CITY ITEMS.

THE WARM WEATHER AND TRADE.—The unusually warm weather of the last two days has not resulted advantageously to our general retail trade. The cooler, and we may say, more seasonable, weather of last week had the effect of spurring into a brisk activity the various branches of business, and the dull now created has imposed a temporary restraint, which the more impatient find it hard to brook. Enough, however, has already been done to prove that the retail trade, as a whole, in this city, will fall very little, if any, behind its usual average; all that seems wanting at the present time to incite the shopping community to make their fall purchases without delay is the admonition of cool weather. This we shall undoubtedly have in its own good time, though we may give it as a matter of practical advice, that those who have the means of present (as to time) purchasing by them will act wisely to take advantage of the present inactivity, as the cool days we are sure to have very soon will preclude what is the parlance of the trade, is called a "rush." Especially should this hint be improved in the matter of purchasing and putting up stoves, as the want of these, when felt at all, is generally felt pretty keenly, at which times stove men are usually so thronged as to be unable to give as proper attention to orders as when the demand upon them is less pressing.

A CHANCE FOR THE LADIES.—A splendid addition of elegant new bonnets, adapted to the season, we say by the card, will be thrown open to the public at the well-known millinery establishment of Messrs. Lincoln, Wood, & Nichols, No 45 South Second street, to-morrow (Thursday) the 7th instant. The success of this house in bringing out a stock of superior merit has not been surpassed this season. We have several times invited the attention of the ladies to this stock, and are well assured that their forthcoming additions will command the first attention of all who are in want of bonnets.

PHRENOLOGY IN THE FAMILY.—In this valuable system of mental science can be employed advantageously, anywhere, it is in the family. Its hints for the training of children are admirable. From the advertisement of Messrs. Fowler, Wells, & Co., in another column, it will be seen that one of their partners, a most skilful phrenologist, is prepared to visit families for the purpose of making examinations.

BUCHANAN has just received some new goods, to-wit: Fine Foreign Toilet Articles, Fancy Soaps, Faina Cologne, Pomades, Powders, &c., &c., at his model Drug Store, corner of Seventh and Spring Garden.

THE PLATED TEA SETS, Castors, Urns, Tureens, Waiters, Pitchers, &c., manufactured by E. W. Carrj, 714 Chestnut street, embrace a large number of the best patterns which the most cultivated artists have designed. The ornamenting is in keeping with the designs, some being finished with plain mirror like surfaces, white, others are elaborately chased and engraved. Of the great variety of ware made by Mr. C., every article is of the finest and best quality, and as such guaranteed to the purchaser.

A MARVELOUS NUGGET.—A man who had loafed about California for a long time, was recently driven to obtain a pick and shovel and sally forth to try his fortune at gold digging. He worked with but little success for two days, but on the third he dug up a lump of gold, nearly pure, which weighed "twenty-two pounds." The lucky fellow sold his "pile" for fourteen thousand dollars. If a good luck has changed his character, and he now declares that he will be a gentleman, for the future, and live all his earnings at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Messrs. Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, above Sixth.

THE COOKING EXCITEMENT.—The contest between the opposing factions, warm, warmer, and more intensity of feeling is manifested by their leaders than we have noticed since the memorable days of '44. Pending the inevitable result, we feel it an incumbent duty to advise our readers to maintain their equilibrium, and continue to devote to buying clothing at H. B. Eldridge's Old Franklin Hall Clothing Emporium, No. 821 Chestnut street.

SAVAGE IN TOWN.—Chestnut street, above Seventh, was thrown into considerable commotion yesterday by the appearance among our gay promenaders of a *Savage*, richly painted and beautified with polished steel and burnished silver ornaments. The children admired; the men whistled, and the ladies were delighted—for they had purchased the WEEKLY PRESS at Gillingham's, Chestnut street, opposite Mechanic, from Raymond, 728 Chestnut street, second floor.

SALT RIVER.—On Wednesday morning, the 13th inst., the popular old boat "Public Opinion" will commence running her regular trips to, and from the head-waters of Salt River. Passengers can secure their berths, besides clothing suitable to these high latitudes, by applying at the palatial clothing establishment of Granville Stokes, No. 607 Chestnut street.

Importations.

Reported for the PRESS.

MARACAIBO—Barque Ocean, 330 bags coffee 9 bales hide Francis Yeats; 23 bags coffee 15 dry hides 2 cases balsam O Tetas; 1 bbl cedar G Atkins.

