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WASHINGTON CITY:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON .....December 15.

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SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS

The *Intelligencer* says that the British brig Espeigle's Commander reports the Albany as being at Carthagena on the 10th of November, rather than on the 10th of October, as telegraphed to us yesterday. If so, all doubts of the Albany's safety is dispelled. The public will anxiously await a confirmation of this last version of the Espeigle's Commander's story.

The *Union* contrasts the Greytown affair with the policy of other nations, holding that the bombardment in question is a mere circumstance in comparision with the bombarding history of them.

The *Union* further takes ground against the bill of Senator Adams, for the extension of the term of Naturalization, holding that it is in direct and palpable opposition.

THE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD.—We, to-day, commence in our local columns, the publication of a carefully prepared description of the Washington Navy Yard. We shall continue it for three days.

☞ In reply to our friend S., we refer her to Melle De Boye's card in to-day's paper, whom we understand to be the most accomplished pianist in the city. By the by, could Melle De Boye not soon favor us with a concert, to relieve the stagnant state of music entertainments in this city?

ANOTHER PHASE OF THE GARDINER FRAUD.—The Bank of Columbus, Ohio, against which there is a Government suit pending for the recovery of the $100 000 deposited with it by order of ex-Secretary Corwin, has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or in other words, have taken that means of preventing the United States from recovering by due process of law.

PERSONAL.

.... The wealthiest citizen of Louisville is Hon. James Guthrie, Secretary of the Treasury. His property in one district in the city is taxed at $501,205.

.... A gentleman, in a private letter from the Sandwich Islands, speaking of King Kamehameha, says: "He loafs around the town of Honolulu—peeps into a tavern, and is ready to take a 'nip' with any body that asks him. He isn't worth a 'continental,' and auctioneers won't take his bid at an auction."

.... The Senate of North Carolina on Thursday, decided that Warren Winslow, Esq., as Speaker of the Senate, becomes Governor of the State without vacating his seat in the Senate

.... Mr. Macaulay is said to have made an important discovery of a mass of Stuart papers relating to a period immediately anterior to the death of Queen Anne. The discovery will, while adding to the value and importance of what he is about, delay, at the same time, the long-looked-for day when two new volumes are to appear.

.... The veteran Lord Brougham has undertaken to collect and edit his works—including his speeches and orations They will appear in a series of monthly volumes, and will be published by the enterprising firm of Griffin & Co., publishers to the University of Glasgow.

.... Judge Kane, of the United States district court of Pennsylvania, Marshal F. M. Wynkoop, of Philadelphia, B. N. Browne, State Senator, of Philadelphia, and George Plitt, clerk of United States district court, Philadelphia, are in this city.

.... The trial for divorce in New York, Frances L. Childs *vs.* Solomon Childs, has been decided by a verdict for the plaintiff.

.... Charles Kinkaid, who was in company with the mail party recently massacred by the Sioux Indians, near Fort Laramie, and reported to have been murdered, was not killed. The Indians had left him for dead, having shot six arrows into him. But a despatch from Independence, Mo., mentions that he is yet alive, and may recover. He was robbed, as stated, of $10,000.

.... The Rev. Charles Hudson has relinquished his position as senior editor of the Boston Atlas.

.... A desperate man took Barnum's life, yesterday——from Lundy, who lives over in Georgetown.

.... Charles Shelton has sued Hiram Fuller of the New York *Mirror* for libel, and the Austrian Consul has sued Brooks of the *Express*, laying his damages at $50,000.

.... The executors of Mr. Webster's estate have asked leave of the Plymouth (Mass.) probate court to sell as much of his real estate as shall raise the sum of $109.206 79, for the payment of all debts and incumbrances thereon.

.... Mrs. Mowatt Ritchie has another book in press, which will shortly be published.

.... A new pistol has been patented by Messrs. Peak & Grilles, of New Heaven, Ct., which discharges twenty-one shots in the same time Colt's can six.

