City Intelligence.

THE WEATHER.—The early part of yesterday was delightful, and continued so up till noon, when a heavy fog set in, which continued to grow more dense as the evening advanced. At a late hour there was every appearance of rain.

SCHOOL EXHIBITION.—The first public exhibition of of the pupils of Ward School No. 1, in Fifty-first street, under the management of Mr. J. J. Anderson, Principal of the male, and Miss B. Busteed, Principal of the female departments. Agreeably to notice, at half-past twelve o'clock the exercises were commenced by singing a stanza by the whole school. Master Stephen Towle then addressed the very large company who had assembled to witness the exhibition, as follows:—

Kind friends and patrons, you are welcome, all;
Your smiles our humble efforts will sustain;
Cheered by your presence, sure 'tis hard to fail,
Held by affections adamantine chain.

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God bless our country, too, in freedom's cause,
Wherever the stars and stripes shall be unfurled;
Her rights, her honor, liberty and laws,
The beacon light of hope to all the world,

After which, the examination in the different branches, was entered into, and it was astonishing with what accuracy difficult questions of geography, grammar, geometry, algebra, &c. &c., were answered. Our attention was particularly drawn to Misses Blakeman, Miller and Moulton, who were ever ready to answer the most difficult questions, and solve the hardest problems. A recitation in French, by Master John Towle, was excellent, which, at the request of some one present, was immediately translated into English, with the greatest fluency and accuracy. Miss Blakeman, a girl of twelve years, by her reading, its beautiful emphasis and cadence, manifesting a degree of elocution rarely seen in one of her age, brought down the applause of all present. Miss Miller's demonstrations in astronomy and algebra, on the black board, could not be surpassed.—Miss Ellen Garvey, a little girl of six years, charmed the company with a beautiful little song; and though so young, the melody of her voice, and her beautiful, chaste and appropriates gestures, would place her on a level with a majority of our modern prima donnas. The exercises having been gone through with, Master J. Mead delivered the valedictory address, which was so astonishing a production for a boy of 14 years that we give it in full. "To me has been assigned the part of closing this, the first public exhibition of Ward School, No. 1, I am here to thank you, kind friends, for the encouragement given us this day, by your presence: to tell you how grateful we are for the approbation you have manifested on this, to us, momentous occasion—an occasion full of interest, full of greatness, full of consequence. I thank you in behalf of my companions in the race of learning, for your countenance and smiles. Such tokens are evidences of the deep care you have for our well-doing; of the happiness it affords you to witness our onward progress in the noble work of mental improvement—of the satisfaction with which you are filled, that the hours spent here from day to day, have not been misspent. Tokens like these can never come too often—They strengthen our resolutions; they translate the irksomeness of study into the recreation of enjoyment; they incite us to press onward; press ever in like manner. For you, our respected instructors, our thanks are but a poor requital for your affectionate care, your words of counsel, and the information you have imparted to us. We remember how bright, pure, glorious, are truth and honor, as you hold them up for our contemplation and guidance. We estimate character above all price. You have removed from our path obstacles that seemed immovable; you have pointed out to us the road to moral and intellectual greatness, and you have cheered us by your uniform kindness; for all of which, we cannot proclaim our gratitude too strongly, too loudly. And now, my school companions, a word with you. Who shall say what we may not be? All great results have had small beginnings. Besides, have we no pride?—not the pride of wealth, or of birth—but pride as members of this institution of learning? How can we better evince our gratitude to our friends, who have reared for us this superstructure, than by uniting all our exertions to make this school No. 1 in every thing commendable—one in our punctuality, deportment and studies; one in the truly great signification of the word; one, not only in number, but in every thing of which we may be proud."

John McKeon, Esq., County Superintendant, on behalf of the teachers, then presented the scholars each with a book as a New Year's present.

Among the visiters were Prof. Davis, Lyman Cobb, Esq., and Alexander Ming, sen'r, Esq., all of whom spoke in terms of approbation of the manner in which the school was conducted, reflecting great credit on the principals, and of lasting and incalculable benefit to the pupils.

THE AWNING POSTS.—The awning posts have been removed in Ann street, and in several other streets in the city, during the last few days; yet the lamp-posts, that remain on the sidewalks, are felt to be almost as great a nuisance as the awning posts. We fully approve the measures adopted for the removal of the awning posts in the leading streets and thoroughfares; but to make the matter complete, and to carry out the full provisions of the new law, we think the lamp-posts should be also removed. Gas-light could be easily supplied in each street without at all intruding upon the side-walks. If the lamps were attached to the walls of certain houses in each street, it would answer all the purposes required.

