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MR. CLAY'S SPEECH.—A few copies of The Weekly Tribune containing Mr. Clay's last Speech on his Resolutions in the Senate of the United States, are still on hand and for sale at this office. Price 6¼ cents.

☞ For a Review of the Markets, Notices of New Publications, and News Items, see First Page.

☞ For a full and interestieg summary of the Intelligence received from the Mendians and their Missionaries, see Last Page.

☞ We have omitted to state that our City Comptroller on Saturday last reported the aggregate City Debt at $13,434,962, less $893, 522 of stocks held by the Water Commissioners: leaving the actual debt, $12,536,440: balance in the Treasury, $109,934 64. We may remark, casually, that the general anxiety of our citizens for a thorough probing of the Comptroller's accounts, as well as those of Lloyd, Bell and others with the City Treasury, has been rather increased than diminished by the events of the past week, and the manifest determination of the Office-Holders to hold over and hold on, by any means.

☞ A Correspondent wishes us to ask the *Journal of Commerce* how, if our Exports have in very truth very nearly equaled our Imports since the descending Tariff was imposed, *our Foreign Indebtedness has swelled in the same time some One Hundred and Fifty or Two Hundred Millions of Dollars.* The Journal does not answer our questions, so we put this to any Free Trader. At the rate indicated by the balance of indebtedness, we have certainly been doing a very poor business in Foreign Trade, and it is high time we had a change.

Latest from Rhode Island—More Arrests

Correspondence of the Tribune.

PROVIDENCE, May 10, 1842.

Mr. SAYLES, Speaker of the House of Representatives under the "People's Constitution," who was arrested yesterday, but suffered to escape, through the mismanagement of the officer, has gone to Washington. He left this morning at 3 o'clock by the Norwich Railroad. Mr. BROWN, one of the most prominent members of the same General Assembly from Gloucester has left the State. Mr YEAW, member of the same from Scituate, has resigned. HEZEKIAH WILLARD, Senator from this city under the "People's Constitution," was this day arrested on a charge of treason. He was examined before Judge Burgess of the Court of Common Pleas and committed, the magistrate not having power under the statute to admit him to bail. Judge Staples of the Supreme Court is in town and has power to admit him to bail, and Mr. Willard will have no difficulty in procuring it, unless, like Mr. Arnold, he proposes to be made a martyr of. An attempt was made to arrest him as he was placed in the carriage, but it was not successful. The crowd around the carriage was very large and very much excited, but I should judge a decided majority of them to be friends of the law. No attempt was made upon the jail last night, and I anticipate none to-night. CANONICUS.

P. S. 6 P. M. Mr. Willard has been before Judge Staples, and not being ready to give bail, has of his own accord gone to jail.

Extract of a Letter from Mexico, April 8, 1842.

"The continuance of the present dynasty in Mexico I think is assured until the meeting of the Congress in June next, for the concocting of a new Constitution. All the elections throughout the Republic have gone against Santa Ana's party; and the consequence will be a dreadful strife between the Executive and this body. The President has the army, and the Congress the people on their side, and it is difficult to foresee the issue; though many of the popular leaders of the Federal party (i. e. the party in favor of the Constitution of 1824, which resembles our own) imagine that a total anarchy will ensue, resulting finally in the success of an entire popular government, as opposed to a strong central one."

☞ It will be seen from the date that the above was written before our late Charter Election. Of course, Santa Ana sees his way perfectly clear by this time. If beaten in the Elections, he has only to instruct some of his supple tools who preside as officers to mystify or withhold their returns, and then, profiting by his own wrong and the brilliant example of Morris, Shaler & Co., he can swear there is no election and *hold over.* 'In cases of doubt pocket the stakes'—that's according to Hoyle, and our Political gamblers obey it implicitely. If Santa Ana gives up merely because he is beaten, he will be laughed at by every constable in our City. Has he no *Evening Post* to patch up some 'fair technical illegality?'

DEPARTURE OF BISHOP SOULE.—At the Preachers' meeting, held at the Methodist Book Room, on Saturday morning last, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the venerable Bishop Soule, having been appointed by the last General Conference of the M. E. Church a delegate to the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, and being about to embark for Liverpool:

Therefore Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the New-York district, the Preachers stationed in this City and Brooklyn, the Book Agents, and Editors—the Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, accompany Bishop Soule to the Narrows, on Friday, 13th instant; and that the other Bishops and Preachers, who may be in the city at the time, be invited to accompany us.

