

THE LATE MRS. DOUGLASS.

The sudden and melancholy decease of the lady of Senator DOUGLASS has created quite a sensation in Washington.

Mrs. Douglass was a native of North Carolina. She has been the happy and honored companion of the Senator for more than eight years.

How busy death is! Mournfully true were the strains of the gifted Hemans, when she sang—

Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to perish at the North wind's breath;

It would seem as if the Destroyer were more busy than ever among the more exalted walks of society.

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Thus universal is the flight of the unerring and insatiate arrows of death. Thus conclusively does the awful monarch of the grave prove the great truth that he is no respecter of persons.

The tomb is the great leveller, after all! The king and the peasant are equals there.

The funeral services of Mrs. Douglass were attended by a very large concourse at the house of the Senator.

The much afflicted husband and father will share the heartfelt sympathies of the whole community.

Dr. Nichols, the superintendent, invites proposals for the material to be used in the construction of the hospital for the insane.

Generous!—One of our merchants when called upon for his subscription refused to pay for it because he did not subscribe to the paper.

On the 31st of December the Illinois College was destroyed by fire at Jacksonville.

The Manhattan Association Fire Engine Company No. 8, intend paying a visit to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Mount Vernon.

Hon. Rufus Choate has been appointed Attorney General for the State of Massachusetts, which appointment he has accepted.

CONGRESS.

Senate.

Several petitions and memorials were presented and referred, and several executive communications laid upon the table.

Mr. HUNTER gave notice that he should to-morrow call up and press the consideration of the bill for extending the time of the warehousing system.

Mr. HALE introduced a resolution, which was passed, directing the Committee on Finance to inquire whether any and what influence was brought to bear upon the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. H. said the reason why he introduced the resolution was to prevent unfavorable impressions among the sailors.

On motion of Mr. STOCKTON, his bill for re-organizing the Navy, was taken up and made the special order for Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the bill for the repeal of the tonnage on Spanish vessels, was considered—Mr. M. supporting it at length.

House of Representatives.

A great variety of business was proposed for the consideration of the House, but everything was objected to, with the exception of a bill for the relief of Abigail Stafford.

Mr. Bayly, of Virginia, who regret to learn, is detained from his seat in the House of Representatives by indisposition.

GOING.—Twenty-seven heroes of the revolution have passed away during the year 1852. David Kinnison, the last of the Boston Tea Party, died in Chicago at the age 117.

WHAT SHE SAID TO THE LAWYER.—"Tell me what you know—not what you think!" said a young attorney in the police court, Boston, to a witness, who was disposed to meander in her testimony.

The New Bedford Standard ends a notice of Horace Greely's lecture, as follows:

"He wore that same ugly hat and old white coat for which he has been so distinguished in past years."

UPS AND DOWNS IN MERCANTILE LIFE.—The Pittsburg Post mentions the fact that a man in that city is going from store to store soliciting alms who twenty-five years ago was the leading merchant in that city.

FAITHFUL SERVANT.—The New Orleans Picayune states, that a gentleman travelling down the Mississippi not long since became acquainted on the boat with a lady who, with her six children, was on her way to California.

Some two hundred girls, all Americans, are employed in ornamenting and finishing porcelain ware in the city of New York.

On Saturday, the 22d inst., in the 79th year of his age, JOHN DAVIS, of Abel, a native of Newark, State of Delaware, but for the last forty-eight years a resident of this city.

The friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, near the Marine Barracks, on Tuesday next, the 25th instant, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., SARAH, daughter of John P. Wheeler, and the late Anna M. Vinson, aged three years, three months, and fifteen days.

A special meeting of the company will be held on tomorrow night at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order: J. F. BEERS, Secretary.

Letter from General Pierce.

The Presbyterian, of New York, contains the following touching letter, written by General Pierce to a personal friend soon after retirement from the United States Senate some years since.

CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 30.

MY DEAR FRIEND: You have been often in my thought since I received your affectionate letter of the 10th instant. It was one of the earliest of the kind from my personal friends; soothing and grateful to me at the time.

Under bereavement like this, how trifling—oh, how very trifling—do most of the cares, and purposes, and plans of this world appear! We can hardly realize how it is that our hearts have been so engrossed in little matters of the day.

I remember well the conversation on our ride to the G., to which, I suppose you refer. The convictions of my judgment have long been strong and decided, but the little influence they have had upon my life is a sad illustration of the great truth.

On the beautiful rose of youth. He was beautiful, affectionate, manly boy—the pride and joy of his father's heart—the light and life of our home.

I have many things to say to you when we meet. Till then, your stricken friend, FRANK PIERCE.

Make not haste to be rich, if you would prosper; small and steady gains give competency with tranquility of mind.

