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☞ No North, no South, no East, no West, under the Constitution; but a sacred maintenance of the Common Bond, and true devotion to the Common Brotherhood.—PRESIDENT PIERCE.

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STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee of Pennsylvania, will be held at the Merchants' Hotel, City of Philadelphia, on SATURDAY, the 29th day of January, 1853, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of fixing the time and place of holding the next Democratic State Convention.

WM. L. HIRST, Chairman.

WM. CURTIS, WM. HENRY WELSH, } Secretaries.

THE SHERIFF AND THE COMMISSIONERS.

It is a scriptural saying that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." It is one of inspired wisdom, and one in which we all believe.

The whig officials of Allegheny county are, at the present time, a very "divided house."—The Sheriff and Commissioners are at loggerheads, and one of the parties have already made an appeal to the legislature to redress their grievances. The County Commissioners request the legislature to grant them permission to annually appoint a County Jailor, and that the appointment shall be subject to the acquiescence of the Judge of Quarter Sessions.

This arrangement would suit the Commissioners admirably, for they could then annoy the Sheriff to any extent they pleased in changing his subordinates. We will not say that they have a desire to annoy him, but it is well known that they have no love for him.

This is altogether a quarrel in the whig house, and we are not deeply interested in it. But, we have the right to remark upon it, and give our "opinion," as the "Court" would say.

Mr. Magill is the Sheriff of the county. He is responsible for the safe keeping of the prisoners, and the interests of the people demand that he should have subordinates in whom he can place confidence. He is, in fact, the *Jailor*, and responsible for all the acts of that official, as well as those of every turnkey about the prison. To our mind, he should, therefore, be permitted to select his own assistants, and we have no doubt but he will choose those who are competent to discharge their duties faithfully. We have no political love for the whig Sheriff, but we respect him as a fellow-citizen, and believe that he will discharge the duties of his office as faithfully as any other whig could do.

The next item in the petition is that the law shall also empower said County Commissioners to furnish the per diem allowance of food for all prisoners; said allowance not to cost more than eight cents for each prisoner per day.

The adoption of this clause would no doubt be a saving to the county, but, we are apprehensive that the poor prisoners would not live very sumptuously upon eight cents worth of provisions daily. We do not know what this portion of the prison arrangement is costing now, but if the Sheriff is speculating upon it for his individual benefit, it should be taken from him. But at the same time, the Commissioners should remember that eight cents worth of victuals will not satisfy their official stomachs for twenty-four hours.

There cannot be a doubt that there is something radically wrong in the management of our Jail, but we cannot imagine that the Commissioners' eight cents of food per diem, will reform it in any respect, or make it more comfortable to the unfortunate's who become its inmates.—A system of this kind is mere barbarism, and if carried out, we had better abandon all our *theories* about humanity in prisons.

The petition goes on as follows:—"And further, That said County Commissioners shall have the control and supervision of the Prison, and buildings and grounds thereto attached; and to furnish all materials necessary to keep said Prison in good order, and the prisoners in a comfortable and healthy condition.

And that hereafter, the turnkey fee, as provided for by law, shall be paid monthly by the Jailor, into the County Treasury, for the use of said County."

The Commissioners propose to keep the prisoners "in a comfortable and healthy condition" on eight cents a day! If they will only make their plan apparent, there are a great many citizens who now complain of high prices in the market, will feel "comfortable" and give them their blessing.

The case is one in which we believe the Commissioners to be right in some things, and wrong in many others. But as it is a Whig quarrel, we will look on with the same complacency the woman did who saw her husband fighting a bear, we do not care much which whips.

☞ We are rejoiced to learn that our recent suggestions in regard to the wants of the old Pittsburgh Merchant, ISAAC HARRIS, are likely to be carried out by our mercantile friends. A prominent merchant of Market street yesterday called upon us, and said that he would be one of sixty to give $5,00 each year to a *Harris Fund*. Very good. But who will be the sixty? That's the question! The only way to take efficient action on this subject is for the business men to call a meeting, and resolve that they will proceed at once to raise a fund necessary to make poor old ISAAC HARRIS comfortable during the brief period he has to sojourn in this world.

The other day a merchant of this city bet an oyster supper for a party of twelve that he could name fifty gentlemen in and around Pittsburgh, who are each worth over one hundred thousand dollars. He won the bet, for he named nearly an hundred persons whose wealth exceeds the sum mentioned. Now, that is the bright side of the picture—the glory of Pittsburgh; but we must not hide her shame!

Merchants! ISAAC HARRIS is one of yourselves—your oldest brother—a pioneer in your profession. The Almighty has blessed you with wealth and all the comforts of this life; and we doubt not but you will be "doubly blessed" if you make ISAAC HARRIS happy and comfortable also.

