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SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The *Intelligencer* thus sums up the features of the bill to prohibit the issue of small notes in the District of Columbia, which now only wants the President's signature to become a law:

"The bill enacts that from and after the first day of November next no 'person or persons, body politic or corporate, within the District of Columbia, shall make, emit, issue, utter, sign, draw, or indorse any bank note, promissory note, or any instrument of writing for the payment or delivery of money, or other valuable thing, or of any thing purporting to be a valuable thing, of a less amount than five dollars, to be used as a paper currency, or as a circulating medium, either as money or in lieu of money, or of any other currency;' and 'that every person, and every member, officer, or agent of any body politic or corporate so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for each and every offence, one half to the use of any person who shall sue therefore, and the other half to the county.'

"The bill also makes it unlawful for any person or persons, body politic or corporate, to pass, or offer to pass, within the District of Columbia, any bank note, promissory note, or any instrument in writing of a less denomination or amount than five dollars, either as money or in lieu of money or of any other currency; and any and every person so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum of not less than five nor more than ten dollars for every such offence, one half to the use of the person who shall sue therefor and the other half to the use of the county.

"Other provisions of the bill impose further penalties for a violation of the law. In every case where any person or body corporate shall refuse to redeem such issues in gold and silver, on presentation, a fine of twenty dollars is imposed; all contracts founded upon a small-note currency are made illegal and void; and a mode is prescribed for forfeiting the license of any merchant or trader who shall receive or circulate notes under the denomination of five dollars."

The *Union*, discussing the efforts of France and England to force Austria and Prussia into their alliance against the Czar, seems to be of opinion that if they succeed in that aim, they will next endeavor to force the United Stated to join them also—saying:

"The question naturally arises, whether the United States may not eventually be sucked into this tremendous whirlpool? Various significant indications seem to lead to the possibility of such a result. Without deciding this momentous question, we think there is quite enough in the present aspect of things not to frighten but to warn the people of the United States of the propriety of gathering themselves together and giving earnest attention to the great interests of their country, both foreign and domestic. We beseech them to look to the common welfare and general safety of the Union. Happy, thrice happy, will it be for our country if we can preserve peace in the midst of this uproar of the world!"

☞ Shillington has sent us Putnam's Magazine for January. It is embellished by a fine steel engraving of one of its contributors.

☞ An interesting letter, about the spiritual rappers, from "Ben Bolt," our Baltimore correspondent, will be found on our first page.

☞ Another breach is expected in the Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Bond, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, in noticing the opposition to the appropriations of missionary money to the preachers labering in their slaveholding conferences, says: "We have seen strange things in the lapse of three score years and ten, but this caps the climax of the marvellous; and though we are no prophet, nor the son of a prophet, we venture to predict that mischief is now brewing in our church—agitations, convulsions, and disruptions such as we have never witnessed before."

☞ It is a singular but pleasurable fact, that venison, fresh, fat and tender from the forests, is cheaper now in St. Louis than beef, mutton or pork. The editor of the Intelligencer says: "We have seen fine 'quarters' bought at four cents a pound recently; and 'saddles' are bought by the dozen at eight cents.

☞ A gentleman who gave ex-President Fillmore the ballot which he saw him deposit in the box at the late election, informs the Buffalo Express that Mr. F. voted for Myron H. Clarke as governor of New York, and for the entire Whig ticket.

THREE DAYS IN ONE.—Christmas this year falls on Monday, and as the banks close on that holiday, the Saturday previous will be the day for taking up notes due on the 23d, 24th and 25th.

☞ The ague rages so in some parts of Iowa, that people are obliged to sleep with corn cobs in their mouths to keep from shaking their teeth out.

☞ They have got a fellow in Boston called "Ye Constabel," who is teaching some of the editors to write rhymes. The editor of the Mail has run "Ye Constabel" mad.

AN IRISH YANKEE.—It is stated that an Irishman at Lynn, Mass., changed his name to be elected a member of the Know Nothing council, and succeeded.

"ANGEL GABRIEL" IN BOSTON.—This notorious individual has turned up again Boston. The Boston Post of Monday says:

"It seems astonishing that this foreign mountebank should have any one in his train that calls himself respectable, and yet yesterday he harangued at the custom-house to a large party, and at East Boston. He was abusive and coarse as usual, but was allowed to proceed uninterrupted. We heard of a small riot at the North End growing out of his presence, but it amounted to little more than a cracked head or two, and a lodging in the watch house."

