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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1858.

It is stated that in the Administration circle yesterday evening, one of the Southern Senators, in his protest against the removal of Senator Douglas from the chairmanship of the Committee on Territories, declared that Martin Van Buren had been made President of the United States by an act of Senatorial proscription, and that the example might be followed in the case of Douglas. The prophecy may prove to be a *speculative* one; Martin Van Buren was, however, the victim of mere party rancor, but the brand is put upon Douglas because of his fearless fidelity to a principle, and because he resists the odious dogma that Congress must interfere for the protection of slavery in the Territories. What the issue may be I will not venture to forget beyond the declaration that the Northern Senators who assist in this last act of tyranny will reap a deserved harvest in the scorn and contempt of their constituents. I have tried to procure the names of the men from the free States who assisted at this sacrifice of a brave and upright statesman, but as yet, without success. Having taken the responsibility, it is to be hoped they will not hesitate publicly to assume it. The attempt to hide the guilty secret will not avail them. Even King Canute is not always blind and speechless. Mr. Buchanan, who demanded that the axe should fall upon the Douglas, does not hesitate to say that he signed the warrant. Now let us have the names of the Northern Senators who officiated at the execution.

I perceive that a despatch has been sent forward to the effect that Senator Bigler voted against the removal of Douglas from the committee, and that the President does not approve the decree of the caucus. Mr. Bigler's vote is his own concern—though it is somewhat inconsistent with his alleged devotion to the doctrine of Congressional Intervention for the protection of slavery—*but I have the best reasons for saying that the President consulted the attack upon the Senator from Illinois.*

The progress toward centralization at the seat of the Federal Government is no longer a doubtful progress. It will become irresistible, unless it is sternly and speedily checked. Commencing in a wanton violation of personal honor and political faith on the part of the President, it has advanced, in rapid strides, from one usurpation to another. Nine months ago, Democrats were removed from office because they stood bravely by the President's original ground on the Kansas question. They were next persecuted because they would not denounce Judge Douglas; then because they would not accept the English bill; then because they would not oppose the principles of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, and the organization and principles of the party in Illinois. All this time nobody attempted to advocate the doctrine of Congressional Intervention for the protection of slavery, much less to make it a test upon Democrats. On the contrary, hostility to all such intervention was the very soul of our creed. The popular rule in States and Territories was the accepted corner-stone of our political temple. Conventions and candidates, presidents and vice-presidents, representatives and constituents, were as solemnly bound to this vital and fundamental principle as they were bound to the Constitution itself. But a new ritual is to be forced upon us. Mr. Buchanan has determined to take the advance step he promised Jefferson Davis to take. His Administration adherents are called upon to follow, and Judge Douglas is to be made the first victim for opposing the theory of Congressional Intervention for the protection of slavery in the Territories. The stab in secret caucus of yesterday is to be repeated in the Senate to-day or to-morrow.

Shall this despotism be permitted to go on? We have been told that the dissensions growing out of the first great treachery of the Administration have been quieted; that the question was "settled;" that the party was to be reunited. Are they? Is intolerance to be allowed where extinct? But the President, in whose name these boasted assurances have been given, characteristically dissipates the hopes he permitted us to indulge. On the first day of the meeting of Congress, and in the very first paragraphs of his annual message, he resurrects the dead past, and in the very first week of the session his echoes in the Senate repeat the yell of vengeance upon those who have contended against his dictation and theirs. Let the same time presenting a new and still more odious test, rebellion to which is to be punished by public disgrace and ostracism, so far as a few men can accomplish these ends.

How, then, shall this despotism be resisted? Are we to stand by tamely while a pretended Democratic caucus strikes down a Democratic statesman, simply because he *does* right? What would the South say if Jefferson Davis were stricken from a Senate committee because he might be in favor of reviving the slave-trade, or because he might believe in the right of a State to secede from the Union, or because he *does* believe in the necessity of Congressional intervention for the protection of slavery in the Territories? The telegraphic wires conveying the information of such an act to the Southern cities, like a bolt from heaven, falling upon a powder magazine, would be followed by an explosion of popular sentiment from the whole Southern people such as would show their determination to protect themselves, first and last, and at all hazards. If the Senate should consummate the act determined in secret caucus by a few Administration men, would it not be well for the people—for men of all parties—in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and the Northwest, instantly to assemble and take such ground as this high-handed outrage deserves and demands? I am not writing as the partisan of Judge Douglas. I throw behind me all Presidential preferences, leaving the future to take care of itself, and for one resolved to support no man who does not stand steadily and all the time, by the great principles now more than ever in issue. But the decree of the Senatorial caucus demands prompt and signal repudiation and rebuke. As one after another the landmarks of the Democratic party are being swept away by the remorseless tyranny of the present Federal Administration—as one after another of the champions of the Democratic creed are either bought or bullied into acquiescence, or punished with vindictive malevolence for daring to resist usurpation, it behoves the people, when their eyes are opened *to such a spectacle*, to take the case into their own hands, and protect themselves against faithless and infatuated public servants.