We hope there will be no necessity for us to refer to this subject again.

Departure of the Vice President.

The Washington *Union* of Tuesday says:—Hon. Wm. R. King, Vice President elect, accompanied by two ladies, his nieces, and his private Secretary, left Norfolk for Havana Saturday last, on board the United States steamer Fulton. Mr. King has been for some time in a low state of health, and he goes to Cuba with the hope that it will be restored by a warmer climate. We trust he will not be disappointed, and that the country may long have the benefit of his valuable services.

STILL MORE GALLIFIANISM.—The Steubenville *Union*, mentions the fact that it is whispered about Columbus, Ohio, that Mr. BLISS, Whig, late State Treasurer, is a defaulter to the amount of $65,000. The *Union* asks: Why does not the committee appointed to investigate the matter report? If true the public should know it, and if untrue it is due to Mr. Bliss that he be speedily exculpated from the suspicion.

CENTRAL OHIO RAILROAD.

We see it stated that the portion of this road between Zanesville and Columbus has been completed. The first train of passengers went through on Wednesday, the 19th inst. The U. S. mail was carried by the same train. Push on the Railroads!

WEEKLY MONEY ARTICLE.

We have little to write this week in relation to money matters. There has been no unusual demand for money since our last. The "January payments" have mostly been made, and the money now wanted is principally for the regular operations of trade.

The stock market remains without any particular change. It will be seen by the figures in our table that there have been some slight alterations since our last. Pittsburgh 6's have advanced $2, and Allegheny 6's, $1. Exchange Bank has advanced $1. Pittsburgh and Boston Copper Stock has advanced $8, and Forrest has advanced $3,50. Western Insurance Stock has declined a shade, and Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad has declined $3,50 per share.

In the Eastern cities, money appears to be plenty. The New York Evening Post of the 15th says: "The money market opens with increased ease. At 6@6½ per cent. call loans can be obtained on good securities by well-known responsible parties.

"To the speculative brokers higher rates are charged.

"Commercial bills of first-class character circulate at six per cent. for dates from six months downwards; and very short paper is taken at 5½ per cent. new.

"Sterling exchange is abundant, dull of sale, and heavy in rates. The best bills, in large amounts, can be bought at 109½, cash. The range is 108¾@109¾."

The stock market at New York, on Monday, opened firm. There were considerable purchases of Phœnix at an advance, and the stock closed at 41 offered. Pennsylvania Coal advanced 2; Cumberland ¼; Parker Vein ¾; Pœnix 2. Cary Improvement declined ½; New Creek ¼. Penn's Improvement declined ½; New Creek ¼. Penn's 5's, old issue, sold at 97½. At the Second Board the market was quite dull, and prices closed decidedly lower than in the forenoon.

The Philadelphia Ledger, says:—"Stocks on Monday closed steady at quotations. Some of the 'fancies' improved in price. Both Harrisburg and Norristown Railroad shares are selling at 52 each; Diamond Coal shares are worth 24, and Texas Notes sell at 52½. Pennsylvania Railroad shares are firm at 49½. Some of the friends of this work are very sanguine that large dividends will be earned, and that a much higher price of shares will be realized. Money is quite easy among the brokers, though we understand that, in commercial circles, it is still in request at about 7 per cent."

The annexed statement exhibits the movement in the leading departments of twenty-four banks in the State of Pennsylvania, according to returns made to the Legislature:—

BANKS OF PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY, 1853.

Banks.	Bills Discounted.	Specie and Treasury Notes.	Circulation.	Due Depositors.
Bank of Penn...	$3,574,071	$498,264	$466,299	$1,294,321
Philadelphia.....	2,894,952	504,200	433,819	1,606,237
W'n N. America...	2,397,307	547,013	454,180	1,540,194
Com'cial of Penn.	2,010,720	244,781	247,529	1,030,384
Far & Mechs. Bk. of Phila.....	2,845,351	567,371	524,793	2,068,128
Girard.....	2,228,380	683,169	717,450	1,335,964
Southwark.....	749,988	211,143	200,260	561,520
Of Commerce.....	715,571	335,047	141,930	579,575
Mechs. of City & Co. of Phila....	1,991,258	546,186	356,631	1,002,299
Western.....	1,496,936	217,591	298,799	1,063,130
Of North'n Lib....	1,105,722	268,115	239,624	663,757
Of Penn Township.	677,675	240,147	214,520	606,315
Man. & Mec. Bk. of N'n. Lib.....	603,269	225,830	250,760	487,364
Kensington.....	736,815	94,466	204,630	522,143
Tradesman's of Philadelphia.	456,693	174,177	216,280	443,108
Of Germantown..	477,746	20,041	119,009	237,291
Of Delaware Co...	314,390	57,751	99,106	191,157
Of Chester Co....	531,292	99,977	213,000	315,152
Doylestown P'k. of Bucks Co.	200,578	42,936	146,325	49,203
Easton.....	422,068	84,179	361,430	191,587
Of Monton'y Co...	675,228	82,224	218,339	172,957
Of Pittsburgh....	1,004,728	187,799	240,000	692,849
Exch'ge of Pitty'g	1,134,149	149,752	580,865	200,294
Mer. and Man. of Pitts'g....	1,188,168	101,418	505,752	274,993
Lancaster.....	1,122,299	119,661	222,763	129,480
	$34,529,315	$6,278,222	$7,415,504	$19,833,860

