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IMPORTANT TO TRAVELLERS AND SHIPPERS.

THE OLD AND ESTABLISHED BALTIMORE STEAM PACKET CO., Carrying the UNITED STATES MAIL, and ADAMS' EXPRESS FREIGHT, So well and favorably known to the Traveling Public as the

OLD BAY LINE,

Are now Running their magnificent, safe and commodious Steamers,

THOMAS KELSO, CAPT. GEO. W. RUSSELL;

ADELAIDE, CAPT. JAMES CANNON;

The THOMAS KELSO was built for, and is expressly adapted to, the Bay Route, and excels in the splendor of her outfit any steamer now plying these waters. She is provided with Hot and Cold Baths, and all modern convenience.

The ADELAIDE has been recently rebuilt and refurnished throughout. Her accommodations are of a superior order. She is so well known that further comment is unnecessary.

These Steamers leave the Company's Wharf, on Wide Water street, opposite the Atlantic Iron Works, Norfolk, DAILY, at 3½ o'clock, and High Street Wharf, Portsmouth at 4 o'clock, P. M., SUNDAYS EXCEPTED, touching at Old Point.

Passengers by this Line arrive in Baltimore in time to connect with the early trains to Washington and all points North and West.

Baggage checked to all points, and passengers and baggage conveyed to the depots free of charge.

The Wharf of the Company has been put in excellent order, and is fitted expressly for the protection of freight and other accommodation of Shippers.

Freight taken at low rates and promptly delivered.

For further information inquire of D. C. BALL, Agent, Portsmouth, or to the Purser of the Steamers.

THOS. H. WEBB, Agent. Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, December 12, 1865. dec12—tf

BALTIMORE STEAM PACKET COMPANY. STEAMER "EOLUS," FROM NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH TO FORT MONROE, EASTERN SHORE, MATHEWS COUNTY, GLOUCESTER AND YORKTOWN. *CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.* The New and Fast Steamer

"EOLUS," Captain P. McCarrick,

commenced her regular trips to the above-named places on the 9th SEPTEMBER.

This Steamer will leave the Company's Wharf, on Wide Water street, opposite the Atlantic Iron Works, Norfolk, at 6½ o'clock, a. m. (touching at Portsmouth and the Government Wharf, Town Point), every

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY,

for Cherrystone—every

TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,

for Mathews and Gloucester counties and Yorktown, touching at Old Point, going and returning each trip.

This Steamer connects with the Baltimore Steam Packet Company's Steamers "THOS. KELSO" and "ADELAIDE," for Baltimore, and all points North and West.

Through tickets sold on this Steamer for Baltimore and her connections.

This Steamer is especially adapted to the service in which she is engaged, being very Fast, having Fine Accommodations, and is noted as an excellent Sea Boat, and will make her trips regardless of the weather.

For freight or passage, apply to D. C. BALL, Agent, Portsmouth, or to the Purser of the Steamer.

All freight must be prepaid. THOS. H. WEBB, Agent.

Norfolk, December 12, 1865. dec12—tf

FOR RIO DE JANEIRO. CALLING AT ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO and BAHIA.

The United States and Brazil Mail Steamship Company will dispatch regularly, ON THE 29TH OF EVERY MONTH,

A NEW AND FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIP,

To leave at 3 o'clock, P. M., from Pier 43 North River.

All letters have to pass through the Postoffice.

An experienced Surgeon will be in attendance on board.

For freight and passage, having splendid accommodations, apply to THOMAS ASCENCIO & CO., oct26—3m No. 17 Broadway, New York.

ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE FOR NEW YORK! THE NEW AND FIRST CLASS SIDE-WHEEL STEAMSHIPS

HATTERAS AND ALBEMARLE,

Leave Norfolk for New York as follows:

HATTERAS, CAPT'N LEWIS PARISH, Will leave Dickson's Wharf every WEDNESDAY at 8 o'clock, A. M.

ALBEMARLE, CAPT. H. A. BOURNE, Will leave Dickinson's Wharf every SUNDAY at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Passengers by this line will be only one night at sea. Returning, these Ships leave New York every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 12 M., from Pier No. 36, North River.

These Ships have superior accommodations for passengers and freight.

The undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Line, respectfully solicits the patronage of his friends and the public, assuring them that he will use his best endeavors to give satisfaction to his patrons, which, from a long experience in this business, he feels confident he can do.

For Freight or Passage, apply to me at Dickson's Wharf S. C. ELLIOTT.