COLLISION.—A collision took place about six o'clock yesterday morning, between the steamboats Niagara and Cleopatra. The Niagara was going out, bound for Norwich, and the Cleopatra was coming in from Stonington, and when opposite the Dry Dock, the two came together, tearing away the wheelhouse, breaking the main crank, and carrying away the stancheons of the Cleopatra, entirely disabling her. She was taken to the Hook for repairs.

CORRECTION.—In our report of yesterday morning, relative to the ship fever at the Quarantine Hospital, the name of Dr. Potter was mentioned among those who had died. It should have read Dr. Charles A. Porter, instead of Potter.

FUNERAL OF JUDGE TAYLOR.—The funeral of the late Robert Taylor, Esq., will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon, to which all in any wise connected with the police department, are respectfully invited to attend. They will meet at the 17th ward station house, corner of Bowery and Third street, at 2 o'clock, from which place they will move in procession to his late residence.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT FROM SPIRIT GAS.—Mrs. Balbey, of No 267 Mott street, together with an infant child, which she had in her arms, were very severely burned on Wednesday night, by the explosion of a spirit gas lamp, which she foolishly attempted to trim while burning. The premises also took fire, but very trifling damage was sustained.

Board of Supervisors.

DEC. 30.—The Mayor presiding.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions from sundry persons, for the correction of taxes referred.

Bills of various persons connected with the Police Department, referred.

The Surrogate, County Clerk, Register, &c.—The report of the Special Committee in relation to the salaries of the Surrogate, &c., which was laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up.

Ald. FRANKLIN moved to strike out $3,000, the salary fixed for the Surrogate—11 members having voted in the negative, and 8 in the affirmative, the motion to strike out was lost.

Ald. MAYNARD moved that the report be adopted.

Ald. FRANKLIN then moved that it should be taken up section by section.

Ald. MAYNARD offered, as a further amendment, that the report be laid on the table. He said, as there seemed to be a disposition on the part of some members of the Board to increase the expenses, and that the Legislature, who had investigated this subject very fully, and had, perhaps, as good an opportunity of judging of it as the Board of Supervisors, fixed the salaries of those officers, and as they had the opinion of the Counsel to the Board, that in case of a deficiency in the fees out of which the salaries were payable, that the Supervisors were bound to make good the deficiency, he was, under the circumstances, willing to leave the salaries as the Legislature had fixed them.

Ald SROFFORD suggested to the Alderman of the 18th to withdraw his amendment, and renew his original motion to accept the report.

Ald. FRANKLIN said he did not agree with the Alderman of the 18th; he thought this Board was as well qualified to investigate this subject as the Legislature, and that that body knew it; because those officers were residing amongst and under our eyes, we must be the best judges of the value of their services, and hence they left it to us to fix the amount of their salaries; he was also desirous to take up the report section by section, and discuss it in that way.

Ald. MESSROLE said there was such a cross fire kept up, he did not know, where to begin or to end; the only question, however, with him, was, did the heads of departments get an adequate remuneration for their services? It was no matter out of what fund their salaries were paid; if the fees of office were not adequate for that purpose, then it was the duty of the supervisors to provide another fund to make up the deficiency; he had no doubt, however, but the fees would be amply sufficient, for it would, doubtless, be found, on the winding up of the year 1848, that as many persons would die in that year in New York, as died in 1847; and if so, his friend the Surrogate would be perfectly safe. He thought, from the importance of that office, the incumbent of it was well entitled to a salary of $3,500 a year. The motion to lay on the table was then put and lost.

The question to take up the report, section by section, was adopted, and the report read accordingly; and after some discussion the salaries, as fixed for the Surrogate, Register, and Clerk of the Superior Court, and their assistants, were allowed to remain as the committee fixed them, except the salary of the collector in the Register's office, which was raised from $500 to $700.

The salaries of James Conner, Esq., County Clerk, and his assistants, were allowed to remain as fixed by the committee—all clerks having a salary over $1000, to be paid quarterly; all having under that sum, to be paid monthly. Each of the clerks in Mr. Conner's office to give a bond of $500. The question as to bonds to be given by the heads of departments, to remain over for the present.

Ald. MAYNARD offered a resolution, that the Surrogate, Register, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court, pay over to the Comptroller all fees received by them, monthly. Laid on the table.

Ald. FRANKLIN then handed up a protest from the Register, against the constitutionality of the law.

A resolution was then passed, empowering the committee to summon before them heads of departments, with books, papers, &c., whenever they might deem it expedient to do so.

The Board then adjourned.

Law Intelligence.

CIRCUIT COURT, Dec. 30—Before Judge Edmonds—*Mrs. Mezier's Will—John Doe, vs. Richard Roe.*—The jury in this cause, after being out all night, were called into court this morning; and it having been ascertained they could not agree, they were discharged

COMMON PLEAS—Dec. 30—Before Judge Ulshoeffer.—In this branch of the Common Pleas, there was but one small case, of no importance, tried to-day.