.... President Pierce reached his fiftieth birthday on the 27th ult., the Thanksgiving day of the District of Columbia. Among his special guests on that occasion was general Scott, General Pierce's general-in-chief in Mexico, but now under the command of Gen Pierce.

RELIGION IN TEXAS.—A very large number of church edifices are being erected in Texas. Four religious newspapers are well sustained in the State, and there are prospectuses issued for three more. A correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce says: "Texas seems to be highly favored this year, in regard to revivals of religion. All denominations share in the blessing."

AN APPROPRIATE TEXT.—The Boston Telegraph proposes as a text, for the next election sermon, the 4th and 5th verses of chapter 5 of the epistle to Timothy:

"He is proud, *knowing nothing*, but doting about questions and strife of words, whereby cometh envy, strife, railing, evil sufferings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness; *from such withdraw thyself.*"

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

A Field Day.—Yesterday was a "field day" in the House, two of its ablest debaters having then and there measured their weapons oratorical, in the presence of an audience as large and attentive as is ever to be seen in that chamber. The interminable slavery question was of course the theme, as nothing failing to bear directly or indirectly on *that*, always excepting a personal "muss," seems calculated of late years to awaken universal and excited attention in either Hall.

On the day before, Mr. Mace had been Buncombising about the Nebraska bill, in accordance with the terms of the rather amusing publication we find in the same day's New York *Tribune* over his signature. For the edification of our Congressional readers, who have not seen the terrible edict of the honorable gentleman, we herewith present it, *verbatim, et literatim, et punctatim*, taken from the letter of one of the *Tribune's* Washington correspondents, of which it forms a part:

To the Editor of the N. Y. Tribune:

SIR: I will in a few days introduce a bill "to prohibit slavery in the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska," bringing the question directly before the House. Unless this is done, and the bill passes, slavery will be established in Kansas and tolerated in her constitution. The Legislature of Kansas will take no action on the subject, because slavery is there without such action. When the delegates form a State constitution it will not be prohibited. The quiet of the country depends upon the passage of the bill; if it does not pass, the House of Representatives will be so constituted as to keep Kansas out of the Union unless slavery is prohibited. The excuse made by the northern members who voted for the Kansas-Nebraska bill, that their constituents were in favor of it, has proved untrue by an overwhelming vote of the people. Should those members, now the people have passed upon the question, carry out the will of their constituents, the bill proposed will pass, and the country be quieted. DANIEL MACE.

As a legislative feat, the coolness with which Mr. Mace assumes to himself the right and duty of interpreting to his fellow members the wishes of their constituents, and of instructing them how to carry those wishes out, never was equaled but once. That was, in the quietness with which he sat, yesterday, under the scathing exposure of the hollowness of the pretenses, one and all, of his speech of the day before, which fell from the lips of Mr. Stephens, of Georgia. Though he roared like a lion in his autocratic card to the *Tribune*, sucking dove was never gentler than he, under Mr. Stephens's biting and bitter criticism. No gentleman, save one capable of perpetrating such a letter as this to the *Tribune*, could possibly have stood the speech of Mr. Stephens as Mr. Mace did, without essaying *something* like a plea to relieve himself from the accumulated weight of testimony going to place him in the position of one seeking to make capital, without the slightest regard to appearances even, in which, as before remarked, the speech of Mr. Stephens placed him, in the judgment of all present.

The main points of this effort was to show that, if the South had never been defeated in its purposes, as Mr. Mace had alleged, it was because she alwas asked her rights only. He maintained that in the Nebraska bill, the South contended only for the eternal principle of justice involved in popular sovereignty, and would welcome Kansas into the Union if asking to come in non-slave holding, as freely as if proposing to enter the confederacy with a slave holding clause in her State Constitution. He maintained, too, that the South for the most part asked no money from the National Treasury; contending merely to keep the hands of the North out of her pockets, as he explained at length, had been the main purpose of her Congressional labor. He also refuted clearly many industriously-spread popular errors as regard the comparative statistics of the North and South.