Agents in New York, Messrs. LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., 141 Broadway. oct24—tf

FOR PHILADELPHIA. RICHMOND AND NORFOLK STEAM PACKET COMPANY—SEMI-WEEKLY. THIS LINE IS COMPOSED OF THE SWIFT, FIRST-CLASS STEAMERS

VIRGINIA, (CAPTAIN SNYDER;)

MAY FLOWER, (CAPTAIN J. ROBINSON;)

CLAYMONT, (CAPTAIN E. ROBINSON;)

And one of them will leave Higgins' Wharf, Norfolk every TUESDAY and SATURDAY, forming a Semi-Weekly Line of fast and reliable Steamers, with good passenger accommodations and plenty of freight room.

For freight (which will be taken at low rates, or passage), apply to THOS. P. CROWELL & CO., Agents, Higgins' Wharf, or No. 6 Campbell's Wharf, Norfolk, Va.

One of these Steamers leaves Philadelphia every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY for Norfolk. aug26—tf

HARNDEN EXPRESS. OFFICE, NO. 6 ROANOKE SQUARE. SAFE, RELIABLE, COURTEOUS, PROMPT. Owing to the facilities offered us by the

NEW LINE OF STEAMERS,

and our connection with all the RELIABLE EXPRESS COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES EAST, WEST, NORTH and SOUTH, We are prepared to forward FREIGHT, MONEY, and VALUABLE PACKAGES, &c., at lower rates than ever offered the public before.

NOTES, DRAFTS and BILLS for COLLECTION made on all acceptable POINTS, and RETURNS PROMPTLY DELIVERED.

SHIPPERS in NORFOLK and PORTSMOUTH will find it to their advantage to give us a call before engaging their freight by any other Express.

PACKAGES delivered in Portsmouth without extra charge. For further particulars apply at the Office, No. 6 Roanoke square.

Express closes for the North 2.45 P. M. " " " South 6.30 " oct11—tf F. R. HILL, Agent.

H. P. WORCESTER & CO., GENERAL COMMISSION AND Forwarding Merchants, NO. 12 CAMPBELL WHARF. HENRY P. WORCESTER, C. LAVERSON UPSHUR

TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

NOTICE. NORFOLK AND RICHMOND STEAMERS. On and after TUESDAY Dec. 5th, The steamers

M. MARTIN AND CITY OF RICHMOND,

Will leave from the wharf at the foot of Roanoke and Market Squares, for RICHMOND daily, "SUNDAYS excepted," at 6½ A. M., until further notice. dec 4—tf

NEW LINE STEAMERS. FOR OLD POINT AND BALTIMORE. CARRYING THE NATIONAL AND HARNDEN'S EXPRESS FREIGHT.

The new and elegant Steamers,

GEO. LEARY (Captain Blakeman), JAMES T. BRADY (Captain Landis), DICTATOR, (Capt. Mulligan,)

Leave Norfolk for Baltimore, DAILY, (Sundays excepted) at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Through Tickets sold for all principal cities North and West. Passengers and baggage transferred from boat to cars free of charge.

Fare to Baltimore $4 00
" " " and return 6 00

The Superior Accommodations offered by the NEW LINE STEAMERS are well known by the traveling public. The Steamers are all NEW, constructed with great regard to speed, comfort and safety, and are commanded by experienced, courteous and attentive officers. Their superior speed enables them to make sure connections with all trains, thereby causing no delay at either end of the route to travelers.

The Fare has been reduced by the general solicitation of the traveling public, to whom we feel grateful for their very liberal patronage, which, we trust, by a just course, to continue to merit.

N. B.—Passengers and baggage transferred to and from Portsmouth free of charge.

Leave Norfolk from wharf foot of Roanoke and Market Squares. H. V. TOMPKINS, Agent. oct27—tf

PEOPLE'S LINE FOR NEWBERN AND THE INTERIOR OF NORTH CAROLINA! CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL. The Only and Entirely New Route.

The Steamers of this line will leave mail wharf, Norfolk for Newbern, on the arrival of the boats from Baltimore on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Returning, will leave Newbern Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturdays, connecting [illegible] railways for Goldsborough, Raleigh, Weldon, Beaufort, Morehead City and Wilmington.

The various lines are nearly all completed in the State, and passengers will have little or no [illegible] in reaching their destination on any of the lines.

The boats are first class, and commanded by men of experience, [illegible] no pains spared to make passengers comfortable.

Being entirely new and the shortest Route, it will be found a more pleasant than by any other route.

Freight taken at Low Rates.

For further information, apply to W. C. EDWARDS, Roanoke Island, N. C.

