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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

TUESDAY MORNING:.....JANUARY 15.

THE TACTICS NOW.

The political opponents of the Democracy have adopted a new device in the vain hope of misleading the people in regard to the position of the Democratic party. Freesoilers and Whigs and K. N.'s call it *"a faction."* Joshua R. Giddings—*Uncle* Josh—is the originator of that bright and crushing thought. The Democratic party is represented in the House of Representatives at Washington by 74 or 75 members. At the commencement of the session they nominated their candidate for Speaker, and have voted for him uniformly and persistently through nearly a hundred ballots. Some days ago Uncle Josh got out of patience at the unavailing efforts to elect a Speaker, and he jumped up and denounced the Democratic party as a *"mere faction."* Why? Because the Democratic Congressmen refused to "fuse" with some other party and make a Speaker. Uncle Josh's bright idea has now been adopted by the opponents of our party all over the country. The party that carried twenty-seven States of the thirty-one in 1852—the party that has ruled this Republic forty-seven years out of fifty-five—the party that is sure to elect the next President—a *"mere faction."*

But, absurd as the idea is it has been eagerly caught up by the Freesoil papers of the North, and echoed and re-echoed from Maine to the Mississippi. Thus, on the day of our city election, a contemporary termed the supporters of Irwin in this city a "faction." Some of its readers probably gave that paper credit for a wise saying. They will be a little disappointed when they find it was only using Uncle Josh's thunder. Hereafter the Democracy is a "faction"—and all refusing to "fuse" with it's most determined enemies are to be denounced as "factionists"! Well, it is really quite dreadful! and at the same time very amusing. The Democratic party is now, and it has been almost all the time for more than half a century, the ruling party of the country, and is likely to continue so for a long time to come. It is the only national party the real conservative party now, while at the same time progressive. It is the only party that resolves to stand firm in the midst of all changes; and to fight on and fight ever for its well tried principles. It repudiates fusion and every other ism. It adheres to those great fundamental principles that it has so long maintained, and that the people have so often approved. Through good report and evil report, in victory or under defeat, it never abandons it course, nor wavers in its faith in the great truths that must ultimately everywhere prevail.

If such a party is a "faction," what shall the other parties in this country be called? But this new electioneering device will have no success. The people understand it and its aim. Our party has been called worse names before now without harm, and will survive this new device of Mr. Giddings and his echoes.

ZERO'S TERM.—We had the "cheated term" in August last. However unpleasant it was then, it is almost a comfort now to even think of the mercury standing at ninety-nine in the shade. Then, the horses were the only portion of the animal creation that could truly appreciate "the luxury of woe;" now, at least since the sleighing has commenced, we fear they are even in a worse condition. Everything in the shape of a sleigh, from the hand-some "turnout" of the wealthy man to the "cutter" made from a couple of hickory poles and a dry goods crate—has been brought into requisition, and the poor horses have been kept on a continual go, until, as we hear, an indignation meeting of the over-driven steeds is seriously proposed.

The cold snap of last week is probably the most frigid recorded for very many years. It certainly was so in this and adjoining cities. We have now before us exchanges from different quarters, dated the 9th inst., the second day of Zero's term in this region. In Pittsburgh the mercury stood at 11 degrees below zero; in Cleveland at 22; Springfield, Ohio, 24; Philadelphia 7; Baltimore, 10; New York 10, and Hartford, Conn., 21. This will do. Any person not satisfied with it had better make a trip to the Arctic regions, where Dr. Kane tells us he found the thermometer indicated 80 degrees below zero, and each man of his party was compelled to eat six or eight ducks or a couple of pounds of fat seal to keep up animal heat sufficient to resist the cold.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

We published yesterday a list of the Committees of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, by which it will be seen that the members from Allegheny county—five in number—have fared badly. Our members are found on none of the important committees, except Magee, who is at the foot of the judiciary committee; and Mr. Salisbury at the head of the committee on manufactures.

On the five most important committees no name of a member from Allegheny appears except once. Those five committees are, Ways and Means, Banks Judiciary, Corporations, and Canals and Inland Navigation.

THE POOR.

This is the hardest time of the year for those of our fellow citizens who are poor. There is now less demand for their labor than at any other season of the year. The prices of food are still very high. Since this heavy fall of snow it is almost impossible to get coal at any price. Everything laying about the streets by which a little fire could be made is covered up. Do not our citizens see that there must be distress among the poor now, that urgently demands relief. Those who have prospered in this prosperous year should remember their less fortunate neighbors. We have heard of some cases of great distress, and of some acts of benevolence that ennoble the authors. There should be more such, and there is need of it.

