

LOCAL NEWS.

MORE GOVERNMENT ROBBERIES.—We have just been put in possession of information which leads us to suspect that the robbers which have for the past few days been telegraphed to the New York press, of additional robberies in the Government Departments here, are far from being groundless. Several weeks ago, we had similar intimations, given out in rather an obscure manner by those who had good means of knowing, that we might soon expect some startling disclosures, not only in the Interior, but in the other Departments. That none of these have been positively ascertained as yet, with the exception of the Interior Department, we believe to be true; but just another such accident as caused the Interior Department transaction to be divulged will probably also bring these to light. There are those on the track who have very good nostrils, and are somewhat acquainted with the art of scenting out these things.

THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT DEFEALCATION.—We have very little additional information in relation to this matter. Things remain pretty much as they did when we closed our report yesterday. It has been found impossible to secure bail sufficient for the release of Russell. Hon. J. R. Barrett, of Missouri, has offered to go \$50,000 additional of the outside bail, leaving \$25,000 bail outside of the city yet to be obtained, but there has been no more local bail obtained. New features of this matter, however, are hourly coming to light.

EXCITEMENT YESTERDAY.—Considerable excitement prevailed throughout the city yesterday, caused by the news received from Charleston. Many rumors were in circulation all day and during last night, of a character well calculated to startle the quiet citizen. Most of these rumors we know to be false; but we have ascertained that a good many old muskets are being brushed up, ready for use, in case of an emergency. The numerous threats that have been made against the city by Southern ultraists have awakened some of them to the true state of the case. We saw rather more secession badges than usual on the street yesterday; but, as an offset, the Union badges were also greatly on the increase. Most of the secession badges were worn by those holding office under the Federal Government. Some of these office-holders were South Carolinians, who seemed fully to endorse the action of their State in seceding, but were not at all disposed to give up their hold on Uncle Sam's Treasury.

LECTURE AT THE SMITHSONIAN.—The lecture last evening at the Smithsonian Institution, by Prof. Chadbourne, of Williams College, Mass., on Iceland and the Icelanders, was one of interest and the amusing scenes through which the lecturer passed while there four years ago, kept the large audience in excellent humor. He said, that although the Icelanders were an isolated and cut-off land, yet its inhabitants have some noble, marked traits of character, which our mutual Teutonic stock makes interesting. Not only its people, but its geology, present them for study and admiration, far beyond that of many a more genial clime.

They tell us that America should have been called New Iceland, inasmuch as they were its first discoverers nine hundred and ninety-nine years ago. The first really permanent settlement in Iceland made by the Swedes was in 874, at which time they established a republic, which existed for five hundred years, when the Crown of Norway united it to their dominions, where it remained until Denmark took it under her sovereign protection, where it now belongs. They were a noble people. Their ancient religion, the relics of which may yet be found, and Odin, will ever be remembered in the legendary lore of Iceland.

The Catholic form of Christianity had made considerable progress up to the year one thousand, and continued until the Reformation, since which the Lutheran church is the prevailing form of Christianity. The Danish Government send out six steamers each year to Iceland. The Icelanders live in small, wet, cold huts, and in order to keep warm, many occupy the same uncomfortable, ill-ventilated, apartments; in consequence of which, that terrible disease, the leprosy, decimates many a household.

Mr. Johnson, the rector of the Icelandic College, is one of the finest-looking gentlemen and one of the most intelligent men of the age. He is a fine classical scholar, and upon his shelves are found the reports of the Smithsonian Institution. The college edifice is the largest building on the island. It is built of wood, and two stories high. Their Parliament also meets in one part of it.

He also described his journey to the Hot Springs, the causes of their eruption, and the surroundings, with fine effect. The island contains 60,000 inhabitants. Every part of the island speaks of fire, with its devastating effects. The most terrible eruption occurred in 1783, at which time, twenty-one villages and nine churches were destroyed. They had a revolution in 1809, when the military deposed the Government, and their Prince reigned four weeks, when things resumed their usual course, and went on as harmoniously as ever.