J. W. F.

In the United States Senate, yesterday, a motion was carried that the Senate proceed to the election of standing committees on Monday next, when the result of the story in Douglas will be made apparent. Mr. Rice, from Minnesota, introduced bills for the construction of the Northern Pacific mail route, and wagon road from Fort Abercrombie to Puget's Sound.

In the House, a motion to admit Lieut. Mowry as a delegate from Arizona was objected to by Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, on the ground that that country was a part of New Mexico, and, as such, was already represented by the delegate from that Territory. The consideration of the impeachment case relative to Judge Watrous was resumed, and several speeches on that subject delivered.

The list of Senators who voted against proscribing Senator Douglas in caucus, as published in *The Press* yesterday morning, was correct except in one particular. Senator Green, of Missouri, was one of the seven, and Senator Hunter, of Virginia, was not.

Three forged checks, amounting in all to $917, purporting to be drawn by Andrew Jackson, of the Hermitage, were lately presented and paid at the Kentucky Bank of Paris, the recently presented check for a small sum, but the others at the bank of Mr. Shannon, the latest one having been paid on Wednesday last. The forgeries were discovered by the receipt of a letter from Washington, dated the day the last check was presented, stating that the signature had been forged.

The Legislature of Kentucky has elected Hon. H. G. Worthington, of Louisville, to the United States Senate, in the place of Hon. Archibald Dixon, whose term of service expires on the 4th of March next.

Advices from Pike's Peak confirm the previous accounts of the richness of the gold mines and the safety of the people.

The next News from Europe.

More than ordinary interest is attached, in anticipation, to the next news from Europe, hourly expected to arrive by the mail steamer *Persia*, which was to have left Liverpool on the 27th ult., and is now due at New York.

Two topics are involved in this packet's intelligence: First, the result of Count DE MONTALEMBERT's trial at Paris, for having presumed to say, by implication only, that France was not quite as free as another country; and, secondly, the asked-for recall of Lord NAPIER.

With the information which has reached this country from Europe, we can only speculate at present, upon these two subjects. If the French tribunal really be a Court of *Justice*, it is not probable that M. DE MONTALEMBERT can be convicted. The mere prosecution, showing an unreasonable intolerance of the truth, will be a damaging affair for NAPOLEON III, whatever the verdict.

We may be permitted to doubt, in the absence of more specific information than is afforded by two anti-Ministerial London journals, whether Lord NAPIER really is to be recalled. The statement was first made in the *Morning Post*, a paper in which Lord PALMERSTON has not only a party, but also a large proprietary interest, and it was repeated by the *Globe*, another of the ex-Premier's organs. It is so unusual, in England, for the intentions of the Ministry, as to removals and appointments, first to be made public through Opposition journals, that we doubt this NAPIER report altogether, coming from the source it does.

The New York *Herald*, which makes more blunders about foreign politics than almost any other journal in the whole Union, pretends that facts have come to its own knowledge (why not *honestly say to its own* ignorance?) that Lord NAPIER has been too democratic in this country, for the taste and feelings of the British Ministry. Lord DERBY, who has travelled through the United States, is known to be impressed towards this country in the most favorable and friendly manner. Lord STANLEY, his son, is equally well-affected towards us—so are DISRAELI, BULWER, Lord MALMESBURY, and Lord JOHN MANNERS, also Cabinet Ministers. Lord PALMERSTON, and his party, who appointed Lord NAPIER, are notoriously unfriendly to the Americans. It is his paper which first intimated the intention to recall NAPIER—perhaps the wish was father to the thought?

Meanwhile, we desire to place on record the declaration in the New York *Herald* of yesterday, that "it is a curious evidence of the revived ascendancy of French influence in Downing street, to find a Minister of Lord NAPIER's abilities recalled for re-echoing in his despatches the sentiments expressed by one of the heads of the Cabinet which he represents." Suppose, in the teeth of all this, that Lord NAPIER is not recalled!

Public Entertainments.

Last night was produced, at Walnut-street Theatre, a translation of "Medea," from the French, by Mr. O. G. Wyman, of Boston—a translation which the familiar and the stilted are curiously but not happily blended—a translation far inferior to that made by Miss Matilda Heron. Newspaper paragraphs lately gave us the novel information that Rachel, as well as Ristori, had played *Medea*. The fact is, it was written in 1852, *for* Rachel, by M. Legouvé, one of the authors of "Adrienne Lecouvreur," (in a translation of which Miss Davenport plays so admirably;) it was alternately accepted and rejected by Rachel; it was twice declared, on appeal to courts of law, that she *must* perform in it, as a member of the Théâtre Français; and, finally, she paid a large sum to the author, as damages for not producing a play which she had ordered from him but disliked. Eventually, we believe, the "Medea" was translated into Italian for Madame Ristori, who has made great reputation by her acting of the leading part.

