has been started by men who never had hold of the handles of a plough, is an absurdity that no honest man will tolerate. A majority of those who advocate it do not know the useful purposes of a hoe, nor have they ever seen a harrow in operation. But they continue to tell us in most elegant phrases what we want, and of course we all want a farm. Now, it is not true; we do not all want a farm, and the men who are least disposed to occupy one presented to them by Uncle Sam, are the very persons who are most active in a project of which they never intend to be a part. But, as the Democrat suggests, if the right of pre-emption is extended to an indefinite period, so long as a man or his heirs occupy the land, there will be plenty of honest settlers for our public domain, and the "land sharks" may, by doing so, be abolished.

NEW BOOKS.

MESSRS. HARPER & BROTHERS, New York, have just published Parisian Sights and French Principles, seen through American Spectacles. This is a work that will find hosts of readers on this side of the water. It is lively and gossiping in its style, and is full of descriptions of places and things and life in Paris, in all its phases. It is illustrated with numerous finely executed wood cuts. For sale by R. C. Stockton, corner of Market and Third streets.

MESSRS. D. APPLETON & Co., New York, have sent us, through MESSRS. A. H. English & Co., Wood street, the Successful Merchant, being Sketches of the Life of Mr. Samuel Budgett, late of Kingswood Hill. By William Arthur, A. M. This is a work that will be read by all men interest not only by merchants, but engaged in business. It is, indeed, a work for *the busy*, to which men from the counting house or shop may turn, feeling that it concerned them here and hereafter.

From the same enterprising publishers, we have received BASIL, a story of Modern Life, by W. Wilkie Collins. The three volumes of the English edition are embraced in one. This is a deeply interesting book, being a narrative of the life of a son of an Englishman of large fortune, and is full of romance. For sale by A. H. English & Co., Wood street.

Appleton & Co., have also sent us Home Scenes and Heart Studies. By Grace Aguilar, author of the "Days of Bruce," "the Women of Israel," and other popular works. This volume embraces a number of beautiful stories, which will commend themselves in an especial manner to our lady friends. For sale by A. H. English & Co., Wood street.

MESSRS. Harper & Brothers have published No. 8 of Bleak House, by Charles Dickens; and No. 28 of the Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution, by Benson J. Lossing—both of which can be had of R. C. Stockton, corner of Market and Third streets.

Supper to Chief Justice Black.

We learn from the *Valley Spirit*, published at Chambersburg, that during the visit of Judge BLACK of the Supreme Court to that place, on his way to Philadelphia, on Monday evening last, he partook of a supper given in compliment to him, by his old associates, the members of the Chambersburg Bar. The entertainment was prepared by Mr. William S. Houser, under the direction of a committee of members of the Bar, and reflected much credit upon all concerned in its management.

After the removal of the cloth, the company organized by calling upon Hon. James Nill to preside. George W. Brewer, Esq., after indulging in some very appropriate remarks, proposed the health of the company's honored guest, the Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, a sentiment that was warmly responded to by all present.

Judge BLACK acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms, making special allusion to the friendly feelings subsisting between himself and the members of the Chambersburg Bar during and since his service of ten years on the Bench of Franklin county.

Speeches were made by a number of gentlemen, and the the company seperated in the best possible humor at a suitable hour, all agreeing that the evening had been very pleasantly spent.

COLLEGES.—The Colleges named below, have the following number of students:

Yale College	603
Harvard College	603
Dartmouth College	294
Brown University	240
University of Vermont	123
Total	1,923

PLACES TO IMBIBE IN GOTHAM.—There are 8,000 hotels, drinking saloons and dram shops in New York, and the amount expended in them is amazing almost exceeding belief. If the daily sales average $10 each, which is a very low estimate, the amount will be 80,000 a day, $2,400,000 a month, and $29,000,000 a year.—The New Yorkers certainly do "take a little something."

LARGE BUCK.—Mr. Gideon Bowman, of Allegheny township, Somerset county, Pa., a few days ago, shot the largest buck in the mountains. The deer has been known by the name of "Old Isaac" for many years; some hunters say sixteen, he had nine bullets in him in addition to the one that killed him. His weight was 242 pounds.