MARRIED. In Baltimore, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Mr. JAMES HYLAND to Miss ELIZABETH A. ADDISON, both of that city.

At Hannibal, Missouri, on the 9th ult., by Rev. Mr. Medsett, Mr. JOSIAH T. HINTON, to Miss SARAH E. KEHOE, formerly of Washington.

In Baltimore, on the 20th instant, by the Rev. B. H. Nadall, Mr. JOHN TAYLOR to Miss MARY JANE HALIDAY, both of that city.

On the 19th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Knight, THOS. HUTCHINGSOHN, esq., to Miss APOLONIA BRIGHT, all of this city.

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DIDN'T LIKE THE MEAT.—Pat Flannery is not only an efficient officer, but something of a wag. Fond of a good joke, he never misses the opportunity of playing one.

"Leave that rat alone," yelled Pat, as if angry.

"Leave that rat alone," replied the Hoosier, looking at Pat with his mouthful of bologna.

"Because it belongs to me, and I will not have it abused."

"Belong to you? What on airth do you want with rats?"

"Make bologna sausages with them, sir, and right nice ones they make, too."

The Hoosier waited to hear no more, but emptying his mouth of its contents, and flinging his bologna as far as the strength of his arm would send it, hastened to the nearest grocery for a three cent dram to, as he expressed it, "take the darned ratty taste out."

NATIONAL THEATRE.

MR. E. A. MARSHALL, SOLE LESSEE. Fifth appearance of the distinguished Actress and Authoress, Mrs. MOWATT.

THIS EVENING, JANUARY 25, will be presented the new and admired Tragedy, in five acts, translated from the French, entitled ADRIENNE, THE ACTRESS.

MAURICE, Count de Saxe .....MR. FENNO. ADRIENNE, the Actress .....MRS. MOWATT.

DANCE.....BY.....MISS ANNE WALTERS. The performance to conclude with the laughable Farce of YOUR LIFE'S IN DANGER.

Have you seen those beautiful Lace Berthas and Chemisettes at TATE'S? No. Why you ought by all means. There is also to be seen Muslin Embroidered Caps, Merino Embroidered Scarfs.

Boarding.—Gentlemen will find the best of board at Copp's Pavilion, for \$3.50 per week, or board and lodging on reasonable terms.

Joe Shillington receives all the new books and newspapers as fast as published. He is agent for Harper's and all the other Magazines.

Root's Wonderful Daguerrotypes. Go to Root's! No matter whether it be clear or cloudy weather.

STEPHEN EDDY, Dealer in FINE WATCHES, JEWELRY, & SILVER-WARE.

SOLE AGENT. For the sale of PAINE'S celebrated PERISCOPE SPECTACLES.

Fine watches carefully repaired. W. W. HOLLINGSWORTH, Watch Maker.

JUST RECEIVED, direct from the importer, 100 pairs French Walking Shoes (gazed).

GREAT DISCOVERY. THE greatest discoveries are those which are most beneficial to the human race.

FANCY ARTICLES, PERFUMERY, &c. NOW on hand and for sale at Stationers' Hall.

DERMUDA ARROW ROOT.—A very fine prior article, just received. W. T. EVANS.

WINES, BRANDIES, CIGARS, GROCERIES PICKLES, SAUCES, CATSUPS, &c.

JNO. B. KIBBEY & CO., No. 5, opposite Centre Market. IMPORTERS AND DEALERS in the above goods, of fer to families, clubs, and the trade an un-

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THE SUBSCRIBER has constantly on hand at his Furnishing Ware Rooms a large and well selected assortment of Furniture, China, Glassware, &c.

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JOHN M. DONN & BROTHER have just opened and arranged a handsome assortment of Goods suitable for the season.

HOUSEKEEPER'S GOODS. JOHN M. DONN & BROTHER have just opened and arranged a handsome assortment of Goods suitable for the season.

LOOKING GLASSES. Very large gilt frame, mahogany, and walnut Looking Glass, bracket Tables.

FURNITURE. Several handsome painted Chamber Sets, very cheap and good.

JAPAN WARE. Toilet Sets, Candlesticks, Cake Boxes, Bruhes, Woodware, Iron Ware.

AN ARRIVAL AT BROWN'S HOTEL. A just received from the manufactory of Wm. L. McCauley, of Baltimore.

SOMETHING NEW. JUST RECEIVED—One case of Madame Sontag Button Gaiters for Ladies.

MASON'S PATENT PURIFIED Sperm Oil.—This oil, for brilliancy, durability, and purity as a light, and for lubricating purposes.

WILLIAM D. TOWNSEND, Philadelphia. For sale by A. HATCH, jr., in the rear of Brown's Hotel.

DR. CONVER'S INVIGORATING CORDIAL. For general debility, weakness, impotency, nocturnal emissions, incontinence, &c.

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