The Secession Convention.—Mr. Memminger, the commissioner from South Carolina to solicit Virginia to meet the Cotton-holding States in General Convention for the purpose of devising measures for the maintenance of their constitutional rights, has made a report to the Governor of his State in which he says:

"Whatever may be the result of the mission in relation to the conference proposed, it affords cause for joy and thankfulness to Heaven. The cordial and kindly feeling which was exhibited to me, was, of course, the expression of that feeling which the State bears to the people of every South Carolina may justly repose; for, in every occasion of difficulty or of private intercourse where the wants of the people were stated, the demonstrations of kindness and respect were so marked as to evince the warmest sympathy and fellow feeling. And although the interest of this great State, and the dictates of manhood which yet prevail in every heart, require at proper remedies, they inspire her with a deep sense of gratitude, yet her high, noble, and generally spirit of elevated patriotism manifested by the most serious and eventual support of the equal constitutional rights of the South."

These rights, most of her people still think, can yet be secured by measures within the Union; and the apprehension that the proposed conference may lead to disunion has hitherto been the inducement to adopt measures for its failure. Those endeavors to defeat it may become serious in case the North shall refuse justice to the South. If the constitutional rights of the South are not at once—if her resistance to delusions that if a sectional party take possession of the Government and enforce upon the South, without her constitutional protection, to the combined hatred of fanaticism and jealousy, then the Union becomes an instrument of tyranny, and the South its victim. In what concerns the apprehension of discussion from a conference would be just. But it, as many of its friends believe, there is no fraternal feeling enough existing at the North to give the time of fanaticism and of its tactics to the South, then the sovereignty and dominion from which we have withdrawn is without foundation. On the contrary, a conference becomes in fact the very best instrument to manifest the supposed fraternal feeling of the North. It would bring to the end and unanimity of the South; and by proclaiming that the Union would cease from any longer respect to assert their rights and yield to their demands. From this view of the subject seems to arise the only hope, but that it will finally prevail in Virginia. The defenders of Southern rights have given unanswerable reasons why it would not be desirable or present difficulties; and even should, they fail at present in carrying a Southern conference, they have given the strongest evidence that they will be sustained by their people, and that Virginia will actually take her place in the united council of the South."

With much respect, your obedient servant,

W. C. MEMMINGER.

The Murderer of Dr. Keitt Hung.—The Ocala (Fla.) *Companion* says:

"The slave Lewis, mentioned in our last issue as having been severely cut during the night by his master, Dr. W. J. Keitt, on the 20th inst., was further examined on Wednesday last, and the most positive testimony of his having attempted to murder his master was elicited. He was found guilty of the premeditated murder, and sentenced and hung. He confessed his guilt, but refused to make any statement implicating others, though it was evident that he had not performed the diabolical act alone. He expressed no sorrow for having committed the awful crime, but seemed to have a presentiment of his execution with sullen indifference. He was buried by a committee, consisting of twelve freedmen, appointed for that purpose by Justice Hall of the county, and on that day. The trial was conducted with great care, as the slave was to die, and no one was committed. Two others were committed to jail."

PASSENGERS SAILED.

In steamship Keystone State, for Charleston—Dr B Young, Jr Lewis, Mrs McCaren, A H Clement, Marshall A Jones, A J Henry, Miss Jones, Geo Cunningham, U Underkofler, Edw C Gelsee and lady, H Norris, Miss E Gelsee and servant, Jas Gilbert, Henry Battersby, Saml Bongherz, J S Call, C Fox, Jackson Glenn, James Sutton, James W Wilson, R Tillman, Strobe, C Green, W McLean, S Green, and thirty in the steerage.

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

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THOS. KIMBER, Jr., }

LETTER BAGS

AS PER MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA:

Bark Margaret, Gray ..... Rio de Janeiro, soon
Bark Corcoran, Chas. Mitchell ..... Cardenas, soon
Bark Elizabeth J, Foulkes ..... Barbadoes, soon
Bark Powhattan, Stevens ..... Rio de Janeiro, soon
Brig Mary E Milliken, Norden ..... Havana, soon
Brig C M Frost, Lowry ..... Cienfuegos, soon

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, March 8, 1860.