The play is extravagant all through. The character of *Medea* is so much upon stilts that we do not wonder at its not being one of Miss Davenport's most felicitous representations. The play awakens little sympathy, and much of the acting was on too high a key, so to speak. The plot turns on the old story of *Jason's* desertion of *Medea*, who wanders o'er the earth to find him, and, with her children, meets him at Corinth, where he is about marrying *Creusa*, daughter of the King. In the end, having killed *Creusa* by a poisoned veil, *Medea* stabs her own children, and thus punishes *Jason* by the double murder. Such deeds cannot be done without the display of passion—but it ran into extravagance.

Miss Richings, as *Creusa*, was dressed with exquisite taste, and played very well—indeed, the first great hit was her horror on recognizing *Medea*, in the first scene, the musical accompaniment was so loud that it overpowered Miss Richings' voice. In that scene, by the way, sundry Greek maidens who bore offerings to the shrine of *Diana*, wore extensive hoops—which shows that antiquity of "crinoline." *Medea's* children (called boys in the play, but dressed as girls) also wore modern frocks, hoops, and scolloped pants. These dear *little* ones come in wanting food, which should not have been the case, as *Medea* wore as much gold with pearls and diamonds as would have kept them comfortable for years. These children, are presumed to be twins, though one was nearly a head taller than the other. The tallest (we may not say the eldest, for they were "born in one hour") was little Bella Crocker, who, played her part most admirably, making it quite a feature and a relief.

Mrs. Conway, looking almost too handsome for one of the male sex, took the part of *Orpheus*, which her beautiful intonation and graceful action almost elevated it into importance. We must notice, with commendation, the *classical* and becoming costume of Mrs. H. A. Perry, one of the most correct and pains-taking of the whole company. Mr. Young, as the King, performed very creditably.

The *Jason* of this play was undertaken by Mr. H. A. Perry, who frequently performs well, but was as unsuited for the character as it was for him. As usual, his stereotyped shrug, stare, elevation of eyebrow, and, above all, his harsh, loud voice—as if every one around him were shockingly deaf—prevented his playing well.

"Medea" will be repeated, and many will be curious to see it, but it has not the elements of popularity or permanency, and we were grieved to see Miss Davenport, undoubtedly a first-class actress, in a character so unsuited to her ability.

After Act II, Mrs. Conway and Miss Davenport obeyed the call of the audience and appeared before the curtain, and, at the close of the play, a second call brought out Miss Davenport and little Bella Crocker, who were conducted by Mr. Perry.

NATIONAL CIRCUS.—We would remind the juveniles that there will be an afternoon as well as an evening performance at the Circus to-day. The house is crowded every evening.

The performances here, in aid of the fund for erecting a monument to General Rufus Welch, will take place on next Thursday evening. Col. Lent, lessee of the Circus, has liberally placed the house, with his performers and horses, at the service of the committee appointed to carry out this proposition.

A correspondent of the Boston *Transcript*, writing from Liverpool, says:

"* * * Last night, Thursday, Mr. T. gave a dinner party, which I enjoyed so much, as you will believe when I tell you that I went to the dinner table on the arm of Col. Burns, son of the celebrated poet, Robert Burns, and sat next to and conversed with him all dinner time. Next but one to him sat "Willie" Burns, the eldest son of the poet—that is, older than his brother, Col. Burns, although the *latter* appears to be very much older; he seems quite infirm, but tells me that he will be sixty-four years old only next month—his hair is white as snow, and his hand trembles very much. His brother (*the elder of the twain*) *is much stouter*, his hair not gray, and his step firm. I can hardly believe yet that he is the elder, although Colonel Burns assured me that *himself* was the younger. He spoke of his father, of his mother, of Scotland—had lived in India nearly thirty years, never during that time having had a day's sickness. He talks of and sings his father's songs. He sang the air which Robert Burns wrote to his mother, a very sweet thing, and "John Anderson, my Joe."

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—A piano or melodeon, either of which J. E. Gould, Seventh and Chestnut streets, can furnish in perfection. His stock is large and carefully selected.

STOCKS, GROUND RENTS, AND REAL ESTATE.—Tuesday next a large sale and valuable property to be sold peremptorily, by order of Orphans' Court, executors, and others. See Thomas and Sons' advertisements and pamphlet catalogues issued to-day.

SPLENDID BOOKS.—The large and valuable collection of rare, curious, and splendid books just received from London, to be sold on Tuesday and following evenings, are now ready for examination.

