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AND
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CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c.,
Suitable for the
SPRING SEASON,
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SPRING TRADE. 1860.
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PHILADELPHIA,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
SILK & FANCY GOODS,
Have now a complete stock, to which they invite the attention of buyers. feb9-1m

McCLINTOCK, GRANT, & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS,
AND
TAILORS' TRIMMINGS,
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Are now opening their Spring Stock, to which they invite the attention of the trade. feb3-3m

J. W. GIBBS & SONS,
No. 531 MARKET STREET,
Are now opening their
SPRING STOCK OF GOODS
Adapted to
MEN'S WEAR,
In which will be found a full assortment of
CLOTHS, DOESKINS, VESTINGS, TRIMMINGS, &c.
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VESTINGS,
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SILK GOODS,
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A SUPERB ASSORTMENT.
LINEN GOODS,
OF MY OWN IimportATION,
NOW OPENING,
AND FOR SALE BY
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IMPORTER AND JOBBER,
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TWENTY NEW STYLES
THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 15TH,
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SNOW SHOE,
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Bleached, Unbleached, and Colored
CANTON FLANNELS,
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One of the largest and most complete stocks of goods in our line in this country. The best terms and the cheapest prices.
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SPRING OF 1860.
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Have now in store, and are daily receiving, complete lines of the following desirable goods, viz:
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NOTIONS OF EVERY KIND,
Adapted to Southern and Western Trade, to which we invite the attention of first-class buyers. fe3-3m

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DRUGS,
CHEMICALS,
CORKS,
SPONGES,
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And Manufacturers and Sole Proprietors of
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East side, a few doors above Market,
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DRUGS, GLASS, PAINTS, &c.
ROBT. SHOEMAKER & CO.
NORTHEAST CORNER
FOURTH AND RACE STREETS,
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,
Importers and Dealers in WINDOW GLASS, PAINTS, &c., invite the attention of
COUNTRY MERCHANTS
to their large stock of Goods, which they offer at the lowest market rates. oct-tf

LADIES' DRESS TRIMMINGS.
1860. SPRING. 1860.
EVANS & HASSALL,
IMPORTERS OF
LADIES' DRESS TRIMMINGS,
No. 91 S. FOURTH STREET,
Are now opening a fine assortment of
NOVELTIES FOR THE SPRING SEASON,
To which they invite the attention of buyers. fe3-1m

VINEGAR.—200 bbls. Clarified Cider Vinegar; 40 do White Wine Vinegar, in extra heavy bound bbls., in store and for sale by ROWLEY, ASHBURNER, & CO., 16 SOUTH WHARVES. fe6

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MILLINERY GOODS.

1860. STRAW GOODS. 1860.
THOMPSON & JENKINS,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
OF
STRAW GOODS,
HATS AND CAPS,
SILK BONNETS,
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS,
RUCHES, &c.,
NO. 528 MARKET STREET.
Buyers are requested to examine our stock.
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STRAW GOODS
EXCLUSIVELY.
ROSENHEIM, BROOKS, & CO.,
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Are now opening, for the Spring Trade, the most extensive and choicest stock in their line ever collected together under one roof.
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RUCHES, and all other millinery articles
STRAW BONNETS IN IMMENSE VARIETY.
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Conscious of our superior facilities in obtaining our supplies, we flatter ourselves that superior inducements, both as regards choice of selection and moderation in prices, cannot be met with. fe3-3m

FOR
EVENING PARTIES
BERTHAS,
CAPES, SETS,
SLEEVES, and CUFFS,
In Real Lace, Crape, Illusion,
Blond and Imitation,
in great varieties, of the
NEWEST STYLES.
Also,
4-4, 6-4, 8-4, 9-4, 10-4 ILLUSION,
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Much below the usual prices.
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Have now in store a
COMPLETE STOCK OF
SPRING GOODS,
EMBRACING
STRAW HATS AND BONNETS,
MISSES AND CHILDREN'S STRAW GOODS,
FANCY AND CRAPE BONNETS,
FRENCH FLOWERS, RIBBONS, and
MILLINERY GOODS IN GENERAL,
To which they respectfully invite the attention of merchants.
Cash and short-time buyers will find special advantage in examining the stock before purchasing. fe3-3m

J. HILLBORN JONES,
Importer and Manufacturer of
FANCY SILK AND STRAW
BONNETS AND HATS,
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS,
FEATHERS, RUCHES, &c.
The attention of City and Country Dealers is invited to a large and varied stock of the above goods at
432 MARKET STREET.
fe3-3m Below Fifth.

