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40 Gents' Overcoats for Presents, at Marble Hall. 40
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40 $80,000 at Less than Cost. 40
40 $15,000 worth of Gents' Furnishing Goods at Reduced Prices. 40
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38 Collars, Ties, Scarfs, and Gloves for Christmas presents. 38
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38 All styles of Gents Furnishing Goods for presents. 38
38 Scarfs, Saratogas, Butterfly, Unique, *Ne Plus*, Fenian, and all the latest styles of Ties at 38
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All New and Beautiful Patterns.
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A BOX OF NOTE PAPER stamped with your initial is a suitable Christmas present—Albums, Portfolios, Writing Desks, Games of all kinds and other suitable gifts at the Stationery Engraving and Stamping Emporium of Stork & Gillespie, 278½ West Baltimore street. de19-1p6t

IMPORTANT LETTER.

We publish the subjoined letter, received yesterday from a prominent business house on Baltimore street, as furnishing the best possible evidence of the advantage to be derived from advertising in the *Commercial*. Such testimony as this goes further to convince business men of the value of the *Commercial* as an advertising medium than whole columns of self-puffing, however elaborate and specious. The letter explains itself:

270 W. BALTIMORE STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 22, 1865.

Editors Baltimore Daily Commercial:

Gentlemen—We notice in your paper of this morning you class us among the retailers of our business, (hats, caps, &c.) in consequence of which we have been *run down* during the day with persons wishing to buy at retail. In justice to our *city trade*, we would thank you to make the correction, (as we sell exclusively at wholesale,) at the same time accept our thanks for your kindness in noticing us.

Very truly, yours,
MCCORD & ROBBINS.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Fenian Circles in Louisville, Ky., have passed resolutions denouncing O'Mahoney.

The House of the Kentucky Legislature has adjourned to the 10th of January.

We call especial attention to the highly interesting letter in another column from our Paris correspondent.

The ship Roger Ahren, from Mobile for Liverpool, with 2,700 bales of cotton, was recently wrecked on Sand Island.

Buffalo and vicinity were visited on Wednesday night by the heaviest gale known there for many years. The lake shipping will suffer serious loss.

G. B. Lamar and his son, lately arrested in Savannah, have been released by order of the commanding General, upon their furnishing $25,000 bonds to answer for their appearance at court.

The amount of business transacted at the Stock Board yesterday was slight. Gold was ¼ lower—selling at both Boards at 146, and closing at 145¾. Money is abundant and the loan market easy.

The steamer Carroll, from New York for this port, collided with the schooners Shadden and Loon in the bay on Thursday night, sinking the former and capsizing the latter.

Navigation has closed on Lake Champlain, the steamers having all gone into winter quarters.—Next year a new and elegant passenger steamer is to be put on the lake.

In the Supreme Court in the case of John O. Robinson against the Erie Railway Company for damages, resulting from their cars running off the track, the jury yesterday gave a verdict for the plaintiff for $1,500.

A meeting of the citizens of Atlanta, Ga., has been called to organize a regiment in order to clean the city of the scoundrels whose business is murder and robbery. General Anderson will take command.

The United States steamer Frolic, of Admiral Goldborough's Mediterranean squadron, arrived at Leghorn, from Lisbon, in the beginning of this month, having touched at several ports on the way.

The trial of Howser and Rowser, the Pittsburg burglars, for the murder of Pollie Paul and Cassie Munday, in Cambria county, committed on the 7th of June last, resulted in their conviction of murder in the first degree. They were promptly sentenced to be hanged.

A fire at Camp Douglas, Salt Lake, on the 19th instant, destroyed a commissary warehouse filled with Government supplies. Loss over a million of dollars. A board of officers had been detailed to investigate the cause of the fire.

During the prevalence of a furious storm at the North on Wednesday night, the brigs Prosper, John Ardes, schooners Eveline Hickey, James T. Crandall, and bark Enrique were wrecked off Sandy Hook. Several lives were lost.

The anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims was observed yesterday at Boston by a grand military demonstration. The numerous battle-flags of Massachusetts regiments were formally transferred to the State, and deposited in the Capitol. An imposing turn out of veterans took place under the command of Major Gen. Couch.

Brigadier General John Eaton, who, as Chaplain of the 27th Ohio regiment, was selected by General Grant as the first officer to take charge of the Freedmen in the West, and who has since rendered the most efficient service to them and the country, both as commander of colored troops and more recently as an officer of the Freedmen's Bureau, has just resigned his commission to become associated in the publication of a loyal and enterprising daily newspaper in Memphis.

Litchfield county, Ct., has been visited by a gang of desperate fellows, who thus far escape detection. In Salisbury, four stores have been robbed; also the postoffice at East Canasa. The perpetrators are supposed to be the same who robbed Mr. Penny, the agent at Towner's Station, on the Harlem railroad. Some cases of highway robbery have occurred, and the citizens are arming themselves and taking measures to ferret out the guilty parties.

AMUSEMENTS.

HOLLIDAY STREET THEATRE.—Manager Ford announces for to-night Schiller's romantic play, in five acts, entitled "The Robbers," with an excellent cast of characters. This piece is full of thrilling incidents, and during its performance Mll'e Augusta will appear in a brilliant *Pas de Seul*.

The Naiad Queen is announced for Christmas afternoon and evening.

FRONT STREET.—Holman's English Opera opens at the Front Street on Christmas, with the spectacle of Cinderella.

THE OPERA.—L'Africaine, which is announced for to-night, is regarded now as the great Opera of the world, having excited the greatest *furore* in Paris, London and all the leading European Capitals, and been enthusiastically endorsed by the *dilettanti* and critics of New York. It will be put up here in the best style, for Mr. Grover never does anything by halves and will find such interpreters in the leading parts as Zucchi, Bellini, Mazzolini and others. The choral and orchestral effects throughout the season have been given in the best manner and can be depended upon to-night for the proper production of the important part they bear in the Opera. Mr. Grover deserves our hearty thanks for the admirable manner in which he has presented the Opera this season and will carry with him the best wishes of our musical community for his success elsewhere. We are gratified to learn that he has sold nearly his entire house in Washington at $3 per seat, and that in Philadelphia his subscription sale on the first day footed up nearly $10,000.

MARYLAND INSTITUTE.—This afternoon and evening Professor Allyne, the great wizard, gives two of his excellent entertainments at the Maryland Institute. The matinee commences at 3 o'clock. The professor is a wonderful person in his line of prestidigitateurism, his performances throughout being exceedingly interesting.

LATEST TELEGRAPH NEWS TO THE DAILY COMMERCIAL.

Anxiety About the Negroes in North Carolina—Anticipated Trouble.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 22.—The people are sensitive about the negroes as the holidays approach. It is observed that the number of negroes in the town has diminished perceptibly in the last two days and has became a matter of remark. They are said to have gone to their rendezvous in the country. All however is speculation.

The authorities entertain no apprehensions for the safety of this community, but admit the possibility of trouble in sparsely settled portions of the country in the interior. It is reported that suspicious characters have been seen lurking about, and it is imagined that they have been inciting the negroes to make an outbreak. Much allowance, however, should be made for the timidity of the people.

The apprehensions may be well grounded, but the best informed persons anticipate nothing serious. Should any disturbance occur, the military force is sufficient for any emergency.

The organization of the Home Guard, under ordinance of the Constitutional Convention, is proceeding rapidly. Fifteen or eighteen full companies have been organized, but have not been armed as yet.

From Savannah.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The steamships Hunter, Nevada and Euterpe have arrived, with Savannah advices of December 17th.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, South, convened at Macon, December 15th.

The Savannah cotton market is irregular, and holders are asking an advance. Middling Uplands 48 cents.

It is reported that a serious difficulty has occurred between the whites and blacks in Emmanuel county, Georgia, but no particulars had reached Savannah. The proclaiming of martial law at Thomasville arose from several unprovoked attacks upon the negroes by City Marshal Atkinson, he inflicting wounds upon one man with a hatchet, on account of the previous arrest of one of the Lamars, on a charge of being engaged in the recently great cotton swindle.