LARGE ROOM WANTED.—We invite the attention of property owners to an advertisement in another column of a room wanted of large capacity.

FINANCE PAGE.—Letter from Europe; Religious Intelligence; Bishop Henry U. Onderdonk.

FOURTH PAGE.—Sermon by Rev. W. Dathaert.

TOM HAND has again been arrested, on the charge of making and passing counterfeit bank-bill notes on the Delaware County Bank.

The Harlem Railroad Depot, at New York, was partially destroyed by fire yesterday morning, and several persons were so severely injured that it is feared they will not survive.

BY MIDNIGHT MAIL.

Letter from Washington.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1858.

The Hon. Isaac N. Morris, Representative of the Quincy, Illinois, district, has prepared a bill, which he intends offering at the first fitting opportunity, conferring upon the people of the Territories, after they shall have been organized as Territories, the right to elect their governors, and to elect or appoint their judges, and other local officers, as the duly-chosen Legislature may approve. Some doubts are entertained as to the practicability of the movement; but now, when it is incumbent upon us to adhere to the great popular principle the more it is assailed, thousands of hearts will respond to this well-timed proposal.

You will perceive that Mr. Speaker ORR has refused to follow the example of the Senate in proscribing Democrats who have contended against Executive dictation. Hon. John Hickman is retained as chairman of the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions in the House.

The fierce attacks of the New York *Times* on the present policy of the Administration, and its extracts from *Bennett's Herald*, defamatory of the President, excite much remark in this quarter. It is intimated that the President will order the *Times*, as he ordered *The Press*, to be stopped.

The President has reconsidered his social programme, and yesterday invited a number of Republicans to take dinner with him. I understand that, like most of his hospitalities, these latter come "too late," and that the Republicans, having been compelled to appease their hunger during the long session *outside* the Presidential mansion, have resolved to appease it in the same way during the short session. It is now given out that not a single member of the Republican party will consent to put his legs under the Executive mahogany.

That portion of the President's message proposing to hold Sonora and Chihuahua as indemnity for the good behavior of the Mexican Government, in the event of the defeat of the Liberals, will create great excitement in California, and will, no doubt, prompt an immediate exodus to Sonora. The massacre of Crabbe and his followers, under circumstances of unparalleled atrocity, some years ago, still rankles in the hearts of the people of the Golden State. Crabbe was a representative man—in fact, the leader of the Whig party in California. His untimely fate, however much sentimentalists may declare that he provoked it, left a deep-rooted determination for vengeance. This feeling, connected with the stories of unheard-of treasures of gold, silver, and quicksilver in the valleys and hills of Sonora, cannot fail to call an immense emigration to this El Dorado. Nothing has heretofore prevented this movement but the fear that the General Government would refuse to protect such of its citizens as might go into that portion of Mexico; and, now that the President has given his assurance that such protection shall be granted, we may look for news of an invasion which will put to the blush all that we have ever read of in the annals of Walker and his men.

The "*Union*" is still silent on the tariff question. It is now suggested that Colonel Johnson should write the Cobb articles, in favor of free trade, in one column, and that our sedate and secret friend Appleton should write the "protection" or Buchanan articles in another column. This may be the best way to settle the question.

A premeditated attack is to be made upon the Coast Survey, so ably presided over by our native-born citizen, A. Dallas Bache, Esq. This quiet, unpretending, laborious man of science, who has contributed the best years of his life to the public service, and has erected a scientific monument in his extraordinary achievements in protecting the commerce of our country by means of his coast and harbor explorations, is now to be assailed by those who envy his renown. I trust the delegation from Pennsylvania, in both houses, will not allow him to be assailed without a vigorous movement in his behalf. PIONEER.

Letter from New York.

NOVEL AMATEUR PERFORMANCES ON A GRAND SCALE—THE DRAMATIC FUND—PROPOSED DOUGLAS RECEPTION—MOVEMENTS OF PHILADELPHIA ALDERMEN—ARREST OF A MURDERER—SHAKSPEARIAN REVIVAL AS WALLACK'S.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 10, 1858.

The next dramatic excitement will be the amateur performance for the benefit of the Dramatic Fund. It promises to be a grand affair. Already the drawing-rooms of our first society begin to echo with the rumors of stage-struck feminines and merchant princes, who have expressed their intentions of exhibiting their skill on the occasion. The festive Mr. Isaacs, is to consist of an entirely new "adaptation" from the French, in three acts. Three literary gentlemen of successful experience have undertaken the task of preparing the drama for representation. All the characters in the piece are to be played by amateurs, whose ability has frequently illuminated the saloons of fashion, but who will now appear "for this night only." Then there is to be an opera, by a celebrated amateur, also illustrated by members of the *haut ton*.

