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WHOLE NO. 6330. MORNING EDITION—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1853. PRICE TWO CENTS.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A CARD—RURAL DISTRICTS IN LIBERIA—THE progress and position of the place.—The necessity of aiding emigrants in laying a foundation for the development of the agricultural resources of Liberia has long since been conceded in the public mind; but the want of a feasible plan to secure the co-operation of the several States has neutralized all the efforts to make that country available to the colored people. But we have arrived at a new era in the history of immigration; and if the object is to adopt the most feasible plan to neutralize the prejudice against Liberia, there will be no delay to carry out the proposition for the formation of rural districts in that country. Having placed myself before the public as the advocate of the plan, through the advice of the late President and other members of the New York State Colonization Society, with the support given to it by other friends, makes it obligatory upon me to urge its adoption upon those who are able to carry it out. The plan is simple, yet sufficiently gigantic as a platform for the colored people to make an effort to alleviate their condition with the aid of their friends. Its ramifications extend through the country and to the Legislatures of eight States, and it has met with the approbation of all who have given it their attention. It was presented to the Board of Managers by a friend on the 14th of November, with a view to bring it out with its cognizance and support; we will endeavor to keep it before that body and the public until its merit is developed through the Legislature of the State, and for which the confidence of all who are favorable to its success is respectfully solicited.
(Signed.) LEWIS H. PUTNAM.
New York, Dec. 20, 1853.

EMMET MUTUAL B. B. SOCIETY.—A REGULAR meeting of this society will be held on this (Wednesday) evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the usual meeting room, 42 Prince street. Every member is requested to be present, as an election of officers will take place.
EDMUND BUTTER, President.
JOHN J. GRACE, Recording Secretary.

FAIR AND FESTIVAL.—THE LADIES OF ST. JOHN the Evangelist's Free Church will hold a fair and festival at Lafayette Hall, 585 Broadway, opposite Niblo's Garden, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 20, 21, and 22. The proceeds will be devoted to the fund for erecting a Free Protestant Episcopal Church in the western section of the city. A great variety of fancy articles, books, elegantly dressed dolls, toys, &c., suitable for holiday presents, at reasonable prices. Also copies of a splendid steel engraving, just published, of the Right Rev. Bishop Wainwright. A good band of music has been engaged for the evening.

GLOBE LODGE, NO. 387, I. O. O. F.—THE MEMBERS of the above lodge are notified to attend the regular meeting, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, as business of importance requires their attention. JOHN RODDICK, N. G.
J. WALLWORK, Secretary.

IMPORTANT TO PERSONS WISHING TO LEARN the daguerreotype art in all its branches.—Meade Brothers, having fitted up splendid galleries in Williamsburg, L. I., corner of Peck slip, with every accommodation for pupils wishing to learn the business as it should be learned, will be ready to receive pupils on the 1st of January until the 1st of February, 1854. Instruction will include all the late improvements in the art, the instantaneous process for taking moving objects; the new coloring process, &c., with quarter size apparatus, complete, and everything ready for operating—price $65. The instrument will be one of the best, of our own importation. (German, and warranted.) Application can be made at our galleries, 293 Broadway, New York, and as above. MEADE BROTHERS.

MASONIC.—ARCTURUS LODGE, NO. 274—THE MEMBERS of this lodge are directed to be present on Friday evening, Dec. 23, at the Masonic Temple, corner of Broome and Crosby streets, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. By order of the W. M.
C. ROBINSON, Secretary.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, NO. 1 BOWERY.—FREE lectures this evening, at 7½ o'clock, by John Collett, M. D., late President of the Medical Society of Westchester county, New York. Subject—"Physiology and the General Laws of Health." C. H. DELAVAN,
Chairman of Lecture Committee.

MITCHEL DINNER.—THE MEMBERS OF THE Mitchel Dinner Committee, and all persons holding tickets for the same, are particularly requested to meet at the Astor House on Thursday evening, 22d instant, at 7½ o'clock, as it is important to finally close the business on that evening. By order. B. O'CONNOR,
Chairman of Committee of Arrangements.

NEW ENGLANDERS' DINNER WILL TAKE PLACE on Friday, 23d inst., at 6 o'clock P. M., at the Astor House—not on Thursday, 22d, as erroneously printed on some of the tickets. E. KINGSBURY, Secretary.

THE LADIES OF CALVARY PROTESTANT EPISCOpal Free Church, Williamsburg, will hold a fair and festival at the Odeon, this afternoon and evening.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—I HEREBY FORBID all persons trusting any one on my account, and I also revoke all powers of attorney given by me, as I shall not pay any debts contracted on my account after this date.
December 21, 1853. OSCAR P. F. KALLENBACH.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR OFFICERS OF THE Mercantile Library Association will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 1854. The polls will remain open from 9 A. M. till 6 P. M. D. REYNOLDS BUDD, Secretary pro tem.

