WANTED.

"WANTS," "FOR SALE," "TO LET," "LOST," "FOUND," &c., in this column, occupying five lines or less, two insertions, twenty-five cents.

WANTED—GIRL—An American girl willing to do the light work of a small family, may hear of a good situation by applying at the Loan Office, 38 East Fourth-street. de22b*

WANTED—GIRL—To do general house work, at No. 91 Milton-street. None need apply but what can give good reference. de22b*

WANTED—ANY GENTLEMAN WITH $500, wishing to travel South and West, can become associated with the advertiser in a pleasant cash business, which will pay two a large income. For particulars address L. N., box 1,741, postoffice. [de:2b*]

WANTED—BUSINESS—A share in a respectable paying business, for which the advertiser will give $100 and devote his time to the interest of the concern. Address (stating nature of business) O. H., at this office. de21b*

WANTED—A GOOD GIRL—That can cook, wash and iron, to do the work of a small family. Inquire on Wade-street, two doors east of Freeman. de21b*

WANTED—TO BUY—Several fine Newfoundland and Rat Terrier Dogs. Also, one pair fine Hounds. Inquire immediately at the Wetzel House, Seventeenth Ward, Cincinnati. de21b*

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—One cook, two dining-room girls, three girls for general house-work, and one girl to go south with an exhibition. Apply without delay to W. S. MASON, 60 East Third-street, basement story, next to Adams' Express. de21b*

WANTED—Reliable help for situations of any kind can always be had at a moment's notice, by applying at No. 60 East Third-street, basement story, next to Adams' Express office. No charge to servants. de21am*

WANTED—COOK, &c.—A good cook, dining-room girl, and chambermaid, at No. 162 West Fifth-street, between Race and Elm. [de21b*]

WANTED—BOY—An active, intelligent boy, from ten to twelve years of age, to do chores about a house and assist waiting on table. To such an one a good home is offered, and permission to study of evenings. Apply at 144 West Fourth-street. de21b*

WANTED—TWO GIRLS—One to do plain cooking and washing, and one to do chamber work and nursing. Apply at 145 Smith-street, between Fourth and Fifth-streets. de21b*

WANTED—A BUTCHER—One who is thoroughly acquainted with the business, and who can come well recommended—no others need apply—good wages given. Call on John Battesby, Market-space, between Third and Fourth-streets, Covington. de16tf

WANTED—Clerks, book-keepers, salesmen, bar-keepers, porters, coopers, carpenters, mechanics, laborers and others, can find situations at the Merchants' Clerks Registry Office, 128 Walnut-street. [de19sw*] HALE & CO.

WANTED—MEN—A large number of active, industrious men can find agreeable and at the same time lucrative employment in the sale of some new and popular Books and Maps. These works are written by the best historians and authors known to the civilized world; hence their popularity. Come and examine for yourselves before engaging in the sale of other publications.
MAUK & BARNITZ, Publisher,
de3tf 38 West Fourth-street, Cincinnati.

BOARDING.

BOARDING.—Several gentlemen can be accommodated with good board in a private family, by applying at 286 West Sixth-street, between John and Western-row. Terms, $3 per week. [d22b*]

BOARDING—A couple of families, or single gentlemen or ladies, can be accommodated with pleasant rooms and board at No. 139 Sycamore-street. Reference required. de22b*

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—HOUSE—A desirable three-story brick dwelling on Seventh-street, below Baymiller, No 507, contains eight rooms, and is furnished with bath and gas. Rent $30 per month. Apply at Joseph W. Wayne's hardware-store, 196 Main-street, near Fifth. de22b*

FOR RENT—HOUSE—A convenient and comfortable three-story brick dwelling, S. W. corner of Plum and Perry-streets, painted and papered, with 12 rooms, gas, cistern, and all improvements. Rent low to a first class tenant. Apply at 234 Sycamore-street, or box 389 postoffice. de22d*

FOR RENT—A three-story Brick House, of eight rooms, newly papered and painted—with gas—corner of Eighth and Baymiller-streets. Rent $325 per year. Apply at No. 147 West Court-street, between Cutter and Linn. de21b*

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—A desirable RESIDENCE, two-story frame, six rooms, good out-buildings, situated on High-street, Oxford, Ohio, near the Female Institute and depot. Apply soon to the owner, A. C. DYAS, at No. 177 Sycamore-street, Cincinnati, or PATTON & LIDDLE, No. 57 West Third-street, Cincinnati. de15eod*

FOR SALE—TO BLACKSMITHS—192 horse-shoes for sale low for cash. Apply to H. S. WOODS, Covington, Madison-street, between Fifth and Sixth. de21b†

LOST.