HOP AT THE WASHINGTON HOUSE.—Quite a large and agreeable party participated in one of those pleasant little affairs, for which the Washington hotels seem to have become famous, on Thursday night. It was, we believe, the first of the season, and was greatly relished by those who were so fortunate as to be present. Everything went off in the most pleasant manner, the dancing being kept up till a very late hour.—We should have said, early hour.

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.—We are constantly hearing of boarding-house keepers being swindled by the many nicely-dressed scoundrels who flock to the Federal Metropolis at this time of the year, and are surprised that they are not more cautious as to whom they take into their houses. The last case of the kind that has been brought to our notice is that of a very respectable-looking young man, hailing from the Old Dominion, who some weeks since presented himself at one of the fashionable boarding-houses on Pennsylvania avenue, stating that he had recently been appointed as a clerk in one of the Senate committees, and that he desired to obtain board, referring to several prominent Senators as references. He also stated that his trunk would arrive at the National Hotel on the following day, and desired that it should be sent for, which was done, but no trunk was to be found. He then pretended to be very much alarmed at the non-arrival of the trunk, and would immediately write to his home in Virginia to ascertain the cause. Meantime, under one pretext or another, he managed to borrow several very snug little sums from sojourners in the house; and yesterday decamped, leaving his entertainers considerably out of pocket.

THE NAVY YARD FESTIVAL.—The festival of the East Washington Mission ladies is still in progress. Large crowds are nightly in attendance, and everybody enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—At a late meeting of Centennial Lodge No. 14, the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year, viz: A. G. Fowler, W. M.; Francis Reeside, S. W.; George B. Clark, J. W.; Augustus Edson, Secretary; David Hepburn, Treasurer; Thomas Greaser, Tiler.

GORUCH CHAPEL FAIR.—Will any one inform us where all those beautiful ladies came from, that we saw at the Goruch Chapel festival last night? The seventhward has always stood high in the scale of beauty, but our festival reporter, who is a very bashful young man, found it very difficult indeed to stand unmoved before those many bewitching eyes. We intend going over to Potomac Hall again, right soon.

POLITICAL ALTERCATION.—On Thursday night, quite a serious altercation occurred on the avenue, having its origin in politics. It commenced in the National Hotel, between a secessionist wearing a cockade and an anti-secessionist, the latter threatening to cut the emblem of disunion from the coat of the former. The parties repaired to the street, and a fight ensued, when the cockade was clipped off, and both parties bruised, but not dangerously, although a knife was used.

CRIMINAL COURT.—Before Judge Crawford.—Yesterday, William Brown, found guilty, some days since, of an assault and battery on John P. Dennis, was sentenced to pay a fine of twenty dollars. James Gales, convicted the day before of an assault on Mrs. Chinchilla, was sentenced to pay a fine of thirty dollars. Charles Fitzpatrick, charged with an assault and battery on O. B. Crismond, submitted his case, and was fined eight dollars and costs.

CENTRAL GUARDHOUSE.—Before Justice J. D. Clark.—Silas Kirk, drunk and disorderly; fine and costs, \$3.17. Charles Burk, carrying concealed weapons; fine and costs, \$20.94. John Z. Stafford, a constable, was accused of an assault and battery on his wife, and held to bail for court.

POLICE MATTERS.—Before Justice Donn.—Henry Boucher, for an assault and battery on Dennis O'Brien, was required to give \$300 security to appear for trial at the Criminal Court. Henry Koch, charged with permitting persons to play cards for money and other things in his public bar-room, on Sunday, the 9th instant, was fined \$21.71.

THE MANASSAS GAP RAILROAD.—The Board of Public Works, at their late meeting, appointed the following Directors and Proxies to represent the State in the Manassas Gap Railroad Company: Directors—C. H. Hutton, of Prince William; W. H. Irwin, of Alexandria; and J. S. Russell Meem, Shenandoah. Proxies—Irasmus Coffman, of Rockingham; J. S. Davison, of Warren; and R. M. Smith, of Alexandria.

SKATING.—The canal and Hunting creek are now covered with ice, and afford excellent skating, and as the scholars of the numerous schools in our city are now enjoying the Christmas holidays, and as the schoolboys are fond of skating, they are having fine sport. Yesterday, numbers of ladies visited the skating grounds, and those engaged in the pleasure had rosy cheeks and bright eyes to witness the graceful motions.