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Hard Times.—The laboring population of the North are experiencing greater difficulties just now than ever before within our recollection. There is actually a scarcity of bread among thousands, if not hundreds of thousands who heretofore never knew what want really was. "Hard Times"—that is, *no work to be had*, is admitted to be the key to all the difficulties. In New York City, for instance, in some branches of mechanical and manufacturing business, not more than one eighth as much is doing now as at this time last year; while in none is more than one half as much being done, and in few more than one fourth. It is judged by the New York city press, that there are in and around that city full twenty thousand active, industrious, steady, and willing mechanics and laborers, such as are generally sure of getting work at the highest wages in ordinary times, now entirely out of employment; while thousands more in that city are working "short time." From Boston, Detroit, Albany, Buffalo, Worcester, Philadelphia, and a dozen other northern centers of business, we have similar advices; and from all of them we learn through the newspapers, it is thought the hard times have just commenced; or, in other words, that thousands on thousands more, who yet find employment, will soon be without it.

This is the legitimate result of the impossibility which employers now find of making both ends meet; of paying the prices for labors which ruled throughout the country not long since. Their orders have ceased altogether in some cases, and in most others they find it impossible to get prices which will justify the payment of the wages which labor not long since obtained. Another result of this state of things has been a decrease in the current rates of wages. Thus, in New York the few ship carpenters employed, get $2.50 per diem, as against $3 at this season last year. The laborers in loading freight for the Erie Railroad Company get but 80 cents per day, being a reduction of 20 cts. Laborers on works in New York recieve $1.00 per diem, instead of $1.25. The coal heavers and storkers of steamboats and steamships in New York, have submitted to a reduction of 25 per centum of their late wages. It is said that full 7,000 tailors and tailorers in New York and its environs are out of work, while thousands more do not know where they are to get their next job. This is a truly distressing picture, coming home to the hearts of all who are blessed with the capacity to feel for the sufferings of their fellow man.

Fortunately, the great mass of the Southern people, who are independent of the vicissitudes which "tight times" bring on banks, railroads, and manufacturing joint stock companies, and the shipping interest, (not living, as a very large portion of the Northern people do, through their operations,) will escape the evil effects of this state of things, for the most part. Nevertheless, our laboring population here are much worse off in the matter of work than at any previous time for years past, we believe. Almost all descriptions of business are dull now, and promise to grow duller after the Christmas holidays.

However, it is the duty of the enterprising business man, whatever may be his calling, to seek to get a full share of the trade in his line. This can be done only by seeking it through the advertising columns of the newspapers, in each locality, which go into the hands of all classes and descriptions of persons. Barnum, in confessing the secrets of his extraordinary success in everything he undertook, attributes it nearly all to persevering and shrewd advertising. He avers that none other of his investments ever paid so well. The same remark was once made to us in private conversation by the celebrated Dr. Benj. Brandeth, who has frequently paid away from $20,000 to $30,000 per annum in making his business known to all, far and wide.

The remakable success of the *Star* is owing, for the most part to the manner in which we have *advertised* it far and wide, by seeking to keep its news columns well supplied with information of interest to all, such as no other journal has the faculty of procuring. The result is, that it is rare to see a newspaper which does not contain a paragraph commencing, "The Washington *Star* says," &c. This is the key to the great circulation of the *Star*, carrying it not only into almost every family in Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, but daily to the eyes of thousands on thousands in all quarters of the Union. To judicious and persevering advertising only, do we attribute the *Star's* unprecedented success. So we cannot do better by those who desire to thrive in business, in these hard times, than to advise them to resort to the advertising columns of the press, so as to be certain to catch a fair share of all the trade that may be going.

The Claims Board Proposition.—From what we can learn, Congress will hardly make a board of commissioners for the examination of private claims on the Government, as at present urged. There can be no doubt of the importance of some efficient legislation designed to expedite the settlement of such claims on the General Government as usually go before Congress. We have repeatedly urged simple changes in the rules for the transaction of business, which, from long experience, we are satisfied will, if adopted, do much in that way. But when, instead of adopting reforms, they are permitting speeches on general politics of absent members engaged in lecturing before distant literary societies, to be read in the hall, no man of common sense can hope for real reform in their business methods and modes. The idea of a board of commissioners, however, won't go down, while the memory of the action of the late Mexican claims board remains fresh in the memory of the members. Shades of the allowed Gardiner claim, and others of that ilk, defend us from any such consumation as is sought to be brought about! What is wanted, is to place the business of sifting the testimony in claim cases in the hands of regularly constituted judicial officers who shall report it to Congress for final action; otherwise it would be well to greatly increase the number of members of the claims committees of both Houses, and to have the interest of the Government looked after before them in every case by a competent Government solicitor, under whose auspices each case should be so investigated, first before a sub-committee and then by the whole committee, as that when a final report on any such case be made, it will be regarded as conclusive, as reports in such cases are considered when made to either house of the British Parliament.

