CITY AFFAIRS.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE.

We were much gratified, on visiting the Smithsonian Institution a day or two since, to observe the rapidity with which the section of the building now in progress, is advancing towards completion. It is of course impossible as yet to form any correct opinion of what this noble structure will be when finished, but, so far as one can judge, there is every reason to believe that it will be worthy of its munificent founder, as well in regard to the excellence of the materials used as architectural beauty. The committee to whom the selection of a site for the edifice was entrusted, have, as it appears to us, been peculiarly happy in the choice which they have made. Situated on a commanding point of what is called the Mall, it presents to the beholder a panoramic view of the city, its public buildings, and environs, on which the eye rests with unalloyed satisfaction On placing himself in the north front of the edifice, the spectator beholds near him, in the foreground, a gentle declivity sloping towards the canal, admirably suited for the purposes of the Institution in experimental gardening, &c., whilst, in the distance, the noble Capitol, with its lofty dome, forms the background of the picture on the east. In turning to the north, the fine proportions of the Post Office Department, and the more grand and commanding outlines of the Patent Office, furnish objects on which the eye rests with infinite pleasure; and the gratified vision, as it passes towards the west, lights in succession upon the Treasury building and Presidential mansion, until at length it finds the horizon bounded by the towering dimensions of the National Observatory, situated on the summit of Camp Hill. As a filling up for this enchanting landscape, he has outstretched before him the various marts of traffic, interspersed with extensive hotels and neat private residences, which cover the slopes as they rise from the base-line of the Pennsylvania avenue.

So much for the *physique* and *material* of the "Smithsonian Institution," as they present themselves to the senses; but of its *morale* and *intellectual*, the future alone can speak. The will of the projector of the vast scheme of benevolence of which this noble pile is to be the outward sign, provides, we believe, specifically, for the appropriation of a given amount to the erection of suitable buildings; and in making their arrangements the Regents have, very properly, governed themselves by the views of the donor, therein set forth. In carrying out a scheme for the *diffusion of knowledge among mankind*, everything depends upon the agencies employed in effecting this grand purpose, and the channels through which the benign influences of learning are to be imparted to every branch of the human family.

If we may be allowed to express an opinion with regard to this all-important view of the matter, the *diffusion of knowledge among mankind* will not be best promoted, according to the intentions of the beneficent individual of whose philanthropy it is to stand forth as a living monument in time to come, by the formation of vast libraries of rare books, or the endowment of professorships, in which learned men may doze over the musty speculations of ages that are sped. It is the knowledge for *the people—the nation*, constituted as they are of individuals pursuing the various practical vocations of life, that he had reference; and it is to the diffusion of such knowledge, that it may find its way into every workshop and every cottage in the land, that the views of the great English benefactor of our country were directed.

We have heard much of the purchase of works costly on account of their rareness and antiquity, for the use of the Institution; and we sincerely hope that what we have heard is not true, as it would certainly indicate that the gentlemen at present entrusted with the management of the concern, attach an undue importance to what may be called ancient lore. Mr. Smithson was a practical philanthropist. Had he wished to have made a collection of curiosities in literature, he would have confined his donation to the Old World, where such things are valued most highly, rather than seek our Western Hemisphere, where practical enterprize, with reference to future improvement in the arts and sciences, forms the great object of consideration.

Nor was it as we conceive the intention of this good man, that the benefits to be diffused through this means should be of a strictly local character—as must be the case if lectureships are instituted, on which classes to be composed of those who are comparatively wealthy shall attend. It was his purpose, if we mistake not, to make knowledge, as far as practicable, omnipresent, and to enable its apostles and advocates to carry it home to the firesides of the most humble and most remote. He wished it to go wherever a book could be read—not *bound in calf and lettered in gilt*, but in the cheapest form possible, consistent with usefulness and durability.

Libraries and museums and laboratories are all good in their way; but they are incidental to the plan proposed, rather than its primary objects. If teachers in the practical sciences are to be fitted for the noble work of diffusing knowledge free of charge among the people, and visiting every village and every hamlet, spreading abroad intellectual light among the masses, it is all very well; and so far as libraries, laboratories, and museums are required for this end, so far are they desirable, but no further. The Smithsonian Institution must, in accordance with the views of its worthy founder, be rather the source whence knowledge is diffused everywhere, than a mere conservatory of learning, as useless as the gas in Mr. Crutchett's cistern at the Capitol, until the wants of man cause it to blaze out at the end of his long-drawn tubes, intended to give brilliancy to the legislative balls.

