

SPECIAL NOTICES.

FOURTEENTH WARD... The undersigned... to attend a meeting at the drill room... on Friday evening, 29th inst., at 8 1/2 o'clock...

LOAN OF \$500... TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash... \$500.00 TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash...

NEW YORK FLOATING DRY DOCK COMPANY... December 21, 1854... The annual election for nine directors of this company will be held on Monday...

NOTICE—BUTCHERS AND DROVERS—MONDAY... next, January 1, 1855, being observed as a general holiday... the regular cash sales day for cattle at the Washington Drive Yards will be on Tuesday, 2d...

OFFICE NEW YORK GAS LIGHT COMPANY... The annual election for thirteen directors of this company will be held on Monday, the 5th day of January next, at the office No. 174 Centre street...

THE FLORENCE AND KEYPORT JOINT COMPANIES... The stated annual meeting will be held at the office of the company at Union, near Keyport, on Tuesday, the 21st day of January next, at 10 o'clock...

W. J. HANNINGTON, FIRST PREMIUM GLASS... stainer, (burnt out 442 Broadway) has removed to 25 Canal street, where he will be happy to receive orders...

WINTER FASHIONS... THE PARTIES DESIROUS OF PURCHASING GENUINE... fancy fur, of my well known make, are requested to call upon the undersigned...

COMPANIONSHIP NOTICES... \$300.00 amount to take charge and an equal interest in one of the best paying restaurants in this city...

IMPORTANT TO BUSINESS MEN—OFFICE, FACTORY, mill and steam power in a business location downtown... The advertiser is desirous of making some arrangement whereby his services and the use of the power can be employed...

WANTED—A PARTNER WITH AT LEAST FIVE thousand dollars, in the wooden ware, twine and cordage business... already established, and doing a large and profitable trade...

A FEW HORSES WILL BE TAKEN TO KEEP IN THE city at \$7 per month on good hay... grain furnished by the bushel at a market price...

FOR SALE—A LARGE SILENT BAY HORSE... at a low price, or would exchange for one not so large... inquire of BATTIST & TAYLOR, No. 127 Reade street...

MULES FOR SALE—THE SUBSCRIBER IS ENGAGED very extensively in the mule trade, and has a large and profitable business... including every variety...

WANTED—A GOOD SECOND HAND ROAD BULKY... Address a note to E. No. 7 International Hotel, stating price, and where it may be seen.

CONFECTIONERY... APPEAL TO THE "SOBER SENSE THOUGHT"... The Professor has made the report for fun—nothing more. Everybody knows that the Professor is as full of fun as an egg is full of meat...

REWARDS... \$25 REWARD—STOLEN FROM THE OWNER, on the corner of Howard and Crosby streets, on Saturday evening, 9 o'clock, a gold watch, No. 14,227, E. S. Davis & Co., makers...

LOST AND FOUND... LOST—CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON, OR EVENING, A pocketbook, containing a check for \$383 on a western N. Y. State Bank, payable January 10, and several other papers of no value...

WATERS, JEWELRY, &c... JACOBS' CELEBRATED CALIFORNIA DIAMONDS... \$250.00 worth of diamonds, set in gold, with a watch, and a pair of earrings...

BARLEY GUARD ATTENTION—A MEETING of the Barley Guards will be held at 208 Fifth street, (Jefferson House), on Friday evening, 29th inst., to decide on the best means to dispose of their surplus funds...

DOG LOST—ON TUESDAY MORNING, 26TH INST., a small, long-haired, tan-colored Scotch terrier, with a black collar, was lost...

MOCKING BIRDS—FOR SALE, TEN SPLENDID... singing birds, some birds and some from two to three weeks old...

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TO LOAN INVEST, OR WILL BUY... \$65,000 TO LOAN INVEST, OR WILL BUY... at eight per cent discount, merchandise, pianos, watches, property or security of any description...

TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash... \$60,000 TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash...

TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash... \$50,000 TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash...

TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash... \$20,000 TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash...

TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash... \$16,000 TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, jewelry, or for cash...

BOND AND MORTGAGE, AMPLY SECURED... \$7,000 BOND AND MORTGAGE, AMPLY SECURED...

WANTED TO BORROW ON FIRST MORTGAGE... \$3,000 WANTED TO BORROW ON FIRST MORTGAGE...

WANTED—A WIDOW LADY WOULD like to meet with a party who would loan her the above amount...

AGENCY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS—NOTICE is hereby given, that an installment of fifteen dollars will be paid on each one thousand dollars of the Stock of the State of Illinois...