RAILROAD DISTURBANCE.—The American contains the following notice of the injury done to the railroad cars on their return from the Races on Tuesday. The difficulty grew out of the very culpable conduct of the agents in *selling tickets to several thousand persons more than their cars could accommodate:*

The cars, immediately after the races were over, loaded to such an extent that the revolution of the wheels was entirely prevented, and a portion of the cars were left at the course. During the absence of the first train down, a riot took place at the course, and four of the cars were entirely destroyed and thrown off the track. The track in the woods was upset, and plank and stones placed upon the track along the road. The trains ran as far as the obstructions upon the road would permit, until 10 o'clock.

☞ The Whigs of OLD DUTCHESS will hold a Mass Convention on Thursday the 19th to take decided ground in favor of the Protection of American Industry. We hope to meet the strength of the County there.

☞ Mrs. Nancy White committed suicide at Marion, Ia. by hanging herself on the 27th ult. while in a fit of temporary insanity. She attempted not long previous to drown herself and her two children in a well.

Religious Anniversaries.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.—This benevolent Society held its Seventeenth Anniversary at the Tabernacle yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock, A. M. That great building was crowded to its utmost extent. WM. B. CROMBY, Esq., presided, and the exercises were commenced with prayer by the Rev. Dr. SPRING. A letter was read from S. N. S. WILDER, Esq., declining a re-election to the Presidency, mainly on account of his pecuniary embarrassments. The Treasurer's Report was presented by MOSES ALLEN, Esq. The receipts for the year are as follows:

Donations for foreign distribution	$11,546 30
" for general purposes	9,004 04
Receipts for sales	56,214 11
Total	$71,155 14

The Society has sent abroad only $15,000—distributed as follows:—

Sandwich Islands	$1000	Ahmednuggar	400
Siam and China	100	We tern Africa	1400
Sam A B C F M	500	Pres. Epis. Mission	200
Burmah	500	Turkey	1500
Northern India	200	Greece	200
Calcutta	200	A B C F M	500
Orissa	500	Baptist Mission	200
Madras	800	Russia	1000
Madura	500	Hamburgh	200
Ceylon	2000	Baptist Mission	600
Mahrattas	200	Toulouse and Greece	500

The Society has published during the year 1,016 volumes, and 1,634 for foreign stations. The number issued is—

	Vols.	Publications.	Pages.
Printed	245,000	4,012,000	100,100,000
Circulated	185,132	4,478,799	94,329,945

The circulation exceeds that of the last year by 13,647,480 pages, and includes 2,736 sets of the Evangelical Family Library of 15 volumes; 524 of the Christian Library of 45 volumes: upwards of 3,000 each of several separate volumes; 91,000 of the Christian Almanac for the United States; and of some four page tracts from 100,000 to 150,000 copies each. Total circulated in seventeen years 1,220,090,321 pages. 132,000 volumes have been circulated during the year, including 2736 sets of the Evangelical Family Library. By the voluntary co-operation of at least 20,000 christians, 1,200,000 volumes is all have been circulated among perhaps 300,000 families, embracing not far from 1,000,000 souls.

Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. HENRY HERMAGE, Rev. D. MILNER, and Rev. JUSTIN PERKINS. One of the most interesting portions of the exercises was an address in Syriac by Mar Yohanna, Bishop of the Nestorian Church.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Sixteenth Anniversary of this Society was held last evening at the Broadway Tabernacle. HENRY DWIGHT, Esq. of Geneva, presided. After prayer by the Rev. Dr. CODMAN of Rochester, JOSEPH CORNING, Esq., Treasurer of the Society, presented his Report. It presents the following aggregate:

Balance May 1, 1841	$2,827 79		
Am't from Agencies, &c.	76,552 65		
Life members	840		
Legacies	12,423 42		
Other donations	2,549 17—	Receipts	$95,291 43
Sundry expenses	$3,026 99		
Home Miss. Journal	2,800 72		
Missionary Labor	87,740 97		
Salaries of Officers	4,625 —Expenses		$94,392 14
Balance in the Treasury			$899 21

The receipts are $7,050 30 greater than those of last year. The liabilities incurred by the Society during the year to missionaries is $96,399 36, which, with the amount due at the beginning of the year, makes the whole amount of liabilities $107,035 93. The number of congregations is 987—125 more than last year: the amount of labor performed 594 years—93 more than last year, and 30 more than any preceding year. The number of pupils under the missionaries is 64,300. The number of conversons reported is 3,013: the number added to the church, 5,514. The Executive Report was presented by Rev. Milton Badger. The prospects of the Society are in every way highly encouraging. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. E. D. ALLEN of Albany, Rev. H. D. LUDLOW of Poughkeepsie, Rev. T. S. CLARKE of Stockbridge, Mass., and Rev. JOEL PARKER of Philadelphia. Several select pieces of music were performed in fine style by the choir. The meeting was dismissed by benediction from Rev. Dr. COX.

