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THE CONTENTS OF THE HERALD.

We have not published the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, because of its great length.

Our readers will also find abstracts of the reports from the several Departments of the Government.

We also present our readers, "Letter, No. 3, from Dr. Hardman, on the treatment of disease of the Chest by inhalation."

CHRISTMAS.—Our readers will observe, that HAVESBURY has just received a magnificent assortment of goods, suited to the holidays.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! and if the "little folks" are desirous of knowing where the best and cheapest "gifts" can be obtained, we would direct their attention to the extensiveemporium of our friend MOYER, on North Hancock street.

THE SECOND LECTURE OF THE COURSE before the Union Fire Company, will be delivered by GEORGE F. GAIN, Esq., to-morrow evening.

Medical testimony is offered in favor of Hovak's Liquid Hair Dye.

ALLEGHENY HOUSE.—As a report prevails in this part of the country, that the Allegheny House of Philadelphia, kept by C. I. Buss, was destroyed by the recent fire at Eighth and Market streets, we deem it proper to say that the House was not slightly damaged by the fire, and the business of the Hotel was only interrupted for a day or two.

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PROFESSION AND PRACTICE.

What a beautiful commentary on the fundamental principle of our Government, that the majority shall rule! Mr. Buchanan has presented to the people, by Mr. Buchanan and his Administration, in sustaining a motion of the Constitutional Convention of Kansas.

It has been claimed for the party by Democratic leaders and organs, that their principles are immutable, suffering neither variation nor change, and withal so broad and well defined, that "man, though a fool, need not err therein." Even Mr. Buchanan, after his nomination, boasted that "he was the Cincinnati Platform," and those who wished to know his principles were referred to it for an answer.

No. 1. "Resolved, That we recognize the right of the people of all the Territories, including Kansas and Nebraska, acting through their own representatives, to elect their own officers of actual residents, and whether the number of their inhabitants justifies it, to form a constitution, with or without domestic slavery, not to be admitted into the Union, upon terms of perfect equality with the other States."

Mr. Buchanan himself, in his inaugural address, held the following language: "It is the imperative and indispensable duty of the United States to secure to every resident inhabitant the free and independent expression of his opinion by his vote."

There are two great objections connected with the present excitement, growing out of the affairs of Kansas, and the attainment of which will bring it to a speedy termination. These are clearly and succinctly stated in the President's recent "Inaugural Address," and I embody the paragraphs in the communication, asking your special attention to them.

Under these circumstances there can be no such thing as ascertaining clearly and without doubt the will of the people in any way except by their own direct expression of their own free will, and their own direct expression of their own free will, and their own direct expression of their own free will.

Thus the people of Kansas are required to vote for the Constitution if they vote at all, allowing them no discretion except as to the single clause of "slavery" or "no slavery," and even that question is not submitted in such a way, that a man who is conscientiously opposed to slavery can vote at all, because, no matter on which side he votes he is compelled to vote for a distinct provision in regard to slavery.

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Abstract of the Report of the Secretary of War.

The Report of the Secretary of War commences with a statement of the numerical force and condition of the Army at the close of the fiscal year ending on the 30th of June last.

The whole strength of the Army, as posted, consists of about 37,794 men, and the actual strength, on the 30th of July last, was 57,674. In addition to the movements which the troops have been called on to make this year, this force is called upon to garrison 68 forts of a large and permanent character—so far, at least, as the forts and posts are concerned.

The transportation statistics show that the total number of Post Offices in the United States at the close of the fiscal year ending on the 30th of June last, was 7,000.

The gross receipts for the year 1857, including receipts from letter carriers and from foreign postage, amounted to \$3,602,416.

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Annual Report of the Postmaster General.

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Annual Report of the Secretary of the Navy.

The naval force which has been employed during the past year has been sufficient to give adequate security to our commerce, and to the protection of our American citizens in all parts of the world.

The Home Squadron, under the command of the flag officer, Hiram Paulding, has consisted of the frigates Genesee and Hancock, the sloops of war Saratoga and Cyane, and the steamers Susquehanna and Fulton.

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Report of the General Land Office.

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Count and County Matters.

Metropolitan Register for the Week Ending December 14th, 1857.

Table with columns: Day, Thermometer, Rain, Remarks. Rows for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Weekly Mean.

DISEASE AMONG HOGS.—The fatal and mysterious disease (known as the "hog cholera"), which has prevailed so extensively at the West, has made its appearance in some parts of this county, and already a large number of valuable hogs have fallen victims to it.

ANNIVERSARY.—The Sabbath School connected with the first Lutheran Church will celebrate their anniversary on the evening of Christmas-day. The exercises will consist of dialogues, addresses, singing, &c., &c., on which occasion an admission fee of 12 cents will be charged, which will be applied to liquidate the debt incurred in replenishing the Library.

Rev. A. C. Weighlin has consented to be present on the occasion and address the school.

SOCIETY OF RELIGIOUS INQUIRY.—The semi-annual discourse before the Society of Religious Inquiry of Dickinson College, was delivered on last Sunday evening, in the German Reformed Church, by the Rev. Thomas Sewell, of Baltimore, Md. We were prevented by indisposition from attending, but we learn that the Church was crowded with an intelligent audience, who listened with much pleasure to the eloquent effort of the reverend gentleman who addressed them.

The Harrisburg papers persist in designating their village "a city!" If it is a city, where is it incorporated as such, and why is it not governed by a Mayor instead of a Chief Burgess? To us, this attempt of the Harrisburg papers to place their place off a city, appears like the efforts of Young America to imitate the manners and acquire the influence of a man before he has served at years of discretion!

DR. SANFORD'S LIVER INVIGORATOR.—It has become an established fact, that Dr. Sanford's Invigorator will cure Liver Complaint, Jaundice and general debility. Many people, personally known to us, who were cured, have given their certificates to prove this, and with such a mass of evidence who can doubt?

Woods' Hair Restorative.—We have never known any other medicine which has so large a share of public confidence as to start a time as this has done. It has not only cured many cases of hair loss, but it has also cured many cases of itching humors, and it has also cured many cases of itching humors, and it has also cured many cases of itching humors.

Marriages.

On the 10th inst., by the Rev. J. C. Barber, Mr. DAVID SHAFER, to Miss SUSAN E. daughter of Mr. Jonathan Barber, both of South Middleton township, Cumberland county.

Deaths.

On the 3d inst. at Philadelphia, Mrs. MARGARET D. DOUGLASS, wife of George Ogilby, of Lancaster, Pa., in the 77th year of her age.