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Committee of Arbitration for the month of February.
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Monetary and Commercial Review.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.
MONDAY, February 13, 1860.

$1000 Balt 6's,	75-97¾	25 shs. B&O.R. R		12-67¾
$1000 N. W. Va. R.R. bds		25 "		b60.-67¾
	3d m.21	150 "		-67⅝
2000 " "	3d m.21	50 "		s5.-67¾
1000 " "	1st m.-91½	75 "		b2.-67¾
		50 "		b30.-67¾
4 shs. Union Bank	...75¾	50 shs. N.C.R.R.		opg.-12¾
25 shs B. & O.RR.	b2.-67	400 shs. Sp. M. co.,		b60.-1.69
25 " "	b2.-67⅝	100 "		..1.69
50 " "	s60.-67⅝			

PRICES AND SALES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.
BY TELEGRAPH.
Through WILLIAM FISHER & SON, Stock and Bill Brokers.
No. 22 South street.

	1st Board	2d Board
Virginia 6's	92½	00
Missouri 6's	80½	80½
Illinois Central bonds	88⅝	00
Canton Company	16⅝	00
Erie Railroad	28⅝	28⅝
New York Central Railroad	70⅝	70⅞
Reading Railroad	39½	39¾
Panama Railroad	00	00
Cleveland and Toledo Railroad	19⅝	00
Michigan Southern Railroad	6	00
Cumberland Coal	00	00
Harlem Railroad	00	00
Galena and Chicago	00	00
Michigan Southern, guaranteed	41⅝	00
Rock Island Railroad	62⅝	00
	weak.	steady

The New York *Tribune* of yesterday says:
The annexed is a comparative statement of the imports of foreign dry goods at New York for the week and since January 1.

For the Week.	1858.	1859.	1860.
Entered at the port	$1,439,218	$8,414,073	$2,314,692
Thrown on market	589,737	2,491,505	1,639,618
Total for the week	$2,028,955	$5,905,578	$3,954,310
Since January 1			
Entered at the port	9,004,460	23,109,871	24,567,169
Thrown on market	11,033,415	29,015,439	28,521,479

The exports of specie for the week ending February 10, 1860, were:

Steamer Karnak, Nassau—sovereigns	$4,850
Steamer City of Baltimore, Liverpool—gold bars	74,500
Bark Iliva, Maracaibo—Am. gold	13,000
Total	$92,350

The January receipts of the Milwaukie and Mississippi Railroad were:—

	1860.	1859.
Freight	$23,447.40	$24,296.60
Passengers	9,429.41	12,929.67
Mails, &c	4,335.42	2,554.15
Total	$37,212.23	$39,780.42
Decrease		2,568.19

The earnings of the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Road for the first week in February will show a handsome gain over the same week last year. The gross receipts at the Cincinnati office for the week will be about $4.000 against $2,800 for the same week in 1859.

The Panama Road, during the past two weeks, has carried, on English account, as follows:—

Silver	$334,787.25
Gold	85,788.37
Total	$420,575.62

Messrs. Thompson Brothers say Land Warrants are moderately active, with an advance in some sizes. We quote to-day, as follows:

	Buy.	Sell.
40 Acres	$1.00	$1.10 per acre.
80 Acres	85	90 per acre.
120 Acres	70	75 per acre.
160 Acres	70	75 per acre.

A remonstrance, signed by E. A. Ferguson, George W. Holmes, E. Foster, Benjamin Dason, F. J. Orr, Wm. Newman, A. L. Perrill, N. Schleich, and E. A. White, has been presented to the Ohio House of Representatives against the passage of the act for the relief of the creditors and stockholders of the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad Company. The grounds on which the remonstrance is based are:

1st. Because it divests individual stockholders of their rights, without their consent and without due process of law.

2d. Because it creates a new corporation, with the corporate power of the old company, by a special act.

3d. Because it violates the principles of law, by creating a new corporation with the rights of the old, but exempt from its liabilities.

4th. Because it gives authority to counties, cities, and other municipal corporations to become stockholders in the new corporation.

The weekly statement of the Treasury at Washington shows

The amt subject to draft to be	$3,400,547.30
Drafts paid	1,231,505.02
Drafts issued	1,036,836.55
Receipts	1,494,596.60

In addition to the above amount, subject to draft, the Treasury has $600,000 from the recent sale of a loan to receive, and $2,500,000 in Treasury notes capable of reissue.

The Post-Office Appropriation bill would draw about $6,500,000 out of the Treasury proper, leaving it a margin of $5,000,000 with present means, and $4,000,000 out of funds in depositories subject to the order of the Postmaster-General.

