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CITY ITEMS.

Decker Brothers, Patent Pianos.

A valuable recommendation. Messrs. Hoffman, Hoene & Company, No. 83 Fifth street, has received the following letter from George Woods, President of the Western University. We bespeak for it a careful perusal:

MESSRS. HOFFMAN, HOENE & Co.—*Gentlemen*: Two years ago, after a careful trial of other instruments, I purchased of you a Decker Piano, believing it to be superior in sweetness, fullness, and richness of tone, to any other make. My decision was made very reluctantly as I had used Steinway's, and supposed it superior to all others; but, after a trial of two years, I find my Piano in perfect tune, although it has been tuned but once, and improved by use, and more than meeting the high expectations I had when I bought it. I am more than satisfied with the selection made. All who have heard it, persons who have had much experience in teaching music, pronounce it in all respects a splendid instrument. Respectfully yours,

GEORGE WOODS.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21, 1865.

Messrs. Hoffman, Hoene & Co., have just received a most excellent assortment of Decker's Pianos, which are on exhibition at their rooms. All persons desiring a first class instrument, are requested to call and examine their stock.

The Diseases of Winter.

Every season of the year has diseases peculiar to it; and now, when the ground is covered with the white mantle, incident to this season of the year, croups and colds and pneumonia and rheumatism and neuralgias abound.

Those who have weak chests and pulmonary organs, are mostly the victims of the former; whilst those whose respiratory organs are strong fall a prey to the latter. Standing on the street corners and imbibing moisture into the feet is almost sure to be followed by a chill, and from a chill into a cough, which, if neglected, fastens on the lungs, weakening their power, and you have a terrible disease which annually sweeps its thousands to untimely graves.

There is a way to hinder all this—a cough or cold is easily remedied—a bottle of *Dr. Keyser's Pectoral Syrup* will often banish it in half a day. It has done it in more than a hundred instances. We have known a cough or cold cost many a man a thousand dollars, and many another man his life, when a seventy-five cent bottle of Dr. Keyser's Pectoral Syrup, made at 140 Wood street, would have saved both, and besides a great deal of needless suffering.

The Best Known Tonic.

Caswell, Mack & Co.'s Combination of Iron, Phosphorus and Calisaya, known as Ferro-Phosphorated Elixir of Calisaya. The iron restores color to the blood; the Phosphorus renews waste of the nerve tissue, and the Calisaya gives a natural, healthful tone to the digestive organs.

One pint contains the virtue of one ounce of Calisaya and one teaspoonful a grain of Iron and Phosphorus. Manufactured by

CASWELL, MACK & Co., New York.

For sale by all druggists.

The Howe Sewing Machine,

Must certainly take the lead of all others in a short time. It was awarded five premiums on work, at the World's Fair, 1862; four premiums for work and on the machine, at the New York State Fair, 1865. See the *Methodist*, of September 23d. A premium on the machine at the Ohio State Fair, 1866. See the Dayton *Journal*, October 19th. The only agency for its sale for Western Pennsylvania, is at No. 4 St. Clair street, Pittsburgh.

At the World's Fair

In London, 1862, the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine received the highest award—all the Machines of Europe and America in competition. This award has always been made wherever exhibited. You will make no mistake in ordering one as a holiday gift to wife, sister or friend. They can be purchased only at Sumner & Co's., 57 Fifth street.

Most Bitters

That are advertised to act as a tonic, have a tendency to weaken the stomach; we would therefore caution the public against purchasing any but ROBACK'S; which are really, as their name indicates, a *Stomach Bitters*. They should be taken an hour before or two hours after meals, to give tone, assist digestion and strengthen the stomach.

Pianos,

Splendid new stock, just received from the factories of Wm. Knabe & Co., Haines Bros. and others. Persons in want of a *really first class instrument* are respectfully invited to call and examine before purchasing elsewhere. Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street, second door above Wood street.

Do Not Forget

Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, or your friend this Christmas or New Year. But few days yet remain until these days are upon us. Buy what you want at once, and that at Pittock's, where we can assure all the best treatment will be tendered. Don't overlook it.

Good

Clear Toys, assorted Candies, Raisins, Currants, Prunes, Orange and Lemon Peel, Canned Fruits, etc., etc., as cheap and as good as at any other house in the West or States. George Beaven, No. 112 Federal street, Allegheny City. A call is solicited.

Liming's Improved Stove Damper.

Gives universal satisfaction. For a short time, county and state rights can be had at figures that will pay the purchaser three hundred to eight hundred per cent. profit. Office No. 11 Fifth street.

Prince & Co's World Renowned Automatic Organs.

Every instrument guaranteed good and kept in perfect order, free of charge, for five years. Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street.

The Best Pianos

In the country are those made by Wm. Knabe & Co. For sale only by Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street, second door above Wood.