NOTICE.—THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE BONNER Mining Company, are requested to meet at the office of the Ocore Mining Company, No. 6 Wall street, on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 12 M. By order A. JAY SMITH, Secretary pro tem.

MUSICAL.

A SPLENDID $300 ROSEWOOD PIANOFORTE, 7-OCtave, full, round corner panelled, metallic frame, superior tone, is offered for $175. Been used but three months, is perfect in all respects fully warranted by the best makers. It can be seen from 9 till 1 o'clock, at 113 Leonard st.

FOR SALE—ONE SECOND HAND UPRIGHT PIANO; a handsome and powerful instrument. For sale low. Apply at 31 Gold street.

MR. CHARLES HAHN, LATELY ARRIVED FROM Germany, has the honor to announce to the public of this city, that he proposes to give lessons on the violin and pianoforte. He was educated as an artist, under the eminent David, and at the Leipsic Conservatory, one of the best institutions of the kind in Europe, and from which he received a diploma. He performed in the last Philharmonic concert with great eclat. His residence is 37 Greene street, where he may be seen from 11 till 1 o'clock A. M. He refers, by permission, to Mr. H. C. Timm, Mr. W. Scharfenberg, and T. Schubert & Co.

PIANOFORTE PURCHASERS—IF YOU ARE NOT A good judge you can have the advantage of my experience of twenty years, as a dealer and teacher of the science. At home at 12 o'clock daily. Or line attended to punctually. R. M. CONDON, Professor of the Pianoforte, No. 575 Broadway. Fee, three dollars.

PIANOS AT A BARGAIN.—TWO SUPERIOR, BRILliant toned, seven octave rosewood pianos, warranted in every respect. Purchasers would do well to call and examine at 47 Sullivan street, or at the factory, 672 Greenwich street.

PIANOS.—THREE SECOND HAND PIANOS, AT $50, $60 and $160; one very superior new seven octave piano, and one six and three quarter octave do., very cheap. Also, watches, chains, spectacles, segars, safe, mirrors, &c., &c. Cash advances for short periods in sums to suit on dry goods, groceries, hardware, furniture, pianos, books, stationery, watches, jewelry, mercantile, and personal property generally. J. F. JONES, 52 Ann street, second floor.

PUBLICATIONS.

HOLIDAY BOOKS, BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED and elegantly bound, at the Bible House Bookstore.—J. H. WATSON, bookseller and stationer, Nos. 8 and 10 Bible House.—The Wilkie Gallery, 4to. aut. mor.; The Vernon Gallery, 4to., do. do.; Pilgrimages to English Shrines, by Mrs. S. C. Hall, 8vo., cl., gilt and mor.; Poetry of the Year, 4to. aut.; Follos of Flowers, Fruits and Birds, in rich binding; Turner's Review of France, cl., gilt and mor.; Hall's British Ballads, clo. gt.; Scotia's Bards, clo., clo. gt., clf, gt. mor.; Bow in the Cloud, or Covenant Mercy for the Afflicted, clo. gt., clf. gt., mor. ex.; Homes of American Statesmen, clo., clo. gt., mor.; Homes of American Authors, do., do. do.; Abbott's Homes, by Mrs. Kirkland, clo. gt. and mor.; Morris' Poetical Works, clo. gt. and mor.; Standard Poets and Authors, various editions and styles of binding. A large stock of juveniles, children's writing desks and games, fancy articles, toilet articles, &c., &c.

THE FIRST NUMBER OF THE CITIZEN, TO BE CONducted by John Mitchel, assisted by Thomas Francis Meagher, will be published on Saturday, January 7th. Terms—Three dollars per annum, or six cents the single copy payable invariably in advance. All communications to be addressed to JOHN MITCHEL, Citizen office, No. 3 Spruce street, New York.

THE WORK OF THE SEASON—THE ILLUSTRATED Magazine of Art for 1853.—Now complete, and bound in one or two volumes—The Illustrated Magazine of Art for 1853—This is a splendid work for the centre table or library, or as a gift book. An analysis of the work will show its literary and pictorial riches:—There are 45 engravings on separate plates, besides 25 of antiquities, 39 of architecture, 50 of domestic scenery, 44 of the great painters, 30 of natural history, 33 portraits, 38 of scientific and manufacturing processes, and 71 of public buildings. The design and execution of these engravings and the letter press exceed anything in the market. The work may be had in 2 vols. plain edges, at $4, or gilt edges $4 50; in one vol. gilt edge $4 25. History of Hungary and the Magyars richly illustrated, complete in one vol., elegantly bound, $1 50. This is an unique work. The Ladies' Drawing Room and Work Book in one vol., richly bound, $3.
ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY, 17 Spruce street.