RETURN OF CAPTAIN WEIGHTMAN. The return of Captain Weightman, of this city, one of the heroes of the battle of Sacramento, has infused joy among a large circle of relatives and friends with whom he is a great favorite. Fighting, however, apt to kill, is after all a very wholesome occupation, if we may judge from the appearance of the gallant Captain, who is the very personification of robust health. We sincerely congratulate his excellent father on having a son so justly distinguished, and hope that in all things the scion may be worthy of the tree from which it springs.

COL. HUGHES AND THE BATTALION. Whatever we may think of the conduct of Mr. Polk and Mr. Marcy with reference to the organization of the District and Maryland battallion, and the circumstances under which Colonel Hughes has become the beneficiary of Mr. C. L. Jones' purse and influence, we most heartily wish the gallant corps all the success they can desire. In Major Kenley, of Baltimore, the battalion can boast of an officer who will do honor to the service, whilst the appreciation in which the company officers are held by their fellow-citizens, induces the belief that they will fulfil the high expectations formed of them. Three companies left Baltimore on Saturday last, commanded by Major Kenley, and Captains Brown, Barry, and Henrie, in the ship Alexandria.

LIEUT. MAY, OF THE NAVY. It has been erroneously stated that Lieut. May, of the Navy, lost his arm at Tobasco, while gallantly leading his men. Such is not the fact. Lieut. May's arm was much shattered, but he will be able to retain the limb stiffened perhaps at the elbow.

THE TIBER DAM. The grounds north of Capitol Hill have been drained, and it is hoped will no longer be a source of disease to our friends who reside in that quarter. Will the City Authorities inform us why they permit the Tiber to be dammed up so as to form a collection of stagnant water, at this hot season of the year? Let them cast an eye at that *classic* stream near the outer railroad depot, and they will find the nuisance referred to. It should be abated.

Cannot the night police of the city manage to disperse the gangs of half grown lads of high and low degree, by which the peace of quiet citizens is disturbed and candidates are formed for the gaol and penitentiary? The rowdy appearance of these youths, and their obscene and profane language, outrage all decency, and offend the ear of female delicacy. A few committals of the peace-breakers to the watch-house, would, we think, have a most happy effect. Will our esteemed friend, Capt. Goddard, who is a terror to evil doers, think of this.

LIEUT. LOVE'S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INDIANS.

A letter published in the Clay county, Mo., Tribune, gives a more detailed account of the engagement detachment of Lieut. Love's command and the Indians, on the Arkansas, than we have yet seen. The letter is dated on the battle ground, near the Arkansas river, 27th June. The battle took place on the 26th, about sunrise, when some of the men were grooming their horses, and others were preparing breakfast. The attack was made on a provision train, about three-quarters of a mile in the rear.—They had chosen their position during the night, awaiting daylight, when the cattle would be turned out of the *coral*. With the exception of six or eight yoke, they succeeded in driving all the cattle over the river. The Indians thus engaged numbered 250 or 300, and were well mounted, and armed with lances, guns, pistols, bows, arrows and shields.—About twenty of the dragoons started to recover the cattle, if possible. They followed about a mile, when a regular engagement took place. The Indians appeared to be on the retreat; but this was only done to get the men as far as possible on the prairie. About a hundred Indians had been stationed on the opposite bank of the river, and they now charged across, came up in the rear of the Dragoons, and completely surrounded them. They now had it hand to hand—six to ten Indians upon one man at a time. The engagement lasted twenty minutes, and five of our men were killed, and six wounded. The names of the killed were—John Dickheart, George Gaskell, J. H. Blake, —— Short, and —— Aldrich. Those of the wounded, Sergeant Bishop, privates Lovelace, Vancaster and Ward, severely; and Wilson J. Bush, slightly. Sergeant Bishop was shot through the left side, above the hip; Lovelace was shot diagonally through, from the right shoulder to the breast; Vancaster was shot through, from side to side—he was not expected to live. They scalped three of the men. Some of them had as many as twelve to fifteen wounds from the lance, and were horribly mutilated; the throat of one was cut from ear to ear—the ears of another were cut off. They were robbed of every thing about them. As fast as the Indians fell, they were carried across the river, and their loss is estimated at from twenty-five to thirty.