GEO. OLNEY, Newbern, N. C. jy1—tf

FOR BOSTON. Freight of every description will be received at the wharf [illegible] OLD NORTH STEAMBOAT COMPANY AND BALTIMORE STEAMBOAT COMPANY for Boston and other Eastern cities.

The goods will be taken to Baltimore by the OLD BAY LINE, and thence to Boston by the Steamships of the BALTIMORE AND BOSTON LINE.

Through Tickets will be given accordingly, on as reasonable terms as heretofore, and the goods will have greater despatch. For freight or passage apply to JAMES PATTEN, Agent, dec16—tf Norfolk, Va.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE TO CALIFORNIA, TOUCHING AT MEXICAN PORTS, CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL,

Leave Pier No. 43 North River, foot of Canal street, at 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st, 11th and 21st of every month (except when those dates fall on Sunday, and then on the preceding SATURDAY), for ASPINWALL, connecting, via Panama Railway, with one of the Company's Steamship's from Panama for SAN FRANCISCO, touching at ACAPULCO.

DECEMBER 21ST, HENRY CHAUNCEY, CAPTAIN GRAY, connecting with SACRAMENTO, CAPTAIN CAVERLY, 11TH, JANUARY, ATLANTIC, CAPTAIN MAURY, connecting with GOLDEN AGE, CAPTAIN ——, 20TH, NEW YORK, CAPTAIN HORNER; connecting with CONSTITUTION, CAPTAIN FARNSWORTH.

Departures of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with Steamers for SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS. Those of 1st touch at MANZANILLO.

THROUGH PASSAGE RATES IN CURRENCY.

First Cabin, $300; Second do., $200; Steerage $100

A discount of ONE QUARTER from steamers' rates allowed to second cabin and steerage passengers with families. Also, an allowance of ONE QUARTER on through rates to clergymen and their families, and school teachers; soldiers having honorable discharges, HALF FARE.

One Hundred Pounds Baggage allowed each adult. Baggage masters accompany baggage through, and attend to ladies and children without male protectors. Baggage received on the dock the day before sailing, from steamboats, railroads, and passengers who prefer to send down early.

An experienced Surgeon on board. Medicines and attendance free.

A Steamer will be placed on the Line January 1st, 1866, to run from NEW ORLEANS to ASPINWALL, via HAVANA.

For Passage Tickets or further information, apply at the Company's Ticket Office, on the Wharf, FOOT OF CANAL STREET, NORTH RIVER, NEW YORK.

dec2—3m F. W. G. BELLOWS, Agent.

NOTICE. On and after the 29th INSTANT, the Steamers of the Baltimore Steam Packet Company,

OLD BAY LINE,

will leave the Company's Wharf on East Wide Water street, opposite the Atlantic Iron Works, Daily, for BALTIMORE.

OLD POINT, CHERRYSTONE, MATHEWS, GLOUCESTER and YORKTOWN.

T. H. WEBB, Agent. Norfolk, November 28, 1865. nov28—tf

ADAMS' EXPRESS COMPANY.—OFFICE NO. 54 CHURCH STREET, (THEATRE BUILDING.) FREIGHT, MONEY, and VALUABLES forwarded with care and despatch to all parts of the United States.

BILLS, DRAFTS, &c., collected, and prompt returns made.

Our wagons call in any part of Norfolk and Portsmouth for goods to be forwarded; and will deliver without extra charge all goods that arrive by Express.

Express going North closes at 2.30 P. M.—going South, at 6 P. M. sep26-tf. J. H. RIGNEY, Agent

MISCELLANEOUS.

WRIGHT, CARTER, & CO., GENERAL SOUTHERN LAND AGENCY, No. 62 BROADWAY NEW YORK,

Negotiate LOANS for FARMERS and PLANTERS; also for ASSOCIATIONS, CORPORATIONS and COMPANIES, and partnerships for the cultivation of COTTON, SUGAR, RICE and all SOUTHERN PRODUCTS; also for the LUMBER and TURPENTINE business.

Procure WHITE LABOR, native or foreign, to supply special demand. Orders are solicited.

Organize Associations for the development of MINING and MANUFACTURING interests and the SETTLEMENT of SOUTHERN LANDS.

Purchase and forward MACHINERY, IMPLEMENTS, SUPPLIES, &c., for FARMERS, PLANTERS and MINERS.

Give careful attention to the collection and securing of debts, and the adjustment and settlement of claims of every description.

