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IN 1847 O. RICE, of Cincinnati, invented a valuable Improvement in Washboards, for which he obtained a Patent in Oct., 1849. Said improvement consisted in properly preparing the Edges of a sheet of Zinc (or other suitable metal) and there causing them to incline or cut their way into the solid wooden sides or legs of a Washboard; the methods previously employed, having been to plough a groove or cut a mortice to receive the metallic plate. O. RICE subsequently sold his entire interest and ownership in said Patent to the subscriber; who is now Sole Proprietor thereof, as well as only authorized manufacturer of O. RICE'S IMPROVED PATENT ZINC WASHBOARDS, having succeeded the late firm of Wayne, Bailey & Co. in that business. Induced by the popularity and extensive sale of said Patented Washboards, sundry persons have engaged in making and vending them without authority so to do, thereby violating the Right secured by said Patent. Suits have been commenced and are now pending against certain parties, known to be thus engaged, and it is my intention to prosecute for all infringements upon my legal and just right to the extent of the law. All persons are therefore cautioned against purchasing or dealing in Zinc Washboards, made after the manner patented by RICE, unless branded "O. Rice's Improved Washboards, Patented Oct., 1849," none other being genuine. It may be well to remark that the variation in the shape of the crimp, or the employment of any Patented Machine to nail Washboards, does not give the right to use the Patented Incising Process above described, upon which the value of the Board really depends. Wholesale orders for the genuine article respectfully solicited and promptly executed at as low prices as any of the unauthorized makes, by JOSEPH W. WAYNE, Sole Proprietor and Manufacturer thereof; Office at Hardware Store, No. 196 Main st., opposite 5th, fe23 Cincinnati, Ohio.

J. SCOTT, Dentist, Fourth street, five doors west of Market. Office hours from 9 A. M., to 5 P. M. All work warranted. ja18

Barlow's Indigo Blue.

BARLOW'S INDIGO BLUE is now well established as the best article ever offered for Blueing Clothes. It is entirely free from ACID or anything injurious to the finest articles.

All Housekeepers who have not used it will find it much cheaper and less trouble than Indigo or any other article out. The great demand for it has brought out several imitations. Storekeepers and Consumers will be careful to get BENJAMIN BARLOW'S, put up at ALFRED WILTBERGER'S DRUG STORE, No. 169 N. SECOND ST., PHILADELPHIA. Storekeepers can get their supplies from the Grocers and Druggists they deal with, at prices that pay them a good profit.

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PAINTS, VARNISHES, DYE STUFFS, &c., &c., with a first-rate assortment of everything in the line. Storekeepers, Physicians and Manufacturers supplied at reasonable rates.

ALFRED WILTBERGER, Druggist, ap2-6m No. 169 N. Second st., Philadelphia.

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SERVANTS of all descriptions supplied. Private families and Hotels are respectfully solicited to avail themselves of the facilities now offered. Past services offered as guarantees for future favors.

N. B.—Collections promptly attended to. fe9-1yd JOS. LEWIS.

OHIO & PENNA. RAILROAD.—Wanted 20 shares of Stock to complete an order. WILKINS & CO., Bankers and Commission Stock Brokers, 71 4th st.

J. A. BROWN, would most respectfully inform the public that he keeps on hand, at his stand on the west side of the Diamond, Allegheny City, a complete assortment of Venitian Blinds; Also, Venitian Shutters are made to order, in the best style, and can be put up without the aid of a screw driver. Having purchased the stock, tools, and wood of the Cabinet Establishment of Ramsey & McClelland, I am prepared to furnish their old customers as well as the public at large, with everything in their line. Agency, No. 5 Wood street, Pittsburgh. mch26 J. A. BROWN.

LAUNDRY BLUE—The attention of families and wash-women is invited to this Blue, which is simply Indigo dissolved, having all its properties retained. The Laundry Blue possesses, over the undissolved Indigo the advantage of imparting a better color to clothes, of being much more simple and convenient for use, and of being a saving of about one half, owing to the fact that not more than one half of the Indigo can be dissolved by water. It is entirely destitute of any properties injurious to cloths. We would solicit a trial, and warrant it to be as represented. For sale by JOHN HAFT, Jr., de22 No. 141 Wood

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Spring of 1855.

