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nov 13—tf

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oct 23—tf

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oct 25—dtJan.

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nov 14 (Nat. Int., Union, and Sentinel.)

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AUCTION AND COMMISSION STORE.
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Consignments solicited, upon which a liberal advance will be made. JOS. K. HARTWELL.
nov 20—2m

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ON THE
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dec 7

OFFICIAL
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, August 26, 1854.
Notice is hereby given to the holders of the following-described stocks of the United States, that this department is prepared to purchase, at any time between the date hereof and the 20th day of November next, portions of those stocks, amounting in the aggregate to $3,840,000, in the manner and on the terms hereinafter mentioned, to wit:
In case of any contingent competition, within the amount stated, preference will be given in the order of time in which said stocks may be offered. The certificates, duly assigned to the United States, by the parties who are to receive the amount thereof, must be transmitted to this department; upon the receipt whereof, a price will be paid, compounded of the following particulars:
1. The par value, or amount specified in each certificate.
2 A premium on the stock of the loan authorized by the act of July, 1846, redeemable November 12, 1856, of 3 per cent.; on the stock of the loan authorized by the act of 1842, redeemable 31st December, 1862, of 11 per cent; on the stock of the loans authorized by the acts of 1847 and 1848, and redeemable, the former on the 31st December, 1867, and the latter on the 30th June, 1868, of 16 per cent; and on the stock of the loan authorized by the act of 1850, and redeemable on the 31st December, 1864 (commonly called the Texan indemnity,) six per cent.
3. Interest on the par of each certificate from the 1st of July, 1854, to the date of receipt and settlement at the Treasury, with the allowance (for the money to reach the owner) of one day's interest in addition.
Payment for said stocks will be made in drafts of the Treasurer of the United States, on the assistant treasurer at Boston, New York, or Philadelphia, as the parties may direct.
But no certificate will be entitled to the benefit of this notice which shall not be actually received at the Treasury on or before the said 20th day of November next.
JAMES GUTHRIE,
Secretary of Treasury.
The time during which the above named stocks will be purchased by this department upon the terms above specified is hereby extended to 31st December next, inclusive.
As the transfer books will be closed on the 1st December, when the current half year's interest becomes vested in the stockholder at that date, all certificates of inscribed stock must, in addition to the usual assignment to the United States, have an express assignment of the interest made by the stockholder thereon. Where the interest is not so assigned, or where the coupons payable on the 1st January next, in cases of coupon stock, are not transmitted with the certificates, the premium and one day's interest only (less interest from the time of redemption to 1st January) will be included with the principal in the settlement.
JAMES GUTHRIE,
Secretary of the Treasury.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Nov. 18, 1854.
nov 20—dtey