The New York *Courier and Enquirer* of yesterday says:

The ten Marine Insurance Companies in operation last year in this city sustained a loss by marine insurance to $6,859,040—a very large sum for one year. These losses were—

On Marine risks	$6,827,845
On Inland risks	13,759
On Fire risks	17,456
Total, year 1859	$6,859,040

The Cincinnati *Gazette* of Saturday says:

The Seventh Annual Report of the Receivers of the Central Ohio Railroad was filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court, evening before last We abstract the following statement therefrom:

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per last report	$30,784 62
From earnings previous to May 1	222 19
From passenger business	20,860.12
From freight business	32,411.44
From express business	1,598 31
From other sources	824.97
	$86,701.65

EXPENDITURES.

Payment made for liabilities incurred prior to May 1st, 1859	$10,081.07
Payment made in June	922.18
" " in September	1,762 50
" " in October	45,218.23
" " in November	2,848.46
General expenses and fuel	148.81
	$60,980.47
Balance	25,721.18

The annual report of the Milwaukie and Mississippi road is expected to show a profit of $350,000, of which $100,000 has been spent upon the track in new work.

As soon as the Receiver of the Erie Railroad Company receives payment for back mail service, under the appropriation bill at present before the Senate, he will advertise to pay the interest on the Second Mortgage bonds of that Company.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

MONDAY, Feb. 13, 1860.

COFFEE.—There was nothing done in Coffee this morning. It is generally held pretty firm at the late advance, which has the tendency to restrict operations. We quote as before, viz: prime Rio at 12¾@13 cts.; good do. 12@12¼ cts., and fair do. 11½@11¾ cts. Java is firmer. Of Sugar now offering, 7,000 bags. Of Laguayra no sales reported. We quote at 12⅞@13⅛ cts. per lb. Java is now held at 15⅜@16 cts. per lb. for private government.

FLOUR.—There is still an apparent dullness in the market for Flour and we hear very little inquiry for it. The sales to-day include 200 bbls. Howard Street Super and bbls Ohio do. at $5 25. We quote Howard Street and Ohio Super at $5.37½@5.50 per bbl. Extra may still be quoted at $5.75@5.87½ for Howard Street and Ohio, and $6@6.52 per bbl. for City Mills. Corn Meal is dull at $3.62½ per bbl. for City Mills, and $3 for Brandywine. Rye Flour is in moderate demand at $4.25@4.37½ per bbl. for first quality.

GRAIN.—The offerings to-day include 1,600 bushels Wheat, 9,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Oats, and 400 bushels Rye. Wheat was unchanged; we note sales of white at 135@145 cts., and red 125@130 cts. Corn was steady at 70@72 cts. for white, and 69@70 cts. for yellow. Damp parcels are selling at 5@7 cts. per bushel less, and dull. Oats are not so active; there is, however, very little change to notice in them. We quote them at 44@46 cts. for Maryland and Pennsylvania, and Rye at 86@90 cts. for Pennsylvania, and 73@75 cts. for Maryland.

MOLASSES.—There is some inquiry for New Orleans, and we hear of small lots being selling at our quotations, as follows:—24@26 cts. for ordinary Cuba; 28@30 cts. for Cuba Muscovado; 26@30 cts. for English Island, and 48@50 cts. for new crop New Orleans.

PROVISIONS.—We note the sale this morning of 280 bbls. heavy Mess Pork at $18, and some 50 casks of Bacon Shoulders and Sides at 8 cts. for the former and 10 cts. for the latter. There was also a sale of 500 bbls. inspected Mess Pork reported at $17 cash on Saturday. The market is steady but not specially active. Bacon Hams are selling at 11@13¾ cts., as to quality. Bulk Meat is worth 7@7¾ cts. for Shoulders; 9@9¾ cts. for Sides, and 9¾@9¾ cts. for Hams, and Mess Pork at $18; Prime do. at $13.50@14, and Rump at $11 50. Beef is steady and firm at $11 50 for No. 1 Western; $12@13 for No. 1 City, and $15@17 for Mess do. We quote prime Western Lard in bbls. and tcs. at 11@11¼ cts., and kegs at 11¾@12¼ cts.

RICE.—There was some inquiry for Rice this morning, and we note small sales within the range of quotations, viz: Common at 3¾@3¾ cts., and fair to prime at 3⅞@4¼ cts.

SUGAR.—There has been nothing reported to-day so far as we could learn, transpiring in the way of formal quotations. We continue to quote as follows: $6.75@$7.25 for refining grades Cuba and English Island; $7.37½@$7.75 for grocers' styles do.; $7.75@$8.25 for fair to good fair New Orleans; $8.37½@$8.62½ for good to prime do., and $8.75 for choice do.