The command would remain at their encampment until assistance could be obtained for the provision train. It is said that the Indians had proclaimed that not a train should cross the river, and it is their intention to cut off all communication between Santa Fe and the States.

INTERESTING FROM SANTA FE.

The mail from the west yesterday, says the St. Louis Republican of the 17th inst., brought a mail from Santa Fe.

The latest dates are to the 27th of May.

One of the letters which we have seen states, that on the 22d of May Col. Price discovered that there were instructions from the War Department, which had been received by the last mail brought by Mr. Boggs, directed to the Colonel commanding in Santa Fe, in which it was announced that the President refused to sanction any of the acts of General Kearny, so far as they confer any right upon the citizens of the territory of New Mexico, as citizens of the United States; and Gen. Kearny, or the officer commanding, was directed not to permit to be carried into effect such part of the organic and statute laws of the territory as confers such rights. On the strength of these instructions, Col. Price officially demanded the release and remission of sentence of Antonio Maria Trajillo, convicted of treason to the United Staies. The accused was thereupon set at liberty.

The next step to be taken, says the letter will necessarily be to announce to the Natives that, not being citizens of the United States, they cannot elect a delegate to Congress. "What think you will be the effect of such an announcement to a people whom we have been nearly a year past fighting, hoaxing, and talking into a belief that they are citizens of the United States—must enjoy rights and privileges as such—and must suffer all the penalties, when offending, that would fall upon the citizens of the United States?"

"The instructions go on to say, that the laws for the internal government of New Mexico received the full sanction of the President, and of course we shall proceed to elect members of a Legislative Council, and do all other acts and things that a people not quite slaves may do."

"There has been a shameful crawfishing on the one part, or presumption upon instructions and orders not given, on the other," in this matter of establishing a full grown territorial government in New Mexico. We shall see how this may be, when all the instructions are laid before Congress, but as Gen. Kearny, in the matter of citizenship, has not varied his conduct in California, we feel bound to believe that he has not transcended the powers given to him in regard to New Mexico. The government has crawfished.

Except in the particulars which we have stated, the letter says all goes on as before. "Some fugitives from the valley of Taos, combined with guerillas and Camanches, are committing depredations beyond the Moro. A day or two ago, they ran off from Santa Clara, or the Wagon Mounds, 250 horses, killing one, and wounded two of the party in charge. This has occurred, doubtless, from the most culpable neglect of duty."

The writer, alluding to the condition of things in Santa Fe, says: "One thing must be done speedily. This military mob must be relieved, or we must be relieved of them soon: they become more lawless and insubordinate every day."—"By the instructions lately received here, all the officers created under the Government for this territory are declared temporary—to continue only until such time as the country shall be declared annexed, or its possessions shall be renounced."

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Ephrata july 26 tf

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COTTAGE FOR RENT.—A neat Cottage containing two large rooms, three small chambers and kitchen; there is also a stable or woodhouse on the premises. Situated in a healthly location near Mr. Machen on Maryland avenue. Inquire of Dr VATCHAN, Cupper and Leecher, Ninth street.
june 23tf

F. McCUBBIN, Barber, Temple of Fashion No. 1, aided by that superior workman, Felix Dean, 8th st., between Pennsylvania avenue and D street.
jun 25—

CARD.
T. BARNARD, Letter Press Printer, corner 11th street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington. Terms cash—Prices lower than ordinary.

WOLTZ & CONWAY, Cabinet and Chair manufacturers, on E, between 10th and 11th streets. july 24

MRS. E. REEDER, *Milliner, Dress and Corset Maker*, Penn. avenue, between 1st and 2d streets. june12

COLUMBUS O. WALL, *Cabinet Maker and Undertaker*, corner of 6th and G streets.
june 11

JOHN WILLIGMAN, House Furnishing Ware Rooms, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 13th street, south side.
jun 25—

V. KING, Boarding-house, F street, directly opposite the General Post Office.
jun 25—

MRS. NEWMAN, Milliner and Dress-Maker, Pa. avenue, between 17th and 18th street.
july 14