The Mayor recommended the proclamation of martial law, he being unable to repress the lawlessness of many of the leading citizens.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—It is reported that a new line of steamers to Oregon is to be established, composed of the Montano, now in port, and the Lookout, due from Bath, Maine.

Mining stocks are still advancing. Crown Point, 490; Gould and Curry, 490; Savage, 950; Yellow Jacket, 425; Choiar Potosi, 134; Ophir, 332.

Sales of New York butter at 42.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The trouble between the Pacific and Central Railroad routes has been settled, and trains from Folsom to Lincoln will soon run.—The laying of the track from Lincoln to Marysville will immediately be resumed.

From Savannah.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 22.—The trial of Gen'l H. W. Mercer, charged with murder by shooting seven Union prisoners at Savannah, last December, has been temporarily suspended, awaiting orders from Washington.

The steamer Indian River, belonging to a New York fishing company, went ashore at the mouth of Indian river, Florida, December 3d. The vessel and cargo were lost, but all hands were saved.

The receipts of cotton for the week amount to 5,000 bales. The exports for the week amounted to 1,524 bales. Stock 10,070 bales. Middling 48@49 cts.

Heavy Robbery.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A paymaster of the United States army went into a bank in this city to-day with $15,000, which he laid on the counter and turned round for the purpose of writing a check. His clerk entered at the time and likewise placed on the counter a package of $10,000, and then engaged in conversation with a friend. Whilst the paymaster and his clerk were thus engaged some party in the crowd stole the $15,000 package, with which he made his escape unnoticed.

The Mexican Mission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—There is no doubt of the fact that the President yesterday nominated to the Senate Ex-Congressman Lewis D. Campbell, of Ohio, to be Minister Extraordinary to the Republic of Mexico, in place of Gen. Logan, who declined the nomination. The nomination was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Hon. John Bigelow, who was appointed *ad interim* Minister to France, has been nominated by the President for confirmation.

Removal of the Remains of President Lincoln.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—The remains of President Lincoln were removed yesterday from the vault at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, to the vault erected near the site of the proposed monument. The remains of his children were placed in the same vault. Captain Robert Lincoln and the directors of the National Monument Association were present at the removal.

New York State Temperance Society.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec. 21.—The New York State Temperance Society was organized yesterday in this city, under the late act of the legislature. General J. G. Smith, of New York, was elected president, with a list of vice-presidents and a board of managers. B. F. Ives, of Auburn, was chosen corresponding secretary, and Rev. W. E. Knox, of Rome, chairman of the executive committee.

Marine Intelligence.

HOLMES' HOLE, MASS., Dec. 22d.—The schooner Mary A., of Baltimore for Richmond, was towed into Edgartown by the steamer Monohassett. A large steamer is sunk between Rigs' Light and No Man's Land.

Heavy Snow Storm on the Plains.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—A heavy snow has fallen on the Plains. Over twenty trains are snow-bound at different points, and large numbers of animals are dying from cold and starvation.

The Canadian Cabinet.

TORONTO, C. W., Dec. 22.—The Governor declines accepting the resignation of Hon. George Brown, and the other members of the Government have been summoned to Montreal to meet his Excellency.

Cold Weather on the Plains.

KEARNEY, Nebraska, Dec. 20.—The thermometer at 9 o'clock last night, was 20° below zero. The snow is from one to two feet deep between here and Nebraska City.

The Ketchum Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—In the case of the Union Bank against Ketchum & Sons, to-day, the Supreme Court rendered a verdict against the latter for $256,000.

From Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 22.—The Mills House, in this city, was opened to-day for the first time since the commencement of the war.

Obituary.

BATH, Me., Dec. 21.—Johnson Rideout, one of the largest ship builders in this city, died this evening, aged 70 years.

Kentucky Legislature.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 21.—The House of Representatives was adjourned over till the 10th of January.

The Jamaica Excitement in England.