HOWARD ASSOCIATION. During the prevalence of cholera in this city, a portion of our benevolent citizens resolved themselves into a Howard Association for the relief of sufferers. Much good was accomplished by individuals, but particularly by the Mercy Hospital and Passavant's Infirmary, where a great number of patients were sent by order of the Association, yet we are informed that not one cent was ever paid to these institutions by the Howard Association, and they are now in a suffering condition. The substantial gentlemen who headed that benevolent association, should endeavor to raise means to liquidate those claims, amounting to several hundred dollars to each institution. They require aid, and having no fixed revenue, it is unfair to tax them beyond their strength.

REFORM IN NEW YORK.—Mayor Wood's annual message is a remarkable document. It is warmly in favor of free trade, and attempts to show that the Custom House impedes the growth of New York, and that but for this drawback, it would soon become the chief commercial city in the world. It points to the demoralized state of Mexico and Spain, and attributes their unenviable condition chiefly to a high tariff. It then examines the present and previous city charters, and finds grievous faults in all. As a remedy it suggests that the chief city magistrate should have entire control over every department. A second message is promised shortly to be sent to the Common Council, recommending many measures of reform.

SENATORS HOUSTON, of Texas, and Pugh, of Ohio, arrived in this city last evening, direct from Bull Creek, on the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, where they had been blocked up by snow drifts for several days.

THE NEWS.

Official reports of the census of every county in Illinois have been received, showing the population of the State to be 1,300,251. In 1850 it was 851,450.

The wholesale dry goods store of Messrs. Simon of Cincinnati, was entered on Tuesday night last, and robbed of fine goods, silks and velvets to the amount of more than one thousand dollars. No trace of the thieves has been discovered.

The official report of the Secretary of the Empire State, just submitted to the Legislature, states the population of the city of New York at 629,810, showing an increase since 1855 of 208,587. The number of native born voters is 96,113; of naturalized voters, 42,701; aliens, 232,678.

A German woman crossing in the ferry boat from Jersey City to New York, on Thursday evening, to take the Erie cars, wrapped her shawl around her infant to keep it warm. When the boat reached the wharf, the mother unwrapped the infant, and found that it was stark and still, having been smothered to death!

The Washington correspondent of the Boston Post writes that Gov. Shannon, of Kansas, is shortly expected at Washington, and that he is also expected to resign. He adds that a representative of the people of Kansas is already at Washington to solicit the appointment of Woodson, the present Secretary of State, in Shannon's place.

Hon. Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana, at present acting Vice President of the United States, on virtue of his election as President of the Senate, has been recommended for the Presidency by the Democracy of that State, in their late convention at Indianapolis. They will, however support any Democrat, come from whatever quarter of the Union he may.

The Forrest divorce case is again up before the New York Courts on an argument for a new trial. This case was once decided in favor of plaintiff about five years ago, Mrs. F. having a divorce granted her and being allowed $3,000 alimony per year. Through quibbles of the law, however, she has as yet been unable to get one cent of the alimony, and the case is still dragging its slow length through the labyrinths of the New York law Courts.

Some time ago the legislature of Missouri passed a bill allowing the Governor to issue bonds to aid in the construction of certain railroads in that State. The Governor vetoed the bill, but it was subsequently passed by a two-thirds vote and became a law. On the strength of this the people of St. Louis gave a grand blow out, to which was invited the Legislature, Governor, &c., but since then the Attorney General has written an opinion declaring the act authorizing the issuing of the bonds unconstitutional. We judge, from the tone of the St. Louis press, that the people there are in great tribulation. They talk of immediately carrying the matter before the Supreme Court for decision.

The Soft Shell Democracy of the State of New York in their State Convention at Syracuse on the 10th and 11th inst., passed a series of resolutions denouncing slavery agitation, endorsing the Republican movement, approving the principle of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and endorsing the resolution touching that bill adopted by the caucus of the Democratic members of Congress, December 1, 1856, expressing regret at the death of its distinguished, the Whig party, and unreservedly endorsing the administration of General Pierce in all its measures. The Convention then proceeded to nominate delegates, when Horatio Seymour, Dean Richmond, Nicholas Hill, Jr., and Robert Hill, Jr. were chosen delegates at large to the Cincinnati Convention, with a full delegation of two from each Congressional district.

