Daily Morning Post.

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MORNING POST JOB OFFICE.

We have now employed in our Job Office an unusual number of excellent job printers, and are prepared to execute all orders with neatness unsurpassed, and with a speed that *shall* not be beat.

Democratic Executive Committee.

Pursuant to notice, the Committee met and organized, at the St. Charles Hotel, when, upon motion of Geo. Wilson, seconded by August Fallen, it was

Resolved, That the Democrats of Pittsburgh, meet in their respective Wards, at the usual places for holding primary meetings, on Saturday next, the 24th, and elect five delegates to represent them in City Convention, which will meet on the following Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to nominate a candidate for the Mayoralty.

The meetings shall organize at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remain open until 5 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN C. DUNN, Chm'n.
Geo. Wilson, Secretary.

Our Weekly—Of this morning is for sale at the counter. It is filled with excellent matter, comprising Select Tales and Poetry; Foreign News; Congressional News; Domestic News, from all parts of the Union; Editorials; and a little of everything. In addition to the above, we give a full Market Report, prepared with great care, and we can confidently recommend those interested to rely upon what it sets forth.

The Gazette and the Mayoralty.

The editor of the *Gazette* seems perfectly delighted with the Whig and *Antimasonic* candidate for Mayor; and is evidently anxious to have some one attack Mr. Volz, that the old bellicose may have the privilege of replying. We will gratify our neighbor with a little opening for fun, and something to write about. The fact is we have been so busy of late with smoke consumers, iron manufactures, news, statistics, and other matters of general interest, that we have rather neglected our neighbor of the *Gazette*. We must give him a rub occasionally, as we do all other matters that need reform and correction. We think a "smoke consumer" applied to the *Gazette* would clear away some of its smoke and fogyism, and enable it to give more light to its readers.

But to Mr. Ferdinand E. Volz. How does Mr. *Gazette* like his masonry. We can't say we have any special objection to him on that account. But the accredited organ of *Antimasonry* might, we should suppose, take a different view of the matter. Has the *Gazette* resolved to abandon all its long cherished principles? If so, when will he abandon the Maine law cause, and various other subjects that he advocates now.

What thinks the *Gazette*, too, of the shabby manner in which Mr. Sawyer has been treated. A staunch whig, a good citizen, one of the men who has not only grown up with the city, but has helped to build up the city and its business; but he is thrust aside to make room for a young man. Mr. Sawyer was a candidate, seeking the office by fair means; yet the *Gazette* seems to rejoice at his defeat.

Last year, the whigs elected their candidate for Mayor. He was every way competent, gentlemanly, intelligent; true to his party and his principles; and he has made as good an officer as any whig that can be found. Under such circumstances, he might reasonably expect and claim a re-nomination. Yet he too is thrust aside for a new man, and a much younger man; and the *Gazette* seems delighted with the result. Had Mr. Riddle been re-nominated, we would have helped to defeat him with a hearty good will. But he certainly deserved something different from his own party. Usage, custom, fair-dealing, and everything else are thrown overboard in order to give the *Gazette* the pleasure of supporting a "free and accepted mason," of high rank in the order. And the *Journal* and *American* are *compelled* to raise his name at the head of their columns, much against their will. We are not opposed to masonry ourselves; but we like to see a little consistency in those who are.

We hope the democrats will give us a good candidate next week, and then we will go in for city reform, and the rule of the people.

NEW YORK HERALD.

The *Herald* openly announces itself as the leading organ of the disorganizers, and opponents of the administration in New York, and in the United States Senate. We hope the small faction, that has thus foolishly undertaken to embarrass the administration of Gen. Pierce, are proud of their leader. He is certainly unscrupulous enough to suit their purposes, and like many of themselves, Bennett too is maddened by disappointment, as an applicant for office. It must be confessed that Mr. Bennett has had wonderful success in forming a new party in so short a time, and gathering to it such strength as could, with the help of the Whigs, secure the election of an opponent of the administration as printer to the Senate. Capt. Bennett has certainly got up a large company in a short time, but we are unable to see what good or harm this new party can do. Gen. Pierce's administration is as cordially supported by the press, and the people all over the country as any administration has been for half a century. A party, with Capt. Bennett for a leader, can do little harm to a President, elected by so overwhelming a majority; whose course hitherto has been so generally and cordially approved; and whose firmness has never failed in any trial yet.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

We have received Vol. I, No. I, of "Frank Leslie's *Ladies Gazette of Fashion*," and for fashionable people we should think it would be a very acceptable magazine. The fashion plates are got up in a more gorgeous style than we have seen anywhere else; and the reading, we think it quite probable, is equally good. We have not read it, however, and don't expect to. The fashion plate of a smoke consumer would be a much more profitable affair for our city.