LOST OR STOLEN—DOG—An English bull pup, seven months old; had on a brass collar without lock; yellow spot over the right eye; ears cut short; otherwise white. A liberal reward will be given for his return to No. 23 West Sixth-street, between Main and Walnut. de21b*

LOST—TWO COWS—One about five years old, white, with red neck and short tail; the other red, with white spots, four or five years old. Have been lost four or five weeks. $5 reward will be paid for their return, or information left at Linn and Bank-streets. [de21b*] WM. BOSSE.

FOUND.

FOUND—A POCKET-BOOK—Containing $8, and papers, was left on the counter of J. C. TOWERS & CO., 149 Main-street, Wednesday afternoon. The owner can have it by proving property and paying charges. de22b

D. K. CADY & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE A LARGE ASSORTMENT of

Christmas Presents,

At the Old Stand, corner of Fifth and Walnut-sts. [de13bw]

Call at

9 EAST FOURTH-STREET,

—FOR—

Looking Glasses!

—AND—

PICTURE FRAMES.

They are for sale at

Very Low Prices.

J. C. COWPLAND,

[de21aw]

Holiday Presents!

TOY STOVES,

Full Trimmed.

Wholesale and Retail.

ADAMS & PECKOVER,

NOVELTY IRON WORKS,

de21 333 WEST FOURTH-STREET.

120 CARTOONS OF CHILDREN'S Morocco-heeled Boots;
120 cartoons of Children's Fancy-heeled Boots;
,000 pairs of Women's Pegged Goat Boots, custom-made, at 75 cents a pair.
In store and for sale by
JOHN CAHILL,
de21am 52 Pearl-street.

NEW FRUITS!—LAYER RAISINS, IN boxes, half-boxes and quarter-boxes, Seedless Raisins, New Candied Citron, New Currants, and every thing else for making your mince-meat, puddings, &c. JOHN FERGUSON, Grocer,
de19 tf,w Corner Ninth and Vine-streets.

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THURSDAY.....DECEMBER 22

CITY NEWS.

UNPAID LETTERS.—The following is a list of letters detained for non payment of postage at the Postoffice, in this city, December 21:

Miss Mary A. Keith, St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Maria Stewart, Cleveland O.
Lewis Valentine, Madison, Ind.
Charles B Collier Binghamaton, N. Y.
J. N. Warder, Colton, Ill.
Wm. E. Moore, Kinmundy Postoffice, Marion County, Ill.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS—For the *Penny Press*, by Henry Ward, Optician, No. 7 West Fourth-street, December 21.

O'clock.	Barometer.	Thermometer.
7 A. M.	29.50	20
12 M.	29.56	24
6 P. M.	29.54	24

CHARMS AND COUNTER-CHARMS.—Courtship and marriage.

☞ For a Christmas present, one of Ladd, Webster & Co.'s first premium sewing machines, 80 West Fourth-street.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING—And so are the splendid oysters at Waggoner's, on Western-row, above Fifth, some of the finest ever brought West. Remember, at Waggoner's, 203 Western-row.

TERPSICHOREAN.—Mr. and Mrs. Shank give their next soiree dansante this evening, in the concert room at Pike's Opera-house. Extensive preparations have been made, and the affair promises to be one of more than ordinary attraction.

☞ At nine and a-half o'clock this morning, J. Graff & Co. sell an invoice of Fancy Goods, Baskets, &c., at No. 18 East Fourth-street. Also, at seven o'clock, P. M., a variety of Fancy Goods, Bronzes, Glass-ware, &c. See advertisement.

CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN'S DAY.—The newly elected officers of the Masonic Lodges of this city will be installed on St. John's Day, Tuesday next, the 27th inst. After the ceremonies have been performed a banquet will be given at the Veranda, on Third-street.

AN ORIGINAL RAFFAELLE.—An original Raffaelle of the Modonna and Child, is now on exhibition at Wiswell's Gallery on Fourth-street, and is visited by many connoisseurs. Of its genuineness there is said to be no doubt, and its value is estimated at $40,000. The picture has some fine features, but as a whole causes disappointment; the virgin resembling, facially, a lager-beer-selling damsel, over the Rhine, much more than the beautifully sad and exceedingly spiritual being we imagine the mother of Jesus to have been.

CHRISTMAS OYSTERS.—Peter Cavagna No. 31 West Fifth-street, is receiving daily superb oysters. As Christmas is drawing near, our citizens should give Cavagna a call, and satisfy themselves as to the superiority of his delicious bivalves.

CHRISTMAS BIVALVES.—Fine, fresh, fat Baltimore oysters can be had at Robert Orr's, No. 11 West Fifth-street. Those wanting delicious bivalves can not find any to equal those found at No. 11 West Fifth-street.

RARE ARRIVAL.—Something rare and attractive in the way of French Boots and Slippers, direct from Paris, has been received at J. H. Deter's, No. 53 West Fourth-street. The slippers are very suitable for presents.