Their correspondents and associates are men of the highest professional ability, business capacity and social position in their respective localities. Their plan of business is thoroughly systematic, and all its details are carefully arranged to ensure the utmost responsibility and reliability. All business entrusted to them or their correspondents will receive prompt attention. Their compensation will consist ENTIRELY of COMMISSIONS, and charges will be moderate.

AUTHORIZED REFERENCES.

PETER COOPER Esq., New York.
A. A. LOWE, Esq., Pres. Charmber of Commerce N. Y.
JAS. COOKE, Esq., Philadelphia.
GEO. H. STUART, Esq., Philadelphia.

Messrs. FOLGER, CARTWRIGHT & CO., No. 72, Wide Water Street, Agents for the city of Norfolk. dec 4

METROPOLITAN ENTERPRISE GREAT GIFT SALE OF THE NEW YORK AND PROVIDENCE Jewelers' Association.

Capital $1,000,000

DEPOT, NO. 197 BROADWAY.

An immense stock of Pianos, Watches, Jewelry and Fancy Goods, all to be sold for ONE DOLLAR each, without regard to value, and not to be paid for till you see what you will receive.

CERTIFICATES, naming each article and its value, are placed in sealed envelopes and well mixed. One of these envelopes will be sent by mail to any address on receipt of 25 cents; five for $1; eleven $2; thirty for $5; sixty-five for $10, and one hundred for $15.

On receipt of the Certificate you will see what you are going to have, and then it is at your option to pay the dollar and take the article or not. Purchasers may thus obtain a Gold Watch, Diamond Ring, a Piano, Sewing Machine, or any set of Jewelry on our list, for $1; and in no case can they get less than One Dollar's worth, as there are no blanks.

Agents are wanted in every town in the country; every person can make $10 a day selling our Certificates in the greatest sale of Jewelry ever known.

Send 25 cents for a Certificate which will inform you what you can obtain for $1. At the same time get our circular, containing full list and particulars; also, TERMS TO AGENTS. Address JAMES HUTCHINSON & CO., nov8—2m No. 197 Broadway, New York.

BURNING OF THE MUSEUM.

LETTER FROM MR. BARNUM. NEW YORK, July 14, 1865.

Messrs. Herring & Co.:

GENTLEMEN:—Though the destruction of the American Museum has proved a serious loss to myself and the public, I am happy to verify the odd adage, that "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," and consequently congratulate you that your well-known safes have again demonstrated their superior fire-proof qualities in an ordeal of unusual severity.

The safe you made for me some time ago was in the office of the Museum, on the second floor, back part of the building, and in the hottest of the fire.

After twenty-four hours of trial, it was found among the debris, and on opening it this day, has yielded up its contents in very good order—books, papers, policies of insurance, bank bills, all in condition for immediate use, and a noble commentary on the trustworthiness of Herring's Fire-Proof Safes.

Truly yours, P. T. BARNUM.

HERRING'S PATENT CHAMPION SAFES! *The most reliable protection now are now known.*

HERRING & CO.'S PATENT BANKERS' SAFES, with Herring & Floyd's Patent Crystalized Iron, the best security against a burglar's drill ever manufactured.

HERRING & CO., No. 251 Broadway, cor. Murray street, New York. FARREL, HERRING & CO., Philadelphia. HERRING & CO., Chicago.

KNOWLS & WALFORD Agents, Richmond, Va. oct7—tf

W. M. CLARK & CO. BANKERS AND DEALERS IN *GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,* MAIN STREET, OPPOSITE BANK STREET,

Keep on hand and buy and sell, at market rates, all issues OF UNITED STATES BONDS, SEVEN-THIRTY TREASURY NOTES, COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES, CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, &c. Southern STATE BANK NOTES, BONDS and SECURITIES bought at the highest figures.

COLLECTIONS MADE ON ALL POINTS. jy21—tf

KENT'S EAST INDIA COFFEE. EQUAL TO JAVA. HALF THE PRICE. GOES TWICE AS FAR. Recommended and Used by All!

CLERGYMEN, PHYSICIANS and Professional men, as the cheapest, healthiest and best beverage in the world. FOR SALE BY ALL GROCERS NORTH AND SOUTH. The Southern Trade, to which it is specially adapted supplied through the New York City Wholesale Grocers or direct from the Manufactory.