Automatic Organs.

Forty thousand of Prince & Co's Automatic Organs and Melodeons are now in use. For sale only by Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street.

Silks,

Shawls, Cloaks and Dress Goods. Almost incredible bargains, at the great reduction sale of Barker & Company, No. 59 Market street.

Invoice Stock January 1st,

And must have it. Reduced Goods are for sale and will be sold at any price. Opera House Store.

You can Buy

Foreign Liquors of all kinds at Joseph S. Finch's Distillery, No. 189, 191, 193 and 195 First street, Pittsburgh.

Bargains!

Bargains in all kinds of dry goods, at the reduction sale of Barker & Company, No. 59 Market street.

Baby,

Have your Pa or Ma bring you to Pittock's and get you a lot of Toy Books, Juveniles and Games.

Knabe's Great Unrivalled Pianos.

Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street, sole agent for Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Bowers,

Kate Fisher, Emily Thorne, Annie Waite—Card Photos of them, at Pittock's.

Remember

The great reduction sale of dry good, at Barker & Co., No. 59 Market street.

Be Benefited

By this spirit of liberality, and visit the great Opera House Shoe Store.

Great Slaughter of Boots and Shoes.

Going off like hot cakes, at the Opera House Shoe Store.

These Books,

Griffith Gaunt and Sunny Bank, at Pittocks.

"Snaiks," Invisible Photos'

And Parlor entertainments, at Pittock's.

Warranted for Eight Years,

Every Piano made by Wm. Knabe & Co.

You Can Buy

96 per cent. Alcohol at Joseph S. Finch's.

You Can Buy

New Hops at Joseph S. Finch's.

Sweet.

Ladies Companions at Pittock's.

Flags and Lanterns

For Christmas, at Pittock's.

Military Desks,

Elegant, at Pittock's.

Stereoscopes and Views,

At Pittock's.

Skate Emporium,

At Pittock's.

1867 Diaries

At Pittock's.

CITY ITEMS.

A Thing of Beauty, &c.

When the yellow clay lies heaped upon the cold inanimate form that had lived and known us in the olden time, when the heart's thoughts were purer and younger than now, what can be more gratifying than to have a "counterfeit presentment" of the lost one that in gazing on it we can recall the thousand little incidents of the past with which the memory of the dead are linked. When the pursuits of life divide friends and seas roll between them, what can soothe the yearning heart like a representation of the absent, so life-like that for the moment we are almost led to believe are with the dear one again.

The place to procure such a picture is at the famous photograph gallery of B. L. H. Dabbs', No. 28 St. Clair street, where all work is warranted to give satisfaction, everything being executed in the highest style of art. Strangers in the city cannot pass a pleasanter afternoon than can be spent in Dabbs' exhibition rooms, where the walls are literally covered by gems of artistic creation. Remember the place, 28 St. Clair street. Admission free.

T. T. Ewens, No. 165 Wood Street.

Attends to all kinds of gas, water and steam fixing. He has long been recognized as the most skilfull mechanic in that line of business in the city. His stock consists of wood and iron pumps, hydrants, sinks, bath tubs, basins, chandeliers, oil burners, gas pendants, brackets, &c., &c., is large and of a substantial character, and can be sold at less than the present schedule prices of Eastern manufacturers. City and country work of any description attended to by careful and competent mechanics, under the supervision of the proprietor.

A Delicious Meal.

At the Continental dining saloon, on Fifth street, under Miner's and next door to the Post Office, hundreds of persons daily partake of the tip-top meals only gotten up by that most famous of caterers, Mr. Holtzhaüer. He is constantly receiving game the rarest, vegetables the finest, pastry the best and oysters most toothsome. His bill of fare ably is not surpassed by that of any hotel in the city, while his prices are very reasonable and moderate. Meals and oysters are served at any hour of the day up till one o'clock in the night.

Blankets

And Flannels, great bargains in these, at the reduction sale of Barker & Company, No. 59 Market street.

Dry Goods

At wholesale, everything a bargain, at the reduction sale of Barker & Company, No. 59 Market street.

The Greatest Value for Your Money

And the best Goods are now to be had at the Opera House Shoe Store.

Best Gums in the City.

Only 90 cents, sold at the Opera House Shoe Store, No. 60 Fifth street.

Many Things Actuall Sold

Less than cost, at the Opera House Shoe Store.

Great Closing Out Sale

At the Opera House Shoe Store.

Women's Superior Gums 90 Cents.

Opera House Shoe Store.

All Goods at Cost

At the Opera House Shoe Store.

FROM NEW YORK.

Rumored Arrival of Stephens in Dublin—Tom Otero Murder—Hore White's Trunks—Explosion of Gas Works—The Fenians Arrest.