The New Minister Resident to New Grenada.—We understand that the Hon. James B. Bowlin, has gone to Missouri for his family, with whom he proposes at once to set out for the scene of his official duties, New Grenada.

The late Navy Agent at this Point.—The public of Washington were surprised this morning to hear of the resignation of Mr. A. G. Allen, late Navy Agent for this District, in whose stead Mr. Albert Greenleaf, formerly of New Hampshire, (the chief clerk of the Navy Agent's office,) was yesterday nominated and confirmed. There are rumors afloat of a deficiency in his accounts, which, as yet, must be premature, as no balance had yet been struck between the Government and the Navy Agent's office up to the time at which he resigned. To set all these rumors at rest, however, we deem it our duty to say that our impression is, that the Treasury officers will claim from him some $29,000, which he will offsett by a claim for two and a half per cent. on his disbursements under the law giving extra pay to officers and seamen who served in the Pacific during the Mexican war. An amicable suit between the Government and his predecessor (Mr. Lathrop, who has retained several thousand dollars on this account) for this two and a half per cent. during the term of the latter is now pending, and its decision will alone determine whether Mr. Allen must also pay over the whole amount that may hereafter be claimed from him by the Treasury officers.

His bondsmen were Messrs. G. W. Carlyle Whiting, of the late firm of Selden, Withers & Co., and the late Genl. Robt. Armstrong.

It also seems to be understood that Mr. Allen was a loser to a heavy amount by the recent failure of Selden, Withers & Co., though we are to day assured by a gentleman who *should* know, that the report is erroneous, as he is amply secured in his transactions with them by special security. He has also resigned his position as Naval Pension Agent in Washington city.

Recruiting for the Army.—We understand that the recent severe weather has caused a great rush to the several recruiting stations of the army. Thus in anticipation of the near approach of winter, in the month of November last, 550 men in all were enlisted, and 1,336 were rejected. This covers the operations in the month of all the recruiting stations except at Nashville, Tennessee, and Alton and Springfield, Illinois, which have not yet been heard from.

District Matters Before Congress.—Before we went to press to-day, the Georgetown Tax bill was duly passed in the House—yeas 82, nays 63.

Mr. May then reported from the Judiciary Committee the bill for the reorganization of the judicial system of the District of Columbia, on which he addressed the House at length, urging its enactment with great force and eloquence, the House being all attention.

The Current Operations of the Treasury Department.—On yesterday, the 20th of Dec., there were of Treasury Warrants entered on the books of the Department—

For the redemption of stock.....	$141,954 15
For paying Treasury debts.....	10,997 92
For the Customs.....	11,940 36
For covering into the Treasury from miscellaneous sources.....	36 50
For the War Department.....	2,522 08
For the Navy Department.....	18,677 40
For the Interior Department.....	5,555 10
For repaying in the Interior Department.....	175 54

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, yesterday, after we went to press, the pending amendment to the annual pension appropriation bill, to place the widows and orphan children of Navy officers, sailors, and marines of the Revolution on a footing with the widows and orphan children of officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war, was agreed to by a vote of yeas 19, nays 18. The said bill was then passed.

The bill to establish a Law Department of the Government then came up as a special order, and, after a brief conversation, was postponed until Thursday.

And then, after a short executive session, they adjourned.

In the House, it was voted in Committee of the Whole to report favorably on the District small note bill without amendment.

The bill to authorize the extension of the Metropolitan railroad into the District of Columbia was then taken up in committee, and was amended so as to prohibit it from passing through the public reservations or Pennsylvania avenue, and also so as to give the corporate authorities of Georgetown and Washington power to say through what streets of each city the said railroad may pass. This bill was then laid aside to be reported to the House.

The bill to allow the corporation of Georgetown to lay a tax of seventy-five cents on the $100 of real estate, in aid of the construction of the Metropolitan railroad, was considered and laid aside.

The bill to incorporate an insurance company in the District of Columbia was favorably acted on.

The bill making an appropriation to discharge the indebtedness of the District penitentiary was also favorably acted on.

The committee then rose, and the House passed the bill to prohibit the issue of small notes in the District of Columbia, (as it came from the Senate,) and the Penitentiary and Metropolitan Railroad extension bills above mentioned.

The bill to incorporate an Insurance Company in the District of Columbia was referred to the District Committee.

Mr. Letcher moved to lay on the table the bill to authorize the Corporation of Georgetown to lay a tax to aid the construction of the Metropolitan Railroad.

