

About three weeks ago a happy accident delivered her from this dreadful bondage. One of the servant maids whose curiosity had been excited by the father's conduct, and by the chance of the interdicted door, opened the door and gained access to the interior. She heard the faint cry in the corner. Approaching the whence the sound proceeded, she was soon informed of all the circumstances of this horrible affair. The maid immediately gave information to the authorities of the place, who on arriving released the wretched being from a long and painful captivity. The father and mother had been placed into custody. The unfortunate girl on being restored to the light, presented the most hideous appearance she was capable of. Her legs having been so long bent under her as to have deprived of all use of them. Her body was covered with hair, and it was hardly possible to recognize human being in the miserable and deformed object.

### OYSTERS.

It is supposed by the New York Transcript that the consumption of oysters in that city equal to a million of dollars per annum. To estimate, allowing the population to be 250,000 would require every man, woman, and child eat four dollars worth in a year.

### OYSTERS IN THE WEST.

The Cincinnati papers of the 7th, acknowledge the receipt of fresh oysters in five days from Baltimore, carried over land to Wheeling by the new line of oyster wagons, and then sent down the Ohio by steamboat. Such an expedition and diligence employed by proprietors of this line, that they deliver oysters from Baltimore at Cincinnati in less time than the mail is carried between the two cities. This, it would appear from the papers, has been done several times of late. A correspondent of the Globe notices in the following letter, manner in which this new trade is conducted. Extract of a letter dated Brownsville, Pa., Nov. 9th, 1855.

"Quite a novel trade has sprung up on the line of the road. 'Tis the establishment of line of four horse wagons, mounted on springs, conveying oysters from Baltimore, Wheeling, and thence by steamboats to Cincinnati, travelling as regular and fast as the mail."

"Until informed of some particulars in business, I could not imagine how such an extensive speculation was to succeed. Yet it only does so, but proves so profitable, that are likely to have more regular oyster lines stage coach lines. It appears the oysters received from Norfolk by the steamboats. A load is opened and put in tin canisters, being six and twelve dozen. These canisters packed in barrels with ice, and in this state forwarded in two and a half days to Wheeling where the ice is renewed, and then sent on Cincinnati. They transport 400 large six nisters at a load, weighing 2000 lbs. a very large load for four horses. These sell at Wheeling at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per canister, as also at changing place of horses on the line of Ohio and at Cincinnati sell for \$3 per canister, being the value of a load at Wheeling from \$800 to \$700, and at Cincinnati \$1200. Compared with a load of stage passengers, the amount of which is \$800.

"The oyster wagons are arranged to carry their load under, and seats on top for passengers, taking the latter only as return freight. 85 from Wheeling to Frederick, which the agents tell me, pays all their expenses. To change horses every ten and twelve miles, take no more passengers than can lay down the wagons—making the conveyance as comfortable as the stages.

"Of all wild speculations, this strikes me most so. Yet it appears so lucrative, that half line, (three times a week), has been increased to a daily line, and this will supply the demand.

"Somebody profits by the repairs of the wagons; and western people can have fresh rock-fish and oysters in perfection on the Ohio river."—Niles' Reg.

### LATEST FROM TEXAS.

From the New Orleans Bulletin of Nov. 10. We are indebted to a friend, who arrived last evening from Naacogoches, for the latest information from Texas. He informs us that Gen. Houston left San Felipe about the 22d ult. with a considerable reinforcement of troops, to join the commander in chief, Austin, near San Antonio. Our informant also states that he met a company of eighty men from the neighborhood of Naacogoches; another of 33, and another of 25, from the same settlement; and the company of about 60, which went from this place, who were to be joined at Naacogoches by additional corps—all of whom were in high health and spirits, and marching on to San Antonio. A fine cavalry company of 10 men, from the neighbourhood of Natchez, were also met on the way. On the 25th ult. a letter was received from Labadie, stating that a Lieutenant had captured a Mexican from whom he learned that there was a reinforcement of Mexicans, of about 400, coming on to join Gen. Cos, whose army consisted in all of about 1700 men.