MURPHY & BURCHFIELD Will commence opening On Monday, March [illegible], Their early supply of SPRING GOODS. mh

A. A. MASON & CO. are now opening 200 cases and packages of Calicoes, Muslins, Ginghams, Checks, Summer Stuffs, Lawns, Muslin de Laines, &c., &c., which have been purchased at the large peremptory sales at much less than cost of manufacture. ap5

SILKS—A. A. Mason & Co. will open on Monday, Feb. 12th, 20 pcs. of rich Plain and Plaid Silks, including a few pcs. of those 4-4 Plaids, at $1.50.

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ONE of the principal and great causes of the high price of Brandy in this market, is the indirect source from which it is derived. Nine-tenths of that imported is received from mercantile houses in Cognac, who buy of the farmers in that district and ship it to the United States, at much advanced prices, and frequently in an adulterated state. In view of these facts, and for the purpose of securing a fair price for their product, a union of brandy growers in France has been accomplished, with the view of shipment to the United States.

The name of the consolidation is the Central Society of Vineyard Proprietors of Cognac, under the general management and the direction of E. Reddon, President, a Vice President, and a Committee of Inspection of eight members. The society itself numbers five hundred vineyard proprietors, amongst them some of the most influential noblemen in the neighborhood of Cognac, who contribute, under certain by-laws, the entire growth of their vineyards to the general fund of the society. The present capital of which is three million francs. The advantage to be obtained from this combination are so apparent as to render unnecessary any further comment on the subject; nevertheless, it may be worthy of observation that few features in this society possess a more striking claim to public attention than the fusion of interest effected between buyer and seller. Since all are shareholders, it necessarily becomes the interest of each individual to contribute by every means in his power to uphold the reputation which the society is endeavoring to earn, for shipment of the best qualities of brandies. For this purpose a clause introduced in the statutes (article 40) renders it imperative that shareholders shall supply the society with the very best Cognac brandies, otherwise they incur the liability of an entire forfeiture of their shares.

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THOMAS FAYE & CO., 256 and 257, Broadway, New York, Directly opposite the City Hall & Park,

HAVE constantly on hand a full stock of American and French Paper Hangings, Borders, Fireboards, Prints, Curtain Papers, Bed Testers, Statues, Landscapes, &c., of every style known to the trade.

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Merchants are respectfully requested to show this advertisement to any Daguerreotypist in their town.

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Goods can be sent by express, payable on delivery, but parties with whom we are unacquainted, must give reference or offer sufficient to pay for the goods on arrival, or remit with their order enough to cover expenses of transportation. fe27-3mv E. ANTHONY, 308 Broadway, N. Y.

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JAMES ROBB, 89 Market and 6 Union sts., third door from the Market House, Pittsburgh, would respectfully inform his numerous friends and customers, that he has just received his Spring and Summer Goods, in all varieties, and of the latest style, now worn in the eastern cities.

The particular attention of the Ladies is invited to a well assorted stock of Gaiters and Fancy Boots and Slippers of all descriptions; also a nice stock of Childrens' Gaiters and Fancy Shoes which were carefully selected. For Gentlemen, he has any pattern of fancy and Wearing articles. Purchases for cash in large quantities enable him to sell at as low prices as any establishment will sell in the city. He will still continue to manufacture as heretofore, any kind of Ladies' and Gentlemens' wear, in the newest style, and of the best materials. ap21-tf

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SAILS from Liverpool to Philadelphia the 1st of each month, and from Philadelphia to Liverpool the 15th of every month, owned by Thomas Richardson & Co., 9 Walnut st., Philadelphia; and Richardson, Spence & Co., Liverpool.

The subscriber, Agent for the Company, has always on hand Passage Tickets and Sight Drafts for any amount, payable at any Bank in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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WILL continue the business of the Union Foundry, at the old stand of PENNOCK, MITCHELL & CO., No. 193 Liberty st. They will manufacture as usual, a large and general assortment of CASTINGS, comprising Cooking Stoves, Ranges and Side Ovens, OFFICE AND PARLOR STOVES, MANTLE & KITCHEN GRATES, Hollow Ware, Wagon Boxes, Dog Irons, Sad Irons, Tea Kettles, Plows and Plow Points, Mill and Machinery Castings generally, AND GAS and WATER PIPES of all sizes. ALSO, IRON & NAILS OF THE BEST BRANDS, Shovels, Spades, Picks, &c., All of which will be sold at manufacturers' prices. my7-ly

JOHN T. SHRYOCK, Book and Job Printer and Publisher,

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BOOK BINDER'S and Box Maker's Straw Boards always on hand. Also, Books, Papers and Stationery. my10

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 24, 1855.