Mr. Campbell, following, combatted his position with great ingenuity and ability. We however regard his effort to charge the South with the cost of the acquisition of the Louisiana, purchase of Florida, Texas, and the Mexican war—all for the "extension of slavery"—as being as great a humbug, as an attempt on the part of his antagonist to hold the North chargeable with the cost of the Revolutionary war and that of the war of 1812 would have been. Both these, it will be recollected by all well read historians, were undertaken in defence of northern rights and interests mainly, though no one at the South ever thought of charging to northern account the millions of treasure and rivers of blood which those contests cost the Union. However, Mr. Campbell handled even *that* poor argument with capital skill. But his success was particularly in holding Mr. Stephens uneasy on the gridiron of his own record; Mr. S. having uttered views from which many deducted the conclusion that he was avowing the Cass doctrine upon the subject of squatter sovereignty, as having always been his. We did not so understand him. But Mr. Campbell quoted upon him with great effect, his speech of 1849, wherein as all the world read it, he utterly repudiates the political rights of squatters That is, the right to determine, directly or indirectly, what shall be the character of a State's institutions, ere they come to form the State's constitution. On the whole, it was such an oratorical day as one rarely enjoys, even in Washington.

E. M. Stanton, Esq.—The great argument in the case of Pennsylvania *vs.* the Wheeling and Belmont Bridge Company, was argued on Wednesday, before the Supreme Court of the United States, by E. M. Stanton, Esq., of Pittsburg, for the complainants, and Mr. Russell and Hon. Reverdy Johnson for the company. The speech of Mr. Stanton took every one by surprise. He proved himself a profound jurist and eloquent speaker, and was listened to by a large and intelligent audience with marked attention and delight.

The Pay of Members of Congress.—The bill of Senator Badger, introduced and most ably advocated on the day before yesterday, by Mr. B., in the Senate, will be vehemently denounced by all the many demagogues of the press, as a matter of course. It would be expecting too much of them to entertain the idea that they can forego such an opportunity of displaying their peculiar style of patriotism, which the mooting of a proposition to increase the pay of members of Congress and the judges of the Supreme Court of the United States offers. Nevertheless, the measure is a good one in its aims and leading features. Serving in Congress at eight dollars per diem by no means pays pecuniarily, as strange as it may sound to thousands and hundreds of thousands at a distance from Washington. Here, it is well known to nearly all our readers, that not one in ten of the members manage to do better on their pay and mileage than to make both ends meet at the termination of the session. Nearly every member has a family to support at home, whose expenses are not materially lessened by their own temporary absence at Washington. Nearly all of them are at that time of life when their families are most expensive, having children half grown, requiring the expenditure of more to sustain and educate them than earlier or later in life. Nearly all of them are from walks in life wherein liberal, if not lavish personal expenditures are common; and nearly all of them are in their prime—at the age at which they should be most industriously laying up for the future, if ever. Their duties, and the associations by which they are surrounded here, are always such as to render the practice of such economy in their personal expenditures in Washington, as they might be expected to exercise at home, utterly out of their power, however much disposed so to do they may be. It is possible that those of them who enjoy very heavy mileage may save something from the compensation they allow themselves; but only such can accomplish that end for which nearly all of us strive so earnestly, except by the practice of rigid parsimony. Now, under this state of facts, they are almost hourly called on to vote money from the national treasury on all conceivable pretexts. Their fiat may empty it, as it fills it. To underpay them, then, is to hold out inducements to them to make up the deficiency by their own legislation. If they were paid sixteen rather than eight dollars per diem, we fancy that few resolutions for the biennial distribution of say $100,000 worth of books among themselves would become laws. Such results, however, are by no means the worst evils of the system of underpaying members of Congress under which they are now laboring, as we most sincerely believe. They cannot, possibly, all legislate with an eye solely to the public interest, while they know that the expenditure of their time and talents here is to result in nothing for themselves and families, save and except a subsistence for the time they are so engaged. This is a plain view of the case, which must strike all as correct who have studied human nature. Nine-tenths of them, too, are active and efficient business men at home, full of brains and energy. Just the men, of all men, to succeed in business and accumulate property. To expect that such persons will, when underpaid, guard the public interest as faithfully and act as independently of surrounding influences, more or less of which are as improper as unfortunate, is to look for, in them, almost superhuman virtues, as humanity runs in this age of ours. We really believe that if their pay was increased, their work would be so much better done in all respects, as to make the expenditure of the difference about the most profitable investment ever made from the Treasury of the United States.