MASONIC SUPPER.—On Thursday night, Andrew Jackson Lodge celebrated St. John's Anniversary by a supper in their Lodge Room, in Sarepta Hall. The members of Andrew Jackson Lodge, with many brethren from Washington Lodge No. 22, sat down to a sumptuous repast at nine o'clock, and had a pleasant time.

NEW RAILROAD DEPOT.—The new passenger depot of the Alexandria, Loudoun, and Hampshire Railroad Company, at the corner of Princess and Fairfax streets, has been completed, and the passenger trains will now arrive and depart from the new depot. The building is very capacious, and is a handsome addition to the already fine improvements erected by this company upon their grounds in this city.

MARRIED.—On Thursday evening, the 27th inst., by Rev. John N. Coombs, Mr. Joseph O. Wallingford and Miss Mary E. Hoover, all of this city.

GREAT BARGAINS.—Toys, Fancy China Ornaments, &c., at cost, for cash, at dec 29-31 LAMMOND'S, Seventh st.

FOR RENT, A THREE-story Brick House, containing eight rooms, in good order, with gas fixtures complete, on H street, between Fourth and Fifth. Also, a two-story brick COTTAGE, with large yard attached, corner of F street north and Fourteenth street east. To punctual and reliable tenants the terms will be moderate. Apply at 446 Twelfth street, between G and H. dec 29-31

UNIVERSALISM. Maternal Affection—Woman's Influence and Woman's Worth. Theophilus Fiske will deliver a discourse upon these subjects at the First Congregationalist (old Trinity) Church, on Sunday evening next, at seven o'clock. Seats free. The public generally are invited to attend. dec 27-31

FAIR. The Ladies' Fair, for the benefit of East Washington Mission, Methodist Protestant Church, will open Monday evening, December 24, at six o'clock, and continue two weeks. Season tickets, 25 cents; single admission, 10 cents; children, 5 cents. dec 24-61

ANNOUNCEMENT. The members of the Perseverance Fire Company No. 5 have the pleasure to announce to their many inquiring friends and the public in general, that their third grand annual Colliery Party will take place at Franklin Hall, corner of Ninth and D streets, on Tuesday, the 8th of January, 1861. Particulars in future advertisement. By order of the Executive Committee. dec 24-MT&S

JOHN LANGE, Practical Chronometer, Clock, and Watch-maker, 437 Seventh street, bet. G and H, informs his customers and the public in general, that he has just received a fine stock of Gold Patent and Detached Levers, Lepine, Duplex, and other Watches; also, fine French Clocks, Jewelry, &c. Attends promptly to the Repairing of fine Watches, Clocks, and Jewelry. dec 29-31m

W. KRZYZANOWSKI, Seventh Street Crockery Depot, 383 Seventh street, (under Dorsy's Hotel,) "Sign of the Plates," Washington, D. C. CROCKERY, Glass, Cutlery, Coal-Oil Lamps, Kerosene and Coal Oil, at lowest prices. nov 26

CANDLES AND OIL. 20 cases Paraffin Candles. 20 boxes Sperm Candles. 50 boxes Adamantine Candles. 50 boxes Oil Candles. 1 cask Coal Oil, for burning. Lard, Whale and Sperm Oil. Just received, and for sale by E. E. WHITE & CO., No. 63 Louisiana avenue, bet. Sixth and Seventh streets, opposite Bank of Washington. dec 15

THOMAS K. GRAY, FASHIONABLE TAILOR, D street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, nov 26 Washington, D. C.

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH PICKLES, SAUCES, &c. CHOW CHOW, PICCOLILLY, American. CHOW CHOW, PICCOLILLY, White and Brown ONIONS, } English. Sauces. Worcestershire Sauce, Soy's Sultana, Reading, Harvey, and Anchovy SAUCES. For sale by J. S. B. WILSON, 327 Pa. av., between Sixth and Seventh streets, south side. nov 26

DOCTOR JOSEPH T. HOWARD, OFFICE No. 366 Fifth street, between G and H streets, and at Shuman's Drug Store, under the Clarendon Hotel. dec 4-6m

HAMS! HAMS!! I HAVE in store Maryland New HAMS, sugar-cured, prepared for family use. JESSE B. WILSON, 327 Pa. av., between Sixth and Seventh streets, south side. nov 26

LOT FOR SALE.—Lot Five, in Square 1032, containing about 15,000 square feet. Price, three cents per foot. Apply at this office. A REDUCED TARIFF OF PRICES FOR ARTICLES adapted for Christmas and New Year presents. Shawls, Cloaks, Silk Robes, Velvet Cloaks, Silk Dresses, and many new and stylish WOOLEN DRESS FABRICS.