☞ Gen. Pierce is now arranging his private affairs at Concord, which place he will leave on or about the 7th of February, on his way to Washington.

From the Harrisburg Keystone.

STATE FINANCES.

We are indebted to Col. BANKS, our vigilant and worthy Auditor General, for the following tables showing the receipts and disbursements of the State Treasury, during the past year. Of the item of receipts upon loans, $799,666 67, was upon that of the North Branch—the residue was for the redemption of 6 per cent. stocks, interest certificates, and the payment of balances due domestic creditors. The receipts from the improvements are larger than ever before—the charges are also heavy, after deducting the expenditures upon the North Branch, the road to avoid the planes, and the improvement of the Columbia road, amounting to near eleven hundred thousand dollars, a sum that seems to be chargeable to the cost of management. This, we understand, is subject to further reduction, on account of there being included in it the payment of debts contracted upon the lines prior to December, 1850 and 1851:

SUMMARY OF THE RECEIPTS

At the State Treasury, from the 1st day of December, 1851, to the 30th day of November, 1852, both days inclusive.

1. Lands,	$40,222 41	
2. Auction commissions,	18,635 00	
3. Auction duties,	57,110 79	
4. Tax on Bank dividends,	146,900 07	
5. Tax on corporation stocks,	210,662 20	
6. Tax on real and personal estate,	1,220,630 30	
7. Tavern licenses,	100,120 11	
8. Retailers' licenses,	109,329 07	
9. Peddlers' licenses,	2,282 14	
10. Brokers' licenses,	4,780 18	
11. Millers' licenses,	601 24	
12. Theatre, circus, menagerri licenses,	2,818 22	
13. Distillery and brewery licenses,	2,864 93	
14. Billiard room, bowling saloon and ten-pin alley licenses	1,851 50	
15. Eating house, beer house and restaurant licenses,	7,414 84	
16. Patent medicine licenses,	1,905 54	
17. Pamphlet laws,	413 19	
18. Militia fines,	12,217 93	
19. Foreign insurance agencies,	1,663 78	
20. Registered tax,	705 55	
21. Tax on writs, wills, deeds, &c.,	56,671 74	
22. Tax on certain offices,	10,841 87	
23. Collateral inheritance tax,	143,141 05	
24. Canal and railroad tolls,	1,938,574 43	
25. Canal fines, &c.,	244 72	
26. Tax on enrolment of laws,	3,070 00	
27. Premiums on charters,	63,409 60	
28. Annuity for right of way	10,000 00	
29. Loans,	3,154,666 67	
30. Premiums on loans,	39,333 13	
31. Tax on loans,	118,444 10	
32. Interest on loans,	2,757 64	
33. Sales of public property,	62,562 50	
34. Tax on freight and passengers,	21,270 66	
35. Dividends from bridge tolls,	319 92	
36. Accrued interest,	30,254 13	
37. Refunded cash,	3,045 41	
38. Escheats,	1,998 93	
39. Fees of the public officers,	2,938 82	
40. Dickinson College lands,	200 00	
41. Miscellaneous,	152 59	
		$7,716,552 17
Balance in the Treasury, Dec. 1, 1852, available,	$343,079 21	
Amount erroneously creditedat the State Treasury to the Franklin Bank of Washington, in the month of November, 1851,	1,449 00	
		342,529 21
Depreciated funds in the State Treasury, unavailable,	41,022 00	
Deposits in Bank of the United States, unavailable,	250,000 00	
		663,571 21
		$8,380,123 38

SUMMARY OF THE PAYMENTS.

At the State Treasury, from the 1st December, 1851, to 30th November, 1852, both days inclusive.