Before Judge Daly.

The case of *Bruce vs. Waterbrook*, commenced yesterday, was not concluded when the court adjourned. It will be resumed on Monday morning.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, Dec. 29.—No. 11—New Jersey Steam Navigation Company, appellant, vs. Merchants' Bank of Boston. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr Ames for the appellant. Adjourned till to-morrow 11 o'clock.—*Nat. Intelligencer Dec. 29.*

Political Intelligence.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.—This body met at Annapolis, on Monday last. The political divisions are:—

	Whig.	Dem.
Senate	13	8
House	57	25
	60	33

Mr. Williams, of Somerset, was re-elected President of the Senate, at the organization of that body. N. J. Blakistone [or Blackstone], of St. Marys, was elected Speaker of the House. A new United States Senator is to be chosen during the present session. Governor Pratt, in his message, takes ground against the annexation of territory

PORTLAND ELECTION.—The long contest for representative from Portland was brought to a close on Monday, by the choice of Mr. Barnes, the whig candidate, who had 114 more than all others, in a vote of 2000

THE WISCONSIN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION was to meet at Madison, on the 13th December. It was supposed that the convention would be full on the first day, and ready to proceed to business at once.

BUCHANAN MASS MEETING IN FITTSBURG.—This meeting came off, according to appointment, on the 28th December. The assemblage was so large that it had to adjourn from the democratic head-quarters to the public square.

NOMINATION OF GENERAL SCOTT.—The whigs of Blair county, Pa., have nominated General Scott for the Presidency

BUCHANAN MEETING.—The friends of Mr. Buchanan were to hold a public meeting at Pittsburg on Monday evening. The call was signed by sixteen hundred names.

Miscellaneous.

A public meeting was held at Buffalo, on the 21st instant, at which resolutions were adopted inviting the State Agricultural Society to hold its next annual fair in that city.

The citizens of Syracuse and Salina, are to hold a meeting on the first Monday of January, for the purpose of deciding whether they will accept the city charter offered by the Legislature of the State.

Two lawyers, named Z. Hayner and J. P. Coon, had a regular set-to in the county court, Judge Parmelee, at Troy, on Friday last. We do not learn that they were committed for the offence.

The Weekly Herald, and the Herald for Europe,

In consequence of New Year's Day occurring on Saturday, we shall issue the *Weekly Herald* for this week, this morning, instead of to-morrow, as heretofore. It will contain the whole of the recent European news—the latest news from the seat of war, and our usual digest of Congressional, commercial, political, and miscellaneous news.

The *Herald for Europe*, per steamship Hibernia, which vessel will leave here to-morrow, will be ready at eight o'clock that morning, and will contain a *resumé* of American intelligence of every kind, since the sailing of the last steamship.

Our office will remain open till 10 o'clock.

The Presidential Herald.

This journal will be published once a week, at a dollar a year. It will be the size of the daily *Herald*, and will be perfectly unique in its kind. It will contain all the political matter of the week—giving all the movements of the different Presidential candidates and their friends, at full length. It will also contain the money and produce markets. Each number will contain a leading editorial article, embracing a philosophical view of the movements of the week—the progress of the candidates—their chances of success—the rise and fall of the political barometer, so as to give to every man throughout the country a correct and accurate idea of the progress of the Presidential election.

We have already had numerous inquiries for it, and doubt not it will have a tremendous circulation, judging from appearances—probably a hundred thousand subscribers.

The Annual Pictorial Herald.

The *Annual Pictorial Herald*, which we have been preparing for several weeks past, is now ready for delivery. It can be obtained at the office, in wrappers ready for mailing.

It contains nothing but illustrations of Mexico, not an important one of which will be omitted, from the first encampment of Major General (then Brevet Brigadier General) Taylor, and his small army of 3,500 men, at Corpus Christi, to the reduction of the city of Mexico and the planting of the American standard on the Halls of the Montezumas.

It also contains a list of all the battles, from that of Palo Alto to that of Atlixco, with the names of the commanders, the day on which they occurred, the force engaged on each side, and the number of killed and wounded, so far as can be ascertained in the absence of full official accounts.

Single copies six pence.

Phrenology—Flower and Wells, 131 Nassau street, will this day publish the first number of the Edinburgh Quarterly Phrenological Journal, and Magazine of Moral and Intellectual Science, for 1848. This great work will be well printed, containing 112 large octavo pages, with a beautiful portrait and autograph of the greatest living phrenological advocate, Mr. George Combe, author of the Constitution of Man, and other valuable works. This number will contain the following papers:—National Education, by George Combe; Phrenology, its nature and uses, by Dr. Andrew Combe; Phrenology and Mesmerism, the true scientific spirit in which they should be examined; Heads of Dissolute Females, Dr. Elliston on Baron Reichenbach's Researches; Scotish Criminals; Lectures on Phrenology; Precocity of Intellect; Phrenological Class &c. &c. Terms, only $2 per year. FOWLER & WELLS, 131 Nassau street. Mr. Fowler is now in the city. Call at 131 Nassau street.