With all other kinds of first class Dry Goods in general and special use—the tariff of prices on the whole of which has been reduced to the present depressed value. Carpets, Oil-Cloths, Curtains, Rugs, &c., upper floors. Blankets, Comforts, House Linens, &c., basement and the vaults. Strangers, sojourners, and citizens, will inspect our stock at their pleasure—an examination implies no obligation to purchase.

PERRY & BROTHER, Penn. avenue and Ninth streets, dec 19-1041d Perry Building. BOARDING, By the Day, Week, or Month, with or without Rooms.

MRS. M. A. MILLS, having taken and fitted up, in handsome style, that large and pleasant house, No. 504 Pennsylvania avenue, third door east of Third street, between the St. Charles Hotel and Adams's Express Office, near the Capitol and railroad depot, is now prepared to accommodate Transient or Permanent Guests with pleasant rooms, with or without Board. nov 26

THE ROYAL TURKISH TOWELS. Bathing Sponges, Velvet Sponges, Bath Gloves. Brown Windsor Soap, Honey Soaps. Lubin's Soaps and Extracts. Genuine German Cologne, all sizes, wick-ers and plain bottles. Basin's Soaps and Extracts. Phalons's Soaps and Extracts. Pomades of all kinds. Hair Tonics, &c. With a full assortment of new Perfumery. Hair Brushes, Combs, Tooth Brushes. Fresh Medicines, Pure Chemicals, &c. Just received at GILMAN'S New Drug Store, 350 Penn. Av. Congress, Empire, Saratoga, Bedford, Blue Lick, and White Sulphur Waters, always on hand, as above. dec 3-

For Holiday Presents at the Proper Prices. SILK ROBES IN ALL COMBINATIONS. Rich Dress Silks do. Medium Dress Silks do. Low-priced Dress Silks do. VELVET CLOAKS, MODERN STYLES. Cloth Cloaks do. Shawls do. Embroideries do. The whole of the above reduced in prices to meet the wants of persons with small purses. Our stock of all the leading DRY GOODS STAPLES for every day wants was never so large and cheap. One price only, marked in plain figures. Carpets, Curtains, Oil Cloths, Rugs, &c., upper floors. Comforts, House Linens, Blankets, &c., basement and the vaults.

Strangers and sojourners are informed that ours is much the largest and most comprehensive stock in this market, and at prices as least as favorable to their interests. PERRY & BROTHER, Penn. avenue and Ninth st., dec 19-1041d "Perry Building."

NOTICE. SPALDING'S SPALDING'S CELEBRATED PREPARED PREPARED GLUE. Only 15 cents per bottle, at BONTZ & GRIFFIT'S, No. 369 Seventh street, between I and K streets. Warranted the Genuine Spalding Glue. dec 15-1041m

HENRY JANNEY, No. 318 Pennsylvania avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets, Washington, D. C., MANUFACTURER OF GENTLEMEN'S FASHIONABLE BOOTS & SHOES, HAS at all times a sufficient force of the most experienced hands to make promptly to order every variety of work in his line. He has on his shelves a very good supply of work of his own make. Also, a general supply of Northern work, direct from the Manufacturers, as well as from Auction, and assures the public that no house in this or any other city can supply WHOLESALE or RETAIL, at lower rates. nov 26

PROVISION STORE. MRS. C. OCKSTADT, 470 Ninth street, between D and E streets, informs the public that she is prepared to supply them with Meat, Vegetables, and articles used in the preparation of Soups, of good quality and at low prices. dec 24