THIS DAY PUBLISHED—MUSICAL REPOSITORY, double number, price 12½ cents. Nos. 4 and 5, in two sheets together, containing vocal and instrumental selection from Meyerbeer's magnificent Opera "Il Profeta." ALEX MONTGOMERY, 17 Spruce street, and all booksellers. N.B.—The four first numbers, bound in monthly parts, price 25 cents.

LIQUORS, &c.

CONSTANTIA WINE—NOW LANDING PER POWhatan, from Rotterdam, 25 cases, each two dozen half bottles, of this extremely rare and delicious dessert wine, of the vintage of 1846, a famous year. For sale by
CAMPBELL BROTHERS, No. 4 Pine st.

CLUB HOUSE GIN—THE SUBSCRIBERS OFFER FOR sale, in cases of twelve Dutch flasks each, this rare brand of Rotterdam gin, being the pure spirit in its finest drinkable condition and flavor, the same as is used by the first club houses in Europe, put up by one of our firm resident in Holland expressly for ourselves. CAMPBELL BROTHERS,
Sole Importers, No. 4 Pine street.

COCKINK'S DOUBLE CURACOA—JUST RECEIVED, direct from the house at Amsterdam, 50 cases Curacoa, white and red, of a very high grade, for sale by
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HAVANA SEGARS.—28,000 REGALIAS, TOMA DE Jolo; 16,000 do., for de maya; 22,000 Londres, toma de Jo. The above invoice of Havana segars will be sold on favorable terms, and at very low prices, (in or out of bond,) for the balance of a consignment. Apply to M. Garcia & Co., 143 Fulton street, or C. Nagle, tobacco broker, 88 Wall street.

LONDON DOCK, OTARD, AND CHAMPAGNE BRANdies; London cordial and Club House gin; pale cabinet and Duff Gordon sherries; London particular, south side, and other choice Madeiras; London dock, Queens and treble grape ports; choice cordials and liqueurs, in wood and glass, for sale by GAULON & CO., 116 Canal street.

SEGARS! SEGARS!—$30,000, FROM $3 TO $5; 40,000 from $5 to $10, and $20,000 from $15 to $24 per thousand. Sold to clear advance at about half the usual price. Call soon, for they must be sold. Apply to L. P. ALDRICH, 68 Chrystie street, up stairs.

WHISKEY, WINES, BRANDIES, ALES, PORTER, &C., &c., of pure and superior quality, for church and medical purposes, family use, &c., &c., imported and sold cheaper by the subscribers than by any other house in New York. McLOUGHLIN & McNAMEE, 61 Fulton street.

REWARDS.

$25 REWARD.—LOST IN EIGHTH AVENUE, NEAR Forty-ninth street, a black purse mountain, containing $75 dollars, and a receipt for lead pipe $8 of the money being in gold and the balance in bills. The finder will receive the above reward by leaving the same at the office of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company. It was lost on Saturday, Dec. 17.

$5 REWARD.—LOST, ON THE MORNING OF THE 18th of December, in Sixteenth street, between Fifth and Eighth avenues, a small King Charles dog, answering to the name of Pinkey. The finder will receive the above reward by leaving him at No. 8 West Sixteenth street.

$2 REWARD.—LOST, IN GOING FROM BEDFORD place, Brooklyn, to Eighteenth street, New York, a hair bracelet, with gold clasp. The finder will receive the above reward by presenting it to W. T. Boardman, No. 194 Broadway.

$2 REWARD.—LOST, A SHIPPING RECEIPT BOOK, belonging to us. The finder will receive the above reward by leaving it at Thomas Hope & Co.'s, 132 Chambers street.

$3 REWARD.—LOST, ON MONDAY NIGHT, IN Dreitbach's Menagerie, or in a Wall street and Madison avenue stage, a lady's small gold chain. The above reward will be given on returning the chain to A. J. Meyer, 164 William street.

FIRE AT COLONADE ROW, COLUMBIA STREET, Brooklyn, on the morning of the 20th December, 1853.—$25 reward. Lost, stolen or taken away by mistake, a box, about the size and appearance of a carpenter's tool chest, very strongly made, patent lock, handles on each end, and painted lead color, containing a variety of family silver forks, old style, motto, "Vi et arte," with a mailed hand and broken spears; spoons same mark; other spoons marked "S. J. H.;" two silver pitchers, marked "Bradbury," with a stag crest; also, cake baskets, fruit stands, &c. The above reward will be paid to any one giving information as to where the box is to be found. It having been placed, with other furniture, in the vacant lot opposite the fire, it may have been removed by mistake. Lost, also, three or four leather trunks, marked "Lydia Haight" on a brass plate, and "L. H." in printed letters, containing children's and ladies' clothing. Persons having unclaimed articles rescued from the fire will please to confer a favor by addressing a note to Lydia Haight, Carlton House, New York.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT LAST, IN A Broadway omnibus, a portemonnaie, containing sundries of little value, and a small sum of money, which will be restored to the owner less cost of advertisement, on receiving such a description of the article and contents as will admit of no mistake. Address A., box 1,153 Post Office.

