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Dec 17—dtf

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Trains run as follows:

LEAVE daily, except Sunday, at 6 and 8¼, a. m., and 3 and 5 p. m.
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The connexions with Baltimore and Ohio railroad for the West are by trains leaving at 6, a. m., and 3, p. m.
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Particular attention is called to the rule requiring a responsible voucher for any person of color who may wish to pass over the road.
Dec 15—dtf

SILVER-PLATED and Albatta ware.—I have recently opened a rich assortment of silver-plated goods, heavily plated on copper and on albatta, consisting of—
Covered dishes, castors, spoons, forks
Soup ladles, butter dishes, waiters
Salvers, cake baskets, bon bon stands
Coffee pots, sugars, creams, tea pots, slop bowls
Pitchers, butter knives, coffee and tea urns
Napkin rings, salts, liquor stands, mugs, goblets
Egg stands, card receivers
Hot water kettles, candlesticks, &c.
Together with a general assortment of housekeeping articles.
For sale at very low prices.
C. W. BOTELER, Iron Hall,
Dec 10—codtfJan1 318 Penn. avenue and 319 D street.

Treasury Department, N. C.,
November 13, 1854.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until ten o'clock, a. m., of the 20th of December next, for the purchase of $111,000 in bonds issued by the State of North Carolina, under an act of assembly for the construction of the Weldon and Gaston railroad, and for the improvement of the navigation of the Neuse and Tar rivers. They are by express enactment exempt from taxation for any purpose. They will bear date the 1st of July, 1854, will run ten years, and will have coupons attached for the interest at six per cent. per annum, payable the first days of January and July in each year. Both interest and principal will be payable at the Bank of the Republic, in the city of New York, unless where the purchaser prefers to have them payable at the treasury of this State. They will be issued in sums of $1,000 each. Parties bidding will please address their letters, endorsed "Proposals for North Carolina Stocks," to the undersigned at Raleigh, North Carolina. They will also state in what kind of funds they propose to pay. The bids will be opened on the 20th December next, in the presence of the governor, secretary, and comptroller of State and G. W. Mordecai, president of the Bank of the State of North Carolina. The undersigned reserves the right of accepting such bids, in whole or in part, as he may deem most advantage to the State. Successful bidders will be required, as soon as informed of the acceptance of their bids, to deposite in bank the amount of their bids, with the accrued interest from the 1st of July last, to the credit of the treasurer of North Carolina. This deposite may be made in the Bank of the Republic, New York, the Bank of the State of North Carolina, or the Bank of Cape Fear, Raleigh. Documents showing the great resources of the State, and the small amount of her indebtedness, may be had on application at this office, or to messrs. Brown & DeRosset, city of New York.
D. W. COURTS,
Dec 5—dtd Public Treasurer of North Carolina.

ATTRACTIVE.—Rich Paris and New York made cloaks, in velvet, satin, moi, antique, and cloth.
Beautiful silks, in brocade; plaid, plain, and flounced robes.
Fine lace and muslin embroideries, in sets of Point, Maltese, Limeric, Honiton, and Gimpure.
Stylphides, collarets, chemisets, collars, and sleeves.
Embroidered muslin and tarleton robes.
Also, a choice assortment of new styles cashmeres, mousselines, French chintz, and wool plaids.
Evening and party dress goods in great variety.
All the above are just received and now ready for inspection. Citizens and strangers are respectfully invited to call.
WALTER HARPER & CO.
Dec 5—co3tif

CARRIAGE and Horses for Sale—A pair of beautifully-matched northern family carriage horses, together with a magnificent northern-built modern carriage.
The horses are of great value, being young and gentle. The carriage has been only used about twelve months, and is as neat and perfect as when first purchased.
The owner, having no use for them, will sell them a great bargain. Apply to Wm. T. HOVE, Coal-dealer, First Ward.
Nov 29 - dtf