DR. W. P. McCONNELL, SURGEON DENTIST, continues his operations at his old stand on Pennsylvania avenue, one door east of the St. Charles Hotel, where he will be pleased to have a call from all persons desiring anything done in his line of business. nov 30

MERCHANT TAILORING. THE advertiser respectfully invites the attention of his friends and the public in general to his new stock of Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings. He has always on hand goods suitable for the season, which he would be pleased to make up to order on as liberal terms as any other establishment in this city. E. M. DREW, Agent, C street, next to Bank of Washington. nov 20

D. KOLB'S BALSAMIC LUNG INVIGORATOR. A CERTAIN CURE FOR Coughs, Colds, Affections of the Throat and Lungs. A trial will make every one its friend, being agreeable to take, and certain to cure. Price 50 cents. For sale by Messrs. Gilman, Stott, Clark, Wright, Nairn, Ford, Kidwell, Thompson, Ridgely, Moore, Major, &c. nov 26

GREAT BARGAINS AT THE PEOPLE'S CLOTHING STORE, No. 406 Seventh street, near E. I AM now offering my large stock of Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, and Caps, at remarkably low prices, in order to decrease my large stock. N. B. All persons in want of Clothing and Furnishing Goods will find it greatly to their advantage to give me a call, as I am determined to sell lower than any other house in town. Don't forget the name and number. J. H. SMITH, Clothing, dec 7-1m 460 Seventh st., op. Post Office.

NEW MESS MACKEREL, &c., No. 5 Barrels No. 1 Mess Mackerel. 20 barrels Large No. 1 Mackerel. 100 Halves, Quarters, and Eighths Barrels New Mess and No. 1 Mackerel. 5,000 pounds Large Fat Codfish. 5 tierces No. 1 Salmon. 20 boxes No. 1 S-limon. 50 boxes Scaled Herrings. 200 barrels No. 1 + John's Alewives. 200 barrels No. 1 Gibbed Herring. For sale by E. E. WHITE & CO., No. 63 Louisiana avenue, bet. Sixth and Seventh streets, opposite Bank of Washington. dec 15

B. SIEGEL, 391 Penn. av., between Fourth and-a-half and Sixth sts., (South side.) Importer and wholesale dealer in WINE, BRANDY, GIN, CORDIAL, &c. DRUGGISTS, Grocers, and Liquor Dealers, will find it to their advantage to give me a call. I will sell the goods direct from the Custom-House at New York prices. Old Cincinnati Rye Whisky always on hand, with a choice assortment of Wines, Brandies, Gins, Cordials &c. dec 3-3m

NOTICE! I WISH all gentlemen to bear in mind that the plan which I adopted, six years ago, of selling HATS and BOOTS at greatly reduced prices, for cash, is in successful operation. Just received, a full supply of the latest New York styles of DRESS HATS. The very finest Hat at \$3.50; a first-rate Hat, \$3; and very good, fashionable Hat, \$2.50. All of the latest styles of soft HATS and CAPS, at the very lowest prices. I am constantly supplied with a very large stock of those fine DRESS BOOTS, at \$3.75—which I have been selling for many years—as well as the very best quality of Patent Leather GAITERS, at \$3.50. Fine French Calfskin Gaiters, from \$2 to \$2.50. Terms cash. No extra charge in order to offset bad debts. ANTHONY, Agent for the Manufacturers, Seventh street, second Hat Store from the corner, opposite Avenue House, No. 540. nov 26

WASHINGTON MANUFACTURES. Encourage Home Production. LAMPBLACK of all qualities, and packed in all of the different styles known to the trade. ROOFING PITCH & ROOFING FELT, FOR GRAVEL ROOFS, And also used for slate and tin roofs. Manufactured and for sale by H. C. WILSON & CO., Twenty-second street and Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Office adjoining Bank of Washington. nov 26

SHARP'S BREECH-LOADING REPEATER! WE have sold many dozens of the above arm, and find they give satisfaction. They weigh only eight and a half ounces, and are warranted, at STEVEN'S Sales Room, Brown's Hotel. nov 26