READE 154 STREET NEW YORK. RICHARD DAVIES, Proprietor, and General Wholesale Dealer in Teas and Coffees. dec 4—3m

BAUGH'S RAW BONE PHOSPHATE. The cheap and valuable FERTILIZER, unequalled by PERUVIAN GUANO as STIMULANT and GROP PRODUCER, and WARRANTED to be a strong and permanent benefit to the land. Sold at manufacturers rates, $66 per ton of 2000 lbs. M. HOWELL, Sole Agent, India Wharf, near Draw Bridge. aug7—tf

NEW YORK PIANO FORTES. ERNEST GABLER, MANUFACTURER OF NEW SCALE FIRST-CLASS PIANO FORTES, FACTORY 122, 124 AND 126 EAST 22d STREET,

Respectfully announces that his Large New Factory is now completed, fully organized, and in successful operation, by means of which he has greatly increased his manufacturing facilities. He will therefore be able henceforward to turn out 35 Pianos per week, to supply orders promptly, without that inconvenient delay to which Dealers and Purchasers have been subjected, from the fact that for more than two years past he has been continually a hundred instruments behind orders. A full assortment at all times may be found at his Manufactory and Warerooms in New York City. Every instrument fully warranted. Retail Warerooms, 743 Broadway. nov11—3m

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE NEW YORK TIMES. ENLARGEMENT of the DAILY, SEMI-WEEKLY and WEEKLY TIMES.

THE LARGEST AND CHEAPEST NEWSPAPER IN THE UNITED STATES.

The NEW YORK TIMES has been enlarged to the size of the LONDON TIMES.

Each number contains EIGHT pages of SEVEN columns each—or FIFTY-SIX columns in all—making it the largest newspaper in the United States.

The TIMES will contain regularly

FULL CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS.

REPORTS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

MESSAGES AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

REPORTS OF COURTS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

EUROPEAN NEWS IN FULL.

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

POLITICAL AND GENERAL EDITORIALS.

LITERARY NEWS, SELECTIONS AND MISCELLANY.

Everything possible will be done to make the TIMES the most valuable and interesting Family Newspaper in the United States. Its price will remain unchanged, in spite of the fact that its size and contents have been increased one-fourth.

The following are the prices of the several editions, payable in all cases in advance:

The DAILY TIMES, per annum	$10
The DAILY TIMES (Sunday Ed. included)	12
The SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES, one year	3
The WEEKLY TIMES, one year	2

These prices are invariable. Club rates are discontinued. We have no traveling agents. Remit in Checks or Postoffice Money orders if possible.

ADDRESS H. J. RAYMOND & CO., dec25—tf Times Office, New York.

NEW YORK AND VIRGINIA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, THE OLD LINE, FOR NEW YORK. The Novel and Elegant Side-Wheel Steamships,

NIAGARA, GEORGE W. COUCH, COMMANDER, and SARATOGA, A. L. KING, COMMANDER,

Leave Norfolk for New York every WEDNESDAY and SUNDAY, at 8 o'clock, A. M. Returning they will leave New York every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

For expedition and security this route, as past experience has proven, will be found the best in every respect. In the construction of these Steamers special attention has been paid to the finish and comfort of the Saloons and State-Rooms, in order to induce travel by them.

Passengers can secure their Tickets and State-Rooms before the arrival of the ships by applying to the Agents.

When ordering goods from New York, the patrons of the line are requested to order by the "OLD LINE," New York and Virginia Steamship Company, Pier 21, North River.

Freight taken at low rates. J. M. SMITH & BROTHER, dec22—tf Agents, Town Point, Norfolk.

GO TO THE "TIP TOP" WINE AND LIQUOR STORE AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES. TIP TOP WHISKIES, BRANDIES, RUM, GIN, AND EVERY ARTICLE IN THE LINE OF THE BEST, AT FAIR PRICES.

Under the Atlantic Hotel dec23—tf

TAYLOR, ZEERLEDER & CO., GENERAL COMMISSION *MERCHANTS* AND SHIP-BROKERS; *TOBACCO WAREHOUSE,* ON TOWN POINT, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. CONSIGNMENTS SOLICITED.

We are prepared to store and forward Merchandise of all descriptions. sep18—tf

NOTICE. On and after this date the freight on all Goods, Wares, Merchandise, &c., shipped by the Baltimore Steam Packet Company's Steamers to Norfolk, Old Point, City Point and Richmond, can be made payable at destination, if the shippers or owners desire it. aug 2—tf THOS. H. WEBB, Agent. Old Dominion copy.

FOR RENT. Furnished Rooms for Rent—Chamber and Parlor—suitable for a gentleman and wife, or two single gentlemen, in a central and pleasant locality, with or without board. Apply at No. 48 Bermuda street. dec25—1w

The Norfolk Post.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1866.

CHRISTMAS.