It will be seen by this that the amount of specie on hand compares very favorably with the amount of circulation.

Statement of the Bank of Kentucky and Branches, 1st January, 1853.

RESOURCES.

Notes Discounted	$2,349,802 85	
Bills of Exchange	3,926,419 00	$6,276,222 45
Suspended Debt to Suit	98,526 76	
Bonds of the city of Louisville, 6 per cent.....	181,710 00	
Real Estate for debt	52,219 29	333,455 99
Due from Bank		703,501 83
Stocks and Bonds of other Corporations		30,093 95
Assets received from Schuylkill Bank: etc., estimated at	600,000 00	
Deduct amount realized	337,771 44	262,228 56
Real Estate, for Banking Houses Cash—Gold and Silver	1,328,540 23	
Notes of other Banks	218,092 00	
On Deposite in Banks in Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore.....	437,200 32	1,984,432 55
		$9,690,739 38

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock		$3,700,000 00
Surplus Contingent Fund of 2 per cent. reserved by charter.	$74,000 00	
Fund to cover losses on Banking House	40,670 84	
Fund to cover losses by bad Debts.....	57,691 71	
Fund for extra Dividends, from Schuylkill Bank assets.....	285,500 00	
Profit and loss balance, after deducting present dividend...	98,014 70	555,877 25
Dividends uncalled for		7,572 80
Dividend No. 30, January 1853, 5 per cent.....		185,000 00
Due to Depositors		477,947 57
Due to Bank		662,759 64
Circulations		2,529,423 00
Due to Treasurer of Kentucky		773,747 35
		$9,690,739 38

BANK OF KENTUCKY, Louisville, 3d January, 1853. } S. H. BULLER, Cashier.

FIRES AT HOLLIDAYSBURG, &c.

The Hollidaysburg *Standard* of Wednesday contains an account of a number of fires which occurred at that place the previous night, which were evidently the work of incendiaries. The Livery Stable of C. P. Delaney, situated in the alley in the rear of the American House, with its entire contents, consisting of hay, harness and a quantity of grain were all consumed.—Shocking to relate, four horses also perished in the flames, and another was so badly burned that he had to be shot. The loss of Mr. Delaney will probably amount to $1,000 or $1,500.

The adjoining stable of Mr. Graff was slightly damaged, and was only saved from total destruction by extinguishing the flames with snow.

The stable of Mr. Delaney had hardly been consumed says the *Standard*, ere the alarm of fire was again raised, and the flames were seen issuing from the roof of the extensive stabling attached to the Exchange Hotel, which was also burned to the ground, together with about one hundred bushels of oats and some two or three tons of hay. The remainder of the contents of the stable, consisting of 6 or 8 horses, buggies and harness and two or three cows, hogs, &c, were fortunately rescued from the jaws of the devouring element. A two story frame house, opposite the stable, belonging to T. B. Moore, and occupied by I. Hooper, was considerably damaged by the fire. In this, as in the former fire, the snow on the roof of the surrounding buildings was all that saved them from destruction, the engines being perfectly useless. Fortunately, the night, though cold, was perfectly calm, not a breath of wind moving. Had the wind been high, nothing could have saved the greater part of the town from destruction.

On the same evening, the bed-room of Mr. J. H. Douglass, in the second story of his grocery was entered by the back window and the bed fired, which was fortunately discovered and extinguished before any material damage was done except to the bed and bedding, which were consumed. This occurred about 11 o'clock.

The stable of D. Watson was also discovered to be on fire soon after, the fire having been communicated to some straw in the mow, but the flames were extinguished before any damage was done to the building.

☞ The Steubenville *Herald*, learns that a large amount of stock has been subscribed by the citizens of Martainsville towards the construction of a railroad from Bridgeport, on the Ohio side to connect with the Steubenville and Pittsburgh and Indiana Railroads at this city.

GENERAL ROBERT ARMSTRONG.