SEEDS.—There is an active inquiry for Cloverseed, and holders are firm at $5.25 for prime. We note a sale of 100 bushels inferior at $5. The receipts and sales are both light. We quote Timothy at $2 75@3.25, and Flaxseed at $1.35@1 40.

WHISKEY.—There is a much better feeling in the market and prices have an advancing tendency. We hear of the sale this morning of 250 bbls. Ohio, and 50 bbls. Country, all at 24¼ cts. All descriptions are now firmly held at this figure, with some holders asking more for Ohio.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

BOSTON BOOT AND SHOE MARKET.—The Boot and Shoe market begins to look a little more encouraging so far as sales are concerned. The past week has been the most active one for a long time. Buyers are numerous from all points South and West, and purchases have been made quite freely during the week. As regards prices, however, there is no improvement Goods are selling at cost and under, and the prospect of an immediate improvement is not very promising, as dealers are anxious to reduce their stocks. It looks to us that merchants from the South and West so far have been operating with too much caution, but they may possibly make up for it by purchasing largely in the latter part of the season.—Prices are certainly low enough to induce free purchases, and probably buyers will not be able to purchase on so favorable terms for a long time. At present prices of Hides, Leather cannot be tanned and sold except at a loss. Curriers have been doing an unprofitable business for some time, and in fact almost every description of Leather is selling at less than the cost of production, while for Boots and Shoes manufacturers can scarcely realize cost for the most desirable goods. It would appear by this comparison that the bottom of the Boot and Shoe market had been touched, and that the buyers who can purchase freely at the present low prices are likely to make good bargains.

Manufacturers are confining their operations mostly to orders, and our stock must soon begin to feel the influence of the present active demand. If manufacturers continue to pursue their present cautious policy, of manufacturing as few goods as possible, it will be easy for them to place the business in a healthy position before the next fall trade. This season remunerative prices can scarcely be looked for.—*Shipping List.*

BOSTON DRY GOODS MARKET, Feb. 11.—In the Dry Goods trade there is very little change to notice.—Additional buyers from the South and South West has imparted rather more activity to the market, although their purchases have been very light as yet. In a week or two, however, we look for more general activity.

Cotton Goods are as buoyant and firm as previously noticed. Commission houses have never been so bare of goods as at present, and in the hands of Jobbers there is no over-stock. To secure supplies of our leading goods buyers have to order them in advance, and the position of the market is very favorable for a large and prosperous trade.

Woolen goods remain without change. The demand is not very active, but manufacturers are well sold up and some kinds largely contracted for ahead. All our machinery is in full operation at remunerative prices, with the prospect of good prices and a demand quite equal to the production throughout the year. The late change in the raw material has been quite favorable for the manufacturer, and will tend to keep the trade in a healthy position. The extraordinary demand for the last clip of Wool forced up the price to a point which left very little margin, but as manufacturers supplied themselves quite liberally early in the season with the fine grades of both foreign and domestic, they have been able to limit their purchases for some months past, which, in connection with the large quantities forced off at auction, has brought about a reaction. Holders of wool have in consequence been compelled to give up their extreme views and submit to more reasonable figures. Notwithstanding the late decline we look for a firm market and good prices for the raw material for the balance of the season. At the present rate of consumption it is evident that the moderate stocks now in the country will all be wanted before the next clip becomes available.—*Shipping List.*

CINCINNATI MARKETS, Feb. 10.—Flour.—There is no demand of consequence, and the market continues quite unsettled. Small sales of Superfine and Extra at $5.50@5.75. Buyers offer $5.30@5.35 for Superfine, and $5.50@5.60 for Extra. The receipts continue liberal, and there is no export demand.

Whiskey.—No change in the market; the demand is fair; sales of 1,300 bbls. at 20@20¼ cts., the latter rate for wagon.

Wheat.—The market is dull and heavy, and prices have declined 5 cts. per bushel. We quote prime white $1.30@1.33, the latter for Kentucky, and $1.25@1.28 for prime red. Sales of 625 bushels prime white at $1.33, and 250 do. do. do. at $1 30.

Corn.—The market for car is dull, and prices have declined 1 ct. per bushel. We quote it at 48@49 cts., in bulk. The demand for shelled is good at 55 cts., sacked, buyers furnishing sacks; 1,250 bushels ear, in bulk, at 48 cts.

Cloverseed.—The market is irregular and unsettled prices range from $4.60 to $4 75; sales of 100 sacks at $4.60; 12 bbls. at $4.65, and 70 do. at $4.75.

NEW ORLEANS, February 10.—Sugar.—There is a good demand, with sales of about 1,000 hhds., with a still firmer market, especially for the better qualities, fair to fully fair ranging at 6¾@7¾ cts. per lb.

