MATTERS ABOUT TO WN.

Supreme Judicial Court.

JANUARY TERM—CUTTING J., PRESIDING.

TUESDAY—In the case of Chadbourne v. Town of Windham, the evidence was all put in. Judge Howard made the argument for defendant and Hon. N. S. Littlefield for plaintiff. Judge Cutting in a clear and lucid charge gave the case to the jury, who retired about 4 o'clock. Thep had not agreed upon a verdict at half past 6 o'clock, when Court adjourned.

No. 264. John S. Abbott v. Wm. Maybery & al.

Assumpsit on account for services rendered defendants, balance due $81,61, in conducting defense of cases in Supreme Judicial Court. The defendants file a claim in set off, and also allege that the plaintiff charged more than his services were reasonably worth, and that the plaintiff neglected to properly manage the cases, whereby the defendants were damaged. The account in set off was $273. Not finished.

J. S. Abbott, Vinton & Dennett.

Court adjourned to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Municipal Court....Feb. 17.

There was a large number of cases, of a criminal nature, before Court this morning, and the dock was crowded with those who had been brought in for drunkenness and disturbance.

James Redman, John Sullivan and John Williams, for drunkenness and disturbance, paid a fine of four dollars each and costs.

Catharine A. Tilley, for drunkenness and disturbance, was fined three dollars and costs. Committed.

Terence Brady, for drunkenness and disturbance, was fined three dollars and costs. Committed.

John Cornan, for a single sale of intoxicating liquors, paid a fine of ten dollars and costs.

Patrick Holivan was brought up on a search and seizure process. His case was continued.

Timothy Carey, on a search and seizure process, paid a fine of twenty dollars and costs.

Meyer Waterman was again brought up on a search and seizure process. The case was continued. J. H. Williams for the defense.

Charles B. Randall, on a search and seizure process, paid a fine of twenty dollars and costs.

The Fancy Dress Ball.

The Grand Fancy Dress Ball, which has been talked of for some weeks, came off at Lancaster Hall last evening. It was got up under the management of the gentlemen who have had the direction of the Temperance Assemblies, and was a full success in every particular. The hall was handsomely decorated with flags and streamers. The floor, with its gay and festive dancers and the crowd that lined the sides of the hall, presented an animated appearance, while the gallery was filled to repletion with those who attended more for the purpose of looking on, than participating in the scene. Such a brilliant affair has never before been witnessed in Lancaster Hall. Every ticket was sold and applications for more were made, but the managers very judiciously declined to sell more than the accommodations of the hall would warrant.

There were, as near as we could judge, something like two hundred different costumes, representing almost every age and nation. The Firemen and the Military were also well represented. It is impossible for us this morning to give all the "Character dresses," but we will particularize a few.

Mrs. J. H. B—k, in Turkish costume; Mrs. P—s, in Indian costume; Mr. McC—y as Lady Teazle; Misses S—n and G—s as Night and Morning; Mrs. L. C—t as Highland Mary; Mrs. F. G. R—h as Queen Anne; Mrs. F—d as a Hungarian Lady; Miss S—e as Martha Washington; Miss S—h as Di. Vernon; Mrs. J. B—d as the Goddess of Liberty; Mrs. T—y as America; Mrs. D—n as a Greek girl.

Mr. J. H. B—k as Duke Aranza; Mr. W. H. P—s as Rob Roy; Mr. T. R. R—t as Hamlet; Mr, C. G. H—s as a French Courtier; Mr. M. McC—y as a Spanish Bull-fighter; Mr. W. R—s as a Shaker; Mr. J. A—t as Conrad de Cousey; Mr. O—d as an Indian Chief; Mr. R—h as Don Cæsar de Bazan; Mr. B—e as a Sailor; Mr. S—n as a Turk; Mr. C—r as a Clown; Mr. S—r as a Greek; Mr. W. H. S—h, chief officer of the North American, as Paul Pry; Mr. R—s and Mr. O'B—n as Yankees; Mr. F—d as a Chinaman; Mr. B—n as a Monk; Mr. D—o as a Continentaler; Mr. P—e as a Sailor.