IMPORTANT FUGITIVE SLAVE CASE.—We find in the San Jose (California) *Telegraph*, the following report of an attempt at San Jose to force back into slavery a negro brought into California by his master. Considerable importance is attached to the decision, because a large number of colored men were brought into the State under circumstances similar to those of the defendant:—

Two weeks ago, we alluded to the case of Geo. Mitchell, a colored boy, who was arrested and brought before Justice Allen, charged with owing service and labor to one Jesse Cooper, of Tennessee.

Mitchell was brought into California in 1849, before the adoption of the State Constitution, by one Cooney, and has remained here ever since. The attempt to carry him away was made under the unconstitutional acts of our Legislature, and the bogus decisions of our pro-slavery Supreme Court.

Before Justice Allen, on the 17th April, the counsel for the negro made application for a continuance for ten days, to enable them to procure testimony. The further hearing was accordingly postponed until the 16th instant, at which time the parties appeared, and a motion was made to dismiss this case. Pending the discussion of this motion, the case was moved from Justice Allen by *habeas corpus*, and Mitchell was brought up before the Hon. C. P. Hester, Judge of the District Court. In the argument before Judge Hester, the negro's counsel made the following points:

1st. No State had the right to legislate upon the subject of fugitive slaves, and cited the case of Pennsylvania agt. Prigg, 16 Peters, U. S. Reports, 11 Illinois Reports, Thornton's case, 12 Wendell, Jack agt. Martin, all holding that State legislation on the subject was void.

2d. They insisted that the fugitive slave law of California expired on the 14th of April; and that the inchoate proceedings commenced under it before that time could not be finished on the 16th April; That the proceedings were *coram non judice*, and the detention illegal and void. Numerous authorities were cited on this point; one from Illinois Reports, and another from 8 Blackford's Indiana Reports, were especially relied upon.

The learned Judge coincided with this view of the case, and declared the proceedings subsequently to the statute absolutely void, and that consequently Mitchell was illegally detained.—He was accordingly discharged.

The large auditory received the announcement with evident satisfaction.

The case was ably argued, and presented by Alfred Cowles, Mr. Clement and Mr. Foster for the negro, and Mr. Hall and Mr. Stafford for the claimant.

These proceedings occurred on the 17th. On the 21st, another attempt was made to reduce George to slavery in San Francisco. In the report of the proceedings before the United States District Court, Judge Hoffman presiding, we find the following:

An affidavit was made in this court for the reclamation, under the act of Congress, of an alleged fugitive slave of the name of George, belonging to Jesse C. Cooper, of Tennessee. The fugitive is claimed under the United States law, Judge Hester, of San Jose, having decided that the proceedings to reclaim him under the State statute, which had expired, were void. The fugitive was brought here when California was a territory, and the question of law apparently is whether the act of Congress applies to such cases. No process has been issued yet, but a warrant of process will be probably taken out to-day.

Who, then, are the robbers, the outlaws and the miscreants, if it be not the Lynching rascals of Missouri, who stand ready to rob and murder at any moment?—*Newark (N. J.) Advertiser.*

It is a cheering "sign" that the most conservative journals in the country are the most emphatic in their denunciations of the lawless conduct of the Missouri Banditti. It shows that with them the point has been reached where "forbearance ceases to be a virtue." They were conservative and calm, because they believed that conservatism and calmness would induce the South to forbear its aggressions. But, finding their conciliatory tone received rather as encouragement to new outrages than as an inducement to forbearance, they feel themselves to have been wasting their fraternal sympathy upon a set of men linked to an institution as insatiable as the grave, and which will have what it demands, even though to secure it, it violates the most sacred principles of Justice.

Those who invaded Kansas and prostituted the elective franchise to subvert the popular will, merit every epithet which the language furnishes to characterize infamy. But the remedy is not to be found in the epithets or denunciation. The supremacy of Law demands the punishment of the invaders. The leader of the gang has occupied a seat in the Senate of the United States. He was, up to the 1st of December last, *ex officio* Vice-President of the United States. His predecessor, Aaron Burr, was in no hour of his life, more of a traitor for the vilest of purposes—to extend the border and jurisdiction of Slavery. The misguided creatures who followed his lead were but the ignorant instruments of his infamous designs. The General Administration will be false to itself and the country if it do not arraign this Senatorial culprit for what he has done, and employ, if needs be, the entire force of the Government to prevent the repetition of the scenes which marked the 30th of last March in Kansas. It is bad enough to have Free Soil cursed with Slavery by what has the doubtful sanctity of "legal process," but it is criminal to permit a band of "robbers, outlaws and miscreants" to force the Institution upon a People who hold it in abhorrence.—*Alb. Eve. Jour.*