Molasses.—About 2,000 bbls. have been sold at 36@38¾ cts. for ordinary, fermenting, &c., and 39@41 cts. for prime and choice, with 700 half bbls. at 42@44¾ cts. per gallon, according to quality.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Cotton is steady—sales to-day of 2,000 bales: Uplands Middling 11¾ cts. Flour is quiet—sales of 6,000 bbls.: State $5.10@5.25; Ohio $5.80@5.95; Southern $5.05@5 75. Wheat is firm—sales of 5,000 bush.: Milwaukie Club $1.25. Corn is depressed—sales of 26,000 bushels white and yellow at 78@79 cts., chiefly at the former price. Whiskey is steady at 24¾@25 cts. Sugar—Muscovado 7¾@7¾ cts. Coffee is steady at 12¾ cts.—Spirits Turpentine closed firm and quiet. Rosin is steady at $1 60. Rice is firm and quiet.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—Flour is firm but dull. Wheat is steady. Corn is dull at a decline of 1 cent. Coffee is firm—sales of 1,600 bags at 11¾@12¼ cts. Provisions are active—Pork $18.25 for Mess; Bacon Sides 9¾ cts.; Shoulders 7½ cts. Lard is firm. Whiskey is dull at 23 cts.

IMPORTS AT BALTIMORE.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—*Schr. Maryland.*
300 boxes sugar, order.

PENSACOLA—*Brig Crocus.*
147,507 feet lumber, Jas. Corner & Sons.

PORTLAND—*Schr. Lookout.*
100 bbls. mackerel, T. R. Mathews & Son; 65 tons plaster, Kelsey & Gray; 1,500 boxes herring, order.

NEW YORK—*Str. Locust Point.*
20 pkgs. brandy, C. H. Myers & Bro.; 8 do. mdse., G. W. S. Hiatt & Co.; 5 do. wine, Samuel B. Owings; 50 do. tobacco, Jacob Heald & Co.; 45 do. champagne, Norris, Caldwell & Co.; 500 do. mdse., sundry persons.

FOREIGN.

RIO DE JANEIRO—*Bark Marion.*
491 bags coffee, J. W. Hugg; 49 do. do., F. L. Brauns & Co.; 1,472 do. do., order.

DEMERARA—*Br. bark Anna.*
137 hhds. sugar, 356 bbls. do., 46 puncheons molasses, Wm. H. Perot; 1 bbl. molasses, 300 cocoanuts, 1,500 oranges, master.

HAVANA—*Steamship Baltimore.*
340 boxes sugar, 97,000 oranges, 50 bunches bananas, 1 case cigars, Friend, Ricketts & Co.; 1 do. do., Schwartz & Dix; 1 do. do., Gieske & Niemann; 2 do. do., Morrell & Randall; 65 bags cocoa, Price & O'Neil; 12 hhds. sugar, Kirkland, Chase & Co.; 30 bales tobacco, C. M. Stewart; 2 bbls. oranges, James Hastings; 2 do. do., J. C. Brune; 10 pipes rum, Poultney & Shriver; 2 baskets fruit, B. Deford; 6 boxes copper, 455 bags guano, 60 bbls. lime, 40 ahrens; 6,000 oranges, master.

136 hhds. sugar, 35 puncheons molasses, Stirling & Ahrens; 6,000 oranges, master.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, February 12.

Arrived.

Steamship Baltimore, Green, fm. Havana, 7th inst.—sugar, fruit, &c., to Friend, Ricketts & Co. Left in port schr. May Queen, lumber loaded and others. Passed off Gun Key Light, Feb. 8th, a ship bound south, showing a white flag with a red ball in the centre. Feb. 11th, lat 35 36, lon 75 06, spoke schr. Lewis Davis, from Charleston for New Orleans, repairing sails. Off the Rappahannock, passed a herm. brig at anchor. The B. made the trip in 5 days.

Steamer Georgeanna, Pearson, from Norfolk—to M. N. Ellis. Passed off New Point, a large ship at anchor; off Smith's Point, a full rigged brig, and herm. do.—all bound up. The G. arrived Sunday.

Bark Anna, (Br.) McKinney, from Demarara, 21st ult. sugar and molasses to W. G. Perot. Sailed in company with bark Albicore, for Liverpool, N. S. Left in port brig Ferdinand, Lloyd, from St. Mary's, discharging.

Bark Grand Turk, Dolliver, from Norfolk, in ballast, to load for Cuba—to Morrell & Randell. Towed up by steamtug Uncle Ben.

Brig Margaret, (Br.) Fay, fm St. John, N. B.—plaster to Kelsey & Gray.