R. FINLEY HUNT, DENTIST, Washington City, Penn. av. between 9th and 10th st.
june 11

A Luxury Indeed!
VAPOR, TEPID, AND COLD SHOWER OR RUSSIAN BATH.
THE subscriber, (through the persuasion of many intimate friends) has been induced to fit up the above establishment, (a bath never before known to this community) for the purpose of rendering every necessary convenience and luxury to the citizens of this metropolis.
In offering to the public the advantages of this *most delightful bath*, he would say to those who are in a state of physical debility, that there is nothing known that is so well calculated to restore the energies of the human system. The most delicate female under its influence improves in strength with most astonishing rapidity.
Connected with this mode of bathing, he has introduced the Salt-water Vapor, and Shower Bath, giving to those who desire it, all the advantages of Sea-bathing, without the trouble and expense of a trip to the Capes.
His rooms are situated on the corner of 4½ street and Missouri avenue. Open at all hours from six in the morning till nine at night.
Thursdays of each week are set apart for the special accommodation of Ladies, when a lady will be in attendance to wait on those who may please to visit this establishment. The public are invited to give this Bath a trial.
Terms: Single tickets 37½ cents, or three tickets for $1 00.
june 29—2m W. WHITNEY.

JOHN CONNELLY,
CABINET, CHAIR, AND SOFA MANUFACTURER AND UNDERTAKER
THE subscriber begs leave to return his thanks to his friends and the public generally for the very liberal patronage which they have bestowed on him, and would respectfully inform them that he has on hand a general assortment of Cabinet Furniture, which he will sell very cheap for cash, or *approved paper*. He is constantly manufacturing all kinds of Furniture of the latest style and most approved pattern; such as—
Mahogany dressing Bureaus
" spring seat Sofas
" rocking and parlor Chairs
" card, centre, and dining Tables
" Wardrobes
" Bedsteads
And, in fact, every thing usually found in a cabinet ware room.
Undertaking.
He is also prepared to attend funerals at the shortest notice and on the most liberal terms; and he is confident that from his long experience in attending funerals, that he will give entire satisfaction to those who may favor him with their patronage.
JOHN CONNELLY,
7th street, between H and I.
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Washington to Baltimore.
THE STEAMER

OSCEOLA,
HAVING been put in complete order will, *on Sunday the 11th July*, commence plying regularly between the above places, leaving the lower end of Frederick street dock, Baltimore, *every Tuesday at 4 o'clock P. M.* Returning, will leave Washington *every Sunday at 7 o'clock A. M.* where will stop regularly, going and returning, at
Cone River, Va., Leonardtown, Md.,
Currioman, Va., Port Tobacco, Md.,
and will touch at the following landings for signals, or to land, viz:
Point Look Out, Blackstone's,
Piney Point, Pope's Creek,
Nanjamoi, Sandy Point,
Chapman's, Md.; Bluff Point,
Quantico, Va. Boyd's Hole,
FOR NORFOLK.
The OSCEOLA will leave WASHINGTON every Thursday, at 9 o'clock, A. M., for NORFOLK Returning, will leave Norfolk every Friday at 4 o'clock, P. M. Passage and fare $5 00.
JAMES MITCHELL, Captain.
july 10—tJan1

DYING, SCOURING, AND SILK WATERING ESTABLISHMENT,
South side Pa. Av., opposite Jackson Hall.
F. CUDLIPP continues to carry on the above business in all the various branches. Ladies' and Gentlemens' garments of every description, cleaned and dyed in a superior manner.
Silks, Satins, Crapes, Gauzes, Ribbons, Cashmere, Bombazine, Muslin, Velvet, and Merino Dresses dyed any fashionable color. White Crape, Merino, and Cashmere Shawls cleaned and bleached. Also, Moreen Curtains Dyed and Watered.
N. B.—Leghorn, Straw, Braid, and Bonnets of every description dyed brown, lead, or drab color.
Thompsonian Medicine for sale.
july 27—2t

FRESH GROCERIES.
THE SUBSCRIBER is now receiving an additional supply of groceries comprising
Fresh Teas, Coffee of various kinds
New Orleans, Porto Rico, and St. Croix sugars
Do do do molasses
Sugar house sirup and molasses
Fresh spices, ground and unground
Sperm, adamantine, and mould candles
Tomato sauce, catsups, anchovies, &c.
Sardines and Curry powders
Sarsaparilla sirup, fancy soap
Military shaving soap, &c.
Orange county butter
100 sugar cured hams
100 superior shoulders
A large supply of cigars and tobacco
To which he invites attention S. HOLMES,
june 19—d3w 7th street.

