

HENRY CLAY, FOR PRESIDENT.

Democratic Whig General Committee. A special meeting of this committee will be held at the Broadway House on Friday evening, December 23, at 7 o'clock.

Our friends who design to favor us with their contributions will please bear in mind that our terms are CASH and however pleasant it may be for us to receive, we cannot hereafter permit this rule to be infringed.

A further supply of Wing-and-Wing and The Spy, by Cooper, are received and for sale at the Tribune office.

The New World Annual, done up in wrappers ready for mailing, may be had at the office of The Tribune, 169 Nassau street, opposite the City Hall.

For a Notice of Macaulay's Miscellanies, City News, Letter from Philadelphia, &c., see First Page.

For a Ghost at Noon, Political History, and Artesian Wells, see Last Page.

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been retaken and will immediately go to work. At London business is not as brisk—though better than heretofore. At Manchester, Rochdale and Leeds a marked improvement is manifest, though prices have not advanced.

Three captives have been made of slaves by the cruiser Water-Witch—a small vessel on the 29th of August, with 63 slaves; on the 28th, a schooner, and on the 21st September a large brigantine at anchor in Elephant Bay, ready to embark 400 slaves who were waiting on shore.

What will be done with the negroes is not known, unless, like others, they should be sent as apprentices to the British W. I. Islands.

Accounts have been received in London of the massacre by the natives of the Treasury Islands in the South Seas, of part of the crew of the Gifley, whaler, consisting of sixteen persons. Some intercourse with the natives had been held and two of the crew had deserted. Soon after a chief came to the vessel and stole a razor with which he endeavored to escape by swimming, but was shot through the back by the mate.

SPAIN.—There seems to have been a very serious insurrection at Barcelona against the Regent Espartero. The troops, under Zurbano, were first insulted, and on resisting, were assailed by the people from every side—hurled bricks and missiles from the house-tops—and led on by Durando. The government leader, after having a horse killed under him by a chest of drawers, retreated to the citadel. Hostilities were soon after suspended.

The junta of Barcelona issued a proclamation stating the demands of the people to be 1. Espartero's detronement; 2. Constitutional Cortes, and 3. Justice and Protection for National Industry. The Cortes promised aid to Espartero, who prepared for bombarding Barcelona, and issued his proclamation against the insurgents. His preparation had the desired effect, and his power was thus greatly strengthened by the outbreak.

The Union mistakes us entirely. We found fault with it neither for saying that Com. Mackenzie 'would be acquitted by a naval court martial,' nor for calling the navy the 'aristocratic branch of the service'; but for intimating that he would of course be acquitted by that tribunal—no matter what might be his guilt—because that was the aristocratic branch of the service.

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Mr. Cheever's Discourse. The Address of Rev. GEO. B. CHEEVER before the New-England Society at its anniversary celebration yesterday, differed widely from the extravagant and unqualified eulogiums usually deemed exclusively suited to such occasions by holiday orators. It was a clear and lucid presentation of the true elements of national greatness, embracing a lofty and pointed rebuke of our national vices, and a solemn warning against errors and sins dangerous to the health and prosperity of Society. He insisted strongly upon the necessity of building up those stern and austere virtues which made the Puritans marked men in their time, and at which the vanity and laxity of moral feeling of the present day are inclined to carp and sneer. Their recognition, in all their affairs of State and Society, of the overruling presence of God, their full reliance upon the divinity of the Bible, their sacred observance of the Sabbath, their all-pervading faith—were each referred to as having contributed to make up that strength and lofty integrity of character which made the institutions they founded among the wisest and best ever established in any age. If we at this day would infuse into the society and the nation any of that lofty spirit which distinguished their time we must, instead of uttering sarcasms upon the virtues of our Fathers, cherish with more love their memories and build our labor and our hope upon the same principles which gave them strength. The vices of the time were displayed in bold and burning language. Repudiation came in most justly for its share (and that no small one,) of the scorching invective of the orator, who pointed out the tendency of its influence upon private corporations and then upon individuals, thus plunging society into a depth of ignominy and degradation lower and blacker than Juvenal found in the hideous carcase of decaying Rome. Mr. CHEEVER spoke most eloquently of the influence of a proper observance of the Christian Sabbath, and declared that, though he had beheld its desecration in other lands and under circumstances of aggravated guilt, he had never seen it so wantonly and horribly polluted as in this very city—where week after week and under the very eye of the public authorities, Sabbath sales are made throughout our streets of the vilest sheets of obscenity and filth. [His remarks upon this point were received with a tempest of applause which must have convinced the Aldermen present that a deep and most righteous feeling among all our respectable citizens demands the immediate abatement of this outrageous nuisance.]