NO. 147 MAIN-STREET.—Those seeking presents for Christmas and New Year, should not neglect to visit Bradley & Webb, at 147 Main-street. Their assortment is unequaled.

REV. MR. ROBINSON'S LECTURE.—Erroneous announcements having appeared in our contemporaries, of the time of the next lecture before the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, we will state that Rev. George C. Robinson, of Union Chapel, Cincinnati, will lecture at Smith & Nixon's Hall, on Thursday evening, December 29. Subject—"Every tub on its own bottom."

POLICE COURT.—The session of the Police Court yesterday morning was quite short, only nineteen cases, and they of the most ordinary character, being called for examination. The business was far less important than usual, and not a single circumstance was developed that would be deemed worthy of relation.

THE PERJURY CASE BEFORE JUSTICE BELL.—Wm. F. Struve, who was charged a day or two ago with having perjured himself in a case before Justice Roweksmp, was examined yesterday afternoon by Justice Bell, and discharged.

ELEEMOSYNARY.—Rev. Richard Gray, City Missionary, and Assisting Minister at Christ's Church, who has, as is known, very kindly opened a school for the children of indigent parents, designs giving his pupils a dinner on Christmas; and on making known his intention to his parishioners, he received such liberal contributions that he will be able to furnish a number of poor families with comfortable provender on that occasion.

GREAT SALE OF FRENCH CHINA VASES—FANCY GOODS, &c.—This morning, at nine o'clock, Cooper & Stokes, Auctioneers, sell fancy goods, French china, iron and stone ware, work boxes, &c., suitable for Christmas presents; also, a very large invoice of coal oil lamps of various styles, at their auction rooms, No. 14 East Fourth-street.

GAMES FOR CHILDREN.—Among the many other novelties suitable for holiday presents to children, none are more appropriate than the numerous games for sale by Geo. S. Blanchard, Fourth-street, East of Walnut. "Peter Coddle's Trip to New York," and "Tipsy Philosophers, or the laughable game of Words Bewitched," are entertaining even to children of a larger growth.

ANOTHER CASE OF DESTITUTION.—A woman, named Ellen Kelly, went to Lieutenant Brockington, yesterday afternoon, stating that she resided in an alley between Fifth and Sixth and Sycamore and Main, and that she was suffering for want of the necessaries of life, having pawned the last piece of clothing the day before. Her condition was such that before many days she will need the attention of a physician and nurse, and she was therefore referred to the member of the Poor Committee for that Ward, who, we presume, has sent her to the Hospital.

HORSE NEARLY DROWNED.—A wagon laden with hogs ran against a lamp-post yesterday afternoon, at the corner of Main-street and the canal, and was badly broken, making the third that has been almost demolished at this place during the present season. One of the horses was thrown into the canal and was nearly drowned before the driver, after an hour's labor, succeeded in extricating him from his position.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT—MAN NEARLY KILLED. A man named John Hambrouster was nearly killed yesterday afternoon, under the following circumstances: He was sitting upon the tongue of his wagon and driving down Walnut-street, but when near Thirteenth his horse took fright and ran off. He was in such a position that the animal kicked him at every leap, but after making every exertion to stop them he finally fell off, and the wheels of the vehicle passed over his body. He was taken up in an apparently moribund condition and carried to his residence, on the Hamilton Road, near Elm-street.

STEAMBOAT ROBBERY.—The room of a man named J. W. Oakes, on the steamboat *Gray Eagle*, was entered by some scoundrel, yester-

WEEKLY REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR.—The City Auditor last night reported to the City Council that during the week ending on yesterday, orders had been drawn on the City Treasury for the following sums:

Watch Fund	$3,833 75
Superior Court Fund	82 50
Light Fund	622 89
City Prison Fund	3 3 35
Police Court Fund	35 50
Fire Department Fund	3,108 46
General Fund	3,862 08
Special Ordinance Fund	161 16
Common School Fund	13,352 92
Colored School Fund	762 57
Total	$26,515 63

There are now remaining in the City Treasury the following sums:

General Fund	$47,683 45
Watch Fund	854 52
Interest Fund	20,411 49
Superior Court Fund	4,409 84
Fire Department Fund	892 59
Light Fund	490 75
Work-house Fund	4,154 47
McMicken Fund	100 10
Sinking Fund	198,135 49
Common School Fund—Bonds and Cash	22,352 37
Colored School Fund	2,268 41
Total	$321,744 09

THE POPULARITY OF BOOKS DEPENDENT UPON POLITICAL EXCITEMENT.—We have been informed that for a couple of years past a Main-street publisher has had his shelves encumbered by about five hundred copies of Hinton Rowan Helper's *Impending Crisis*, none of which he ever expected to sell, and thought seriously of sending them back to the publisher. When the discussion in regard to the book, however, came up in Congress, it suddenly became popular, and he sold off his entire stock in less than two days, and had calls for at least a thousand more. It has been proved that political discussion may make books popular, and it is quite likely that the debate in Congress was merely a publisher's trick to get their work into notoriety, thus relieving their shelves, and at the same time swelling their bank account.