[Reported for the Pittsburgh Morning Post.]

Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Company.

At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of said Company, convened at their office pursuant to legal notice, on motion of Gen. J. K. Moorhead, Hon. George E. Warner was called to the chair, and George E. Arnold appointed Secretary.

James S. Craft, Esq., President for the year 1856, made a report of the history of the Company and its general condition and policy, and the Secretary, J. F. Von Bonnhorst, Esq., exhibited a balance sheet showing its financial circumstances, and David Mitchell, Jr., Chief Engineer, read a report of the construction &c. during said year.

On motion of George W. Cass, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the report of the President just read be approved, printed, and that the thanks of the stockholders are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers named therein, for the faithful discharge of their duties during the past year.

Resolved, That, whereas, from the reports of the officers of the company there is not now, nor has there been during the past year, sufficient capital to complete the road, and that all means for that purpose at present rates are exhausted; and, whereas, it is the duty of the stockholders at their annual meeting, in a coming new like this, to express their opinion as to the proper policy to be pursued to effect the speedy completion of the road therefore,

Resolved, That the directors the day elected assigned by public notice or otherwise to issue the preferred stock of the Company to such party or parties as may be necessary to complete the same in the shortest time and on the most favorable terms—subject, however, to the approbation of the stockholders.

Resolved, That as soon as the Directors receive such propositions for lease as they may deem for the interest of the Company to accept, that they be requested forthwith to call a meeting of the stockholders of the Company to consider and act upon such proposition.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the city authorities to provide by ordinance the right of way for the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad, from the Monongahela river near the mouth of Try street, along or near said street to the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, and by the present or a new tunnel under Grant's Hill to Seventh street, and thence along Grant street to the present Passenger Depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, or by any other route that may hereafter be deemed advisable; and also to grant the privilege of laying a temporary track from the foot of liberty street to low water mark at or near the point to be used until the connection through Grant's Hill is completed ready for use.

O. E. WARNER, Chairman.

GEO. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

AN EXCELSIOR ROOM. The largest reading room in the world is now nearly completed, in the British Museum. It is circular, 140 feet in diameter, and 140 feet in height. The table will accommodate nearly four hundred readers. The wrought iron bookcases will contain 102,000 volumes. The cost of the room will be about $300,000.

Ayr- The Volume of Evidence in favor of *Dr. Roger's Syrup of Lactucarium, Tar and Canchalagua*, continues to be reproduced in a new paper. We might publish the letters of the Rev. H. Wilmarth, Pastor of Cincinnati, Hon. Judge Lee, and several others, but these other all would be like backs from Hercalaneum—mere samples of a vast mass of unimpeachable testimony. Living witnesses and monuments of its efficacy are to be found in almost every city and town, and the Agents will furnish a pamphlet containing attestations from the lights of science, from the pillars of the church, journalists, merchants, &c. to those who desire them. To these documents, and to the advertisement in our columns, we refer the sick and suffering.

Ayr- For sale, wholesale and retail, by R. E. SELLERS & CO., corner Wood and Second streets.

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Ayr- Call at No. 104 Wood street, and examine our stock of SOFT HATS and WINTER CAPS. Just received, a large lot of Shanghai, Celestial, and other styles of Caps, which we will sell low for cash. MORGAN & Co., 104 Wood street oct15

THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.
LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA.

BY THE NORTHERN LIGHT.

[By the Union Line.]

NEW YORK, January 14.—The steamship Northern Light arrived at a late hour on Saturday night from San Juan via Key West, with California dates to December 20th. She brings $1,060,000 specie and upwards of three hundred passengers.

The following are consignees: Metropolitan Bank $250,000; Drexel & Co. $200,000, etc.

The prominent features of the news have been received by telegraph via New Orleans.

Matters at Nicaragua are said to be improving. San Salvador and Honduras have officially recognized the government of Rivas, and a minister from Honduras is reported to be on his way to Granada. Walker was receiving continual accessions to his force.

Kinney is still at San Juan del Norte. A large number of his men have recently joined Walker.

An expedition under Rivas, son of the President, have battled themselves near Castillo Rapids, and they intended to seize the Transit Company steamer, and the property of the passengers, but Commodore Spaulding at the request of the company, sent two and another party, when Rivas and his party fled. Col Hornsby was to proceed with an armed force for the further protection of the line.