RUMORED ARRIVAL OF STEPHENS IN DUBLIN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Fenians here assert that Stephens has arrived in Dublin.

THE OTERO MURDER.

The case of Viele, charged with complicity in the Otero murder in Brooklyn, was given to the jury to-day. Viele was acquitted.

ILLEGAL DISTILLATION.

An illicit whisky distillery was seized at Hempstead, Long Island, yesterday, which has been in operation over a year. The whisky was sent to the city in barrels smuggled into loads of hay.

Mr. Devlin has been re-arrested on a charge of fraud on the revenue, and held to bail in the sum of $200,000 by the United States Court.

EXPLOSION OF GAS WORKS.

The gas works at Astoria, Long Island, exploded this morning through some defect in the tanks, and shattered the eastern portion of the building. There was no person in that section of the works at the time or else the loss of life might have been serious.

A LARGE CARGO.

The steamer St. Laurent, which arrived from Brest yesterday, brought the largest cargo ever shipped from France to this country.

THE FENIAN ARREST.

The ship American Congress, from London, reports that on the 13th of December, 150 miles east of George's Bank, she saw a small schooner, supposed to be one of the yachts from New York, hove to under balance reefed mainsails, lying to in the gale. At the time the ship was blowing a beautiful gale from N. N. E., and since has had strong west and northwest winds.

THE WEATHER.

The mercury marked four degrees above zero, at an early hour this morning. The weather has been colder elsewhere. At Franconia in the northern part of New Hampshire, one of the coldest places in the United States, the mercury this morning touched seventy-nine degrees below zero. At New Haven at ten, the temperature was four degrees below.

IRON BRIDGE OVER BROADWAY.

The iron bridge to span Broadway, at its intersection with Fulton street, to relieve that narrow and crowded thoroughfare, is nearly completed and will be in position by February.

FROM MISSOURI.

Affairs in Lexington—The Conservative Statement of Affairs—A Congressional Committee of Investigation Called for—Wholesale Arrests.

ST. LOUIS, December 21.—A letter in the *Republican* gives statements in regard to affairs at Lexington. They recount some twenty outrages said to have been committed by Colonel Montgomery's militia, including the robbing of the United States Express Company, the attempted robbery of the Farmers' Bank, making wholesale arrests of citizens, and establishing and maintaining a reign of terror.

A number of the leading citizens of St. Louis have sent President Johnson a statement of the condition of affairs in Missouri, going back to last year and embracing recent events, with a request to lay it before Congress and ask for a Committee to investigate matters in this State.

The United States Commissioner in this city has issued warrants for the arrest of Colonel Montgomery, Dr. Cooley, ex-Sheriff Adamson, and four other men in Lexington. The warrants are issued under the Civil Rights Bill and United States Marshall Maccabe has gone to Lexington to execute them. The parties will be brought here for examination.

The Democratic meeting announced the destruction of the office of the *Missouri Freeman*, in Richmond, Ray county, by the State militia.

FROM TEXAS.

Arrest of an Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau—His Forcible Release by U. S. Troops—Murder of an Officer of the Army.

GALVESTON, Dec. 21.—Captain Craig, of the United States Army, and Assistant Commissioner of Freedmen, who was imprisoned at Seguine on a civil process, has been released by force, after three days imprisonment, by a detachment of the 45th and 4th Regular Cavalry, commanded by Captain Hunt, marching from San Antonio. Craig is now discharging his duties, guarded by Lieutenant Sutherland and sixteen men of the 17th Regulars.

Captain Sloan, Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau at Millicon, officially reports the murder of Captain Richards, late of the 12th Cavalry, by his partner in planting, and calls urgently for troops and protection.

SECOND DISPATCH.

The Congressional Committee will commence their investigations to-morrow, at the St. Louis Hotels. They expect to complete their work in two weeks.

FROM NASHVILLE.

Governor Patton of Alabama—Outrages on Freedmen—Their Authors Arrested and Discharged.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 21.—Governor Patton, of Alabama, expects to proceed to New York after Christmas to make financial arrangements for the State.

Dr. L. B. Walton, of Robinson county, was assaulted by a negro woman who wrested a pistol from him, when he shot her fatally with another pistol. Walton was arrested and discharged.

In the same county, James Price who was arrested for killing a negro has been discharged. Thereupon he was arrested for arson and rape on a negro woman and again discharged.

FIRST EDITION.

ONE O'CLOCK, A. M.

LATE NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM EUROPE.

Mr. Bigelow's Departure from Paris.

SEIZURE OF FENIAN ARMS IN IRELAND.

Amicable Relations Between the Pope and Victor Emanuel.

THE AUSTRIAN TROOPS IN MEXICO

The War of the Turks on the Christians of Candia.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

(By the Cable.)

BANQUET TO MINISTER BIGELOW.