The Plumbe National Daguerrean Gallery, on the upper corner of Broadway and Murray street, is the best place in the city to obtain pictures by the Daguerreotype process, which, by the way, is not confined to clear weather, as formerly. We have seen as fine pictures made during the late dull weather as we ever saw in our lives.

The Holidays—The Ladies' Delight.—The ladies must bear in mind that the splendid Washing Machine, which the subscriber exhibited at the Fair at Castle Garden, called the Ladies' Delight, took the first premium, as it deserved to do, and since that time thousands of them have been sold, and have given satisfaction to all who purchased them. No more suitable or useful present for the holidays could be made. There are a few more on hand and for sale, at $7 each, and a fortnight's trial given, by THOMAS DOBSON, No. 13 Morris street.

Holiday Presents, at Atwill's Music Repository, 201 Broadway.—The advertiser invites the attention of purchasers to his extensive stock of goods, among which is the splendid "Jenny Lind Annuil;" New Music, beautifully embellished and tastefully ornamented with ribbons, &c.; Books of Popular Songs, bound in a variety of styles and prices. No present can be more appropriate than the above for the coming holidays. Piano Fortes and Harps, of every description of wood and finish, of superior tone and durability. Flutes and Flageolets, of ivory, cocoa wood and box wood, with one to ten keys of silver and brass. Guitars, of superior manufacture, with and without the patent heads, in cases—Musical Instruments of every kind, of brass or wood. No. 7 of "Beauties of the Opera," for January, is now published, and is a beautiful present, as it comprises the latest music, with highly colored lithograph titles. Purchasers are invited to call at ATWILL'S, Sign of the Golden Lyre, 201 Broadway, near Fulton st.

Just Received per Ship Northumberland.—A beautiful assortment of cut glass, sterling silver top smelling bottles of best quality, made for the London retail trade; also, rich cut cologne water bottles, all new patterns.—RUSHTON & CO., 110 Broadway, and 10 Astor House.

"Scott's" five per cent. Store, 94 Nassau st., opposite our office.—Gentlemen wishing to appear to good "advantage" (while making their calls on New Year's Day) are invited to call on our friend over the way and examine his superb assortment of Shirts, Bosoms, Collars, Stocks, Gloves, Cravats, and Under Garments, all of which he offers at 20 per cent. below Broadway prices. Remember, 94 Nassau street.

Gold and Silver Watches for New Year's Presents—J. Y. Savage, No. 92 Fulton street, having added to his already large and beautiful assortment of Gold Watches, a new style of Ladies Gold Watch, of the most unique and elegant description, designed expressly for the New Year; and having made arrangements enabling him to undersell any house in the trade, invites all who are seeking a desirable New Year present, to give him a call. Gold Watches from $20 upward. Watches bought or exchanged

General Depot for Bagley's Gold Pens, 169 Broadway, at the sign of the Revolving Pyramid.—Bagley's are, by common consent, the best Pens in the world. The largest assortment and the lowest prices will be found at BUCKLAND & SUMNER'S.

Gold Pens for New Year's presents.—Persons desirous of making an acceptable New Year's present, are requested to examine the extensive assortment of Gold pens, Gold and silver pen and pencil cases, &c., for sale by B. E. Watson & Co., 45 William, one door below Wall st., opposite the Merchant's Exchange, and by J. Y. Savage, 92 Fulton street. The "Richelieu" Gold pen, in the new style of Gold cases, just introduced by them, cannot be surpassed, either in beauty or utility, and is without exception, the most desirable gift of the season. Ladies Gold pens in Gold and silver cases, of the most elegant description, which, together with an infinite variety of Gold pens and pencils, they are selling at a great reduction from the usual prices. Gold pens repaired or exchanged.

Gold Pens.—Clark, Brother & Co., No. 33 John street, corner of Nassau.—The extraordinary demand for these pens, in so short a time after their first appearance in the market, is a sufficient guaranty of their superiority over all others. For smoothness of point and beauty of finish, they excel anything yet offered to the public. They have also an excellent quality of low priced pens, together with a full assortment of gold and silver pens and pencil cases of very superior style, wholesale and retail.

For Holiday Presents—Diamond Pointed Gold Pens—Those who would make acceptable presents on the coming holidays, cannot find a more useful article than the Gold Pen, provided it be one that is durable and warranted. John W. Greaton & Co., No 71 Cedar street, have the largest and best assortment to be found in the city, which they are selling much lower than any other house in the trade, in Gold or Silver cases. Gold Pens repointed and repaired.