The Current Operations of the Treasury Department.—On yesterday, the 14th of Dec, there were of Treasury Warrants entered on the books of the Department—

For the redemption of stock.....	$28,545 26
For the Customs.....	19,728 26
For the War Department.....	50,157 32
For repaying in the War Department.....	2 733 35
For the Navy Department.....	10,745 78
For the Interior Department.....	1,516 52

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, yesterday, after we went to press, Mr. Sumner offered a resolution directing inquiry into the expediency of abolishing the tax on merchant seamen, known as hospital money, and of allowing them the use of hospitals free of all tax. Adopted.

After some unimportant business, the Senate adjourned until Monday next.

In the House, at the conclusion of the speech of Mr. Stephens, of Georgia—

Mr. Campbell replied to that gentleman, contending that the South had cost the National Treasury immense expenditures for the extension of slavery; that the decision of the North had been overwhelmingly against the repeal of the Missouri compromise, and that the position of Mr. S. upon the squatter sovereignty doctrine had undergone an entire change since 1849.

The Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union then considered various amendments to the Indian department appropriation bill, pending which the committee rose,

And the House adjourned.

Proceedings of To-Day.

House.—After the reading of the journal—

Mr. Jones, of New York, moved a resolution for the printing of 1,500 extra copies of the Postmaster General's report and appendix accompanying the President's message; referred.

Mr. Letcher moved that he be excused from further service on the Committee on Claims, his duties as chairman of the Colt patent case investigating committee requiring all his time when not in the Hall; excused.

Mr. Houston reported the annual civil and diplomatic appropriation bill from the Committee of Ways and Means. Committed.

And then, after the transaction of unimportant business,

The bill for the relief of Ezra Nash was taken up, as returned from the Senate with an amendment making an appropriation of $3,000 for the relief of the widow of Batchelder, the United States deputy marshal of Massachusetts, killed in the Burns slave case riot in Boston.

On motion by Mr. McMullin, this bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House.

Other private bills were taken from the Speaker's table, and appropriately referred

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Private Calendar, (Mr. McMullin in the chair,) wherein private bills were being considered when the Star went to press.

ALEXANDRIA CORRESPONDENCE.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 15, 1854.

The City Councils held their regular session last Sunday evening, passed an act to amend the Mannasas subscription bill orders; that the superintendent of police notify Mr. S. Barnes to remove the fences, enclosing his property on Wolfe street, to the line of the street; that said superintendent inform Council why he has deferred executing the order of Council of August 9, 1853, directing the removal of all illegal obstructions to the streets; that the auditor issue his warrant in favor of the commissioners of the sinking fund for such sums as may be necessay to pay the interest upon loans made to said commissioners; that the auditor issue his warrant for $500 in favor of the overseers of the poor; that $155 be appropriated to pay the balance due on repairs on Long Wharf; communications from city surveyor on the grade of Wolfe street; from Messrs. Piper & Van Alstyne on city numbers; from special committee on fitting up Council chamber; from superintendent of police in relation to a new pump on Fairfax street, were read laid on the table, or referred. The Councils then adjourned.

The Young Men's Christian Association lectures for the winter will open Tuesday evening. The beneficent object of the association, and the spirit of philanthropic enterprise which has heretofore characterized its efforts to elevate the tastes and habits of the young men of Alexandria, commend these lectures to public patronage, and we feel sure that large numbers of our citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered to spend many pleasant and profitable winter evenings.

Kunkel will be here on Monday, and will open with a benefit to our intrepid firemen of the Sun company. A large audience will, doubtless, patronise the entertainment, and welcome back Alexandria's favorites.

We learn that the ladies of one of our Presbyterian churches will open a festival next week at Sarepta Hall. AMI.