The balance of our information is appended. **CIRCULAR TO THE PUBLIC.**

We have just received by the hands of Dr. Hoxey, a letter dated 19th, from head quarters, stating that a vigorous defence may be expected from the enemy, an extract of which we send you for your information. To the Council of Safety, &c.

"The army will take up the line of march tomorrow morning for the Salado, which is five miles of Benjar—there it will take up a secure position, to await further reinforcements. It is now fully ascertained that the citizens are well affected to our cause. Since the taking of La Bahia, the enemy has been busily engaged in fortifying San Antonio, by barricading the streets,

and planting cannon on the top of the church, cutting down trees, and in every way exerting themselves to make a vigorous defence. The army is in high spirits, and eager to advance; but at the same time not disposed to act precipitately.

S. F. Austin, Commander-in-chief.  
W. D. G. Hall, Adj. and Inspector Gen.

The council sends this out for your information, hoping you will lose no time in affording to our friends the reinforcement so earnestly solicited, with all possible speed. Dr. Hoxey says General Austin attempted a communication to Gen. Cos, and received for reply that he could only view us or treat us as rebels.

R. ROYALL, President.  
JOS. BRYAN,  
DANIEL PARKER,  
LORENZO DE ZAVALA.  
S. HOUSTON, Sec'y.

POSTSCRIPT.  
A letter just received from General Austin, dated the 20th inst. informs us that a division of the army had advanced and taken up a position at Salado, within five miles of San Antonio, in doing which they had come in contact with the advanced guard of the enemy, who still continued in sight, on the hill between our troops and San Antonio. Gen. Austin continues to urge reinforcements to hasten on as fast as possible.

San Felipe de Austin, Oct. 24.  
DEAR SIR—Knowing that your paper has a very extensive circulation in the United States, and believing that many of your readers feel a deep interest in the affairs of Texas at this time, I take the liberty of enclosing for your publication, a circular, containing extracts of letters from Gen. Austin, from which you will learn that we will have something to do in reducing St. Antonio. The forces of the enemy and that of the volunteers are about equal in number. General Austin despatched a communication to Gen. De Cos, by a Mexican, stating that he was supporting the principles of the constitution of 1824, and enquiring how our flag would be received. His reply was to disband your forces, return home peaceably, and then perhaps I will listen to your petitions, at present I can only regard you as rebels and traitors. We will teach him that we have rights independent of a dictator or military power, and that his haughty reply cannot influence Americans to compromise their rights. Yours, &c.

JOS. BRYAN.

From the New York Jour. of Com. Nov. 19.

Execution—Daniel Jackson, alias Fernandez, a Portuguese seaman, who was convicted of murder at a late sitting of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, was executed this morning at seven o'clock, at the Bellevue Prison. In conformity with the provisions of the recent law of the Legislature, the execution was privately executed in the prison yard, in presence of those whose attendance the law requires on such an occasion. The condemned, who requires that twelve respectable citizens should be present, and certain of the public authorities, also he requires that the Sheriff shall invite the Judges of the county to attend; but the law, as is supposed from some verbal inaccuracies, does not make it imperative on the Judges to attend. Judges Jones and Oakley, of the Superior Court, thought it their duty, however, to attend, on being invited by the Sheriff, and did so accordingly, accompanied by Mr. Lowland, Police Magistrate.

Our reporter visited the criminal in his cell a little after 6 o'clock this morning, and found him lying on his mattress very comfortably smoking a cigar, and seeming perfectly indifferent to his awful situation. To the questions put to him by the different individuals who entered his cell, he gave answers in the ordinary tone and manner, and never adverted to his approaching execution except once, when he said, as if communicating with himself, "My God pity my poor soul!" He appeared to be in a debilitated state of health, and bore on his features the impress of one who had suffered considerable mental or bodily agony. The only desire he expressed during the last half hour of his life, was to be given some drink, which was complied with. At 7 o'clock he was led into the yard, and from the time he left his cell until he was executed, he did not utter a word, except once or twice he expressed a hope that every thing was properly prepared.—After the rope round his neck was fastened to the one suspended from the gallows, he very deliberately looked up as if to examine it, and was muttered in a low voice that he hoped every thing was right, which were the last words he uttered.