Pending the question on this motion, they adjourned.

Proceedings of To-Day.

In the Senate, to-day, Mr. Sumner introduced a joint resolution to authorize the President to tender American meditation between the belligerent powers of Europe.

Mr. Rusk objected. So it was laid over for a day.

Mr. Stuart introduced a northern lakes harbor improvement bill; referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Foot introduced a bill for the completion of the breakwater in the harbor of Burlington, Vermont; referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Brodhead, the bill for the establishment of a court of claims was taken up and discussed by Messrs. Brodhead, Cass, and Brown of Mississippi, ere the Star went to press.

In the House, the Gibson claim case correspondence with the Netherlands Government, was received from the State Department and referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. Orr said that as diplomatic efforts had failed to obtain the money on this claim, he trusted that it would promptly receive due attention from Congress.

Mr. Smith, of Virginia, introduced a resolution instructing the Commerce Committee to inquire into the propriety of the construction in Alexandria, Virginia, of suitable accommodations for custom-house and United States Court purposes; resolution agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stanton, of Tennessee, the Judiciary Committee were instructed to inquire and report whether additional legislation is not necessary for the protection of United States officers in the execution of the laws.

And then, after the transaction of business not of general interest,

Mr. Hamilton called for the regular order of business.

So the question was taken on Mr. Letcher's motion to lay on the table the bill authorizing the Corporation of Georgetown to lay a tax for railroad purposes; not agreed to—yeas 49, nays 82.

The question was being taken by yeas and nays on the passage of that bill as we went to press. It was then evident that it would pass.

PERSONAL.

.... Mr John Binns, of Philadelphia, long known to the country as a shrewd observer and practised writer, is preparing his memories for the press. We anticipate much pleasure from their perusal, as Mr. Binns was the confidential friend of Gov. Snyder, through his whole administration, which lasted nine years. Mr. Binns was for a long time connected with the Democratic press, and his intimate association with the party men and measures of his more active days, will render the book highly attractive.

.... A series of lectures on Catholicism, under the patronage of the American and Foreign Christian Union of New York, is to be started on next Sabbath evening. Such men as Drs. Plummer, Cheever, Adams, Kirk, and Rev. S. Robinson, of Baltimore, are to take part in the series.

.... Albert Greenleaf, of New Hampshire, has been appointed Navy Agent for this District, in place of A. G. Allen, resigned.

.... Mark W. Izard has been appointed Governor of Nebraska.

.... It is denied that General Miller, British Consul at Honolulu, was wounded at New Orleans.

.... Later advices have been received at New Orleans from Mexico. Gen. Santa Anna has been re-elected President of the Republic. Another battle had been fought between the government troops and the insurgents, in which the latter were defeated with a loss of some four hundred killed and wounded.

.... Col. Benton, it is said, on discovering that some of New York papers had published the report of his discourse in Baltimore as the one to be delivered in New York, remarked to a friend, "it is a dirty trick, sir—sir, it is a dirty trick."

.... Walter Scott's son-in-law, Lockhart, recently deceased, leaves no children, and the family of the great novelist, in direct descent, extinct.

Who is Governor of New York?

It appears that this question has not yet been finally decided. The Albany Atlas, of Tuesday last, questions the accuracy of the return, and intimates that steps may be taken to test the validity of Governor Clark's tenure of office under the certificate of the State Canvassers. The majority decreed to Governor Clark upon the canvass is 309. From this allowance the questioners of the canvass insist that there should be deducted all the scattering votes intended for Seymour, and certain votes illegally awarded to Clark. The scattering votes, misspelled, but the intent of which is obvious, are divided between Clark and Seymour thus:

For Clark.....	147
For Seymour.....	312
Majority for Seymour.....	165

Only 11 of these scattering votes are allowed to Gov. S. In addition to this, it is claimed that 80 votes in Madison county were illegally cast by students in Hamilton college; errors of addition and suppression in Broome and Steuben counties, when corrected, restore 25 votes to Seymour; and the majority of 215 for Clark in Schuyler county is unfairly allowed, the county and all its works being deemed and decided a nullity. The vote of the town of Burns, Allegany county, of 78 votes to *Miram* H. Clark, was corrected by the county canvassers so as to read for Myron H. Clark. This was olearly unfair if the votes for Seymour, misspelled, were to be rejected.