At the Banquet of the Jackson Democratic Association in Washington, on the 8th of January, in honor of the Battle of New Orleans, and of the Inauguration of the Statue to commemorate the memory of the illustrious JACKSON, amongst other toasts the following was given by Judge DOUGLAS, the orator of the day:

General Robert Armstrong: The man who, according to the statement of Jackson, turned the fate of the battle, and saved his army at Eutochopee.

This toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and three hearty and deafening cheers were given.

Gen. ARMSTRONG rose in reply, and said:

Mr. President and gentlemen, I beg leave to return my most grateful acknowledgments to the distinguished orator of the day for the sentiment which he has just done me the honor to propose and also most sincerely to thank the company around me for the kindness with which it has been received.

I need hardly say, sir, that I make no claim to have done anything deserving of the high honor of the remark which my eloquent friend has attributed to General Jackson in relation to my conduct while bearing arms under his command. If General Jackson ever said anything of the kind concerning me, it must be taken only as a signal instance of the unbounded generosity with which his noble heart, forgetful of his own illustrious deeds, was always wont to bear the most willing witness to all that was honestly and faithfully attempted by others who chanced in any way to be associated with him in counsel or in arms.

But, upon this occasion, consecrated to the honor of his great name, I should do the deepest injustice to my feelings if I did not publicly acknowledge, as far the proudest recollection of my life, the degree of personal friendship which during his mighty career he bestowed upon me, and which the approach of his last hours did not seem to weaken.

Mr. President, it is well known that when General Jackson left the Hermitage to assume the duties of the Presidency he had just been called to submit, in the death of his beloved wife, to a most afflicting dispensation of Divine Providence. I well remember his protraction and distresses under the bereavement. I well remember how, on the very night before he left the Hermitage, he sided with his own hands to place upon the tomb of her he had so loved and lost, the monument which told of her virtues; and I can never forget the tones in which, when that pious work was done, he said to his friends around him. "AND NOW I GO TO GIVE MYSELF TO MY COUNTRY."

Mr. President, I will not at this time trust myself to refer in any but the most general terms, to that indescribably painful event which has just saddened the whole country in carrying desolation into the home and heart of him whom the people of the United States have almost by acclamation chosen to fill the august station once filled by the Hero of the Hermitage. The solemn and final seal of similarity in mourning and bereavement has indeed been placed by the hand of the Most High upon two careers and characters which in different circumstances had already exhibited many parallel points of common merit, interest and hope.

I give you, sir—

The Administration of General Jackson and the Administration of General Pierce: both in their commencement called to the chastening of private calamity and sorrow—both in their course destined to the illustration of public beneficence and honor!

Interesting Legal Decision—The Neutrality Laws of the United States.

Chief Justice Taney delivered an important decision in the U. S. Supreme Court, a few days ago, in the case of certain American citizens, against Col. Thomas J. Chambers, of Texas.—While Texas was contending against Mexico, but before her independence had been acknowledged by our government, the defendant, Chambers, desiring to carry on the revolutionary cause, sold large tracts of land to the defendants—title to which he covenanted to make at any time when called upon by the purchasers. The purchase money was expended in equipping soldiers for the revolutionary army; and after the establishment of Texan independence, defendant received the thanks of the Congress of the new Republic, and was reimbursed all the expenses incurred by him during the war, in the public service, including the price of these lands. Subsequently he was called upon to make title to the lands sold to plaintiffs, which he refused. Suit was brought to compel him to the performance of his covenant, and he set up in defence the allegation that the contract was void, because in contravention of the neutrality laws of the United States. The court sustained this defence, deciding the contract to be null and void, and those who advanced the money, were liable to be punished in a criminal prosecution, for a violation of the neutrality laws of the United States.

Death of Joseph M. Mason, Esq.

This community was shocked on yesterday morning, by the reception of despatches from Columbus, announcing the death of Joseph M. Mason, Esq., of this city. It is supposed he stumbled and fell into a cellar on Sunday night, as he was found early on Sunday morning, dead, his neck having been broken by the fall.

Mr. Mason left here in the beginning of last week, in robust health and in excellent spirits, to attend to some business connected with his profession, before the Court in Banc, at Columbus. We saw him a few minutes before he left, and as we listened to his humorous sallies, and heard his cheerful "good bye," little did we expect thus soon to be called on to record his swift and terrible exit to the grave.

Poor Joe! He had not one enemy, and that was himself. Had he conquered him, he might have been in the very front rank of his profession, and his eminent talents might have graced high stations. He was in his 38th year. Green be the grass above him, and may God guard his little children, now left without a natural protector in the world.