G. W. DUTTON, BUTCHER AND VICTUALER, F street, (north side,) near Eleventh. THE subscriber has opened a regular Family Market on F street, near Eleventh street, where he is prepared to furnish Meats of all kinds, Vegetables, Oysters, Butter, Eggs, and every description of Family Provisions, for family use, and respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage. He still continues to carry on the Butchering business at his stands, No. 7 in the Centre Market, and No. 46 in the Northern Liberties Market, where he will always be found on market days, ready to supply his customers with choice Meats. G. W. DUTTON. nov 26

EDMUND F. BROWN, Notary Public, Commissioner of the Court of Claims and for the State of California, and Attorney for business in the several Departments. IS prepared to take Depositions for the Court of Claims, and the Courts in the several States and Territories; and also to act as Counselor and Attorney for business before the different Departments of Government. Deeds, Wills, and other Writings, prepared, and Acknowledgments taken. Office, 402 F street, next to Seventh street, opposite the Post Office and Patent Office. dec 4-2aw3m

New No. 1 Mess Mackerel For sale low by BROWNING & KEATING, 353 Penn. avenue, near Sixth street. NOTICE. The copartnership heretofore existing between John Wiley and T. P. Brown, in the Drug business, was by mutual consent dissolved on the fifteenth day of December. The business will be continued at the new stand, corner of Third street and Pennsylvania avenue, by the remaining partner, John Wiley. dec 25

TO HOUSEKEEPERS OF WASHINGTON, GEORGETOWN, AND VICINITY. WE invite the attention of housekeepers to our very large and beautiful stock of China, Glass, and Earthen Ware, Which is now rendered complete in every department by our recent importations. We deem it unnecessary to enumerate articles, as we have everything that is usually kept in the China business, from rich decorated French China Dinner and Tea Sets, to the ordinary Earthen Ware; and, as we import the majority of our goods, we are prepared to furnish the best quality, either to the wholesale or retail trade, as low as any of the importing houses of Baltimore. English and American Cutlery of superior quality. Also, Horn, Buck, and Cocoa-handled Cutlery, from the same factories. Silver-plated Ware on fine alabaster, warranted. A large stock of Coal Oil Lamps, numerous patterns. Parlor Lamp-shades and Chimneys. Cut Glass Globes. Hyacinth Globes, Fancy Articles, Toys, &c. C. S. FOWLER & CO., dec 4-6m 504 Odd Fellows' Hall, 7th street.

Pine Family Groceries, Teas, &c. Ray's, Welch's, and Bond's Family Flour. New Virginia and Pennsylvania Buckwheat. Fresh Corn Meal. Choice Goshen Butter. Prime Lard. Choice Green and Black Teas. New Sugar-cured Family Hams. Just received and for sale low by BROWNING & KEATING, 353 Penn. avenue, near Sixth street. G. W. GOODALL, Plumber and Gas and Steam Fitter, 564 Seventh street, near Canal Bridge, Washington.

ALL orders executed at the shortest notice, in the most substantial manner, and on reasonable terms. Personal attention given to every department of the business. nov 26

LADD, WEBSTER, & Co.'s SEWING MACHINES Are preferred above all others. LADD, WEBSTER, & Co.'s SEWING MACHINES Are preferred above all others. LADD, WEBSTER, & Co.'s SEWING MACHINES Are preferred above all others. For reasons why, see advertisement in another column. AT JANNEY'S, 348 Pennsylvania avenue. Young Ladies in attendance.

FRESH TEAS. I AM receiving a lot of Green and Black TEAS, among which are some of the finest grades as can be had, to which I invite the attention of all lovers of choice Green and Black Teas. JESSE B. WILSON, 327 Pa. av., between Sixth and Seventh streets, south side.

BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTORY. THE subscriber has the pleasure of informing his friends and former customers that he is engaged in the Boot and Shoe manufacturing business, with an entire new stock, such as Melin's French Shoes, Gaiters, Slippers, Pumps, &c., with a superior stock of Leininger's French Calf-skins, and all other materials for the manufacture of Gentlemen's fine Boots and Shoes, purchased for Cash, and will be made up by the best workmen, and sold at the Lowest Cash Prices, for Cash only. To my former patrons, it is useless to say anything of my qualifications for the business I have again embarked in. To them, and the public generally, I will only say, I can at all times be found at home, and ready to wait on them. The one-price rule will be strictly adhered to. Give me a call. JOHN MILLS, Agent, Fashionable Boot and Shoe-maker, No. 504 Pennsylvania avenue, between the St. Charles Hotel and Adams's Express Office, formerly under Brown's Hotel.