SUN RISES ..... 6 16—SUN SETS 5 44
HIGH WATER 9 25

ARRIVED.

Sch Rockaway, Rudy, from New York
Schr Mary Elizabeth Madara, from New York.
Schr Antress, Dordery, from New York.
Schr Wm Rowland Hoxie, from New York.
Schr Lucy Giles, Corson, from Dennisville, NJ.
Schr Hallie D, Sheldon, from Maurice River.
Schr Flight, Buntler, from Egg Harbor.
Schr H Frisk, English, from Egg Harbor.
Schr Ocean Wave, Hilliard, from Egg Harbor.
Schr F C Smith, Smith, from Egg Harbor.

CLEARED.

Steamship Keystone State, Marshman, Charleston, A Richards.
Schr Jos G Stille, Sauir, Charleston; D S Stetson & Co.
Schr A L B Wilson, Middleton, Wilmington, do
Schr Aaron, Crosby, Portland, E A Souder & Co.
Schr H M Carlisle, Winamore, New York, Bancroft, Norton & Co.
Schr Flight, Buntley, New York, do.
Schr Excelsior, Hilyard, New York, Van Dusen, Norton & Co.
Schr Antress, Cordery, New York, do.
Schr Mary Elizabeth, Madara, E A Packer & Co.
Schr Mary Elizabeth, Madara, New York, Tiverton Oyster Co.
Schr F C Smith, Smith, Providence, do
Schr Nellie D. Studeus, Richmond, Sinnickson & Glover.
Schr J S Hewitt, Rees, Boston; C A Heckaber & Co.
Schr Henry Snow, Corson, Boston, do
Schr H Frisk, English, Boston, L Rothermel & Co.

SAILED.

The U S M steamship Keystone State, Capt Marshman, for Charleston, sailed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, with a full freight and a number of passengers, whose names will be found under the proper head.

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.)

NEW CASTLE, Del., March 8—10 A. M.—Schrs Richard Borden, S F Soudey, Alice Lee, Wm Penn, J R Hicks, Reaper, and Wm Randolph left the Breakwater on Sunday morning for sea.

Upon Bath, lightship still remains at the harbor, in company with some 20 or 30 schooners, who are waiting the roads to sail last night, bound south. Wind fresh from the southwest.

Yours, W. M. HICKMAN.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.)

NEW YORK, March 8—Evening.—The ship Two Friends, from Liverpool, bark Iruna, from Cardenas, and brig Ellen, from Otago, are in with Commerce, from Pernambuco, went in and anchored. Steamer Kennebec, for New York, passed up at 5 A. M.

WILMINGTON, March 8.—The steamer Kennebec, Capt Lewis, from Savannah, March 6, with 200 bales cotton and 15,000 casks rosin, &c., for Philadelphia, was passed down at 4 P. M. to-day.

Bark Ann Elizabeth, Norgrave, for Philadelphia, was at Fernandina at 24th ult.

Bark Jane, Keaney, from Matanzas, at Baltimore 28th inst., had been reported bound to Philadelphia.

Bark Elizabeth, Hall, cleared at Savannah 28th inst for Bremen, with 816 bales upland cotton and 75 casks rosin.

Brig Maria, (Am) Meyerich, from Fernambuco, with 800 bags sugar, arrived in Hampton Roads 1st inst, and on the 2d was ordered to proceed up Elizabeth river.

Schrs Rescuer, Nowell, and H Willetts, Cramer, Boston, arrived at Providence 7th inst.

Schr C P Hickney, Garwood, for Boston, cleared at Jacksonville 3d inst.

Schr D P Floyd, Rackett, cleared at New York 6th inst for Galveston.

Schrs Charles Wesladt, Naylor, hence; and Smith Tuttle, Mason, from Delaware City, at Boston 6th inst.

Sch Mary Ann, from Delaware City, arrived at Fall River 8th inst.

Schr Lucy Sharp, Bliss, cleared at Jacksonville 29th ult. for Philadelphia.

Schr Jas Henry, Lee, from Cohasset for Philadelphia, was ashore on Hog Island 4 M inst, but got off.