ANDREW MARSHALL, THE NEGRO PREACHER.—A correspondent of the New York Recorder, writing from Savannah, says:

"On Sabbath morning I attended divine service at the Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Preston is pastor; he was absent, and his place was supplied by a New England minister. The building is very fine, of granite brought from Maine, and the interior is a noble temple. In the afternoon I determined to hear the renowned Andrew Marshall, the veteran pastor of the African Baptist Church. This soldier of the cross has a world-wide fame, and a very interesting notice of his pulpit services may be found in Sir Charles Lyell's travels. Mr. Marshall's church is a fair old building, and in its interior much resembles a New England old country meeting house.

I looked down upon the congregation, and noticed that the audience, without exception, was well dressed; the women chiefly wore head-dresses of Madras handkerchiefs, though many had bonnets, and most of the men wore gloves. Mr. Marshall, I should observe is in his 100th year; his hair is as white as snow, his countenance mild without any wrinkles to mark decrepitude or decay. His voice is one of great sweetness and power; he reads his hymn without spectacles—and such reading! In sober truth I know no northern Doctor who can read as well. It was read as Staughton used to read, and those who remember that style of giving out psalmody, will long to hear Andrew Marshall. I came to church expecting to hear a wreck of a preacher—a negro preacher. I found in the pulpit a master in Israel. Age has not touched his faculties; his mind is as vivacious, and its workings are as true and faithful as are the intellects of men of 30 or 40 years of age. He preached for an hour an expository sermon on the man out of whom Christ expelled the devils who were permitted to go into the herd of swine.

Mr. Marshall's sermon will remain in my memory associated with the discourses of great men. The exposition was scriptural, argumentative, full of imagination and abounding in wit, yet all in keeping with the place. I was reminded all through the sermon of three great preachers in the old country, each eminent in his peculiar way. I refer to Rowland Hill, Christmas Evans and William Jay. Marshall has much of the wit which corruscated from the desk of Surrey Chapel, while the graphic sketching of the Welch Demosthenes, and the admirable colloquial style of Jay are found all through his sermon. The noble preacher made more points of power in that hour than I have heard in any sermon for five years. I regard him as the most astonishing preacher I have ever listened to, when his age, his social position, and his illiteracy are all considered. No pulpit in New York or Boston would have been honored by such a sermon.

The limits of a letter will not permit me to give an outline of the sermon, but it will live in my memory, and its illustration would have been a stock in trade for a tyro in theology, and many a sprig in divinity. Mr. Marshall's voice is euphoneous, his manner dignified. Nothing but his white hair indicates his age, and I should never have supposed him more than sixty-five, had I not been informed. I must not forget his prayer; it was man talking with God, reverently wrestling with God. He saw the portals of the city—he had been often at its gates, and it seemed as if he knew the holy ones. Among the hearers were several white ladies and gentlemen, and I was glad to meet there with the Hon. Francis Granger and his daughter. They both unite with me in my appreciation of the preacher, and Mr. Granger told me that he thought the reading of the hymn was one of the most impressive exhibitions of sacred oratory he had ever witnessed.

Mr. Marshall drove General Washington from Virginia to Savannah, and he observed that during the entire journey he never saw him smile.

Terrible Earthquake in Japan

The "North China Herald," received by the late arrival from Europe, furnishes the following extracts of a letter from an officer of the U. S. Steamer Powhatan, announcing the exchange, on the 21st of February, of the ratifications of the Treaty between the United States and Japan, and the visitation of Japan, on the 23rd of December last, with a violent earthquake, whereby the city of Ohosaca, the largest city of Japan, and the town of Simoda were destroyed and Jeddo much injured. The loss of the Russian frigate Diana, after the earthquake, is also narrated:

"POWHATTAN, MARCH 2, 1855,
"*Off the mouth of the Yang-tsze-kiang.*

"We sailed from Simoda a week ago last Thursday, expecting a run of about five days to Shanghai; but we had scarcely got out of the harbor before we encountered a heavy gale of wind, which required a large expenditure of coal to enable us to breast it, without making any headway, but, on the contrary, rather losing ground. This had scarcely subsided when we had another gale more severe than the first, which lasted much longer, and after that subsided we had still another directly in our teeth, which seemed to combine in itself the severity of both the previous ones. I never before have experienced any thing to compare with it at sea. Being short of coal, the ship could not be placed in the most favorable position for weathering the gales, as the captain thought it necessary, that he should force her against it all he could, so that he might make his fuel last to get the ship into port when the gale abated. By the greatest good luck we have managed to avoid the necessity of taking off our paddles and beating up under sail.