DARING ROBBERY BY MEANS OF CHLOROFORM.—A few evenings ago, as Colonel J. M. Berrien, of Rome, Ga., was riding in the car to Augusta, in company with his family, a stranger took a seat beside him, and after some conversation, succeeded in administering to him chloroform until he became insensible. He then cut the buttons off his overcoat, and extracted from his side pocket a packet of bills amounting to $5,160. Not content with this, he took from the pantaloons pocket the Colonel's wallet, containing about $1,000, and made good his escape. At the last account, Colonel B. had not recovered from the effects of the chloroform

HOGS DYING WITH CHOLERA.—We learn that within the last week the firm of Wicks, Horton & Co have lost eighty to one hunkred hogs at their distillery, situated at the outlet of the Skaneateles, one mile and a half from this village. The disease is said to resemble the cholera; they vomit up a green substance, and soon die. They bury their carcasses in trenches.—*Skaneateles (N. Y.) Democrat.*

☞ GREAT CURE OF RHEUMATISM.—The Editors of the Richmond Republican, of December 4th, 1852, say that Carter's Spanish Mixture is no quack medicine.

They had a man in their press room who was afflicted with violent mercurial rheumatism, who was continually complaining of misery in his backs, limbs and joints;—his eyes had become feverish and mattery, neck swollen, throat sore, and all the symptoms of rheumatism, combined with Scrofula. Two bottles of Carter's Spanish Mixture cured him, and in an editorial notice as above, they bear testimony to its wonderful effects, and say their only regret is, that all suffering with disease of the blood are not aware of the existence of such a medicine. They cheerfully recommend it to the public.

See their certificate, and notice in full around the bottle

☞ ANOTHER PREMIUM.—Mr. WHITEHURST has been awarded another premium for his superior Daguerreotypes exhibited at the World's Fair, New York. It will be remembered that Mr. W. received from the World's Fair, London, two medals for his unrivalled daguerreotypes of President Fillmore and Cabinet, and Panticscopes of Niagara Falls, besides premiums at all the fairs at which he has exhibited for many years past. This speaks volumes in favor of his galleries.

Call and have your likenesses taken at Whitehurst's Gallery, near Four and-a-half street, Pennsylvania avenue.
sep 16—tf

☞ PALPITATION OF THE HEART, Nervous diseases Liver Complaint, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Costiveness and Piles, are all relieved and cured in an incredible short space of time, by Carter's Spanish Mixture, the great tonic and purifier of the blood. It contains not a particle of Mercury, Opium, or any noxious drug; is perfectly harmless, and has cured more than five hundred cases of disease.

We can only refer the reader to the certificates, a few of which may be found in another column, and all of which are detailed in full around the bottle. It is the greatest of all Spring and Fall Medicines, and possesses an influence over are blood tonly remarkable.

. See advertisement.

☞ JOE SHILLINGTON receives all the new Books and News papers as fast as published. He is agent for Harper's and all the other Magazines, and our readers will always find a large and good assortment of Blank Books and Stationery at his Bookstore, Odeon Building, cor Pa. avenue and 4½ st

LOST IN GEORGETOWN, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, a small lady's watch, marked with the initials S. C. C, numbered 4926, A. Guidre, maker. The finder will be liberally rewarded on leaving it at the office of Messrs Riggs & Co, corner of Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue
dec 15—2*

CIGARS! CIGARS!—JUST RECEIVED, a consignment of 30,000 Cigars, which will be sold by the box only at very low prices.
ROTHWELL & BROWN, Aucts.,
dec 15—3t opp. Bank of Washington.

GERMAN REPUBLICANS, ATTENTION! THE GLORIOUS War Cry of Liberty, entitled "FREEDOM'S ECHOES," quickening into more active life the emotions and hopes of every democrat, either native or foreign, will be sung TO-NIGHT for the benefit of
ANACOSTIA FIRE COMPANY,
dec 16—1t AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE.