MEMBERS of Congress and strangers visiting the city are respectfully informed that we have on hand a very large and choice stock of the latest styles of rich silk and other kinds of dress goods—
New style Paris cloaks, in velvet, satin, and cloth
Handsome sets of French work evening dress goods, of very light material
Elegant white and colored Canton crape shawls
Cashmere long shawls, good bordered scarfs
Maltese, Valenciennes, Gimpure, and English thread laces and edgings
Black laces for trimmings
All kinds of fine white goods
Silk, thread, and cotton hosiery
Best kid gloves, Lyons best velvets, in black and desirable shades
Undervests of all kinds for ladies and gentlemen
Fine Welsh and English flannels
Linen cambric, embroidered, and hem stitched handkerchiefs
Fine linen for collars and bosoms
All of the above goods will be sold at the very lowest cash prices, and we earnestly solicit all persons in want of good articles at low prices to examine our stock before making their purchases.
CLAGETT, NEWTON, MAY, & Co.,
Dec 5—6tif Corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 9th street.

SUPERIOR LINEN GOODS.—Clagett, Newton, May, & Co., corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 9th street, invite particular attention to their immense stock of superior linen goods just received, which will be sold at the very lowest cash prices. We have a large stock of Irish linen for shirting and other purposes of the very best makes imported, and warranted pure flax.
Irish and Russia linen sheeting, all widths, from 6-4 to 12-4, warranted all linen
A complete stock of table damask, damask cloths and napkins to match
Towelling of all kinds in great abundance
Crash, German roll, brown Russia linen
Pillowcase and bolster linen, brown French linen.
ALSO, JUST RECEIVED—
Cotton sheetings, best make, cotton for pillow slips, cotton shirtings of every good brand
English long cloths, New York mills colored India dimity
Bleached and brown Canton flannels, molleskin, a very large stock of real Welsh and English flannels
A good assortment of low-priced all wool flannels, 10-4 white flannel
300 pairs superior blankets, from the smallest to the largest size
50 pairs finest blankets ever brought to this city.
The above goods will be sold exceedingly low for cash, or on time to all who pay punctually.
Dec 6—6tif CLAGETT, NEWTON, MAY, & CO.

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT.—Pleasantly located on Missouri avenue two parlors and several bed chambers, suitable for a mess of gentlemen in Congress, or a family, and may be had separately or the whole. Missouri avenue is now lighted by street lamps.
Please inquire of Mrs. J. P. Van Ness, on Missouri avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets.
Dec 5—d4t.

M. A. Tyson & Sisters' Seminary
FOR YOUNG LADIES,
F street, between 12th and 13th, Washington.

THE duties of this institution commenced September 18, and will continue to the usual time of closing in July. Parents wishing to enter their children can do so according to terms stated in circulars, which may be obtained either at the institution, or at the principal bookstores.
Dec 1—d2w (Star.)

TWO furnished chambers for rent.—For rent, two commodious chambers, neatly and comfortably furnished. They are eligibly located on 5th street, between Louisiana avenue and E street, in a very quiet neighborhood, and very convenient to the National and Brown's Hotels. They are very well suited for two friends who may wish to room convenient to each other, being adjoining, with a door opening between them.
Inquire on the premises, No. 437 5th street, next to Congregational Church
Dec 1—dtif

Chapped Hands and Face.
GUERLAIN'S Amoandine—fresh.
Rosel's do do
Patey's Cold Cream do
10 dozen bay rum, from Madame Lavigne's distillery.
1 case of 25 doz. Farina cologne, very superior.
PARKER'S
Fancy and Perfumery Store,
Dec 7—3t* Penn. avenue, under National Hotel.

United States Mail.

UTAH.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
December 5, 1854.

PROPOSALS for carrying the mails of the United States from the 1st day of September, 1855, to the 30th day of June, 1858, (inclusive,) in UTAH TERRITORY, will be received at the Contract Office of the Post Office Department, in the city of Washington, until 9, a. m., of the 15th day of June, 1855, to be decided by the next day, on the routes, and in the time herein specified, viz:

12866 From Salt Lake City, by Neff's Mill, Mill Creek, Holladay's Settlement, Little Cottonwood, and Draperville, to Mountainville, 25 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Salt Lake City every Thursday at 7 a m;
Arrive at Mountainville same day by 7 p m;
Leave Mountainville every Friday at 7 a m;
Arrive at Salt Lake City same day by 7 p m.