FEMALE MORAL REFORM SOCIETY.—The Eighth Anniversary of this Society was held last evening at the Hester-street church. The Annual Report of the Board states the number of copies of the Journal which have been issued during the last year, at 15,500: the number of pages of tracts published, at 474,000—a large number of which were gratuitous; 40,000 petitions have been forwarded to the Legislature during the year; three missionaries have been employed, who have visited 6,570 families. Of the Advocate, 47,652 copies have been distributed: 7,000 signatures obtained to the Temperance pledge, and 160 children have been brought into Sabbath schools. A Bethel Missionary has been steadily employed, who has visited 3,329 vessels—distributed 12,650 Advocates, 534 Directories, and 194,530 pages of tracts. From investigations carefully made, it is ascertained that in the Eighth Ward alone, there are 97 dwellings occupied by openly vicious females—whose number in that Ward is estimated at 697. Taking this as a basis, it is believed that our city contains 1,640 houses of ill-fame, and 11, 540 open prostitutes. Horrible as is this picture, it is the result of careful and patient investigation.

THE NEW-YORK COLONIZATION SOCIETY held their 10th annual meeting last evening at the Middle Dutch Church—ANSON G. PHELPS, Esq., in the Chair. The proceedings were opened with a hymn written for the occasion by Mrs. SIGOURNEY, after which Rev. Mr. OGDEN, of Whitesboro, offered a prayer. MOSES ALLEN, Esq., Treasurer, read the financial report for the past year, which showed the following aggregates:

Receipts	$8,557 52
Expenses	9,698 96
Balance due Treasurer	$1,141 44

Rev. Mr. CONE read the 10th annual report of the Executive Committee, which stated that their prospects were never more cheering than at present, as the interest in the success of their project was fully commensurate with the extensive knowledge of its vast importance and utility. The testimony of those who had visited the settlements at Liberia formed a considerable portion of this report, and was highly encouraging—representing the improvement of the settlers in art, science, agriculture and religion, as far beyond the anticipation of its most zealous friends. The report, in conclusion, stated the increasing interests which the people of America have in the success of this christian enterprise, and its high claims upon their continued support.

Hon. B. F. BUTLER moved that the report be printed, and sustained the resolution in a very feeling and eloquent address. Another resolution was offered by Rev. Mr. CONE, in reference to the increasing disposition of masters to emancipate, and the consequent necessity of increasing effort and liberality.

R. GURLEY, Esq., Secretary of the Parent Colonization Society, supported this resolution at length, and with great power. The proceedings closed with an appropriate hymn.

ADVICE TO STRANGERS.—Let not a stranger leave the city without visiting the American Museum. It offers the best attractions in New-York. Read the advertisement.

Correspondence of The Tribune.

Michigan—General View of her Exports—Sales of 3,000,000 Acres of Land for Taxes.

DETROIT, May 6th, 1842.

As our State is mostly supplied with goods from your city, it may not be uninteresting to your mercantile readers to know the progress Michigan is making in her exports to the Eastern markets, and her probable surplus for the year 1842.

GRAIN PRODUCTS.—The State Census of 1837 gave the produce of Grain of all kinds in that year at ..... 3,009,199 bushels.
United States Census founded on crop of 1839 at ..... 8,499,555 "
Mr. Snow's estimate for 1842. 40,116,000 "

The amount of Grain now sown is at least 25 per cent above that of last year, and, if no drought occurs, the whole crop of the State may be put down at 12,500,000 bushels.

EXPORTS OF THE STATE FROM 1818 TO 1841.

1818—Exports, (exclusive of Furs)		$62,300 00
1829—Furs, $325,000; other articles, $75,000		400,000 00
1830 to 1835—The Furs averaged $400,000; other articles $100,000		500,000 00
1836 and 1837—Including Furs each year		550,000 00
1840—From returns from each port, being first Year of any amount of Flour		1,551,500 00
1841—The books of forwarding houses at the various ports show as follows:		
Port of Detroit	$1,604,134 00	
Mouth of St. Joseph River	647,794 00	
Toledo, (Products of Michigan)	326,729 00	
On St. Clair River	190,000 00	
Port of Monroe	90,321 65	
Port of Mackinac	142,200 00	
Sault St. Marie	175,600 00	
Mount Clemens	45,000 00	
Mouth of Kalamazoo River	74,300 00	
Mouth of Grand River	55,000 00	
		3,899,278 65
This year, from present prospects of Grain, (estimate)		$3,000,000 00

RECAPITULATION OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED IN 1841.