P. S. A despatch, received yesterday afternoon from Col. McCook, says that there was neither money nor watch found on Mr. Mason's person. As he had a fine gold watch when, this circumstance gives rise to apprehensions that he has met with foul play.—*Steubenville Union, Jan. 18.*

A WHIG GOVERNOR IN MAINE.—It appears the Hon. Wm. G. Crosby, whig is the Governor elect of Maine. No choice having been made by the people it became the duty of the House of Representatives, under the constitution, to place before the Senate the names of two candidates, selected from the four who had received the highest popular vote. The names of Mr. Crosby and of Governor Hubbard, the late incumbent, were selected by the House, and the former was chosen Governor by the Senate, the vote in that body being 17 to 14. The House has nothing to do with confirming the election, as previously reported by telegraph.

PASS HIM ROUND.—The Livingston *Union*, Mt. Morris, exposes in its columns a man named W. A. Wilmot, who stopped there a few weeks with the ostensible purpose of selling Crimping Machines. He left abruptly without liquidating sundry debts he had contracted, taking with him the wife and daughter of another man. The wife is not regarded as a very heavy loss, but the daughter, a girl about 15 years of age, would be gladly welcomed home again.

☞ The Governor of Michigan takes decided and open ground in favor of a general railroad law, and expresses the opinion that the constitution prohibits the right to amend the original charters of either of the railroads in the State, giving them additional privileges, or allowing them to change the terminus of their roads—in other words, to build new roads.

STEAM ON CANALS.—It seems that steam has been used on the Schuylkill Canal as well as on the Chesapeake and Ohio. We learn from the Pottsville Mining Register that there is a steam canal boat on the Navigation works, which, a short time since, performed a trip to New York, carrying 150 tons of coal, traveling at the rate of six miles per hour.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.—One of the papers of the "spirit rappers," in pretending to be informed of the affairs of the dead, states that Napoleon and Wellington are quarreling about the affair at Waterloo. This should teach people to get through with their fighting and quarreling before leaving this world.

Items of News and Miscellany.

It is not the height to which men are advanced that makes them giddy; it is the looking down with contempt upon those below them.

During 1852, there were 23 vessels wrecked on the Florida Reef; amount of salvage paid, $80,112; expenses, $82,588 Value of vessels and cargoes, $663,800.

Stephen Paulding, one of the veterans who composed Washington's Life Guard, died in Monroe, Me., on the 30th ult., in the 97th year of his age.

Taking Third street, Philadelphia, from the lower end of Southwark, on to the Germantown road, and then up said road to the top of Chestnut Hill, is said to give one continues line of pavements, 14 miles long—the longest in the world.

Mr. William Hall an American machinist, having died in the district of Cabanas, Cuba, in 1846, the Judge of Probate of the Orphans' Court at Havana gives notice to his relations, who are unknown, that the sum of $52 50, left by him can be obtained on proper application.

The Governor of Michigan, in his late message says the temperance law of last year has not answered the expectations of its advocates, and is not generally enforced. A bill has been introduced into the Illinois Legislature repealing the liquor law of 1851, and allowing country courts to grant licenses at such rates as they may see fit to establish.

A young lawyer named Lawson, of New York, has been sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment at Wethersfield, Connecticut, for forged pension certificates in that State.

The internal heat of the earth increases so rapidly with the increase of depth, that granite is in a state of fusion about twenty or thirty miles below the surface.

A Vienna paper announces that a black cantatrice, named Greenfield, who has obtained a brilliant reputation in North America, her birth place, is to make her debut specially at the theatre of Carltdat.

Gov. French, of Illinois, in his annual message sets down the State debt, with the interest dues at $16,724,177. He estimates that within five years the State will be able to meet the entire interest upon the debt as it becomes due, without a resort to increased taxation.

The works of Daniel Webster, speaks favorably, we think, for the intelligence and sound national feeling of the people of this country, that Messrs. Little, Brown & Co, have been called upon to issue the sixth edition of Mr. Webster's work's.—*Boston Advertiser.*

The Celebrated Will of R. T. Hairston, of Henry county, Miss., by which his whole estate, amounting to half a million of dollars, is given to a little negro, was admitted to record, we see, at the last term of the county court.

Mr. Chisholm says the best time to select a wife is in the morning. If a young lady is at all inclined to sulks and slatternness, it is just before breakfast. As a general thing a woman don't get "on her temper" until after 10 A. M.

In a late number of the London Athenæum we find forty-nine American books advertised, one extensively reviewed, and four favorably "noticed." A far greater number of volumes of American literature have been sold in England during the year 1852, than of English literature in America!

The Collins' Steamers have made the best passages this season. None of them have put into intermediate ports for fuel, as many other steamers have been obliged to do.

Interesting from New Mexico.