12867 From Salt Lake City, by Taylorsville, West Jordan, Gardner's Mills, Bingham, and Kanyon, to Cedar Valley, 45 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Salt Lake City every Thursday at 7 a m;
Arrive at Cedar Valley next day by 12 m;
Leave Cedar Valley every Friday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Salt Lake City next day by 6 p m.

12868 From Tooele City to Grantsville, 12 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Tooele City every Tuesday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Grantsville by 12 m;
Leave Grantsville every Tuesday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Tooele City by 5 p m.

12869 From Nephi City, by Fillmore City, Corn Creek, Parragona, and Parovan, to Cedar City, 180 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Nephi City every Monday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Cedar City next Friday by 6 p m;
Leave Cedar City every Monday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Nephi City every Friday by 6 p m.

NOTES.

No pay will be made for trips not performed, and for such omissions not satisfactorily explained three times, one pay of the trip may be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connexion with depending mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postmasters, or the affidavits of other creditable persons, for neglecting to take the mail from or into a post office, for suffering it to be injured, destroyed, robbed, or lost; and for refusing, after demand, to convey the mail as frequently as the contractor runs, or is concerned in running, vehicles on the route. The Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to contract; for disobeying the Post Office laws or instructions of the department, or for assigning the contract without the assent of the Postmaster General. The Postmaster General may alter the schedule. He may also order an increase of service on a route by allowing therefor a pro rata increase on the contract pay. He may also curtail or discontinue the service, at a pro rata decrease of pay, if he allow one month's extra compensation on the amount dispensed with. No extra pay will be allowed for excess of actual over advertised distance if the points to be supplied are herein correctly stated. The bids should be addressed to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, superscribed "Mail proposals in the Territory of Utah." The contracts are to be executed and returned to the department by or before the 1st day of September, 1855. For further particulars as to conditions to be incorporated in the contracts see advertisement for California, Oregon, Utah, &c., dated 13th October, 1853.

JAMES CAMPBELL,
Dec 6—law4w Postmaster General.

Minnesota Land Agency.

TRACY & FARNHAM,
Bankers and General Land Agents,
ST. ANTHONY FALLS, MINNESOTA.

COLLECTIONS made, and proceeds promptly remitted at current rates of exchange.

Landed investments made for southern and eastern capitalists that will net FIFTY and SEVENTY-FIVE per cent. per annum, and often more.

The immense immigration, the rapid rise of real estate, and our intimate acquaintance with the country, enable us to make investments that will nearly, or quite, *double* in value every year for the next ten years. A few thousand dollars now invested will soon become tens of thousands. How can money be so safely and so profitably invested?

Land in the vicinity of new and thriving villages can now be bought for $3, $4, and $5 per acre, that in a few years will be worth ten times the amount. Many of the fortunes of the North have been made by the rise of real estate; and those that have the means and foresight to purchase when lands are so cheap will make fortunes.

Satisfactory references given. For particulars, address
TRACY & FARNHAM,
Dec 15—d&w1m* St. Anthony Falls.

The National Hotel

IN this city will be re-opened for the reception of guests on the 27th of this month. The removal of the kitchen from the basement to the rear of the building, and the alterations in and about the dining rooms, will add greatly to the convenience and comfort of its guests. The table will be furnished with the best the markets can afford, and served in the best style; and no expense or labor will be spared to render the house, in every respect, equal to any in the country. The subscriber, therefore, trusts that a generous public will continue the liberal patronage which has always been extended to the house. Persons desiring to procure rooms for the winter can do so at any time after the 20th, by calling at the Hotel.
E. D. WILLARD.
WASHINGTON CITY, November 14, 1854.
Nov 16—tf

United States Mail.