The United States steamer Massachusetts was at San Juan del Sud and the flag ship Independence was daily expected.

The Northern Light left in the port of San Juan the frigate Potomac and the steam sloop Fulton.

The "Central" Kinney's paper alludes to a report that Honduras and San Salvador had made overtures to Nicaragua.

On the arrival of the Potomac at Juan, despatches were immediately transmitted to the American Minister at Grenada.

The news of Walker are yielding more comfortably than ever. Several new ones were received.

The Steamer arrived on the 14th of September, and the Costa Rica on the 15th. All well.

The U. S. cutter Joseph Lane, from Norfolk, arrived at this port on the 11th of December. The Indian war is raging with increased fury. Two companies of volunteers under Lieut. Kautz had left the Indians at Fort Walla Walla on the 13th of December, and fought them for hours. Lieut. Kautz killed and 11 wounded. Among the killed were Capt. Bennett and Lieut. Bartow. The officers were short of ammunition, and sent to Benicia for supplies.

The Indians are said to be well supplied with arms. They are arranging the preliminaries of the campaign. A dispatch had departed from San Francisco with a large supply of ammunition, provisions, and stores, supposed for Fort Walla Walla.

Puget Sound Washington Territory are to the 10th December. A party under Dr. Shoecraft had been killed by Indians. Lieut. Slaughter, Dr. Tolmie, Mr. Wynne and Green were on a large party of Indians. Lieut. Slaughter and three others were killed.

One hundred and twenty recruits for Walker's army left San Francisco on the 20th ult., in the Carrie.

The [illegible] having adjourned sine die.

Despatches to the 20th had been received at Panama.

The Legislature remains due to December 1st.

The light vessels and Buoys are the same as those described in the Daily Times of the 10th of December. The Secretary demanded to secure the free navigation of the Isthmus is that part of Bocas-del-Toro between the fortress of Clayton on the north, Sarapta on the south, and the Pacific on the west. Three weeks from the day of delivery; the time allowed for consideration. It is hoped from this states that the chamber of stockholders have decided that the new Republican flag shall not be quoted on the Paris Bourse.

A letter from Cartagena of the 17th state that six merchantmen had been wrecked off the Salina Mouth, and 100 live were lost.

It is reported that a French frigate was lost off the Spanish coast, and all hands were lost.

The overland India mail has arrived at Trieste with Calcutta date to the 20th, and Hong Kong to the 14th November. The markets in India were depressed, as money was scarce. Freights to England had advanced, and trade was dull. Exchange at Shanghai was quoted at 6s. 7½d.

Many pirates had been destroyed on the Chinese coast.

Herat had been taken by the Persians.

The Donald McKay sailed will probably be taken by the Bank of France.

THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

[By the National Line.]

WASHINGTON CITY, January 14.—The *Senate* merely met at noon, and adjourned over till Thursday.

House.—Mr. Trafton corrected the mistake made which Mr. Campbell of Ohio had inadvertently fallen on Saturday, stating that no copy of the Bible was to be found in the Congressional Library; on the contrary, there were many editions of that holy book there.

The balloting for Speaker was then resumed

From Washington City.

By the Union Line.]

WASHINGTON CITY, January 14.—Certain Foreign Ministers apprehend, on what they consider unfounded authority, that the Walker movement embraces the conquest of Cuba, Porto Rico and St Domingo. Hence the constant watchfulness in that quarter, and frequent communications with our Government on the subject. The report of Gen. Shields, made a year ago in the Senate, had been reproduced, in which Parker H. French is charged with obtaining $2,000 worth of government stores on a forged letter of credit, and brazening him as an imposter. This has materially damaged Mr. French's prospects here.

Ex-Governor Bigler Elected United States Senator.

[By the National Line.]

HARRISBURG, January 14.—Ex-Governor William Bigler was elected to the U. S. Senate to-day on the 1st ballot. The vote stood, Bigler 82; Morris 13; Flenniken 1.

The Steamship Grenada.

[By the National Line.]

NEW YORK, January 14.—The steamship Grenada, which is ashore at the West Bank, will have to discharge her passengers. Her mails have been brought up by a steam tug.

Vessel Ashore.

[By the National Line.]