Fine Cutlery.—The Subscribers invite attention to their assortment of Pen, Pocket and Sportsmen's Knives, warranted Razors, and polished Steel Goods, &c. Also, for the convenience of their customers, they have made arrangements for the repairing of all kinds of Cutlery; having engaged superior workmen, they will be enabled to execute all orders in a manner that will give satisfaction G. SAUNDERS & SON, 177 Broadway, opposite Howard Hotel.

Portable Shaving Cases.—The most portable, and the most complete article now manufactured, having every requisite for a gentleman's toilet, and as a travelling companion, invaluable. For sale at G. SAUNDERS & SON, 177 Broadway, a few doors above Courtlandt street.

Unparalleled Attraction for the Holidays. Splendid New Year's presents at the Lafayette Bazaar, 149 and 151 Broadway. The proprietor, F. A. ARTAULT, has just imported $50,000 worth of Fancy Goods to replenish his before magnificent array; and he is justified in saying that no establishment of the kind can claim any comparison with his, either in regard to extent of his premises, the courtesy and intelligence of his clerks, or the variety, beauty, excellence and cheapness of his wares. The Bazaar has become the resort for the most fashionable people of the city, and it shall be the proprietor's constant study to please all who honor him with their patronage.

Knox, with his accustomed brevity, would call the attention of his friends and the public, who are about purchasing a new Hat for themselves or friends, are respectfully invited to call and examine his unrivalled assortment, which cannot be excelled for beauty and elegance.

If you want a tip top pair of Boots for $4 50 or $4 75, go to JONES, No. 4 Ann street. He also has some very nice Boots at $3 50 and $4; and as for his French Patent Leather Congress Boots, for parties, at $4 25, they cannot be beat. Also, the best assortment of French Water Proof and Cork Sole Boots, to be found there, of any place in the city, equally low for cash.

The Best French Boots in the City can be bought at Young's for $4 50 equal to those sold in other stores at $6 and $7; do fine French Calf Boots made to order for the same; do, fine Calf Boots for $3 50, usually $5 in other stores. With the largest assortment of Patent Leather Boots, Shoes and Gaiters in the city. All goods are warranted to give satisfaction. Corner of Fulton and Nassau streets, at Wm. M. Young's, opposite our office.

Baby Jumper.—The patentee, "George W. Tuttle" 311 Broadway, of this useful and amusing invention has with much care, finished up a beautiful assortment, to which he would call the attention of those wishing something new for the Holidays.

MONEY MARKET.

Thursday, Dec. 30—6 P. M.

Quotations for stocks improved a fraction at the first board to-day. Harlem went up ¾ per cent; Norwich and Worcester ¾; Reading Railroad 1; Long Island ¼; Farmers' Loan ¼; Reading Bonds ¼; Mortgage Bonds ¼.

At the second board prices fell off, and the market closed at the rates current yesterday. The sales at both boards were only to a moderate extent.

The Hibernia takes out about $300,000 in specie.

Wall street has been in a perfect fever of excitement all day, in consequence of the rush of bill holders to find their redeemers. Many failed in so doing, and the greatest excitement existed. The brokers redeemed until their funds were exhausted; and then they refused everything offered—good, bad and indifferent The rates for redeeming all New York State money rapidly advanced, until five per cent was the lowest rate. The panic became so great that the amount offered exceeded the ability of the brokers to redeem, and hundreds of bill holders were turned away, without making an exchange of their bills. We should judge, from what we saw and heard, that between one and two millions of dollars had been redeemed up to 2 o'clock. In the midst of the panic, it was announced that the James Bank, the Franklin Bank of Chautauque County, and the Merchants' Bank of Chautauque County, had suspended, and the bills of these banks were taken in some cases at fifty per cent discount, but only a small amount could be sold at any price.

We annex a statement showing the condition of the suspended banks on the 1st of November:—

SUSPENDED BANKS, STATE OF NEW YORK.

	Loans.	Specie.	Circ'n.	Deposits.
Atlas Bank	—	100	178,205	—
Franklin Bk, Chateaugue co	—	100	50,000	—
James Bank	19,252	—	69,166	—
Mer Bk, Chautauqueco	—	500	291,000	—
Total		700	498,371	

No one will be astonished, after examining this exhibit, that these banks should suspend; they will, without doubt, on the contrary, wonder how they were able to stand so long. *Seven hundred dollars* in specie, will not go far towards redeeming *five hundred thousand dollars* of bank bills.