The above is but a small proportion of the Fancy costumes on the floor, but the limited time we were there would not permit us to go further into the business. We had almost forgotten one, and that was the "devil," with horns and tail. He was there dancing as happily with the Flower Girl as any one in the room. Paul Pry created a great deal of sport, and the character was carried out to perfection. In short everything went off as happily as possibly could be, and the whole affair reflects the highest credit on the managers. who have taken unwearied pains to get up the ball with as much splendor as possible.

ACCIDENT FROM CARELESS SHOOTING.—Last Saturday, just before the close of the public school at Ferry Village, Cape Elizabeth, kept by Miss Merrill, a lad named Collins was in a garden adjoining the school house, firing at a privy, with a musket. One of the balls passed through the walls of the privy, through the wall of the school house and the dash board inside, striking the leg of a lad named Lombard, who had it stretched out in the aisle, passing through his leg, and through a piece of zinc on the wall behind the stove and thence through the partition wall into another room where the ball was found in a flattened condition. Dr. Wright was called to attend the wounded lad. He found that the ball had made a large hole in the leg just above the top of the boot, but no bones were broken, though he feared some of them might be splintered. It was entirely an accident on the part of the lad who fired the musket, though he should have known better than to have been firing in so close proximity to a school-house. He must have had a heavy charge in the gun to have sent the ball through so many obstacles as mentioned above.

PORTLAND AND FOREST AVENUE HORSE RAILROAD.—In another column will be found the report of the committee of the City Council on this important local measure. The members of the committee feel the lack of experience and of practical knowledge in relation to this enterprise, and though the committee have considered the subject with much care, the Council do not deem it wise to act hastily, but have published the report with its amendments for the purpose of calling the attention of our citizens to the matter, and particularly the attention of those whose private interests are to be affected, or who may feel jealous of the city's interests, and wish to have them properly protected. In other words, the members of the city government invite the suggestions of their fellow citizens, and particularly the ocjections of those who may see anything objectionable in the measure as it is now proposed; for it is the desire of all parties that an enterprise of so much importance should be so well laid out and begun that it may need no change and lead to no regrets.

M. L. LECTURE.—Last evening the City Hall was crowded in all its parts by an appreciative audience, who, for two hours and a quarter, listened with wrapt attention to that wonderful man and natural orator, JOHN B. GOUGH, Esq. Mr. Gough's subject was Britain, her classes, customs, etc. The lecturer was evidently laboring under the disadvantages of a hoarse cold, and for a time we feared his voice would fail him, but he gradually warmed up, and long before he had reached the middle of his discourse "Richard was himself again." His descriptions were exceedingly interesting; his personations perfect, and his humor irresistable. The peroration was surpassingly eloquent, and his reference to our own great national struggle, and his whole-hearted sympathy for the loyal cause of Right, Truth and Justice, were responded to by the most enthusiastic and long-continued applause.

The next, and closing lecture of the course, will be on Wednesday evening of next week, by Wendell Phillips, Esq.

☞In behalf of the ladies of "East Westbrook Soldiers' Relief Society," I would most gratefully acknowledge the receipt of forty dollars from the members of Co. E, enrolled militia of Westbrook. And may their noble example be followed throughout our land. May we all remember those who have sacrificed home and its comforts, and periled life for a common cause. In rendering aid to cheer and bless the suffering we but respond to the instinct of humanity.

Over three thousand articles in hospital stores and clothing have been forwarded by this society since its organization, the first of September last.

MRS. L. A. BACHELDER, Sec'y.

Westbrook, Feb. 17th, 1863.

TONNAGE DUTIES.—In reply to an enquiry made by the Collector of Customs of this District, we learn that the Secretary of the Treasury has decided that a vessel entering from a foreign port, with a cargo for two or more American ports, pays tonnage duty *only* at her *first* port of entry; the voyage or voyages to her final port of discharge being considered as one and the same voyage, ending at her last port.

MENTAL SCIENCE.—We bespeak for the lecture of Mr. Stewart, at Mechanics' Hall this evening, on Mathematics, a liberal patronage. It is an important subject, and will be treated in an interesting manner. The avoidable causes of insanity will be hinted at in the course of the lecture.