"The exchange of the ratifications of the treaty between the United States and Japan was made on the 21st day of February and we sailed on the 22d.

"The island of Niphon, in which Simoda is situated, was visited on the 23d December by a severe earthquake, which was most disastrous in its effects. The city of Ohosoca, one of the largest in the empire, was completely laid waste.—Jeddo itself suffered considerably, but has since suffered more seriously from the effects of an extensive conflagration. The town of Simoda, on our arrival, presented a complete scene of desolation and ruin. After the shock of the earthquake the sea commenced bubbling up as it were along the shore, and then receded with great rapidity, and as soon returned with such increased volume as to flood the whole town to the depth of six or seven feet, sweeping away houses, bridges and temples, and piling them up in a mass of ruin. Five times during the day did the sea advance and recede in this manner, spreading desolation far and wide. The largest junks in the harbor were driven from one to two miles above high-water mark, where we saw them lying high and dry. About two hundred of the poor inhabitants lost their lives by the overflow, the remainder saving themselves by fleeing to the mountains with which the town is surrounded.

"The Russian frigate Diana, having Vice-Admiral Pontiatine on board, was lying in the harbor at the time, engaged in finishing up the treaty they had made with the Japanese. Immediately after the shock was felt the water in the harbor became convulsed to such a degree, in eddies and whirlpools, that in the space of thirty minutes she swung entirely round forty-three times, twisting her chains up into knots; so rapid was the motion that the people on board could not keep their feet, and all were made giddy. When the sea receded it left the frigate in eight feet water on her side, when her usual draft was over twenty-one feet. On its return, it is stated, the water rose five fathoms above its ordinary level. On its again receding four feet only of the water remained, so that they saw the stocks of their anchor above the water. The heaving of the bottom of the bay was then so violent that the frigate—although, as I said, in only four feet of water—was moved bodily past her anchor. The officers momentarily expected that the bay would become the outlet of the subterranean fires, and that they would be engulphed in it. When the frigate again floated they saw her keel and rudder, which had been wrenched off, floating alongside, and the ship filling with water. By getting sails under her they managed to keep her afloat, and the next day, things having got quiet once more, they hauled her off into deeper water.

Occasional shocks of earthquake still continued to be felt, but none were attended with serious consequences. After repairing damages as well as they could, and having rigged a temporary rudder, and the weather becoming fine, they attempted to take the ship round to another bay, where she would be less exposed, and they could complete repairs, (Simoda being badly adapted for such a purpose;) but when within seven miles of their harbor a gale sprung up, the hundred Japanese boats that were towing them abandoned them, (not, however, till they had got out all the officers and crew,) and shortly after the gallant ship sunk in deep water, the officers and men saving only the clothes they stood in. Notwithstanding all their misfortunes and the dangers through which they had passed they only lost one man, and he was accidentally killed by being jammed by one of the guns which had gone adrift."

MANUMISSION OF SLAVES—SUDDEN DEATH OF THEIR MASTER, &c.—Over a year since Mr. Elijah Willis, of Williston, Barnwell District, South Carolina, came to this city and executed in the office of Jolliffe & Gitchell a will bequeathing to his wife and her heirs and assignees all his property, real and personal, to the value of $150,000, consisting of two plantations well stocked, and from forty to fifty negroes. His wife, Mary Amy Turner and children six in number, are mulattoes, and were held by Willis as slaves. Mr. Willis agreed with Messrs A. H. Ernst, Edward Harwood, and John Joliffe, whom he made his executors, that they should be manumitted, and that the executors might dispose of the remainder of his slaves at his death as they deemed best. Mr. Willis returned to his plantation. Yesterday morning he arrived from the South on the Jacob Strader with his wife, her mother, and the six children. After securing a hack to convey the family to the Dumas House, Mr. Willis with a daughter held by each hand approached the carriage and was in the act of stepping in when he was seized with palpitation of the heart to which he was subject and, falling backwards expired in about five minutes. Coroner Menzies held an inquest over the body, and the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Mr. Willis was about 60 years of age, a very respectable old gentleman, and has been married to Mary Amy about thirteen years, and always manifested towards her and the children warm affection. He has been in bad health several years, and his relatives, who reside in Barnwell district, have frequently importuned him to give up his business and travel with his family. He left home about four weeks ago, not as they supposed, to make said trip, but to come to this State, free his family from Slavery, and provide them with comfortable houses on free soil. Having done this, it was his intention to return to South Carolina, settle up his affairs, and live the remainder of his life free from all care and anxiety. Bad health for several years was an additional inducement for him to pursue this course.