Two Catholic Clergymen attended, one of whom whispered a few words to him the moment before the cap was pulled over his face, and in a minute after, the unhappy murderer was paying the penalty of his crime. He scarcely struggled at all and his screams were faint in a few minutes. When a man murders his fellow man, the world generally endeavours to discover, and if not they ascribe to him some peculiarity of person or features. In the present case, however, the criminal's person and cast of countenance were of the most ordinary description, and bore no mark whatever indicative of an atrocious or blood thirsty disposition. He was below the middle size, rather delicately made, of a swarthy complexion, like most of his countrymen, and with sharp features, and rather an intelligent cast of countenance.

### MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.

A most painful occurrence has just happened in Town Point in this county. Yesterday, Mr. Levin Phillips, engaged in his wind mill, adjusting some of the works, whilst he was running, was caught in the machinery, and most seriously injured. His arms and legs are horribly broken and mangled, and parts of his body are so badly crushed, presenting a painful spectacle, and forbidding even the hope that he can ever recover.—Cambridge Chron.

### From the New Haven Herald of Wednesday. AURORAL PHENOMENON.

Last night our northern hemisphere was adorned with a display of auroral lights remarkably grand and diversified. It was first observed at 15 minutes before 7 o'clock, (mean time), when an illumination of the whole northern sky, resembling the break of day, was discernible through the openings in the clouds. About 18 degrees east of north, was a broad column of shining vapour tinged with crimson, which ap-

peared and disappeared at intervals. A westerly wind moved off the clouds, rendering the sky nearly clear by 8 o'clock, when two broad white columns which had for some time been gathered between the stars Aquila and Lyra on the west, and the Pleiades and Arctus on the east, united above, so as to complete a luminous arch, spanning the heavens a little south of the prime vertical. The whole northern hemisphere, being more or less illuminated, and separated from the southern by this zone, was thrown into striking contrast with the latter, which appeared of a dark slate colour, as though the stars were shining through a stratum of black clouds.

The zone moved slowly to the south until about 9 o'clock, when it had reached the bright star in the Eagle in the west, and extended a little south of the constellation Arctus in the east. From this time, it began to recede northward, at a nearly uniform rate, until twenty minutes before 11, when a vast number of columns, white and crimson, began to shoot up, simultaneously, from all parts of the northern hemisphere, directing their course toward a point a few degrees south and east of the zenith, around which they arranged themselves as around a common focus. The position of this point was between the Pleiades and Alpha Arctis, and that of the Bee, having a right ascension of 42 degrees and a declination of 24 degrees, as nearly as could be determined without the aid of instruments; but this point so near to the pole of the dipping needle, and the magnetic meridian, that we need not hesitate to conclude that, agreeably to what has been observed of similar phenomena before, the columns arranged themselves exactly in obedience to the laws of terrestrial magnetism.

Soon after 11 o'clock, commenced a striking display of "low undulatory flashes," denominated in the northern regions, Merry Dancers. They consist of thin waves or sheets of light, coursing each other with immense speed. These undulations which play upon the surface of a field of eye, when gently agitated by the wind, may give to the reader a faint idea of these auroral waters. One of these crimson columns, the most dense and beautiful of all, as it ascended toward the common focus, the vanishing point of perspective (parallax lines), crossed the planet Jupiter, then at an altitude of 34 degrees. The appearance was peculiarly interesting, as the planet shone through the crimson cloud, with its splendor apparently augmented rather than diminished.

A few shooting stars were seen at intervals, some of which were above the ordinary magnitude and brightness. One that came from between the feet of the Great Bear, at 9 minutes before 10 o'clock, and fell apparently near to the earth, exhibited a very white and dazzling light, and as it exploded, scattered shining fragments, very much after the manner of a sky rocket.

