

LECTURE OF ART.—The lecture-room of Cooper Hall was last evening filled with a refined and intellectual audience, who listened with deep interest to a lecture delivered before the Art Association by the Hon. George Taylor, M. C. of Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Taylor commenced by asserting that the philosophy of the sciences and fine arts can be understood only when viewed in connection with the history of mankind. He spoke of the fine arts in the limited significance of the term, and as confined to painting, sculpture, engraving, and architecture.

This position Mr. Taylor proved correct, by numerous examples, drawn from the pages of history with great discrimination, and presented in an attractive form. The Hindu, Persian, Babylonian, Egyptian, and Grecian progress in art, and the influence of the East upon the West, were pointed out with clearness and force.

While these separate agencies did not, in themselves, effect a federal union, they, in their common action, softened the prejudices and reconciled the differences of the nations; and, more than this, they produced a community of feeling and hope, and kindled anew the sentiment of brotherhood.

Now, as we have before said, it is a correct principle, that after the people, through their representatives, have formed their constitution, it should be approved by the votes of the same people; yet, if neither the congressional nor the territorial act requires it to be submitted to the people, it is not submitted to them.

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THE SUSPICIOUS MOMENT has arrived for Art again to assert its power and assume the empire of the refined and beautiful; to soften, ennoble, and dignify the human mind; to blend the selfishness of society, make them harmonious, and unite the whole in one pleasing picture; to clothe the vast domain of the intellect in the raiment of beauty, and crown the age with unrivalled works of genius and art.

Under the guidance of a kind Providence we have established new laws and new institutions, which secure to us the largest liberty. This was the first and great step in our national history. The next was the establishment of a common school system, by which all may be educated.

A CORONER'S EXERCISE.—We were not aware, when we appended a notice of Dr. Mackay's lecture on Saturday evening a charming song, then recited, that we were harboring a poetical stray, which had been surreptitiously obtained from its creator, and placed before the world in a sadly mutilated condition.

DEAR SIR: In the notice of our lecture of Saturday evening, you have appended one of the songs which I read to the audience. I was not desirous that that song should be published; and when applied to in Brooklyn by a reporter for one of the journals, I courteously refused to give him a copy.

LOVES SEASONS AND REASONS. Love my love in spring time, For beauty fresh as May, For cheeks like early roses, For eyes like heaven's blue.

LOVE MY LOVE IN SUMMER. Love my love in summer, For promise warm and true, For truth like morning dew, For light like summer's sun.

LOVE MY LOVE IN AUTUMN. Love my love in autumn, For fruit of gentle deeds, For wisdom in the meads, For virtues ripening here.

LOVE MY LOVE IN WINTER. Love my love in winter, For charity unfeigned, For words that soothe and cheer, For looks that show the cheer.

CITY COUNCILS.—The board of aldermen, on Monday night, confirmed the Mayor's nominations of John D. Brandt as commissioner of the eastern section of the canal, vice Joseph Cross, removed; and William Thompson, police magistrate of the third district, vice Daniel Smith, removed.

UNCLAIMED PACKAGES.—Adams & Co. advertise in the 'States' a long list of unclaimed packages, directed to citizens and seafarers, some of the names being those of distinguished diplomats, officers of the army, and members of Congress.

THE WATER.—We fear that our spring-like weather is about to leave us. The telegraphic reports received at the Smithsonian Institution yesterday showed that it was raining at every prominent point between this city and Macomb, Georgia, and later in the day we had a slight fog—probably the antecedent of more winter-like weather.

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BY TELEGRAPH. New York Legislature. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The legislature assembled to-day. The session organized by the choice of republican officers. The house of assembly balloted once for speaker or without a choice. Gov. King's message has not been read, but the Express says that he recommends the enactment of a law compelling the banks to keep in coin twenty-five per cent. of all indebtedness exclusive of notes.

Philadelphia Senate. Harrisburg, Jan. 5.—Hon. William H. Welsh, of York, was unanimously nominated by the democratic senators caucus this morning for speaker of the senate, and was elected this afternoon.

Walker's Men Dismissed. Norfolk, Jan. 5.—Walker's men were discharged from the United States ship Serrano to-day by orders from Washington. Many of them are wandering about the city in a very destitute condition, without money and poorly clad.

Fire at Richmond. Richmond, Jan. 5.—A machine shop on the Central railroad caught fire last night. Seven locomotives were burned. Loss, \$25,000; insurance trifling. The fire caught from a locomotive.

New Hampshire on Kansas. Concord, N. H., Jan. 5.—The democratic State committee of New Hampshire proclaimed by resolution their opposition to the Lecompton constitution.