LOST—DECEMBER 19, A GOLD LOCKET, WITH TWO daguerreotypes inside, with Maggie engraved on the outside. The finder will receive a liberal reward by leaving it at 21 Madison avenue.

LOST,—LEFT BY MISTAKE, ON SATURDAY EVENing, 17th inst., either in East Broadway, Henry, or Madison streets, a drab Kersey overcoat, marked J. H. Morrell. Whoever will return the same or send us word where we may get it will be suitably rewarded. P. C. BARNUM & CO., 194 and 196 Chatham square.

LOST OR STOLEN—$50 REWARD.—ONE H. D. GOLD hunting duplex watch, by T. F. Cooper, London, No. 3,433. The above reward will be paid by leaving the watch with Mott & Brothers, No. 2 Nassau street.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

$1,000 TO $2,000.—A PARTNER IS WANTED, IN an elegantly furnished drinking saloon, or the whole concern would be sold for cash. It pays over $4,000 per year, and is well established. Ill health is the cause of selling. Address Mordecai, Broadway Post Office.

A PARTNER WANTED—THAT CAN COMMAND $10,000, to invest with the advertiser, in a manufacturing business that has been fully tested, and will pay fifty per cent. Satisfactory reference given. Address G. H., Herald office.

A SPECIAL PARTNER, WITH A CAPITAL OF $10,000 to $20,000, is wanted to unite with two young men in a business which will pay to the special at least an interest of from fifteen to twenty per cent per annum, without risk or chance of loss. The parties advertising possess all the requisites for doing the business advantageously and profitably, namely, youth, enterprise, and good reputation. Full evidence will be shown of the security of the investment. Address F. M. W., Broadway Post Office.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING under the name of Marsh & Penney, is this day dissolved, by mutual consent. J. C. MARSH,
G. PENNEY.
New York, Dec. 20, 1853.
The subscriber, J. C. Marsh, being grateful for the liberal patronage bestowed upon the old firm, respectfully solicits a continuance of the same. All demands against the late firm of Marsh & Penney will be settled at No. 25 John street, by J. C. MARSH.

WANTED—IN THE IRON RAILING AND FOUNDRY business, a partner, with a cash capital of five thousand dollars. He must be a man of thorough business qualifications, acquainted with one or both branches of the trade. The business is already established, with engine, machinery, tools, flasks, and every facility for doing a profitable business, as it is one of the best locations in America. Address Sheldon, Broadway Post Office.

WANTED—A PARTNER, WHO WOULD BE WILLING to invest from $500 to $1,000, cash, in an established and paying business. Address, with real name, C. H. P., Herald office.

INSTRUCTION.

ALL READ.—THE BEST SYSTEM AND TEACHER OF writing is Mr BRISTOW. A free rapid, legible, elegant, graceful hand, is positively taught to ladies and gentlemen of all ages, in twelve easy lessons, for a few dollars. New pupils received day and evening, at Mr B's parlors, No. 293 Broadway. Private instruction. Visiting cards written. GEORGE BRISTOW.

ACADEMY OF PENMANSHIP AND BOOKKEEPING.—The subscriber will receive new pupils daily during the week. Citizens and strangers are invited to call at this splendid academy and obtain circulars. Ladies or gentlemen may receive private instruction at hours suiting their convenience. OLIVER B. GOLDSMITH, 337 Broadway.

AN ENGLISH LADY, ENGAGED IN TUITION FOR some time, having some hours in the day disengaged, wishes to obtain a few more pupils, whom she would instruct at their own residences in the French, Italian and English languages, drawing, painting in water colors, and embroidery. Address Miss Vernon, Herald office.

BOOKKEEPING, ARITHMETIC, &C., THOROUGHLY taught, on reasonable terms, by W. J. KENVILLE, 289 Broadway. Each student is separately instructed and rapidly advanced in his studies, while the knowledge imparted to him is readily available in practice. Open day and evening.

FRENCH LANGUAGE.—MONSIEUR AND MADAME DUBOS, both graduates of the University of Paris, have opened new classes for beginners in the French language. Ladies' classes in the afternoon; gentlemen's classes in the evening. Private lessons in French, Latin, Greek and drawing. Apply at No. 573 Broadway, opposite the Metropolitan Hotel.