Such a performance will be, of necessity, an extraordinary affair, and will attract a large audience. The success of the projectors of the idea to have the same festival simultaneously in all the large cities of the Union. Who can doubt but that a deal of substantial benefit will accrue to a most deserving and praiseworthy object from this unique performance?

Preparations are in progress, at Buffalo, to give Judge Douglas a reception commensurate with the magnitude of the victory of the Democracy of Illinois at the recent election. A committee of fifty of the most prominent members of the Democratic party appointed at a meeting held some three weeks since, to perfect arrangements for the reception, met on Tuesday evening last pursuant to a call from the chairman, Henry W. Rogers, Esq., who stated that he had received a letter from Judge Douglas to the effect that his should probably return from New Orleans at about the close of the *present week*. The chairman and secretary were instructed to invite Judge Douglas to participate in a Festival.

There is a noteworthy incident, in reference to this demonstration, that the chairman, Henry W. Rogers, Esq., has, throughout life, been the 1st mate personal and political friend of Governor Dickinson, one of his prominent stand-bys in the State, and conceded by leading men to be the controlling spirit of the Hardshell section in Western New York. He is a gentleman of parts, pluck, and perseverance; and not apt to put his foot in political *matters for the mere fun of the thing*. I understand it is the intention of the Buffalo Democrats to make the proposed demonstration one of the most imposing that have been witnessed in that city.

Yesterday the Philadelphia Aldermen actively feted and fed themselves by our Board of Two Governors of this Almshouse. They visited the charitable institutions on Randall's and Blackwell's Islands, were speechified at, and speechified in return, (Dr Smith, of Philadelphia, acting as spokesman); after which, dinner. In the evening they attended Wood's Minstrels.

Foster, who murdered Goff in West Broadway, on Tuesday, was arrested last evening. Immediately after the murder, four policemen disguised themselves and kept watch over the house near the corner of Greenwich and Desbrosses streets, where the mother of Forrest, a washerwoman, lives. The officers kept a strict watch until about six o'clock, last evening, when Officer Bollins, who was in an alley-way, near the door of the house where Mrs. Forrest lives, saw the sister of Forrest come to the door and scan the street in different directions; as if to see if any one was watching; as no officer appeared in sight, the girl returned to the house, and immediately she returned and left the house, and her brother (the murderer) followed her.

The two proceeded along Greenwich street, when Officer Rollins, at the corner of Laight street, stepped up and arrested Forrest, who said to the officer "I'll go with you; I will give up." The prisoner was taken to the Fifty-ward Station house and locked up. It says that Goff came up to him, intoxicated, at the corner of Worth street and West Broadway, and struck him, and he stabbed him with a dirk in self-defence; that he immediately proceeded to a place in the Twenty-second ward, the precise locality he refused to tell, and stayed there Wednesday night, and came home yesterday, and that the dirk was taken from him while he was asleep in town. He states that he intended to go to the station house and deliver himself up, and came out for that purpose when the officer arrested him. He is a simple-looking youth, but twenty years of age, and it is stated that he has been a patient in the lunatic asylum on Blackwell's Island.

The Grand Jury, in Judge Monell's "Merchant of Venice," last evening, at Wallack's, was quite an event in the theatrical world. It was a complete success; far surpassing any representation of that play that has ever been given in this country. Most of the scenery was new and well-painted, the costumes new and appropriate, the text adhered to with more than ordinary fidelity, and the actors all perfect in the text. Mr. Wallack, as *Shylock*, was in admirable voice, and gave a personation which, from first to last, was without a blemish. The house was thronged.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE—December 10

50000	Missouri 8s	69¾	50 Cumberland pref 21¼
5000	do	10 69¾	200 Erie R 18
1000	L Erie & W 1st m	72¾	800 do b60 18
2000	M Gen 8 ⅌ ct	95	100 do 17¾
7000	Ind Bd 3d Mtg	76	150 Hud River R b60 24¾
40	People's R	104	100 Harlem R pref s30 29¾
50	Pacific M S S	90¾	100 do b60 29¾
95	do	b30 91	250 Reading R s30 31½
100	do	b60 90	100 do s10 32
50	do	s60 90¼	500 do 32¼
750	N Y Cen R	84¾	300 do b10 32¾
100	do	b60 84¾	200 do b30 32¾
100	do	s30 84¾	550 Michigan Cen R 82¾
100	do	s10 84¾	200 do b60 82¾
100	do	b30 84¾	550 M S & N I Guar 50
100	do	s10 84	100 do b7 50
350	do	s15 84¼	50 Illinois Cen R 76¾
315	do	s3 84¾	160 Galena & Chic R 73¾
600	do	b3 84¾	100 Chicago & R I R 62¼

MONEY AND STOCK MARKETS.

ASHES.—The market is without change; sales of Pots at $5.50 and Pearls at $5.75.