1000 lbs. of Epsom Salts—
For sale by CHAS. STOTT,
Drug & Apoth corner 7th & Pa av.
may 21 tf

POTASH.
550 lbs. Potash for sale. Just received by
may 29 CHARLES STOTT,
7th street and Penn. avenue.

CLOVE ANODYNE
TOOTH-ACHE DROPS. An immediate and Perfect cure. For sale by
CHARLES STOTT,
Druggist & Apoth. corner of 7th & Pa. av.
may 12—tf

LLOYD'S
ROUGH AND READY
SAND SOAP,
AND
TABLETS,
FOR CLEANSING, WHITENING, AND BEAUTIFYING THE HANDS.
H. LLOYD has ingeniously succeeded in inventing a Compound of such a delightful nature as to render the hardest and roughest skin soft, fair, and delicately white.
Ladies Riding, Gardening, or Painting, and Gentlemen Shooting, Hunting, Fishing, Cricketing, Rowing, &c., or any amusement or exertion prejudicial to the hands, will find the improved ROUGH AND READY WASH BALLS and TABLETS pleasingly efficacious in removing all hardness, stain, redness, and all other cutaneous disfigurement; preventing and rendering the skin soft, fair, and pliable.
From the nice combination of Balsamic ingredients introduced into the composition, they form a fine Creamy Lather, with the hardest or Sea Water, which renders them very desirable for Salt Water Baths. They produce the most softening and refreshing sensation, and will be found an excellent substitute for the Flesh Brush.
They are highly recommended to Captains of Ships, Merchants, and all who trade with foreign countries, as they will retain their virtue in any climate. For sale by CHAS. STOTT.
Drug & Apoth., corner of 7th & Pa. av.
may 12—tf

Paints, Oils, and Paint Brushes, &c.
The subscriber has just received a large and fresh supply of PAINTS, OILS, &c., part of which are named below. They are guaranteed to be pure and good, and from the best manufactories. All persons wanting such articles would find it to their advantage to call, as I am determined to sell lower than similar articles can be got at any other place in this city.
350 kegs White Lead
120 lbs. Chrome Green
120 lbs. Chrome Yellow
20 lbs. Chrome Red
100 lbs. Pure Verdegris
300 lbs. Red Lead and Litharge
100 lbs. Imperial Green
500 lbs. Venetian Red and Sp. Brown in oil
300 lbs. Yellow Ochre in oil
100 lbs. Paris Green, dry
50 lbs. do. do. in oil
A large assortment of Paint and White Wash Brushes.
400 lbs. Lamp Black, dry and in oil
10 lbs. Sp. Whiting
1000 lbs. Putty
200 Boxes of Window Glass, all sizes
5 bbls. Linseed Oil
5 bbls. Copal and Japan Varnish
3 bbls. Sp. Turpentine
1 cask bleached Lamp Oil, at 75 cts pr. gall.
Also, PURE PINE OIL, received fresh from the manufactory every week.
CHARLES STOTT, corner 7th street
april 27—6mo and Penn. Av.

SEASONABLE MEDICINES.
Bull's extract of Sarsaparilla
Sand's do do
Leidy's do do
Townsend's do do
Schwartze's do do
Houck's Panacea
Swaim's do
Syrup Sarsaparilla Compound
These medicines are all of Standard Merit, and are warranted pure and genuine. At this season of the year they will be found highly beneficial for purifying the blood and invigorating the system.
For sale by CHAS. STOTT.
Drug & Apoth corner of 7th & Pa av.
may 21 tf

ALUM.
1,500 pounds of Alum,
For sale by CHAS. STOTT,
Drug & Apoth corner 7th & Pa. av.
may 12tf

VARNISH.
Coach Varnish
No. 1 Furniture do
" 2 do do
Scraping do
Japan do
Leather do
For sale in five gallon tins by
CHAS. STOTT,
Drug and Apoth corner of 7th & Pa av.
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PATENT MEDICATED INDIA RUBBER POROUS Strengthening Plaster.
IN all cases where it is thought advisable to keep up permanent st