Schr. Maria Wetherington, Nightingale, from Plymouth, Mass.—ballast to —.

Schr. E. Smith, Chase, from Washington, S. C.—ballast to Kelsey & Gray.

Schr. Mohawk, Staples, from Ponce, P. R., 29th ult.—sugar and molasses to Stirling & Ahrens. Encountered heavy weather in the Gulf Stream Towed up by Tiger. Sailed in company with the Rainbow, for New Haven. Left in port bark Evening Star, for New Haven in eight days; Mary Ellis, New York, do. Spoke 2d inst., lat. 27 12, lon. 71 12, brig L. & W. Armstrong, from Mayaguez, P. R., for Orleans. Feb. 8th, in the Gulf Stream, during a hurricane, while the vessel was lying to, Robt. Shampier, seaman, of Baltimore, was washed off the flying jib-boom and lost.

Schr. Lookout, Thornton, 10 days from Portland—plaster, fish, &c., to Kelsey & Gray. Towed up by the Hercules.

Schr. Hero, Terry, from Philadelphia—mdse to John W. Brown & Son.

Schr. Clipper, Carew, from Deal's Island—corn to McConkey & Parr. Encountered a severe gale on Thursday night last, and came near being wrecked—also damaged cargo.

Schr. Baltimore, Phillips, from Richmond—to M. A. Mitchell.

Cleared.

Steamship Locust Point, French, New York—Saml T. Pearce.

Sailed

No vessels reported.

Below.

Off North Point, a large herm. brig at anchor.

The bark Holland, of New York, went ashore on Barnegat, on the night of the 8th. The following is the statement of Capt. Foy:—

On the 7th inst., with NE wind and strong breeze, went ashore to the north of Barnegat Inlet, at 8 p. m.; it was very hazy, and the wind dying away. I could not command my vessel, because of a heavy swell setting in shore; I abandoned the ship, as the appearance of the weather indicated more wind, and the crew took to the boats, which we cleared with the greatest difficulty. There was 3¼ feet water in the hold when we left, and we expected to see the vessel break to pieces as we put in him, but he partook but sparingly of it, and drank but little coffee. Mrs. Irons felt very unwell when she rose, and breakfast not being ready, she requested the servant girl to give her a cup of coffee which she drank, and in a few minutes, she, together with the following persons sat down to breakfast: Mrs. Witts (Mr. Irons' daughter) and her son, Mrs. Fairbanks, Louis Irons (nephew of Mr. Irons) and Henry Carr, the bar-keeper. It was remarked at the table that the coffee had an excellent flavor and each of the persons drank freely of it. In the course of ten minutes from the time they finished breakfast, Mrs. Irons became very sick and commenced vomiting. Being sick before breakfast she attributed her violent illness to eating too heartily. While Mrs. Witts was waiting on her mother, she too, became sick, which was also accompanied by vomiting and prostration. Mr. Irons dispatched the negro boy for Dr. Inloes, and before the physician arrived all those who partook of the coffee, together with the negro boy who went for the doctor, were all suffering in the same way. Mr. Irons was also seized with the same symptoms, and Dr. Inloes, on seeing their condition and hearing that each was suffering from burning in the stomach, pronounced them poisoned. Powerful emetics were administered, which proved successful in removing the most of the poison from their stomachs, and although Mrs. Irons and her daughter are yet suffering greatly, Dr. Inloes expresses hopes that they will recover.

There was still some of the coffee remaining, and, on examination, the arsenic was plainly visible, a white froth exhibiting itself on the top of the fluid. No suspicion rests on the servant, who is a white woman, very faithful and much attached to the family. She drank of the coffee, was visited by vomiting, suffered similarly from the burning sensation in the stomach, and is now confined to her bed. The coffee had been prepared the evening previous, and put in the coffee-pot, and the arsenic must have been placed in it during the night by a person or persons who entered the house. Mr. Irons has his suspicions as to the perpetrator, and will, as soon as he is able, endeavor to discover the guilty party.

COLLECTIONS FOR MISSIONARY PURPOSES.—On Sunday, anniversary meetings of the Missionary Societies were held in several of the Methodist churches, and collections in aid of the Mission cause were taken up.

In the Charles Street Church, of which the Rev. Robert L. Dashiell is pastor, services were held, both in the morning and afternoon, and the amount received reached nearly $2,200.

In the High Street Church, under charge of the Rev. Henry B. Ridgaway, anniversary missionary services were also held; the pastor in the morning delivering a most eloquent sermon, after which a collection was taken up, which amounted to $513. In the afternoon, a Juvenile Missionary meeting was held, which was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Ross, of New York, and R. Stockett Mathews, Esq., of Baltimore; at which the children contributed $507. The total collections at this church amount to $1,020.