LOUISIANA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
November 22, 1854.

PROPOSALS for conveying the mails of the United States from the 1st March, 1855, to the 30th June, 1858, on the following route in the State of Louisiana, will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 3 o'clock, p. m., of Monday, the 15th of January, 1855; to be decided by the 17th following:

No 7731 From Red River Landing, by Simmsport, Moreauville, Mansura, Marksville, and Point Alagre, to Alexandria, 64 miles and back, three times a week, in two-horse coaches.
Leave Red River Landing Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 3 a m;
Arrive at Alexandria same days by 11 p m;
Leave Alexandria Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday at 3 a m;
Arrive at Red River Landing same days by 11 p m.

Proposals to perform the service in four-horse coaches will be considered, and are invited.

For form of proposal, guarantee, and certificate, also notes and instructions embracing conditions and obligations to be incorporated in the contracts to be executed by the accepted bidder, to such extent as the department may deem expedient and proper, see advertisement inviting proposals for mail service (for the contract term July 1, 1854, to June 30, 1858) in the States of Alabama, Louisiana, &c., dated January 9, 1854.

Each proposal should be sealed, marked "Proposal for route No. 7731 La.," and addressed, Second Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.
JAMES CAMPBELL,
Nov 23—law4w Postmaster General.

NOTICE.—The heirs and representatives of Rudolphus Brill, deceased, on whose estate letters testamentary were granted by the orphans' court for Washington county, Maryland, in the year 1801, are hereby notified to appear in the orphans' court of said county on or before the 1st day of May, 1855, and establish their right to the funds now in the hands, or which may hereafter come into the hands, of the undersigned as administrator *de bonis non* with the will annexed of said deceased.
JOHN R SNEARY,
Administrator *de bonis non* with the will annexed.
Nov 29—law6w*

Notice of Lost Land Warrant.

WHEREAS land warrant No. 52,640, for 80 acres, issued in favor of Benjamine Pucket, for military services in the war of 1812, and whereas said warrant was sent to my address through the post office of Washington city, and has been either lost or mislaid, notice is hereby given that I shall, at the proper time, apply at the office of the Commissioner of Pensions for a duplicate of the same.
N. B. TAPSCOTT.
Nov 29—law6w

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans' court of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, letters of administration on the personal estate of Armstead Gant, late of Washington county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 14th day of November next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.
Given under my hand this 25th day of November, 1854.
P. G. WASHINGTON,
Administrator.

District of Columbia, Washington county, } to wit: ORPHANS' COURT, Nov. 14, 1854.

Ordered that the administrator on the personal estate of Armstead Gant, late of Washington county, deceased, give the notice required by law to the creditors of said deceased, by advertisement once a week for three weeks in the Union.
Test: ED. N. ROACH, Register of Wills.
Nov 26—1aw3w

A CARD.—To all who wish to purchase good furniture or housekeeping articles of any kind the subscriber would announce that his house-furnishing warerooms, on 7th street, No. 559, opposite the Exchange Bank, are well filled with a fine assortment. None need wait for auction sales to get bargains, as he is determined not to be outdone anywhere. He has six lots of beautiful parlor furniture now in store, and eight or ten sets of enamelled cottage chamber furniture, made to order and finished in superb style.
The season is far advanced, the assortment very large, funds very desirable, and great bargains may be expected. Goods delivered safely, free of charge, to all parts of the city or Georgetown.
N. M. McGREGOR.
Nov 28—eod3w

TO Members of Congress, Strangers sojourning in the city, and the public generally.—Permit me to call your attention to my large and superior stock of cloths, cassimeres, and vestings, which will be made up to order at the shortest notice and in such style as cannot fail to please. Having supplied my establishment with the very best workmen, I will warrant that all garments manufactured by me shall be equal to those made in any other establishment in the United States.
WM. H. STANFORD, Merchant Tailor,
Penn. avenue, three doors west of 3d street, No. 488.
Also, agent for the regular French Fashions, received regularly, two suits a month.
Dec 3—2aw3wif W. H. S.