GOVERNESS—A RESPECTABLE YOUNG ENGLISH lady wishes to obtain an engagement to teach children under ten years of age the several branches of an English education, together with fancy work; she would also undertake to assist in plain sewing and housekeeping, and would make herself generally useful and obliging to any family she may engage with. Address Miss Gorden, Herald office.

SPANISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES—A YOUNG man, who can give good references, professor of those languages, will give lessons in either of them, at his house or at those of the pupils, or in any college in the city. Address a note to T. Morales 79 Varick street.

FINE ARTS.

TO THE BOOK AND PRINT SELLERS OF THE United States.—Mr. BAXTER, the inventor and patentee of oil color picture printing, begs leave to inform the trade that he is prepared to supply his pictures wholesale at a liberal discount from the selling prices, as per catalogue, (cash.) Remittances can be forwarded direct, with the order, to the patentee, Mr. George Baxter, 11 and 12 Northampton square, London, or through any London house having connections in America. The goods will be sent immediately upon the receipt of order and remittance. Catalogue forwarded per post (free) upon application by letter.

CLOTHING, &c.

CAST-OFF CLOTHING.—$2,000 WORTH WANTED.—The highest cash price will be liberally given, in current money, for large or small lots of good left off clothing of every description. Address through post, or call on JAMES MORONEY, at his secondhand store, No. 11 Orange street, near Chatham.

CLOTHING AND FURNITURE.—LADIES AND GENtlemen having any to dispose of can receive the utmost value in cash by sending to the stores, 12 West Broadway place, and 52 West Broadway, or letter per post. S. JOHEN, N. B.—Ladies attended by Mrs. Cohen.

SPORTING, &c.

CHALLENGE OF THE CALIFORNIA GRIZZLY BEAR accepted.—To the proprietor of the grizzly bear, No 25 Bowery.—Sir:—I have an African lion, now on exhibition at the corner of Broadway and Walker street, the largest ever in this country, which I am willing to match against any California monster, not barring any weight or size, the match to come off at any convenient place, between the 15th and 30th of March, for the sum of $2,000; the fight to be governed by the usual rules and usages of the pit.
GEO. McDONALD,
No. 401 Broadway, corner of Walker street.

DOG LOST—NEAR THE PARK, ON MONDAY MORNing, 19th inst., a large white and liver-colored pointer. He had on a steel collar, with the owner's name engraved thereon. Three dollars will be paid for his delivery at No. 65 Beekman street, corner of Gold, second story.

DOG LOST—ON MONDAY NIGHT, A SKYE TERRIER, color dark grey on the back, ears, and tail, with white breast and light grey legs; ears and tail short. Whoever will return the said dog to No. 111 Tenth street, between Broadway and University place, will be suitably rewarded.

DOG LOST.—LOST, A SIX MONTHS OLD BLACK SPOTted and gray speckled hound, having large ears, a large black spot on the back and side, head black and brown, with a white streak from nose to forehead and a naturally long tail. Whoever will return the same to the advertiser, Mr. Bulwinkel, 371 Sixth avenue, corner of Twenty-third street, will receive five dollars reward.

DOGS OF THE CHOICEST BREEDS KEPT EXpressly for stock and for sale.—Newfoundlands, King Charles spaniels, Scotch and English ratters, sporting dogs, among which are shepherd dogs, &c.; Chittagong and Shanghae fowls; at 205 Water street, corner of Fulton, up stairs. Please copy the address.

FURNITURE.

FURNITURE WANTED.—WANTED, FROM TWO TO four hundred dollars worth of furniture. Must be good, for which a good note at ninety days will be given. Address Furniture, Union square Post Office.

WANTED—TWO SUITS OF ROSEWOOD PARLOR furniture, for which cash will be paid. The price must be low; no objection if they have been used a short time. Address D. A. J., Herald office.

FANCY ARTICLES.

TIN TOYS.—A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF EVERY description of tin toys, and different sized cooking stoves for regular use, at 175 Bowery, by THOS. WAACK, in the tin store.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

HIGHLY INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

Anxiety Concerning the California Fillibustero Expedition.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR UPON THE CABINET.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

The Koszta Affair and Abolitionism.

SPEECHES OF GERRIT SMITH AND MR. PRESTON.

DEFEAT OF THE PROPOSITION TO PURCHASE MOUNT VERNON,

&c., &c., &c.

The News from Washington.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE NEW YORK HERALD.

THE CALIFORNIA FILLIBUSTERO EXPEDITION—ANXIETY OF THE PRESIDENT TO OVERHAUL THE INVADERS—THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF MOUNT VERNON, ETC.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1853.