At the North Baltimore Station, Monument street, an anniversary missionary meeting was also held. The Rev. W. A. Snively preached in the morning, and in the afternoon a sermon was delivered by Rev. James Sewall. The total amount of collection at this church reached $600.

FIRE IN THE COUNTY.—On Sunday morning about 10 o'clock, St. Thomas' Church, near Green Spring; Baltimore county, took fire, and the greater portion of the roof of the building was destroyed. The fire originated from a stove-pipe which ran through the roof. Fortunately the congregation was assembling, and great efforts were made to save the building. Several negroes cut holes through the roof, and getting out battled with the flames manfully, and their efforts, no doubt, saved the building from entire destruction. The building is insured in the Baltimore County Fire Insurance Company. St. Thomas' Church is one of the oldest, if not the very oldest building of its character in the State of Maryland, having been built about the year 1750, and is consequently over one hundred years old. It is built of bricks which were imported from the mother country.

BURGLARY.—On Sunday night the store of Mr. William Gessford, on the corner of Josephine and Pine streets, was entered by burglars, who carried off goods, consisting of dirk and pocket knives, teaspoons, bottles of cologne, and gaiter shoes, the whole amounting to about $20. Entrance was effected from the rear, the thieves first getting into the cellar, and breaking open a trap-door leading to the store. Yesterday officers Cole and Handy arrested three youths, on suspicion of having committed the robbery. They were committed for a hearing, to take place to-day, by Justice Logan.

THE CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.—The Committee on Elections sat last night at Annapolis, to hear the evidence on the part of those persons who were returned to the Governor as elected to their several offices, and who have received commissions from the Governor under such returns. Thomas B. Gaither, Esq., returned as elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, whose position is contested by Robert J. Kerr, Esq., yesterday summoned, by State's process, about one hundred witnesses, most of whom left yesterday afternoon in the train for Annapolis.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday evening last, as a freight train on the Northern Central Railway was passing along near Rattling Run station, a young man named Wilson Arndorf, fireman, by some accident fell from the tender when the train was going at the rate of fifteen miles an hour. He escaped without sustaining serious damages, although he suffered a sprain of the ankle and bruised severely. He was observed to fall by the engineer, who immediately stopped the train.

DISCHARGED.—A woman named Rosina Myers, arrested on the charge of passing a counterfeit half dollar upon a boy who sold her a pair of shoes, had a hearing yesterday before the United States Commissioner, which resulted in her discharge, there being not the slightest evidence to criminate her.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.—This body met yesterday—all present except his Honor, Mayor Swann. The Commissioners transacted no business of a public character. The application for a writ of *mandamus* was served upon the Mayor, as required by order of Judge Martin, of the Superior Court.

LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Mr. Glosbrenner was supported for the position of House Printer to-day by the Democrats, Mr. Briggs and all the South Americans present, excepting Messrs. Etheridge and Stokes, who voted for Messrs. Gales & Seaton. Mr. Defrees received the votes of all the others present, including Mr. Davis of Maryland, and excepting Messrs. Stanton, Adams and Carey.

Mr. Douglas had prepared a eulogy on Senator Broderick, to be delivered to-day, but last night he was severely attacked by pleurisy.

Mr. Farnsworth intends introducing a bill for the transportation of the mails from Missouri to the Pacific by railroad, and Mr. Grow will shortly introduce a bill for the admission of Kansas into the Union.

Private accounts from the Rio Grande, represented statements regarding affairs in that quarter as much exaggerated, the object being to afford a restless set of adventurers a pretext for crossing into Mexico. Apart from Cortinas' band, the Mexicans are represented as exceedingly friendly.

A report prevails to-night that Mr. Cass has been attacked with serious illness.

As the contest for the position of House Printer is close, the expected arrival of Mr. Stallworth tomorrow, is a matter of much interest among Democrats.

Later from Mexico.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 13.—The steamer Isabel has arrived from Havana. E. S. Plumb, Esq., comes passenger as bearer of despatches.

The *Courier's* correspondent at Vera Cruz, under date of the 4th inst., writes that Gen. Oclus, with 2,000 men, had been defeated at Ojjaca by the Liberals, and that Miramon's expedition against Vera Cruz consequently was probably abandoned. The Liberals had re-occupied Colma and San Luis. The Zacatecas Church forces had been defeated near Flascala with a loss of 100 men killed or made prisoners, a quantity of artillery and munitions. Gen. Wool had been successfully opposed in Jalisco, and the Church Government was reduced to a small extent of territory.

The Liberals' available force is estimated at 30,000 men.