DOUBLE INFATUATION—A FATHER AND SON ELOPING AT THE SAME TIME.—In yesterday's issue we published an account of a runaway marriage that took place at the Burnet House night before last, but were not at that time apprised of the fact that the father of the young man who so precipitately rushed into matrimony there, was at the same time being married at the Spencer House, to a female with whom he also had eloped.

It appears that both father and son, neither aware that the other was upon the same train, arrived in this city in company with females whom they intended to make wives, and took rooms at different hotels. Marriage certificates and ministers were procured, and about the same hour both the infatuated individuals became inhabitants of that mysterious realm which Montaigne says possesses the peculiarity of giving all who reside there a desire to emigrate, while all who are without its boundaries seem desirous of becoming residents within them.

They may return now to their homes in our sister State and plead forgiveness from the parents whose daughters—to use the sarcasm of the world—they have made happy, and we hope they may receive it; but if the music of their epithalamia is ever disturbed by domestic discords, the memory of the circumstances under which they were married, may, with aid of philosophy, make a better harmony than Love and Hymen ever were known to produce.

☞ Get one of Ladd, Webster & Co.'s sewing machines (*the best in the market*) for a Holiday gift. 80 West Fourth-street.

HOME INTEREST.

☞ A. A. Eyster, Clocks, Watches and Jewelry, Nos. 341 and 271 Western-row.

☞ Hundreds daily visit the Broadway Gallery.

☞ Beautiful Colored Pictures taken at the Broadway Gallery.

☞ Superior Fancy Cases at the Broadway Gallery, No. 58, at half the usual price. Don't forget

☞ Sprague & Co.'s establishment, south east corner of Fouth and Vine-streets, is favorably known for the completeness of its stock and excellence of its goods. Their assortment of Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings comprise every variety, including the most elegant styles. Drop in and see them.

☞ Remember that Hannan & Lyons, at the corner of Sixth and Sycamore-streets, will have a fine display of Christmas meats, during the holidays.

☞ USE HOWE'S COUGH CANDY—For sale by John D. Park, corner of Fourth and Walnut.

☞ Holiday Importations at Elias's, 16 West Fourth-street.

☞ Holiday Jewelry at Elias's, 16 West Fourth-street.

☞ Christmas Gifts at less than Eastern prices at Elias's, 16 West Fourth-street.

☞ Fine Jewelry, cheap for cash, at Elias's, 16 West Fourth-street.

☞ Pure Silver Spoons and Forks, at Elias's, 16 West Fourth-street.

☞ Great assortment of Plated Ware at Elias's, 16 West Fourth-street.

☞ Fine R. R. Watches at Elias's, 16 West Fourth-street.

☞ Get your Watches and Clocks repaired at Elias's, 16 West Fourth-street.

☞ For Christmas Presents go to Albert Ross's, south-west corner of Eighth-street and Western-row.

☞ Mince-meat for your Christmas mince-pies. Venison, beef-tongue and beef mince-meats. You can rely on John Hunt for a choice article.

☞ Crouch's Gallery, No. 68 West Fourth-street, is the place for cheap pictures. Ten cents will procure them. Go and get one.

☞ Daguerreian Gallery, south-west corner of Sixth and Western-row, over Hannaford's drug-store. Pictures taken and put in good cases for twenty cents. Warranted to please.

☞ The annual donation of Tea Canisters, as adopted by Moore & Chester in 1851, will commence at south-east corner Fifth and Walnut, on Friday next. de21c

☞ FLOUR.—Choice Family Flour, at the lowest rates, delivered without charge. Send in your orders to the mill, at C., H. and D. R. R.
JAMES K. HURIN, Agent.

☞ Oats, Shorts and Middlings always on hand. Trade supplied at lowest rates. JAMES K. HURIN, Agent, 577 and 579 Sixth-street.

☞ GIFT BOOK SALE.—Crowds are visiting the Gift Book Establishment, 28 West Fourth-street, and the general expression is, "I have got the worth of my money." This is necessarily so, as the books are sold at the lowest retail price, and a gift of some description, from fifty cents to one hundred dollars, is given with each, at the time of sale. This is a rare chance offered to buy your Books for Holiday Presents. de21b

☞ CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Stereoscopes in Mahogany, Rosewood and Leather; Stereoscopic Views in Groups, Statuary, Landscapes; Steel Bracelets, Brooches, Clasps, Buckles; Steel Slides for Bonnet and Dress Trimmings; Fans in Pearl, Ivory, Sandal-wood; Mourning Bracelets in Coral, Jet, Gold and Beads; Coral Necklaces, Shoulder Ties, Negligees; Wax Beads in White Coral, Blue, Lavender; Card Baskets, Card Receivers, Card Cases; Odor Stands, Odor Boxes, Toilet Bottles; Jewel Caskets, Jewel Boxes, Work Boxes; Writing Desks, Portfolios, Gold Pens; Crying Babies, Speaking Dolls, China Dolls, Wax Dolls, Ladies' Purses in Leather, Wire, Velvet, Pearl, Shell; Traveling Bags, Satchels, Cases, Dressing Cases, Merchants Plain Sash Pocket, Diary

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

XXXVIth CONGRESS—1st SESSION.