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BY THIS MORNING'S MAIL. "MANHATTAN'S" letter from Washington this morning is written on both sides and therefore omitted.

The Somers Matiny. Correspondence of The Tribune. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 1842. The first impression here, which was strongly in favor of Capt. MACKENZIE, is yielding to a belief that he will not make a case which will justify him in the eyes of the nation or the Government. It is certain that the testimony submitted to the Navy Department does not sustain him in the high assumption of power.

The Court of Inquiry, which is to assemble on the 28th inst. consists of Commodores STUART, JONES and DALLAS. It is now believed that G. N. SAUNDERS will be elected Senator from North Carolina.

Things in Philadelphia. Correspondence of The New York Tribune. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22-P. M. The weather of to-day is still unsettled, and business continues pretty much the same as yesterday. The highly important news from the Old World, by the Britannia, will no doubt effect a material change in a commercial point of view. Already it has created a great sensation in our business community.

Thomas S. Nicholson, convicted some months since of forgery, and sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary, died last evening from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy. The case of Nicholson, at the time of sentence, excited much attention, and a feeling of deep sorrow was manifested by many at his unhappy fate. There was something that smacked of persecution in the prosecution, and Judge Doran differed from his colleagues upon the bench in many important points. The deceased has left an interesting wife and family, who still reside in his splendid mansion at the south east corner of Eleventh and Shippen-sts. Where are Hassinger, Wright, Dwyer, Chancey, Shuster, and others who have received Executive clemency, which poor Nicholson was refused? Were their crimes of less magnitude, or their friends more wealthy?

The Inquirer of this morning contains a painful article headed "The Commonwealth and the Widow," in which are related the misery and ruin of an entire German family in consequence of investing, at a time when all was bright and prosperous, their fortune of upwards of \$20,000 in Pennsylvania State Five per Cent. bonds, which then was commanding a premium. Alas! what blighting circumstances have since ensued! The family in question are now reduced to almost absolute poverty; and the grief of the inestimable Editor of the Inquirer, Roger Morris, tells us this is but one of numerous instances with which he is acquainted. Yet there are those to be found in our community ever ready to prate of the 'honor' and 'character' of Pennsylvania! Let her, in the name of common justice, first repay the widow and the orphan that which they, in a moment of honest confidence, loaned her, and rescue them from the depths of ruin into which they now find themselves unfortunately plunged, before the friends of the present Administration talk of the honor, justice and patriotism of the Keystone State.

The sentence of Alexander will, it is now said positively, take place on Saturday next. We shall see. By the way, what has become of Cleveland and Halsey, two notorious Chesnut-street gamblers, convicted some weeks since, and who have managed, by some unaccountable means, to so far escape the just penalties of the law? Justice here seems most favorably administered in numerous instances. But little business was transacted in our various Courts to-day, and the case of the murderer, Ake, was not proceeded with.

Domestic exchanges still vary to such a degree that it seems impossible to give any definite rates: Boston 1/4 discount; New-York par and 1/2 disc; Mobile 1 1/4 disc; New-Orleans 1/2 prem; Nashville 1/2 disc; Cincinnati 3/4 disc; American Gold 1/2 prem; Spanish Dollars 2 1/2 prem; Mexican do par; Treasury Notes, being 6 per cent. interest, par 1/2 prem; Relief Notes from 7 to 15 per cent. discount.

The following transactions took place at the board of brokers to-day, which are to a very limited extent indicated: 10 shares Wilmington Railroad, 6; 15 do. Schuylkill Navigation, 24; \$500 Pennsylvania 5's, 1856, 49; Up to 4 o'clock P. M. the following arrivals and clearances had taken place: ARRIVED.—Scut. Valm, Maxwell, 2 days fm Egg Harbor. CLEARED.—Ship Talbot, Stary, Montevideo and Canton. Brig Caucasian, Sprague, Barbadoes. BRUTUS.