NOTICE.—THE TRUSTEES OF THE LATE firm of Selden, Withers & Co., will be obliged to persons having deposite accounts with that firm to send in their Bank Books for settlement.
J. A. ENGLISH,
WM. BAYNE, } Trustees.
dec 15—d3t

MISS BOYE.—CHURCH CHOIRS and Congregations are informed that an accomplished Lady Vocalist, who has been the leading singer in churches at the North, having taken up her permanent residence in this city, is prepared to take the part of principal Soprano Singer in any choir. For further particulars and reference, enquire at the New Music Depot of HILBUS & HITZ, corner Pa. avenue, Eleventh and D streets. dec 15

EUROPEAN PATRIOTS!
GO TO THE NATIONAL THEATRE, and hear the Liberty Song, predicting the coming of the good time when universal democracy shall prevail. BENEFIT OF THE
dec 15—1t ANACOSTIA FIRE CO.

FOR SALE.—A FINE HARNESS OR SADDLE animal. She has all the good qualities that one could wish. She is sold for no fault whatever, only the owner has no use for her. She can be seen at any time by calling at Mr. PATTON'S Saloon, under the Kirkwood House. dec 15—3t

AT PRIVATE SALE—A NEAT, SECOND-hand Carriage, for one or two horses, in good order. Apply at this office dec 15—eo3t*

ÆOLIAN PIANOS—The increased demand at the North for Hallet & Davis' beautiful ÆOLIAN PIANOS has induced us to introduce these unique instruments in this city. A very superior one of which can now be seen at our Music Depot. HILBUS & HITZ.
dec 15—

IRISHMEN, ATTENTION!
THE HYMN OF LIBERTY, sung by the KUNKELS, at the NATIONAL THEATRE, is worthy of Tom Moore in his palmiest days. Go and hear it TO-NIGHT. dec 15—1t

SUPERIOR HARPS.
WE have this day received a very superior toned HARP, from the celebrated Parisian manufacturers Domery, who received the highest premium for Harps at the great exhibition in London, 1851.

Persons desirous of purchasing, by giving us a call have the opportunity to obtain one of the above unrivalled instruments. HILBUS & HITZ,
Music Depot, cor. Pa. avenue, 11th and D sts.
dec 15—

GREAT BARGAINS!
VERY IMPORTANT TO HOUSEKEEPERS!
THE subscribers having determined to reduce their large stock of House Furnishing GOODS, in order to make room for a new assortment, have determined to sell their present stock at greatly reduced prices, at least 25 per cent cheaper than any other house in this city. Our stock consists of
Sofas, Chairs, Bed and Bedsteads,
Tables, Bureaus, Wardrobes,
Stoves, Carpeting, Oilcloths.
And in fact every article required in Housekeeping. Persons may confidently rely on getting bargains if they give us a call
BEUTZ & COOMBS,
Cheap Furniture Dealers,
dec 15—eo3t Seventh street, between I and K.

MELLE W. DE BOYE
THANKFUL to the Musical Public of this city for the very liberal patronage extended her, informs them that she has made such arrangements as will enable her to accept a few additional advanced scholars on the Piano Forte and in Vocal Music.

Residence, at Mrs. Gildemeisters, 4½ street near Penna. avenue.

Reference: Hilbus & Hitz, Music Dealers, corner Pa. avenue, Eleventh and D streets. dec 15—

ON THE ISLAND.
IN ISLAND HALL.
BULLARD'S PANORAMA OF NEW YORK CITY will be exhibited at the above Hall on MONDAY EVENING, December 18, and TUESDAY AFTERNOON and EVENING, December 19, at 3½ and 7½ o'clock.

Admission 25 cents; children half price.