The Sonora fillibustering has been the subject of a good deal of anxiety upon the part of the President, and it was intended yesterday to delay the sailing of the California steamer which sailed to-day from New York, till to morrow, the 21st, so as to take out an officer of the navy, with full instructions how to act. The rivalry, however, existing between the California steamers, rendered it hazardous, in the opinion of the Mail Steamship Company, to delay the sailing of the George Law. The Navy Department, therefore, this morning telegraphed instructions to go out by the steamer, and it is probable, if a United States vessel is not fallen in with at San Francisco, that the execution of the orders will be entrusted either to General Hitchcock or the Collector of the port. The great fear of the President is, that the fillibusters, from their inconsiderable numbers, may fall into the hands of the Mexicans; and if they do, it is more than probable they will all be hanged. This administration, unlike the last, in the case of the Cuban prisoners, would not look with indifference upon such a course; and independent of the feeling which it would create in California, it is possible the President would regard it almost as a *casus belli*. In any event, it would lead to a serious disturbance of the peaceable relations which now exist between the United States and Mexico.

The object of the government of the United States is, therefore, to capture these fillibusters, and have them tried in California for an infringement of the neutrality laws; and in order to facilitate this purpose, the Secretary of the Navy has authorized, as by law he has a right to do, that any of the Pacific mail steamers ready for service be taken by the United States authorities, and forthwith despatched in pursuit of the misguided men—to use the stereotyped phrase—who have engaged in the work of cutting up Mexico.

The prompt action on the part of the executive is deserving of the warmest commendations, and it is to be hoped will be successful in suppressing the insane and idiotic expedition.

The resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to purchase Mount Vernon, was very properly laid on the table by the House to-day. If Congress desires to purchase the place, a committee should be appointed to inquire into the subject and report to the House how much it will cost, and what sum the proprietor of Mount Vernon requires over the value of the adjoining land, for the remains of Washington. The proprietor of Mount Vernon deserves but little consideration for his conduct in the affair. X. Y. Z.

THE WAR UPON THE ADMINISTRATION—THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE CABINET ORGAN UPON THE HERALD—POSITION OF GENERAL CASS AND COL. CLEMENS—UPROAR AND CONFUSION, ETC.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—8 P. M.

It is evident that as far as the Speaker can influence it the Senate resolution making the office of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury a Presidential appointment, will be put off as long as possible, and it must be confessed the House show no desire to run foul of Mr. Speaker Boyd in opposing his wishes.

The *Union* devotes two columns to-day in vulgar abuse of the HERALD, gloating over the Fry verdict, accusing you of possessing no intelligence, &c. &c. It copies an article from the Boston *Post*, either written by some official here or the official who edits the *Post*, in which the editor of the HERALD is called a "viper" and a "disappointed man." Perhaps the publication of Mr. Bennett's letters written in Europe so far back as November, 1852, and continually from that time till his return, would show whether his opposition to the course of the administration in their coalition policy, as well as his opinion of the character of some of the members of the Cabinet, has not been consistent throughout.

The idea of such papers as the Washington *Union* and the Boston *Post* injuring the HERALD is about as ridiculous as would be the attempt to dam up Niagara Falls with a shingle. Here in Washington honest men from all parts of the country speak in the highest terms of the true and fearless course of the HERALD, as expressing the feelings everywhere entertained by all who are not place hunters or mere politicians.

As for the *Union's* allusion to the Fry trial—an allusion which would never be made by an honorable or high-minded opponent—we are glad it gives us the opportunity to say that every man we have met, who is not the merest slave to his passions, expresses his surprise at the verdict, and his conviction that it will be set aside by the Supreme Court.

A letter is published from Mr. Jerre Clemens, in which that gentleman expresses his confidence in the administration as not containing any disunion elements. In publishing it, the paper it appears in says Gen. Cass entirely approves of the sentiments in Mr. Clemens' letter, and announces it as a refutation of the explanation of Gen. Cass's position, contained sometime ago in the HERALD. In this correspondence, a week or so since, a brief statement of Gen. Cass's position, as stated by himself, was given. That statement was correctly given, from the open conversations of the Senator from Michigan himself with distinguished and honorable gentlemen. If Gen. Cass sees fit now to explain away all he then said, that is his business; but it will have very little effect upon the mass of the democratic party, who have ever adhered to principles in preference of men, and never acknowledging that any man was the embodiment of the party. PETER THE HERMIT.

BUSINESS AT THE TREASURY—NAVAL STORE-KEEPER AT PHILADELPHIA — THE SARDINIAN CHARGE—COL. CLEMENS AND GEN. CASS, ETC.

FROM THE REGULAR NEWSPAPER AGENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1853.

The amount of drafts registered at the treasury during the week ending 17th instant, was $1,761,900, including for the redemption of the public debt $735,496.