PARIS, Dec. 21—1 P. M.—The banquet to Minister Bigelow, yesterday, was a brilliant affair. Nothing of a political nature transpired. Mr. Bigelow returned thanks for the compliment, in taking farewell of the French people.

Mr. Kellogg being present at the banquet, remarked that the new Minister, Gen. DIX, would have no thorny questions to settle.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE FRENCH ARMY.

It is believed that the plan to re-organize the army will be modified on account of its unpopularity.

SECRETARY OF FENIAN ARMS IN IRELAND.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—*Noon*—Seizures of arms and munitions continue throughout Ireland. The Fenian warlike spirit appears to be dying out. Vigorous measures to put down Fenianism continue.

THE POPE AND VICTOR EMMANUEL.

ROME, Dec. 21.—It is said that the speech of the King at the opening of the Italian Parliament, has greatly pleased the Pope.

M. Tonnelles, the new Ambassador from the Italian Government, had his first conference with Cardinal Antonelli and the progress towards an arrangement of all matters at issue was working well.

ALL QUIET IN ROME.

Rome is quiet. The Italian National Committee have issued an appeal to the people in which they inculcate caution against disorder.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, December 21.—*Noon.*—Consols firm at 90. 5-20s, 72¾; Illinois Central, 79; Erie, 40¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 24¾; Ohio and Mississippi, 22½; Illinois Central, 72¾; Erie, 40¾; 5-20s, 72. Linseed oil quoted at a shilling lower. Petroleum unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—*Evening*—The cotton market closes steady at the rates noted at noon to-day. Sales amounted to 10,000 bales. The breadstuffs market is unchanged. The Provision market is still quoted at 8s. The Petroleum market remains steady at previous rates. The market for Tallow is firmer with a slight rise in prices.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 21.—*Evening*—Trade at Manchester remains good and prices for cotton and yarn manufactures are steady.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—*Evening*—The breadstuffs market is firm. Money is unchanged. Consols easy. Consols close at 90 for money. The market for American securities closed steady at the following official figures: U. S. 5-20s 72½; Erie, 40¾; Illinois Central, 79¾.

[By Steamer City of Washington.]

LONDON, December 5.—A Constantinople dispatch of the 4th says that the silence of the official journals of the city upon the war in Candia has led people to doubt the pacification of the Island. The struggle is thought to have begun between the Candiaus and Turks, inasmuch as the Turkish government is constantly sending troops and ammunition in that direction.

The United States and Russia having interfered in behalf of the Candian prisoners, who had been condemned to be shot in a council of war, their sentences, it is hoped, will be commuted and a full pardon granted by the Sultan.

LISBON, December 4.—The American monitor Minantomah, at anchor in the river Tagus, will leave in a few days for the Cape de Verde Islands. This vessel is attaching a great deal of attention, and is visited daily by large crowds.

ATHENS, December 3.—The Greek cabinet has sent a note to the European Governments directing their attention to the atrocities committed by the Turks in the Island of Candia.

THE JESUITS IN VIENNA.

VIENNA, December 3.—Notwithstanding the resistance of the municipality of Vienna, to the admission of Jesuits into that city, the clergy and soldiers of that order have solemnly sworn to shoot each other, rather than suffer themselves to be captured.

FROM MEXICO.

Marshal Bazaine Reported to Have Sent for Juarez.

MINISTER CAMPBELL AT MATAMORAS.

Expects to Join Juarez at Monterey.

FURTHER LIBERAL SUCCESSES.

GALVESTON, December 21.—It is reported that Marshal Bazaine had sent for Juarez to confer with him.

Hon. Lewis D. Campbell, United States Minister to Mexico, arrived here to-day on the steamer Blackbird, direct from Matamoras, and sailed immediately on the steamer Matagorda, for New Orleans, to confer with Generals Sherman and Sheridan and the authorities at Washington. Mr. Campbell reports Mexican affairs in a better condition than when he left.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Minister Campbell will probably reach New Orleans on Sunday morning. Gen. Sherman and Minister Campbell will remain incognito both proceed north on the Susquehanna, after an exchange of dispatches with the Washington government.

GALVESTON, Dec. 21.—The troops of Ortego from surveillance, at Brownsville, has created much excitement, and would complicate affairs on the frontier.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

GALVESTON, December 21.—Minister Campbell and his secretary, Mr. Plum, were at Matamoras on the 15th, but expected to leave soon for Monterey to meet Juarez.

On the 13th Canales and Cortinas left Matamoras for Monterey.

Escobedo left on the 16th, and before going he issued a decree declaring null and void all laws and decrees made under the so-called Empire. This includes the acts of Carvajal and Canales. This entails a great loss on the merchants, who had been forced to advance immense sums of money to both chieftains.