"Some say that ever, 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our saviour's birth is celebrate,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit walks abroad:
The nights are wholesome, then no planets strike;
No fairy tales, no witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time"

SHAKSPEARE.

"Those who at Christmas do repine
And would fain hence dispatch him,
May they with old Duke Humphrey dine,
Or else may 'Squire Ketch catch 'em."

OLD SONG.

BOOKS.

Welcome, my books, my golden store?
Your leaves my eyes, my hands explore;
With you my sweetest hours have flown—
My best of life with you alone.
When none in the wide world could cheer,
Your wisdom dried the bitter tear;
When summer skies were fresh and blue,
None could rejoice with me like you.
What living voice may speak among
Your silent and time hallowed throng?
For you, the best of every age,
I quit the world's degenerate stage.

AID FOR MRS. JACKSON.

In the last issue of the *Post*, we suggested to the people of Norfolk that Mrs. Stonewall Jackson and her children were in need, and we urged our readers in this city, to take the matter in hand. The response has been generous and prompt. On reaching our office on Saturday morning, we found the following communications on our desk:—

"NORFOLK VA., Dec. 30th, 1865.

"MY DEAR SIR—Permit me to thank you for your benevolent suggestion in behalf of the widow and orphans of Stonewall Jackson. Let us do what we can for those in distress. Enclosed find my check for twenty-five dollars.

"Very truly yours, "GEO. SANGSTER.

"To JOHN CLARK Esq."

"NORFOLK, Dec. 30th, 1865.

"CAPTAIN JOHN CLARK—Dear Sir: I am pleased to see that in connection with a season of pleasant memories and rejoicings, you have heart to feel for the needy and distressed. You will please accept the enclosed ten dollars as a contribution to the fund for the relief of the widow and children of Stonewall Jackson. "Your Ob't. Ser'vt. "WM. B. ROGERS:"

"16 ROANOKE SQ., Dec. 30th, 1865.

EDITOR POST—Please accept the enclosed five dollars for the widow and orphans of Stonewall Jackson.

"Yours, "PORTER SHERMAN."

CONTRIBUTIONS.

George Sangster	$25.00
John Clark	5.00
Wm. B. Rogers	10.00
Thomas J Corprew	20.00
John T. Hall	10.00
O. D. Huyck	5.00
H. E. Kimberly	10.00
C. L. Cole	5.00
George Chamberlain	5.00
Henry B. Constable	5.00
Wm. Lamb	5.00
Gilbert C. Walker	1.00
E. C. Smith	5.00
Salamonsky & Co	5.00
Burruss, Harrison & Co	5.00
Taylor, Martin & Co	5.00
A. S. Newton	5.00
George W. Thompson & Co	5.00

The citizens of Mobile last week gave an entertainment at the theatre in that city for the benefit of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, and "fearing that the military authorities might misunderstand the spirit and object of the movement," Col. Forsyth, by request, addressed a note to Brigadier Gen. DeRussy, (who was Gen. Jackson's classmate at West Point,) and recieved a reply characteristic of a gallant soldier. The correspondence is annexed:

MOBILE, ALA., Dec. 18, 1865.

General: Learning that Mrs. Thomas J. Jackson, wife of the late Gen. Stonewall Jackson, is in reduced circumstances, a large number of the citizens of Mobile are anxious to give her a benefit at the theatre next Saturday morning. Messrs. Roig & MacDonoug, with the company, have kindly volunteered their services for the occasion, and I am requested to ascertain from you if there will be any objection made by the military authorities to such a movement at this time.

The object is not to revive any feelings of the past, but is intended rather as a tribute to the widow of a Christian soldier and gentleman who was respected alike during his life by both sections of this country.

An answer at your earliest convenience will very much oblige,

Very respectfully, C. FORSYTH.

Brig. Gen. G. A. DeRussy, commanding District of Mobile.

HEAD'QS DIST. OF MOBILE, MOBILE, ALA., December 20, 1865.

Mr. C. Forsyth, Mobile:

SIR: In reply to your communication of the 18th December, asking "if there will be any objection made by the military authorities to certain citizens of Mobile, giving the widow of the late General 'Stonewall' Jackson a benefit at the theatre next Saturday morning," I am directed to inform you that no objection exists on the part of the military authorities to the charitable demonstration these gentlemen propose to make in favor of an indigent lady whom the respect, especially as perfect reliance is placed in your assurance "that the object is not to revive any feelings of the past, but is intended simply as a measure of relief for the benefit of a suffering lady."