BOARD OF TRADE.—Members of the Board of Trade are reminded that the annual meeting will take place this evening, at the rooms of the Mercantile Library Associaton. A full and punctual attendance is requested as important business will come before the Board.

HOW IT LOOKS TO OUTSIDERS. — Lookers on see most of the game, says the proverb;—and the reason is obvious — they watch the movements without risk or passion, and with no absorbing purpose of their own to divert attention from the plans of an adversary. The St. John (N. B.) Globe of the 4th instant quotes in full the peace resolutions now pending in the Maine House of Representatives, offered, it will be remembered, as an amendment to Mr. Kingsbury's resolutions sustaining the national Government. This is what the Globe says of the amendment proposed by the member from Westbrook:

It seems to us that debating a set of resolutions like these is a useless waste of time. They can do no good, if passed, for the rebels have declared through their newspapers, and quite lately in another way, in reply to the Tammany Hall Democrats at New York, that peace is not to be thought of by them, with "the Union as it was and the Constitution as it is," for a basis. Nothing but a recognition of their independence will satisfy them; and *if Mr Smith is in favor of that he ought to come out like a man and avow it.* His resolutions, however, can do a great deal of harm, as the very discussion of them, even if they are not passed, must tend to embarrass the general Government.

☞The editor of the Springfield Republican says he has a receipt signed by Nathaniel P. Banks, in 1836, for money received by him from Sargeant M. Davis. of Roxbury Mass. in whose employ he was, as a machinist, at $1.33 per day. The same Nathaniel P. Banks, since that time, has been Governor of Massachusetts, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and pronounced the most accomplished, with a single exception (Henry Clay) that ever held that place—and is now a Major-General in the United States Army, and in command of the Federal forces at New Orleans.

BY TELEGRAPH

—TO THE—

EVENING PAPERS.

Washington Reports.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

The World's Washington dispatch says Gen. Fremont's new command is said to be Texas. It is certainly in the Department of the Gulf. This change sends Gen. Butler back to New Orleans.

The statement that Gen. Sherman is here is incorrect. There is no reason to suppose that he is absent from his command.

Gen. Doubleday has suggested the following disposition of the contrabands in Northern Virginia: That the most available of the numerous peninsulas along the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay be fortified across their narrow necks and used as places of refuge for the negroes. They would thus be able to defend themselves, and the fish and oysters in the Bay would give them employment and sustenance. As an example of a suitable locality, he indicates Mathias Point.

General Foster's Expedition—Command Assumed by Gen. Hunter.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

The Herald's Port Royal letters are to the effect that some difficulty occurred as to the right of command to the troops of Gen. Foster's expedition to that place, the latter officer presuming that although in the jurisdiction of Gen. Hunter's military department, the supreme command of his own men still rested in himself, as being a portion of the 18th army corps. But Gen. Hunter has settled the question by assuming command of Gen. Foster's troops, regarding them as reinforcements to the 10th army corps, of which he is chief, and requiring Gens. Neglee and Terry to report to him.

From the Army of the Potomac.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF POTOMAC, February 16.

Two expeditions have just returned with satisfactory results.

Contraband traffic between the rebels in Maryland and Virginia has for a long time found its way across the Potomac near the extremity of the peninsula between the Potomac and the Rappahannock to Richmond.

Parties were sent to break up these avenues of support and information, and to prevent the enforcement of the rebel conscription ordered in the counties on the Neck from the 12th to the 17th inst.

A large quantity of provisions and a number of horses, mules, &c., intended for the rebels were seized.

From New Orleans.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

The steamer Creole, from New Orleans the 8th inst., has arrived.

Gen. Banks had issued a general order suspending the navigation of the Mississippi to vessels engaged exclusively in private trade, except those engaged in coastwise or foreign commerce.

Also, an order prohibiting the foreclosure of mortgages against loyal citizens, and exempting property of loyal citizens from forced sale, except as to debts or obligations incurred subsequent to the date of this order, which shall have remained uncanceled for six months.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO THE

Portland Daily Press.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Senate Bill to provide Ways and Means for Support of Government.