Families and parties, 5 persons, $1; 8 persons, $1 50 dec 17—4t

FIRST ANNUAL BALL
OF THE
MERRY BACHELORS,
AT
ODD FELLOWS' HALL, NAVY YARD,
JANUARY 25, 1855.
Particulars given in future advertisement.
dec 15—3t*

A GRAND MILITARY BALL
WILL BE GIVEN BY THE
WASHINGTON
GERMAN YEAGERS,
AT CARUSI'S SALOON,
ON THE NIGHT of January 1, 1855.
dec 15—dtf

DOUBLE, OR ORGAN MELODEANS.
WE have in store one of Goodman's patent double-banked MELODEANS, containing two sets of keys, enabling the performers to give all the diversified effect of a well-built organ, producing the notes of the softest dulciana to the sonorous tones of an open diapason stop. Persons desirous of practising for an organ, or congregations in need of a good instrument, at a reasonable price, can be suited by giving us a call at the new Music Depot.
dec 15— HILBUS & HITZ.

PRESENTS for the Children.—AT LAMMOND'S, 7th street, can be found a large and beautiful collection of Toys and Notions suitable for presents. dec 13—3t

OFFICIAL.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, Dec. 14, 1854.

Information has been communicated to this department, by the minister resident of Bremen, that Mr. John Wolff, of St. Louis, Mo., has, on his own application, been discharged from his duties as Bremen consul in that city; and there will not be, for the present, another consul appointed in his place.

Franklin Pierce, President of the United States of America, to all whom it may concern:

Satisfactory evidence having been exhibited to me that FRANCISCO ERDOZAIN has been appointed consul of the Mexican republic, at Brownsville, in the State of Texas, I do hereby recognise him as such, and declare him free to exercise and enjoy such functions, powers, and privileges as are allowed to the Consuls of the most favored nations in the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington the 12th day of December, A. D. 1854, and [L. S.] of the independence of the United States of America the seventy ninth.
FRANKLIN PIERCE.

By the President:
W. L. MARCY, Secretary of State.

[From the Baltimore Methodist Protestant.]

E. K. RANGE.

BR. REESE:—Dear Sir: I see by your paper this morning that Range is imposing himself on the good people of your city.

Range was admitted on trial in our conference one year ago last fall; during the year ensuing was tried and expelled, his expulsion published in the Western Recorder, and so reported to the last session of our Conference.

I think you will do well to publish him in your paper, that he may not continue his impositions.
Yours, &c., J. BURNS, President.
Steubenville, Dec. 8, 1854

The following from the Western Recorder of August 25th, 1854, is the notice referred to in the note of br. John Burns:

CASE OF E. K. RANGE.—Br. Bassett: You will please publish in the Recorder the decision of the committee in the case of E. K. Range, that he may not impose himself upon our church in other Conferences. Yours, W. W. TIPTON, Ch'n

The committee who were called upon to investigate the charges preferred against E. K. Range are of the opinion that the same with their specifications, were fully sustained. Therefore,

Resolved, That the said E. K. Range be and he is hereby expelled from all the rights, privileges and immunities of the M. P. Church. (Signed,)
JOHN McCANN,
A. S. BIDDISON, } Com.
WM. S. SEARS,
McConnellsville, Aug. 8, 1854. dec 15—1t*

NOTICE
TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON.
THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS do hereby give notice that they will meet daily at their room in the City Hall, from 10 o'clock a. m. until 2 p. m. from the fifteenth to the thirty-first day of December instant, inclusive, Sundays and Christmas excepted, for the purpose of correcting any errors that may be pointed out in the list of persons subject to a school tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of the present month (December) and of adding thereto the names of any persons subject to the said school tax which may have been omitted therefrom.

The Board would particularly call the attention of all to the fact that no person can vote next year at any election in this city whose name has not been returned as subject to a school tax for this year. Every free white male citizen of this city, of the age of twenty one years and upwards, would therefore do well to see whether his name be on the said list, and if omitted, to give notice to the Board of Assessors that it may be returned for this year.
T. F. HARKNESS,
J. W. BARKER,
J. M. DOWNING,
R. B. OWENS,
J. HEPBURN,
J. RUSSELL,
P. HEPBURN,
dec 15—dt31st Board of Assessors.

NATIONAL THEATRE.
PRICES OF ADMISSION.
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If any of our liberal minded citizens can offer free entertainment to delegates, or make any contributions for that purpose, they are requested to send in their names, residence, and the number they can accommodate to any of the following gentlemen. The time is at hand, and whatever is done must be done quickly.