314,626 barrels of Flour	$1,573,420
294,515 do Wheat	206,657
26,750 do Pork	240,876
2,994 casks of Ashes	41,909
2,290 packs Furs and Peltries	450,000
3,262 barrels of Whisky and High Wines	94,555
Butter and Lard	46,140
Lumber	92,000
3,084,328 Staves, (pipes and staves)	89,216
Grass Seed	19,510
Hides and Wool	61,512
Castings and Pig Iron from St. Joseph	76,000
Fish from various ports	140,000
Other articles not enumerated, such as Beans, Hams, Corn, Oats, &c.	270,874

The following is the amount of flour, produce, &c., that was in store in this city at the opening of navigation:

Flour, bbls	12,646	Ashes casks	414
Wheat, bush	16,510	Lard, bbls	129
Fish, bbls	1,547	Hams, lbs	80,000
Pork, "	4,266	Whiskey, casks	612
Wool, sacks	44	Seed, "	113
Butter, firkins	33	Walnuts, "	63

At other ports in Michigan, on the 1st of April, there was in store, at

Sagaw Bay,	flour	2,000	barrels.
Toledo,	equal to "	7,000	"
St. Joseph,	" "	6,000	"
Grand River,	" "	3,000	"
Monroe,	" "	1,000	"
Kalamazoo Harbor,	" "	2,000	"

From these evidences of the capabilities of Michigan, already developed in her infancy, there is sufficient upon which to found high expectations of her future elevation and destiny.

Aside from statistical information, there is but little if any local news, that would be interesting to your readers—except, perhaps, some of them may be desirous of knowing something about our tax sales. These sales will take place, commencing on the first Monday in August next, at the county seats of the different counties of the State. Nearly 3,000,000 acres upon which the taxes of 1838 have not been paid, will be brought into market, and will, without doubt, be sold for a mere trifle. The sales will be absolute, and for ever barring all right of redemption by the owner of the land. It may be well to add, while on this subject, that last winter the laws regulating our system of taxation were altered. The taxes for the year 1841, and thereafter, are to be paid at the County Treasury of each county, and not as heretofore at Detroit. The taxes, after the 1st of May, inst., draw FIFTY per cent. interest—and after lying a certain time in the County Treasury Office, unpaid, judgement is got against the lands at the Circuit Court of the County, and they are, after due notice, sold, without redemption. It cannot be denied that the new system may bear heavily upon non-residents—but it is hoped that it will have a tendency to cause more prompt and immediate payments on the part of those who have permitted their taxes heretofore to remain for one and two years unpaid. With a view to afford facilities to non-resident owners of land in our State, a number well qualified for the business have established agencies, through which your citizens can have their taxes paid, for a reasonable compensation, and be saved the trouble and expense of traveling over Michigan. Mr. William T. Young has an Agency in this city for this purpose of paying taxes throughout the State for non-residents; and there are Agencies of the same kind at many of the principal towns in the interior. This must prove, I think, of great convenience to many at the East, who do not wish to be put to the expense and hazard of a journey here, to pay a few dollars.

Yours, truly, C. M. S.

CENTRAL AMERICA.—We have received advices from Guatemala to the 2d of April, via Honduras, and by these we are informed that Carrera had marched to St. Salvador with 2000 men—that he had an interview with Malespin, the military commander there, and that he had returned to Guatemala dissatisfied, and shortly afterward disbanded his troops. Signor Lopez, an influential member of the Assembly, has retired from office. No news had been received of Morazan's movements up to the date of our correspondent's letter.

☞ Mr. C. S. Smith, former associate editor of the Natchez Courier, accidentally shot himself during a hunting excursion on the evening of the 24th ult. The accident occurred on the bank of the bayou Cocodry, a short distance from Natchez. Mr. S. lingered only three hours. On hearing of his death, Mr. C. G. Forshey, Mr. William Forshey, and two other gentlemen, named Tibbles, started in a skiff for the scene of his death. A violent storm arose and prostrated a tree, which, in its fall, struck the boat, killed one of the Messrs. Tibbles instantly, wounded the other in the loin, and severely bruised William Forshey, one of the branches falling across his thighs. The Mr. Tibbles, who was wounded, will, it is thought, recover, though his wound is considered dangerous. [Louisville Jour.

☞ By the following Card from Hon. T. F. MARSHALL, it will be seen that he addresses a meeting at the Stuyvesant Institute this evening. We only wish the room were much larger.

To the Members of the City Hose No. 33.