The St. Louis Republican has Santa Fe dates to the 27th of November. The result of the Presidential election reached that place in 25 days, from Missouri.

Governor Lane, who is also Superintendent of Indian Affairs, has issued a pretty severe set of rules for the government of the Indian agents in his jurisdiction.

A "talk" was recently held with the Utahs and Apaches, at Abiquiu, at which Chacon, an Apache chief, gave a full account of the Massacre of White's party in 1849. Mr. White and a negro woman were killed, and Mrs. White and child were captured, and carried off prisoners to Red River, where they were kept until the Indians were attacked by the American troops under Major Fitz Arch. They had taken good care of them, and had the Americans sent for them peaceably, instead of fighting, they would have been given up unharmed. Mrs. White was killed when the fight commenced, and Chacon says that he has always been told that the child was killed with the mother. He has never seen or heard of it since. We have never heard that this was the fate of "Mrs. White's child," which has been the subject of so much speculation and many rumors.

Mr. Greiner distributed provisions and presents among those in attendance, to the amount, we believe, of $3,000. They expressed themselves much gratified, and departed in peace.

One of the Utah chiefs in the conference thought the Americans must like the Chians and Kiawas better than the Utahs, because they went among the former, married the squaws, and lived with them. Rather a logical deduction for an Indian.

Major Wingfield left Santa Fe as an Indian agent a short time since, for Fort Webster.

Cash Payments on the Public Works.

We take the present opportunity of calling the attention of the Legislature to the system of cash payments upon the public works, that was attempted to be established last winter. As far as it has gone, it has worked admirably, but unfortunately, the old debts were somewhat larger than was anticipated, and the appropriations were insufficient, which caused a partial failure of the system. Neither were the appropriations for current work large enough in all cases. This should be remedied at the earliest practicable period. The canal officers should be required by the Board, and we presume they have been, to report every old debt due by the Commonwealth, and these should all be paid off at once. After this is done the canal and railroad officers should be provided with funds to pay off all bills contracted, whether for labor or materials, at the end of every month. This system should be adhered to strictly, as the only economical one that can be adopted. Nearly all our railroad companies pursue the cash system, and so ought the State in all cases, particularly as the plea of want of funds cannot be set up.

We advocated this system for several years before it was adopted by the State, and now that it has been commenced, we trust it will be carried out to perfection and pertinaciously adhered to.—*Harrisburgh Union.*

RAIL ROAD RHYMES.—Punch suggests the propriety of amending the Nursery Rhymes for the children of the present generation; and inasmuch as accidents will happen on the best managed railroads, he submits the propriety of making *them* the hobgoblins" frightening the little dears. He gives the following specimens:

AIR—"I RIDE A COCK-HORSE."

Fly by steam force the country across,
Faster than jockey outside a race horse:
With time-bills mismanaged, fast trains after slow,
You shall have danger wherever you go.

AIR—"LITTLE BO-PEEP."

Little Bo-Peep
Is far astray,
In th' excursion train you'll find him.
Oh! its ten to one
If he ever gets home—
For a "special" is close behind him.

AIR—"HUSH A-BY, BABY."

Rock away, passenger, in the third class,
When your train shuts a faster will pass:
When your train's late your chances are small—
Crushed will be carriages, engine and all.

AIR—"DICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK."

Smashery, mashery, crash!
Into the "Goods" we dash:
The "express" we find
Is just behind—
Smashery, mashery, crash!

PAY IN THE NAVY.—The new naval reform bill proposes the following as the pay of the personnel of the navy:

The pay of midshipmen as now allowed by law; boatswains, gunners, carpenters, and sailmakers, newly appointed, and before having a warrant, on duty, per annum, $700 in leave of absence or waiting orders, $500—after 5 years' sea service, and having a warrant, on duty, $800—on leave or waiting orders, $600—after 10 years' sea service, on duty, $900—on leave of absence, or waiting orders, $700; armorers in ships of the line, $25 per month; armorers in frigates, $20 per month; armorers in sloops, $25 per month; master-at-arms, $29 per month; ship's corporal, $25 per month; coxswains, quartermasters, quarter gunners, captains of forecastle, captains of tops, captains of after-guard, captains of hold, coopers, painters, stewards, cooks, and masters of the band, each $24 per month; musicians, $20 per month; seamen, $18 per month; ordinary seamen, $16 per month; landsmen, $12 per month; boys, $8 per month; firemen; first class, $35 per month; firemen, second class, $30 per month; coal heavers, $30 per month.

Dr. M'Lane's Liver Pills.