The Naval Appropriation Bill.

Capture of Blockade Runners.

Disbanding of Missouri Troops.

Decision of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Capt. Hiram Paulding was to-day confirmed by the Senate as Rear Admiral in the Navy on the retired list.

The bill to provide ways and means for the support of the Government will be returned to the Senate for further action, the House having non-concurred in several important amendments of that body, including that for striking out the right of the holder of the six per cent. Treasury notes, and making the former a legal tender at their face value, excluding interest. The House also non-concurred in striking out the 7th section, making coupons on all bonds and treasury notes thirty days before they become due receivable for customs as coin, and non-concurred in striking out the section so modifying the independent treasury law as to authorize the Secretary of Treasury to allow any money obtained from loans or internal revenue to be deposited in solvent banks with adequate security for its payment. The House also disagrees to the Senate's amendment to the bank tax section, striking out the sliding scale, and substituting one half of one per cent. each half year from the 1st of April next until April 1865, upon an average amount of notes or bills outstanding as currency during the six months next preceding the return provided for after the 1st of April, 1865, the tax or duty to be one per cent. for each half year thereafter on an average amount.

Senator Fessenden reports to the House the naval appropriation bill from the Finance Committee, with an amendments providing that no contract shall be entered into for the construction of iron sea steamers, for which $12,000,000 are appropriated, until their plan and specifications have been approved by a board of three skillful naval officers, and advertisements for proposals to build have been made according to law. The provision for building a floating dock at New York is stricken out, and the appropriation for items of the section containing it is reduced from $1,213,000 to $463,000. The appropriation for a dry dock at Norfolk, $85,000, and naval hospital, $18,500, are stricken out, and also that of $17,500 for a naval hospital at Mound City, Ill. The provision for an extra midshipman for each Congressional District during the rebellion, is omitted.

Information has been received here that the U. S. steamer Reliance, Capt. McGowan, captured in Mornkin river and brought to Port Baltimore on the 13th inst., the sloop Clara and the schooner North Star, while attempting to run the blockade, loaded with contraband goods. Two colored boys, aged about 18, were found handcuffed and stowed away in the hold of the former vessel. They stated that they had been forcibly put on board the vessel, and were to be taken to Richmond to be sold.

The War Department, in answer to a call of the Senate, has presented official documents showing the cause of an excess of Missouri local troops above the authorization of Congress. The number raised was over 13,000, an excess of 3000, which were ordered to be disbanded, but on the protest of Gen. Schofield, they were allowed by Gen. Halleck to be retained in the service for an emergency, but that orders have been given for the disbanding of four regiments and their absorption into the others.

Commissioner Boutwell has made the following decision under the internal revenue law, in regard to the manufacture of patented articles:—Whenever a person is owner of a patent or of a right to manufacture a patented article, and employs other persons to make such patented articles, the patenter or owner of the patent right will be regarded as manufacturers, and the tax will be assessed upon the sales as made by him or his agents.

VARIOUS PARAGRAPHS.

More Captures by the Alabama.

Congressional Proceedings.

Seditious Papers Banished from the Army.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

Gen. Foster left Baltimore yesterday for Port Royal.

Independence Hall in Philadelphia took fire yesterday, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

Mrs. Deborah Duane, grand-daughter to Benj. Franklin, died in Philadelphia last Thursday.

Advices from Port au Prince say it was reported that the Alabama had made two or three new prizes within six days after her departure from Kingston. The news was received by express from Jacmel, and it was added that two captains of American vessels had been landed by Semmes.

A special Washington dispatch to the Post says the Committee on Ways and Means adhere to the $300,000,000 legal tender clause of the finance bill, but strike out the Senate tax on bank notes.

Senator Wilson stated in the Senate yesterday, in answer to a question, that the report of Gen. McClellan on the Peninsular campaign will soon be made, so says a Washington letter.

The House Military Committee have agreed to take up the Senate conscription bill from the Speaker's table and pass it without usual reference to committees.

The correspondent of the Commercial Advertiser states that Gen. Patrick, Provost Marshal of the army of the Potomac, has received instructions which will effectually banish certain seditious New York sheets from the army, and substitute others which advocate the policy of the President.