GENTLEMEN: I have desired extremely to address you in particular upon the subject of Temperance before I leave New-York, in return (if for no other reason) for the compliment you paid me and the pleasure you conferred on me a few evenings since at the Green-street Church. The Stuyvesant Temperance Benevolent Society have procured me the use of the Stuyvesant Institute, Broadway, for this evening, (Thursday) where I will meet you at 8 o'clock, if you will honor me with your presence. Mr. Duff, President of the parent Washingtonian Society, and Mr. Vandyke, President of the Stuyvesant Society, have kindly consented to accompany me, and preside jointly at the meeting. Mr. Collins, the young gentleman who sang 'The Temperance Flag' at the Green-street Church will confer a very great favor on me if, when he sees this, he will determine to meet me on the stand at the Institute, and let me have again the pleasure of hearing that noble song.

With great respect,
Your very obedient,
THOMAS F. MARSHALL.

☞ We call the attention of all indifferent writers to the certificates of Mr. Davison in this paper. We have taken pains to become acquainted with Mr. D's system, and have faith that if any thing would amend our own abominable chirography, this would do it if we had but time to try.

LAWYER'S DIARY.....May 12.

CIRCUIT COURT.—88, 18, 37, 92, 94, 95, 96, 98, 100, 102 103, 104, 4, 10, 13, 20, 23, 29, 14, 27, 8.

COMMON PLEAS.—First Part—117, 33, 162.

Second Part—79, 84, 114, 28, 154, 72, 94, 124, 142, 170, 176, 32, 98, 102.

SUPERIOR COURT.—27, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 102, 13, 17, 99, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 9.

BY THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 10, 1842.

The SENATE were occupied this morning in Legislative Session, by an eloquent and learned speech of Mr. CHOATE, in reply to Mr. BUCHANAN, on the bill extending exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the United States over all cases arising out of international law. The speaker was listened to with profound attention from his colleagues, and effectually refuted the positions of the Senator from Pennsylvania.

A number of Military appointments were communicated, and an Executive Session was held until half-past 4, P. M., when the Senate adjourned.

In the House, Mr. Proffit distinguished himself in an assault upon the Administration of the Custom House in New-York. He arraigned with great severity the conduct of the late and present Collectors, and more than insinuated a charge of malversation against them. Mr. Morgan, without attempting to justify the unwarrantable prodigality of expenditure, manfully undertook the task of vindicating Mr. Curtis from the aspersion put upon him by Mr. P., and repelled the allegations of that gentleman as unfounded slanders. For a time there was some commotion in the House, and sundry uncourteous phrases passed between the parties. So the Committee rose and asked leave to sit again, *the balance of the week*, as I verily believe.

Nothing has transpired since my last in relation to the changes expected in the Custom-House at Philadelphia, but I am inclined to believe the President will reconsider his resolution upon that subject and leave things as they are; at least, I hope that this will be the result.

The affair between Mr. Stanly and Mr. Wise can hardly be adjusted *amicably*, although their personal relations at this time are apparently pacific.

Mr. Miller, the 1st Auditor of the Treasury, will resign his office in the course of the week, and his place will be supplied by Mr. Williamson, the Recorder of the Land Office, or Mr. Russell, from Washington Co., New-York. Mr. R. would be very acceptable to all parties: his legal knowledge, and his admirable business habits, peculiarly fit him for the post. Yours, &c. CURTIUS.

Correspondence of the Tribune

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 10.

In SENATE to-day, Mr. TALLMADGE presented resolutions of the Legislature of New-York, recommending to Congress such action as is necessary for a reduction of postage on letters and an abolition of the franking privilege.

Mr. BENTON's resolution instructing the Committee on Post-Offices and Roads to inquire into the manner in which the Editor of the Madisonian obtained knowledge of certain papers on the files of the Post-Office Department, in relation to the Postmaster at St. Louis, was taken up.

Mr. BENTON referred to an article in the Madisonian, the authorship of which he charged on the Postmaster General, and said it was false, &c.; that the Postmaster General had acted inconsistently with his profession, &c.

Messrs. Merrick, Linn and Preston briefly spoke on the subject, and it was laid over at the expiration of the morning hour.

The bill further to provide for the administration of remedial justice in the Courts of the United States (by the removal of cases from the State to the Federal Judiciary) was ably advocated at some length by Mr. CHOATE, who replied to Mr. BUCHANAN'S remarks of yesterday.

The Senate then went into Executive Session.

In the HOUSE, the SPEAKER presented a letter of BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, making inquiries as to the charges against him said to be contained in the New York Custom-House Report of Mr. Poindexter; which was ordered printed.