These suspensions are just what the proprietors of these shinplaster banks want. They can now buy up their bills for thirty, forty and fifty cents on the dollar; and when they get in a part or the whole of the issue go to the Comptroller, take up their securities, and make a handsome sum by the operation. The Atlas Bank, for instance, has a circulation of $178,205; these bills can be bought up at fifty per cent, requiring only $89,103 to purchase the whole issue, which, upon presentation to the Comptroller, he delivers up the securities, and the financiers make $89,103—a very neat sum to swindle out of the laboring classes.

There are a number of other banks in this State in a similar condition to those named above, and it would be well for the public to be on their guard. Many banks have been forcing out their bills in every way, during the present pressure in the money market, and they have got their circulation up to a high point. Many of them are just upon an explosion point. The owners of these banks have everything to gain by suspending, and nothing to lose; and the character of these fog financiers is such as induces us to believe that they will not let such an opportunity pass. They will take advantage of the present panic to let their banks explode. The panic has not yet reached its height; to-morrow will be another exciting day in Wall street.

The Tradesmen's Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., payable January 5th.

The Bank of America has declared a dividend of three and a half per cent., payable on the 6th of January.

The Newark Banking and Insurance Company have declared a dividend of three and a half per cent., payable on and after the 3d of January next.

The Morris and Essex Railroad Company have declared a dividend of three and a half per cent., payable on and after 3d of January, at the Newark Banking and Insurance Co.

Funds for the semi-annual payment of two per cent interest on the State bonds of Indiana, have been provided, and the payments will be made on Monday at the office of the agents, Winslow & Perkins, Wall street. The amount necessary for this payment was borrowed of the State Bank of Indiana, in anticipation of the collection of taxes. The revenue of the State is not generally made available to the treasury until March, in each year. For the year ending Nov. 1st, 1847, the tolls received on the canal amounted to $125,982 71, being an increase of $20,725 67 over those for the preceding year.

The receipts for land sold by the trustees, amount to upwards of $90,000, of which $28,176 was applicable to canal obligations. The first instalment of interest on the canal 6 per cent loan certificates, is in hand, and will be paid on the 1st proximo, when it falls due.

The quantity of merchandise transported over the Boston and Worcester Railroad during the year ending on the 30th of November last, amounted to 284,000 tons, which exceeds an average of 900 tons per day. The freight money paid for the transportation of this merchandise, to the three railroads which form the two lines terminating in Boston, was $967,000. One half the amount was transported a distance of 200 miles, and the average cost of the whole transportation was about $3 40 a ton.

The following table will show the circulation, specie on hand, and deposits, in the New Hampshire banks on the first Monday in December:—

BANKS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Banks.	Circul'n.	Specie.	Deposits.
Ashuelot	$93,641	8,247 36	10,711 12
Belknap county	47,310	2,381 16	6,630 67
Cheshire	25,456	6,140 69	20,042 31
Connecticut River	79,176	7,881 56	41,357 85
Dover	72,479	5,469 45	32,518 60
Derry	55,723	2,829 26	3,741 09
Granite	77,123	6,499 69	21,993 30
Great Falls	46,271	4,916 63	10,243 23
Lebanon	97,616	12,479 15	23,793 61
Lancaster	39,854	1,016 79	21,413 61
Mechanics'	94,165	8,103 23	64,815 01
Manufacturers'	76,848	6,305 54	6,409 15
Merrimack County	78,090	12,652 60	21,398 99
Mechanics' and Traders'	168,365	10,793 81	57,256 63
Manchester	99,997	5,456 47	39,412 14
Nashua	97,720	14,818 88	66,657 28
Piscataqua Exchange	195,291	10,617 75	61,884 17
Rockingham	115,779	17,429 91	53,545 49
Rochester	71,637	7,649 81	6,127 75
Strafford	66,242	4,040 54	15,619 38
	$1,746,165	145,360 13	590,535 51

In addition to the specie and other property, the banks have $110,246 58 of the notes of other banks on hand, and $434,829 deposited in other banks, for the redemption of their notes. The total capital of all the banks is $1,985,900.

The leading departments of these institutions compare as follows:—

	Sept. 1844.	June 1846.	Dec. 1847.
Circulation	981,233	1,183,962	1,746,165
Specie	115,334	136,298	155,360
Deposits	372,064	449,914	590,535

Since September last, there has been an increase in the circulation, of $60,916; in specie, of $4,545, and a decrease in the deposits of $61,192. The line of discounts of the banks of New Hampshire has, within the past two years increased about fifty per cent. The amount of loans in September last was $3,667,512.

The message of Governor Pratt, of Maryland, to the Legislature of that State, gives a brief statement of the public finances. It appears that, by the operations of the two years ending December, 1846, the amount of interest had been reduced to less than one million three hundred thousand dollars; and during the past year more than four hundred thousand dollars of arrears of interest have been paid, leaving, on the 1st of December, instant, an amount of interest to be funded, of less than nine hundred thousand dollars. The existing revenue system is imperfect in many particulars, and the Governor recommends that the system be examined and improved, by the increase of the present, or the imposition of other taxes.