The remains of Mr. Willis, accompanied by the family, were taken to the Dumas House. The family appear to be deeply afflicted by Mr. W's. sudden death. They are kindly cared for. His last will is in the possession of Flamen Ball, Esq., counsel for the wife of Willis who will attend to her business, and see that she obtains that bequeathed to her. The funeral of Mr. Willis will take place to-day.

Those who affect to believe that the abolition of Slavery would lead to universal amalgamation at the North, will please make a note of the above case.—*Cin. Gaz.*

DEATH OF JOHN C. SPENCER.—With deep regret we record the death of the Hon. JOHN C. SPENCER, of Albany. We take from the Albany *Journal* of last evening, the following sketch of his life:—

"MR SPENCER was the eldest son of Chief Justice SPENCER. He was born in 1787, and has occupied a prominent place in the political history of the State during nearly half a century. He was educated for the bar, and attained to the highest rank in that profession. Among the important duties confided to him by the State was the prosecution of the Morgan trials, and subsequently the revision of the Statutes. In 1816, while residing in Canandaigua, he was chosen to represent the Ontario District in Congress, and at that time served on the celebrated Bank Investigating Committee. In 1819 he was sent to the Assembly, and was elected Speaker of the House in 1820. He was again returned to the Assembly in 1820, 1830, and 1832. In 1824 he was elected to represent the 7th District in the State Senate. He was called to the Secretaryship of State in 1839, and about that time removed to this city, where he has since lived. He was appointed Secretary of War by President TYLER, in 1841, and Secretary to the Treasury in 1843. During the latter part of his life he has devoted himself mainly to the duties of his profession, and but a short time since acted as counsel for Dr. NOTT, in the investigation of the affairs of Union College. In accurate legal judgment, laborious industry, and practical energy, few Lawyers have equaled and none surpassed him. His disease was of long standing."

The Canadian newspapers notice the continued arrival daily of large numbers of escaped slaves from the United States.

ARRIVAL FROM THE FALLS OF THE MISSOURI.—Mr. John C. Tevis, who has passed several months at Fort Union, and other trading posts on the Missouri, and Mr. Galpin, of Port Pierre, arrived in this city yesterday. In company with Mr. Culbertson, special Indian Agent for the Black Feet, Mr. Tevis left Fort Union on the 10th of April. He represents the navigation of the river as exceedingly difficult, even for Mackinaw boats, and from its source to the mouth of the Platte it was lower than has ever been known. During the month of April, not a drop of rain fell in their whole course of travel. The winter had been very mild, and little or no snow had fallen.

In consequence of the mildness of the winter, the trade in Buffalo robes had greatly diminished and comparatively a small number will be brought to market. The herds of Buffalo wintered in the Mountains, and the Indians, located on the rivers, could not go out to hunt them, and hence the diminished supply.—*St. Louis Republican, 20th.*

BROOM CORN.—This plant is a native of India, and was introduced into this country by Dr. Benjamin Franklin, who found a seed in an imported whisk and planted it; and from this small beginning arose this valuable product of industry.

BANE AND ANTIDOTE.—The Piedmont (Va.) Whig says:—"The Joint Worm, we understand, has made its appearance in this vicinity, in various localities, within the last few days. We have heard, too, that the insect which preys upon it, and which is perhaps destined to put a stop to its ravages, has also come to light. Will said insect, in that case, be entitled to the Agricultural Society's reward?"

A REDUCTION OF HOUSE RENTS is said to have taken place in New York city. The first of May was moving day, and in anticipation of it tenants made demands for reduction. Some of the property owners consented, wisely, and retained good tenants. Others resisted, and, as a natural consequence, it appears that there are between two and three thousand houses and parts of houses to rent, the tenants having found quarters in Brooklyn, Jersey City, and other places, or gone to boarding or into a few rooms.