The Appropriation Bill was again taken up in Committee of the Whole on the Union, for the purpose of concurring in the Senate's amendments.

On the item appropriating $50,000 for the Custom-House at Boston, a debate of some length, and a repetition of that occurring on the passage of the bill, arose, in which Messrs. Jones of Va., Adams, Saltonstall, Cushing, Smith of Va., and others participated.

The question was taken on the Senate's amendment increasing the sum to $100,000, and no quorum voting, the Committee rose and reported the fact to the House; when, on a call of the roll, 122 Members (one more than a quorum) answering to their names, the Committee resumed its session, and the amendment was rejected: Ayes 60, Noes 66.

A concurrence in the amendment inserting a new section appropriating $28,200 for completing the Custom House at New-York, was recommended by the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. PROFFIT opposed the amendment and went at length into the subject of the contracts for furniture, iron railing, &c. for the custom House, alleging that enormous extravagance existed therein, that the furniture could have been furnished at one-half and the iron at one-third the price paid, and stating that it was rumored in New-York that a bonus had been paid for the contracts to the officer making them, &c.

Mr. FILLMORE read from letters, showing that the furnishing of the Custom-House had been done under the direction of Mr. Frazee, the architect, authorized by Mr. Woodbury, that Mr. Curtis had nothing to do with it, &c. This item, he said, appropriated for the completing the Custom-House, and *not* for the furniture, and the question was simply whether the honest laborers should be paid for their services performed under direction of one of the Departments.

Mr. MORGAN replied to Mr. Proffit, and said he was the first man who had repeated the slanders of a bonus having been paid for the contracts, &c.

Mr. PROFFIT asked if Mr. M. said that he had slandered, or repeated slanders against the Collector, or any other officers. Brief conversation of a *threatening* personal character arose between these two gentlemen; no serious results from which, however, are apprehended.

The House then adjourned. ARGUS.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, May 11.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.—The case of Wm. L. Stone, indicted for a libel on Aldermen Lee and Purdy, came up to-day. It was opened by the District Attorney. The Court was occupied for a long while in listening to arguments on an objection made by counsel for the Defendant as to the admissibility, in evidence, of the minutes of the Clerk of the Court. Messrs. Graham and Ketchum, for Defendant, contended that a complete *record* only could be so introduced. The Court declared the testimony admissible. Wm. B. Marsh testified to having bought a Commercial Advertiser containing the alledged libel, at the office. H. Vandevoort, Clerk of the Court, testified to proceedings at the trial of Bennett—proving that Lee and Purdy were justices on that trial—that they overruled Judge Kent's opinion as to Bennett's sentence—that Purdy read a written opinion to this effect—and that this course was very unusual and, so far as witness knows, unprecedented. The Court at 3 o'clock adjourned till to-day, at 10½.

NEW BOARD OF ASSISTANTS.—Mr. Scoles, the Chairman of the meeting of the New Board of Assistants, appointed on Monday, having called the members of the Board together to perfect the organization of the Board, interrupted before by the intrusion of the ex-Assistant of the Sixth Ward, who was permitted to take his seat and to act and vote in the organization of the New Board, to the exclusion of the rightful representative of that Ward; nine members responded to the call and met in the tearoom of the City Hall, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning—the Assistant Aldermen's Chamber being occupied by the Supreme Court—now in session in this City. Mr. Scoles having resumed the chair the meeting proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. Nesbit the members proceeded to ballot for a President, when on counting the vote, it appearing that Mr. William Adams of the Fifth Ward had nine votes, he was declared duly elected President of the Board of Assistants for the ensuing year and took the chair accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Westervelt of the Seventeenth Ward, the Board then proceeded to ballot for a Clerk, and on counting the ballots, Edward Williams having received nine votes, he was declared duly elected Clerk of the Board for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Nesbit, the Board then balloting for Assistant Clerk, when Augustine Kimball having nine votes was declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Nesbit a balloting was had for Sergeant at Arms, which resulted in the choice of Alexander Fitz, he receiving nine votes.

On motion it was carried that committees respectively inform the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the organization of this Board.

The Board then adjourned to Wednesday next, 4 o'clock.

A large and clamorous crowd rushed into the Tearoom while the proceedings were progressing, and will loud shouts and out cries disturbed the Board as much as possible by their discontant and unruling noises, of which, however, no notice was taken by the members nor by the Police, who were assembled in the Hall.