P. S. I have no interest in, or connection with, any other store than the one I am in, No. 504 Pennsylvania avenue. J. M. nov 26

FURNISHED ROOMS to let, with or without board. Terms moderate. Apply at No. 409 Eighth street, between G and H streets. dec 20-1m

FOR RENT. A FINE PARLOR, on the first floor, and three Chambers on the floor above, at No. 276 Pennsylvania avenue, two doors east of "Kirkwood House." dec 1-1f

Massachusetts Clear Mess Pork For sale low by BROWNING & KEATING, 353 Penn. avenue, near Sixth street. GOSHEN BUTTER AND CHEESE. I WILL have in store in a day or two Choice GOSHEN BUTTER and CHEESE, of as fine quality as can be had, to which I invite the attention of purchasers. JESSE B. WILSON, 327 Pa. av., between Sixth and Seventh streets, south side. nov 26

GERMANIA HOTEL. JOSEPH GERHARDT'S, Germania Hotel and Restaurant, No. 346 C street, between Fourth and-a-half and Sixth streets. Refreshments of all kinds. Also, the finest Oysters, in every style; French, Hungarian, Russian, and Moselle Wines, Champagne, Hollinger, Mumm, and Heidsieck; with the best of other Liquors. nov 30

FOR RENT, A TWO-STORY Brick House, No. 327 G street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, containing seven rooms. Possession given immediately. Apply at this office. dec 22

Wines, Brandies, &c. Choice Old Madeira, Duff Gordon Sherry, Old LD Port, Fine Table Madeira, Old Caracado Sherry, Superior Brandies, Fine Old India Madeira, (a very superior article, not usually found in this market.) Curaco, Maraschino, Absyrtine, Annetic, Congress Water. For sale low by BROWNING & KEATING, 353 Penn. avenue, near Sixth street. nov 30

HALL & WHITE, MACHINISTS, STEAM ENGINE BUILDERS, AND IRON RAILING MANUFACTURERS, No. 23 Maine avenue, between Fourth and-a-half and Sixth streets, WASHINGTON, D. C. nov 26

BOARDING. A CONGRESSIONAL MESS of four or five can be accommodated at Mrs. GILBERT'S, No. 548 Pennsylvania avenue, between First and Second streets, Washington, D. C. nov 28-1f

Hon. William L. Goggin, of Virginia, is out in a letter, in which he denounces secession in the strongest possible terms.

Latest by Telegraph.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION. Charleston, Dec. 28.—The injunctions of secrecy having been removed from the proceedings of yesterday, the following is the ordinance which was passed in secret session: An ordinance to amend the Constitution of South Carolina in respect to the Executive Department: 1st. That the Governor shall have full powers to receive ambassadors, ministers, consuls, and agents of foreign Powers; to appoint such agents, who shall be paid from the contingent fund; to conduct negotiations with foreign Powers; to make treaties by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, two thirds of the Senators agreeing thereto; to nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint such ambassadors, public ministers, and consuls, as the General Assembly shall previously direct to be appointed; and also all other officers whose appointment not otherwise provided for by law, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of the next session of the Senate; to convene the Senate whenever necessary; provided, nevertheless, that during the existence of this Convention, all treaties and directions for the appointment of ambassadors, ministers, and consuls, be subject to the advice and consent of the Convention.

2d. That the Governor immediately appoint four persons, with the advice and consent of the Convention, who, with the Lieut. Governor, shall form a council, to be called the Executive Council, whose duty it shall be to advise with him; to fill vacancies, during the recess of the Senate, in all the offices where he has the power to nominate.

In secret session of the Convention yesterday, Mr. Memminger reported a resolution defining the right of citizenship in South Carolina. It includes all free white persons who were within the limits of the State at the date of her secession, whether native-born or naturalized, and all born outside of the State whose fathers were then citizens thereof; also, all persons from any one of the United States, who shall within twelve months from the time of secession, come into the State with the intention of becoming permanent residents, they taking an oath of allegiance; also, those who shall come into the State after the expiration of twelve months from the date of secession, and reside therein seven months, with the intention of remaining, and taking the oath of allegiance; and, lastly, all free whites who shall enter the military, naval, or civil service, after oath of allegiance.