FLOUR, &c.—The demand is fair, for Western canal flour, and good superfine and extra State command ready inquiry. Fancy brands are in request at full rates. The arrivals are still fair.

The sales are 9,000 bbls at $4 25@4 45 for superfine State; $4 50@5 00 for extra do; $4 90@5 50 for superfine Western; $4 90@5 10 for extra do of low grades; $5.35@5 50 for shipping brands of round hoop extra Ohio; $5.60@7 for trade brands do; $5.60@5.75 for extra Genesee, and $5 80@8 10 for St. Louis brands.

Canadian Flour is in better demand, and the low *grades have improved*; sales of 800 bbls at $5 10@5.25. Sour Flour is in fair request and is without change; the arrivals are light; sales of 1,000 bbls at $4 75@5 40 for mixed to good brands, Baltimore, &c.; $5.35@7.40 for fancy and extra brands. Rye Flour and Corn Meal are quiet, the latter heavy.

GRAIN.—The enquiry for Wheat is fair, mainly for milling, and with light arrivals prices are sustained; the sales of 8,400 bus at $1 18@1 20 for Red Southern, $1 30@1 35 for Western; $1 22@1 25 for common white and $1 41 for good Michigan; $1 22 for common white and $1.20 for choice White Lake; in store, and $1 55 for choice white Kentucky.

Rye is steady; the demand is fair; sales of 3,000 bus at 76@76½ c. Corn is better, and is in fair request; sales of State at 69@69½, and Western and Canadian at 64@65 c.

Corn is firm, but quiet; the demand is mainly speculative; sales of 29,000 bus at 70½@71½c for Western mixed; 72c for good Jersey yellow, (new;) 86@87c for small lots of old Southern yellow, and 85c for do do white.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE PRESS.]

The Seven Senators who Voted Against the Proscription of Douglas.

WASHINGTON, December 10, 1858.

The telegraphic despatch sent to some of the New York papers, stating that Senator BIGLER voted against the removal of Judge Douglas from the position of Chairman of the Committee on Territories, is incorrect. The names sent of the seven who voted against proscribing him are BROWN, of Mississippi; TOOMBS, of Georgia; JOHNSON, of Tennessee; GREEN, of Missouri; CLINGMAN, of North Carolina; SHIELDS, of Minnesota; and STUART, of Michigan. PIONEER.

THIRTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Second Session.

U. S. CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1858.

SENATE.

A report was received from the Secretary of the Interior, covering an account of the expenditures for the District of Columbia, and accommunication from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing his accounts. These documents were laid on the table.

On motion, Monday was fixed for the appointment of the standing committees.

A considerable routine business was transacted, after which the Senate, at half-past 12 o'clock, adjourned over till Monday.

[No additional Senators were present to-day.]

HOUSE.

Mr. Boyce, of South Carolina, asked leave to introduce a resolution to admit Lieut. Mowry to the floor of the House as delegate from Arizona.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, objected, saying that Arizona was a part of the Territory of New Mexico, and he could see no use of admitting two delegates from one Territory.

The House then resumed the consideration of the judge Watrous impeachment case.

Mr. B Ilinghurst, of Wisconsin, was in favor of the impeachment. He said that the charges made against Judge Watrous were that the Judge had entered into a corrupt conspiracy for the unlawful institution in his courts of suits, in which he was personally interested, for the purpose of having them removed beyond the verdict of a local Texas jury; had entered into a conspiracy to deprive individuals of their lands by means of forged papers; had presided at the trial of cases in which he was personally interested, though knowing that he was thereby disqualified from so doing; and that he had permitted to pass without rebuke repeated illegal acts of officers of his court. Mr. Billinghurst contended that all these charges were sustained by the evidence.

Mr. Ready, of Tennessee, argued that the charges of the memorialists had been abandoned by a portion of the committee, who were in favor of the impeachment of Judge Watrous.

Mr. READY said that no clamor or boisterous pressure could induce him to cast a stain on the character of Judge Watrous, by sending him to the Senate for trial, unless he was satisfied that the result would establish his guilt.

Mr. DAVIS, of Maryland, inquired whether there was any evidence to show that Judge Watrous was engaged in a series of land speculations in Texas, the cases connected with which were to be decided in his court.

Mr. READY said that there was not a syllable of testimony to show that Judge Watrous ever engaged to buy more than one tract of land at any time. The principal of this is not paid, which is proof that the Judge had not, as was hinted into the memorial as a matter of favor to persons in Alabama, who had the "capital." He argued from the evidence that there was nothing to show bribery, corruption or malfeasance in office. Adjourned.

Caucus of Republican Senators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Republican members of the Senate assembled in caucus this morning, to fill with their members the places left in the list of standing committees, as agreed upon by the Democratic Senators, and handed them for that purpose.