MARACAIBO—Brig Marquis de la Habana, 400 bags pea nuts R D Redmond & Co; 327 hides 65 elephant teeth 450 lb gum copal order.

CHARLESTON—Steamship Georgia, Marshall—304 bales cotton Trenholm Bros & Co; 202 do 3 do samples Thos Richardson & Co; 240 bales cotton J Patterson & Co; 83 do Thos Singer; 17 do Greiner & Harnden; 40 do order; 20 do Wm Cramp & Sons; 1 bags wool J Palmer & Co; 200 ice pitcher and 44 bales domestics Hay & McIlvain; 5 do yarn A Whilldin; 5 do J Brown; 11 do Jas Lamb; 3 bales cotton Jas Lamb; 2 do Jones & Co; 13 bales feathers 1 bag roots S Stephens & Son; 1 bale roots M S Thomas; 2 cases J H Nisuan; 5 do Old Glass Trenholm Bros & Co; 1 box Mr Hoffman; 1 do Sundries Jas Lamb; 1 box Mr Lippincott & Co; 1 do 1 bale Parker & Roland; 46 half bbls Bogle & Weld; 20 Mr Spencer D M Kimmerashy; 1 pkg do J O Lee; 1 do Rev Paul Pry; 1 do C A W Zeller; 1 box Rev R T Rogue; 1 do Geo S Cook; 1 do Cornelius & Baker; 1 do T B Welsh; 1 keg 1 half bbl Wm Dennis; 5 kegs John Mashkoff; 3 bbls 1 half do 3 boxes M Friedman; 3 bags potatoes 1 bag Seal Bomber; 30 place orders.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

At the Merchants' Exchange, Philadelphia.

By steamship Keystone State, from Charleston—A H Shaw, lady 2 two children and servant; Alfred Grant and lady, Miss Caroline Walter, A Padegan, Mrs C Chaplain, Miss J Hechesberg, U M Wienges, Richard Walker, Miss Cope, W Patterson, Paul Romley, Capt W P Jones, and ten in the steerage.

In steamship Phineas Sprague, from Boston—Mrs C A Tallant and Mr Wm Healy.

SAILED—In packet ship Tonawanda, Capt Thos Collins, for Liverpool, last William street wharf at 9 o'clock yesterday morning: 16 cow, 6 ox, 6 stg, 3 heifers, with 7 calves and 100 forward cabin and steerage passengers, and the following cargo: 18,849 bushels wheat, 925 bags flour, 1 case 12,000 timothy seed, 25 ton beef, 200 bbls pork, 316 bbls queercitron bark; 279 bbls rosin, 50 bbls tallow, 9 bales regent box furniture, 2 bbl tallgear, 2 do guano, 20 box shreds and 7 pkgs sundries.

(Correspondence of the Press.)

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U S M steamship Keystone State, Marshman, from Charleston, 51 hours, with mdse and passengers to Alex Heron, Jr. Sunday, at ½ A M, 60 miles north of Frying Pan, passed steamship Marion (some time passed steamer Roanoke, both from New York for Charleston.

Steamship Phineas Sprague, Matthews, 48 hours from Boston, with mdse and passengers to Henry Winsor.

Barque Ida, Kelly, 40 days from Maracaibo, W O A; with mdse to R D Redmond & Co. Reports the brig Brandywine, from Rio de Janeiro, at Delaware Breakwater, for orders.

Barque Irene, Nobre, from Maracaibo 12th ult, with coffee, hides, &c to Fra Tetas; Left in the Inner Bay brig New World, for New York. Saw barque Washington Butcher, from New Orleans, aground off Daniel Baker's. The *Irene was towed up by tug J. G. Neafie.*

Schr J H Harris, French, 3 days from New York, with mdse to Grewell & Collins.

Schr Geo Washington, Carey, 10 days from Leachville, NC, with lumber to H Crosby.

Schr Carthagena, Baker, 5 days from New Bedford, with oil to Shober, Bunting & Co.

Schr Mary Miller, Lewis, 6 days from Cohasset, in ballast to L Audenried & Co.

Schr Comptroller Warren, 2 days from Milton, Del, with bark to Richardson & Overman.

Schr Golden Age, Paine, 5 days from Provincetown, with mdse to Geo A Wood.