Charleston, Dec. 28, 3 P. M.—Capt. Humphrey, the military storekeeper, is still in possession of the U. S. Arsenal here. Castle Pinckney and Fort Moultrie were occupied by the State troops, under the instructions of Gov. Pickens, and to keep peaceable possession of them for the purpose of protecting the Government property. There were only about twelve men in these forts, who peacefully surrendered. There was no collision, and none was anticipated when the troops left this city to garrison these forts.

The excitement is now subsiding in this city. The details of this movement will be found in the Courier of this date.

The Overt Act Committed. Charleston, Dec. 28.—The Palmetto flag was raised yesterday afternoon over the custom-house and post office at 5 P. M. About the same hour, the Palmetto flag floated out to the breeze at Castle Pinckney, and a large military force went over last night to Fort Moultrie. The ball has opened at last.

From Denver City. Fort Kearney, Dec. 28.—The central overland and Pike's Peak express coach, passed here at 2.30 yesterday afternoon, with \$3,000 in gold dust and six passengers. Patrick Waters was hung at Denver City, on the 21st instant. When on the gallows, he confessed to the murder of Freeman. A discovery for making gold has been made by a man in the gold digging district, at Pike's Peak. It is still a secret. He took a panful of tailings from one of the quartz mills, supposed to contain little or no gold, and by subjecting it to the process three several times, he obtained \$9, \$7, and \$2.70 worth of gold, respectively.

Cheering reports are received from the San Juan country. A vast extent of rich placer diggings are said to exist in that region, besides fine agricultural valleys.

Reception to Senator Baker. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Senator Baker was publicly received by his friends this afternoon at the court-house. The hall was densely crowded. In an address, occupying three-quarters of an hour in delivery, he expressed the earnest devotion of himself and constituents to the Union; scouted the idea of an independent Pacific Republic; and declared emphatically that the Union should and would be preserved, and the Federal laws executed, both North and South. His remarks were warmly applauded.

State Convention Called in Illinois. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—The Democratic State Committee of Illinois have called a State Convention, to be held in this city on the 16th of January, to confer as to the existing national crisis, and adopt a line of policy relative thereto.

Affairs in North Carolina. Raleigh, Dec. 28.—All is quiet here, and times are dull. The members of the Legislature are nearly all at home. Public meetings are being held in various counties. The Union sentiment is prevalent here, but all hope is well nigh gone.

Kentucky. Louisville, Dec. 28.—The Governor of Kentucky has called an extra session of the Legislature, to convene on the 17th of January.

Convention Election in Florida. Jacksonville Dec. 28.—By the recent election, four fifths of the Convention will go for immediate accession.

Financial. New York, Dec. 28.—Stocks are lower, but firmer at a decline. Chicago and Rock Island, 37; Illinois Central, shares 69; bonds, 90. Memphis Southern, 32. N. Y. Central, 75; Pennsylvania Coal Company, 76. Hudson River R. R., 43. Cantons, 14. Missouri 6's, 69.

New York Markets. New York, Dec. 28.—Cotton firm. Sales of 2,500 bales. Flour 5 @ 10 cents higher, closing firm. Sales of 19,000 bbls. State, 5 @ 10 cents higher, at \$5.15 @ \$5.25. Ohio \$5.60 @ \$5.70. Southern \$5.30 @ \$5.45. Wheat opened firm, but closed less firm. Sales of 57,000 bushels Western red, \$1.35. Corn firm. Sales of 98,000 bushels. Mixed 67 @ 70 cents. Pork firm. Mess \$15.75 @ \$16.25. Prime \$10.50 @ \$12.50. Lard dull. Whisky quiet at 184 cents. Sugar steady. Orleans, 5 1/2 @ 6 cents. Naval Stores firm.

Hon. William L. Goggin, of Virginia, is out in a letter, in which he denounces secession in the strongest possible terms.