

Proposed Seven Cents Postage. Dear Postage, as recommended by the Postmaster General, will be very unpopular. Five cents instead of three. Not only five cents, but two more for delivery.

Public Entertainment. Our theatres, to-day, will present great attractions to the public. The Grand Opera, the City of London, Messrs. Wheatley and Clarke introducing "Our American Cousin" in the afternoon and evening.

THE LATEST NEWS. THE BYE TELEGRAPH. IMPORTANT FROM HAVANA. RECEPTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

THE BYE TELEGRAPH. IMPORTANT FROM HAVANA. RECEPTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. (By National Telegraph.) NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The steamship Cayahua has just arrived here from Havana.

Arrival of the New Mexican Mail. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—The New Mexican Mail, which left Santa Fe on the 23rd ult., reached Philadelphia on Monday evening.

TAIN Decisions. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Secretary of the Treasury has decided, on appeal, that but not more than one dollar and a half can be paid for gold.

The Naval Nominations. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The corrected list of an official list of naval nominations has been received from the Navy Department.

THE SETTLEMENT OF THE SPANISH-MEXICAN DIFFICULTY—CONTRADICTORY ADVICES. The settlement of the Spanish-Mexican difficulty is a subject which has attracted much public attention.

THE U. S. FREIGHTY. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The balance in the Treasury on the 24th inst. is \$1,020,000.

NEW LAND ROUTE TO HONOLULU. BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The opening of the new railroad route from Boston to Honolulu is a subject of great interest.

IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE. BOSTON, Dec. 24.—William McNulty, convicted of murder, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The market for wheat is unchanged. The market for cotton is steady.

LETTER FROM NEW YORK. NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1858. Well street to have a new bank, to be conducted on principles essentially from those that govern banks in Europe.

THE HONORABLE MARKET. The stock of the San Francisco Land Association is rising in the market with astonishing rapidity.

THE FIRE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.—About one o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the building occupied by the firm of Messrs. H. & J. M. Smith.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE BALANCE SHEET. December 24, 1858. REPORTED BY MESSRS. HENRY, HOWE & CO., BANKERS, CORNER THIRD AND CHESTNUT STREETS.

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