SUPERIOR Second-hand Pianofortes.—I have on hand several superior second-hand pianos, which will be sold low. Apply to
JAS. C. McGUIRE,
Dec 5—3t Auctioneer and Commission Merchant.

THE Practical Draughtsman; a complete course of engineering, architectural and mechanical drawing; by Armengand and Johnson, civil engineers—1 vol., quarto. London. 1854.
Nov 25 FRANCK TAYLOR.

BRILLIANT SCHEMES,

To be drawn at Wilmington, Delaware, in January, 1855.

GREGORY & MAURY, MANAGERS.

$40,000!
Lottery for the benefit of the
STATE OF DELAWARE.
Class F, for 1855.
Drawn at Wilmington, Del., Saturday, January 6, 1855.
75 number lottery—12 drawn ballots.

BRILLIANT SCHEME.

1 prize of	$40,000	1 prize of	$1,027
1 do	20,000	100 prizes of	1,000
1 do	10,000	10 do	300
1 do	5,000	20 do	250
1 do	2,500	84 do	200
&c.		&c.	&c.

Tickets $10—halves $5—quarters $2 50.

Certificates of packages of 25 whole tickets,				$140 00
Do	do	25 half	do	70 00
Do	do	25 quarter	do	35 00

$50,000!
Lottery for the benefit of the
STATE OF DELAWARE.
Class 6, for 1855.
Drawn at Wilmington, Del., Saturday, January 13, 1855.
78 number lottery—12 drawn ballots.

GRAND SCHEME.

1 prize of	$50,000	1 prize of	$7,060
1 do	25,000	5 prizes of	5,000
1 do	18,000	40 do	1,000
1 do	10,000	405 do	200
&c.		&c	&c.

Tickets $15—halves $7 50—quarters $3 75—eighths $1 87½.

Certificates of packages of 26 whole tickets,				$170 00
Do	do	26 half	do	85 00
Do	do	26 quarter	do	42 50
Do	do	26 eighth	do	21 25

$37,500!
Lottery for the benefit of the
STATE OF DELAWARE.
Class 12, for 1855.
Drawn at Wilmington, Del., Saturday, January 20, 1855.
78 number lottery—12 drawn ballots.

MAGNIFICENT SCHEME.

1 splendid capital of	$37,500	1 splendid capital of ...	$4,735
1 ..... do	20,000	50 ..... do	1,000
1 ..... do	15,000	50 ..... do	500
1 ..... do	10,000	189 ..... do	220
1 ..... do	6,000	&c.	&c.

Tickets $10—halves $5—quarters $2 50.

Certificates of packages of 26 whole tickets,				$140 00
Do	do	26 half	do	70 00
Do	do	26 quarter	do	35 00

$65,000!—$30,000!—$20,000!
Lottery for the benefit of the
STATE OF DELAWARE.
Class G, for 1855.
Drawn at Wilmington, Del., Saturday, January 27, 1855.
13 drawn numbers out of 75.

BRILLIANT SCHEME.

1 prize of	$65,000	1 prize of	$8,775
1 do	30,000	1 do	5,000
1 do	20,000	20 prizes of	2,500
1 do	15,000	250 lowest 3 No. prizes.	600
&c.		&c.	&c.

Tickets $60—halves $10—quarters $5—eighths $2 50.

Certificates of packages of 25 whole tickets,				$260 00
Do	do	25 half	do	130 00
Do	do	25 quarter	do	65 00
Do	do	25 eighth	do	32 50

Orders for tickets and shares and certificates of packages in the above splendid lotteries will receive the most prompt attention, and an account of each drawing will be sent immediately after it is over to all who order from me.
Address P. J. BUCKEY, Agent,
Dec 24—td Wilmington, Del.