The expenses of the State have been reduced by the passage of the biennial session bill, and the revenue required under the new order of things, is less than eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The expenses of the legislature are estimated at $128,000; interest on the public debt, exclusive of the funded debt of October, 1847, $651,821; interest of the funded debt of October, 1847, about $64,000—making an aggregate of $843,421, as the annual demands upon the State Treasury. The gross receipts of the Treasury, during the past year, amounted to more than $1,300,000. The Treasury has provided for the January interest, on both the sterling and currency debts, and has on hand a sum more than sufficient to pay the expenses of the present session of the legislature, and the quarter's interest which will fall due in April next.

A very great increase in the receipts from all the sources of revenue, except the direct tax, is estimated for another year, and the gross income of the State will be much larger in 1848, and the expenditures less than in 1847. The estimates of the State Treasurer for the past year, have been largely exceeded, particularly that relative to the direct tax; the receipts from that source having been $269,821 greater than calculated upon. This excess the past year, will, it is supposed, diminish the receipts from the direct tax this year, and the amount estimated from that source, is put down at three hundred thousand dollars. This is, in our opinion, too small an estimate. The income from the direct tax last year, was $769,821, and the estimate $500,000. So great a reduction as that exhibited in the estimate for 1848, is not warranted, and will not, we trust, be realized.

The actual receipts for the past year, from all the sources of revenue other than the direct tax, have amounted to $600,000. Supposing that the receipts from these sources, during the present year, amount to the same, which, with the $300,000, the estimated receipts from the direct tax, the aggregate revenue will amount to $900,000. It is, therefore, clear that the receipts for 1848, even upon this unfavorable calculation, will exceed the expenditures, nearly seventy thousand dollars. We have no doubt but that the revenue will exceed the expenditures a much larger amount than this. Within the past three years a very great change has taken place in the finances of Maryland. From a delinquent, it has taken a permanent position among the prompt dividend paying States, and henceforth will rank as high as any other. The resumption has not been premature, and a relapse is beyond a contingency. With an increasing revenue and reduced expenditures, the Treasury of the State will be able to meet punctually, and in full, every demand upon it.

Stock Exchange.

$35000 Treas Notes, 6s	93⅞	25 shs Canton Co		snw	28⅜
3500 do	99	25 Nor & Wor			37⅝
10000 do	b10 99	100 Long Island RR			26¾
5000 do	b30 99	100 do		bnw	27
3000 U States 6s, '62	98⅛	650 Harlem RR			30
12000 Penn 5s, Sterling	72⅝	50 do		snw	39⅞
5000 do	73	100 do		b15	3 4⅜
5000 Reading Bonds s60	69	50 do		b10	29⅝
5000 do	69¼	475 do			39⅜
8000 Read M Bonds	65	50 do		b30	40¼
500 shs Read RR	59	200 do		b15	40
100 Canton Co	28⅛	25 Erie RR Scrip			78
25 do	28⅜				

Second Board.

$1000 Treas Notes	99	50 shs Harlem RR		b30	39¼
10000 do	98⅞	50 Reading Railroad			58⅞
100 shs Morris Canal	9¼	100 do		b5	58
150 Harlem RR	29⅛	50 do			58⅛
50 do	30⅛	100 do			58⅛
250 do	30	50 Long Isl RR			26⅛
300 do	30	300 Farmers' Loan			26⅜
50 do	b10 30⅜				

New Stock Exchange.

$5000 Treas N. 6s	s30 99	50 shs Harlem RR		snw	29⅛
100 shs L Isl RR	s3 26⅞	100 Far Loan		b30	27⅛
25 Canton Co	s3 28⅜	50 do		bnw	26⅞
50 Reading RR	cash 59⅛	50 do			26⅞
250 Harlem RR	cash 29⅞	100 do		s15	26⅜
50 do	s10 29⅞	50 do		b20	27
50 do	s10 29⅜				

CITY TRADE REPORT.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 30.

The market for flour exhibited no change, and sales of Michigan, Troy, Genesee, and Ohio continued to be made in various small parcels at about yesterday's prices. The sales making were chiefly for home use, there being few or no buyers for export at present prices. Transactions in wheat were small, while corn continued to sell at previous prices A considerable sale of New Jersey meal was made for future delivery. Rye was quiet—Oats were inactive. In provisions there were some sales of new mess pork, and of old do, and prime, on terms stated below. In groceries, transactions continued light, without material change in prices.

ASHES—Sales of about 100 bbls pots were reported at $5 50, and 30 do pearls at $7.