1. Public improvements,	$2,220,370 63	
2. Expenses of government,	228,091 78	
3. Militia expenses,	1,934 35	
4. Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the late war with Mexico,	12,973 75	
5. Pensions and gratuities,	12,832 29	
6. Charitable institutions,	76,185 23	
7. Penna. State Agricultural Society,	2,000 00	
8. Common schools,	165,100 62	
9. Commissioners of the Sinking Fund,	115,856 25	
10. Loans,	1,568,255 45	
11. Interest on loans,	2,157,734 44	
12. Guarantied interest,	21,852 99	
13. Domestic creditors,	44,648 85	
14. Damages on the public works	60,942 29	
15. Special Commissioners,	15,312 96	
16. State Library,	1,000 00	
17. Public buildings and grounds	12,501 75	
18. House of Refuge,	15,000 00	
19. Interpreters,	43,922 20	
20. Nicholson lands,	90 00	
21. Escheats,	575 68	
22. Colonial Records,	5,576 00	
23. Amendments to the Constitution,	293 75	
24. Geological survey,	3,500 00	
25. Abatement of State tax,	22,925 12	
26. Subscriptions to companies,	2,000 00	
27. Miscellaneous,	449 67	
28. Unusual fees and commissions	10,803 00	
29. Miscellaneous,	2,823 00	
		$8,870,450 29
Balance in the Treasury, Nov. 30, 1852, available,	$[illegible] 09	
Depreciated funds in the Treasury, unavailable,	41,673 00	
Deposits in Bank of the United States, unavailable,	250,000 00	
		291,673 09
		$8,380,123 38

In this sum the following extraordinary expenditures are included, pursuant to appropriations by the legislature at the last session, &c.:

For railroad to extend the inclined plane of the Cherry Tree and Porter railroad,	$250,310 62
For Western Reservoir,	90,124 53
For North Branch Extension,	640,178 00
For straightening and otherwise improving the Columbia and Philadelphia Railroad,	218,899 13
For rebuilding locks at Northumberland,	5,500 00
For repairs to Shamokin arbutt,	10,000 00
For right of way for the Allegheny Portage railroad,	18,000 00
	$1,135,212 28

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE.—A young man named John Cheney committed suicide near Braintree, Mass., a few days ago, by hanging himself. He was a total stranger there, and in a note written to his brother, but found in his pocket, he stated his intention of going to Boston to seek employment, and in case of finding none, of working his way to New York. On the back of the note, apparently written some time after, he adds:—"After wandering in pursuit of business, until my means are exhausted, my mind distracted, my body diseased, I am completely discouraged, and life is a burden too intolerable to be borne, and I therefore contemplate suicide, and should I do so my request is, that the good friends who may find me, will do me the favor to tumble me into some hole as quietly as possible. Drop my brother and friends a line, stating that I died suddenly, and that will be sufficient."

OBJECT OF THE REVOLUTION IN SONORA.—The French Courier, published in New York, speaks of Bourbon, who is reported to have "annexed" Sonora to France, as a mere adventurer, for whose acts the French Government is not responsible. The N. Y. Times, on the contrary, says:

"We happen to be in possession of some important documents in regard to this matter—showing the interest taken by France in the progress of our country westward, and the steps already taken in pursuance of a grand design to check that progress, and to erect a barrier against our further growth. We have reason to believe that the great object of planting these French settlements in Northern Mexico is *to prevent the United States from acquiring a feasible route for a railroad to the Pacific.*"

"FANNY FERN."—We published a paragraph not long since, stating that it was said that the brilliant and dashing writer, in the Boston Olive Branch, over this name, was a sister of N. P. Willis. A Boston paper noticing this, says:

That is also said that this "sister" of N. P. Willis is very much in favor of the "Bloomer costume," wears breeches, smokes cigars, promenades the streets in Wellington boots and a standing shirt-collar, edits the best paper, and is the best looking *man* in Boston; she bears the cognomen of quaint "Fanny Fern" abroad, but is better known at home as Tom Norris, the editor of the Olive Branch."

VIRGINIA LAND WARRANTS.—We learn from the *Intelligencer* that the Secretary of the Interior has received from the Governor of Virginia, under the broad seal of the State, a document authenticating the full and complete relinquishment to the United States of all claim on the part of the State to lands on which Virginia land warrants have heretofore been issued. In lieu thereof, as soon as the necessary preparations can be completed, scrip will be issued by the Department of the Interior.