New Hampshire Union Convention.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 17.

The New Hampshire Union Convention, which met here to-day, was very well attended. Hon. Wm. C. Clarke of Manchester presided. Col. Walter Harriman of the 11th New Hampshire Regiment was nominated as the Union candidate for Governor by acclamation, and Col. John Coughlin of the 10th Regiment for Railroad Commissioner. Resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:—Believing that there can be no neutrals in the present struggle for national existence, and that he who is not for his country is against it, therefore,

Resolved, That we are in favor of a continued prosecution of the war, until this unholy rebellion is suppressed, and of the use of every means recognized in civilized warfare to accomplish that result.

Resolved, That, in the language of the lamented Douglas, we have no sympathy with those who are attempting to make political capital out of the miseries of our country.

Resolved, That not to stand by the Government in this crisis would be a base desertion of our gallant countrymen now defending our flag in the field, and would render of no avail the blood already shed in defence of the Constitution and Union.

Gen. Hamilton of Texas was present, and made an eloquent speech, occupying one hour and three quarters. He was followed by Hon. B. F. Flanders of New Orleans, and others. The convention was harmonious and enthusiastic.

Skirmish with the Rebels near Lake Providence.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17.

A Cairo special dispatch says that on Wednesday last a scouting party met a body of rebels five miles back of Lake Providence. A warm engagement ensued, in which the Federals lost a few men. Many of the rebels were killed, 32 taken prisoners and 90 horses were captured.

XXXVII CONGRESS.—Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.

SENATE.

Mr. Collamer, from the Postoffice Committee, reported a joint resolution authorizing the collection of foreign postal in coin.

Mr. Wilson of Mass., reported back the bill reorganizing the Engineer Corps; also from the same committee, reported adversely on the bill to authorize contracts to be made with States who have advanced pay to soldiers.

The Senate passed the bill to prevent agents of the government, members of Congress and officers of the government from taking any consideration for procuring places, office or contracts.

Mr. Grimes called up the bill authorizing letters of marque and reprisal.

Mr. Fessenden, from the committee on Finance, reported back the fortification bill without amendment.

Mr. Wilson of Mass., introduced a bill to incorporate an institution for the education of colored youth in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Grimes briefly urged the passage of a bill for letters of marque.

Mr. Sumner opposed the bill. He could see nothing but danger of complication with the great foreign powers, who have declared against this system of privateering. He would not say that the government should never resort to this policy, but this was no time to adopt it.

Mr. McDougal argued in favor of the bill.—He believed before Congress met again we should be at war with a foreign power, and should need all our force on the sea and land.

Mr. Collamer favored the bill.

Mr. Dixon thought this measure unnecessary, for we have no war with a foreign country and the rebels have no commerce.

After further discussion, the substitute offered by Mr. Grimes authorizing the President in all foreign and domestic wars to issue letters of marque and make all needful regulations, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Sherman an amendment was adopted limiting the authority conferred by the act to three years.

Mr. Sumner offered an amendment as a substitute, revising the acts of 1812 and 1813 conferring letters of marque and applying them to the portion of the United States now in rebellion. Rejected.

Mr. Sumner offered another amendment as a substitute, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to hire any vessels needed for the national service, putting them in charge of officers commissioned by the United States, and giving them the character of national ships.—Rejected—8 against 28.

Mr. Davis offered a substitute authorizing the President to pay any vessel regularly put into commission three times the value of any ship or ships captured belonging to the States now in insurrection. Rejected.

HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Pendleton, the Military Committee were instructed to inquire into the efficiency of the Medical Department of the army of Gen. Grant, and report what legislation is necessary to secure the utmost possible skill and attention in the case of sick and wounded soldiers.

Mr. Edwards, from the committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill providing for the crediting to every tribe found held for it in trust, and giving authority for the sale of bonds and securities so held, and the payment of the proceeds into the United States Treasury.

Mr. Wickliffe asked leave to offer a resolution of inquiry into the powers and duty of Judge Peabody at New Orleans, and whether the President has power thus to appoint civil judges.