He is credited here that on the 17th Canales pronounced against Juarez, and in favor of Ortego, and that the Government of Tampico has done the same.

A courier has arrived with the news that the Imperialists had evacuated San Luis Potosi, which was at once occupied by the Liberals.

It is also currently reported to-night that Canales and Cortina attacked and captured Escobedo.

Ortega will enter Mexico in ten days.

LATER.

NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—General Sherman will leave for the West to-morrow.

The latest from Brownsville says that Minister Campbell has gone to Monterey, and will await there the coming of Juarez.

FROM NEW ORLEANS.

The Investigating Committee at Work—They Call on Mayor Monroe for Certain Information.

NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—The investigating Committee's Secretary has been instructed to obtain from Mayor Monroe the names of the parties holding official positions in New Orleans by popular election, or by appointment of the Mayor in July and August last, and the names of the then police force of the city both regular and extra; and the Mayor is respectfully requested by the Committee to give such aid in the premises as will enable them to obtain the information required.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

VERY LATEST TELEGRAMS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Gen. Grant's Course in Ordering Troops to Missouri.

THE SOUTHERN LOYALISTS AND CONSERVATIVES.

THE INDIAN WARS IN TEXAS.

The Continued Evasion of the Tax on Whisky.

THE QUESTION OF THE ADMISSION OF NEBRASKA.

The Abuse of the Negro Apprentice System.

HOW IT WORKS IN MARYLAND.

The Tariff Question in the Senate.

&c., &c., &c.

THE SOUTHERN RADICALS AND CONSERVATIVES.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The Southern Senators now here express great indignation at the immoral article in the Senate Manifesto published this morning, and before leaving for their homes will reply to the charges made therein against the Southern people.

CABINET MEETING.

There was a Cabinet meeting to-day at the White House.

GRANT'S POLICY IN MISSOURI.

It is understood that the members of Congress from Missouri are satisfied about the dispositon of United States troops in that State, and have withdrawn their opposition to the policy of Gen. Grant in the premises.

It is stated that General Grant has ordered troops into Missouri as a mere precautionary measure, in view of threatened difficulties, as free-shooting by the State Executive. Gov. Fletcher telegraphed Senator Henderson that Grant was sending United States soldiers into Missouri, and this action alarmed Fletcher to such an extent as to call from him a protest. Senators Henderson and Brown had an interview with the President on the subject, and the explanations of General Grant's movements were entirely satisfactory to them.

SANTA ANNA AND SECRETARY SEWARD.

The correspondence between Santa Anna and Mr. Seward has been printed. It presents no new features more than the normal declaration of the Secretary of State that this Government declined to have official communication with any Mexican excepting the representative of the Juarez government.

ILLICIT DISTILLATION.

Commissioner Rollins has to-day decided in the case of Boone & Co., charged with the illicit distillation of whisky, under the name of burning fluid. They thereby evaded the internal revenue tax, and he ordered they be held to await the action of the Grand Jury. The bail was increased to $70,000.

John Devlin, charged as debtor to the United States in the sum of $400,000 fines and penalties incurred by alleged violations of the revenue laws, was held in default of $200,000 bail.

TEXAN MATTERS.

The President says an audience yesterday to Senator Robert A. Taylor, of Texas, on the subject of a treaty proposed to be made with the Camanche Indians. During the war, Senator Roberts stated the frontier was well protected, as by law all persons living on the frontier were exempted from military duty. Many resorted to the frontier to escape military service, but when the war ceased these men returned home, and since then the frontier of Texas, for many miles, has been the scene of horrors of the most revolting character. Outrages are being perpetrated by the wild Camanches, and to arrest this the President has referred the whole matter to the Indian Bureau with a view to an early treaty with those Indians. The Governor of Texas makes the request to be allowed to participate in the negotiation, that he may impress this tribe with the fact that Texas is a part of the United States, a fact the Camanches have never seemed to realize.

THE TARIFF QUESTION.

The Tariff question is now fairly before the Senate Finance Committee, which will hold daily sessions upon the subject. The Pennsylvania iron interests, as also the representatives of the woolen growers of the West, are loud in their expressions of disapproval of the tariff project of Commissioner Wells.

NON-ADMISSION OF NEBRASKA—SUMNER VS. JOHNSON.

Mr. Sumner has carried his point, and Mr. Wade has found it impossible to secure the admission of Nebraska with the obnoxious word "white" in her State Constitution. It is probable a compromise may be effected, and that the State may be admitted with a promise that the legislature will erase the word white from the Constitution. This will make all men equal before the law and at the ballot boxes.

The Senators elect from Nebraska are confident that they will take their seats in January.

THE NEGRO APPRENTICE SYSTEM.