Kansas Rumor Contradicted. Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—A special despatch to the Gazette denies the truth of the report from St. Louis yesterday in relation to Kansas. It also adds that the accredited agent of the Associated Press at St. Louis has been sick for several days, and his duties have been performed by proxy.

Markets. New York, Jan. 5.—Cotton dull—sales 1,000 bales, prices unchanged. Flour firm—sales 13,000 barrels; common to good, \$5 25 to \$5 30; Ohio, \$4 65 to \$4 80; southern, \$4 50 to \$4 60.

ORPHANS' FAIR removed to Iron Hall, Pennsylvania avenue. The inclemency of the weather having prevented many persons from attending to-day, the fair was removed to Iron Hall, the managers have prevailed upon to continue it a few days more, and it will be opened at Iron Hall.

RECENT and large reductions from the regular prices for all goods, shawls, robes, cloaks, scarfs, embroidered, and other first-class foreign goods generally.

PURE LINEN GOODS.—Table cloths and damasks, in all widths and grades. Sheetings and pillow cases, in all widths and grades. Napkins, towels, doilies, and coverings, in great profusion, of choice styles.

WILLARD'S HOTEL.—J. C. & H. A. Willard, Proprietors. Pennsylvania avenue and Fourth street, Washington, D. C. Jan 5.—10th

TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON. Wolfe's Schiedam Aromatic Schnapps. The proprietor has been informed by the attention of strangers and the citizens of Washington to a very superior article of Holland gin, which is introduced to the American public under the name of Wolfe's Schiedam Aromatic Schnapps.

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By JAS. G. McGUIRE, Auctioneer. TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED property at the residence of JAMES M. TRUSTEE, on Tuesday afternoon, January 6, at 4 o'clock, on the premises, by virtue of a deed of trust, dated November, 1854, and recorded in Liber of A. D. No. 20, folio 218, as per one of the last records for Washington county, the subscriber will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following described property, viz:

MAKING ROOM FOR SPRING SUPPLIES.—We are now offering all kinds of goods at extremely low prices, in order that we may have room for vast spring supplies.

WASHINGTON ART ASSOCIATION.—The Second Annual Exhibition of the Washington Art Association is now open at the stable on F street, between 13th and 14th streets, from 10 to 10 P. M.

THREE CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS.—To two of whom we are under obligations. First, to the vast and rapidly increasing number who buy of us for cash.

VALUABLE GIFT FOR ANY SEASON, AND of permanent value, is WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY.

LADIES CLOAKS, choice styles, best quality, at very low prices. Ladies' robe Paris style, very best quality, all sizes and colors. One price only, no deviation.

GOLD AND SILVER PURCHASED AT THE BEST RATES. FOREIGN BILLS OF EXCHANGE SOLD ON THE PRINCIPAL PORTS IN EUROPE IN SECS TO SET.

GOLD CURRENCY AND VIRGINIA MONEY accounts will be opened for deposits; payable in bank funds or in gold, charging the current rates. Checks must be marked accordingly.

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TEXAS LAND FOR SALE.—1,280 acres very choice land in Victoria county, midway between the towns of Victoria and Llaneta; on the Gulf to San Antonio road through the corner of the tract. The soil is fertile, and the water excellent. For information apply to J. C. Moore, cor. Washington city, or by letter, to the subscriber, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Jan 1—11th

THE TURNER LEGACY.—Messrs. Taylor & Manly have the honor to announce that they have just received a series of the single water color drawings by the best English artists from the original pictures and drawings by the late J. W. Turner, R. A. in the above collection, the property of the English nation, now exhibiting at Marlborough House, London.

GENTS SHAWLS AND FINE CUT-VELVET—A vast quantity of the latest styles, at low prices. Extra fine cloths, cassimeres, and vestings of the very best grades. One price only, marked in plain figures.

JAMES J. DICKINS, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, PATENT, CLAIM, AND GENERAL AGENCY, Office Southeast Corner of Seventh and F streets. Dec 4—4t

ARTICLES WE OFFER AT LOW PRICES.—All our wares stock of fine silks, robes, and other fine dress goods.

PHOTOGRAPH OIL PAINTINGS. PROFESSOR J. E. CHURCHILL, Artist, respectfully returns thanks to the numerous patrons for past encouragement and solicits a continuance of the same.

MARBLE MANUFACTURE, Tombs, Statues, Etc. THE SUBSCRIBER respectfully invites the attention of the public to the large and elegant marble works established by him in the city of New York.

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