CARTER'S
SPANISH MIXTURE.
The Great Purifier of the Blood!
Not a Particle of Mercury In It!
AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY for Scrofula, King's Evil, Rheumatism, Obstinate Cutaneous Eruptions, Pimples or Pustules on the face, Blotches, Boils, Chronic Sore Eyes, Ring Worm or Tetter, Scald Head, Enlargement and Pain of the Bones and Joints, Stubborn Ulcers, Syphilitic Disorders, Lumbago Spinal Complaints, and all the diseases arising from an injudicious use of Mercury, Imprudence in Life, or Impurity of the Blood.
THIS valuable Medicine, which has become celebrated for the number of extraordinary cures effected through its agency, has induced the proprietors, at the urgent request of their friends, to offer it to the public, which they do with the utmost confidence in its virtues and wonderful curative properties. The following certificates, selected from a large number, are, however, stronger testimony than the mere word of the proprietors; and are all from gentlemen well known in their localities, and of the highest respectability, many of them residing in the city of Richmond, Va.
F. BOYDEN, Esq., of the Exchange Hotel, Richmond, known everywhere says he has seen the Medicine called CARTER'S SPANISH MIXTURE, administered in over a hundred cases, in nearly all the diseases for which it is recommended, with the most astonishingly good results. He says it is the most extraordinary medicine he has ever seen.
AGUE AND FEVER—GREAT CURE.—I hereby certify that for three years I had Ague and Fever of the most violent description. I had several Physicians, took large quantities of Quinine, Mercury, and I believe all the Tonics advertised, but all without permanent relief. At last I tried Carter's Spanish Mixture, two bottles of which effectually cured me, and I am happy to say I have had neither chills or fevers since. I consider it the best Tonic in this world, and the only medicine that ever reached my case. JOHN LONGDEN.
BEAVER DITCH, near Richmond, Va.
C. B. LUCK, Esq., now in the city of Richmond and for many years in the Post Office, has such confidence in the astonishing efficacy of Carter's Spanish Mixture, that he has bought upwards of 58 bottles, which he has given away to the afflicted.—Mr. Luck says he has never known it to fail when taken according to directions.
Dr. MINGE, a practising Physician, and formerly of the City Hotel, in the city of Richmond, says he has witnessed in a number of instances the effects of Carter's Spanish Mixture, which were most truly surprising. He says in a case of Consumption, dependent on the Liver, the good effects were wonderful indeed.
SAMUEL M. DRINKER, of the firm of Drinker & Morris, Richmond, was cured cured of Liver Complaint of three years standing, by the use of two bottles of Carter's Spanish Mixture.
GREAT CURE OF SCROFULA.—The Editors of the Richmond Republican had a servant employed in their press room, cured of violent Scrofula, combined with Rheumatism, which entirely disabled him from work. Two bottles of Carter's Spanish Mixture made a perfect cure of him, and the Editors in a public notice, say they "cheerfully recommend it to all who are afflicted with any disease of the blood."
STILL ANOTHER CURE OF SCROFULA.—I had a very valuable boy cured of Scrofula by Carter's Spanish Mixture. I consider it truly a valuable medicine. JAMES M. TAYLOR, Conductor on the R. F. and P. R. R. Co., Richmond, Va.
SALT RHEUM OF TWENTY YEARS STANDING CURED
Mr. JOHN THOMPSON, residing in the city of Richmond, was cured by three bottles of Carter's Spanish Mixture, of Salt Rheum, which he had for nearly twenty years, and which all the physicians of the city could not cure. Mr. Thompson is a well known merchant in the city of Richmond and his is most remarkable.
WM. A. MATTHEWS, of Richmond had a servant cured of Syphilis, in the worst form, by Carter's Spanish Mixture. He says he cheerfully recommends it, and considers it a very invaluable medicine.
EDWIN BURTON, commissioner of the revenue, says he has seen the good effects of Carter's Spanish Mixture in a number of Syphilitic cases, and says it is a perfect cure for that horrible disease.
WM. G. HARWOOD, of Richmond, cured of old Sores and Ulcers, which disabled him from walking. Took a few bottles of Carter's Spanish Mixture, and was enabled to walk without a crutch, in a short time permanently cured.
Principal Depots at M. WARD, CLOSE & Co., No. 88 Maiden Lane, New York.
T. W. DYOTT & SONS, No. 182 North Second st., Philadelphia
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And for sale by CHARLES STOTT, Washington, D. C; HENRY PEEL, Alexandria, and by Druggists everywhere.
Price $1 per bottle, or six bottles for $5;
sep 21—1y

MM. SCHONENBERG,
Teacher of Piano and Singing,
NO. 357 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.
oct 23—tf

REMEMBER, JOHN F. ELLIS HAS AN IMmense assortment of Fancy Goods suitable for Holiday Gifts, which he is selling cheap.
No. 360 Pa. av., bet. 9th and 10th sts.
dec 18—tf

BALLS, &c.

We Are With You Again, Kind Friends.
SECOND GRAND BALL
OF THE
AMERICUS CLUB,
IN AID OF THEIR LIBRARY,
On WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 27th,
AT TEMPERANCE HALL.
THE AMERICUS CLUB have the extreme pleasure of announcing to their friends and their fellow citizens generally, that they will give a grand BALL on WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 27th, at
TEMPERANCE HALL,
in aid of their Library, having assurance that they cannot fail so long as they have such a noble project in hand.
The Club pledge themselves, individually, that no pains or expense will be spared to make all who may honor them with their presence pass a pleasant and agreeable time.
Scott's celebrated Cotillon Music has been engaged for the occasion.
The Supper and Refreshment department has been placed in the hands of an experienced caterer.
Tickets ONE DOLLAR—admitting a gentleman and ladies; to be had of any member of the Club and at the door on the evening of the ball.
No hats or caps will be allowed in the room except those worn by the different Clubs.
FLOOR MANAGERS.
E G Evans, D D Darden, E B Barrett.
MANAGERS.
S P Robertson, T Johnson, W H Bailey,
S E Culverwell, J W Houck, W Thomas,
F A Rearden, W E Morgan, M Birkhead,
C Matlock, W H Johnson, G Easlin,
R Johnson, J G Robinson, jr J Essex.
W H Dice, E F Queen.
dec 16,19.21,23,26,27—6t

GRAND NEW YEAR'S BALL
OF THE
TERPSICHORE CLUB.
THE members of the "Terpsichore Club" respectfully announce to their friends and the public generally that the first Grand Ball of the Club will be given on MONDAY EVENING, January the 1st, 1855, at ODD FELLOWS' HALL, Navy Yard.
In order that all may be satisfied with the enjoyment of the evening, the Club will spare no pains to make this one of the most pleasant balls of the season.
The ball will be opened with the performance of some excellent music by the "Amphion Quartette Club," so well known to our musical public.
Superior Cotillon Music has been engaged for the occasion.
Tickets ONE DOLLAR—admitting a gentleman and ladies; to be had of any of the managers and at the door on the evening of the ball.
MANAGERS.
Marcellus Marceron,
J R Dobbyn, R W Howe,
W E Tucker, D W Jarboe,
P J Ennis, G A Barr,
J W Smoot. F Gartland,
S McNamee.
dec 12,19,26 27,28,29,30&Jan1*

GRAND ANNUAL BALL
OF THE
GERMAN YAGERS.
THE "GERMAN YAGERS" respectfully inform their friends, both civil and military, that their ANNUAL BALL will be given on MONDAY EVENING, January 1st, 1855, at CARUSI'S SALOON.
Everything shall be done on the part of the company to give satisfaction, and the committee pledge themselves to do their part in every particular.
Tickets can be procured from the Committee, and at the door.
Price of tickets ONE DOLLAR & FIFTY CENTS.
No hats to be worn in the ball room except by the military.
Committee of Arrangements.
Ensign N Hopp, F Klotz,
Or Sgt M Ruppell, G Schlegel,
J Angermen, G Govemondor,
C Openstein.
Floor Managers.
M. Ruppell, O S, F W Sellhausen, Qr Mr
dec 20—W&S&dlw

THE THIRD ANNUAL GRAND BALL
OF THE
MONTGOMERY GUARDS
WILL BE GIVEN ON
MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 8th, 1855,
AT JACKSON HALL.
THE MONTGOMERY GUARDS respectfully inform their friends, civil and Military of Washington and Georgetown that that they will give their third Annual Grand Ball at JACKSON HALL on MONDAY EVENING, January 8, 1855.
The Montgomery Guards pledge themselves that no pains or expense shall be spared to make this equal to any of the season
Prosperi's Cornet Band is engaged for the occasion
Refreshments will be supplied by an able and experienced caterer.
No hats to be worn in the Ball Room except by the Military.
Gentlemen wishing invitations for ladies will please leave their names and address at Lt. Feeny's, Penn. avenue.
Tickets ONE DOLLAR—admitting a gentleman and ladies; to be had at the Restaurant of James Donnelly, Pa. avenue, Lt. Feeny's, Wm. Greason's, Michael Brady's, and at the principal hotels.
Committee of Arrangements.
Capt Key, Lt Reilly,
Dr Duhamel, Lt Feeny,
Surg Moore, Sgt McNiry,
Lt Kelleher, Sgt Burk.
Qr Mr Maher.
Committee on part of the Military.
Col W Hickey, Gen Jones,
Lt Col Reily, Maj Keyworth,
Qr Mr McCullom, Maj Bacon,
Adj L J Middleton, Capt J B Tate
Capt Carrington, Capt Towers,
Capt Tait, Capt Schwarzman,
Capt Byrne, Capt Bright,
Capt Reese, Capt Smith,
Capt Jamison, Capt Peck,
Capt Shekells, Capt Lasselle.
On the part of the Citizens.
John W Maury, Richd Wallach,
Jonah D Hoover, Beverly Tucker,
F McNerhany, Jno T Towers,
W W Seaton, Jno C. Rives.
Floor Managers.
Lieut Reily, Sgt McEniry.
dec 19—dJan8

BALL AND SUPPER
OF THE
COLUMBIA
TYPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.
THE COLUMBIA TYPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY respectfully inform their friends and the public that their Fortieth Annual Celebration will take place at JACKSON HALL, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 10, 1855.
Tickets, TWO DOLLARS—admitting a Gentleman and Ladies—to be had of the Executive Committee.
The furnishing and arrangement of the Supper will be under the immediate superintendence of Mr. THOMAS ECKHARDT.
MANAGERS AT LARGE.
Hon J T Towers, J F Halliday, S Lamborne
Hon W W Seaton, Wm Towers, sr, E C Dyer
Hon Peter Force, J Dowling, F Ward
Hon R Weightman, W W Moore, H Walker
A G Seaman, T W Howard, E S Cropley
G S Gideon, E B Robinson, J H Thorn
W Woodward, M Caton, G W Cochran
James English, W A Fitzgerald, J Bowen
C Alexander, J W Davis, R Waters
C W Dannington, C Wendall, J S Cunningham
L Towers, J H Trenholm, F Jefferson
A B Claxton, H Polkinhorn, Wm G Moore,
J S Gallaher, Geo Cochran, J L Smith,
F Edmonston, J Chedal, J B Tate
COMMITTEE OF INVITATION AND RECEPTION.
(white rosette)
C F Lowrey, Wm H Dennesson, F J Waters
Thos Rich, J McIntyre, C E Leves
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Jesse Judge, J Melson, J Hurley
F Rodier, J Larcombe, Wm Towers, jr
S F Gould, J Cunningham, F M Detweiler
G Whittington, Geo Rock, J Robinson
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(tri-colored rosette)
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S P Robertson, T D Sultzer, Chas Schell
FLOOR MANAGERS,
(red rosette)
Wm L Jones, John Judge, F R Dorsett
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
(blue rosette)
WM. M. BELT, J. T. HALLECK, GEORGE CATON,
WM. L. JONES, WM. R. MCLEAN, HAR'N BOWEN.
C. P. BROWN, C. J. CANFIELD.
dec 14—ed6t

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, Ink stands, &c
Also, a selection of Miscellaneous Books, consisting of Poems and Juvenile Books, which will be sold at reduced prices.
276 Pa. av., 2d door from Kirkwood House.
dec 21—2w

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. ROBT K. TWEEDY, Grocer,
corner Pa. avenue and 13th st., s. side.
dec 21—dtJan1

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.

LEMONS.—
25 boxes prime LEMONS, in Store and for sale by M. ELDRIDGE,
dec 21—tf Union Wharf, Alexandria, Va.

WAY DOWN EAST, Jack Downing's last, with High Life in New York, the Wide-Awake Gift for 1855, &c., just in at the New Book-store, 474 Pa avenue. dec 19—tf

CARD MUSICAL.
THE PUBLIC are respectfully informed that we have this day opened our new and splendid music depot, with a large additional stock of music, musical instruments, and musical merchandise in general. A call is respectfully solicited.
HILBUS & HITZ.
Music Depot, Star Buildings, corner Pennsylvania avenue, Eleventh and D Streets. dec 11

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.

FAMILY GROCERY.
Northwest corner of Thirteenth and H streets.
THE subscriber having taken the above-named stand, recently occupied by Mrs. E. A Laub, intends keeping a general supply of FAMILY GROCERIES, of the very best quality, which will be disposed of at the lowest possible rates for cash, or on short credit to punctual customers.
He solicits a continuance of the custom of the former patrons of the house, and begs to invite the attention and inspection of his numerous friends and acquaintances to the quality of his goods, and the arrangements made to secure the liberal patronage of the public. A. JACKSON.
dec 12—1m

MRS F HERMAN. E. FISHER.
MRS. HERMAN & CO.,
FRENCH STEAM SCOURERS,
No. 62 North Eutaw street, near Lexington,
BALTIMORE, MD.
Will thoroughly clean all kinds of Ladies and Children's Dresses, made of Silk, Velvet, or Wool; Gentlemen's Coats, Pants and Vests, without shrinking or taking off the natural gloss.
The utmost punctuality warranted.
White Crape Shawls done up equal to new.
All orders left at WM. P. SHEDD'S Fancy Goods and Millinery, 502 Eleventh st., Washington.
dec 13—2w

VETERAN TUNER.
THE undersigned informs the musical public that he is now prepared to tune Pianofortes, Organs and Melodeons with dispatch. Forty years experience in the business affords him qualifications for accurateness which few can attain, having so far given entire satisfaction to all correct musicians and the exclusive tuner of Pianos at the President's Mansion at the time of Madison.
Orders left at HILBUS & HITZ' Music Depot, or Mr. Wm. Zanzinger's Music Store, will meet with prompt attention; but if left at other establishments do not reach him and fall into the hands of minor tuners. JACOB HILBUS,
H st., between 17th and 18th, south side.
dec 12—tf

NEW STORE, NEW STORE.
Louisiana avenue, opposite the Bank of Washington
MR. THOMAS DELEANY respectfully invites the attention of the public to examine his stock of GOODS, which he has opened on Louisiana avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets, opposite the Bank of Washington, consisting of all descriptions of Teas, &c., Imperial, Gunpowder, and Black Tea; Wines and Liquors, of all sorts, which he can sell at the lowest prices for cash or approved paper. Besides all the necessaries for Grocery Business, viz: Brooms, Buckets, Cedar Tubs, Matches, &c., &c. Please call and see for yourselves.
nov 22—3m

GAYARRE'S HISTORY OF LOUISIANA, French Domination, 2 vols
Gayarre's History of Louisiana, Spanish Domination, 1 vol
Parish Pencillin, s, by Kirwan, 1 vol
Dickens' Household Words, Dec. number
Bruno by Abbot, a tale for the young
Almanach Francai des Etats Unis, pour 1855
Jefferson's Complete Works, in 9 vols
The Positive Philosophy of Auguste Comte, in English, 1 vol. FRANCK TAYLOR.
dec 18

DRUG STORE FOR SALE.
A DRUG STORE, eligibly situated, doing an extensive business, and with an ample stock of the best Medicines, Fancy Articles, &c, with all the fixtures, (which are new) and in the most perfect order, is offered for sale, a great bargain.
The price is $1,500, which is $1,000 less than cost. Any person desiring to purchase, can learn particulars by addressing a letter to "Druggist," Washington city. dec 12—dtf

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—

MUSIC FOR BALLS, PARTIES, &c.
L. F. W. WEBER
RESPECTFULLY INFORMS HIS FRIENDS and former patrons that he continues to attend BALLS, PARTIES, &c., with his well organized BAND of scientific Musicians.
He will introduce all the new and fashionable Music
An accomplished Pianist furnished if desired.
☞ Orders left at Hilbus & Hitz' Music Depot, Gautier's, or Miller's Confectionery Stores, or at my residence, near Gen Henderson's, Navy Yard, will meet with prompt attention. nov 28—2m

SPECIAL NOTICE.
WE shall have ready for delivery on the 27th instant, all accounts due us and the late firm of Maxwell, Sears & Colley. All those that are not called for will be rendered, and we earnestly hope, and most respectfully insist upon their being closed in full to the 1st of the new year; as it is very important that the business of the late firm should be settled as soon as possible.
COLLEY & SEARS,
No. 523 Seventh st., 2 doors above
dec 22—6t Avenue House.

EVENING STAR.

SELDEN, WITHERS & CO.

The Richmond Examiner says: We have deferred expressing ourselves fully and freely, as we intend to do, in regard to this bankrupt concern. We might get off some valuable reflections upon public virtue and public honesty in the act; but might also embarrass the authorities of the State in securing the amount due from the broken firm to the Board of Public Works—in which duty the proper public officers are now engaged. In the meantime, we shall refrain from vociferous and malaprop calls for light on a subject which we shall hear all about in time to prevent any disastrous explosion from irrepressible curiosity.

We understand, informally, that the amount of State funds unaccounted for by the bankrupts is between $300,000 and and $350,000. Although the published schedule of their affairs presents a most beggarly exhibit, yet the individual fortunes of the original, retired members of the firm, upon the responsibility of which the agency of the State was given the broken house, are believed to be ample to cover any margin of debt which the assets of the present house may fail to meet.

Those who talk about the contracts of 1851–2, and the resplendent wisdom of Mr. Conway Robinson, (compiler of the Code,) in regard thereto, seem to enjoy a blessed ignorance of the facts of the case. The contracts of 1851–2 covered five millions of bonds; and have long been executed and settled up. So far from the State losing upon them, she realized a clear profit in premiums of $140,000. The then officers of the Board of Public Works, Whigs as well as Democrats, have retired from public life. The then members of the firm of Selden, Withers & Co. have retired from the house, and been succeeded by a new set of men. The new contracts on which the present arrearage arises have been subsequently entered into between new officers of the State and new members of the agency. We cannot, therefore, discover the moral justice or the logical propriety of laying the present loss, if it be a loss, from new contracts between new parties upon the old officers, the old agents, and the old contracts of 1851–2.

We have little expectation that a loss will result to the State even now; but, whether there be loss now or not, we cannot see why old contracts, which have been executed, which have passed the ordeal of two Legislatures filled with Whigs, should be now made the subject of personal crimination; and why men gone into private life and covered with its sanctity, should be dragged before the public about new affairs to which they are not parties.

BADLY BUILT HOUSES.—The frequency of fires in Philadelphia of late, has excited inquiry into the manner in which houses are built now-a-days. The following, from the Philadelphia North American, applies equally well to this meridian:

We build high walls with the very poorest excuse for mortar which can be found, and the consequence is, that when there is a fire burning through the interior, the walls crumble away and topple over on to smaller edifices adjacent, carrying the flames along with them. Then, too, we have got to putting up large edifices with no brick walls save those outside; and so, when the rafters which bind them together burn, the shell proves to be a miserable tottering affair. But even if these things were remedied, we have no means for the detection and punishment of incendiarism, and our fire departments are disorganized, destitute of system or efficient direction, and while a fire is fiercely spreading through a building, the firemen sometimes stand upon the stairway quarrelling about the water. Unless property owners make up their minds to build in a more durable style, they ought not to expect firemen to risk their lives in endeavoring to save houses from destruction. And unless we have a jury of inquiry into all the fires which occur, we shall not be able to check incendiarism. And while our fire departments are collections of independent and insubordinate companies, whose members acknowledge no control, it is mere moonshine to talk of stopping the spread of conflagrations.

GOOD FOOD FOR HARD TIMES.—The use of beans, as an article of food, is not so considerable as it should be. Beans are among the most nutricious of all kinds of food used by man. Chemical analysis, and the experience of those who make extensive use of them, demonstrate this. Besides this, they are the most economical food that can be used for the support of a family. Those who find the times to be hard, are most respectfully invited to try the experiment.

To provide an excellent dinner—healthful, palateable, and nutricious—take a pint of beans, with one gallon of water, and the beef bones which we are accustomed to throw in the street. Boil all together (adding a few potatoes if convenient) until the beans become soft—add salt and pepper to suit the taste—and dinner is ready. Such a dinner will cost next to nothing; and will set easier upon the stomach than venison steaks, quail or partridge, washed down with champagne.