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HARDWARE,
CUTLERY,
and GUN
WAREHOUSE,
No. 497 MARKET, and 416 COMMERCE Streets
PHILADELPHIA. fe3-3mo

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STELLA SHAWLS,
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WOVE BROCHE BORDERS, IN SETS,
Ever offered in this market.
AS THE ABOVE WERE ALL BOUGHT PERSONALLY, on the most advantageous terms, by the advertiser, he is enabled to offer them at prices that must command the attention of all FIRST-CLASS BUYERS
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NEW YORK,
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ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD,
THROUGH THE
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AN EXPERIENCED NURSE AND FEMALE Physician, presents to the attention of mothers her
SOOTHING SYRUP
FOR CHILDREN TEETHING,
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DOESKINS, AND
SATINETS.
SPRING AND
SUMMER COATINGS,
MANTHLETS,
PANTALOON STUFFS,
&c., &c.
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WOLFE & CO.,
WHOLESALE
CARPETING, OIL-CLOTH, AND MATTING
WAREHOUSE,
NO. 132 CHESTNUT STREET,
☞ Agency for Philadelphia Carpet Manufacturers.
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FROTHINGHAM & WELLS,
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Suitable for both Clothiers and Jobbers, in large variety.
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Made by Washington Mills.
Orders taken for these desirable goods for Spring trade.
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AND 35 LETITIA STREET,
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THE SUBSCRIBERS,
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Are preparing to exhibit samples of the various qualities, and to take orders for immediate or future delivery, to suit the convenience of the trade.
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FOR THE SALE OF
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CARPET MANUFACTURERS,
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Also, Importers and Dealers in
CARPETINGS,
OIL CLOTHS,
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WAREHOUSE 509 CHESTNUT ST.,
(Opposite the State House.)
Southern and Western buyers are respectfully invited to call. fe6 2m

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F. A. ELIOT & CO., Nos. 32 and 34 North FRONT Street, are the SOLE AGENTS in Philadelphia for the ROXBURY CARPET COMPANY, and have constantly for sale a full assortment of VELVET and TAPESTRY CARPETS, of choice patterns.
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N.B.—F. A. ELIOT & CO, being the Sole Agents in Philadelphia for the sale of the Worsted and Carpet Yarns spun by the Saxonville Mills (formerly the New England Worsted Company,) and being agents also for the Baldwin, Wilton, and Abbott Companies, have peculiar facilities for keeping constantly for sale the various kinds of Carpets manufactured in Philadelphia, on the most favorable terms. ja17-3m

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FRENCH KIDS, LACETS,
SLIPPER UPPERS, &c.
N. E. CORNER FOURTH AND ARCH STREETS.
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☞ DE LEON keeps none but the very best on hand. A single trial will convince you of that fact. ja28-1m

MACKEREL.—500 bbls Prime No. 1., 600 bbls Large No. 3., 200 bbls Small No. 3., and an assortment of Packages.
For sale by WM. J. TAYLOR & CO.,
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The Press.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1860.

Railway Across the Andes.

At the last meeting of the Geographical Society of London, held on the 23d January, an unusually large number of members attended, to hear a paper read upon the practicability of making a railway across the Andes. Sir Roderick J. Murchison, Vice President of the Society, was in the Chair, and among the members present were Lord de Blaquiere, Generals Sir G. Pollock, Portlock, Fox, and Sir T. Phillips, Admiral Fitz-Roy, Sir John Rennie, Sir T. Fremantle, Sir J. Davis, Colonels Anderson, Fox, and Willoughby, Captains Collinson, Osborn, Sir F. Nicolson, Robinson, Cochrane, Crauffurd, Sullivan, Burstal, and Pike, R. N., Mr. Warre, M. P., Consul Hansen, Captains W. H. Walker, Allen Young, Sydney Webb, Espinasse, Jenkins, and Herd, Messrs. E. O. Smith, Barrow, Crawford, Arrowsmith, &c. We give these names of travelled, educated, and scientific men, to show how much interest the subject excited. On ordinary occasions, not more than half-a-dozen members attend, and we have been present when the meeting consisted of the Chairman, two other members, and the Secretary.

