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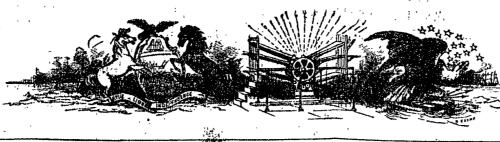
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1859. Franklin's "Parables of Our Lord." One of the best gift-books we have seen, and espe. ally adapted for the solemn season now at hand, is etter-press is printed in Saxon Ornats type-peculiar, but extremely legible, and with an antique air befitting the subject. The title-page, printed in several colors, is engraved on steel. Messrs. J. Lippincott & Co., of this city, are the pub-The appropriate motto, from St. Matthew, de-

hings spake Jesus unto the multitude in parable and without a parable spake he not unt Thirty-eight parables are printed here, and John Franklin, an English artist of great poetic fancy and of deep religious convicions, has supplied ontline illustrations, to the following: The Ten Virgins, Dives and Lesarus, the Faithful Servant, the Prodigal Son, the Merolless Servant, the Lord of the Vincarard the Shann and the Great the Wicked Prodigal Son, the Meroiless Servant, the Lord of the Vineyard, the Sheep and the Goats, the Wicked Husbandmen, the Good Samaritan, and the Good Shepherd. There are two to the first and last subjects, the closing one exhibiting the Grucifixion.

It is difficult to say which of these engravings are the best. Our own impression is in favor of those which tell the story of the Prodigal Son, the Ton Virgins, Lazarus and Dives, the Lord of the this gentleman's speech reminded me of a horrible violate. Vineyard, the Good Samaritan, and the Good We advisedly say that Mr. Franklin's designs clearly tell the story-which we take to be the great test of a good picture. For example, look at Rothermel's "King Lear." The moment you

ee it, the expression and the action tell you, as by a flash of intelligence, what exact passage of Shakspeare the genius of the artist has illustrated. That ploture tells its own story. So do these designs by Franklin. We know no English artist who so nearly resembles Frederich Overbeck, the German, who has founded the modern religious German, who has founded the modern religious school of painting, at Rome. But Overbeck has entertible deficiency: he gives German faces and forms (and especially German posset to all the and forms (and especially German ness) to all the Bible personages whom he represents, and seems to forget that he should perpetuate the Jewish type.

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Disunion -- Its Effects on the South. [For The Press.]

Whatever may result from the present excite state of public opinion South, be it a continuance of our Union, or a severance, an irreparable injury will have resulted from the discussion. Theories of the effect will have been discussed and illusion neouraged, both North and South, fatal to that ded patriotism which is willing to sacrifice little for a greater good. Suggestions emanating from good and wise men will generate a woun which pride will never forgive, and encourage resistance to true wisdom when it shall attemp to grasp and solve the question.

Already has the press farnished us a strong essay

upon the subject from S G. Fisher. There is much that is sound, much that is patriotic; but his hope to preserve the Union, is the supposed weakness of

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much delight by the Republicans and galleries, and seriously discomfited the Administ otally adapted for the solemn season now at hand, is a small folio, bound in Turkey morocco, and got up, in all respects, with unexampled grace and beauty of illustration. The paper is delicately tinted, and the letter-press is printed in Saxon Ornate type—pecunot be dragooned into three or four extra hours daily. He would, every day, about one s'clock, if he could get his voice in, move for a ballot, (cheer from the Republicans,) and if it were not granted he could not be expected to wait here. He should he could not be expected to wait here. He should leave when his physical power failed, his own side should get along without his vote, and if such action helped to serve the Opposition he now gave notice that he would not be responsible. As sure as the light shone he would do as he said. And so he will, and so he ought. He has been treated the state of their main, side, and sand hince is five hundred and fifty-eight miles, and a fraction. Length of double-track, two hundred and thirty-can miles.