The *resume* of all this seems to be that Clark's 309 majority is subject to the following deductions:

The majority in Schuyler county (declared null by the courts).....	215
The College vote in Madison county.....	80
The Allegany vote for Miram H. Clark...	78
The difference in scattering votes.....	154
The errors in Steuben and Broome.....	25
	552
Clark's certified majority.....	309
Balance in favor of Seymour.....	243

It is believed that either an equitable statement or a legal account of the votes will equally result in a majority for Governor Seymour. The affidavits, &c., forwarded to the Central Committee here, embrace a multitude of cases, besides those enumerated. One affidavit charges a misstatement of one hundred and seventy-nine votes in favor of Clark in Allegany; and in a multitude of counties there are errors of addition and suppressions, which, when corrected, will enure to the benefit of Governor Seymour.

☞ **The Ladies of the Navy Yard** Baptist Church (Dr. Cole's) are now holding a FAIR (and will continue during the holidays) at the Anacostia Engine House, Navy Yard. The proceeds of which will be applied to liquidating the debt on their church.

A large variety of useful articles are offered for sale, together with supper and refreshments.

Admission 12½ cents. dec 21—eo2t*

☞ **Capt. Oliver Byrne,** Scientific Lecturer, will deliver a Lecture on the Military operations in the Crimea, and the influence of the present European War on the United States, FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 22d, at Copp's Saloon, to commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents each, to be had at the hotels and Bookstores, and at the door on the evening of the lecture. dec 19—4t

☞ **FAIR.**—The ladies attached to Union Chapel M. E. Church, will hold a FAIR in Farnham's Hall, corner of Eleventh street and Pa. avenue, commencing on MONDAY, the 18th inst., the proceeds of which will be applied to the improvement of the above named Church.

A variety of useful articles will be offered for sale. Supper served every evening. Admission 12½ cts. Season tickets $1, to be had at the door.

dec 18—1w*

CURRANTS, CRANBERRIES, CITRON, PRESERVES and Jellies, and all kinds of Wines and Liquors for sale cheap.

JOSEPH W. DAVIS,
dec 11—1t* corner of 9th and E streets.

APPLES, POTATOES, &c. A superior lot hourly expected to arrive per schooners Village Gem and Pearl, for sale by

M. ELDRIDGE,
dec 21—tf Union Wharf, Alexandria, Va.

$40,000 WORTH AND UPWARDS OF DRY GOODS TO BE SOLD OFF CHEAP.—All those indebted to us will please come forward and settle up, as it is very important our books should be closed.

HALL & BROTHER.
dec 21—eo2w

OUR ACCOUNTS WILL ALL BE MADE OUT and ready for delivery by the 26th instant. We earnestly request, and confidently expect that our friends will be punctual in settling their respective bills, as we rely on the proceeds to meet the demands on us.

BURNS & COCHRAN.
dec 21—eo3t

LEMONS.—25 boxes prime LEMONS, in Store and for sale by

M. ELDRIDGE,
dec 21—tf Union Wharf, Alexandria, Va.

FRESH RAISINS, PRUNES, FIGS, &c.
Layer and Bunch Raisins in whole, half, and quarter boxes
Prunes in handsome fancy boxes, Glass jars, &c.
New Figs, very fine
Fig Paste in fancy boxes, for sale by

ROB'T K. TWEEDY,
Corner Pa. avenue and 13th st., s. side.
dec 21—dtJan1

FISH—FISH—The undersigned has on hand, and is daily receiving from the North and East Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 Mackerel.

Also, Bay of Fundy and Bank Codfish
Which will be sold as low as can be ordered from the North, by

M. ELDRIDGE,
dec 21—tf Union Wharf, Alexandria, Va.

NEW YORK BUCKWHEAT—Extra new hulled Buchwheat and Goshen Butter for sale by

ROB'T K. TWEEDY,
Corner Pa. avenue and 13th st., s. side.
dec 21—dtJan1

REMOVED.

MRS. HESS has removed from 13½ street to G street, between Second and Third, near the Jail, where she will be prepared to tell past, present and future events. Thankful for past favors, she would be pleased for a continuance of the same.

dec 21—3t*

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

MRS. G. ANDERSON has this day received a large assortment of Fancy Articles, which she has selected as suitable for holiday presents, consisting of various articles of Fancy Stationery, Fancy Letter and Note Paper, Gold and Silver Pens and Pencil Cases, Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Backgammon Boards and Chess, Paper Weights, Inkstands, &c.

Also, a selection of Miscellaneous Books, consisting of Poems and Juvenile Books, which will be sold at reduced prices.

376 Pa. av., 2d door from Kirkwood House.
dec 21—2w

WASHINGTON BAKERY.