There is something astonishing in the mere idea of having a railway across the Andes. Thirty years ago, (next September,) the greatest anxiety was felt, in commercial as well as in scientific circles, relative to the small bit of railroad—only thirty miles long, from Liverpool to Manchester—which George Stephenson, the Father of practical and practicable Railwayism, had constructed, at vast cost, amid great opposition, with surprising perseverance, and almost as an experiment. He succeeded, and who all know how widely and how beneficially Railwayism has since spread itself over most parts of the civilized world, lessening the length, and diminishing the expense of journeys, and if not actually prolonging life, certainly giving us more time to live in. But the idea of a Railway across the Andes, from Caldera to Rosario, via Cordova, is more stupendous than any, connected with this description, which has yet been broached.

The paper read before the Geographical Society in London was written by one of the Fellows of that body, Mr. William Wheelwright. He is no obscure man, but a practical and experienced worker, whose success in the establishment of steam communication along the shores of South America, and the construction of a railway across the Isthmus of Panama, is well known; has been engaged for several years in the construction of railways in Chili, in which he has had occasion to use sharp curves and steep gradients. Among those already executed is that from Valparaiso to Santiago and Talcahuano; from Caldera to Copiapo, Pabellon, and Chanaxillo; and from Copiapo to Tres Puntos. In their construction he has used gradients of one hundred and fifty-two and two hundred and fifty feet per mile, and carried them to an elevation of six thousand six hundred feet above the level of the sea.

The success of these various and difficult enterprises led Mr. Wheelwright to believe that, by a similar system, the Andes might be crossed and the rail run on to Rosario, via Cordova, a distance altogether of 1,100 miles. The route has been carefully explored, the elevations fixed by barometrical measurement, and the Pass of San Francisco ascertained never to be blocked by snow, travellers crossing it at all seasons. Mr. Wheelwright thinks that the construction of such a railway, though difficult, is practicable, and the advantages that would accrue by opening up the South American States to commerce, the Rio de la Plata being navigable at the foot of Rosario for vessels drawing twelve feet of water, would be very great; in addition to which it was stated that it would place England within fifty days communication of Australia. On the east of the Andes the slope is gradual, and presents little difficulty, while on the western side the descent is very steep, and would require severe gradients. The heavy traffic, consisting of minerals, would, however, be from the mountains to the shore, and the carriages would descend by their own weight, while the return traffic, consisting of lighter goods, might be drawn up the incline by powerful locomotives. It appears that the South American States are so fully alive to the advantages they will derive from the execution of this project that the Argentine Republic has offered a free grant of land, five miles in breadth, on either side of the railway.

Comments were made upon Mr. Wheelwright's proposition. Admiral Fitz-Roy, who has been one of the Lords of the British Admiralty, and previously had travelled in South America, declared that he had the greatest confidence in Mr. Wheelwright, and believed the construction of the railway to be practicable, the only serious difficulty being for about thirty miles, across the summit of the Andes, and, should it prove greater than could be overcome, common roads might be made for that portion of the route, and, even with that break in the communication, the railway would be of immense advantage. In answer to an objection from Mr. Hamilton, he stated that on some of the railways in Norway and in the United States gradients occur of one in thirty, and even as steep as one in twenty-five, and that powerful engines, with ten wheels, four of them driving, have been constructed for drawing trains up these steep inclines.

Captain Sullivan, of the Royal Navy, drew attention to the navigability of the Rio de la Plata, stating that he had ascended to Rosario in a vessel of sixteen and a half feet draught of water.

Here, at any rate, is a pretty good endorsement of Mr. Wheelwright's project. If completed, with British money, it will place England within fifty days communication with Australia.

A REMARKABLE WILL.—The will of Mr. John Rose, a retired merchant of New York, whose decease was announced some weeks ago, makes a conditional bequest of $300,000 to the city of New York, for the education in agriculture of indigent white children. The condition is that a corresponding sum should be appropriated by the city, or raised by charitable contributions, for the purchase and support of a farm in the neighborhood of New York, to be devoted to the education and training to agricultural pursuits of pauper children. If this purpose be not carried out the $300,000 goes to the American Colonization Society, for the deportation and support of free blacks in Liberia. The decedent was a bachelor, and a bachelor brother of large wealth is constituted his sole executor, with the remainder of his estate—about $550,000—placed in his charge for benevolent and charitable distribution. The only personal bequests are a gift of $20,000 to his executor, and $12,000 to another brother, now advanced in years. The whole value of the estate, principally in productive stock, is reckoned at $880,000. The foundation of this large wealth was laid in one of the Southern cities.