CASH ADVANCED AND LOANED TO ANY AMOUNT... on diamonds, watches, jewelry, plate, valuable securities, or any other property...

CASH LIBERALLY ADVANCED ON HOUSEHOLD furniture, pianofortes, watches, diamonds, silverware, guns, pistols, musical instruments, segars, hardware, or any other property...

DEPOSIT SAVINGS BANK—610 FOURTH STREET, near avenue C... Deposits made on or before the 15th of January next...

EMPIRE CITY BANK—NEW YORK, DEC. 26, 1854... On and after the 27th inst., the circulating notes of this bank will be redeemed at par at the New York River Bank...

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION, 90 WARREN STREET... one door from Greenwich—Open daily, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. and 4 to 7 P. M. Interest at the rate of 6 per cent...

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ATTAINS IN WASHINGTON.

THIRTY-THREE CONGRESS. SECOND SESSION. Senate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1854. (REPLY OF DR. KANE, ETC.)

Mr. BRODHEAD, (dem. of Pa.), presented a memorial from the Philadelphia Board of Trade, asking Congress to take measures for the relief of Dr. Kane; also a petition from the same source asking for improvements in the Delaware river.

RELIEF OF THE SOLDIERS OF THE WAR OF 1812. Mr. BRODHEAD then gave notice that he would call up early next week a bill for the relief of the soldiers of the war of 1812.

WAR OF 1812. Mr. SCHENCK, (free soil of Mass.), submitted the following resolution: Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to consider if any legislation be needed in order to secure the wages of seamen in cases of wreck.

POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL. Mr. FOSTER, (whig of Vt.), presented a petition from J. Smith, asking for the establishment of a polytechnic institution in the city of Washington.

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS. Mr. DOUGLASS, (dem. of Ill.), introduced a bill providing that one thousand dollars be appropriated from the contingent fund for expenditures in Nebraska, the annual appropriation of the current year being rendered unavailable by the decease of Governor Burt.

REPORTS FROM THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Two reports were then received from the Treasury Department—one relative to the site of the Marine Hospital in Ohio, and the other submitting the annual report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1854. REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. The House passed the Senate joint resolution re-appointing Rufus Choate and Gideon Hawley Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

THE KANSAS RAILROAD IN KANSAS. Mr. WETTED, (delegate from Kansas), introduced a bill to aid Kansas in the construction of a railroad in the said Territory.

NAVY DEPT AT NEW ORLEANS. Mr. HAYES, (whig of La.), the Secretary of the Navy was instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a naval depot at, or near New Orleans, for the equipment and repair of national vessels.

THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHWEST RAILROAD. Mr. LEXBURG, (dem. of Va.), offered a resolution, to be read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of reporting the bill declaring null and void the law of Minnesota Territory chartering the Minnesota and Northwest Railroad, and the act of Congress disapproving power over the legislation of Territories.

PENNSYLVANIA COAST SURVEY REPORT. Mr. RUSSELL, (whig of Pa.), the Committee on Printing, reported in favor of printing ten thousand copies of the Coast Survey report for the year 1854.

INTENDING TO FURNISH ESTIMATES TO SENATORS. Mr. CORWIS, (whig of Ohio), offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Invalid Pensions to inquire into the expediency of providing for certain classes of persons not now entitled to pensions.

LANDS FOR RAILROADS AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. Mr. HAYES, (whig of La.), introduced a bill granting lands equally to the States for railroad and educational purposes to be postponed for three weeks.

REPORT FROM SENATE AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION FROM CONGRESS AND COMMERCIAL AGENTS. Mr. CORWIS, (whig of Ohio), introduced a bill, to amend an act of Congress, passed in 1848, and reducing the price of public land. Postponed for one week.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25, 1854. The two Tailgenders of the Administration—How to Remove an Officer—Floating Docks—Questions to Mr. Forney.

The long hidden secrets of Cushing and Co.'s operations in this city, against members of the Cabinet, foreign and domestic, have been exposed by the late Mr. Forney. Members of Congress and of the Senate, unknown to themselves at the time, have been made the successful instruments in carrying out the schemes of Cushing and Forney.

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HIGHLY IMPORTANT FROM ST. LOMINGO.

Highly-Important News from the French and English Consuls—Interference with the Liberty of the Press—Spirited Protest of General Canessa, the American Commissioner.