WASHINGTON, December 21.

SENATE—Mr. Iverson, of Georgia, gave notice of his intention to introduce bills amending the act establishing the Court of Claims, and changing and regulating the mode of appointing Cadets to the West Point Military Academy.

A message was received from the President of the United States, transmitting Executive communications, whereupon the Senate went into Executive session. On the doors being re-opened, Mr. Bright, of Ind., submitted a resolution for the appointment of the standing Committee. Such Committee was then appointed by resolutions adopted by a strict party vote of 31 yeas to 19 nays, excepting Mr. Pugh, of Ohio, who voted nay.

Mr. Rice, of Minn., corrected a misunderstanding of some of the reporters in regard to his response to Mr. Pugh, about the displacement of Douglas from the head of the Territorial Committee. He said he was not a party to the transaction, nor upheld it.

Mr. Slidell introduced a bill, making an appropriation to facilitate the acquisition of Cuba by negotiation. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hale, a resolution was adopted instructing the Post Office Committee to inquire if it be not practicable in some manner to avoid the present delay in the transportation of the mail between Washington and Boston.

On motion of Mr. Foote, a resolution was adopted instructing the Finance Committee to inquire into the practicability of adopting some more effectual and economical means of warming the public buildings of the Government throughout the country, and of making an appropriation for the purpose of accomplishing this object.

Mr. Bayard introduced several bills, which failed to receive the action of the last Congress. They relate to the administration of justice, criminal cases, appeals and writs of error, to supply vacancies in certain offices, concerning seamen, and amending the act regulating the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels.

After another Executive Session the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Davidson, of La., said he saw no use for the indulgence of harsh language, and certainly had no desire to wound the feelings of any gentleman. He liked to have freedom of speech for himself, and therefore he would never trespass on that right as applied to others. It was a grave error to say that the South want to force slavery into the Territories. All they ask, and which they are determined to have, is that their rights shall be protected in the common Territories of the country. He belonged to the National Democracy. If troubles exist in the party, let them be settled inside of the organization. He was willing to let by-gones be by-gones while he wanted the House to organize, he would never consent to do it by the election of a man whose mantle is stained by blood split in sedition. He never believed in the doctrine of secession, and did not believe in it now; but when the people are aggrieved and their rights trampled on, without redress, there was no remedy.

It was no longer the politicians sent here to manufacture public opinion who talk about this grievous evil, it was the whole southern heart, which comes up with one voice to say, "stop, go no farther, you have passed the Rubicon, you must stop where you are, or the objects for which the Confederacy was formed must cease." He would candidly tell the gentlemen that unless such raids as those of John Brown be stopped there will be war between the North and the South. He argued that the Republicans were here only as a party to strike down the rights of the Southern States.

He read from the compendium of Helper's book to show that it advises that the infernal question of slavery must be disposed of and absolutely abolished as the true policy of the South.

In view of this kind of sentiments did not John Brown believe that Mr. Sherman and others would stand by him? Was it expected that his constituents and the State of Louisiana should consent that this Union be controlled by the party which advises the slaves to rise in the South and commit murder?

He charged that the Representatives of the North who advised this thing have not had the nerve in the face of a decent community either to indorse or gainsay the teachings of that book. He had been asked whether he would consider the mere election of Mr. Seward as sufficient cause to secede from the Union, and answered, certainly not; he would wait for an overt act; but that overt act had been committed and Seward is accessory. Before the fact of John Brown's raid, for which, before God and high heaven, the Republicans are responsible, his ardent love for the Union prompted him to hope that the bitter cup would pass away. Let climate, soil and their products settle the slavery question.

Mr. Cobb, of Ala., made a good-natured speech. He asked the Republicans whether they had no other member than Mr. Sherman to fill the Chair, a member who had not signed the indorsement of Helper's book. He advised a union of the Democrats, South Americans and Conservatives.

Mr. Etheridge, of Tenn., in reply to Mr. Cobb, desired to know where the votes to elect a Speaker on the basis proposed by the latter would come from.

Mr. Cobb rejoined—We will get the Democrats. The South Americans come over and help us, and we think we can persuade others to do likewise. [Laughter.]