INDUSTRY AND PERSEVERANCE REWARDED.—We see it stated that a well has been sunk in Hocking Valley, Ohio, to the depth of six hundred feet, for the purpose of obtaining salt water. The object of the enterprising individuals has been fully accomplished, a supply of water having been reached which requires but fifty-three gallons to make a bushel of salt fifty pounds. The water rises spontaneously to the surface, and flows at the rate of 4,000 or about the 7th of February, on his way to 5,000 gallons per day.

Items of News and Miscellany.

Dr. Howe has examined almost the entire number of cases of Idiocy known in Massachusetts, and the result is, in all but four instances he found the parents of these idiots were either intemperate, addicted to sensual vices, scrofulous, pre-disposed to insanity, or had intermarried with blood relations.

"Did you say that my brother Jim didn't know as much as Smith's yellow dog?"

"No, I said Smith's yellow dog knew more than your brother Jim!"

Mr. Ingersoll, the American Minister, it is said, purposes enlivening the fashionable world of London with a series of entertainments before Christmas.

The Blue Ridge Tunnel, has proceeded, in all, 1,705 feet more which will be accomplished in about four months, will complete half the work through the mountain.

An effort is making among the Episcopalians of Lancaster, Pa., to erect a Free Church. A lot has been purchased. The whole cost of lot and building will be $7,000.

Meat Cakemade at Galveston, Texas, are finding a large sale in England. They are cakes made out of flour and good meat mixed together and then dried. They will last for years, and are highly nutritious.

M. Walewski, ambassador of France to London, has, it is again rumored, received orders to demand explanations of the English cabinet as to its tolerance of French refugees. A formal demand of expulsion is even mentioned.

Rev. William W. Scudder and Rev. Nathan S. Lord, with their ladies, sailed from Boston, on Monday, for Madras, in the ship Jenny Lind.—They intend joining the Ceylon mission.

A ball given recently in St. Louis, for the benefit of the poor, brought $4,000.

The sale of spirituous liquors has been prohibited in Buenos Ayres for the present.

Since the first of July a single house at Louisville have shipped 60,000 bushels of potatoes to New Orleans.

Professor Olmstead delivered an eloquent lecture on the Survey of the Solar System, at the Broadway Tabernacle, New York on Monday.

The people of Troy, New York, are talking of an "air line" railroad from that city to Rochestor, to be 225 miles long, and to cost $5,000,000.

Two new Lunatic Asylums are be erected in Ohio after a plan prepared by Dr. Kirkbride, of the Pennsylvania hospital for the insane.

The Chinese jugglers now performing in New Orleans, are said to be the most wonderful ever seen in this country.

Ground has been broken at Louisville, Kentucky, for the erection of locomotive works on an extensive scale.

During the present year, 1,620,300 bushels of barley valued at $1,184,161, have been sold at Albany, N. Y.

A new paper, to be called the "Free Democrat," and to support the Pierce administration is to be issued in New York on the 1st of January.

William Lyon Mackenzie, M. P. P., will establish at Toronto a new weekly paper, entitled Mackenzies Weekly Message.

Martin B. Combs, Esq., a young lawyer of Cincinnati, has taken to the stage and appeared at the National theatre in that city.

Washington Arnold, who was about to be tried at Paris Ky., for homicide, committed suicide a few days ago.

The earnings of the Macon and Western Railroad, for the year ending November 3, 1852, were $269,685 75, 1851, $211,693 26; increase $67,992 99.

Sir William Don, the English Baronet, is playing in New Orleans.

Sir Walter Scott.

"Grace Greenwood" discourses, in a letter to the National Era, about the celebrated home of Sir Walter Scott:

ABBOTSFORD.—We stopped at the Melrose station, and, taking a carriage, drove over to Abbotsford, some three miles. The country, though exceedingly pleasant, did not strike us as remarkably picturesque, and before we dreamed of such a thing, we were at Abbotsford, which lies low, on the banks of the Tweed, hidden from the road by a thick plantation. The grounds are very beautiful, and have, need I say, a peculiar, mournful charm in all their lovely lights and shades of greenery and leafy luxuriance, from the recollection that he, the immortal master, planned and planted, and found the purest, richest pleasure in adorning them.