The following communication, which we have just received from Mr. Angelo Gurril, late editor of the *El Comercio*, a Dominican journal, shows the extent to which the interference of the English and French governments are carrying their interference with the free action of the press.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE N. Y. HERALD. ST. DOMINGO, Nov. 26, 1854. Please to accept me as one of your correspondents, for I need your American liberty of press to express my opinions. You will be surprised that I, living in a republic, should be obliged to send my thoughts to you for publishing; but after explaining to you what I have suffered here for having written like a free man, you will understand that I am right in asking of you this favor.

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It was not enough, the government published for me Raybaud a communication in *La Gaceta*, (the official newspaper), in which he said that he adopted such a course because I used to write against the political principles of the European nations who were the friends of this republic—particularly Spain and France. As I had good reasons to believe that the government would put me in prison to please the French Consul, I informed of the fact that I am a declared American citizen.

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ANNEXATION OF THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS.

Three Millions for a File of Rocks—Description of the Islands, Their Location, Topography, Productions, &c. Recent arrivals from Ecuador inform us that our Charge d'Affaires at Quito, Philo F. White, Esq., has negotiated a treaty with the government of that republic, by which the United States acquire sovereignty over the Galapagos Islands, on the payment of three millions of dollars for the privilege.

The Galapagos group includes the islands called Chatham, Harborough, James, Harrington, Charles, Hood, Hindles and Abington. The islands belong to the department of Guayaquil, in the republic of Ecuador. They lie in the Pacific, six hundred and fifty miles from Guayaquil, and between 1 deg. 40 min. south latitude and 40 min. north latitude, and in between 90 deg. and 95 deg. west longitude. The largest island is Albemarle, which extends from 1 deg. 10 min. S. lat. to 20 min. N. lat., and is above one hundred miles in length. The islands are supposed to be of volcanic origin, and their surface is composed of lava and volcanic rocks, and they rise to a great elevation from a deep sea. The highest point on Albemarle Island is 3,840 feet above the level of the sea. One geographer says that there are two thousand craters in the group. The islands are given in the expressive remark of an attack of the HERALD office, a *chateau blanc*, who says they are nothing but so many piles of rock, without any vegetation whatever.

From the same authority we learn that the chief productions of the islands are tortoise; and Professor Long informs us that land tortoises of great size, sometimes weighing several hundred pounds, abound in these islands.

The islands being near the equator, the climate is as delicious as that of Quito, where they have a perpetual spring, plenty of thunder and lightning, and several earthquakes every year. As these islands are believed to have been formed by some convulsion of nature, why is it not reasonable to suppose that some new elemental change may bury this last purchase of the United States in the depths of the sea?

One authority says that at the height of a thousand feet above the level of the sea there is a luxuriant vegetation, but this is contradicted. Several years ago there was a settlement on the Island of Charles, but whether or not it is still maintained we are unable to say. There is a good harbor, and the islands have been quite a resort for whalers. Water is not plentiful on any of the islands, and in some of them none has yet been found.

There is excellent fishing in the harbors of the islands, and a number of persons have set up a drying house, which is quite profitable. A ready market for the fish is found in the cities on the coast.

The ostensible reason for the purchase of these islands is found in the rumor that they contain rich deposits of guano, and the United States having quarrelled with the Peruvian government about the price of the article, our government desired to "set up" in the business on its own account. There is a story of large deposits of guano, extending thirty miles in length by two in breadth, and one hundred feet in depth; but as no aquatic birds have been seen near the islands, this statement is probably got up by the creditors of the government of Ecuador. It would pay the last named republic very well if she should succeed in getting three millions from the United States for the Galapagos rocks. Lately they have been of no earthly value to anybody, and have only been used as a sort of Botany Bay for the convicts of Quito and Guayaquil.

Our Canada Correspondence. QUEBEC, Dec. 21, 1854. Close of the Legislative Session—Results of its Labors—Discussion on the Parliamentary Address to Lord Elgin—Severing in of the New Governor General—Burgin's Intention to Retain the Home Government as Quebec—Fear of a Rupture with the United States—Restoration of the Office of Some of the Malcontents of 1849—Address of the City Council to Lord Elgin, &c.

Parliament closed its labors on Monday last. His Excellency Lord Elgin assented, in Her Majesty's name, to sixty-six bills, many of them of the greatest importance to the interests of the Province. The Signioral Treasurer and Clergy Reserves questions, both for some years the subject of agitation, have been set at rest; and the Governor, to refute the slanders of those who have attributed to his undue interference the too long postponement of the settlement of these questions, has remained in the Province up to the present moment, and with his successor present, to affix upon these measures the sanction of the first estate of the realm.