Many appeals for relief will doubtless be made to the sympathy and charity of the liberal and generous among the citizens of your city during the coming winter by the poor of all conditions in life who are even now suffering great privations in and about your city. The military authorities will be happy to assist your gentlemen and ladies in efforts to relieve the general distress.

I am sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
G. A. DeRUSSY,
Brigadier-General Volunteers, Commanding District of Mobile.

ATTEMT OF A GENNRAL TO COMMIT SUICIDE. Brigadier General Champion Vaughan, formerly of Kansas, attempted to commit suicide by swallowing poison on Saturday morning in St. Louis, but his life was saved by the prompt administration of an antidote. In the afternoon he again attempted to destroy his life by inhaling chloroform in the Mercantile Library Room, but was again saved by medical aid. General Vaughan is a son of John C. Vaughan, and served on the staff of Gen. Curtis and General Blunt during the war. No reason is assigned for his strange conduct.

INTENSE COLD IN MINNSOTA. *Four men frozen to death—one hundred and forty sheep buried in a snow drift.* The Wilton (Minnesota) *News* of December 7, says: "Mr. H. G. Green, of Alden township, Freeborn county, gives us the sorrowful news of the probable death of four men in his county, by frezing, on Tuesday of last week, the 12th instant:

"Three brothers, whose names he had not learned, started together from Moyer's grocery, at White Walnut lake, in the edge of Faribault county, for their home in Rice Lake Township, Freeborn county, five miles distant, since which time they have not been heard from. They have been searched for in every direction in vain. The supposition is that they got lost, and perished with cold, and now lie buried in the snow on the prairie.

"A Mr. James Wood, of Rice Lake township, between three and four o'clock P. M., of the same day, started to go to a neighbor's where his wife was visiting, a mile away, but did not reach the place. Mr. Wood has been tracked a distance of some twelve miles, but not found. His neighbors tracked him, first, in a soutwest direction, next, in a northeast direction, and finally in a southeast direction to Zumboo creek, where all trace of him was lost.

"We shall await with anxiety further news from these missing men. The storm of the 12th was much more severe than was generally supposed by those who were so fortunate as to be at home at the time. We hear of many severe cases of freezing.

"Mr. Twist, of Carlstown township, in the same county, had one hundred and forty sheep caught out in the same storm, and entirely drfted under. In digging them out he has found twenty-five dead, and there are a number not yet found."

ESCAPE OF A WHITE BOY FROM THE INDIANS—A STORY OF CAPTIVITY. The St. Louis *Democrat* says: "Lieutenant Thomas E. Sallee, of the 13th Missouri Cavalry, communicates the following interesting statement from Mound Station, Colorado Territory.

"On the 27th of November, 1865, a small boy, supposed to be about twelve years of age, of rather dark complexion, black hair and black eyes, came into a ranche (near Mound Station, of the overland stage line running from Atchison, Kansas, to Denver City, Colorado,) about one hundred and seventy miles east of Denver. He could speak very little plain English, but by signs could easily be understood. I (being in command of the military at Mound Station), on hearing of his arrival, immediately brought him to my station. He is now here, and is learning to talk very fast.

He informs me that the Sioux Indians have had him captive for many years, but he don't know how many. He don't know anything about his parents, but supposes that they were killed by the Indians at the time of his capture. He neither knows his name or where he was captured. He left the Indians south of the 25th instant, eighty miles [illegible] three thousand in number. He luckily make his escape on a pony, but running his pony to death the first night, he was then compelled to take it on foot for three days, arriving at the ranche on the evening of the 27th. All that he had to eat after leaving the Indians until he arrived at the ranche was one crow that he found dead, and a piece of a dead ox. He says the Sioux Indians have two white women and several negroes captives now. He is a good-looking, intelligent youth.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY IN WORCESTER. The citizens of Worcester were considerably excited this morning at the discovery of the death of a man and wife, under such circumstances as to lead to the belief that they were the victims of poison. The unfortunate parties are Artemus Ward and wife, who lived on Main street, the husband being about 40 years of age, and his wife (second one) being considerable younger. The bodies were discovered about [illegible] o'clock this morning, by the oldest of their two children. The father was in his bed, and the mother was partially dressed, and lying dead upon the floor.

There was a hot coal fire in the room and it was the opinion of some that they might have been suffocated from the coal gas, but the other circumstances prove almost conclusively the victims of poison. Shortly after the discovery of the parents, the two children were taken with violent vomiting, and as they had slept in an adjoining room it was hardly possible that they could have been suffocated by gas. It was discovered that the woman had also been attacked with vomiting before her death.