The Freedmen's Bureau has received a communication from Calvert county, Maryland, stating that a colored man named John Lox, has been indicted by the Grand Jury for harboring his own children, who had been bound, but were released to him by Judge Bond, of Baltimore. The facts reported in the case are that John was summoned before the Orphans' Court early in 1865, for the purpose of having his children apprenticed, which he refused to do, he being able to take care of them himself. With this the Court was satisfied. The wife of John was formerly a slave of Dr. James Duke, but a short time afterwards Duke had John and his wife again summoned before the Court. The father still refused to have his children bound, but notwithstanding this the Court, it is alleged, apprenticed them to Dr. Duke against the consent of the father. Lox appealed to the Criminal Court of Baltimore, and the children were brought before Judge Bond on a writ of habeas corpus. He ordered that they be delivered to their father. Duke then went before the Grand Jury and had him indicted for enticing his children from their master. He was held to bail for his appearance at the next term of Court.

A communication has also been received from the Superintendant at Annapolis, Md., stating that several similar cases to the above have occurred in that vicinity.

A number of such cases were before Judge Bond, in Baltimore a few days ago, who returned the children to their parents; but the order of the court was obeyed in but one case only, and attachments have been issued against the others.

In one case Judge Magruder decided that the writ of his court took precedence of proceedings in the Criminal Court. The Superintendent says the present state of the law is very perplexing. It should be decided whether replevin will hold in these cases. No children are safe unless they are removed from the county. Several cases now on hand have been delayed by the counsel for the master, but are now fixed for trial on the 5th inst.

Petitions from the colored people, for the release of their children, are daily being sent to the Assistant Commissioner, as they assert the belief that the General Assembly, which meets on the first of January, will legislate so as to make those indentures legal.

THE TARIFF IN THE SENATE.

The Senate Finance Committee had a meeting at the Capitol to-day to commence the consideration of the tariff question, and will hold daily sessions during the recess.

Mr. Guthrie, a member of the Committee, is detained at home by indisposition. This Committee has before it the bill passed by the House of Representatives on the 16th of July last by a vote of 96 yeas to 52 nays, thirty-five not voting. It also has before it the draft of a bill proposed by Mr. Wells, Special Commissioner of the Treasury Department, as an amendment to the House bill. This tariff, prepared by Mr. Wells, is understood to be a revenue tariff, giving protection to the industry of the country by admitting, as far as possible, raw materials free, or with a light duty, and taxing more heavily the manufactured fabric.

PERSONAL.

Speaker Colfax has gone North to deliver his lecture embracing his reminiscences of his journey from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

THE FIRST CHANCE OF THE NEGROES AT THE BALLOT BOX.

Since Congress has voted to allow the colored people the right of suffrage great interest is felt in the result of the election in Georgetown, which is to take place on the fourth Monday of February next, for a Mayor and eleven members of the Board of Common Council. If the suffrage bill passed by Congress becomes a law, the colored citizens, of whom there is a large proportion there, will have considerable influence.

RETURNING TO DUTY.

While most of the Senators and Representatives have gone home, or taken an excursion for the holidays, a number of the working men in the leading committees have remained here for the purpose of preparing business for the re-assembling of Congress.

REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The receipts from Internal Revenue to-day were $500,000.

SECRETARY STANTON.

Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, returned to the city last evening, and was at his office this morning, where he was visited by a large number of persons.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

A few persons hail an audience with the President this morning.

A Cabinet meeting was held at 12 o'clock and the session continued for some time. All the members present. The consultation was not of long duration.

As usual, being Cabinet day, the Executive Mansion was free from visitors, except those who had special appointments with the President.

THE VIRGINIA SOMICIDE CASE.

Ex-Governor Letcher has held a consultation with the President and Attorney General Stanberry about the case of Dr. Watson, now being tried before a Military Commission in Richmond, Va., charged with killing a negro in Rockbridge county. After being discharged by the civil authorities he was arrested by the military.

FROM THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Election in Nevada—Assessors Who Won't be Guillotined—Shipping of Fish to New York via Havana—Introduction of Chinese Laborers—Earthquake at Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Official returns of the Nevada election give Bigelsdell, for Governor, 1,020, and Ashley, for Congress, 850 majority.

Fifteen Assessors have been indicted for making returns to Avery, Assessor, instead of Bigler. Fines in each case were fixed at fifteen hundred dollars.

The money market grows easier; first class paper discounted at 1 per cent.

One thousand barrels of superior flour will be sent via Panama to New York.

Governor McCormick, of Arizona, came here at the request of the citizens of that Territory to ask aid to suppress Indian troubles.

Negotiations are pending for the introduction from China of a large force of laborers for the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad.

At the special election in Idaho on the 11th, Prescott, Dem., was elected a member of the Assembly.

The Arizona Legislature has petitioned Congress to repeal the law giving Tahuto county to Nevada.