Mr. Joseph Severns, editor of the *Evening Argus*, is appointed Naval Storekeeper at Philadelphia.

The Marquis Taliscarne, Charge from Sardinia, was presented to the President, with the customary formalities, to-day.

The *Star* publishes the letter from Senator Clemens to the national democrats of Philadelphia, in which he excuses the President, and declines all participation in the Philadelphia movement. It is said that Gen. Cass strongly approves of the letter.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Robert E. Wall died in Dinwiddie county, Virginia, on the 15th inst.

Lieutenant Charles Hunter is detached from the receiving ship at Boston, from the 1st of January, and ordered to the Decatur.

Destructive Fire at Philadelphia—Naval.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20, 1853.

The building in the rear of No. 101 Chestnut street, belonging to Messrs. Swain, Abell & Simmons, proprietors of the *Ledger*, was totally destroyed by fire about five o'clock this morning. The fire commenced in the basement, occupied as a kitchen for the refectory in the front building. The first and second floors were occupied by Thomas White's bonnet manufactory, and the third and fourth floors by George F. Lewis's copper plate manufactory; and the fifth story was used as the battery room for the National and Wilkesbarre telegraph lines. The building was only insured for $3,000. Mr. White's loss amounts to $10,000; his insurance, which would have expired at noon to day, is $4,000.

The tenants in the front building sustained considerable damage by water. The refectory in the basement, and John Thornley's India rubber goods depot on the first floor, were flooded.

The telegraphs have, for the present, removed to the office of the Magnetic line, and resumed operations.

The sloop of war Cyane, Hollins, commander, sailed this morning for Navy Bay, Central America.

Heavy Damages Claimed for Libel.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20, 1853.

Three of the defendants in the Martha Washington forgery case have brought suits against the proprietors of the *Gazette* and *Commercial* newspapers for libel. The damages are laid in each case at $60,000.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1853.

Numerous petitions were presented.

THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL.

Mr. SHIELDS, (dem.) of Ill., gave notice of a joint resolution authorizing the President to convey the rank of lieutenant general by brevet for eminent services.

PETITIONS FROM NEW YORK STATE.

Mr. SEWARD, (free soil) of N. Y., presented the remonstrance of the citizens of Rochester against any international copyright law.

Also, petitions from New York in favor of the recognition of the independence of Liberia, and in favor of the construction of a ship canal around the Falls of Niagara.

THE PAY OF ARMY OFFICERS.

Mr. WELLER, (dem.) of Cal., presented a memorial from army officers on the frontiers, for an increase of pay. Mr. Weller said that colonels on the frontiers did not receive a pay equal to that of bricklayers in San Francisco, nor old captains receive as much as hod carriers, and he was sure that scavengers in San Francisco received higher compensation than lieutenants in the army.

FUNDS FOR THE INSANE.

Mr. FOOTE, (whig) of Vt., gave notice of a bill granting land for the support of indigent insane.

FRENCH SPOLIATIONS.

Mr. HAMLIN, (dem.) of Me., introduced a bill to satisfy French Spoliation claims. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PRIVATE BONDED WAREHOUSES.

Mr. HUNTER, (dem.) of Va., introduced a bill to extend the warehousing system, by establishing a private bonded warehouse.

THE CITIZENSHIP OF CHILDREN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

Mr. SEWARD offered a resolution directing inquiry whether legislation be necessary to secure the rights of citizenship to children of American citizens born in foreign countries. Laid over.

LANDS FOR RAILROADS.

Mr. JOHNSON, (dem.) of Ark., introduced two bills granting land to Arkansas for railroad purposes.

OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. CHASE, (free soil) of Ohio, offered a resolution that all sessions and proceedings of the Senate be public.

OUR COMMERCE IN THE BALTIC SEA.

Mr. FISH, (whig) of N. Y., presented the proceedings of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, complaining of the duties imposed on the commerce of the United States in the Baltic Sea, and asking the adoption of measures by the government of the United States with the view of abating such imposition. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RAILROAD LANDS WANTED.

Mr. FITZPATRICK, (dem.) of Ala., presented the memorial of Alabama and Mississippi railroads, praying credit for duties on railroad iron.

THE PUBLIC PRINTING, ETC.

Mr. BAYARD, (dem.) of Del., gave notice of a bill to provide for public printing, engraving, and binding.

THE WAREHOUSING SYSTEM.

Mr. HUNTER, (dem.) of Va., presented a bill extending the warehousing system. It is the same as the one he has introduced and urged for the last three sessions.

THE CHILDREN OF AMERICANS BORN ABROAD.

Mr. EVERETT (whig) of Mass., offered a resolution directing inquiry as to what legislation is needed to protect the children of American citizens born in foreign countries.