Mr. Etheridge said he and his friends had refused to entertain the proposition for going over to the Democrats, unless they could show that by going over an election can be effected. It was demonstrated that the Democrats cannot unite their votes on any one candidate. There is not a man on the Democratic side who can, as claimed, obtain ninety-three votes. A week ago, he said, the Southern opposition could put one of their number (Mr. Gilmer) in a position where the Democrats could elect him. They could now put one of their friends in a similar position. Could the gentleman from Alabama put one of his friends in such a position that the Southern opposition by going over can elect him? When Mr. Cobb could show this, then it would be time for the opposition to consider the proposition.

Mr. Cobb. I wanted a straightforward answer to my question. Will you vote for the Democratic nominee if we can get ninety-three votes for him.

Mr Etheridge. We have said this morning among ourselves that whenever the Democrats show that they can concentrate their vote we will consider the proposition.

Mr. Cobb. What will you do?

Mr. Etheridge. I will vote for your candidate in a certain contingency if my vote will elect him.

After further conversation between Messrs. Etheridge and Cobb, Mr. Boteler rose and was listened to with marked attention. He said his humble name had been before the House, but not through any act of his own. He did not presume to aspire to the Speaker's chair. He was here for the first time, without parliamentary experience and unacquainted with the business of the House, and therefore had no right or reason to expect any such tokens of consideration and regard as those he had received.

He desired to express his grateful acknowledgments to his political friends who had stood by him, and most especially those from whom he had heretofore differed. He desired to express to them his gratitude, not in cold language of conventionalism, but in those simple words which leap up from the heart to the lip. He withdrew from the contest to name a gentleman who he was sure would be acceptable to both sides. He meant the conservative portion of the House, who battle for the Constitution, and to protect it from the angry surges produced by the persistent course of those who call themselves Republicans. He nominated Mr. Millson, of Va., trusting he would claim the support of those who are not only conservative in name, but in conduct. [Applause.]

(Impatient cries of "vote," "ballot.")

Mr. Cobb—I trust the object of harmony is accomplished, and since it seems that an organization can now be effected, I am done.

Much anxiety was manifested to vote, but Mr. Clarke, of N. Y., rose, saying that he proposed to address the House directly on the question of organization. While he did not expect to show how an organization could be effected, he thought what he would say would show how an organization could not be effected.

Mr. Adrian—If you can bring about an organization, I hope you will speak that word.

(Several voices—"So do I, let's hear it.")

Mr. Clarke, resuming, said he had been called a Lecompton man, and sometimes accused of mercenary bargaining for the sale of votes for Speaker. As to this published slander on him, he had long ago reached that point of political desperation when nothing said or written by living man could in the slightest degree influence his action in the organization of the House or any other action. Wolfe he claimed the right to speak for himself he utterly disclaimed the right for those who are acting with him. In defining his position he called himself a States' Rights Democrat, and said that he triumphed over the organization in his District, where Federal and municipal officers were combined to defeat him. Holding no allegiance to any man or organization, he was as free as the flag that waved over the Capitol. He had opposed Mr. Bocock because he was the candidate of the Administration.

Mr. McClernand said that some gentlemen had voted for him without the slightest solicitation on his part, and, many know, contrary to his wishes.

He begged his friends, after thanking them for their kind regards, to vote for him no longer. He then complimented Mr. Millson as a patriot and statesman, and entirely capable of discharging the duties of the Chair.

Seventeenth Ballot.—Whole number of votes 235; Necessary for a choice 114. Sherman 106; Millson 66; Gilmer 6; Etheridge 7; Davis, of Ind., 4. Scattering 7.

Mr Winslow, of N. C., desired one more ballot, and if no election, he intended to offer a resolution that from and after to-day or to-morrow no further vote for Speaker be taken till the 5th of January.

Mr. Burnett, of Ky., said the reason why he appealed to Mr. Etheridge to unite on a vote for Mr. Millson, was, he wanted to see a united south, which would do much to rebuke the indorsers of the Helper book.

Mr. Etheridge ignored all political and geographical lines, and until Mr. Burnett could rally the Democratic forces he should not arraign him who was elected in defiance of that party. [Applause.]

Mr. Burnett spoke of the love of Kentucky for the Union, which was applauded, and asked his colleague, Mr. Anderson, why he did not vote for Mr. Millson.

Mr. Anderson replied that he was born and raised as a Whig, and had voted consistently for an American, and intended to do it to the end of the contest. He would not vote for Mr. Millson, because he was a Democrat, and could not vote for Mr. Sherman, because he was a Republican. Further, he (Anderson) was in favor of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and could not, therefore, vote for Mr. Millson, because Mr. Millson voted against that bill. [Laughter and applause.]

Mr. Burnett, in reply, said that Mr. Etheridge was here at the time, and with Mr. Millson voted against the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and yet his colleague could vote for Mr. Etheridge. [Laughter and applause.]