The house itself is a superb bargnial-looking residence, strikingly picturesque in effect, and wonderfully in keeping with the mind and taste of the noble builder. It is one of the most natural productions of his genius. You could almost fancy it in all its varied forms of antique beauty, quaint and strange, yet ever graceful and imposing—his light enchanting poetry and his glorious romance resolved into stone. It is a curious pile—an odd, yet not inharmonious assemblage of castellated ideas, half-religious, half-feudal, simple yet stately—the charming conceits and bold fancies of poetry and the spirit of olden romance, revealed in towers and turrets, arches and windows, gables and chimney tops.

The entrance-hall of Abbotsford is not very large, but is exceedingly beautiful, and tastefully hung with armor, antlers, weapons and interesting relics from many lands. But after the guide pointed to a glass-case, which contained the suit of clothes last worn by Sir Walter, I saw nothing beside in this apartment. These brought the picture of the grand old man, worn down and broken before his time, with wondrous vividness before me. I could see him as he totered about his grounds, or sat in the shade of some favorite tree, with his faithful Willie Laidlaw—the great soul-light in his eye, dimmed with deepening mists, and his gigantic genius shaken into a babe's bounded and bewildered capacity—I could see on his worn brow the troubled struggle of memory and thought, in his eyes the faint momentary gleaming of the old inspiration—but, by the sweet, mournful smile of his wan lips, I could see, oh! nothing more, for the real tears which rained from my eyes, seemed to hide the unreal visions of my fancy.

In the beautiful little study in which the great novelist wrote many of his works, the air seemed sutharged with the living magnetism of his genius. So *neat* he seemed so strangely recent his presence, so inevitable his speedy return, my mind grew bewildered, and my heart beat horribly and half-expectantly. My very senses obeyed the strong illusion of my excited imagination. I looked towards the door by which he used to enter. I listened, and spoke low. I dare not approach his writing table, and sit in his chair, for fear he might surprise me when he should come in. But I, how soon passed over by heart the chill returning wave of recollection of reason—gone, gone forever! dust, dust these twenty years!

The library, drawing and dining-rooms, are very degant apartments, commanding some charming views. There are several fine pictures, by foreign artists, collected by Sir Walter; but of no interest to me were the family portraits. Of the, there are two of the poet, taken in his early byhood, wonderfully like those painted in his mihood and old age. There is a handsome full-ligth likeness of the late Sir Walter, and several portraits of his sister, Mrs. Lockhart, whose son is the present master of Abbotsford. Of all the weapons, curious and memorable in the story, of all the valuable relics, I was most moved by the sight of the pistols of Napoleon, Rob Roy's gun, and the sword of Montrose.

AN INGENIOUS FRAUD ON BROKERS.—Several ock brokers in New York have lately been defrauded by an unknown party at New London, onn., who writing under the assumed name of Perkins, and of Williams, ordered them to make purchases on his account, and telegraph him of the transaction. He reminded them in his letter that he had made, on former occasions, several purchases through them, which was done to obtain their confidence, in which he succeeded. The stocks ordered were New London and New Haven and Stonington. Under these purchases the stocks went up, and he then, through another broker, ordered sales to be made. The purchases he ordered he never made good, while the sales which he made were through another broker, who refuses to name his principal.

THE WHITE ROSE.—Written in the fifteenth century, and sent by the Duke of Clarence (of the house of York) with a white rose to Lady E. Beauchamp, a violent adherent to the house of Lancaster:—

"If thy love rose offends thy sights,
Pluck it ime thye bosomme bare,
'Twyll blush to finde itselfe less whyte,
And turne Lancastryanne there.

But if thy rubye lippe it spye,
As kyss it then may'st deigne,
With envye pale 'twill lose its dye,
And Yorkyan turne again.—*Knickerbocker.*

THE CASE OF CAPT. GRAY AT HAVANA.

The Havana correspondent of the New York Times, in announcing the release of Capt. Gray and crew, of the ship Lady Suffolk, from prison in Havana, on the 2d inst., says:

"The Captain remains here under the personal security given by Mr. Antonio Cianargo, until the cause is closed, which would not have been accepted had there been any appearance of criminality attaching to the Captain or any of his officers or crew. The friends may be assured that this case is arranged, by the Spaniards themselves in their own way, to save fair appearances for subsequent history, in their relations and implication in the slave trade.