Ward was an old resident of Worcester, and formerly kept a saloon near the Forster street depot. He had moved on Maine street the day before, and was about to start a saloon there. He had also disposed of his dwelling house a day or two before.

He and his wife had lived unhappily, and it is stated by some of the neighbors that they were heard quarreling during the night. It is also stated that the woman made an unsuccessful attempt to poison herself last winter. The bodies were taken in charge by Coroner Sibley who will hold an inquest.—*Boston Journal of Thursday.*

WHO DID IT?—At a pleasant party in this city one night last week an incident occurred which deserves to be chronicled among the Christmas events to be remembered long. A young gentleman had brought with him a bottle of that pernicious stuff, without which the men of this generation cannot live for an hour, and, afraid to leave it out doors, had carried his tickler into the hall and laid it, wrapped in a military cloak, on a table. After a while, a set being over, the ladies and gentlemen came into the hall for cool air, and our friend being dry picked up his cloak and announced aloud his intention of taking a small walk.

Be it known that the threshold of this hospitable mansion was of stone, and as our thirsty party goer reached it his bottle slipped and broke into somewhere between two and three thousand pieces, while the nectar ran piteously over the floor. Gentlemen laughed, ladies started, and *he*, for an instant dumbfounded, finally stammered out, "Hi! I wonder who did put that bottle in my cloak!" Nobody being able to tell him, *he went out to see*, and not coming back any more, we are unable to say whether he found out or not.—*Petersburg Index.*

Gerritt Smith has finally commenced his libel suit against the Chicago *Tribune*, laying his damages at $50,000.

WHOLESALE SUFFOCATION. A terrible tragedy occurred on the morning of yesterday on West Lake street, between Despleines and Union. Six men in the prime of life were stricken down in mortal agony by the escape of gas from a pipe in their sleeping room. Five were found dead, and the other so near the edge of the tomb that his recovery is very doubtful.

The house in question is No. 137 West Lake street, kept by H. C. Sohle as a German saloon and boarding house. In the lower story the proprietor dispenses lager and the more intoxicating beverages to the public, and in the cellar keeps his boarding house, while the floor above is divided into sleeping rooms, occupied chiefly by German laborers.

Six men retired to rest on Saturday night, the time ranging from 11 o'clock till a little past midnight. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, breakfast being ready below, the boarders were summoned, and after waiting awhile without any of the occupants of that room making their appearance, the proprietor went up to hasten them. A knock at the door being unanswered, and a second and third meeting with no response, the door was opened. A terrible stench met the intruder, forcing him to beat a hasty retreat—the room was full of gas. Through the opened door the poisonous material rushed, filling the whole upper story, and presently the ordinary atmosphere had gained admission sufficient to allow of the room being explored. A horrible sight met the view. Six inanimate forms lay in the stillness of the grave, their faces swollen, their mouths filled with froth. All are dead! No, not all! A slight movement is perceptible in one of those bodies, a hurried, short, yet slowly perceptible breathing in that stifling atmosphere. He is seized and carried out into another room and medical attendance summoned. He lives.

Subsequent search revealed the avenue through which the destroying angel had entered to do his fell work. In the centre of that low ceiling the end of a gas pipe protruded into the room closed in the absence of the fixtures." The careless workmen who had undertaken to block up the end, had put on a cap much too large, slipping over quite freely, without any fit of the threads of the screws by which the joints of the piping are usually connected. The workmen had applied the red flux, depending on that entirely to prevent the escape of the gas. This cap dropped off during the night, and through that little cylinder, scarce half an inch in internal diameter, the noxious vapor poured, mingling with the already highly carbonized atmosphere of the room, and quickly causing asphyxia. *Chicago Times of Monday.*

NOVEL SCENE IN AN ENGLISH COURT OF JUSTICE.—A New York physician, named H[illegible], was recently tried in [illegible]hire (England) Criminal Court, on an indictment charging him with assault and rape on Anne Merrick, one of his patients. The counsel for the accused argued that the charge was a false one made to extort money. The result of the trial is reported in the Cheshire [illegible]:

The jury, at a quarter to 4, retired to consider their verdict, and, after an absence of a quarter of an hour, returned into court with a verdict of not guilty. The foreman of the jury had scarcely pronounced the verdict when deafening cheers arose in the court. After considerable effort on the part of the officials, they were suppressed, for the purpose of allowing the Clerk of Arraigns to take the verdict in the formal way: "You say he is not guilty and that is the verdict of you all?" The moment the words were uttered the cheering again resumed. [illegible] walked [illegible] court, [illegible] him with