The Michigan Central Railroad Company have made a connection at Joliet, Illinois, with the Chicago and Mississippi Railroad, by constructing a road from Lake Station, thirty-six miles east of Chicago, to Joliet, a distance of forty-four miles. As the gauges of the three roads between Detroit and Alton are the same, a train may be loaded in Detroit and run through to Alton without changing.

WHEAT IN CANADA.—The Cayuga (C. W.) Sachme says the wheat crop throughout Western Canada looks exceedingly well. The fall wheat is entirely free from winter killing, and as there is no danger of its being injured by frost, the prospects of an abundant harvest is very encouraging. The quantity of land under wheat is far greater than in any previous year.

HOPS.—There are one thousand acres more of hops in Otsego county, N. Y., at this time, it is said, than there were last year. This seems singular, in view of the late passage of the liquor law in that State.

AN ARMY OF LETTER WRITERS.—The correspondence of the British army in the East amounts to 45,250 letters received, and 43,125 sent monthly. A postmaster, three assistant postmasters, and seven letter-carriers, have been stationed in the Crimea; and eighteen horses and mules are specially employed for the conveyance of mails there.

TO THE LADIES,

PAUL HUGUS, 104 Market street, RESPECTFULLY informs the Ladies of Pittsburgh and vicinity that he has just received a large and well selected stock of Spring and Summer Dry Goods, which he will sell at greatly reduced prices at his store, No. 104 Market st. 2d door from Fifth street. mh24-d&w8

ARRIVED THIS MORNING BY EXPRESS—A large assortment of Black, Twisted, Barred, Striped and Pressed Silks to which I would solicit the attention of my customers and ladies in general. mh24-d&w8 PAUL HUGUS.

NOW OPEN—At 104 Market st., a large assortment of new style dress goods, comprised of Lawns, Brilliantines, French Ginghams, Berage de Laines, Swiss Robes, House de Laines, Chintzes, Challeys, to which I would respectfully invite the attention of the ladies. mh24-d&w8 PAUL HUGUS.

EMBROIDERIES—Having constantly on hand a large assortment of Embroideries of all descriptions, I would solicit the patronage of the public at 104 Market street. mh24-d&w8 PAUL HUGUS.

CASSINETTS AND CASSIMERES—Having just opened a large stock of the above named articles, Barred and Plain, we would solicit the patronage of the public. As we pay particular attention to the selecting of these goods, both in style and quality, we can warrant them to our customers as before, at 104 Market st. mh24-d&w8 PAUL HUGUS.

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Engineer, until Friday, the 1st day of June next, for the grading, bridging, &c., of the Allegheny and New Brighton Plank Road, from the Manchester line to the traveled road at the corner of Cooper & Pur's lot (distance about two miles). Also, for grading, bridging, &c., from a point on the present road at the corner of land of Campbell & Knox to J. J. Gillespie's land on said road. This section crosses Jack's Run, and will include the Trussel Bridge at the Run. (distance about three-fourths of a mile.)

Bids will be received for the whole work, or in sections. Plans and Specifications of the work may be seen at the office of the Engineer. R. K. M'Gowan, on Penn street, Pittsburgh. Any information necessary for bidders, may be obtained on application to the undersigned, or of the Engineer. my11-dtd JOHN BIRMINGHAM, Pres't.

Ketchum's Mower with Reaper Attachment.

THE most perfect machine in use, warranted to cut from 10 to 15 acres of grass or grain per day as well as would be done by scythe or cradle. Price of Mower, $120, combined $140. For sale by my11 E. R. SHANKLAND, 123 Wood st.

Card—May 15th, 1855.

HAVING just returned from New York I would respectfully announce to our patrons and the public that we shall open this day and continue to receive during the week a large assortment of DRESS and MANTILLA TRIMMINGS, French Embroideries, Hosiery, Gloves, Mitts and a large stock of Bonnet Ribbons and Millinery Goods. As our purchases are made direct from Importers, we can offer our goods at prices which must be satisfactory to all. JOS. HORNE, 77 Market st.

Mechanics' Bank.

AT a meeting of the Commissioners of said Bank, held on the 3d inst., it was

Resolved, That the subscribers to the Stock of the Mechanics' Bank of Pittsburgh, be required to pay to the Treasurer the sum of Twenty Dollars on each share of the stock held by them, on or before the Sixteenth day of June next.