The intelligent London correspondent of the Manchester *Guardian*, writes as follows:

"The Jamaica question is fast absorbing every other in the minds of grave and serious people here. Meetings are everywhere organizing to repudiate the conduct of Governor Eyre, and to ask for a searching inquiry. Already the tone regarding the latter is beginning to change, and people say that although a Royal Commission may be a very good thing preliminary to a reform of the Island Constitution, it will neither meet nor mitigate the popular appeal for judicial investigation into the sanguinary conduct of the local authorities.

The language, and still more the manner of Lord Russell have led to the belief that, individually, he is not disposed to screen delinquency. Many people say that Mr. Bright, in his recent speech, went too far. On the other hand, the friends of the late Duke of Newcastle, who with good intentions was certainly a most unlucky man from first to last in his appointments, would fain let the storm blow over and gain time, upon the plea that it is necessary to know the social and political history that led to the events of Mount Bay. But this will not do. There is a very painful rumor current that Mr. Cardwell has received dispatches which he wishes to withhold on the pretence that they are unsuitable for publication. In about another fortnight I suspect the Colonial Secretary of State will be glad to make a clean breast of it for his own sake.

There, at all events, one thing which Downing street must not be allowed to hold back, and that is the correspondence between George William Gordon and the Colonial Secretary, scraps only of which have hitherto been permitted to appear. I am told that it contains more than one clue to the otherwise unaccountable precipitancy with which this unfortunate gentleman was hurried to his doom. Lord Brougham has arrived in town, full of sympathy and solicitude for those who have survived the dreadful days of October. He and Dr. Lushington are now the only remnants left of the gallant band who in 1824 fought out the case of Smith, the Demarara missionary, in the House of Commons, and that case was nothing in aggravated enormity when compared with the case of Gordon. To-day, Mr. Cardwell received an influential deputation of the Baptist body, headed by Sir Morton Peto; Lord Russell being ill, was unable to be present; and Saturday has been fixed by the Prime Minister and Colonial Minister for receiving one more numerous and important, originating with the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society."

John Stuart Mill writes from the continent to a friend in England:

"I am very happy to hear that a general meeting is to be held to express the indignation due to the lawless and brutal proceedings of the Jamaica authorities, and I hope it will contribute towards obtaining not only the disavowal and reprobation of the crimes perpetrated under pretence, or even without the pretence, of justice, but also the condign punishment of the perpetrators."

—Further seizures of arms on the frontier have been made by the Canadian authorities, on suspicion that they were intended for the Fenians.

—English papers state that Mr. Thornton, the chief of the *Times'* reporting staff, after forty years of work, in which he was not absent one night until last year, has resigned his post. As Lord Palmerston was the father of the House, so was Mr. Thornton the father of the Gallery. When Parliament meets, both faces will be missing.

HOLIDAY GIFTS, AND WHERE TO GET THEM.

We continue our article on HOLIDAY GIFTS AND WHERE TO GET THEM, commencing with—

Dry Goods.

The new year demands as one of its first requirements, a new fresh toilette, and the counters of our retail dry goods store have been beseiged by a blockading squadron of silken robed shoppers, all intent on the securing of a prize in something to wear. Festive gatherings put forth their plea for light draperies or the glancing show of some dazzling silk which we can scarcely credit as the whilom thread of a homely insect; and New Year's calls upon one's five hundred dear friends, which will so industriously occupy the first week of 1866, demand out-of-door gear fresh, timely and tasteful.

Among the lesser trifles of wearing apparel, the laces lying in frost-like fragility upon the velvets in our importers' windows, are most suitable for gifts, and are ever acceptable, lace being a tender thought expressed in needlecraft into the minds of our delicate dames. The dry goods windows speak so loudly with their billowy heaps of bright, superb silks, that mention of their localities is almost superfluous, but we take pleasure in appending those of our patrons.

JOHN NEEDLES & SON, 43 N. Charles street.
FURLONG BROS., 79 N. Howard street.

Periodicals.