This book of fashion is for sale by Gildenfenney & Co., and Milner & Co., at their depots.

☞ At the Mitchel Festival, in New York city, on Monday evening, Mr. P. J. Smyth, in replying to a toast, stated that the honor of rescuing Mitchel from bondage belongs to "the Irish Directory," who employed him (Smyth) as an agent for that purpose, and used to that end the funds subscribed by Irishmen in this country, to aid the struggle in which Mitchel and his compatriots were engaged in Ireland. This statement was corroborated by Mr. Robert Emmitt. This secret has been remarkably well kept, in the face of the repeated and continued newspaper attacks upon the members of the Directory, with respect to the disposition of the funds.

Filibustering.—The Washington correspondent of the *North American*, writing home from Washington, on Wednesday last, states that the Government has transmitted strong instructions to the United States officers on the Pacific coast to use all their power and influence against filibustering. The administration is anti-filibustering, and Gen. Wool, the new commander of the U. S. troops in California, is fully instructed in relation to illegal expeditions. Gen. Alincote is active in protecting the interests of Mexico.

Death of an Editor.—Rev. Thos. J. Norris, the editor and proprietor of the "Olive Branch," a religious and literary periodical, died at his residence, at Somerville, Mass., on Wednesday last.

Forest City Democrat in a Rage.

We begin to doubt whether it is quite safe for us to say any thing more about the Cleveland editors for the present. The *Plaindealer* replies to our remarks in the same spirit in which they were written. Its editor gives us some "good hits," and stoutly defends its own soundness on the cake question. But the Forest City *Democrat* is evidently a man of a different temper. And a more infamous "lambasting" than he administers to the whole State of Pennsylvania, in his paper of the 22d inst., we never read. And a more unjust and untrue rigmarole of malignant nonsense could hardly be devised. Because the misguided people of Erie commit a breach of law, the *Democrat* proposes to have the charter of the Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad repealed by the Ohio legislature next week. The *Democrat* charges upon Pennsylvania the greatest frauds imaginable in regard to railroad charters, and makes out our old commonwealth one of the greatest rascals unhung.

We have repeatedly, within the last few months, advocated free trade in railroad matters; which means that we would allow Ohio, New York, Maryland, or any other State as well as our own people, to build railroads over our soil wherever they please, under proper restrictions to protect the rights of the citizens. That is our opinion, and from indications from different quarters, we believe it will become the settled policy of the State in a year or two.

Had such a policy been adopted years ago, Pennsylvania would have been much better supplied with railroads than she is at the present time; and a considerable portion of them would have been built by the money of other States. We would have had all the benefits of the roads without the cost of building a portion of them. Millions of dollars of the capital of other States would have been expended in our State, and the vast mineral and agricultural wealth of Pennsylvania would have been developed by the roads thus built.

Such has been the language of the *Post* again and again, within the last few months; and we are of the same opinion still. But when we find Cleveland editors proclaiming to the world that a Pennsylvania city is not needed on the face of the earth, and that it ought to be ruined; and begging the traveling public to buy all its dinners and suppers and breakfasts at Cleveland, Dunkirk and Buffalo, and not leave a cent in Erie or Pennsylvania, then, we confess, our liberal sentiments begin to contract. And when to that is added a threat of repealing the charter of a road that millions of Pennsylvania money have been employed in building, mainly for the benefit of Ohio, we confess again that we almost doubt the propriety of any liberality in such matters. Repeal the charter of this road: then charter an Ohio company to take possession of it. A beautiful scheme! A palpable and unmitigated theft rather. Yet a Cleveland editor recommends it.

But the people of Ohio would scorn such baseness. All the while observe, the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company has nothing whatever to do with outrages at Erie: and is in no way interested in the matter. We consider this road in no danger; and have only mentioned the matter to show into what utter and infamous absurdities the wrath of the Cleveland editors is leading them.