Contracts Awarded by the Interior Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Interior Department has awarded the following contracts:

To Messrs. Whitney, Gallcupe, Bliss, & Co., of Boston, for supplying ready-made clothing

To Thomas Poultney, of Baltimore, for supplying hardware.

To H. G. Leman, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for supplying guns to the northern and *western portions of the country*.

All the above supplies are for the use of Indians.

The contract for blankets and dry goods has not yet been decided.

The Controller's *statement* shows a balance in the Treasury, on Monday, of $4,904,000; the receipts of the week amounted to $651,000; the drafts paid, to $1,508,000; the drafts issued, to $2,350,000. The reduction during the previous week was $1,709,000.

The *resignation* of Captain Thomas J. Brereton, in the ordnance department, has been accepted by the President, to take effect on the 20th of December.

The Seat of Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A *recently* prepared official document calculates the entire amount of the public and private appropriations (exclusive of salaries for public officers) for the District of Columbia, from the time the government located in Washington till the 30th of June last, at nearly twenty-five millions of dollars; the assessed value of the government reserve, exclusive of reservations formed by the intersections of streets and avenues, at upward of thirteen and a half millions; the cost of public buildings, including furniture, statuary, and paintings, at nearly fifteen millions, (the Capitol costing over six millions). The private property of the District is assessed at thirty-five millions of dollars.

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1858.—No. 109. (From the December Term No. 157.) Edmund Rice, plaintiff, vs Minnesota and the Northwestern Railroad Company. The motion to dismiss the appeal in this case, which *was set down for argument on Friday*, the 17th inst.

No 9. Dean Richmond *et al* vs The city of Milwaukee *et al*. Argument continued for appellant.

No. 108. The Union Insurance Company *vs* John B'air Hoge. Cause submitted on record and printed arguments for both parties, under the fifty-sixth rule of the December Term, 1856.

No. 17. The claimants and owners of the steamer Louisiana *vs* Isaac Fisher *et al*. Argument commenced for appellants.

The Watrous Impeachment Case.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—Four or five more speeches are to be made in the House of Representatives on the Watrous impeachment case.

Democratic Mass Meeting in Baltimore.

Three Firemen Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Harlem Railroad depot was partially destroyed by fire early this morning. The upper stories were occupied for various manufacturing purposes. The loss on the building is about $10,000, but the loss of the occupants is very heavy.

Three firemen were injured by the falling of a wall, and probably will not survive.

The building was owned by the New Haven Railroad Company.

The fire broke out about four o'clock, in Murdoch's white lead factory, on the second floor, immediately over the premises of the Harlem Railroad. It burned with great *rapidity, and nothing was saved*. Among the principal losers are Thomas Holman, printer; Wood & Cook, merchants, and F. Wittaker, machinist; Hodges & Henry, glass cutters; W. Webster, Brussels carpet manufacturer; Patten, Box, & Co., S. Crowell, and Allen & Gaines, Harlem Railroad freight agents, amounting to $5,000; S. A. Perks, machinist. Some thirty tenants in all were burnt out, and about half the building destroyed; the other half was damaged by fire last year.

One man is supposed to be beneath the ruins. Three others injured by the falling of the wall were carried to the hospital. The whole loss is probably $50,000.

Non-Arrival of Steamers.

SANDY HOOK, Dec 10,—midnight.—Neither the steamship City of Washington nor Persia has yet made its appearance below, though considerably overdue. The former is in her seventeenth day, and the latter in her fourteenth day out. The weather is clear, with S. S. W. wind.

Marine Intelligence.

HAMPTON ROADS, Dec. 10.—The Bremen ship Roland, *from Calcutta, has arrived, and is awaiting orders.*

Railroad Accident.

AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 10.—W. Scott Williams, of the house of Johnston & Hamilton, of New York, was run over by a train of cars at Waynesboro, on Wednesday night. He was seriously injured, and his leg had to be amputated. He died on Thursday night from the effects of his injuries.

Accident at South Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—A bank of earth gave in yesterday at South Boston, by which Michael Conley was killed, and two others named Murphy and Cassy, were severely injured.

Cold Weather in Vermont.

ISLAND POINT, Vt, Dec. 10.—At sunrise this morning the thermometer stood at 12 degrees below zero.