THE subscriber has commenced a new BAKING ESTABLISHMENT on 7th, between L and M streets, and appeals to the citizens of Washington—also to his brother Mechanics, those who, like him, have served a regular apprenticeship, and to his brother soldiers of the Mexican War, and last, not least, to the citizen soldiers of Washington, to afford him a share of their patronage. Every article, by his personal attention, shall be of superior order, which, by his extensive experience in Washington, New York, New Orleans and Mobile, he can produce in the very first style. His stand in Centre Market is No. 34, west wing; and in the Northern Liberties' Market, near the centre. See signs at each.

All orders left at his establishment, or at either of the above stands will be promptly attended to—being prepared to supply cake of all descriptions, including new styles from other cities, for Parties and the holidays.

dec 21—2t* WILLIAM HUTCHINSON.

CHEAP BOOTS AND SHOES.
CALL AND SEE.

T. P. GRIFFIN & SON having made arrangements with some of the principal dealers in Boots and Shoes in the Northern and Eastern cities are constantly securing additions to their fashionable stock of BOOTS and SHOES, which they are determined to sell on terms that cannot fail to please.

Citizens and also strangers visiting the city are requested to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere, as we are satisfied we have as good an assortment of Boots and Shoes as were ever offered in this market.

We enumerate in part as follows:

Gents Patent Leather and Calf Dress Boots, a superior article
Do do do Congress Boots
Do do do Button Gaiters
Do do do Kossuth Shoes
Do do do Oxford Ties
Do Calf double sole water proof Boots
Do do do broad strap Shoes, new style
Do do do Kossuth and Oxford Ties
Do do do Brogans
Do Black Cloth Gaiter Boots
Do Drab do do
Do Detached Gaiters, different colors

With all other kinds of men's work usually kept in a well regulated Boot and Shoe Store.

FOR LADIES.

Gaiter Boots with and without heels, different colors
French Worked Slippers, a beautiful article
Do Slippers kid and morocco, black & bronze
Do Morocco Walking Shoes
Do do Lace Boots

Daily expected, an assortment of Ladies' Shanghai Boots, for Winter wear
Misses and Children's Shanghai Boots now in store
Do do Lace and Gaiter Boots
Buskins and Slippers of every description
Boys and Youths Patent Leather Gaiter Boots
Do do Brogans, Boots, &c.
Servants' Boots and Shoes of every description, very cheap.

Also, a complete assortment of Gum Shoes of all sizes and style.

All kinds of work manufactured to order by experienced workmen, and at the shortest notice.

T. B. GRIFFIN & SON,
No. 314 Pa. av., between 9th and 10th sts.
dec 21—ec3t

SUPERIOR BOTTLED LIQUORS FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES.
Choice Cognac Brandy
Port, Sherry, and Madeira Wines

Families recommended by their physicians the use of any of the above liquors for medicinal purposes, will bear in mind that the subscriber has them constantly on hand, of the purest and best quality.

ROB'T K. TWEEDY, Grocer,
corner Pa. avenue and 13th st., s. side.
dec 21—dtJan1

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

WE have just received the finest and richest assortment of Cravats, Scarfs, Stocks, Hdkfs, Ties, Gloves, Collars, Suspenders, Mufflers, &c., to be seen in this city, making a most splendid variety of suitable Christmas presents.

WALL & STEPHENS,
Pa. avenue, next door to the Iron Hall.
dec 21—3t

R. SCHWARZE'S OYSTER DEPOT
Corner of Eleventh and E streets.

Orders for superior OYSTERS left at this place before 10 o'clock in the morning, will be delivered before 2 o'clock p. m.

Also, arrangements made to send Oysters in any quantity in the country, packed up in air-tight cans, so that they will keep good for at least eight days.

Pickled Oysters always prepared at the shortest notice. dec 21—3t

MUSICAL GIFTS.

WE have just received a variety of handsomely bound MUSICAL WORKS, suitable for holiday presents, to which we respectfully invite the attention of the public. They comprise in part—

Beethoven's Sonatas, vol 1
Mendelsohn's songs without words in 1 vol
Moore's Irish Melodies, in embossed binding
Bouquet of Melodies, or Potpourri of all the modern Operas, by Beyes, in 1 vol
Musical Leaves, an excellent gift for children
Buds and Blossoms of Sacred Melodies, in 1 vol
The prettiest of Mozart's Works, 1 vol
Dancers Album
Mozart's Sonatas, 4 hds, &c., &c.

HILBUS & HITZ'
dec 21— Music Depot.

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES

ON account of the Holidays. I am (and shall be) daily receiving, direct from the manufacturers, a variety of new styles of JEWELRY, a good assortment of pure SILVER WARE, viz: Spoons, Forks, Ladles, Pie, Fruit, Fish and Butter Knives, Silver and plaited Tea Setts, splendid Goblets, Cups, and a first rate lot of superior time Watches, that I will sell (as heretofore) much below the usual prices asked at other establishments in the District.