We think people will be very much inclined to suppose the Erians have some justice on their side, when their opponents exhibit such utter and unscrupulous depravity.

We would give no encouragement to lawlessness in Erie. Let travel and trade go free every where. But the "cute Yankees" of New York, while cursing the Erians, have managed to have a break of gauge both at Dunkirk and Buffalo.

The Prize Poem.—The Committee appointed to examine the communications presented, for the prize offered by Mr. Latham, for the best "national Poem, Ode, or Epic," have made a report, in which they state, "that, after a deliberate examination, they came to the unanimous conclusion that, in their judgment, there is no production among those submitted of such a character in its conception and execution, as justly to entitle it to be considered a "National Poem, Ode, or Epic;" and that they, therefore, respectfully decline recommending any one of them for the prize."

The committee consisted of a number of learned and distinguished gentlemen.

The rejected poems will be published in a volume, as soon as arrangements can be made to do so.

Washing Pavements in Frosty Weather.—Some of the Philadelphia papers are condemning the practice of washing pavements in frosty weather. The objections made are reasonable and true. The water freezes the moment it touches the pavement, and it requires the utmost caution to travel over the clean spot without catching a fall, and perhaps a broken limb. To the aged and infirm this practice is especially dangerous. A fall to one of them on the frozen pavement, may produce the most serious consequences, and perhaps be the cause of shortening their lives.

☞ A census of Georgia, for State purposes, has just been taken, and returns from all the counties, except Camden, Clinch and Gwynn, show the following aggregates:—White population, 542,667; slaves, 289,287; free persons of color, 3,286; total, 836,090; white males between the ages of 6 and 16 years, 78,140; white females between the ages of 6 and 15 years, 70,100; deaf and dumb, 432; lunatics, 617; number of families, 96,698. In 1850, according to the United States Census returns, the population of Georgia was 905,999.

PRIMARY MEETINGS.

If our Democratic friends in the different wards will leave with us the result of the primary meetings held to-day, at as early an hour as convenient, we will be under many obligations to them.

New Oyster Saloon.—Mr. D. Bernard, our opposite neighbor, has opened a new Saloon, directly opposite our office, where he will serve up the bivalves in a manner that cannot fail to please all tastes, at prices as cheap as the cheapest.

Ward Meetings.—The ward Democratic meetings will take place this evening. It is to be hoped that a full attendance of the members of the party will be present, so that a fair expression of their wishes may be heard.

FIRE IN MT. VERNON, OHIO.

Last evening we received the following telegraphic despatch, in regard to a fire which occurred in Mt. Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, yesterday morning, between twelve and one o'clock:

[By Wade's Line—office in Federal street station of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad.]

Mt. Vernon, December 23

Last night, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock, A. M., a large four story brick woolen factory, of Messrs. Potwin & Curtis, together with all the machinery and a large portion of the stock and manufactured clothing on hand, were destroyed. The fire was first discovered on the third story—the origin of which, as yet, has not been discovered. The loss is great—supposed to be between fifty and sixty thousand dollars. A small portion of which only, it is feared, was really covered by insurance. The establishment was but recently purchased by Messrs. Potwin & Curtis, and it is supposed a portion of the sum insured cannot be recovered, as one of the policies had not been transferred to the new purchasers. Two frame dwellings adjoining were also destroyed. Fortunately it had been raining most of the night, and but little wind stirring, or a large portion of our city would have been destroyed by the devastating element.

IMPORTANT LETTERS.

We invite attention to the following letters from the Hon. Lewis Cass and the Hon. Jere. Clemens, to a committee of Philadelphians, in answer to an invitation to be present and address an anti-Democratic anti-Administration meeting in this city. The avowed objects of the meeting, as expressed in the letter from the committee inviting these distinguished gentlemen to our city, first, are the "repudiation of the disunion tendencies of certain members of the Federal Government," and secondly, "the selection of a sound National Democrat as a candidate for Governor." With these avowed objects, the Honorable gentlemen in question are invited to this State, and the answer to the letter from the Committee by Mr. Clemens, is such a one as will long remain in the memory of those who thus insulted his well known fidelity to the principles of the party, and its union in all sections of the country. In publishing the letter, the Washington *Star* accompanies it with the annexed comments:

"Yesterday we mentioned that the Hon. Jere. Clemens, of Alabama, had refused to permit himself to be used in the work of breaking up the Democratic party. Since penning that paragraph, we have not only obtained a copy of his letter to the committee having in charge the arrangements for the anti-Administration Democratic meeting proposed shortly to be held in Philadelphia, to which we then referred, but also have obtained information concerning a short note from General Cass to a friend, expressing, in unmistakable language, his sentiments upon the proposed movement in Pennsylvania. Both these letters will, doubtless, be republished everywhere, as they cannot fail to have a very important bearing upon the political future of the country. We need hardly add that they show that the recent disappointments which have accrued to the two distinguished writers, have not sufficed to make either of them swerve for an instant from the straight line of fidelity to the principles to which they claim to be devoted: It strikes us that in thus throwing self behind them, indignantly as it were, on the first appearance of danger to the democratic cause, these gentlemen have fairly earned deep gratitude from the great party of which they have so long been faithful servants. Indeed the pithy letter of Gen. Cass seems to us to be, in itself, a triumphant vindication of the wisdom and propriety of the nomination of 1848, by the great party for whose preservation he thus throws himself into the breach. But we will detain the reader no longer from the letter in question."

Washington, December 16, 1853.

Gentlemen:—Your letter of the 10th, inviting me to attend and "address a mass meeting of the National Union Democrats," at the Chinese Museum, Philadelphia, on the 19th inst., has been received.

The objects of the meeting are stated to be two-fold; first, "repudiation of the disunion tendencies of certain members of the Federal Government;" and secondly, "the selection of a sound National Union Democrat, as a candidate for Governor."

With the last, I trust, you will readily perceive I cannot, with any degree of propriety, interfere. I am not a citizen of Pennsylvania, and have no voice in the selection of her public officers. I should be loth, at any time, to give utterance to unkind opinions of any of her distinguished sons; and in the case of Gov. Bigler, I know nothing in his previous history which can justly deprive him of the confidence of the Union Democracy.

The first object of the meeting alone remains to be considered. I need not say that all my feelings and sympathies are with those who have steadily maintained the Compromise of 1850, as a final adjustment of the slavery question. But you must allow me, kindly and respectfully, to doubt the wisdom of the course you propose to take. The President, in his Inaugural, and in his recent Message, has left no doubt as to his position; and I know the man too well to believe that he would retain among his confidential advisers, any one whom he for a moment suspected of "disunion tendencies." That he has made mistakes in some of his appointments, I do not question. That he has been imposed upon in other cases, is very probable. Such things have occurred to all Presidents before him, and will occur to all who are to come after him. But warfare against a National Administration for such errors, has heretofore been considered the legitimate business of its opponents—not its friends. What has been done, cannot be remedied by Democratic assaults upon a Democratic President.

The recent election in New York is a bitter lesson, and one by which we should endeavor to profit. With a large majority in the State, both sections of the Democratic party have been prostrated, and the control of the State has passed into the hands of William H. Seward. Surely this is not a result which any National or National Union man would desire to be invited. Allow me, gentlemen, in conclusion, to say that I love the Union cause too well, and have sacrificed too much in its defence, to willingly put it in jeopardy by associating it with a movement of more than doubtful propriety, and of certain disaster. And while I thank you for the kind feelings which prompted your invitation, as well as the flattering terms in which it is couched, I feel constrained to decline all participation with you, on the occasion referred to.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
JERE. CLEMENS.

Messrs. W. B. Griffith, Isaac C. Bryant, and others, Philadelphia.

In the course of his comments upon this letter of Mr. Clemens, Gen. Cass is said to have declared that:

"He could not cross a *t*, nor dot an *i* in it; that it spoke to a syllable his sentiments, and would be received with acclamation by every true Democrat."