☞ This great American Remedy for one of the most formidable ills that flesh is heir to, is now acknowledged to be superior to any medicine of the kind ever offered to the public. The action is easy, certain, and attendant with no unpleasant results. It has never been tried without producing the most salutary effect. Compounded by one of the most eminent physicians in our country, it is the medicine which science, skill and experience offers to human suffering. It is only necessary to give this medicine a fair trial to place it far above all medical agents of the kind ever offered to the public. Call and purchase.

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

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Bishop Simpson's Lecture—Bishop SIMPSON will deliver a Lecture on THE PRETERNATURAL, on TUESDAY EVENING, the 25th instant, in MASONIC HALL, Fifth street. The proceeds are to be applied to the purchase of Lots in the Allegheny Cemetery, for the use of Methodist ministers and their families. Tickets to be had at J. D. Reed's Book Store, Fourth street, and at sundry other places. Lecture to commence at 7½ o'clock. jan20

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO LETS—For sale at this office.

PRIME ROLL BUTTER—17 bbls. (in cloths) for sale by SMITH & SINCLAIR. [jan21]

RICE—10 tierces, (fresh beat,) for sale by SMITH & SINCLAIR. jan21

N. O. SUGAR—50 hhds. (new crop,) prime, for sale by SMITH & SINCLAIR. jan21

SALERATUS—50 boxes, for sale by SMITH & SINCLAIR. jan21

1 GROSS LUDLUM'S SPECIFIC—In store and for sale by J. KIDD & CO. jan21

1200 LBS. POWDERED JALAP—Pure, in store and for sale by J. KIDD & CO. [jan21]

30 BBLS. ALCOHOL—92 and 76 per cent. in store and for sale by J. KIDD & CO., 60 Wood street. jan21

WANTED—A purchase money Mortgage on City property, for One Thousand Dollars—three years date. By AUSTIN LOOMIS, Stock Broker, No. 62 Fourth street. jan21

NOTICE.

LETTERS of Administration have this (18th) day of January, 1853, been granted to JOSEPH WELLINGTON ST. LEGER DE HARPERT, on the Estate of WILLIAM DE HARPERT, late of Allegheny County, deceased. All persons indebted to said Estate will make immediate payment, and those having claims will present them duly authenticated for settlement, to JOSEPH WELLINGTON ST. LEGER DE HARPERT, Administrator, at his residence, in West Elizabeth. jan21:w6t*

Farm to Let!

THE FARM on which the subscriber resides, in Robinson Township, five miles from the city, near McKee's Station, will be leased for a term of years, from the 1st of April next. There is one hundred acres cleared land; a good house and large barn, and other buildings; a fine orchard of bearing fruit trees. Three hundred bushels of lime have been put on the place within the last year.

Apply on the premises. SARAH NICHOL.

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H. O. HOOD has just returned from New York, with a very fine lot of GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES. Also, a good assortment of rich and fashionable Jewelry, fine Diamond Rings, Silver Cups and Spoons, Knives and Forks, and a great variety of other fine goods. All of which he will sell at from 25 to 50 per cent cheaper than the same quality of goods can be bought for at any other establishment in Pittsburgh. His motto is always to sell the best quality of goods and at their true values, so that all may buy equally safe and cheap

Please call at 56 Market street. [ja21

ATHENÆUM!

THE CHINESE MAGICIANS! DAY PERFORMANCES FOR THE JUVENILES! FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, January 21st and 22d. The management of the Oriental Magicians, and Chinese Jugglers, will give day exhibitions as above, more especially for the amusement and instruction of children and youth,—in which a variety of the most interesting feats of the Troupe will be performed.

☞ Doors open at 1½ o'clock. Performance to commence at 2½ o'clock, precisely.

☞ Admittance 25 cents, or five tickets for $1. Jan21

DYE STUFFS—10 bbls. Ground Cuba Fustic; 20 do chipped do do do; 50 do do Logwood; 5 do Peach Wood; 5 do Red Sanders; 5 do Ground Turmeric; 10 do Ground Logwood; 10 do Fanwood; 10 do Hypernic Wood; 500 lbs. Sicily Sumach; 2500 do Quercitron Bark; 1000 do Cutch; In store and for sale by J. KIDD & CO., 60 Wood street. jan21

Allegheny County, ss.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT in and for said County. No. 23 December Term, 1852. In the matter of the Estate of R. A. Gordon, deceased.

And now, to wit: 15th of January, 1853, on motion of John M. Kirkpatrick, the Court appoint Thomas M'Connell, Auditor, to examine the account of Administration and make report thereon. By the Court. JARED M. BEUSH, Clerk.