To give a friend a subscription to any one of the excellent magazines of our country, or an English monthly, is to offer not a single but a dozen occasions of gratitude. There are old ones, well known and grounded in public favor; new ones, and just appearing as claimants for recognition, and the prospectus of each shows a renewed desire to interest the mass of American readers. Nearly every American or English periodical published may be found at

TAYLOR'S, Sun Iron Building.

Confectionery and Preserves.

A choice assortment of French confectionery, chocolates, etc., may be found at the store of GEORGE W. NESS, corner of Baltimore and Eutaw streets, while for a variety of preserved fruits we would refer to NUMSEN, CARROLL & Co., 18 Light street.

Sewing Machines.

The musical click, click, click of these sprightly house-hold aricls has done as great a work toward the emancipation of the wan-eyed slaves of the needle as the Proclamation of our lamented President, Abraham Lincoln—*requiescat in pace*—the dusky millions from their clanking chains. May the good work go on! Is there no soldier's widow to whom one of these may make a Christmas card of household ges? In addition to the list of the other day, we append Wheeler & Wilson's machine, of which the Agent is WM. MERRILL, 214 Baltimore st.

Many years ago an old fellow with stentorian lungs and a voice that seemed to come from

"down among the dead men's bones"

accumulated considerable money by selling through the streets of New York "twelve sheets of writing paper for four cents." With this capital he opened a store of nick-nacks, disposing of "any article on the board for four cents—pick 'em out wherever you like." From the proceeds of his "four cent" speculations he inaugurated, we believe, the dollar jewelry movement, which has now become an established institution.

The variety offered is surprising, and one stands in astonishment over long lines of show cases wondering how such articles can be manufactured at so low a price.

To those whose depth of purse will not admit of entering the golconda like caskets of gems of Canfield Bros. & Co., Webb & Co., or Kirk & Sons, we would recommend a call at

THE DOLLAR STORE 84½ Baltimore street.

Bronzes and Parian Marbles.

Of magnificent Parian marbles, etc., that form so important a feature in the adornment of the mansions of the wealthy, a great variety may be found at the establishment of Canfield Bros. & Co., corner of Baltimore and Charles streets. One of the most perfect of bronzes, a full-length figure of "Mephistophiles," the second one ever imported, we saw at this place some days ago. The display of these works of art is exceedingly fine, many of them having been recently received from Paris by the Baltimore and Liverpool line of steamers. Some of the most superb French workstands ever manufactured abroad can also be found here, with an imposing array of mantel ornaments. To the assortment of musical boxes, from the petite instrument with two charming little airs to those performing important parts of grand operas, we would also call attention.

Varieties.

An immense variety of pretty things, suitable for bridal and other presents, can be found at the store of WM. H. READ, No. 147 Baltimore street. Some of the finest fans ever imported together with work boxes, toilet cases, music boxes, parlor ornaments, Scotch wood goods, work baskets, handkerchief and glove boxes, etc., etc., are to be found at this emporium.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Constitutionality of the Test Oath—Argument of Reverdy Johnson.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—In the Supreme Court of the United States, to-day, pending the case, ex parte, A. H. Garland, of Arkansas, asking to be allowed to practice as a counsellor, Hon. Reverdy Johnson delivered an argument against the Constitutionality of the Congressional test oath. There being no such antecedent government as our own, it is necessary to look into that instrument itself to see what powers were originally conferred upon Congress. These being stated, Congress is authorized to pass all necessary and proper laws to carry them into effect. These powers are to be so construed as to effect the object they are designed to accomplish.

It is the duty of the Court to ascertain what this is and then determine whether the impeached legislation will defeat or secure the end. A restriction to the class of powers is that Congress shall pass no *ex-post facto* law or bill of attainder. The meaning of this is well understood to be, any law which makes an act a crime, which was not a crime when the act was committed. But the law of 1865 does punish in point of fact, because it precludes the petitioner from the exercise of a lawful occupation, and strikes at a profession in which his hopes and ambition, and support of himself and family are involved. The punishment is severe, cruel and unexampled. It subjects him to all the obligations of the Constitution, while it takes from him all its advantages.