Please call at 418 Pennsylvania avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets. H. O. HOOD.
dec 21—

FIRE CRACKERS.

A LOT just received of Golden Chop No. 1, forty packs to the box, for sale by the box only, at the store of the Canton Tea Company, No 510 Seventh street. Price low. Terms cash.

dec 20—3t HALL & HENNING.

FOR HIRE—A MIDDLE AGED WOMAN (slave) with the best recommendations as to character, good cook, washer and ironer. Apply at Miss Briscoe's, 17th street, immediately opposite War Department. dec 20—3t

ARTICLES OF UTILITY—CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—STEVENS, Browns' Hotel, has a fresh large and elegant assortment of Gents' Scarfs, Napoleon Ties, Handkerchiefs, Cravats, Gloves, &c., of the best qualities and latest importations. Persons making presents will find our assortment complete, and of the best quality, and at the lowest prices.

dec 20—3t Salesroom, Browns' Hotel.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON COUNTY, to wit:

I do hereby certify that Wm. H. Birch of the county aforesaid, brought before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, this 18th day of December, 1854, as a stray, trespassing on his premises, a SORREL HORSE, age beyond the mark of mouth, about 15 hands high, a star in his forehead, two hind feet white, and off fore foot white, switch tail, trots and canters. Given under my hand. JOHN D. CLARK, J. P.

The owner of the above described horse is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take him away. WM. H. BIRCH.
dec 20—3t

FURS, FURS!

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AT SEYMOUR'S IN GEORGETOWN.—Nothing can be more appropriate as a present to a lady than a beautiful set of FURS. Just received this day from New York elegant sets of—

Stone Marten, Mink Marten,
Fitch, Rock Marten, Squirrel, Ermine
The greatest abundance of children's Furs.

Prices lower than ever. W. F. SEYMOUR,
dec 20—3t* No. 132 Bridge street.

BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ENGLISH Bibles, Episcopal and Catholic, Prayer Books in rich and elegant binding, and children's Books, the most extensive collection ever before offered in the District.

Also, a good assortment of Cutlery and Fancy Stationery. Just received, and for sale at great bargains by

F. K. LUNDY,
dec 20— No. 128 Bridge street, Georgetown.

OWEN H. BESTOR,
MATHEMATICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL AND OPTICAL INSTRUMENT MAKER.
Instruments in the line of his profession MADE AND REPAIRED
With Accuracy, Neatness and Despatch.
Also, Dealer in
SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, MINERALS, FOSSILS, SHELLS AND COINS.
No. 275
Pa. avenue, between Tenth & Eleventh str.
dec 20—3t*

TAYLOR & MAURY have the honor to announce the completion of the preparations for the Festival Season.

In addition to their ordinary stock (which has always been characterized by elegance and variety) they have received a choice selection of beautifully illustrated and tastefully bound books—articles of "vertu" in Porcelain, Bronze and other manufacture
Writing Desks in Papier Mache and rosewood
Card Baskets, Inkstands
Ladies' Cabas, Cigar Stands and Cases
Porte Monnaies, Taper Stands, &c.

Together with a general assortment of Novelties, remarkable for a combination of the useful with the ornamental, at prices suitable to the artizan or millionaire.

Book and Stationery Store, near 9th st.
dec 20—tf

AMUSEMENTS.

THE GREAT NATIONAL PANORAMA.

STANLEY'S
WESTERN WILDS.
OR, THE INDIAN AND HIS COUNTRY;
(Also showing the Northern Pacific Railroad Route, as recently surveyed by Governor Stevens,)
WILL BE EXHIBITED
AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, 7th Street,
TO-NIGHT.

Doors open at 6½ o'clock—Exhibition commences at 7½ o'clock.

J. M. STANLEY,
dec 12—tf Artist and Proprietor.
(Intel, Union & Organ)

AT ALEXANDRIA.

BULLARD'S PANORAMA
OF
NEW YORK CITY
Exhibits
AT LIBERTY HALL, ALEXANDRIA,
on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY EVENINGS, December 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 26. Also, SATURDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY AFTERNOONS, December 23, 25 and 26.

The Afternoon Exhibitions commence at 3½; the Evening at 7½ o'clock.

Admission 25 cents; children half price.

Families and parties, 5 persons, $1; 8 persons, $1 50. dec 16—6t*

THE GREAT MARBLE STATUE
OF
THE DYING GLADIATOR.

On exhibition at MORRISON'S BUILDING, 4½ street, near Pa. avenue, from 9 o'clk a. m. until 10 p. m. daily.