Mr. Hill, of Ga., speaking with much energy, said that when he yielded the floor to Mr. Burnett, he did not expect the latter would stigmatize the organization to which he belonged as a miserable Know-nothing party. He had voted for Mr. Millson because he respected that gentleman for voting against the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and because Mr. Millson was incapable of appointing any whitewashing committees. He (Hill) came here against the opposition of the Democratic party and with sentiments rather peculiar and rather more southern than those expressed by Mr. Burnett; but he would never, so help him God, consent to destroy the structure under which he lives, merely because a man with objectionable political principles should be elected to the Presidency. He would wait till some overt act was committed before he would consent to strike the fatal blow. He was a conservative man and no other. His remarks were enthusiastically applauded.

Mr. Burnett apologized by saying that if in the

up both the Republican and Democrat parties, and erecting on their ruins a better party.

House then adjourned. Mr. Anderson, of Ky., has the floor to-morrow.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The report of the Senatorial Caucus, to-day, assigned Mr. Sumner to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

At the adjourned meeting of the Americans, held to-night, a committee of ten was appointed to confer with the National American and National Whig Committees upon the best course to be pursued in the coming Presidential contest. The following gentlemen compose the committee: J. J. Crittenden, of Ky.; George Briggs, of N. Y.; J. M. Harris, Md.; J. M. Conrad, La.; G. R. Rockwell, Conn.; Jere Clemens, Tenn.; J. A. Gilmer, N. C.; E. R. Jewett, N. Y.; Joshua Hill, Ga.; and E. Etheridge, Tenn.

The War Department received a letter yesterday from Capt. Ricketts, dated Brownsville, December 1 which contradicts the reports with regard to the trouble there. There are no signs of any meditated attack upon Brownsville, and the Captain thinks the whole affair has been much exaggerated. He attributes the origin of the difficulty to a falling out between parties concerning private affairs.

Senator Wilson left Washington this evening for Massachusetts, having been called there in consequence of sickness in his family.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The American and Whig Opposition members were in caucus this morning, and agreed to continue voting for Boteler for speaker.

The expediency of having a resolution offered in the House by one of their number, declaring Mr. Millson Speaker, was considered, but not adopted.

A dispatch from Washington to the New York Herald states that a meeting of about forty Americans, including the members of Congress, was held last evening at the rooms of E. W. Walker, Mr. Crittenden presiding.

A resolution was adopted recommending the appointment of a committee to report at an adjourned meeting to be held this evening, a plan of organization, whereby the entire opposition to the present administration can be united for the Presidential contest of 1860. The resolution designated Gov. Crittenden as Chairman.

The American National Committee will meet tomorrow.

Arrival of the Overland Mail.

MALLOY'S STATION, MO., December 21.—The Overland Mail passed Malloy's Station about twelve o'clock last night, and will be due in St. Louis on Thursday night. The detention of the Mail was caused by high water in the Texas rivers and severe weather on the plains.

In the case of Biddle Boggs vs. the Merced Mining Company, application will be made for a writ of error, with the view of appealing to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The steamer Cortez reached San Francisco on the 24th, causing much rejoicing.

A severe gale occurred on the 24th, flooding the streets and causing much damage to the shipping in the harbor.

A fire occurred at San Francisco on the 27th, destroying $10,000 worth of property.

The Austrian brig Ivich, from Rio Janeiro, which was supposed to have foundered, had been found anchored off the Mexican coast with two sailors on board in a starving condition. All the crew, with the exception of three others, who landed in a boat at San Blas, had died.

A slight shock of an earthquake was felt at San Francisco on the 27th.

It was rumored at San Francisco that the Senatorial contest would be narrowed down to Weller and Baldwin, and it was supposed the election would be postponed until the next session.

The revenue-cutter, Wm. L. Marcy returned to San Francisco, being unable to land at Farralone Island in consequence of a severe gale.

Business at San Francisco was dull. No sales of importance since the departure of the last mail. A large amount of rain had fallen.

Meeting of the National American Central Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21.—The National American Central Committee convened to-day at the American House, Hon. Jacob Broome, Chairman, and Blanton Duncan, Secretary.

A committee was appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Washington meeting on Monday night, to consider a plan of organization for uniting the opposition to the Administration, consisting of A. H. H. Stewart, of Virginia; Anthony Kennedy, [Query: Kimmell—Ed.] of Maryland; Erastus Brooks, of New York; Blanton Duncan, of Kentucky, and Jacob Broome, of Pennsylvania.

A committee was also appointed to prepare addresses to the American people. No other action was decided upon.

The session was chiefly devoted to a private discussion of the claims of prominent men to fill the Presidential chair.

From Charlestown.