By a reference to the first paragraph of Mr. Clemens' letter, it will be seen that the meeting was proposed to be held on the 19th inst. As, however, the anti-Democratic, anti-Administration demonstration did not take place when it was announced, the inference is plain that the letters of Hon. Lewis Cass and Hon. Jere Clemens came into the camp of the conspirators like a bomb, and exploded all their long-hoarded schemes of vengeance to the winds, at least for the present. A postponement was had, for the purpose, we suppose, of insulting others of the true and tried Democracy of the land by invitations to address a meeting whose avowed object is to attack the Democratic party through the persons of some of its government officers. This is the feast to which they invited Messrs. Cass and Clemens, but as such work did not suit the appetites of these two distinguished Democrats, they very promptly and pointedly rebuke the conspirators for their temerity in thus putting in jeopardy which they profess to belong, as well as want of knowledge of the character of the Democrats they thus insulted by their invitation to take part in an anti-Democratic demonstration. —*Pennsylvanian.*

River Items.—*Navigation Improving.*—The river was rising tolerably fast yesterday above the Falls, with four feet nine inches water in the canal last evening by the mark. During the previous twenty-four hours the river had risen seven inches, and had risen altogether thirteen inches. This is equal to arise of three feet water below the Falls. The weather for the past twenty-four hours has been very cold and blustering, and ice to the thickness of one-quarter of an inch was freely made Sunday night, and we have no doubt that it formed to the thickness of one-half an inch last night.

Capt. McLellan, of the Telegraph No. 3, informs us that the river had risen three feet at Cincinnati on Sunday, the rise chiefly from the Miama and Licking.

The Kentucky river up to yesterday morning had risen four feet at the lower lock, and at Frankfort yesterday it had swollen three feet.

Salt river, as we learn from a traveler who left there yesterday morning, was much swollen by the late rains, and was pouring out like an "angry flood" at the mouth.

By private despatches from Wheeling and Pittsburgh yesterday morning, we learn that heavy rains had fallen all along the western courses up there, and considerable rise was anticipated in the river. There were five feet water and rising at Wheeling yesterday morning.

The Accident to the Admiral.—Protest.—The Admiral, from Pittsburgh, with a cargo for St. Louis, that sprung a leak in the lower Ohio a few days since, as we mentioned in the Courier, arrived here yesterday, having abandoned her trip, and transferred her freight to the Sallie West. The accident was caused by striking a log or snag in about 8 feet water, which broke 30 of her timbers, and caused her to leak badly, making about 8 inches water in the hold, over the "dunnage plank," before the leak could be checked.

A protest was taken out by Capt. Stockdale, at Uniontown, which he renewed on his arrival at this port. The cargo consisted chiefly of Pittsburgh manufactured articles, which it is thought were damaged but slightly. The boat is to be taken to Madison, to go on the ways to repair.—*Louisville Dec. 20.*

Ringgold's Expedition.—Letters have been received from Commodore Ringgold's expedition to the China seas. The whole squadron were, on the 15th of October, at Capetown—crew all well. One part would explore the route for shipping between New Holland and China, and the remainder would proceed to examine the Straits of Gaspar and portions of the China seas.

Items of News and Miscellany.

The ship Abby Pratt, lately abandoned at sea, was insured in State street, Boston, for $123,500, and the bark Lady Knight for $23,000.

Rev. Oliver S. Prescott, (Puseyite,) who was tried about two years ago by an Ecclesiastical Court in the diocese of Massachusetts, and sentenced to be suspended until he should sign a certain promissory declaration, has terminated the sentence by complying with the terms.

A model return upon a writ was recently made by a deputy sheriff in Morgan county, Indiana. It was, "served the within, but was fit with brickbats by the woman so that I couldn't serve it."

It is stated that the anticipated orders for a naval expedition to the Gulf of California, for the capture of the Sonora filibusters, did go out in the Aspinwall, which sailed from New York on Tuesday. Gen Wool, who has been ordered to California, will soon sail to take command of the U. S. troops on the Pacific.

An appropriation by Congress of seventy-five thousand dollars, for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi, has been expended for that object, and the result is that the Southwest Pass has been made three hundred feet wide and eighteen feet deep. With this depth vessels drawing twenty feet of water can, with the aid of steam tugs, enter the mouth of the river without difficulty.

A paper tells of a market woman who, last fall, was holding some pumpkins in her apron, when a fresh caught cockney came along, and commenced poking them with his rattan, exclaiming:

"I hope you don't call them large happles; they ain't half as large as we 'ave in Hold Hengland."

"Apples! them ain't apples, them is only blackberries," replied the woman.

The Parkersburg News states that about $100,000 were again paid out, during the past week, for work done on the Northwestern Virginia Railroad, during the previous month. The workmen have increased greatly in numbers, of late, and it is expected the next estimate will be by far the largest which has been made.