Schr Worcester, Hersey, 3 days from Providence, with mdse to Grewell & Collins.

Schr Telegraph, Nickerson, 3 days from New York, with barley to F Gaul.

Schrs T C Smith, Smith, from Salem.

Schr R English, English, from Boston.

Schr J M Vance, Burdge, from Boston.

Schr E S Smith, Lee, from Boston.

Schr Jonathan May, Cobb, from Boston.

Schr Northern Light, Lake, from Salisbury.

Schr Louisa Gray, Weaver, from Mauricie River.

Schr John Rogers, Elliott, from New Haven.

Schr Chief, Champlain, from Newhaven.

Schr C O Sadtler, Sipple, from Milford.

Schr Centurion, Stanley, from Port Jefferson.

CLEARED.

AT QUARANTINE.

Schr J N Baker, Johnson, 5 days from Boston, with mdse to Pettit, Martin & Co.

Schr Roe, Wm A Newell, Da Grost, 4 days from Bayonne, with mdse to Pettit, Martin & Co.

CLEARED.

Steamship Keystone, Hand, N York, J Alexander.

Ship Rochester, Elwell, N Orleans, D S Seton & Co.

Brig Will o' the Wisp, Harris, Halifax, J Palmer & Co.

Schr Willie E, Rabbit, Key West, O A Rockaker & Co.

Schr Elizabeth, Parsons, Wade's Point, NC, Bolton, Vandevoer & Co.

Schr Cerro Gordo, Irons, Suffolk, captain.

Schr Carthagena, Baker, New Bedford, Blakiston & Cox.

Schr James Martin, Harding, Fall River, R R Corson & Co.

Schr Alpina, Emerson, Newburg, Van Dusen, Morton & Co.

Schr O Greenleaf, Curtis, Marlborough, do.

Schr Mary G Cale, Baltimore, do.

Schr William John, Miller, Washington, do.

Schr Penguin, Kane, Portland, do.

Schr Northern Light, Lake, Salisbury, do.

Schr C O Sadtler, Sipple, Petersburg, do.

Schr Octagon, Whitby, Boston, do.

Schr Mary Miller, Lewis, Boston, L Audenried & Co.

Schr Louisa May, Cobb, Boston, H Stevenson & Co.

Schr J M Vance, Burdge, Boston, Hinkleson & Glover.

Schr L Gray, Weaver, Boston, Baum, Ogle & Co.

Schr G Centurion, Stanley, Boston, Noble, Hammett & Caldwell.

Schr Geo Washington, Camp, Richmond, do.

Schr E English, English, Richmond, do.

Schr J O Smith, Smith, Providence, do.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 4.

The wind at harbor this afternoon was fresh and steady from the S W, and at sea it blew a fresh gale from the same quarter. The schr Patriotic is missing on Friday, being detained by the adverse state of the weather; the schr Ariadne passed up on Saturday, and a number of others in.

The following are the arrivals and departures since my last:

ARRIVED.

Steamship Star of the West, Crowell, Galveston, 5 days, with mdse and 175 pass to Morgan, Vietor & Co.

Steamship Star, Hand, Charleston, 2 days, with mdse and pass to Trenholm Bros & Co; Lecompte, Ketchum & Co; Ketchum, Son & Co; Fraser, Trenholm & Co; Lee, Jones & Co; Charles Tenney & Co; Ed Trapier & Co; Ed Trapier, Jr, & Co; Jas Adger & Co; Jas Adger, Jr, & Co; Jas Adger & Co, for Cincinnati; Jas Adger & Co, for Louisville; Jas Adger & Co, for St Louis; Jas Adger & Co, for Memphis; Jas Adger & Co, for Nashville; Jas Adger & Co, for Mobile; Jas Adger & Co, for New Orleans; Jas Adger & Co, for Galveston; Jas Adger & Co, for Indianola; Jas Adger & Co, for Brownsville; Jas Adger & Co, for Eagle Pass; Jas Adger & Co, for Shreveport; Jas Adger & Co, for Natchitoches; Jas Adger & Co, for Vicksburg; Jas Adger & Co, for Memphis via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for Nashville via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for Mobile via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for New Orleans via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for Galveston via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for Indianola via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for Brownsville via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for Eagle Pass via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for Shreveport via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for Natchitoches via Charleston; Jas Adger & Co, for Vicksburg via Charleston