Markets by Telegraph.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—Flour firm; Whiskey steady at 22½c. Hogs dull and declining, and holders are willing sellers; 2,800 hogs sold to-day at $5.70@7 for heavy and $6.50 for light weights. Bacon sells at Shoulders for delivery in March, and $17.50 on the spot. Lard is dull at 11c. The weather continues favorable for slaughtering.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 10.—Cotton—Sales to-day 1,400 bales at full prices. The stock in port 59,000 bales. The receipts at all Southern ports are 621,000, bales ahead of the corresponding period last year. Cotton freights to Liverpool and Havre drooping.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—Cotton has advanced ⅛c; sales at 11¾@11¾c for middlings. Sales of the week 59,000 bales; receipts 55,000; receipts same week last year 59 000; exports of the week 61,500; total exports of the season 469,000; receipts ahead of last year at this port 204,000; receipts ahead of last year at all the ports 266,000; stock in port same time last year 269,000. Sugar is dull and ¼c lower; sales at 5¾@5½c. Molasses sells at 27½c. Flour is firm at $5.25. Oats are buoyant at 73c. Lard is low, at 9½c. Bacon is dull at 10c ⅌ lb. Coffee sells at 11½c; sales of the week 35,000 bags; receipts do, 19,250 bags; stock in port 23,000 bags, against 119 500 last year. Freights to Boston, Liverpool, are unchanged. Sterling exchange is quoted at 8@8¼ per cent premium; bills of lading draft are quoted at 6¾@7¼c. Exchange on New York 2¼ c at sight, par cent, 2 count.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 10.—Cotton—sales of 2,400 bales to day, at prices ranging at 10¾@11½c; the market closed firm.

HAVANA, Dec 10.—Cotton firm; sales 980 bales.

MOBILE, Dec 10.—Cotton unchanged, with sales today of 3,000 bales. The sales of the week amount to 22 500 bales, and the receipts to 20,000 bales against 17,750 bales last year for the corresponding week of last year. Receipts thus far, ahead of last year, at this port 115,500. The stock in port is estimated at 117,000 bales.

CINCINNATI, December 10.—Flour firm. The Hog market is very dull, and the prices are lower and irregular; sales of 1 500 Hogs to-day at $5.50@6.25 for light, and $6 60@7 for heavy weights. At the close *Beyond $6.75 were not obtainable for Hogs averaging* 240 and 250 lbs. The receipts to-day amounted to 5 500. Mess Pork sells at $17.50, and $18 for choice brands delivery in March. Lard dull at 11c. Whiskey unchanged.

THE CITY.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WHEATLEY & CLARKE'S ARCH-STREET THEATRE.—"Our American Cousin."—"Simpson & Co."

NATIONAL CIRCUS.—"Lent's Circus Company."—"Equestrian, Gymnastic, and Acrobatic feats."—"The Coopers."

MRS D. F. BOWERS' WALNUT-STREET THEATRE.—"Medea."—"The Lost Ship."

ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS.—Signor Blitz.

SANFORD'S OPERA HOUSE.—Ethiopian Entertainments.

FORGERY CASE.—Several checks have been presented and paid at the counter of the Kensington Bank, purporting to have been drawn by Mr Andrew Lukens, flour dealer in the Fourteenth ward. The first of these checks was presented November 22, 1857, for $307; on the 30th of the same month one for $370 was presented and paid at the same bank; and on the 2d of the present month one for $240 was also presented and paid, making a total of $917, and they had the effect of placing a balance against the account of Mr Lukens at the bank. Mr. Lukens was notified, and he immediately proceeded to the bank where the forgery was discovered. Nothing was said about this discovery, in the hope that the guilty parties might be detected. On last Saturday another check, upon which the name of Mr. Lukens was forged, was presented at the counter of the bank by an intelligent boy named Stephen Coleman, who was questioned about how he got possession of it. He replied frankly that a man had met him in the street and asked him to draw the amount of the check while he waited a short distance away. An officer of the bank accompanied the boy into the street, but the rogue of course had upon seeing the boy accompanied by a stranger. The forgeries were well executed, and the checks were all evidently filled by the same hand.

A statement of the case was then made to Recorder Bonn, when Officers Lentz and Carlin were put upon the track. In consequence of the discoveries they made, George F. Osterman, of this city, and William Myers, of Wilmington, Del, were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the forgeries, and on Thursday last they had a hearing before the Recorder. Young Coleman declares that Myers is the man who gave him the check in the street. The accused were committed for a further hearing at five o'clock this afternoon.

The three checks that were paid were presented by boys, who had, no doubt, been picked up in the street for the purpose, without their suspecting that they had been used in the accomplishment of a dishonest purpose. It is very important to the cause of justice that these boys should make themselves known at the Recorder's office, and state what they know concerning the matter.

JACOB SHUSTER, *alias* TOM HAND, AGAIN.—This notorious individual, who has figured so extensively in the police annals of this country for the last twenty years, was again before Recorder Eneu, Thursday afternoon, on the charge of making and passing counterfeit notes of the denomination of ten dollars, on the Delaware County Bank. Lewis Berry, the prosecutor, stated that he was a relation of Shuster's, and that he was wanted to him two rooms in his house, in Twenty-fourth street, below Brown, at which place he saw Shuster at work engra