LONG BRANCH, N. J., January 14.—The following vessels are ashore on the Jersey coast:—A brig on the south side of Squan Inlet; a schooner about two miles north of the Inlet, named the Conber; the Capt. Collins, from Jamaica, with a cargo of fruit, coffee and rum, the crew of which are all saved; a barque ashore south of Wreck Pond, named The D. S. Goodell, Capt. E. G. Herman, from Rio Janeiro, in ballast—her crew were saved; the pilot boat Phantom is ashore to the south of Wreck Pond; a schooner is ashore at Deal, named the Samuel P. Lord, with a cargo of wheat and corn from South Carolina; her crew were saved; one brig on Sandy Hook, off the Highlands, with a cargo of bricks; one brig near the Hook—sunk.

Mr. Marsfield, agent of the underwriter, started this morning with a large crew of men and his wrecking apparatus for Sandy Hook.

The boarding houses at Long Branch have been injured considerably, many of the country seats have been unroofed and otherwise damaged by the storm.

The barque John Strook, Capt. Stetson for New York, from New Orleans, with flour, lost wheel, &c., went ashore at Rockaway

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Railroad Accident.

[By the National Line.]

NEW YORK, January 14.—The train from Albany, on the Hudson River Railroad, met with an accident last night, near the Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The locomotive, two baggage cars, and a passenger car went through the bridge into the river. The engineer, a fireman and a baggage man are missing.

The steamship Granada, from Havana, is ashore on the west bank.

[Second Despatch.]

Several passengers are hurt, but not seriously. Both engines, with one passenger car and two baggage cars are in the river. Harry Dawson, the engineer of the first engine, badly scalded; the engineer of the second engine, whose name is supposed to be Wilson, was drowned in the river. His name is George Patterson. The fireman of the same engine, Howard Beach, is also probably killed. The little boy was not seriously injured. All the passengers of the train went on to New York early this morning. Workmen are busy repairing the bridge, and train will go through regularly this evening. The accident was caused by the ice.

New York Items.

By the Union Line.

NEW YORK, January 14. The Herald Washington correspondent says the Union Pacific Railroad bill has passed both Houses of Congress, and is now in the hands of the President.

Mr. Sands' Sarsaparilla.—Prepared by J. C. Ayer, and that exalts the virtues of the sterling remedy for purifying the blood, in cases of Scrofula Salt Rheum, Cutaneous Eruptions, Indigestion, Asthma, Liver Complaint, Flatulency, Headache, Heartburn, Acid Dyspepsia and loss of Appetite, readily testify that SANDS' SARSAPARILLA possesses exactly all qualities claimed for it. Those who have had a healthy experience therein need no recommendation from us, and those who have not, should try it at once. For sale by all druggists generally.

From the N. York National Monitor

of February 24.—HUGAN'S LIVER.—Dr. Curtis has discovered a remedy that will positively cure Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Dumbness, Sick Headache, Fever and Ague, Piles, Costiveness, Dizziness, Drowsiness, Coldness of the Extremities, Sour Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, Back, Chest and Limbs, Sudden Flushes of Heat, Burning in the Flesh, Constant Imaginings of Evil, and Great Depression of Spirits. Can any one want a better recommendation than the above symptoms? If you have any of the above symptoms, use Hugan's Liver, and be cured. Hugan's Liver is purely vegetable, and contains no calomel or mercury in any form. Hugan's Liver is for sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per bottle.

Our Relations with England.

By the National Line.

NEW YORK, January 14.—The [illegible] evening that the Executive entertained "No regret to be expressed from a source that precludes all hope." The correctness of the information that the Press had for its contents Mr. Buchanan to depart from the British Government the treaty. Mr. Crampton, on the other hand, has been assured that the British Government has not changed its policy in regard to the war in the Crimea. Private letters, with a large proportion of our public journals received fellow citizens, we had hoped that the reports to this effect, when made public, would either confirm our fears that well founded facts or relieve the more general excitement, become a thing of the past. Such, however, is not the case, and probability is that the Government has not done that hoped, and is now convinced that the statement which some of our contemporaries is both

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The Weather at Boston.

By the Union Line.

BOSTON, January 14.—Four inches of snow fell last night, followed by heavy rain and strong gales of wind.

Ayr- Ask any one who has ever used Dr. MANKE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS what they think of them. None but the most competent judges can be found to decide on the best Pills for liver complaint—such can be found in almost any one that has been so unfortunate as to have need of our most respectable remedy.

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