Mr. Blake objected to the reception of the resolution.

The Indian appropriation bill was passed.

The House resumed the consideration of the Louisiana election case.

Mr. Yeaman offered a substitute declaring the proclamation of Military Governor Shepley null and void and without authority of law, but as the election was free and unrestrained and in accordance with the laws of Louisiana, except as to the day of election, the action of the electors is confirmed, and Messrs. Flanders and Hahn are entitled to seats in this House. Rejected—11 against 115.

The House then adopted the resolutions of the committee on Elections declaring Messrs. Flanders and Hahn entitled to seats—92 against 44.

Mr. Hahn was then sworn in as a member. Mr. Flanders was not present.

The case of Lewis McKenzie claiming a seat in the House from Virginia, was taken up and the resolution that he was not entitled to a seat adopted.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the Senate's amendment to the finance bill.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Feb. 16.

About 400 rebel prisoners arrived here this morning on the Baltimore mail boat, from Fort McHenry, and about the same number are expected to-morrow morning. The steamer State of Maine will then convey them to City Point.

The U. S. gunboat Wyandotte went to sea this morning.

Schooners M. Minerva, and J. P. Nickerson, which went ashore on Old Point in the recent storm, have been taken off by wreckers, and the Nickerson sailed this morning.

Demoralized Condition of Gen. Hindman's Army.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.

Letters to Gen. Davidson, from a person who accompanied a recent scout to Batesville, says the rebel Gen. Hindman's army is utterly demoralized and totally inefficient. 300 of his troops were frozen to death during their retreat from Van Buren. Hindman was at once ordered to Vicksburg, but his men refused to go. Upwards of 200 deserters were concealed in the brush, 20 miles from Batesville, which town, with a large majority, of the people are in favor of the permanent occupation of the country by the Federal army.

From the Army of the Potomac.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF POTOMAC, February 17.

William Brown, of the 3d New York Independent Battery, was shot to-day while attempting to desert.

A heavy snow storm prevails, which will render the roads still worse, if possible, than they are now.

Very unkind expressions are made use of throughout the regiments towards a very few officers who have overstayed the leave of absence given in orders No. 3.

Condition of Cumberland River.

NASHVILLE, Feb. 17.

The Cumberland river is 20 feet deep on the shoals, and is still rising. It rained last night and all day to-day.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

Cotton—dull and heavy; sales 500 bales at 90 @ 91 for middling uplands.

Flour—sales 19,700 bbls; State and Western 5 @ 10c better; Superfine State 6 90 @ 7 10; Extra do 7 40 @ 7 50; choice 7 60 @ 7 80; Round Hoop Ohio 7 75 @ 7 85; choice 7 90 @ 9 30; Superfine Western 6 95 @ 7 10; common to good Extra Western 7 40 @ 7 95; Southern 10c better; sales 2300 bbls; Mixed to good 7 80 @ 8 10; Fancy and Extra 8 20 @ 10 50; Canada 10c better; sales 1800 bbls; Extra 7 45 @ 9 25.

Wheat—1 @ 2c better; sales 89,000 bushels; Chicago spring 1 40 @ 1 59; Milwaukee club 1 60 @ 1 67; Amber Iowa 1 68 @ 1 71; Winter Red Western 1 67 @ 1 73; Amber Michigan 1 73 @ 1 77; Amber Jersey 1 76 @ 1 78; Southern Illinois Red 1 70.

Corn—1c better; Mixed Western sound 94 @ 95; do do unsound 81 @ 94; White Western 91; Yellow Jersey 97 @ 98.

Pork—shade firmer; Mess 14 75 for old, 17 00 for new; Prime 11 50 a 13 75 for old and new.

Sugars—quiet and firmer; New Orleans 9¾ @ 11¼; Muscovado 10¾; Havana 11.

Coffee—Brazil quiet and firm: West India more active; Maracaibo 33; St Domingo 22, and 29½ in bond, duty paid.

Molasses—quiet; sales by auction, New Orleans at 35 @ 46.