The original act of 1862 was not made applicable to attorneys in the Courts of the United States. Three years were suffered to elapse when some one in Congress who may have been primarily actuated by zeal and who saw danger in every man who had taken part in the rebellion, introduced a bill applying the provisions of the law to practicing attorneys. The bill was submitted to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and by a unanimous vote was rejected. It afterwards however received the sanction of the Senate. It was passed for the purpose of excluding the petitioner and all others similarly situated, to punish by excluding them from the United States Courts.

It was not for conduct subsequent, but antecedent to the passage of the act. The law does come within the clear meaning of the clause in the Constitution, that "Congress shall pass no ex-post facto law or bill of attainder." No rights can be taken away by law unless the accused shall be first convicted of the offence charged, and these rights include the holding of office of emolument and trust. Such laws as that of 1865 were penal statutes.

The Attorney General last Friday had argued that the admission to practice in the courts is not a natural right, but is created by law, and therefore may be regulated by law, and either given or taken away. But it is not true that Congress can by law prohibit the appearance of counsel in the courts of the United States. The Constitution provides that parties charged with crime shall have the benefit of counsel, and therefore Congress has no jurisdiction over that subject.

It is true that every court is vested by the common law with power to make rules and orders to exclude improper officers, but Congress has no right to say who shall or shall not appear as counsel. The obligation which is imposed on Congress to create courts, carries with it an obligation on the part of the courts to admit counsel. The safety of the citizen depends on the existence of the provision for the admission of counsel. The preservation of liberty demands, as illustrated by the history of the world, that there shall be such a body of men in all revolutionary struggles and despotisms which have disgraced the world, the accused have been denied counsel. Congress would convert itself into a tyranny, if, while establishing courts, it would exclude such a class of men.

The act of Congress under review compels a man to swear against himself, while no power is given to the Court to inquire into the facts. No man, by the Constitution, is compelled to testify against himself. The petitioner with others was involved in the effort to establish their separate independence of the authority of the United States, and resisted it by levying war. The punishment for treason anterior to the passage of the act of 1865, was a fine and imprisonment, but this act imposes an additional penalty—that persons thus accused shall not be admitted as attorneys in the United States courts. Congress, in 1862, passed a law saying that whenever the President deemed it proper he might declare a general amnesty, while the Constitution itself confers upon him the exclusive power of granting pardons and reprieves.

The pardon places the recipient of it in the position he stood before the commission of the crime—makes him a new man, and divests him of all antecedent consequences. Suppose this law of 1865 had been made a part of the act for the punishment of treason, and the man committing the crime had been pardoned, would it not also have excepted him from the punishment for the offence, and prevented him from being excluded from practicing as an attorney in the United States Courts? The pardon covers every part of the offence, and Congress cannot, after the pardon has been granted, pass a law to punish for the offence pardoned. The disgraceful fact is presented to the world that Congress undertakes to interfere by denying the power of pardon as conferred by the Constitution exclusively on the President without limit.

Congress cannot say to the petitioner: "You shall be tried for treason after having been pardoned." If this was true of one class of crimes, it was true of all others.

Mr. Johnson quoted from various judicial opinions to fortify the points of the argument presented by him.

The Court holds the matter under advisement, and has adjourned until Tuesday next.

STATE AFFAIRS.

ROUTE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RAILROAD.—Mr. John L. Randolph, Chief Engineer, with his corps of assistants, has completed the final survey for the Washington County Railroad, the route of which is as follows: Leaving the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Knoxville, it curves into the valley of Israel's creek, passes up this valley, (well known as Pleasant Valley,) crosses Beeler's summit to a branch of Little Antietam river, and runs a short distance along the line of this river; then passes through Leslie's Gap, in Elk Ridge, to another branch of the Little Antietam river, called Maple swamp, and runs along this stream, (crossing it in three different places,) to Keedysville; it then crosses the country between Little and Big Antietam; the latter river it will cross on a bridge seventy-five feet above low water. It then ascends to the top of the ridge west of the Antietam, and follows this ridge to Hagerstown.

Contracts for the building of this road have been awarded to the following named parties, who are to complete the grading and masonry of