Repeal of Bankrupt Law. Correspondence of The Tribune. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 1842. IN SENATE, to-day, various petitions were presented. Mr. BENTON presented a petition of citizens of Washington County, Va., for the repeal of the Bankrupt Law; and he accompanied the presentation of it with his usual violent denunciations of the law in its every aspect, and demanded its immediate and unconditional repeal.

Mr. LINS from the Select Committee on the subject, reported the bill to authorize measures for the occupation and settlement of Oregon, &c. &c. and expressed the hope of its early passage. Mr. ALLEN re-introduced his resolution to rescind the rule of the Senate requiring the transaction of Executive business with closed doors, providing however for its continuance with reference to the consideration of treaties. Laid over.

Mr. BENTON introduced a resolution inquiring of the President of the United States whether any proposition had been made by the British Minister to the United States in regard to the assumption of State Debts. Laid over.

Mr. LINS offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for the report of Lieut. Tremont, commander of the Exploring Expedition beyond the Rocky Mountains;—adopted.

The bill authorizing the relinquishment of the 16th section, granted for the use of schools and the entry of other lands in lieu thereof, after some discussion, was engrossed for a third reading; as was also the bill making donations of lands to persons residing in the State of Arkansas.

The Senate adjourned. In the House, Reports from Committees were received during the morning hour. Mr. COWEN reported from the Committee on Claims a resolution for the meeting of the House on Friday and Saturday of this week at ten o'clock for the consideration of private business;—adopted—Ayes 77, Noes 68.

A resolution of Mr. GIDDINGS from the same Committee, authorizing it to employ a clerk, after some discussion was adopted.

had now passed away, and that its future prospective operations, if modified as he wished, would be beneficial. Mr. ARNOLD opposed the repeal and sustained the policy of the law as a great relief measure to the thousands in bondage throughout the land. He said this law was not the cause of the present distress, but it was the result of the mal-administration of the Government and the system of favoritism and corruption with which the offices and benefits of Government were dispensed by a treacherous Executive, whose course was far more disastrous and despicable than that of Mr. Van Buren, &c.

Without taking the question the House adjourned. THE UNIVERSAL MANUAL: Edward Dunigan, No. 137 Fulton-street. The most beautiful and complete collection of spiritual exercises for the Roman Catholic Church we have ever seen has been just published with this title. The volume also contains a very copious exposition of doctrinal tenets, which possesses much interest for others than the Catholic reader. This combination of instruction on controverted points, with its other useful contents, appears to us as rendering the work very valuable to those for whom it has been more especially compiled. The manner in which it is published is very splendid, and the numerous illustrations are appropriate and highly finished.

A tasteful presentation plate is prefixed, to suit it for presentation as a Holiday Gift, than which none of its class is more beautiful. It might be necessary to mention that it has been revised by the Very Rev. JOHN POWER, an erudite scholar and theologian.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND ART. BY Dr. BRANDE, assisted by distinguished Literary and Scientific Gentlemen. Part II. Harper & Brothers. This celebrated work is a library of information condensed into a single volume, and no one should be without it. Its publication in numbers, at only twenty-five cents each, or three dollars for the entire work, places it within the reach of all. Considering the character of the paper, type, &c. it is a miracle of cheapness. It may be had at this office.

CAPT. CONNER.—The announcement of the death of this gentleman is incorrect. His relatives in this city have received no such information. [Phil. Gaz.]

Capt. Bagley, of bark Wm. Schroeder, which has arrived at Newburyport in nine days from Mayaguez, Porto Rico, reports that the coffee crop of the Island will fall short nearly one half of the average crop. [American.]

Cart-loads of mammoth boxes containing Bazaar new exhibition for the Holidays, were arriving at the American Museum throughout the day yesterday. General Tom Thibault, the least of all Dwarfs, remains two days longer.

The New York Museum presents powerful attractions. Nellis Brown without her Diamond, Diamond Wright for his skillful. Great preparations are making for the Holidays.

Persons wishing The Tribune left at their residences or places of business in the city at an early hour in the morning, will please leave their names, or send them by note through the Post Office, at the publication office, 169 Nassau-street, opposite the Park. TERMS, nine cents a week, to be paid to the Carrier.

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