Oils—Linseed firmer; sales 40,000 gallons at 1 55 @ 1 57; Lard firm at 95 @ 97; sales 175 bbls; Sperm quiet; sales 600 bbls at 1 75 @ 1 78; Whale quiet at 95; Petroleum is quoted at 21 @ 22 for crude, and 35 @ 38 for refined in bond, and 38 @ 42 free.

Freights to Liverpool—dull; flour 1s 8d @ 1s 10½d; grain 5 @ 5½d in bulk and ship's bags.

Wool—firm but not very active; sales 50,000 lbs domestic fleeces 80 @ 85; 100 bales pulled at 77 @ 80, and 500 bales Cape at 45 @ 50.

Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

Second Board.—Stocks rather lower and dull.

Chicago & Rock Island,	93
Cleveland & Toledo,	93¾
Galena & Chicago,	93½
Panama,	182
Cleaveland, Columbus & Cincinnati,	155
Michigan Southern guaranteed,	106¼
Hudson,	98
New York Central,	119
Erie,	79¾
Harlem,	36½
American Gold,	158¼
United States demand notes,	158¼
United States 6's one year certificates	96¼
Missouri 6's,	66½
United States 6's 1881 coupons,	97½
United States 6's 1881 registered,	96
United States 6's 1867 registered,	98
Treasury 7 3-10ths,	103¼

Emancipation in Western Virginia.

WHEELING, Feb. 17.

The amendment known as the Willey amendment, inserted by Congress in the new Constitution of the new State of Western Virginia, was unanimously ratified to-day by the Constitutional Convention. It will be submitted to the people on the 26th of March. There is no doubt it will be overwhelmingly ratified. The amendment provides for gradual emancipation, commencing July 4th, next.

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Oyster House Notice.

Having sold to Mr. H. G. Timmons the stock and fixtures in the Oyster House, 15 and 16 Market Square, I would recommend him to the public as worthy of their patronage. ALLEN FREEMAN.

Portland, Feb. 14, 1863.

Having purchased the above Oyster House, I shall continue the business as before, and shall be happy to see my friends and the public at 15 and 16 Market Square, Portland. HENRY G. TIMMONS.

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T. S. HATCH,

—AT HIS—

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NOTICE.

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A FULL supply of all kinds of Stamps for sale at my office, No. 92 Commercial street; and the public will be expected to use them on and after this date, (January 1, 1863.)

When sold in sums less than *one dollar*, payment required in Postal Currency.

OFFICE HOURS—9 to 12½ A. M.; 2 to 4½ P. M.

NATH'L J. MILLER, Collector

jan12 dtf 1st District State of Maine.

Ordinance on Fast Driving.

NO person having for the time being the care or use of any horse or other beast of burthen, carriage or draught, shall ride or drive, or cause the same to be driven through any part of the city at a faster rate than six miles an hour, under a penalty of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars for each offence.

(*Sec. 39 Revised Ordinances on Streets.*

N. B. The above Ordinance will be strictly enforced. WILLIAM HUSE,

feb5 d2w City Marshal.

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Desires to call the attention of persons in want of artificial teeth, to one of the greatest improvements in that department of dentistry, lately invented by him. He would be happy to explain its advantages, and show specimens of it, to any who may favor him with a call. He also continues to fit teeth on Gold, Silver and Vulcanite Rubber. Teeth filled by him are warranted to be as useful and durable as if they had never decayed.

☞Office 22½ Congress street, two doors west of New City Hall and Court House. feb5 2meod

All Styles and Qualities

OF Boots, Shoes, and Rubbers, for men, women, boys, misses, and children, constantly on hand and for sale at the lowest prices at my *New Store*, 353 Congress street. (T. S. Files' old stand.) My old patrons and purchasers generally are invited to call and see what bargains I can give.

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Done to order neatly, promptly, and at low prices.

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Seeds for Contrabands.

APPLICATION has been made to the Educational Commission for Seeds and Agricultural Tools for the use of the negroes in the neighborhood of Fortress Monroe. The Government Superintendent has been authorized to occupy lands, and all desiring to aid the freed slaves in supporting themselves, may do so very effectually by contributing supplies of these articles, or money with which to purchase them. Contributions of either kind may be sent to WELLINGTON, GROSS & CO., No. 103 Devonshire street; and donations of money to WM. ENDICOTT, Jr., No. 33 Summer street, or to GEO. ATKINSON, No. 69 State street, Boston.

