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AGENTS FOR THE STAR.—The following named persons are authorized to contract for the publication of advertisements in THE STAR: Philadelphia—V. B. PALMER, northwest corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets. New York—S. M. PATTINGILL & Co., Nassau street. Boston—V. B. PALMER, Scollay's Building.

SPRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The Union rejoices over the hearty approbation with which it insists the country has received the message. Upon the views expressed in the message with reference to the slavery question, the Union says: "The irresistible reasoning of President Pierce out of place in an annual message. Truth is never out of place; and such truths as he speaks should be written as to be read and remembered by all men. Abolition has advanced from a sneaking and snarling faction to a bold and bullying fanaticism. It has tried its pretence hard upon the nullification of State laws, and now comes to break up the foundations of the constitution. It has governed State legislatures, and now aspires to Federal power, boasting, with rude and irreverent blasphemy, that its majority in Congress may soon give it the government itself. And this advance of the most potent adversary of our political system results from the falsehoods of able and abandoned demagogues, who have set themselves to work to misrepresent the history, the men, and the memories of the past, and who rejoice that they have succeeded in bewildering and misleading the public mind. To expose this fatal delusion, not in terms of angry discussion, but with the calm and well-considered arguments of a statesman who reasons from facts, and who draws his inspiration from the established theories of our Government—to confer such a benefit upon our common country is denominated "as out of place in a President's annual message."

The Intelligencer is to-day devoted to news, literature and science.

PERSONAL.

Gen. Cushing has returned from a flying visit to Newburyport. Gotschalk, the pianist, is giving concerts in Philadelphia. Mayor Barbee, of Louisville, Ky., has resigned his office. Joseph W. Cowan was buried yesterday at Philadelphia with Masonic honors, by the Knights Templars and inferior orders. Edwin Forrest, with Miss Lizette Weston, is soon to appear at the Holiday street theatre, Baltimore. Mr. Hilliard's lecture at Boston was postponed two weeks, and Theodore Parker took his place. Hon. Joseph R. Chandler lectured in Boston on Tuesday, before the Young Catholic's Friend Society. Rev. Wm. P. Farish has purchased one half of the "Blair Park" estate in Albemarle county, Va., for \$25,000. Henry T. Tuckerman has written an article in the Christian Examiner, on "Theocracy, as a Novelist." Smith O'Brien has lately published "Principles of Government, or Meditations in Exile," in two volumes octavo. Commodore Abbott, U. S. N., when the last mail left China, was in so infirm a state of health that his "convalescence was doubtful." Capt. McCluney, with many others of the officers and crew of the Powhatan, had the fever while her machinery was being repaired at Hong Kong. Rt. Rev. George Upfold, Bishop of Indiana, is to spend a portion of his time in the performance of the official duties of Bishop Potter, whose health is not good. Mayor Wood's visitors, on New Year's day, partook, during the two hours reception, of one hundred bushels of cakes, and one hundred and sixty gallons of lemonade. Rev. Mr. Hinks, brother of Mr. Hinks, recently of Nova Scotia, but now governor of Barbadoes, is to be appointed Bishop of Toronto. Governor Wise received the military and citizens of Richmond on New Year's day, and welcomed them in a neat speech. "Creature comforts" were dispensed in the breach of the Executive Mansion. Surgeon Thomas Williamson has been ordered to the naval rendezvous at Norfolk. Surgeon Wm. H. McClenahan has been ordered to the United States receiving ship Pennsylvania, at Norfolk. Wally Mason, keeper of a porter house in New York, died Monday of a heart disease, superinduced by a beating he received eighteen months ago from the late Wm. Poole and others. L. H. Luck measured, at Richmond, Va., from 1st July, 1855, to December 31st, 1855, inclusive: Wheat, 74,035 bushels. Corn, 18,568 bushels. Oats, 837 bushels. Potatoes, 3,659 bushels. Peas, 1,604 bushels. Apples, 562 bushels. Rye, 500 bushels. Captain Abel De Forest, a soldier of the Revolution, died at Binghamton on the 24th ult., aged 94 years and 8 months. He was, for a time, Captain of a West India vessel, and he who afterwards became Commodore Hull, was one of his hands. John Gilson, the Irish dry goods prince of E. Street, New York, for the last twenty years, with Stroggs, Shaw, & Co., and Shannon, Frasier, & Co., are leaving that narrow street for elegant and extensive quarters in Broadway. James Wentworth owns a large portion of the rich valley of Genesee, in New York State. His landed possessions exceed fifty thousand acres; it is nearly all good land—the best in the State, and constantly increasing in value. Gov. Brazz, of N. C., has refused to pardon Joseph T. Williams, now under sentence of death in the jail of Person county, for the murder of his father. The Governor granted the unfortunate young man a reprieve until Thursday, the 24th of January. Rev. J. Morris Pease addressed the American Geographical and Statistical Society, at their rooms, N. Y. University, last evening, on the subject of his proposed expedition to the interior of Africa, for the purpose of exploration. The cost of the expedition, it is calculated, will be something over five thousand dollars. Mrs. Turner, sister of Mrs. Anna Cora Ritchie, wrote a very admirable book on the principal points of difference between the old and Swedenborgian Christian churches, a third edition of which, revised and enlarged, has just appeared from the press of Messrs. Ticknor & Fields. E. S. Stratton has left ten thousand dollars to his son Charles, (the dwarf Tom Thumb), and all the residue of his estate, after the widow's dower, to be equally divided, share and share, alike between his four children, including his son Charles. His widow is named executrix and P. T. Barnum as executor. Rev. Dr. Brownson lectured last evening before the Catholic literary societies of Albany, upon that interesting problem, "The Hope of the Republic." Dr. Brownson, by his commanding talent, his persuasive oratory, and his extraordinary eloquence, has justly won the reputation of ranking among the intellectual giants of the age. Samuel J. Proper who hailed from New York, took up his residence at Chicago last summer. He joined one of the most wealthy and fashionable churches in the city, produced forged letters of introduction from banking houses in the East, represented himself to be worth a million of dollars, swindled various citizens of Chicago out of about \$30,000 in the aggregate, and a few days since quietly departed for regions unknown.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Chacun, a Son Gout.—The dignified, chaste, and altogether Senatorial effort of Mr. Senator Hale, delivered yesterday in the presence of a crowded Senate and galleries, has won another chaplet to grace that gentleman's brow; being in capital keeping with the distinguished oratorical reputation which he achieved long since in the same forum. With, perhaps, two other exceptions, we doubt whether the Hon. Mr. Hale has his equal in his peculiar line of forensic ability now in public life. It was extremely appropriate that such remarks as fell from his lips concerning the Chief Magistrate of the United States, should have been uttered by Mr. Hale of all the Senate; his antecedents being just such as render such a speech from him on such a subject, comme il faut.

To be sure, statesmen of the calibre of Messrs. Clayton, Cass, and Seward, had two days before taken occasion to express their views upon the particular point which the distinguished Mr. Hale was understood to be discussing, precisely contrary to those he vouchsafed to the ears of the admiring crowd of listeners. But they are notoriously mere old fogies; tyros in statesmanship, ignorant in general attainments, and mere babies in experience in the conduct of our foreign relations, when compared with the distinguished gentleman from New Hampshire, who, on the occasion to which we refer, added so much, by his effort, to the high esteem in which the country holds the dignity, the statesmanship and the nice sense of right and wrong that should mark the example which the body of which he is a member, sets to all other legislative assemblies in the United States.

It is well for the cause of good manners and correct taste in such assemblies, that the National Legislature is graced by the presence of the great and high-toned Hale. Otherwise, on occasions, a tinge of unmitigated rowdiness might insidiously work its way even into the Senate chamber! On the occasion upon which we are commenting, the whole Senate were struck dumb with admiration, that his remarks spell-bound all his fellow-Senators, as it were; none daring to essay the superhuman task of replying to his irrefragable logic and choice language concerning the President of the United States personally. What, but the evident utter impossibility of answering such a speech appropriately by words, superinduced the profound silence with which it was received by every Senator present!

Happy Fellows.—The Democrats of the House are evidently perfectly satisfied with the existing state of things in the Representative's chamber, and will not mourn if the first of next July arrives, with no Speaker chosen. The truth is, the Executive branch of the government will hardly feel the want of a dollar for carrying on its portion of the public business, until, perhaps, next September—the means for footing the bill until the first of July next having been provided last winter. The Democrats of the body argue that they are perfectly satisfied with the public laws as they are, and therefore have few changes in any of them to propose; and further, that if the opposition, who have come to Washington loaded down with pledges to change almost everything conceivable in the government, can rest content to "carry on" longer as they have been doing for the last month, they (the Democrats) will be slow, indeed, to complain thereof; as they are well aware that the popular odium that must grow out of the incapacity of the House to transact any business whatever, must fall on those who, having so large a numerical majority in the chamber, have also on them, and cannot escape, the collateral of sole responsibility for the existing condition of things. Indeed, we find the opinion unanimous among the Democratic members, that the failure of the House to organize is to prove a great "card" for their cause in the approaching Presidential election. They are evidently preparing to make the most of it before the people.

Confirmed.—The Senate have confirmed—Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, to be Commissioner of the Land Office, vice Wilson, removed.

Thomas J. Provott, of Florida, to be register of the land office at Newnanville, Fla. Andrew Leach, of Iowa, to be receiver of public moneys at Sioux City, Iowa. Elijah W. Lake, of Iowa, to be register of the land office at Iowa City, Iowa. George Helvenston, of Florida, to be receiver of public moneys at Newnanville, Fla. Hervey Whittington, of Missouri, to be receiver of public moneys at Plattsburg, Mo. Beverly Matthews, of Mississippi, to be register of the land office at Columbus, Miss. Elias B. Dean, of Wisconsin, to be receiver of public moneys at Superior, Wis. John N. Drake, of Illinois, to be register of the land office at Danville, Ill. Asa F. Chapin, of Indiana, to be principal clerk of the surveyor in the General Land Office. William J. Martin, of Oregon Territory, to be receiver of the land office at Winchester, Oregon. Lafayette Mosher, of Oregon Territory, to be register of the land office at Winchester, Oregon. Thomas W. Newman, of Mississippi, to be register of the land office at Washington, Miss.

"Fussy wants a Corner"—We trust that the public will read carefully, and reflect on the child's play, of yesterday, in the House hall. The majority who came hither pledged to accomplish so many wonderful legislative achievements, went "bobbing around," as it were, nearly throughout the whole day's session, evidently in search of "any port in a storm;"—of some expedient, it did not know what, through which it could extricate itself from its vexatious and very ugly dilemma. Just now it is lustily calling on Hercules for help. But Hercules, is evidently determined to leave it in the slough of popular contempt into which it has "flummucked" with its eyes open. That is to say, chance, on which it has been relying for weeks past to compass an organization according to its wishes, pertinaciously refuses to aid and abet it.

Commodore Perry.—The New York Herald of the 28th ultimo, contained a grossly abusive letter from Shanghai, China, accusing Commodore Perry of having seduced a Captain Brown, of the schooner Wilmington, into making a trading voyage to Japan, trusting for his prospect of making it profitable to the Commodore's misrepresentations of the provisions of the new treaty. The Japanese authorities, on the arrival of the schooner, refused to let the Captain have his way there, and, through the letter writer, he pitches right and left into the Commodore. The New London (Conn.) Chronicle, whose editor turns out to

be conversant with all the circumstances connected with the voyage, and with the approbation and advice of persons interested in the vessel, denounces the statements in the Herald as gross misrepresentations of the truth, and entirely exonerates the Commodore of any blame whatever in the premises. One of the owners authorizes that journal to say, that he (the Commodore) explained the provisions of the treaty, with reference to the right of American vessels to trade there, to be just as the Captain found them, and simply told the Captain (whose voyage was already prepared for when he saw Commodore P.) that it was probable that he might find a market for a portion of his cargo among the naval squadrons cruising in the Japanese seas. It is due to Commodore Perry that the fact should be known that all the Herald's allegations have thus been completely disproved.

Mr. Leiter.—As this gentleman sprang into notoriety this morning, through the eloquent effort of Mr. Dunn, to induce the Banks men to concentrate their votes on him, we may not inappropriately say that he was lately a Democrat, and by the votes of that party, has presided over the Legislature of his State. We have heard from Ohioans that in his last canvass he took before the people very ultra anti-slavery grounds, pledging himself to "repeal the fugitive slave law, abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, abrogate the interstate slave trade, and restore the Missouri compromise," if elected to Congress.

It is due to Mr. L. to say that he denies having agreed to accomplish these things. The probability is, that he made rampant abolition speeches, wherein he pledged himself not to effect these ends, but to strive to do so. Col. Brass Resigned.—Brevet Lieut. Col. Braxton Bragg, ("A Little more grape, Capt. Bragg.") captain third artillery, U. S. A., has resigned, to take effect January 3, 1856. It is said that he is about to become a planter in Louisiana.

The Current Operations of the Treasury Department.—On yesterday, 3d of January, there were of Treasury Warrants entered on the books of the Department— For the redemption of stocks... \$43,656 69 For the Treasury Department... 19,066 85 For the Interior Department... 23,207 32 For the Customs... 27,403 09 From miscellaneous sources... 2,769 02 From Lands... 293 56

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

In the Senate, yesterday, after we went to press, they went into Executive session, and on again opening their doors, they adjourned. In the House, the eighty-ninth vote for a Speaker was taken, with the following result: Whole number of votes cast, 219; necessary to a choice 110. Mr. Richardson received 74, Banks 102, Fuller of Pa. 33, Pennington 6, scattering 5. No choice being effected— Mr. Walker offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the Hon. W. W. Boyce, of South Carolina, be declared Speaker of this House. Mr. W. addressed the House in favor of his resolution.

Mr. Galloway moved to strike out the name of Mr. Boyce and insert, in lieu thereof, that of Mr. Banks, of Mass. Mr. G. advocated his proposed amendment at length. Mr. Dunn proposed to amend the amendment by striking out the name of Mr. Banks and inserting that of Mr. Pennington, proposing, first, to substitute that of Mr. Leiter, to which that gentleman declined assenting. On motion of Mr. Sage, the resolution and pending amendments were laid on the table—yeas 141, nays 77. Mr. Covode submitted the following resolution: Resolved, That from and after Saturday next no member of this House shall be entitled to receive his pay until a Speaker shall have been elected.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, desired to know if any member had yet received his pay? Mr. McMullen desired the gentleman to add to his resolution a proviso requiring those gentlemen who had received their pay to refund it. On motion of Mr. Nichols, the resolution was laid on the table. A motion was then made that the House adjourn; which was negatived—yeas 78, nays 90. The nineteenth vote was then had, with the following result: Whole number of votes cast 214; necessary to a choice, 108. Mr. Richardson received 72, Banks 101, Fuller, of Pa., 30, Pennington 6, scattering 3. There having been no choice, the House adjourned.

Proceedings of To-Day.

The Senate was not in session to-day, having yesterday adjourned over until Monday next, in the hope that in the meanwhile the House would organize. In the House, Mr. Boyce, rising to a personal explanation, replied to sundry remarks personal to himself, made yesterday in the course of the debate, which brought out Messrs. Allison, Orr, and Giddings in explanations; or they proceeded to the ninety-first ballot for Speaker, with the following result: Whole number of votes cast 220; necessary to a choice 111. For Richardson 73, Banks 104, Fuller 34, Pennington 6, scattering 3. No choice having been effected— Mr. Dunn addressed the House in favor of coming to some compromise that may end their present difficulty. He urged the men of Massachusetts to sacrifice their personal preference in this election to the good of the whole country.

Rehearsing the history of the honors showered on Massachusetts men, in the matter of the Presidency, and the Vice Presidency, and to do away with the Vice Presidency, and to the Presidency, to show that Massachusetts's ambition should be satisfied by this time, he urged the claims of the great West to the position now in dispute, holding further that Ohio was most entitled to it. Mr. D. then urged the propriety of electing Mr. Leiter, and proposed a resolution to that end. Messrs. Knowlton and Howard opposed it. Mr. Orr rose to speak to it, when Mr. Zollinger moved to suspend the minutes rule for the day, as our report went to press.

THE CRY IS STILL THEY COME!—Our exchanges are coming in, covered outside and inside with the President's Message and "accompanying documents." On Monday we had them in the city papers; Tuesday morning brought the Baltimore papers; Tuesday evening came the Philadelphia and New York papers with the Message and accompanying documents; Wednesday's mail brought southern, northern, and western papers overflowing with the Message and accompanying documents. When the extreme west and southwest have sent their instalments we shall be glad to receive the California papers with their complement of Message and documents.

THE PEN AND LEVER.—This is the comprehensive title of a neat quarto sheet, which is to be published every Wednesday at 451 7th street, in this city, by E. P. Hudson & Co. It is intended to be a continual record of the latest discoveries and inventions, chronicling their results, and promoting their advancement. We commend it to all who take an interest in science, inventions, and manufactures.

Two Horrible Murders in Connecticut.

The most horrible murder that ever took place on the State of Connecticut, or perhaps in the civilized world was perpetrated on Monday, in the town of Woodbridge, in that State, about eight miles from the city of New Haven. It was a far more atrocious murder than the one so recently committed by Samuel Sley and the gang of Wakemansites. It is to be sincerely hoped that the citizens of that State have now witnessed the last scene in the Wakeman tragedy. About 10 1/2 o'clock on Monday, Mr. Enoch Sperry, of Woodbridge, left his home, and was proceeding through a piece of woods near his house, with his horse and sleigh, and when near a little brook, in a solitary part of the woods, was attacked by a man named Charles Sanford, and knocked down and most brutally murdered. Sanford had an axe in his hand, with which he struck Mr. Sperry over the right eye, inflicting a fearful gash, and prostrating him beside the road. He then struck him again with the head of the axe upon the back of his head, and then deliberately attempted to chop off his head, nearly severing it from his body. It was connected with his body only by a little skin at the back of the neck.

The horse of Mr. Sperry was allowed to pass on the road, and after proceeding by the house of Mr. Samuel F. Perkins, halted at a shed near by. Mr. Perkins, thinking all was not right, went in search of Mr. Sperry, and found his body lying beside the road, with every indication that he had been waylaid and murdered. Mr. Perkins alarmed the neighborhood, and having procured assistance, took the body of Mr. Sperry to his family, who live only about a hundred rods from the place where the murder was committed.

A jury of inquest was assembled in the evening, and after due deliberation, rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death at the hands of some person or persons unknown. In the evening the murderer was arrested and taken to jail, and confessed that he had not only murdered Mr. Sperry, but that he had also murdered Mr. Ichabod Umberfield, who lived about a mile east of Mr. Sperry's house.

It seems that after murdering Mr. Sperry, he went to the house of Mr. Umberfield and was sitting by the stove as usual, when he struck him with the same axe with which he murdered Mr. Sperry, and after breaking his skull, nearly severed his head from his body. The family set up the cry of "Murder!" but he told them to stop their noise or he would chop their heads off also.

He went out of the house to wipe the blood of his axe upon the snow, and while he was so engaged fastened the door and prevented his getting in again. He then went into the woods, but was soon pursued by several neighbors, who succeeded in arresting him after a bloody fight, in which Mr. Doelittle came near getting killed.

A jury of inquest was impaneled and returned a verdict that Mr. Umberfield came to his death by means inflicted in the head and neck by Chas. Sanford, of Bethany. This Charles Sanford is a fanatic who has formerly attended the meetings of the W. V. G. in Hamden. He is subject to fits of insanity, and was probably insane when he committed these dreadful murders. He confessed having murdered both Mr. Sperry and Mr. Umberfield while on the way to jail. He said he had a cramp, and if he had not murdered Mr. Sperry and Mr. Umberfield, the cramp would have killed him.

Mr. Umberfield was a man seventy-one years of age, and Mr. Sperry was sixty-nine years old. Mr. Sperry was a man beloved and respected by all who knew him. He was the father of Hon. N. D. Sperry, Secretary of State.

Which is the best way to make a coat last? Why, make the vest and trousers first. Fashion is the race of the rich to get away from the poor, who follow as fast as they can. The amount of the registered debt of Virginia is \$11,490,742 03—\$8,005,243 81 of which is held in that State, \$306,069 in other States, and \$2,678,409 22 in Europe. Of coupon bond \$11,193,000 have been issued, of which \$11,193,000 are payable in the city of New York, and \$1,875,000 in London.

UNION LITERARY SOCIETY will meet THIS EVENING at Temperance Hall, at 7 o'clock p. m. An election for officers will take place at this meeting. Jan 4—11

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, D. C.—A meeting of the Medical Association of the District of Columbia, will be held on FRIDAY next, January 26, at 12 1/2 o'clock, at the City Infirmary. W. J. C. DUHAMEL, M. D., Sec. Jan 4—21

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION will meet TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING at 11 o'clock, at the Smithsonian. A paper of interest to all Teachers will be read by Prof. Z. Richards. R. T. TAYLOR, Rec. Sec. Jan 4—11

NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Washington Building Association will meet THIS EVENING, in the room of the Franklin Fire Company, Pa. avenue, near 11th st., at 7 o'clock. J. P. DICKINSON, Sec. Jan 4—11

CODE FOR THE DISTRICT.—The gentlemen appointed by the Corporation of Washington and Georgetown and the Levy Court, to whom the Code for the District is to be submitted, are requested to meet in the Alderman's Chamber in Washington, on TUESDAY EVENING next, the 5th of January instant. Jan 4—11

ATTENTION, SEVENTH WARD.—An adjourned meeting of the Democratic Association of the Seventh Ward will be held at Potomac Hall, corner of Maryland avenue and 11th street, on FRIDAY EVENING, January 5, at 7 o'clock. Business relative to the celebration of the 5th of January will be transacted. Punctual attendance is requested. J. M. THORNTON, Sec. Jan 3

SOIREE DANSANTE.—LEWIS CARROLL respectfully informs the public that his Soiree Dansante which was announced for the 21st of January, has been postponed in consequence of the weather and other causes, until TUESDAY EVENING, the 8th of January. Jan 3—21

GREAT ATTRACTION AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL.—SOMETHING NEW.—Grand Vocal Concert on Friday Evening, January 5, at 7 1/2 o'clock. A very talented little girl of 13 years of age, will appear and sing several beautiful Ballads and Songs, and act the Sentiment of the Songs as in Opera. She will deliver a Criticism on the Fashions of Washington, composed by herself. Her father is the author of several productions of merit in Prose, Poetry and Music. Admissions 50 cents. Children 25. Commencement 6 o'clock. Tickets on the 31st. Particulars in this office. Jan 2—31

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE PREMIER BONDS OF THE CHESEAPEAKE AND POTOMAC CANAL.—The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Preferred Bondholders deem it expedient that a meeting of the bondholders should be held at an early day and notice is hereby given that a meeting of the bondholders will be held at the National Hotel on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January, at 12 M. As matters of interest will be brought before the meeting it is desirable there should be a full attendance. GEORGE BROWN, Chairman. C. S. F. CHUBB, Secretary. Dec 31—45th Jan

REGISTER'S OFFICE.—Washington, December 28, 1855. NOTICE TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—Notice is hereby given that Messrs. Forbush's Stalls and for Hucks, also Messrs. Forbush's Stalls and for Hucks, and that the same may be renewed at this office within ten days. SAMUEL E. DOUGLASS, Register. Dec 29—45th Jan

METROPOLITAN RAILROAD OFFICE.—Georgetown, December 20, 1855. TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE METROPOLITAN RAILROAD COMPANY.—Notice is hereby given that the 18th of April last for the payment of the second instalment are requested to do so within thirty days from date, to enable the Company to meet the obligations of the contractors who are now engaged in prosecuting the work. By order of the Board of Directors: GEORGE W. DEBBLE, Treasurer. Dec 24

NOTICE.—The subscriber informs the public in large that his wife, Eliza Loeliger, has left his house and bed without just cause, and by her own fault has become pregnant. He gives to the public not to trust her in any name, as he will not pay any debts made by her. JOHN LOELIGER. Jan 4—31

AMUSEMENTS.

THE VARIETIES. Will be opened on MONDAY EVENING, Jan'y 7th, 1856. FOR A FEW EVENINGS. By the principal members of the ORIGINAL CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS, Organized in 1845, and for the last eight years have appeared at Mechanics' Hall, Broadway, New York. Admission 25 cents. Orchestra seats 50 cents Jan 2—1w (Organ)

WATER-PROOF COCK SOLES for ladies and gentlemen, at LAMMOND'S 7th st. Jan 3—31

LADIES' WORK BOXES AND CABAS. A very cheap, at LAMMOND'S, 7th st. Jan 3—31

TO HIRE—A YOUNG ACTIVE COLORED Man, by the year or month. Enquire of JNO WATERS, General Agent and Collector. Residence and office on E Street between 10th and 11th streets. Jan 3—31

LOST—ON CHRISTMAS DAY, on 7th st. near the Steamboat Wharf, a BUNDLE containing a pair of silver shoes, a pair of Alexandria, Va. The finder thereof will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the office of Adams Express Company. Jan 3—6031

FOR SALE—A FINE MARE, seven years old. Rides and works well and warranted perfectly sound. Sold for no fault, the owner having no further use for her. Also, a pair of silver shoes, a pair of Alexandria, Va. The highest market price will be paid for in cash. Apply to JAS. ROBERTSON, Agent, No. 60 Prospect street, Georgetown. Jan 3—31

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.—THE CO-PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between B. O. Reilly & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business hereafter will be conducted by DAVID MASON. As one of the firm he will pay all debts of the firm, and collect all outstanding debts of said firm. B. O. REILLY, DAVID MASON, N. E.—All persons indebted to the late firm will please make immediate payment. GEORGETOWN, D. C., January 1, 1856. Jan 3—31

BANK OF WASHINGTON, Jan. 1, 1856. A DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT. out of the profits for the last six months has this day been declared payable to stockholders on demand. JAS. ADAMS, Cashier. Jan 2—6031

SWENEY, RITTENHOUSE, FANT & CO., BANKERS, No. 253 Pennsylvania avenue, 1200 doors west of Broadway's Hotel. SWENEY, RITTENHOUSE & Co. having associated Hamilton G. Fant in their copartnership will continue the Banking and Exchange business, in all its branches, under the name and style above mentioned. SWENEY, RITTENHOUSE & CO. WASHINGTON, D. C. January 1, 1856. Jan 2—1m

MUSIC FOR PRIVATE PARTIES AND SOIRES. MESSRS. SCHEEL AND FISCHER respectfully inform the admirers of good music, that they are prepared to attend to the conducting of all the musical performances on the Piano and Violin, at Private Parties and Soires, during the season, and beg leave to assure their patrons that they will produce (unchanged) the best selections of Strauss and Labitzky, and other approved composers; and with a view to give entire satisfaction, they will perform at intervals selections from the most admired Operas. Their terms will be moderate. Apply at No. 316, next to Iron Hall, to Mr. Fischer, or to Mr. Scheel, at his residence, No. 463 Fourth street. Jan 2—603w

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.—BY MUTUAL CONSENT, BUTT & HOPKINS have settled all bills against the late firm, and earnestly requests those that have unsettled accounts not to be backward in coming forward. WM. M. S. HOPKINS. W. M. S. BUTT, Jan 2—603w

Having bought out Mr. Butt's entire interest, I shall always be on hand with the most fashionable styles of HATS, FURS, and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, and will be using usually kept in a real first class gents' bazaar. WM. M. S. HOPKINS. Corner of 8th street and Penn. avenue, between Browns' and National Hotel. Jan 2—31

LONDON CONNOLLY RESPECTFUL- ly informs his friends and the public that he has commenced the Practice of Cupping, Leeching and Bleeding, feeling assured that, after a practice of many years under the first surgeons of the day in London, he is able to give general satisfaction. Office at Mr. M. King's Drug Store, No. 490 Pa. avenue. Jan 1—1w

BRUSHES, COMBS, POMATUM, Cologne and so on, at ELLIS'S, 306 Pa. avenue. Dec 31

OPERA GLASSES.—The largest and cheapest assortment in the city. JOHN F. ELLIS, 306 Pa. avenue, between 9th and 10th sts. Dec 31

COTTAGE HOME SCHOOL. FOR YOUNG LADIES.—ON MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, between Tenth and Eleventh streets. The duties of this Institution will be resumed on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 10 o'clock. N. A. COX, Principal. Dec 31—1w

WARREN'S POCKET REVOLVERS.—Small, sure, and effective. John Warren's and Colt's Revolvers, and silver barrel Pistols. G. FRANCIS, 430 Seventh st. Dec 31—

"AN EXCELLENT SHAVE."—This remark was made by Mr. Jones after trying one of my American Ramapo Razors. Others have said the same after using my Tally ho, or my Double Carbonized IXL. There are no tears shed while using one of these Razors. G. FRANCIS, 430 Seventh st. Dec 31

ALBUMS; French Portfolios; Bibles and Prayer Books, bound in morocco and velvet, with and without clasps; Bagley's and Morton's Gold Pens in gold and silver cases; gold Pen Cases; Rogers' finest Penknives, imported direct from the manufacturer; fine editions of American, French and English authors, in fine bindings, imported direct from Paris and London by FRANK TAYLOR. Dec 31

MADAME R. respectfully informs the public in all the details relating to Life, Health, Wealth, Marriages, Love, Journeys, New Travels, Difficulties in Business, Absent Friends, Sickness and Death, and in respect to all other subjects. She is, also, able to tell the ages of persons by reading numbers. Those who wish to consult Madame R. will please call at some of the following places in the city but a short time. She can be consulted at all hours of the day and evening. Her name is on the door—at No. 285 13th street corner of the left hand side. Gentlemen 50 cents and ladies 25. Jan 1—31

SPECIAL NOTICE.—To all persons indebted to us on open account, or otherwise are requested to pay the same as their respective accounts will be made off to 1st January, 1856. To ourselves, and to do justice in future to those who keep bills with us, we must positively insist upon their being settled without delay. COLLEY & SEARS, 523 Seventh st., adjoining Dexter's Hotel. Dec 31—6t

FOR THE HAIR.—Lyon's Katharon, Barry's and the Improved Tricopherous—L'Oréal Whelpene and other Restoratives as cheap as the cheapest. Also, Batchelor's and other Hair Dyes, for sale at West End Drug Store, 113 Pa. avenue. Jan 1—603t

LETTER, CAP, AND WRAPPING PAPERS at ELLIS'S, 306 Pa. avenue. Dec 31

NOTICE OF CONTINUATION. JAMES H. SHEKELL HAVING SUCCEEDED to the business of Shekell & Brothers, and located at No. 279 F street, corner of 15th, will open January 1, 1856, with an enlarged stock of Groceries, New Goods, and together with a full and complete assortment of the WINES, BRANDIES, CORDIALS, &c., all of which have been selected with care, exclusively for families, and to which he invites the inspection of his friends and the patrons of the firm, and the public, intending to keep for sale all the desirable varieties afforded by the firm. Dec 29—1m

MRS. MORELY HAS JUST RECEIVED from New York, another lot of fashionable and fresh stock of BROUDESSE, No. 30 Pennsylvania avenue, up stairs. N. B.—Apprentices wanted. Dec 7—1f

CHARCOAL SOAP DENTRIFICE.—A superior article for the teeth. The best article ever offered to the public. Prepared and sold only by T. B. MOORE, Druggist, 430 3rd st. Dec 31—603t

United States Patent Office, Washington, Jan. 3, 1856. ON THE PETITION OF L. W. & G. W. BLAKE, praying for the extension of a patent granted to them on the 20th day of April, 1842, for an improvement in "Water Wheels," for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 12th day of April, 1856. It is ordered, that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday, the 3d day of March next, at 12 o'clock; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said patent ought not to be granted. Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing, all testimony filed by either party to be used, and the said hearing may be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application. The testimony in the case will be closed on the 21st of February, 1856, depositions and other papers relied upon as testimony must be filed in the office on or before the morning of that day; the arguments, if any, within ten days thereafter. Ordered, also, that this notice be published in the United States Patent Office, and in the Washington, D. C. Argus, Baltimore, Md.; Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; Journal of Commerce, New York; and Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 3d day of March next. CHARLES MASON, Commissioner of Patents.

P. S.—Editors of the above papers will please copy, and send their bills to the Patent Office, with a paper containing this notice. Jan 4—1aw5w

United States Patent Office, Washington, Jan. 3, 1856. ON THE PETITION OF L. W. & G. W. BLAKE, praying for the extension of a patent granted to them on the 20th day of April, 1842, for an improvement in "Water Wheels," for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 12th day of April, 1856. It is ordered, that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday, the 7th of April next, at 12 o'clock; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said patent ought not to be granted. Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing, all testimony filed by either party to be used, and the said hearing may be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application. The testimony in the case will be closed on the 28th day of February, 1856, depositions and other papers relied upon as testimony must be filed in the office on or before the morning of that day; the arguments, if any, within ten days thereafter. Ordered, also, that this notice be published in the United States Patent Office, and in the Washington, D. C. Argus, Baltimore, Md.; Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; Journal of Commerce, New York; and Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 7th day of April next. CHARLES MASON, Commissioner of Patents.

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