CIVIL COURTS.—In the Court of Common Pleas, an action was brought by John Winningham, a respectable inhabitant, and for many years constable of the Second Ward, against James L. Magnus for slander, the damages laid at $2000. The defendant hired a store of Mr. W. which forms part of the building in which he resides at 125 William street, and some difficulty springing up between them. The charge is that defendant, then a young woman who is in the employ of plaintiff on the Park one day last winter, and asked her, "if she was going to Winningham's brothel." He also made other assertions much to their injury. He pleaded his own cause and created much amusement among the spectators from his unique manner of doing it. He admitted having made use of the words. The jury gave a verdict for plaintiff of $100 damages and 6 cents costs.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.—Police Judge NOAH and Aldermen Jones and Martin.—*James Smith* was tried for stealing a lot of sausage worth $4 from Appleton Benzinger. Adjudged guilty and sent to the Penitentiary for six days.—*Lawrence Sapel*, stealing earthen-ware from William W. Shirley. Guilty. Penitentiary 60 days.—*Stephen Anderson*, colored, assault and battery on Emeline Fountain, also colored. Guilty. Judgement suspended and he discharged.—*Allen Bowdie*, assault and battery on Thomas McCreary and threatening to force his premises. Guilty. Penitentiary 60 days.—*Letitia Haggerty*, charged with disorderly conduct by Patrick McCluskey, was discharged at request of the complainant.—*John Hicks*, colored, assault and battery on Ketura Gobles, also colored. Guilty. Judgement suspended and he discharged. *Margaret Lawrence*, colored, stealing a purse and $1 50 in money from Emma Bates. Guilty. City Prison 20 days.—*Edward Riley*, stealing a work-stand worth $2 from James Ferguson. Guilty. Penitentiary 60 days.—*Frances Homer*, colored, for riotous and disorderly conduct, was found guilty and sent to the Penitentiary for 60 days.—*James Dixon, Louis Thorne* and *Thomas Lee*, charged with assault and battery, and *Henry Hamilton* alias *Henry Field*, with petit larceny, were severally discharged, no one appearing to prosecute. Adjourned to Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

POLICE OFFICE.—THEFT OF BEDDING.—A colored woman named Jane Thompson was arrested for stealing a quilt and other articles of bedding from James Dougherty, No. 11 Thomas-street, also colored. Committed.

CORRECTION.—Mrs. Eldridge, who was complained of at the Police Office the other day and reported as having been arrested for keeping a disorderly house in Leonard street, was, it appeared, erroneously complained of by the mistake of the person making it, and the complaint was consequently dismissed. Mrs. Eldridge is not only guiltless of keeping a disorderly house but is represented as a respectable woman. We make the correction as a matter of justice to Mrs. Eldridge.

CHARGE OF INCEST.—A colored man named James W. London, of Church-street, was arrested by officer B. J. Hays, charged on two complaints with the crime of incest with two of his daughters at various times within the last three years—both of the females being now married. He was committed to prison to answer.

RELIEF NOTES.—This is the name which has been given to a species of Notes resembling Bank Bills, and which are and have been issued by the Banks in Pennsylvania, for the redemption of which the credit of the State has been pledged. They are received in payment of debts due the State, notwithstanding which, a friend at our elbow suggests that a much more appropriate name for them would be Dun's Notes, as they constitute the greatest portion of the circulating medium of the interior of that state, and are worth, in many instances, but little more than half of what they are represented to be.

It is very much to be regretted that this state of affairs should exist, as persons who are doing business with that section of the country are (by being compelled to receive the currency) defrauded out of half their property.

Among the few things which are all that they are represented to be, and for which every purchaser receives an equivalent for what he pays, are Sherman's Medicated Lozenges for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Worms, Head aches, Palpitation of the Heart, Dyspepsia, Fever and Ague, &c., which may be had at the Dr.'s Office, 106 Nassau street.

COMMUNICATION.—*Mr. Editor*—Dear Sir: Permit me to recommend to your numerous readers that most valuable medicine, Brown's Sarsaparilla and Tomato Bitters. I have been taking it for a short time past for indigestion and dyspepsia, which I have been troubled with for the last three years. I can truly say it is a most valuable alterative, it has entirely cured me by only using it three weeks, after using all other articles without the least effect.

Yours, respectfully, J. H. RANDAL.