BEESWAX—A sale of 1000 lbs yellow was reported at 21c.

BREADSTUFFS—*Flour*—The sales only footed up about 2000 a 2500 bbls of all kinds, in different small lots, among which were 2 a 300 bbls straight brands Michigan, at $6 18¾; 300 do at $6 12½; 200 common Ohio, at $6 12½; 200 do good, at $6 25, including small lots Genesee, at $6 25 a $6 37½ Southern was inactive, and we continue to quote Howard street and Alexandria at $6 50. *Wheat*—We have only to notice a sale of 1050 bushels Genesee, at $1 36. *Corn*—The sales footed up about 10,000 a 15,000 bushels, including 4000 round northern, at 78c; 3000 New Jersey, new white, at 69c; 3000 do North Carolina, new white, at the same price. A small sale of 400 bushels yellow was made at 75½c. *Meal*—Sales 1000 bbls New Jersey were made, deliverable in March next, at $3 37½. *Rye*—No change. *Rye Flour*—Sales of 100 bbls were made at $4 25, and 100 do at $4. *Oats*—No sales of moment were reported.

CANDLES—Sperm, no change.

COTTON—Prices remained about the same, with moderate sales.

COTTON—The sales to-day were estimated at nearly 1000 bales, which were taken entirely by manufacturers, and at very full prices.

FEATHERS—Sales of 2000 pounds Western live geese, were made at 36c.

FISH—Nothing doing.

FRUIT—There was no change in the prices of bunch raisins, wet dried were making at old prices. Sales of 400 barrels peanuts were made at $1 12½.

HIDES—The year will close with a light stock on hand, say 80,000, out of an importation rising of 1,000,000 (one million) for the year. This shows a large increase in the consumption, notwithstanding which the stocks of leather and of boots and shoes are said to be unusually light. It is evident, therefore, that the wants of the country have increased materially, and warranted the enlarged consumption of hides; although some allowance may be made for the war, which has added materially to the consumption. On the other hand, the foreign demand for leather, which has been in a measure cut off this year, by the commercial revulsions in England, may revive with a revival of her commercial interests, and thus cause a better demand.

HEMP—Nothing new.

LEATHER—The stock was very light, say 170,000 sides, all told, which was much less than has been known for years, at this season, and not much over one half the stock supposed to have been on hand last year. Prices, however, have ruled low for a month back, owing to causes to which we have before alluded. The stock of hides, now out, and tanning, is large, compared with that of last year; but not so much so, compared with some years previous. That fact, however, has had the effect of depressing prices, and some dealers have predicted low prices next summer, in consequence. It may be considered that the scarcity of bark, with an increased stock of hides out tanning, may prolong the period of their manufacture and return. We quote at private sale middling and light weights hemlock sole, 15 to 16½; heavy weights, 14 to 15c; damaged, 8 to 14c; oak tanned sole, slaughter, 20 to 23c; upper, in rough, 17 to 20c. When the annual reports are made up we shall endeavor to obtain the results and publish them at an early day.

LEAD was quiet.

NAVAL STORES—Sales of 800 barrels North county rosin, were made at 65c, and 25 barrels spirits turpentine at 40c, cash. There was no change in other descriptions.

OILS—Linseed—There was no change of moment in either English or American, and sales were moderate; crude sperm was held, at New Bedford, at firmer rates, say $1 05. There was no change in whale. Manufactured winter sperm remained the same.

PROVISIONS—Sales of 100 barrels Baltimore mess pork were made at $11 87½ a $12; 80 barrels Baltimore hams sold at 8c, and 100 do shoulders at 5c. Sales of 140 barrels new mess were made (40) at $11 50, and the remainder at $11 87½ a $12. Lard—sales of 200 barrels, in lots, (new) via New Orleans, were made at 8c. Butter—Inferior was very dull, while this State prime quality, was in steady demand for home use. Cheese—Sales of 200 casks, this State, were made at 6½c, at 60 days, interest added.

RICE—The market exhibited no change, and sales were moderate.

SALT—A sale of 500 sacks fine was made by auction at $1 29, cash.

SUGAR—No sales of moment were reported.

WHALEBONE was dull at 28 cents for northwest, and 29a29½c for South sea.

WHISKEY—No sales of moment transpired.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool 20s was offered for cheese, and 25s asked. There was no change in grain or flour to the same port. To Rotterdam asnes were taken at 32s 6d. To London naval stores were steady at 3s; heavy goods at 32s 6d, and cheese at 35s.

Married.

On Tuesday evening, the 28th instant, by Rev. Henry Chase, Mr. PETER V. VAN HOUTTEN, to ELIZA REID, all of this city.

Died.

On Thursday morning, Dec. 30, ABIGAIL M. C