☞ A Frenchman has invented what is called a barotrope, a set of human locomotive, by which a man sits on wheels, and walks himself along five miles in thirty-five minutes on the Boulevard Bazaar of Paris, at noon, when the street was most crowded. At another time the same men made thirteen miles in ninety-six minutes, the exercises being so easy that they offered to keep it up alternate hours, day after day, and thought they could, without difficulty, average fifty or sixty miles a day. A singular thing about it is, that it beats the best turn-outs on steep grade, if they present a compact or paved surface.

ABSENCE OF MIND.—The *Eastern Argus* says that the Rev. Mr. B——, pastor of the Congregational church, a Gilead, Me., on Sunday week tackled his horse to a sleigh, took in some butter and eggs and a lot of tin-ware, and started for Gorham, N. H., about ten miles distant, to dispose of the former and to have the latter mended. Arriving there, he was much astonished to learn, as he offered his produce for sale, that it was Sunday. It was with some difficulty that he was convinced of the fact. But upon coming to the conclusion that it was Sunday, he said he would return and preach to his congregation in the afternoon.

The Periodicals.

EDINBURGH REVIEW.

The new number of the *Edinburgh Review*, republished at New York, has reached us through the hands of Mr. W. B. Zieber, agent for the four British Reviews and *Blackwood*. It opens with an article full of interest on that apparently exhaustless subject—Mortality in Trades and Professions—and shows how far Science has been able to check the evil. There follows a paper upon Rawlinson's Herodotus, and another upon Professor Roger's data touching the Coal Fields of North America and Great Britain. To this succeed two book-criticisms; one very laudatory, with well-selected extracts, of Mrs. Oliphant's book upon Lord Elgin's Mission to China and Japan; the other, carefully avoiding lengthened quotation, upon the second series of Alison's History of Europe. This last is one of the most unfair criticisms we ever read—worse even than Macaulay's severe paper upon Croker's Boswell's Johnson. The fact that Sir Archibald Alison writes largely for *Blackwood's Magazine* ought not have induced the *Edinburgh Review* to assail his great work with continuely. A great work, notwithstanding its author's Toryism, Alison's History of Europe is, and it is a storehouse of facts, made very accessible by an excellent index.—The article on the Acclimatization of Animals is full of interest. That upon the Progress of Legal Reform is a thick-and-thin eulogy of Lord Brougham. The most readable article is a long notice of the recently published biography of Madame Recamier, traditionally known as the loveliest and most graceful woman of the first French Revolution and the first Empire. The biography, by her adopted daughter, is largely quoted from, and we observe with satisfaction, that all the extracts are translated into English, the previous pedantic habit of the *Edinburgh Review* being to give extracts from French and Italian books in the original language, which sadly tantalized two-thirds of its readers, who were not such good linguists as the reviewer. Next is a paper upon British Taxation, the object of which is to show John Bull that, though literally ground down to the earth, by fiscal burthens of the heaviest description, his taxation is diminishing, that he pays less than France, and "considerably" less than the United States; that his revenue is more economically collected than the revenue of France and of the United States; and that the present fiscal system of England, so far from pressing with any unfair severity upon the working classes, "is not *one-sixth* of that paid by the middle and upper classes, and bears a much smaller proportion to their income." This is an impudent assertion, because it is flagrantly *untrue*. It is evidently put forth, at this time, in the *Edinburgh Review*, the thick-and-thin partisan of the Whig party, now governing England, in order to weaken the effect of Mr. Bright's recent exposure of the weight and inequality of taxation in England, and to prepare the public mind of that country for new taxes, or a new loan of ten or fifteen millions sterling, which Mr. Gladstone, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will most certainly make the leading feature of his forthcoming Budget. A brief notice of Lord Macaulay appropriately closes this number of the *Edinburgh Review*.