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CAN *be grown in six weeks*, by using DILLINGHAM'S STIMULATING UNGUENT. Price 50 cents per box, at LORING'S Drug Store, Corner Exchange and Federal Streets.

BOARDING.

A GENTLEMAN and his wife, or two or three single gentlemen, can obtain board at MRS. PENNELL'S, No. 3 Appleton Block, Congress street. References exchanged.

Portland, Feb. 11, 1863. d1w

ENTERTAINMENTS.

MR. W. A. STEWART

WILL LECTURE ON

Mental Science,

AT MECHANICS' HALL,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 18.

TESTIMONIALS.

I have heard Mr. Stewart's Lectures on Mental Science, and consider him very able and correct, very clear in his elucidations, and can most sincerely commend them to the attention of all who have any desire for useful improvement. Respectfully,

H. B. ABBOTT,

Pastor Congress Street M. E. Church, Portland.

This may certify that I have listened with interest to Mr. Stewart's lectures on the Philosophy of the Mind, and I can recommend them as able, practical and useful lectures. STEPHEN COBURN,

Skowhegan, Nov. 21, 1861. *M. C. 4th District.*

I was present at Mr. Stewart's Lectures, and it gives me pleasure to say that I can most cheerfully recommend Mr. S. and his Lectures to the favorable notice and consideration of an enlightened public.

Oxford, Oct. 28, 1861. JOHN J. PERRY.

I have heard Mr. Stewart's Lectures on Mental Science and confidently commend them to all. They are the product of much faithful reading, patient inquiry and exact reflection; his suggestions as to the cultivation of the science carried out would add much to the depth, vigor and beauty of modern intellectual and religious attainments.

A. J. CHURCH,

Pastor of High Street M. E. Church, Great Falls, N. H.

I have had some knowledge of Rev. Wm. A. Stewart and his lectures. I consider him a man of perfect integrity, and his lectures interesting and instructive to his hearers. ABNER COBURN,

Governor of Maine.

I concur in the above. CHARLES CLARK,

U. S. Marshal of Maine.

Doors open at 7½ o'clock, Lecture to begin at 8. Tickets admitting a family both evenings, $1.00. Tickets admitting one person both evenings, 50 cents; admitting one person one evening, 25 cents—to be had at Sanborn & Carter's, and Colesworthy's.

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☞TICKETS $1.00; Galleries 50 cents—may be obtained of the Committee of Arrangements, or J. D. Mitts, 112 Federal street.

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THE remaining Five Lectures of the present course will be delivered by the following distinguished orators, viz:

MASON JONES, Esq.,—January 28th.

HENRY WARD BEECHER—Thursday, Feb. 5th.

DR. J. G. HOLLAND—Wednesday, Feb. 11th.

JOHN B. GOUGH, Esq., Tuesday, Feb. 17.

WENDELL PHILLIPS, Wednesday, Feb. 25th.

Tickets for the remaining Lectures of the Course, $1.25. Evening Tickets, 50 cents. To be had at the Bookstores, Paine's Music Store, and at the door.

Portland, Jan. 28, 1863. Jan28 dtf

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An Apprentice Wanted.

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IN every town and village, an agent of either sex to engage in a light and profitable business by which from $8 to $12 per week can be made. Persons having leisure evenings can make from 50 cents to $1 per evening. A sample with full particulars sent by mail to all who inclose THREE letter stamps (9 cents) and address IRA RUSSELL & CO.,

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THE subscriber, having had considerable experience in connection with manufacturing, but without capital, wishes to make arrangements with some person having means, to operate a mill—either cotton or woolen—and share the profits. Can give best of reference as to character and ability.

Please address B. WOODWARD, Box 87, South Berwick, Maine. dec18 eod2m

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A SMART, active and respectable young man, of good address, in an out-door business. Apply at the counter of VIRTUE, YORSTON & CO.,

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