FOR Overcoats and Clothing of every description, gentlemen should not fail to visit the extensive establishment of the subscribers, where they will find a very large and complete assortment of every style and quality of fashionable garments, manufactured in the neatest and most desirable manner, which we are selling at the lowest prices on the most accommodating terms.
WALL & STEPHENS,
Dec 20—tf 234 Pennsylvania avenue.

JUVENILE BOOKS, for youths of all ages, for sale in great variety, embracing most of the works of the most esteemed writers of this class in England and America. Also, a few London editions of the same, and a fine collection of French juvenile books, selected in Paris by the undersigned, many of which are just opened.
FRANCK TAYLOR.
Dec 23

ELEGANT FANS for the Evening—
6 fine pearl-stuck fans, with kid backs
6 do do tipped with tourbaloni
24 fine sandal-wood do, finely perforated sticks
24 fine ivory do., finely-carved sticks.
Also, a large assortment of cheaper kinds.
PARKER'S Fancy and
Dec 23—3t* Perfumery Store, under National Hotel.

DELAWARE COLLEGE.—The second term of the collegiate year in this institution will open on the 3d of January, 1855.
DANIEL KIRKWOOD,
Dec 23—d3t President.

NOTICE.—Our office will be closed, as usual, on Christmas and New Year's days, and persons having notes then payable will please attend to them previously.
RIGGS & CO.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22, 1854.
Dec 23—d7t.

WANTED—Ten extra orchestra musicians. Apply to Rousset Sisters, National Theatre, rehearsal at 10 o'clock this morning.
Dec 23

Christmas Presents.

JUST received a select assortment of fancy boxes, baskets, and other articles from Paris, suitable for presents.
Also, on hand a very large assortment of fine cake and confectionery.
C. GAUTIER,
Dec 20—4t 252 Pennsylvania avenue

A FEAST FOR EPICURES.—A few cans Pate de Foiegras au Truffes; also, of spiced red salmon trout, prepared by Targett & Co., St. John, Newfoundland—a delicious article—for sale by
ROBT. D. TWEEDY,
Dec 22—dtistJan Corner Penn. avenue and 13th street, South side.

LUXURIOUS ARTICLES.—We have deemed it prudent to reduce the price of all articles of the above class. Hence we offer at this time those below named—all new, well assorted—for
HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
at extremely low figures.
A vast lot of rich cashmere and chaine laine long shawls and scarfs
20 cartons ladies' cloaks and mantles, modern styles
25 do medium and fine Canton crape shawls
75 pieces plaid and plain Merinos, the plaids considered the handsomest in the District
40 pieces rich and peculiar glossy black silks, all widths, styles, and prices
A large supply of plain and figured silks, many in the lot appropriate for evening dresses
A full assortment of embroideries, with ladies' embroidered pocket handkerchiefs.
But few are judges of the above class of goods; reflection will satisfy them that a one-price store is the reliable source from whence to seek their supplies.
Our stock of all the leading styles of staple goods is abundant.
We would also name a large lot of very choice bed blankets and comforts. It may be mentioned in this connexion that our stock of all kinds of pure linen goods and mourning goods will be found complete during the entire year.
Dealing only in such fabrics as bear the stamp of decided excellence, and having but one fixed and unalterable price, discriminating buyers will see an advantage in our system of doing business.
☞ All persons indebted to us will please call and settle their bills by the 1st proximo. Their prompt attention will be regarded as a favor.
☞ Good articles, low prices, and fair dealing may be relied on in all cases.
PERRY & BROTHER,
"Central Stores," west building,
Dec 22—6tif Opposite Centre Market.

Christmas Cake.

GAUTIER will exhibit on Friday and Saturday a very extensive assortment of beautiful cake.
Also, ready-prepared pound and half-pound sacks of mixed sugar plums.
C. GAUTIER,
Dec 20—4t 252 Pennsylvania avenue.