There was a shock of an earthquake at Sacramento this morning.

The gale last night is said to have been the severest in fifteen years. It done considerable damage to the shipping harbor.

What is unchanged in the stock here and now shipping amounts to seven hundred thousand sacks. The estimated quantity yet to come is five hundred thousand sacks. Choice lots of shipping grade wool sold at fifteen cents per pound.

FROM BOSTON.

An Attempt to Rob the Money Wagon of Adams' Express—Death of a Clergyman—An Important Suit Decided—The Weather.

BOSTON, December 21.—An attempt is supposed to have been made here for three or four days since to rob the money wagon of Adams' Express Company. It was followed for several nights, by three men, on his way between the railroad depot and the Express Office. The suspicious action of the men caused the driver to call a policeman, who arrested two of them. The other ran away. The two arrested had a quantity of red pepper in their pockets, which, it is believed, they intended to throw into the eyes of the driver at a convenient opportunity.

Rev. Dr. Allyn, of Cambridge, who was seized with affection of the heart while preaching in West Roxbury, on Sunday last, died yesterday afternoon.

In the case of Jas. H. Beale, of Boston, against Geo. H. Stuart & Co., of Philadelphia, for breach of contract to furnish a quantity of cotton thread, was tried in the Superior Court. The jury this morning returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $1,461 damages.

At the Cambridge observatory at 5 o'clock this morning the mercury was 5 deg. below zero; in Dorchester 10 deg. below zero, and in other places in the vicinity of Boston from 3 to 9 deg. below zero; at Worcester the mercury was 6 deg. below zero.

FENIANA.

Conviction of Madden at Sweetsburg—He is Sentenced to be Hung February Fifteenth—Another Trial Commenced.

SWEETSBURG, December 21.—The Judge pronounced the sentence of death on Madden, to be hung February 15th. The prisoner betrayed no emotion, except a sneering smile.

After he was removed, the trial of Smith proceeded, with a similar result. In the Madden case, Mr. Devlin left the case in the Judges hands without address to the jury. The Judge charged the jury, who were locked up for the night.

The Court adjourned until to-morrow morning.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The Insane Cases.

Jacob Abbey, whom we have mentioned as being confined in the lock-up, laboring under a severe attack of *mania-a-potu*, was removed on Thursday evening to the home of his family in Allegheny. He was still suffering violently at the time of his removal.

Andrew McGuffy, the other case of *mania* in the lock-up, is still there, and is but very little if any better. He is under medical treatment, but is possessed of such a dread of being poisoned that it is only with the utmost difficulty that he can be induced to take medicine. Instead of seeing snakes and rats, he sees a murderer in every person who approaches him. In his terror he crawls under the bench of his cell and stows himself in all sorts of secluded places of security. Officer Graham, yesterday, thinking that there might be in his possession something which he would use to protect himself against imaginary assailants, made an examination yesterday. McGuffy resisted stoutly and asserted time and again that he had only a plug of tobacco in his pocket. The examination proceeded, however, and in the pocket of his coat the officer found a large clasp knife with the formidable looking blade open and ready for use. It was confiscated. The unfortunate man resides in Columbiana county, Ohio, where he has a family living. He is said to occupy a very respectable position at home.

A Present for a Lady.

One hundred and ten dollars for an extra finish, full case, rosewood, inlaid with pearl; $70 for an extra finish, half case, mahogany; $60 for a black walnut improved Finkle & Lyon; also Weed sewing machines, stitches alike on both sides, sent on approval, ready to do its work; has been in use for ten years, and gives satisfaction in all cases. They will run two years without cleaning, and will do all kinds of family sewing and tailoring, using thread from No. 30 up to No. 150; will run over seams without breaking needles or skipping stitches; will sew from the finest gauze to the heaviest cloth or leather without change in feed needle or tension; if not superior to any machine in the market can return it—the cheapest machine by $20 per cent. in use—warranted four years. See advertisement in another column. R. H. Long, agent, 113 Grant street.

Go to Metzlefand's for holiday presents of every description—dress goods, woolen goods, boots, shoes, gaiters and every thing usually kept in general merchandize store. Prices less than eastern auction rates. The very body.

Miner's Great Book Store.

The greatest difficulty, next to the want of money wherewith to buy, is to decide where to purchase among the many beautiful stores filled with choice objects that one desires at this season.

From time immemorial, books have been regarded as the most appropriate class of Holiday Gifts. The first idea that strikes us is that the book should be useful, but it has become as essential that beauty of form and manufacture should accompany the utilitarian. And of all the improvements of the age nothing strikes us with more amazement than the wondrous perfection attained by book makers in adorning the printed page and clothing it with superb covering. To look at the vast collection now on exhibition and sale at Mr. Miner's; to saunter through the magnificent saleroom and only casually glance at the immense collection of the rarest and costliest works there displayed, forces one to the conclusion that it has required extraordinary genius to invent these innumerable styles, all rich in conception, exquisitely tasteful in design and superbly beautiful, yet of such infinite variety that the gazer becomes bewildered among the countless claims upon his attention. Having found out WHERE to purchase, the difficulty now is how to choose among so many rare things, all equally challenging the fullest measure of one's admiration.