Mr. William E. Simms, of Kentucky, followed in what I cannot denominate by any other phrase than a confiagration. He not only used what is usually called "hot shot" upon the Oppopicture I once somewhere beheld, entitled "hell opened to sinners." Again he reminded me of the explosion of the fire-work establishment which took place in New York some years ago-terrible to behold, and lamentable in its results. Then, again, I doubt if I could or can liken him to anything save a Fourth of July, upon which several catastrophes took place. I shall dream of fire and brimstone for a month of Sundays to come. done. We are just going to have another ballot.
On the ballot just closing, new developments have taken place. Sufficient anti-Lecempton and Re-Opposition, it was proposed that the Democrate should join them. The result of this ballot was Sherman 95, Bosock 86, Gilmer 35—the rest scat.

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bir. Gilmer has gracefully withdrawn his name, and nominated Alexander R. Boteler, of Virginia.

The House is fully roused, and an immediate clamor is made for another ballot, which has just

Let me take this means of acknowledging the poite attention extended by M. W. Cluskey, Esq. ostmaster of House of Representatives of the last longress, to the members of the press. He keeps bag open until 3 o'clock P. M., for the especi cenefit of those frequenting the capital, which is very useful, as the mail closes at the post office at half past one. EXEK RICHARDS.

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"While I was living in Adams, thirty-five years
ago, I lost a dear wife, of whom I had no likeness,
and there was no likeness of her in existence, to my knowledge. A few months since, I wrote a letter to a man in Columbus, Ohio, named Wolcutt, mentire stranger to me, who is called a 'spirit ciently filled, there shall be additional meditings artist,' saying to him that I had lost my wife held outside. Judge Bronson publishes a card in an entire stranger to me, who is called a 'spirit A dissolution of this Union would make secure thirty-five years ago, named Susan Briggs, of whom the morting's papers, in which, while bot also present at the bond between master and slave. As a foreign I had no likeness, and if he could send me one, I getter of style, and illustrated with the most beautiful people, we would by the law of nations be bound to analyze the bond between master and slave. As a foreign I had no likeness, and if he could send me one, I getter approving of the details to be carried out a the proposed demonstration, he hope "that the proposed demonstration he hope "that ble for the acts of our people The introduction of from Mr. Wolcutt, and I think it to be a perfect negroes here would be so repugnant to the interest one of my wife, and I am not alone in the opinion.

them the plotures of their decadence—their weaknes—the would be almost when in them, if the plotures are truthful, to accept advice and seeks means of regenerating their country and people.

They are now yurely an agricultural people. They have no mixed labor; the eatire energy and intellect of their people are devoted to one sole object—the cultivation of the soil. If the North have found prosperity by diversified pursuits, is there any reason why the South should not follow here rexample?

With a tariff proslesly similar to the one we now have, would not manufacturing interests; which can like here now, go there? Then might not North fills and the sunding a final might rise, and in a few years the soof, and might be immoss to that country, and a might be more mirrealous than Chicago Emigration might be immoss to that country, and is not week; the is strong in the cleamest of rational prosperity be generally felt. The South site of the country and similar most bear and their properity be generally felt. The Southern and here we not man their country and people. The probability of the similar of the country and people and the growth of some Southern congruents and treatment of the control of f Hon. F. P. Blair, on his way to Washington, via o Baltimore and Ohio Railroad :

egate to the Opposition State Convention, to meet at Harrisburg on the 224 of February next. In Minister Yancey, on his return from South America, was made the bearer of a magnificent present from Gen. Urquiza, President of the Arentine Confederation, to the Hon. Jas. B. Bowlin, gentine Confederation, to the Hon. Jss. B. Bowlin, of Missouri, who was for some time the guest of tien U. on his return from Paraguay, and eriden U. on his return from Paraguay, and eridently won his kind regards. It consists of a massive gold souff box, chased more exquisitely with carred ornaments than any jewelry we ever before as w. Around the rim of the top are set forty-two large brilliants (dismonds), and upon raised (carved) initials of the recipient—J. B. B.—are are naturally anxious to fully and distinctly re- | sire gold souff box, chased more exquisitely with | meyo any suspicion that they—the enly parties carred organism than any jewelry we ever before present—could have been Mr. Kellogg's informs saw. Around the rim of the top are set forty-two large brilliants (dismonds), and upon raised From Indiana I learn most cheering news, which | (carved) initials of the recipient-J. B. B.-are clusively determines the position of the De-set fifty-one smaller diamonds, covering them en-cracy of that State in the Charleston Conven-tirely. The box bears several inscriptions. On