RUSSIA, China, and India—Interesting information.—Valuable gift books for the holidays—
History of Russia. 700 pages. 300 engravings.
History of China and India. 200 engravings.
History of the United States; illustrated by R. Sears. Illustrations are by the best artists.
Sold by DECKER,
No. 10 Louisiana avenue,
between Eighth and Ninth streets,
and by E. W. BATES,
who are sub-agents for the work.
By addressing Box 291, city post office, the book will be sent to any part of the city.
Dec 20—d1w

PREPARATION for the Holidays.—TODD & CO. invite the attention of the ladies to their large stock of rich furs, in sets of sable, stone marten, mink marten, ermine, fitch marten, lynx, Siberian squirrel.
With a variety of other choice and rich furs, comprising the largest assortment ever offered in this market.
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IN CONGRESS OF THE U. STATES.

Thirty-Third Congress—Second Session.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1854.

The Senate did not sit to-day.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 12 o'clock, m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing the accounts of the disbursing agent of the coast survey during the last fiscal year; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Also, a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, in answer to the House resolution of the 19th inst, enclosing a plan for the organization of the insane hospital for the insane of the army and navy in the District of Columbia; which, on motion of Mr. HAMILTON, was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Also, a communication from the Clerk of the House relative to the contingent expenses of the House; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

ADJOURNMENT OVER.

On motion of Mr. HAVEN, it was

Ordered, That when the House adjourns to-day, it be meet on Tuesday next.

EMPLOYMENT OF CLERK.

Mr. HENDRICKS submitted a resolution authorizing the Committee on Invalid Pensions to employ a clerk for a term not exceeding twenty days, at the present session, and agreed to, which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

WORLD'S FAIR, 1855.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Maine, asked the unanimous consent of the House to enable him to submit a resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, if not inconsistent with the requisitions of the naval service, to provide a vessel for the conveyance of certain articles and national specimens of industry and skill of the people of the United States to the World's Fair to be held in Paris in the year 1855.

Mr. HAMILTON objected.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. HENN, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill for the relief of Henry H. Marsh; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. FAULKNER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill extending the provisions of the act of August 1848, giving relief to the widows and orphans of persons dying in the military service of the United States; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

BILL REFERRED.

Mr. GIDDINGS asked the House to take the Senate bill for the relief of Joshua Chamberlain from the table for the purpose of referring it to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims. No objection being made, the bill was so referred.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED.

Mr. FAULKNER submitted a resolution of inquiry instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to consider the expediency of allowing to Commander William F. Lynch during the time he was engaged in the exploration of the Dead sea the same pay that has been allowed to Lieutenants Herndon and Gibbon during the time they were engaged in the exploration of the Amazon river; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Mr. PHELPS submitted a resolution of inquiry instructing the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to consider the expediency of establishing an express mail line between St. Louis, Missouri, and San Francisco, California, for the transportation of letters, and to report by bill or otherwise; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. GREENWOOD asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Captain William Preston, who served as captain in the late Mexican war; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. LANE, of Oregon, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill providing for the establishment of an additional land district in the Territory of Oregon; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

MOTIONS.

Mr. McMULLEN called for the regular order of business.
Mr. HAMILTON moved that the House adjourn.
Mr. HOUSTON asked the gentleman to withdraw his motion to enable him to ask the House to go into the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.
Mr. HAMILTON withdrew his motion.
Mr. HOUSTON then moved that the rules be suspended to enable the House to go into the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.
The question being taken, on a division there were—ayes 50.
No probability of a quorum.
Mr. HOUSTON then withdrew his motion; and,
On motion by Mr. HAMILTON,
The House adjourned.

PETITION.

By Mr. STANTON, of Kentucky: The memorial of Mark Hardin, and other heirs of Col. John Hardin, who lost his life in executing a very hazardous mission to the Indian tribes northwest of the Ohio, in May, 1792, undertaken by request of Washington, asking Congress to comply with the promise of General Wilkinson to said Col. Hardin, that if he lost his life in the enterprise his "widow should receive from the government a yearly supply not less than two hundred dollars during her natural life."

From the Columbus (Ohio) Statesman and Democrat.

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR EXECUTIVE.