"I should add, that previous to arrest, all the sailors of the *Lady Suffolk* had been shipped on board of the different vessels in this harbor; when released they were ordered on board, with instructions not to communicate with the shore whilst remaining in port; thus to prevent the transpiration of more facts in relation to the "*modus operandi*" of Spanish benevolence, as elucidated by their confinement, first on board of the ship—subsequently in the prison walls of this element Government, and generally in the preparation and outfit of the carrier of chains for Africa."

No Family Should be without Them!

☞ We speak of M'Lane's Liver Pills, which have become an indispensable Family Medicine. The frightful symptoms which arise from a diseased Liver manifest themselves, more or less, in every family; dyspepsia, sick headache, obstruction of the menses, ague and fever, pains in the side, with dry, hacking cough, are all the results of hepatic derangement—and for these, Dr. M'Lane's Pills are a sovereign remedy. They never have been known to fail, and they should be kept at all times by families.

DIRECTIONS.—Take two or three going to bed, every second or third night. If they do not purge two or three times by next morning, take one or two more. A *slight breakfast* should invariably follow their use.

The Liver Pill may also be used where purging is simply necessary. As an anti-bilious purgative they are inferior to none. And one dose of two or three, they give astonishing relief in sick headache; also, in slight derangements of the stomach.

For sale by most of the Druggists and Merchants, and by J. KIDD & CO.,
60 Wood street.

☞ Dr. Guysott's Improved Extract of Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla.—Put up in the largest sized *bottles*, contains more of the pure Honduras Sarsaparilla than any other preparation extant, which is chemically combined with the Extract of Yellow Dock and the Extract of Wild Cherry, thus making the remedy more powerful and efficient than any other Sarsaparilla before the public. At the same time, it is perfectly free from all mercurial poisons, which cannot be said of any of the other Sarsaparilla compounds. The invalid should beware of poisons! Sarsaparilla contains no Mercury, Iodine, Sulphur, Arsenic, Mercury, Iron, Quinine, Potash, Iodine, Sulphur, Arsenic, and many other mineral and metallic poisons, enter into and form the active basis of most of the Sarsaparillas and Panaceas of the day. Guysott's Compound Extract of Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla does not contain a particle of these substances; as any one can ascertain by applying the necessary tests.

Let all poisonous Sarsaparilla preparations alone, and use Guysott's Improved Extract of Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla, which is thoroughly efficacious, perfectly harmless, and purely vegetable. All kinds of disease yield to its genial influence.

☞ See advertisement. dec17:4tsaw

LARD.

☞ R. WATSON is now engaged in slaughtering FIVE THOUSAND HOGS; and will have constantly on hand a large stock of BULK PORK, of his own curing. Also, a No. 1 article LARD, in barrels and kegs. For sale at his Warehouse, corner of Liberty and Wayne streets. nov22:1m*

W. A. M'CLURG & CO.,

HAVE REMOVED TO THE CORNER OF
Wood and Sixth Streets,
Where they offer to their old customers, and the public generally, at the lowest rates, Wholesale and Retail, the largest, most select and complete stock of CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, WOODEN AND WILLOW WARE to be found in the West. decdy

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—PUBLIC SALE OF PEWS.—This splendid Gothic Church being nearly completed, will be open for Divine Service, on SUNDAY NEXT, 19th instant, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., and 3 o'clock, P. M.

A public sale of the Pews will be held in the Church Office, on Tuesday morning, 21st instant, at 10 o'clock. The Building will be open on Monday, to afford an opportunity to select Pews.

TERMS.—One-fourth cash; residue payable by notes, at 6, 12 and 18 months, with interest.

By order of the Committee.

P. M. DAVIS, Auctr.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

☞ Sixth Ward.—At a meeting of the democratic citizens of the Sixth Ward, held at the Public School House on Saturday, 18th inst., it was

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the same place on Wednesday, (22nd inst.,) between the hours of six and seven o'clock, P. M., to nominate Ward officers.

dec20-2t C. DENLINGER, Secretary.