ADMITTANCE 25 CENTS.

"A STATUE of surpassing merit. Its power and pathos are independent of time, place and condition. The charm and power of the statue consist in the amazing truth with which the two great elements of humanity and mortality are delineated. The artist gives us all the pathos and the tragedy of death without its ghastliness and Horror. We feel ourselves in the presence of that awful Power before whose icy sceptre all mortal distinctions are levelled. No statue was ever more marked by simplicity. Nothing has been done for effect. No vulgar applause is courted, and the decency and dignity of truth are scrupulously observed."—*Hillard's Six Months in Italy.*

"A wonderful production of art. Its simplicity is such that it does not strike at first: the admiration comes afterward, and in a tide sufficiently deep and strong. At the moment we behold the Dying Gladiator his agony is past. It is the moment of exhaustion, of faintness, of death."—*Mrs. Ellis*

This statue is indisolubly associated with Byron's immortal stanza:

Isse before me the Gladiator lie:
He leans upon his hand—his manly brow
Consents to death, but conquers agony,
And his droop'd head sinks gradually low—
And through his side the last drops—ebbing slow
From the red gash, fall heavy, one by one,
Like the first of a thunder-shower; and now
The arena swims around him—he is gone,
Ere ceased the inhuman shout which hail'd the wretch who won.

He heard it, but he heeded it not—his eyes
Were with his heart, and that was far away;
He reck'd not of the life he lost, nor prize;
But where his rude hut by the Danube lay,
There were his young barbarians all at play.
There was their Dacian mother—he, their sire
Butcher'd to make a Roman holiday—
All this rush'd with his blood—shall he expire,
And unavenged? Arise! ye Goths, and glut your ire?

dec 16—tf J. S. HOLLINGSHEAD, Agent.

12 BEAUTIFUL WORK BOXES
16 rosewood and papier mache Desks
10 superb Pianos
24 Tilton's Guitars
2 fine Papier mache Side Tables
12 dozen assorted Violins
In addition to Card Cases, Porte Monnaies Children's Toys, Beautiful Vases, and a host of Fancy Goods, all suitable for Presents.

JNO. F. ELLIS,
Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts., No. 306.
dec 20—tf

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for the Boys. The most appropriate presents for Boys during the Holidays are a good Suite of Clothes, Overcoat, or Talma, selected from our present large and beautiful assortment, which can be purchased of good quality for a mere trifle of

WALL & STEPHENS,
Pa. avenue, next door to Iron Hall.
dec 20—3t

CAKES FOR CHRISTMAS.

THE subscriber has a large and varied assortment of Cakes and Pastry for the Christmas Holidays. Especial attention is called to the quality as well as to the variety of the supply.

Plumb, Pound, Jelly, Sponge and Tea Cake
Mince, Apple, Cranberry and other Pastries constantly on hand.
Fresh Bread, Biscuit, Buns, and Rusk every evening in time for tea.

The public are invited to call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.

CHAS. W. HAVENNER,
O street, between 4½ and Sixth streets.
dec 20—tf

NEW CABINET WAREROOMS,
Pa. avenue, between 17th and 18th streets.

EDWIN GREEN having removed to his large four story Building, has now a large stock of CABINET FURNITURE, CHAIRS, &c., from the lowest price substantial to the most elegant and fashionable which will be sold at the lowest rates.

Jobbing and repairing promptly attended to.

MAHOGANY and WALNUT on hand for sale.
dec 20—3t

STANDARD FRENCH AUTHORS, fine editions in fine Paris bindings, are for sale in variety by the undersigned; imported by himself from Paris—many of them just opened.

dec 20 FRANCK TAYLOR.

CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONERY.

JOHN MILLER respectfully informs the public that he has on hand, at his well known establishment on Pennsylvania avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, one of the largest stocks of CONFECTIONERY, imported and of his own make, ever offered for sale in this city.

He is fully provided with Fruit Cake in various size and form; Pound Cakes, Sponge Cakes, and small cakes of every flavor and variety.

Also, a fresh and full supply of Sugar Plums, Candies and Chocolates of every shape and flavor.

Ice Creams, Water Ices, Jellies, Charlotte Russe Pyramids, &c., for balls, parties weddings, &c., will be furnished at the shortest notice.

He has also on hand a large and fresh assortment of imported French Vegetables: as Asparagus, Green Peas, Mushrooms, Green Corn, Stewed Tomatoes, Truffles, &c. Catsup, both mushroom and tomatoe; Sardines, Anchovies, Pates de Fore Grass, and a full assortment of meats in box