Miramon, by extraordinary efforts, has negotiated the sale of $15,000,000 worth of lands for $4,050,000. Through illicit dealing with the friends of the French Minister, $9,000,000 of these lands will enter the French Convention as a Foreign debt.

Mr. Matthew, the English Charge, had presented his ultimatum demanding the full payment of the English claims in eight days, or he will demand his passports. Little confidence, however, was placed in his sincerity. General Ocampo had resigned his position of Minister of Foreign Affairs in Juarez's Government, to accept the Special Mission to the United States—England connected with the intervention of the former, and the recognition of the Constitutional Government by the latter. Gen. Degollado takes the post thus vacated. Ocampo leaves in the English packet of the 25th of March.

The commercial advices from Havana, reports the stock of sugar there at 35,000 boxes. Muscovado 8@9 rea's. Molasses arrived slowly, and sold steadily at 4½ reals for clayed, and 5½ reals for Muscovado. Exchange on London 13½@14; on New York 2½@3½.

There is nothing of interest from Key West.

The Liverpool Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Hewitt's Liverpool Cotton Circular, received by the steamer Canada, says that in consequence of the improved tone of American letters, forming more moderate crop estimates, the improved feeling in the market of last week is unimpaired.

The imports for the week were 45,000 bales, and the amount known to be at sea is 200,000 bales, against 60,000 bales at the same period last year.

Messrs. Richardson, Spence & Co. reduce their quotations for middling and lower grades 1-16d., but quote the better qualities at full prices.

Messrs. Hakefield & Nash report strong staple kinds 1-16 to ⅛d. dearer.

Opening of the Continental Hotel of Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—Stevens' new Continental Hotel, corner of Ninth and Chesnut streets, was thrown open to the public this evening, and numerous ladies this evening. Not less than ten thousand persons were present during the evening. The interior was brilliantly illuminated, and the gorgeous furniture and various appointments of the splendid establishment were universally admired. Several stores on the first floor were also opened to-night, including Charles Oakford & Sons' extensive establishment.

Marine Disasters.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The schooner Brothers, from Alexandria, sunk off the Highlands yesterday, having been in collision with the schooner R. H. Huntley, from Baltimore.

The brig Volante, from Buenos Ayres, spoke January 21st, in lat. 4 South, long. 35 deg., the ship Isabella, from Montevideo, for Baltimore, leaking badly.

New York Bank Returns.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The weekly returns of the City Banks show a decrease of $756,350 in loans; $136,730 in specie, $1,000,640 in deposits; and an increase in circulation of $10,660.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

A FAMILY POISONED.—Yesterday morning the family of Mr. Emanuel Irons, living on Laudenslager's Hill, were poisoned by drinking coffee in which there was a large quantity of arsenic. Mr. Irons was just recovering from a severe attack of gastric fever, and was still confined to his room. Yesterday morning the family breakfast was put up to him, but he partook but sparingly of it, and drank but little coffee. Mrs. Irons felt very unwell when she rose, and breakfast not being ready, she requested the servant girl to give her a cup of coffee which she drank, and in a few minutes, she, together with the following persons sat down to breakfast: Mrs. Witts (Mr. Irons' daughter) and her son, Mrs. Fairbanks, Louis Irons (nephew of Mr. Irons) and Henry Carr, the bar-keeper. It was remarked at the table that the coffee had an excellent flavor and each of the persons drank freely of it. In the course of ten minutes from the time they finished breakfast, Mrs. Irons became very sick and commenced vomiting. Being sick before breakfast she attributed her violent illness to eating too heartily. While Mrs. Witts was waiting on her mother, she too, became sick, which was also accompanied by vomiting and prostration. Mr. Irons dispatched the negro boy for Dr. Inloes, and before the physician arrived all those who partook of the coffee, together with the negro boy who went for the doctor, were all suffering in the same way. Mr. Irons was also seized with the same symptoms, and Dr. Inloes, on seeing their condition and hearing that each was suffering from burning in the stomach, pronounced them poisoned. Powerful emetics were administered, which proved successful in removing the most of the poison from their stomachs, and although Mrs. Irons and her daughter are yet suffering greatly, Dr. Inloes expresses hopes that they will recover.

There was still some of the coffee remaining, and, on examination, the arsenic was plainly visible, a white froth exhibiting itself on the top of the fluid. No suspicion rests on the servant, who is a white woman, very faithful and much attached to the family. She drank of the coffee, was visited by vomiting, suffered similarly from the burning sensation in the stomach, and is now confined to her bed. The coffee had been prepared the evening previous, and put in the coffee-pot, and the arsenic must have been placed in it during the night by a person or persons who entered the house. Mr. Irons has his suspicions as to the perpetrator, and will, as soon as he is able, endeavor to discover the guilty party.