The women of Thibet make their faces hideous and ugly to preserve their virtue and correct their morals. The assailants of the administration of President Pierce do the same thing without having the same object. If, while they are indulging in their contortions of visage toward democratic officers, they could resurrect their buried virtue, and would correct their tainted morals, they might well be pardoned. But to hear an administration which is proverbial for its integrity in the finances of the country assailed by cormorants who have just dropped fat and gorged from the treasury under whig management, puts one's patience to the rack. To hear denunciations about Greytown, Soulé, reciprocity with Canada, etc., from mouths which spake low and craven toward foreign powers in the time of Taylor and Fillmore, is unendurable. The snarlers and snappers at the administration of President Pierce and his policy, however, find no echo from the masses of the people. Were the vote taken to-day, "Has our President acted trustworthily or not?" the affirmative would ring throughout the land triumphantly. The people have just read the message of the President and the documents which accompany it. We have been careful to note the general expression regarding these papers. It is upon these that a verdict has been rendered of "*trustworthy*," and intelligently rendered. There was one class which no message of Franklin Pierce, even though it were inspired with the prescience of Providence, would please. These are the corrupt and disappointed. There is another class which, against their better impulses and judgment, were constrained to condemn it. They were party leaders, secret machinators, and office schemers, who would not, for their own aggrandizement, have the President well with the people. Such have condemned the message; some of them for its reticences—that it omitted to say something objectionable on some debatable points; some for its moderation, because it did not rant and rave, so that they might hold it up to frighten conservatism with; and some, for no reason at all, discriminate against the message with a wiseacre pomposity, to preserve in the minds of others their own opinionative egotism. There is another class, and in it are those who love republican simplicity of thought, and style, and conduct. They make up the grand inquest whose verdict is the fiat of the nation. They have read the message of the President with the spirit in which it was written, with no desire to pervert its meaning, with no "suspicion asquint" at "chimeras dire" which do not appear in the message, but who, in their native and unselfish good sense, have approved the plainness, firmness, rectitude, executive ability, and reverence to a superior power, which shine through its sentences with a mild yet steady lustre.

The inaugural of President Pierce differs from this message as well in style as in spirit—necessarily differs, appropriately differs. It was the first emanation of a sanguine and hopeful mind, entering on its great trust with generous enthusiasm to deserve well of the country by contributing to its happiness and illustrating its glory. It is said that the richest fruitage is that which grows upon the sides of the volcano. Landor uses this image in one of his inimitable similes to express another and more spiritual significance—that the best thoughts of the intellect are those which bud, and bloom, and ripen over the glowing of a warm heart!

Thus was it with the inaugural. It conceived with a glow all incandescent the brilliant future of this republic under the providence of God. It rejoiced in the prospect as it dilated upon the maintenance of that exquisite symmetry and adjustment in the several departments of our political system by which that future was to be made so glorious. It dilated with a radiant enthusiasm, which many condemned as excessively rhetorical and declamatory. There is a place of this style and tone in the present message, if they were necessary. The inaugural was the promise; this is the fruition. The inaugural was the project, the outline of a course of policy to which the President would dedicate his energies, and it naturally assumed a style consonant to the spirit of the time and occasion. The present message shows how that outline has been filled up; how, with nicest heed, with vigilant sensibility to national honor, with resolutely clinging to the rights of the people and the States, that outline has been filled. And how has it been filled? The message and the reports of the cabinet answer.

Does the citizen wish to know how our finances have been conducted without loss—balances due under whig rule closed—peculating corruption prosecuted and foiled? how our revenue has been disbursed with safety to the people? how our forces have been used, and what increase of army and navy is needed to keep pace with our growing greatness?—does he wish to feel the beating of that heart which, while it mourns for the calamities of the great deep, casts about for the means of their prevention?—does he wish to know how our vast post office machinery has been worked with so little friction comparatively? how our land system has been carried on? how best to obtain the blessings of intercommunication, without the corruption incident to grand governmental appropriations for railroad schemes—that prolific and increasing reservoir of foul vapors befog