CURRANTS—10 casks, first rate article, for sale by
dec20 SMITH & SINCLAIR.

SOAPS—50 boxes Cincinnati Soap, for sale by
dec20 SMITH & SINCLAIR.

MOULD CANDLES—50 boxes Cincinnati mould for sale by
(dec20) SMITH & SINCLAIR.

MOLASSES—One hundred barrels new crop for sale by
dec20 SMITH & SINCLAIR.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

THOSE who wish to make presents to their friends, will find it to their advantage by calling at J. P. KAUFFMAN'S, 82 WOOD ST. His store offers instruments in variety of Fancy articles and Toys. Work Boxes, Toilet Cases, Desks, Portfolios, &c. Musical Instruments, &c., while for cheapness of prices are unsurpassed in the city. He respectfully invites all to visit his establishment, whether they purchase or not. dec22:2t

NEW SEED STORE.
JAMES WARDROP,

OFFERS for sale CANARY SEEDS of the most improved breed, being very hardy, and fine singers. Bird Seeds —Canary, Hemp, Millet, Rape and mixed. Bird Gravel —Canary, Hemp, Millet, Rape and mixed. Bird Seeds and Gravel ordered from the country will be carefully put up. For Christmas Trees, from the Seed and Horticultural Establishment, near Wood. dec20

MAGAZINES FOR JANUARY.—Just received by Stiner & Co., No. 32 Smithfield street.

Godey's Lady's Book, for January, 1853.
Graham's Magazine, " "
Peterson's " "

To each of which we will furnish either Godey's Lady's Book, or Graham's Magazine, for one year, free of postage.

STINER & CO.,
dec 20 No. 32 Smithfield street.

Valuable Coal Lands and Farm for Sale.

A SPLENDID FARM OF 307 ACRES, 200 of which is coal land of a 6 feet vein; 250 acres in cultivation. The land is smooth, of a deep soil, and well watered, and adapted for a stock or grain farm—the unimproved part is choice timber. The dwelling house, barn and stables, with other out-houses; two good apple orchards; also, peaches, pears, plums, and numerous small fruits. There is also a large spring house and free stone, with a good safe harbor for boats. This farm is situate one mile below West Newton, and one mile from the Youghiogheny river. The Hempfield Railroad will cross one corner of the farm, and the outer depot be located near the same.

S. CUTHBERT & SON, General Agents,
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BUY AT HOME.

IF you are in want of anything in the way of FINE WATCHES or RICH GOLD JEWELRY, and wish to obtain them at the lowest price, and at the same time get the best quality, and warranted to be as represented, all you have to do is to call at H. O. HOOD'S 84 MARKET ST., you can there find some of the best quality of fine 18 carats Gold Lever Watches, full jewled, at - - - $25,00
Gold L'Epine Watches, 4 holes jeweled, - - 18,00
Silver Levers, full jeweled, - - - - 12,00
Silver L'Epines, - - - - - - - 8,00
Ladies' Gold Chains, as low as - - - - 6,00
Silver Tea Spoons, - - - - - - - 5,00

And all other goods in proportion; fine Gold Jewelry, of every description, always on hand. California Gold bought or manufactured to order. Please call at

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dec20 H. O. HOOD.

Allegheny Valley Rail Road Letting.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the Company's office, on 4th street, Pittsburgh, until the 22d of February, 1853, for doing the grading, masonry, and bridging of the portion of said road, between Pittsburgh and Kittanning, Armstrong county, a distance of 44½ miles. The line will be divided into sections of about one mile each, and bids may be made for one or more, or all of said sections. Plans, profiles and specifications will be ready for inspection, on and after the 5th day of February.

Proposals will be received for the Grading, Masonary and Bridging, and also for the superstructure and finishing said 44½ miles complete (except Iron). Bids will be received and considered for the entire work, (except furnishing Iron) from Pittsburgh to the New York State line. Satisfactory references will be expected from bidders not personally known to the Company. For further information, application may be made personally or by letter to Hon. William Johnston, President of the Company, to Gen. R. Richbaum Esq., Associate Engineer, or to the subscriber.

By order of the Board of Managers.