Payment will therefore be made by the Stockholders, to Samuel Jones, Esq., Treasurer, at the office of S. Jones & Co., Pittsburgh. DAVID CAMPBELL, my5-d3tawtd Secretary.

PINE AND CEDAR WARE.—SAMUEL KROESEN keeps constantly on hand a good assortment of Wash and Bath Tubs, Horse, Steamboat, Oak Well, Kitchen or Draw Buckets, Wooden Bowls, Churns, Dry Measures, Zinc and Cherry Wash Boards, and all other kinds of ware in his line.

Also—50 nests Tubs, and 100 dozen Buckets. Wareroom, Masonic Hall, Fifth street, Pittsburgh, Pa. au24-y

Cider and Vinegar.

VINEGAR made expressly for family use and now sold in more than one half of the Retail Groceries of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, where Pickles can be seen and in my Warehouse that have been saved in it six years.

Wine Vinegar made from Ohio Grapes, equal to the best imported.

Old Cider Vinegar that will bear reducing one half and still be good retailing Vinegar.

The attention of private families, hotel keepers and the country merchants in particular, is directed to this Vinegar.

Cider that will keep sweet until next Fall.

The above Vinegars and Cider warranted to be as represented. mh21 A. BALLOU, 146 Water & 149 1st st.

Notice to Banks and other Corporations.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, Harrisburg, May 14th, 1855.

MR. EDITOR—You will please publish, for four consecutive weeks, the two following sections in conformity with the provisions of the 73d section of the Act of Seventh May, 1855, entitled "An Act to provide for the ordinary expenses of government, the Repairs of the Public Canals and Railroads, and for other general and special appropriations."

Very Respectfully, &c., WM. Q. WALLACE, for E. BANKS, Auditor Gen'l.

SECTION 71. That all banks, institutions and companies of every kind and nature whatever, incorporated under or in pursuance of any act of the legislature of Pennsylvania, general or special, or of any other state, and doing business in this state, shall give notice, accompanied by the oath or affirmation of the President, Secretary or Treasurer, to the Auditor General, of the corporate name, date of incorporation, time of commencing business and place of business of such bank, institution or company, the amount of capital stock, dividends declared, if any, with rate and time thereof, or the value of stock, according to the provisions of the act to reduce the state debt, and to incorporate the Pennsylvania Canal and Railroad Company, passed April twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

SECTION 72. That all banks, institutions and companies who do not, by their officers, as aforesaid, give notice to the Auditor General, as aforesaid, on or before the thirtieth day of November next, and annually thereafter, and pay the amount of tax they are legally chargeable with, into the State Treasury in the month of December, then following, shall forfeit and pay for the use of the Commonwealth interest thereon, at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum until paid. my16-4wd

Wet Goods! Wet Goods!! AT BOSTON STORE, 63 MARKET STREET.

PRINTED LAWNS, 50 cts. per Dress, fast colors.

BERAGE DE LAINES, 12 cts. per Dress. WET LINENS; WET DRAPERY MUSLINS, WET HOSIERY; WET TABLE CLOTHS.

Now is the time to buy cheap goods, at the Boston Store 63 Market street. my15

ALEXANDER HAYS, CIVIL ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR, FIFTH ST., OPPOSITE THE COURT HOUSE, Pittsburgh, Penna.

HAS PERMANENTLY LOCATED and will punctually attend to all business entrusted to his charge.

REFERENCES: Hon. Wm. F. Johnston, President Allegheny Valley R. R. W. Milnor Roberts, Chief Engineer. Geo. R. Eichbaum, Assistant. J. Mitchell, Jr., Chief Eng'r Pittsb'g & Steubenville R. R. Jas. Thompson, Superintendent City Gas Works. Jas. S. Day, Civil Engineer, Allegheny City. ap7-d&wtf

Youghiogheny Flag Stone.

THE subscriber is prepared to lay or furnish any amount of Pavement, Curb, Crossing, Sills, Steps or Platforms at the lowest prices.

The person who advertises Stone in the Dispatch yesterday morning, as having them at the foot of Liberty st. has only three 12 feet Stones laying there, and the balance belongs to me.

Reference, for work done, Exchange Bank, S. Jones & Co., and Phillips & Murdock. my10-3wd DANIEL SHALLENBERGER, Fifth st., opposite Exchange Bank.

STAR CANDLES—25 bxs. Star Candles just rec'd and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO.