

CONGRESS—THURSDAY. SENATE.—Mr. Seward presented petitions in favor of the homestead bill.

COLUMBIAN HOTEL.—J. W. Barrett, N. G. Smith, J. P. Hannett, J. W. Cottrell, Geo. Dr. G. Scott, J. W. Knight and J. M. Amelia.

FOR RENT.—The block of Gliding street is large and well situated, and it may be closed out in a few days.

FOR RENT.—The upper part of the house occupied by the subscribers. It contains 10 rooms, with water, stable, wood, and a large yard.

FOR RENT.—Being about to remove to new location, the building in the Valley, now used by the subscribers, is offered for rent.

FOR RENT.—A desirable brick residence on Main street, suitable for a family. It is in excellent repair.

FOR RENT.—A first rate large brick dwelling, with every convenience, situated at the intersection of Marshall and Sixth streets.

HENRY CLAY'S ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.—Two years ago, during Mr. Clay's address to the students of New York State and National Law School, in Ballston, Spa., one object of which is to train young men in the art of extemporaneous speaking.

EXCHANGE HOTEL.—J. W. Brodus, H. Slaughter, Daville; W. F. Brodus, Buckingham; G. D. Prier, Amelia; S. F. Dickenson, New York; G. Dalry, Charleston, S. C.

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A BEAR FIGHT.—The Portland Argus contains the following account of a bear fight which transpired in Andover, North Surplus, Oxford Co., Maine, recently: As Erasmus Bean, a young man of 20 years, was having in his field, accompanied by a boy of 12, named Dunn, he looked up and saw near him, a large black bear of the white-faced breed, the most savage of the black variety.

MARINE NEWS. PORT OF RICHMOND. ARRIVED. Steamer Virginia, Teal, Philadelphia, 5:30 to Mayo & Atkinson.

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BEAN CALLED UPON.—The lad to come and take from his pocket a jack-knife and open it. The boy was a fitting companion for this brave young man. He marched up to the work boldly.

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MUGGINS ONCE READ SHAKESPEARE, and thinking it was "not much of a book," determined to let the world see a touch of his quality, in the way of authoring.

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NAVY.—Orders were received at Norfolk for the transport of troops to Australia, to keep the peace among the natives.

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