A piece of fat beef thrown into the pot will give a pretty good flavor to soup, porridge, or such a dish as I have named. But if you want the real genuine flavor, then use the bones—such bones as are usually thrown away. There is a flavor obtained from the bones which is not given by pieces of solid meat. I have heard purveyors for our alms houses scolded because they purchased, for economy sake, the legs and other parts of the animal containing the most bone. They should receive praise instead of censure; for they were procuring the article most useful. And the old saying, "The closer the bone, the sweeter the meat," is literally true, as many aged persons can testify.—*Journal of Commerce.*

RACE FOR A HUSBAND.

There lived in Gloucester county, New Jersey, an old widower, named Peter, who was an odd compound of whim and caprice; his circumstances were not affluent; nor yet indigent, but was considered "comfortable." At no great distance from his farm resided a buxom widow, about four feet in height, and it was said that her attitude was nearly the true guage of the circumference of her waist. In the same direction, though further from the residence of Peter, lived another widow, named Amey. These ladies were competitors for the favorable regard of the widower. Peter's mind was long undecided which of the two widows should have the preference; Amey was beyond a doubt the most beautiful, but then Christina was corpulent, and of course was "more of her."

He at last hit upon an expedient to bring the affair to a conclusion—he wrote a billet to each, purporting that he had also sent for her competitor, and was resolved to marry the one who should *first* arrive at his house; a lad was dispatched with the pair of billets, and first delivered the one addressed to Amey, whose residence was most remote from that of the lovesick swain. She immediately ordered her fleetest horse to be saddled, while she arrayed herself in her best attire. By lucky chance a horse stood saddled at the gate of Christina, who was ready dressed to pay a visit to a neighbor when the messenger delivered Peter's billet; she quickly mounted her courser, but no sooner had she got into the road that lead to Peter's house, and cast her eyes in a direction towards Amey's residence, than she saw her rival rushing after her with the swiftness of the wind; and away went Christina and Amey whipping for dear life, with their bonnets gracefully hanging on their backs. Both ladies being equally well mounted, Christina preserved the lead, and after a race of a quarter of a mile, she bounced into Peter's door, exclaiming—"Well, here I am, Peter—I got here *first!*" The old gentleman expressed his happiness by a phlegmatic "alas a day!"

MORMON OPINION OF GOV. STEPTOE.—Elder Orson Hyde, one of the big guns of the Mormon church, and second only to Brigham himself in regulating the affairs of Utah and Great Salt Lake City, indorses Col. Steptoe in the following mandate:

Col. Steptoe, of the United States Army, with his command, is now in our Territory, and expects to winter with us. This gentlemanly officer and his associates, have the good will of our society, and have thus far acted in a manner becoming officers of their rank. The Colonel wishes his men to conform to the best principles and rules of moral society, and, if we mistake not, has given orders to this effect.

Will the trading citizens of this town sell to the soldiers liquor, by which their own peace and that of their families may be disturbed? If they will, do not attach the blame to the officers, but to our own citizens, who for paltry gain will corrupt the soldiers, and themselves also, by a traffic that worketh death instead of life. So far as I am a witness, the officers and the men, with few exceptions, of the United States army now in our midst, take extra pains to have all things move on happily and amicably, and it affords me pleasure to be able to bear this testimony in their behalf. It is hoped that all the citizens in the southern country will receive Col. Steptoe and his command with cordiality and kindness, for highminded and gentlemanly bearing merit this testimonial of our respect and esteem.

Respectfully, ORSON HYDE.

NEGROES FOR A FREE STATE.—The Richmond Dispatch gives the following extract of a letter from a correspondent in Staunton, December 20:

"Coming to Staunton in the Richmond train, on Tuesday, we took in at one of the Louisa stations a large crowd of negroes, numbering at least seventy, of all ages, from the old man with his cane to the infant at the breast. The parting scene with the negroes they left behind was quite affecting. Loud lamentations filled the air. Tears flowed in torrents, and I thought, on the whole, if an abolition