As we here mention Macaulay, this may be a suitable occasion to state that Messrs. Appleton, of New York, have just brought out, in an octavo volume of 744 pages, a new revised edition of Lord Macaulay's Essays. It includes all the contents of Macaulay's own collection, with the Lays of ancient Rome, several Essays which he did not insert in his own edition, and his speeches on Installation as Lord Rector of Glasgow University, and on retiring into private life. This is the most complete collection yet published in this country, and is remarkably cheap. It is embellished with Macaulay's portrait—a good, unflattered likeness by the late Henry Inman.

PETERSON'S LADIES' MAGAZINE.

This, in our humble opinion, is the most readable of the magazines published in this city, and the illustrations are almost uniformly good. "The Trial of Patience," engraved by Illman, is a very capital picture—telling its own story. It represents a lad, holding a great skein of thread upon his hands, which his grandmother is slowly winding off. Through the open door inviting playfellows are to be seen, and his features express how much tired he is of his compulsory task-work. A wood engraving, entitled "Covetousness," is also worth notice. There are the usual information and engravings about fashion, and an agreeable melange of prosed verse. Here is a specimen of the latter:

IN MEMORIAM.
BY CLARA MORRTON.

Fair and serene the Sabbath dawned—the day of peace and rest;
Oh! fitting time for this sweet child to leave his mother's breast:
For in this month, four years ago, upon a Sabbath day,
They laid him on his mother's heart, where he hath lain alway.
Ah, in that hour did she divine he was a treasure lent,
That after him, with tender love, her eyes were ever sent!
How hung she on each prattling word! what deep joy and serene
Shone from her face like pictured saints—a matchless mother queen!
God knew she could not give him up till days of trial sore
Had robbed her boy of his proud strength, and changed the looks he wore.
No, with that glorious dower of grace, that form so lithe and brave,
'Twould sure have rent her heart in twain to lay him in the grave!
So days and weeks of wasting pain had changed he, darling fair,
And when God's messenger drew near, "Take gently" was her prayer.
Calm and serene the Sabbath sun sank in the burnished West—
Calm and serene the sweet child passed into his Heavenly rest.
The eye of faith was given me to see the angels fair
Who bore the spirit to its home up through the golden air,
And now I know, in meadows green, by waters pure and still,
Where neither tears nor sufferings come, the dear chi'd walks at will.
The angels lead him by the hand, Christ holds him on his breast—
Oh! mother fond! could e'er your love here give him such a rest?
Rejoice! rejoice! the years will flee, the time soon come again,
When he shall be within your arms; an angel free from stain!
Rejoice! rejoice!—and yet my tears belie the words I say,
So keenly in this hour I feel thy anguish this bright day!
Go, weep no more—find some sweet spot—some lone and lovely dell,
Where you can lay the cherished dust, and say, "My child, 'tis well."
And whene'er you think of him, think not upon this clay,
But of the angel hosts of Heaven, where he shall dwell alway.

☞ On the 22d of February the Democratic State Convention of Michigan will meet in Detroit.

The Whig State Convention of North Carolina will meet in Raleigh.

The People's party State Convention of Pennsylvania will meet in Harrisburg.

The Opposition State Convention of Virginia will meet in Richmond.

The Republican State Convention of Indiana will meet in Indianapolis.

The Opposition State Convention of Tennessee will meet in Nashville.

The National Union party State Convention of New Jersey will meet in Trenton.

The Republican State Convention of California will meet in Sacramento, and the Democratic State Convention of Iowa will meet at Des Moines.

DEATH OF THE DAUGHTER OF JAMES STEPHENS. Isabella Jane, the only daughter of the late James Stephens, who was executed for wife-poisoning, died at the residence of her aunt Mrs. Hannah, in First avenue, on Saturday morning at half-past seven o'clock, at the age of eight years, six months and fifteen days. Several weeks previous to her death the child sickened with scarlet rash, of which she had nearly recovered, when one day she went in company with a servant to market, and over heard some one making the remark, "That is the daughter of Stephens, the man who poisoned his wife." The stigma appeared to weigh heavily on her mind, and after returning home she fell into a fit. She last saw her father three days before his execution, when she was taken into his cell and bade him a very affectionate farewell. She was passionately attached to him, and continued to the hour of her death to deplore his cruel, and to her mysterious fate, the particulars of which had been communicated to her by her aunt. She could not understand why her father should be hung, and frequently attested her belief in his innocence of the crime charged against him.

On her death-bed she repeatedly prayed that God might have mercy on those who brought him to such an end. But a short time previous to expiring, she bade an affectionate farew