All persons indebted will take notice, that the Auditor will attend to the duties of his appointment on the 15th of February next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the office of Robb & Pittsburgh, at the corner of Fourth street and Cherry alley. THOMAS M'CONNELL, Auditor. jan21:2t&3tw

FOR SALE—A House and Lot, in the Ninth Ward, on Penn street, on a lease for fifteen years, from the first of the present month; suitable for a Grocery Store. The dwelling part contains six rooms, in good condition. Price $1000. Terms easy.

ALSO—A Lot, on Coal Hill, or Mount Washington, 56 by 165 feet; on which is erected three small frame houses, paying a rent of $72 annually. This property can be had low, on easy terms.

ALSO—A Brick House and Lot, in the Sixth Ward; well finished. Will be sold or exchanged for country property. ALSO—Two Building Lots, on Centre Avenue, each 22½ feet front by 95 feet deep. This is a desirable location for those wanting to build.

TO-LET—From the first of April next, a two story Brick Dwelling, with a large Store Room, suitable for a Grocery Store, on the corner of Centre Avenue and Roberts street, Seventh Ward. Apply to LOWRY & HAGERTY, Intelligence Office, and Real Estate Agents, jan21 corner of Wood and Fifth streets.

FRENCH MERINOS.—A. MASON & CO. are closing out the balance of their large stock of French Merinos, in all the most fashionable colors, at an immense reduction in prices. jan20

PURSE FOUND!

ON the 20th of December, at the Pittsburgh end of the Allegheny Bridge, containing an amount of money. The owner can have the Purse by proving property and paying charges. Jan20:3t&1w*

STEAM ENGINE—FOR SALE—A new and complete Engine, without the Boiler; upright cylinder of 8 inches diameter, with 12 inches stroke. Price $350. Terms easy. S. CUTHBERT & SON, 140 Third street.

TO LET—The Warehouse on the Canal Basin, and near the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot, now occupied by the Baltic Fire Brick Company. It is forty feet front on Liberty street, extending to the Canal Basin, and is eligibly located for any public business. Apply to JAMES BLAKELY, 158, corner of Wood and Liberty streets. Jan20

A PERSON desirous of engaging in MANUFACTURING of some kind, who has a capital of $4000 to time, with his own personal services, can be addressed through lock Box No. 11, Post Office, Pittsburgh. Communications will be confidentially received and answered, if accompanied by satisfactory references will be given and required. jan20:3t*

A PROFITABLE INVESTMENT—Any one wanting a good and profitable investment, for any spare funds they may have, will find it to their advantage to call at the Tobacco Emporium, and examine the stock of Cigars, selling at such prices as cannot fail to satisfy every one. *WE STUDY TO PLEASE.* CHESTER, 74 Wood street.

GOOD DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE—Situated on Main street, Allegheny City, containing a hall, parlor, dining room and kitchen, with two cellars, with a hall and dining room and kitchen, with two cellars, with a hall and four rooms on the second story. The Lot is 20 feet front by 100 deep, to a 20 feet alley. Price $2000. Also, a Building Lot, in the Seventh Ward, Pittsburgh, 22 feet front on Duncan street, by 120 feet to Enoch street. Price $300. S. CUTHBERT & SON, General Agents, 140 Third street.

TO-LET!

NO. 15 WOOD STREET, adjoining our Warehouse—with a superior FIRE AND THIEF PROOF VAULT, counters and other fixtures.

The location and arrangement are admirably adapted to a BANKING HOUSE or INSURANCE OFFICE, and for such a purpose will be rented on favorable terms. Possession given immediately. Enquire of CURLING, ROBERTSON & CO., corner of Wood and Front streets. Jan20

EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Board of Directors of the "Young Men's Mercantile Library Association and Mechanics' Institute," at a special meeting held on Saturday evening, January 15th, 1853, the following resolution was passed unanimously, and ordered to be published in the daily papers:—

"*Resolved*, That any person who will donate Books to the amount of $100, the value, quality, and kind of work, to be examined, judged of, and estimated by the Library Committee, shall be entitled to the full privileges of a Life Member. W. H. KINCAID, Secretary of the Board. Jan20

ANOTHER of those Sticking Matches occurred in our city last night, when all good citizens were calmly and comfortably reposing at the mid hour of the night—when, on Wood street, one of those cries of murder was heard, so unusuous an occurrence in our city. When the police came up, they found a Rat in his last agonies, saying that he had been struck by a man named Exterminator. He was uncovered for by the unfeeling passers by, until the Coroner came and held an inquest on the dead body; and the verdict of the jury was, that he came to his death by the hands of Genuine Exterminator. Sold wholesale and retail, by KEATING, corner of Wylie and Fulton streets. Jan20

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.
COMMISSION AND FORWARDING HOUSE,

JOSEPH MOGRIDGE,

(Late Twitchell & Mogridge.)

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