THE WEEKLY PRESS. atra copy to the getter up of the Cial. ters are requested to not as agents for THE WHEELT PRIME. CALIFORNIA PRESS.

Semi-Monthly in time for the California the Boston Post, has been recommended by the the vote of those gentlemen for Sherman. They hold their Democracy, but cannot understand, and into understanding, cannot follow the Democracy of Mr. Buchanan.

This morning the attendance is much fuller than for the two days previous

Sherrard Gleman, of Virginia, striving in vain

to win his side of the House to accept to a deliver the strip of the two days at Hariford, on a visit to ex-dovernor of Connection, and to weak the way we want to a deliver the strip of the House to accept to a deliver the strip of the House to accept to a deliver the two days at Hariford, on a visit to ex-dovernor of Connection and to weak the way way to the strip of the House to accept to a deliver the two days at Hariford, on a visit to ex-dovernor of Connection and to weak the way to the two days at Hariford, and a visit to ex-dovernor of Connection and to weak the way to the two days at Hariford, and a visit to ex-dovernor of Connection and the way to the two days at Hariford, and a visit to ex-dovernor and the way the way to the two days at Hariford, and a visit to ex-dovernor and the way to the two days are the way to win his side of the House to agree to a daily Seymour, of Connecticut, and to reach New York ballot, made a declaration that was halled with in time to make such preparations as may be posin time to make such preparations as may be pos-

Letter from New York. THE YEAR'S ECSINESS OF THE NEW YORK CHITRAL RAILFOAD—THE YEXREARLE REV DB. MACLAY—12,000 SIGNERS FOR THE UNION MEETING—FIDGE BRONSON - DOINGS OF A TRACT SOCIETY - THE

The annual report of the New York Central Total length of equivalent single track, nine hun-

The number of passengers transported is: hrough parsengers, eastward ... Second class all westward. otal through passengers ...

Total through and way passengers....

jured during the year. Six amployees have been killed, and twenty-fear other persons killed and four injured during the year. The transportation al catastrophes took place. I shall dream of fire and brimatone for a month of Sundays to come.

He was warmly complimented when he had 30 were \$1,704,606 32. The total decrease in expenses in 1859 from 1856 amounted to \$246,369 07; and the earnings of 1859 are \$327,563 56 less than those of 1858. The significant of the road I con-dense as follows: 211 loosmotives; 196 first-class assenger curs, 41 second-class no baggage, mall, and express cars, 2,750 freight cars.

1,250 ÉQ One of the most venerable clergymen of the Baptist Gauren, in the United States, the new. Archibald Maclay, D. D., new in the eighty-three year of his age, and fifty-second of ministry, is so low that his recovery is not looked for. He is the father of the Hon. William R. Maelay, one of the embers of Congress from this sity.

If the aggregate of signatures to the call for the great Union Meeting, to be held on Monday even ing next, may be taken as furnishing a correct in dication of public sentiment, New York may be put down as sound. Up to last evening the call had been signed by over twelve thousand names. He arranged that after the Academy of Music is not

"The plaster east that was sent to you is from the bust itself, without any retouching, except to restors a portion of the dross, which was very much mutilated; this was done by Galliards, from much mutilated; this was done by Galliards, fr. in the Revolutionary plotures in the romada of the Capitol. The head and neck, including the eravat, were perfect, and remained as they were on the original; you have, therefore in this bust, an undoubted likeness of Patrick Heary.

"Very respectfully yours, "Thomas II. Wallers."

"Washingrow, C. C., Colober 14, 1858."