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dec 9—1w Secretary Local Committee.

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dec 13—3t

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BULLARD'S PANORAMA
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The Afternoon Exhibition commences at 3½; the Evening at 7½ o'clock

Admission 25 cent; children half price.

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dec 12—tf Artist and Proprietor.
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THE DYING GLADIATOR.
THE public are respectfully informed that Gott's celebrated full-sized copy, in marble, of the DYING GLADIATOR, the most renowned statue of antiquity which has been handed down to the present time, is now on exhibition on 4½ street, near Pennsylvania avenue. This work has been pronounced a faultless copy of the great original by all artists and connoisseurs who have seen it, while it justly ranks as the most perfect specimen of the sculptor's sublime art ever brought from Europe to America. Indeed, it is the only work of the kind so far exhibited in this country, calculated to give the beholder who has not been abroad, a just conception of the skill of the ancients in designing and executing works of sculpture, in which, it will be recollected, they have never been rivalled by subsequent generations

TERMS OF ADMISSION.
Single tickets.....25 cents
Season tickets for Lady and Gentleman.....$2.00
Hours of Admission—from 9 a. m. to 10 p m.
JOHN S. HOLLINGSHEAD,
dec 7—tf In charge of Exhibition.

TO THE CREDITORS OF SELDEN, WITHERS & CO.
THE Undersigned beg leave to state, that owing to the calls of persons and the pressure of the correspondence incident to closing the accounts of so large a concern as the late house of Selden, Withers & Co., we have found it impossible to take an exact inventory of assets and liabilities of the firm, but, as before stated, we are assured by the book-keeper (in whose statements we have the utmost confidence) that the *estimated* value of the assets is over $1,000,000, and the liabilities about $800,000. In addition to this, we are informed, and believe it to be true, (not having seen the deeds cannot speak positively,) that Mr Withers has appropriated out of his private estate, property valued at $125,000, to be applied to the payment of the debts of the firm, the larger portion of which is to be applied exclusively, if necessary, to the redemption of the circulation and the payment of depositors.

We learn from the book-keeper, also, that the amount of circulation now outstanding is less than $110,000, and the aggregate amount of deposits to be paid about $150,000

We deem it proper also to state that the notes of Selden, Withers & Co. will be received in payment of any debts due the late firm at the same rate as Virginia money, but that none of the circulation can be otherwise redeemed until a preferred debt, estimated at $55,000, shall have been liquidated; after which the funds will be applied exclusively to the redemption of the circulation, until it shall have been redeemed; of the redemption of every dollar of which we entertain no doubt, and therefore advise persons who can hold the notes not to sacrifice them. Promising to follow the terms of the trust strictly we hope to give all the satisfaction in our power.
JNO. A. ENGLISH,
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dec 14

FOR HIRE—A GENTLEMAN OF THIS CITY wishes to procure a situation for a colored man who, for thirty or forty years has been employed as a cook in a private family in Virginia. Any person desirous of obtaining an excellent cook will please address, for further particulars, "J M," Star office.
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APPLES, POTATOES, Sweet Cider, &c.
Just received another lot of those fine APPLES, White Mercer POTATOES SWEET CIDER, and a general assortment of fresh Groceries, Fruits &c, which I am selling low at my store in Odd Fellows' Hall, Seventh street.
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PENMANSHIP.
THE subscriber having taken the room on Twelfth street, first door above Butt's Drug Store, for the purpose of giving instruction in PENMANSHIP, to commence Monday, 18th instant, would invite early application, as a limited number only can be taken. Hours for Ladies, from 10 a. m. till 12 m. Gentlemen from 7 till 9 p. m.
Terms—For 12 lessons $5, in advance.
Apply between 2½ and 9 p. m to
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Orders for Coulter's fresh Chesapeake Canned Oysters left at No. 397 Sixth street, between G and H streets, west side, will insure their prompt delivery in any quantities to families and others, at their residences, at the usual rates.
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