CHARLESTOWN, December 21.—The military are daily leaving as fast as the railroads can carry them homeward. The Pincastle Guard left this morning. The whole military encampment will be disbanded on Saturday, when General Taliaferro and his staff will also depart, and the restoration of the civil government and civil rights will be the occasion of a grand jubilee among our people. President Buchanan has addressed a letter to Andrew Hunter, inquiring whether Stephens will be tried in the United States Court, or by the Virginia authorities. He was unable to give any definite answer, on account of Attorney General Harding refusing to enter a nolle pros.

From New York.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Five men and one girl were buried in the ruins of the store No. 5 Broad-street, which fell down last evening. Three men and the girl were taken out alive, and only slightly injured. Policeman Stewart was best taken out, but had received terrible and fatal injuries. The firemen continued the labor of removing the ruins for several hours, and finally came upon the horribly mangled body of Mr. Ely, a wine merchant, who must have been instantly killed.

Meeting of the Republican National Committee.

NEW YORK, December 21.—The Republican National Committee is in session at the Astor House. No action has been taken yet, but it seems probable that St. Louis will be selected for holding the National Convention.

SECOND DISPATCH.—The Republican Convention will be held at Chicago, June 13, next.

Fire at Newark, N. J.

NEW YORK, December 21.—One of the enameled cloth factories of Messrs. Brown and Prentice, of this city, was destroyed by fire this morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss $5,000; insured for $2,400.

Later from Havana.

NEW ORLEANS, December 21.—The steamer Cahawba, with dates from Havana to the 18th inst., has arrived. Sugar was buoyant, and holders demand an advance, but buyers were reluctant. The stock at Havana and Matanzas amounted to 20,000 boxes, against 33,000 boxes last year. Sterling Exchange 115¾@116; Eastern do. 3¾@4.

Fire at Rockland, Maine.

ROCKLAND, December 21.—The Commercial House was destroyed by fire last night. James Leans was killed, and James Elmer and Edward W. Love were seriously injured. The loss amounted to $12,000, insured for two-thirds that amount.

River News.

ST. LOUIS, December 21, P. M.—The river is falling slowly, and the ice is heavy. No boats arrived or departed to-day. Navigation is suspended. The weather is cloudy and cool, with indications of snow.

LOUISVILLE, December 21, P. M.—River falling slowly, with eight feet seven inches in the Canal and six feet six inches on the Falls.

Monetary and Commercial.

Monetary matters were still active and very close yesterday, but there was little change in financial circles except the advance in Eastern Exchange to ⅜ premium selling rate, dealers buying readily at ¼.

As the bankers will return more bank-notes now, Currency will be still scarcer than it has been, and opportunities for discount further reduced.

Gold was in active demand yesterday, and the Bankers, who have considerable orders from the country banks, were giving ¼@30c. freely for all they could get.

Third-street was animated yesterday, and the movement in Money brisk in all quarters.

The rates of Exchange and Coin are at present as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
New York Sight	¼ prem.	⅜ prem
Philadelphia	¼ prem.	⅜ prem
Boston	20@¼ prem.	⅜ prem.
Baltimore	20@¼ prem.	⅜ prem.
New Orleans	par.	¼@½ prem.
American Gold	¼@30 prem.	⅜ prem.

The rates of Uncurrent Money yesterday were as follows: Missouri City, ¼ discount; Missouri County, 1¼ dis.; Indiana Stock, ¼ dis.; Iowa, 1¼ dis.; Illinois, 1¼ dis; Wisconsin, 1¼ dis; Maryland and interior, ⅜ dis.; Michigan, 1 dis.; North Carolina, 1 dis.; South Carolina, ⅜ dis.; Tennessee Old banks, ¼ dis; Tennessee Free Banks, 1 dis.; Canada, 1 dis.; Alabama, 1 dis.

Flour was in better demand yesterday, and the market ruled steady. Whisky was unchanged. Provisions were firm; mess Pork advancing 25c. per brl., and holders of Lard asking ¼c. more than buyers would give. Oats and Barley dull, but other kinds of Grain were steady. Hogs were stiffer, but not higher, 1,443 head selling during the day at $6@6 50.

The Imports and Exports of various articles during the twenty-four hours ending yesterday noon, were:

IMPORTS.—Flour, 2,284 brls; Whisky, 978 brls; Corn, 3,548 bushels; Wheat, 1,282 bushels; Oats, 1,860 bushels; Barley, 1,943 bushels; Hogs, 1,443 head; Pork and Bacon, 150 brls.; 75,322 lbs.; Sugar, 209 hhds.; Molasses, 2,278 brls.; Coffee, 29 bags; Apples, 105 brls; Butter, 183 kegs; Cheese, 3,351 boxes; Potatoes, 381 brls.; Salt, 1,014 blds.

EXPORTS.—Flour, 616 brls.; Whisky, 1,556 brls; Wheat, 450 bushels; Pork and Bacon, 203 hhds.; 496 brls.; Sugar, 92 hhds