Be sure and get Brown's, at 63 Washington-st., Boston. Sold by the agents, A. B. & D. Sands, druggists, 79 Fulton street, corner of Gold; 183 Fulton street, 273 Broadway, 77 East Broadway. my10

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE.—On Wednesday evening as Mr. Jonas Hunter, of the Bowery, was walking up Broadway, he was suddenly seized with a severe pain in the temple, which frightened him not a little; but on the advice of a passer by he turned in to the store at the corner of Grand street, where he procured a few of Peters' Lozenges, and in less than three minutes the pain vanished, and he was as well as ever. Peters has lozenges of equal efficacy in coughs, colds, worms, dyspepsia, low spirits, sea sickness and drowsiness; and, also, a Strengthening Plaster, price one shilling, which cannot be matched in the country. Of Peters'! it is needless to speak. They are known as the sine plus ultra of medicines every where. Offices, 149 Broadway, 150 and 530 Bowery, 110 Hudson, and 293 Chatham streets, New York; and 90 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia. The editor thinks that the public cannot be otherwise than grateful to him for the above information.

☞ Persons who have exposed themselves in the rain for the last three days, (whilst moving) and have thus contracted coughs or colds, (that to them seem slight,) should repair, while it is yet to-day, to J. Pease & Son's, 45 Division-street, and purchase a package of their Horehound Candy, which may be the means of saving them from untimely graves. Sold at 45 Division-street.

☞ We would again remind our readers that Doctor Whittaker's Lectures on Practical Chemistry, Pharmacy, and Toxicology, will commence this day. A knowledge of these branches of Science are absolutely essential, both to the Medical Practitioner and to the Druggist; and an intimate acquaintance with Toxicology is of inestimable importance to the Lawyer. We hope, therefore, that no student will lose the present opportunity to attend so valuable a course of Lectures. See Doctor W's Advertisement.

THE APPROBATION OF EVERY ONE who has ever seen it, has been called forth to the magnificent MODEL of the stupendous and beautiful mountains of SWITZERLAND, now exhibiting at the New-York Museum. Nothing at any place of amusement in the city can compare with it. Also, the NATURAL BRIDGE OF VIRGINIA. Besides these great attractions, these wonderful prodigies of nature, the IRISH GIANT and YANKEE DWARF, the latter 21 years of age, and weighing only 19 pounds, are to be seen for a short time longer. The Lecture room is nightly crowded to hear Yankee Hill give his unveiled delineations of Down East character. Mrs. Hardwick sings some of her most delightful ballads, and a thousand other attractions, including the experiments in Electricity. Strangers should by no means leave the city without paying a visit to the New-York Museum, opposite the Park.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK.—One of the most interesting exhibitions in our city, and one every way deserving of the attention of strangers, is at Catherine-st's Rotunda, where may be seen the beautiful Panoramas of Jerusalem and Thebes, said by many who have been on the spot to give a very accurate view of those places, so famous in the history of the Old World. Open every day, and will be brilliantly illuminated every evening this week.

☞ For a fine assortment of chairs, warranted, see advertisement in another column. 14 Catherine-st. (2) a23 1m

☞ **Second Ward Henry Clay Club.**—An adjourned meeting of the members of the Second Ward Henry Clay Club will be held at Jones's Second Ward Hotel at half past 7 o'clock, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. to receive the Report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws, and for the purpose of electing officers.

my10 3t R. C. HANCE, Chairman.

☞ **New-York Lyceum.**—At the Annual Election for Directors of this Institution, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year, viz:

Messrs. Isaac T. Smith,	John S. Salisbury,
George S. Stitt,	Charles D. Mead,
N. W. Chittenden,	Thomas Earle,
John M. Knox,	Lewis G. Forman,
B. E. Sands,	Charles M. Saxton,
Isaac V. Fowler,	Albert G. Zabriskie.

At a subsequent meeting of the above Directors the following officers were duly elected, viz:

For President—Isaac T. Smith.
Vice President—George S. Stitt.
Cor. Secretary—Albert G. Zabriskie.
Rec. Secretary—Lewis G. Forman.
Treasurer—John S. Salisbury.
For Counsellors—Hon. Theo. Frelinghuysen, Rev. Jas. Milnor, D. D., Rev. Theo. DeWitt, D. D., Rev. Spencer H. Cone, D. D., Moses H. Grinnell, Esq.

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☞ **Regular Ticket for the Officers of the American Institute for 1842–43.**—The Polls will be opened between 4 and 5 o'clock this P. M. at the Repository in the Park.

TRUSTEES.

For President.....JAMES TALLMADGE.
For Vice Presidents.....ADONIRAM CHANDLER.
" " ..WILLIAM INGLIS.
" " ..JOHN TRAVERS.
For Recording Secretary.....GURDON J. LEKOS.
For Corresponding Secretary.....T. B. WAKEMAN.
For Treasurer.....JOSEPH TITCOMB.
For Superintending Agent.....T. B. WAKEMAN.

☞ **Anti-Slavery Missions.**—A meeting of a number of gentlemen of different religious denominations was held Wednesday afternoon, 11th in