Late from Havana.—The steamship Crescent City, at New York, brings advices from Havana, to the 14th inst.

Mr. Rolph, nephew of the Consul at Havana, died on the 13th, at Havana.

Judge Clayton, the Consul, it is said, will soon return to the United States.

Mons. Donetti, with his learned goats, monkeys and dogs, arrived in the Crescent. A grave question arose here with the Custom-House officers, whether the said monkeys and dogs should be treated as freight, or be allowed to land as passengers. Poor Mons. Donetti was sorely perplexed, for if he had to pay duty on his pets, it would ruin his adventure, and if they were received as passengers, he had no passports for them. After rowing backwards and forwards from the ship to the Custom House several times, he was permitted to land his animals free: but what was his consternation when he was told that another Frenchman had arrived here from France, with another troupe of enlightened and educated monkeys. *Sacre Bleu!*

Two Creoles were arrested this week at Cardenas, charged with treason, but I have not been able to learn their names. A clerk of the house of Drake & Co., at Matanzas, has been arrested and imprisoned in the dungeons for having a New York paper in his possession. He is an American. A Mr. Baker, of New York, was overheard speaking against the virtues of the Queen, and on this charge he was arrested and imprisoned for six months, besides being obliged to pay $40 per month for his board. Baker has just been released.

Burlesque on the Boots Reward.—The silly dodge on the part of the N. Y. *Herald*, in advertising through its columns, five hundred dollars for a Free Soil letter from President Pierce, which the latter never wrote, produces throughout the Union the unqualified ridicule of the press and the people. The latest burlesque on the "Bogus offer" of the "Herald Man," is the following, which we clip from the Boston *Times*:

Five Thousand Dollars Reward.—Will be paid to any person, black, red, or white, who will furnish us with an authentic copy of a certain letter, said to have been written in 1852, by Winfield Scott, of New Jersey, to one Billy Bowlegs, a Seminole chief, in reply to an invitation to attend a "talk" in Outblacoochee swamp, or to join the forces of the red skins against the pale faces. The letter to General Scott was written by a committee of squaws, or Injin married ladies, of Florida, and his reply is said to have been that he would see Billy Bowlegs—d first: but from certain private motives, he, the said Billy Bowlegs, declined the distinguished honor. No questions asked, if the document be forthcoming. Apply to the counting room of this office, when the clerks are out.

It seems that previous to the fatal affray between Collins of the Maysville *Eagle* and Dobyns, the latter had called on the former and told him that he must retract an article which was obnoxious, or receive a castigation in the shape of a cow-skinning. Collins took but little notice of the threat, until he heard that Dobyns had purchased a cowhide, and had been endeavoring to get a revolver, and upon this he armed himself. Dobyns was impressed with the idea that he would not only cowhide Collins, but make him the familiar piece of cold lead. The hostile parties met on a corner, Dobyns raised his cowhide, and Collins said "don't do it, don't do it," and retreated, presenting his pistol. Dobyns followed, and his forehead was within eighteen inches of the pistol when it was fired, and the ball crashed into his brain. The trial lasted through Saturday night, concluding about three o'clock on Sunday morning. The deceased was an unmarried man, but has an excellent and aged mother residing near Mayslick.—*Cin. Com.*

Sale of Spoiled Poultry in New York.—About 8000 lbs. of dressed chickens, in boxes, were received at New York from the West, a few days ago, and, according to the Tribune, after remaining upon the dock two days, a Washington market speculator purchased the lot for $50, or six-tenths of a cent per lb. The poultry, on being unpacked, was found in a slimy, tainted condition, on the verge of putrefaction. Before being exposed for sale it underwent a process of being "*manufactured over*"—a process well known by the knowing ones. This is accomplished by soaking the poultry in alum water, which divests it of the slime and appearance of decay, and restores it to an apparently fresh state. After undergoing the process, this poultry was offered for sale, and in three days the entire lot was disposed of, from the sale of which the speculator realized a profit of over $800. Poultry that has undergone this process, turns black (where the skin has been torn off,) after having been exposed a short time to the air.