Mr. Miner's Great Book Emporium is a place of note to visit, even if one does not wish to purchase. It is one of the great sights of the city, that every stranger might feel glad to have seen while in the city. We doubt if there is a more splendid establishment of its kind in the largest cities of the Union. Numbers of the large Publishing Houses East have small stores in comparison with that of Mr. Miner, in this city. One hundred and twenty feet in depth of clear salesroom, thirty feet in width, filled with every case and tables groaning beneath the weight of the rarest specimens of book artwhile we say, is a splendid sight, and worth coming to town to see.

Looking over this vast collection, a few of the most notable specimens of printing, ornamental binding and elegant illustration attracted our attention more especially, and we here signify them in a general way.

English Bibles, in all sizes assortment.

Shakespeare in the most costly garb.

Dante's Inferno, illustrated by G. Dore,

Don Quixote, "

Strickland's Queens of England,

Heroes and Martyrs of Notable Men,

Favorite English Poems of Modern Times,

Pen and Pencil Pictures from the Poets,

Three Kings of Orient,

The Christian Armour,

Irving's Sketch Book,

Flowers of the Altar,

Pictures of Society,

A Round of Days,

American Cyclopedia,

Chamber's "

Waverly Novels, many different editions,

Cooper's Novels,

Dickens' Works,

Macaulay's England,

Byron's Works,

Burns' Works,

Moore's Works,

Longfellow's Works,

Bulwer's Works,

Hood's Works,

Dow's Poetical Works,

Gems from the Poets,

The Book of Gems,

Book of Ballads,

Roses and Holly,

Floral Pictures,

Social Contrasts,

The Twenty-third Psalm.

We only single out these because, during a visit of a few minutes they were especially noticed to our eye, in their rare style of work, that we regarded even the oldest of them as new. New indeed, in the grandeur of their habiliments.

All it is a perpetual delight to wander from table to table among the Treasures of this vast Establishment, and if the crowds of fellow-citizens do not intend to make room, we could forget our very presence and spend days in this great library of the city.

Let no one fail to see this collection, even if the ability to purchase is not as great as would be desirable. We see it, by all means and wonder at the spectacle.

Bates & Bell's, 28 Fifth Street.

We yesterday looked through the finely selected and admirably kept stock of fresh and fashionable dry goods now found in store at Bates & Bell's well known establishment, No. 27 Fifth Street. We paid particular attention to the silk department which is not by any means the least attractive and important branch of the large and steadily increasing patronage of this house. The display is truly elegant, embracing the richest and most beautiful patterns and colors, while the materials vary in quality. Nothing could be more appropriate as a gift to wife, cousin, mother, sister or sweet-heart, than one of those rich stand alone silk dress patterns. The cloak and shawl department is also great in its appearances, being filled with all the fashionable styles of cloaks, sacques, coats, long, broche, square, Indian and Highland plaid shawls which are warranted to be of the best quality imported. The stock of domestic woolen shawls is also quite large and will prove quite attractive to the purchasing lady. The dress goods, materials for boys clothing, flannels, plaid goods, &c., &c., which are found in the main saleroom, are of the finest and most serviceable qualities. The firm have their goods marked at as reasonable prices as can be obtained elsewhere in the city, and we cheerfully commend this house to the patronage of our lady friends.

Closing Out Sale.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertising columns of J. D. Ramaley, Nos. 334 and 336 Liberty street. Mr. Ramaley is closing out his stock of goods preparatory to removing his place of business, and is disposing of everything at the most reasonable terms, less than cost in fact, for the goods must certainly be sold. Two thousand overcoats are comprised in the stock, embracing over one hundred different styles, each style being adapted to some peculiar wants and circumstances. Everybody, rich or poor, young or old, fashionable or plain, can find a garment here just suited to their wants. Nor do overcoats comprise all the goods offered. Nearly everything in the way of clothing and gentlemen's furnishing goods, are here to be obtained and at the lowest figures, as well as the best styles. Don't forget the place—Nos. 334 and 336 Liberty street, opposite Wayne, and when you have found the place don't neglect to call.

Holliday Books and Pictures.

In the search for holliday gifts, one of the most pleasant and profitable places to stop at, is the book and news depot of James H. Aiken, Chronicle building. One cannot go amiss here in the endeavor to find valuable, appropriate and acceptable presents. Mr. Aiken's stock of books