Schrs Samuel D Dresser, Prentiss, from Taunton for Philadelphia; and M M Freeman, Richerson, from Boston for Philadelphia, remained at Cape May 7th inst.

RETAIL DRY GOODS.

SPRING CLOAKS.
Newest Spring Styles.
Striped Cloth Cloaks.
New Style Silk Hoods.
Plain Cloth Cloaks.
Cloaks made to order.
Prices from $4.50 to $15.
COOPER & CONARD,
mh6 NINTH and MARKET Sts.

SPRING CASSIMERES.
Just Opened, fifty pieces new Spring Cassimeres, comprising
Fancy Stripes, Also—Silk
Fancy Mixtures, Cashmere and
Fancy Colors, Marseilles
Good Blacks, Vestings.
Ladies' Striped Cloaking Cloths.
Ladies' Plain Cloakings.
Gents' Fine Spring Coatings.
COOPER & CONARD,
mh6 NINTH and MARKET Sts.

FRENCH EMBROIDERED SETS.
Just opened a small lot of
Choicely selected, very neat designs,
Embroidered Muslin Sets and Collars,
At 12½ cents—usual price 25 cents.
CHESTNUT & EIGHTH Streets.
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BEAUTIFUL NEW SILKS!!!
THORNLEY & CRISM,
EIGHTH and SPRING GARDEN,
Would invite attention to a
Large and Choice Stock of SILK GOODS,
Neat checked and plaid Silks for ties,
Good quality Foulard Silks for do.
Fancy Silks, from 75 cts. per yard,
Beautiful brocade Silks, solid colors, for $1 12.
Rich Brocade Silks, for $1 50.
THE BEST BLACK SILKS EVER OFFERED.
From $1 per yard up to $1 50.
New styles of Dress Goods, embracing every novelty of the season, opening daily.
Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs!
Our establishment has been retained famous for Shawls of every description.
SPRING SHAWLS.
CRAPE SHAWLS.
THIBET SHAWLS.
BROCHA SHAWLS, and
BLANKET SHAWLS, &c.

SPRING GOODS.—SHARPLESS BROTHERS are opening new and handsome stock
Spring and Summer Silks:
Rich Organdies,
Very neat Lawns,
Foulard Robes,
Camilla Cloths,
Barèges,
Barèges, seven flounces,
Plaided Wool Delaines,
Black Taffetas,
Black Travellerines,
Spring Cashmeres.
mh8 CHESTNUT and EIGHTH Streets.

POPLINS—
Silk Chain Poplins,
Chaine Poplins,
Damask Poplins,
Plaid Norwich Poplins,
Satin Striped Grenadine Poplins,
Dot Chene Grenadine,
Plain Organdie Poplins,
Satin Lustre Poplins,
Plain, Plaid and Stripe Lavellas,
Just received, a large assortment of the above goods, comprising a variety seldom supplied.
NEW STYLE SCOTCH GINGHAMS,
Pink, Ruffled Suit Percales and Sateens,
New Fringe Challis and Plaid Brilliants, etc.
At the Cheap Store of
JOHN H. STEWART,
mh8 No. 828 CHESTNUT Street.

SHAWLS! SHAWLS!!
Our establishment has been retained famous for Shawls of every description.
SPECIAL SHAWLS.
CRAPE SHAWLS.
THIBET SHAWLS.
BROCHA SHAWLS, and
BLANKET SHAWLS, &c.

FOULARD SILKS.
Just received, a choice lot of
RED, BLUE, STRIPE FOULARDS,
At 62½ cents—usual price 75 cents.
Also,
Illuminated Bouquet Foulards, at $1.
CORNELIUS & SON,
mh3-stuth tf EIGHTH and ARCH Streets.

LUPIN'S DE LAINES, &c.
Fine mode de laines, 37½ cts.
Excellent de laines at 50 and 62 cts.
Superfine quality at 75 cts.
Sublime quality at 87½ cts.
Printed wool de laines, from 37 to 62½ cts.
Black de laines, assortment lots, 31 cts.
Black silk grenadines, &c.
Black Thibets, 75 cts. to $1.
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