More Arrests in Cuba.—Advices from Havana to the 14th inst., announce that two Creoles had been arrested at Cardenas, charged with treason. A clerk in the house of Drake & Co., at Matanzas, an American, was arrested and imprisoned in the dungeons for having a New York paper in his possession. A Mr. Baker, of New York, was overheard speaking against the virtue of the Queen, and on this charge he was arrested and imprisoned for six months, besides being obliged to pay $40 per month for his board. Baker has been released. Mr. F. Portundo, a Creole of Cuba, but for eight years a naturalized citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, engaged in the tobacco trade, has been given six days' notice to leave the island.

☞ The British fleet at present in the Dardanelles is composed of seven line of battle ships; two double banked frigates of 50 guns each, and 14 steam frigates and sloops. There are now on the way to reinforce it, the following ships:

	Horse Guns	Power.	Men.	
Terrible	21	800	350	Rear-Admiral Sir E. Lyons.
Queen	116	—	950	Captain J. M'Leverty.
London	90	—	820	Captain C. Eden.
Agamemnon	90	450	850	Captain R. W. Minds.
Leopard	16	550	300	Captain G. Gifard.
Highflyer	21	250	230	Captain J. Moore.
Total	354	2,100	3,480	

These added to the armament already there will compose a powerful fleet of 29 ships, 1,239 guns, manned by 12,432 men.

A Scene.—The other night a wedding was to come off in Washington City, but was checked up in a most dramatic way. The Rev. Mr. Evans, the clergyman officiating, commenced the ceremony and proceeded to the part where he calls on any one present to speak out, if knowing any impediment to the consummation of the ceremony. Whereupon a fair one, who up to that time stood timidly back in the crowd, rushed forward, and seizing the affrighted bridegroom by the throat, dragged him immediately from the room and house, ere the intended bride could come to his rescue. Since then, the disconsolate half-married young person has not heard from her slippery husband.

When lovely woman wills her bosom
With manly manhood to contend,
What man with eyes, could e'er refuse 'em
From cannily peering in?
And when his ardent gaze returning,
The dry goods hoved to deep drawn sighs,
Would not his fingerends be burning
To press—his hat down o'er his eyes?

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ The Democratic Citizens of Allegheny will hold their PRIMARY MEETINGS on SATURDAY, the 24th inst., at the usual places of meeting, between the hours of one and five o'clock in this afternoon, to elect Delegates to nominate a MAYOR.
dec22 MANY DEMOCRATS.

☞ Grand Juvenile Concert.—Dr. D. SHROCK has the honor of informing the children of Pittsburgh and vicinity, that he will give a GRAND CONCERT on FRIDAY EVENING, December 23d, in the Hall of the Third Ward Public School, Grant st. The performers will consist of 250 Children, Pupils of the School. Mr. WAMELINK will preside at the Piano.
Tickets, admitting a lady and Gentleman, 25 cents; to be had at KLEBER'S, MELLOR'S, and at the door on the evening of the Concert.
For particulars, see programme. dec23:3t

CITIZENS' INSURANCE COMPANY,
Pittsburgh, December 15th, 1853.
☞ THE President and Directors of this Company have this day declared a Dividend of Five Dollars per Share upon the Capital Stock—Thirty three dollars, payable to the Stockholders or their legal representatives forthwith, and two dollars credited to the stock.
SAMUEL L. MARSHELL, Secretary.
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OFFICE CITIZENS' INSURANCE COMPANY,
Pittsburgh, December 19, 1853.
☞ AT AN ELECTION held at the office of the Company, on Monday, the 19th inst., the following named persons were elected DIRECTORS, for the ensuing year—

H. D. King,	Wm. Bagaley,
Samuel Rea,	Robert Dunlop, Jr.,
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dec21:6t Secretary.

☞ Mercy Hospital Fair.—The Ladies' Fair, for the benefit of the Mercy Hospital, will commence TO-DAY, at LAFAYETTE HALL, corner of Wood and Fourth streets, entrance on Fourth street—and continue for one week only. (dec19:tf

☞ Monongahela Navigation Company.—NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—An ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Monongahela Navigation Company will be held, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter of Incorporation, at their Office on Grant street, in the city of Pittsburgh, on MONDAY, the second day of January, 1854, (being the first Monday in the month,) at two o'clock, P. M., for the ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the ensuing year.
WM. BAKEWELL, Secretary.
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☞ Scrofula.—It is due to KIER'S *Petroleum* to say that it has been known to completely eradicate every vestage of this dreadful disease in less time than any other remedy, and at less cost or inconvenience to the patient.
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