COLLECTIONS FOR MISSIONARY PURPOSES.—On Sunday, anniversary meetings of the Missionary Societies were held in several of the Methodist churches, and collections in aid of the Mission cause were taken up.

In the Charles Street Church, of which the Rev. Robert L. Dashiell is pastor, services were held, both in the morning and afternoon, and the amount received reached nearly $2,200.

In the High Street Church, under charge of the Rev. Henry B. Ridgaway, anniversary missionary services were also held; the pastor in the morning delivering a most eloquent sermon, after which a collection was taken up, which amounted to $513. In the afternoon, a Juvenile Missionary meeting was held, which was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Ross, of New York, and R. Stockett Mathews, Esq., of Baltimore; at which the children contributed $507. The total collections at this church amount to $1,020.

At the North Baltimore Station, Monument street, an anniversary missionary meeting was also held. The Rev. W. A. Snively preached in the morning, and in the afternoon a sermon was delivered by Rev. James Sewall. The total amount of collection at this church reached $600.

FIRE IN THE COUNTY.—On Sunday morning about 10 o'clock, St. Thomas' Church, near Green Spring; Baltimore county, took fire, and the greater portion of the roof of the building was destroyed. The fire originated from a stove-pipe which ran through the roof. Fortunately the congregation was assembling, and great efforts were made to save the building. Several negroes cut holes through the roof, and getting out battled with the flames manfully, and their efforts, no doubt, saved the building from entire destruction. The building is insured in the Baltimore County Fire Insurance Company. St. Thomas' Church is one of the oldest, if not the very oldest building of its character in the State of Maryland, having been built about the year 1750, and is consequently over one hundred years old. It is built of bricks which were imported from the mother country.

BURGLARY.—On Sunday night the store of Mr. William Gessford, on the corner of Josephine and Pine streets, was entered by burglars, who carried off goods, consisting of dirk and pocket knives, teaspoons, bottles of cologne, and gaiter shoes, the whole amounting to about $20. Entrance was effected from the rear, the thieves first getting into the cellar, and breaking open a trap-door leading to the store. Yesterday officers Cole and Handy arrested three youths, on suspicion of having committed the robbery. They were committed for a hearing, to take place to-day, by Justice Logan.

THE CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.—The Committee on Elections sat last night at Annapolis, to hear the evidence on the part of those persons who were returned to the Governor as elected to their several offices, and who have received commissions from the Governor under such returns. Thomas B. Gaither, Esq., returned as elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, whose position is contested by Robert J. Kerr, Esq., yesterday summoned, by State's process, about one hundred witnesses, most of whom left yesterday afternoon in the train for Annapolis.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday evening last, as a freight train on the Northern Central Railway was passing along near Rattling Run station, a young man named Wilson Arndorf, fireman, by some accident fell from the tender when the train was going at the rate of fifteen miles an hour. He escaped without sustaining serious damages, although he suffered a sprain of the ankle and bruised severely. He was observed to fall by the engineer, who immediately stopped the train.

DISCHARGED.—A woman named Rosina Myers, arrested on the charge of passing a counterfeit half dollar upon a boy who sold her a pair of shoes, had a hearing yesterday before the United States Commissioner, which resulted in her discharge, there being not the slightest evidence to criminate her.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.—This body met yesterday—all present except his Honor, Mayor Swann. The Commissioners transacted no business of a public character. The application for a writ of *mandamus* was served upon the Mayor, as required by order of Judge Martin, of the Superior Court.

INQUEST IN THE COUNTY.—On Sunday the body of an unknown negro woman, apparently aged about 40 years, was found in the woods of the farm of Mr. John Curley, near the Almshouse, Baltimore county. The body was discovered by Messrs. Watergen and Quinn, two gentlemen who were walking in that locality. They gave information of the discovery, and with officer Elderkin, of the Western police, had the body conveyed to the Almshouse, where an inquest was held by Justice Lehman, of the county. The jury after hearing the statements of the above named persons, rendered a verdict of death from exposure. The body of the woman was well clad, in a black dress, and when discovered the lower extremities were frozen to the ground. The body will be kept at the Almshouse during to-day for recognition.

VALENTINE'S DAY.—To-day, the 14th of February, has been set apart and looked forward to with pleasure by the younger portion of creation, and in many instances by the "old folks," as a season to give and receive professions of love and affection from one person to another. The custom of thus exchanging the sentiments of the heart appears to have been a very old one, for it is alluded to both by Chaucer, and by Shakspeare in the Two Gentlemen of Verona, that upon this day birds begin to couple. If the premises in the