The CHAIR said the Senator from New York had offered a similar resolution.

Mr. Everett's was laid over, and Mr. Seward's was taken up and adopted.

CHEAP OCEAN POSTAGE.

Mr. SUMNER, (free soil,) of Mass., offered a resolution, which was agreed to, directing inquiry as to the expediency of effecting a reduction of ocean postage.

REPORT OF THE CENSUS SUPERINTENDENT.

The CHAIR presented the report of the Census Superintendent. Ordered to be printed and tabled.

SANDWICH ISLAND CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Seward's resolution calling for the correspondence with the government of the Sandwich Islands, was agreed to.

RAILROAD TO THE PACIFIC.

The resolution offered by Mr. Chase, some time ago, directing inquiry by the Committee on Roads and Canals, as to the expediency of constructing a railroad from one of the western States to the Pacific, was taken up.

Mr. GWIN (dem.) of Cal., opposed a reference of the subject to that committee, and moved a postponement of the resolution. Agreed to, by yeas 23. Nays not counted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—THE DIFFICULTY BETWEEN THE SLOOP-OF-WAR CYANE AND THE AUTHORITIES AT SAN JUAN—THE GEN. ARMSTRONG CASE ETC.

Mr. GWIN moved an executive session. Agreed to. During it, the doors were opened, and a message was received from the President transmitting certain documents in answer to a resolution of the Senate of April last requesting information in regard to certain transactions between Captain Hollins, of the Cyane, and the authorities of San Juan de Nicaragua.

Also, certain correspondence touching the claim in the matter of the brig General Armstrong.

The documents, in both cases, are unimportant, and were ordered to be printed and were referred.

The doors were again closed, and in half an hour the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1853.

NEW COMMITTEEMAN.

Mr. SMYTHE, (dem.) of Texas, was appointed a member of the Committee on Territories, vice Smith, of Virginia, excused.

OUTSIDERS TO BE KEPT OFF THE FLOOR.

The SPEAKER stated that for the protection of the doorkeeper in the discharge of his duty, and to prevent inconvenience and difficulty, he had directed the doorkeeper to register the names of all such persons as are privileged to the floor other than members; but, understanding a question had arisen as to the power of the Speaker in this respect, he wished to take the sense of the House relative thereto.

On motion of Mr. EWING, (whig) of Ky., such register was ordered to be kept.

SIX NEW STEAM FRIGATES.

Mr. BOCOCK, from the Naval Committee, reported a bill authorizing the construction of six first class steam frigates, and for other purposes, and appropriating therefor the sum of $3,000,000—the vessels to be built by contract, or at the United States Navy yards, as the Secretary of the Navy may elect. Referred to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union.

THE FAILURE OF STEAM FRIGATES.

Mr. BOCOCK, (dem.) of Va., presented the report of the Board of Officers appointed to investigate the causes of the failure of certain steam frigates. Ordered to be printed.

COL. BENTON DECLINES THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Mr. BENTON, (dem.) of Mo., stated that he had declined the chairmanship of the Library Committee, and Mr. Chandler had been selected by the committee in his place.

THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF MOUNT VERNON DEFEATED.

The House resumed the consideration of Mr. Sage's resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to purchase Mount Vernon.

Mr. BAYLY, (dem.) of Va., called for the yeas and nays on laying the resolution on the table.

Mr. CLINGMAN, (dem.) of N. C., asked him to withdraw the motion and let the question go to some committee.

Mr. BAYLY—No; I want to kill this thing in the most emphatic way.

The resolution was tabled by 88 to 85.

PROPOSED COMPLIMENT TO CAPT. INGRAHAM.

Mr. DEAN, (dem.) of N. Y., offered the resolution of which he had given notice, presenting a sword and the thanks of Congress to Capt. Ingraham. Presuming no one desired to debate it, he moved the previous question.

Mr. BAYLY, (dem.) of Va., moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. JONES, (dem.) of Tennessee, moved, but the House refused, to lay it on the table.

Mr. WALSH, (dem.) of N. Y., appealed to Mr. Dean to postpone the further consideration of the resolution for a few days, as one of his colleagues, who was accidentally absent, desired to take part in this piece of buncombe, (laughter) and wished to add an amendment, to give to Capt. Ingraham a pair of epaulettes, spurs, or something of that kind. (Laughter.)

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

MINT IN NEW YORK.

Mr. TWEED, (dem.) of N. Y., introduced a bill establishing a mint in the city of New York. Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

DUTIES IMPOSED BY DENMARK ON AMERICAN COMMERCE.

Mr WALKER, (dem.) of N. Y., presented the memorial of the New York Chamber of Commerce, asking action for the abrogation of the Sound dues imposed by Denmark on the commerce of the United States in the Baltic.