As early as 7 o'clock, the magnetic needle began to show unusual agitation, and it had been seen carefully observed by Mr. Loomis. Near 11 o'clock, when the streamers were rising, and the aurora, forming the distinctive line of the 11<sup>th</sup> was very remarkable, causing a motion of 10° in five minutes time. This disturbance continued until ten o'clock this morning, the needle having traversed an entire range of one degree and 40 minutes, while its ordinary diurnal declination is not more than 4 minutes. The thermometer at 11 o'clock was at 33d, it shortly fell to 31, and remained nearly at that point during the rest of the night—a degree of cold considerably below that of the few preceding nights. The ground this morning was covered with a copious white frost indicating an unusual deposition of watery vapor.

At about 3 o'clock the sky grew cloudy, and the moon rising shortly afterwards, farther observations were prevented; but the continued disturbance of the magnetic needle would indicate the belief, that the aurora continued through the night, and even to a late hour this morning. Yale College, Nov. 18.

### MORE SHIPS OF WAR.

We understand that the Navy Commissioners have made an application to the Grand Island Company through their agents, Samuel Allen & Co. of this city, for the keel pieces of four ships of the line and five frigates, in addition to those contracted to be finished by them in August last. They will be brought down the canal early next spring.—N. Y. Jour. Com.

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans Court of A. A. County, letters of administration on the personal estate of James Hunter, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are requested to present them, legally authenticated, and those indebted are desired to make immediate payments.

JOHN MILLER, Adm'r.  
Nov. 26.—3w.

### NOTICE.

The subscribers having obtained from the Orphans court of Anne Arundel county, letters of administration, with the will annexed, on the estate of Thomas Snowden, late of said county, deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the deceased, to exhibit the same properly authenticated, and they request all persons indebted to the deceased, to make immediate payments.

THOS. S. HERBERT,  
HORACE CAPRON.  
Nov. 26.

### SEALED PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLYING THE TROOPS AT FORT SEVERN, MD. WITH FRESH BEEF.

For one year, commencing on the 1st of January, and ending on the 31st of December, 1856, will be received by the subscriber until 10 o'clock, A. M. on the 14th of December, 1855, when they will be opened.

The BEEF to be of good and wholesome quality, in quarters, with an equal portion of each (necks and shanks to be excluded). The days of issue, and the probable quantity of Beef required, and the terms and conditions of the contract, can be ascertained on application to the subscriber at Fort Severn.

F. TAYLOR,  
Lt. & A. C. S.  
Nov. 26.

### MAGNIFICENT \$25,000! 25 OF \$1,000!! MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY.

Class No. 24, for 1855. To be drawn at Baltimore on Monday, November 30, 1855. Approved by William R. Stuart, Edward Hughes and J. S. Williams, Commissioners. Yates and McIntyre, Managers.

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| 1 prize of     | \$25,000 |
| 1 prize of     | 7,000    |
| 1 prize of     | 4,000    |
| 1 prize of     | 2,500    |
| 1 prize of     | 2,000    |
| 1 prize of     | 1,485    |
| 25 prizes of   | 1,000    |
| 10 prizes of   | 300      |
| 10 prizes of   | 200      |
| 69 prizes of   | 150      |
| 56 prizes of   | 50       |
| 56 prizes of   | 40       |
| 112 prizes of  | 30       |
| 112 prizes of  | 25       |
| 2184 prizes of | 16       |
| 1510 prizes of | 8        |

15040 prizes, amt'g. to \$251,680. Tickets \$7—Halves 3.50—Qrs. 1.75 cts. Ticket and Shares for sale at 'DUBOIS' LOTTERY & EXCHANGE OFFICE, (Couch street, Annapolis), Nov. 26

### NOTICE.

Was committed to Anne Arundel County Jail as a Runaway, on the 19th October, 1855, a young Negro Man by the name of William Richardson; says he is a free man, and was born in the State of New Jersey. Said fellow is about eighteen years of age; complexion not very black; five feet five inches high; his clothing consists of a blue coat, light coloured pantaloons of cotton, old shoes and stockings, and old fur hat. The owner of said negro is here by notified to prove property, pay charges, and take him away; he will otherwise be discharged according to law.

R. WELCH, of Ben. S. STE. A. A. County. Nov. 5.

### PROSPECTUS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GLOBE.

The success of the experiment we have made to furnish a succinct history of the proceedings of Congress, from day to day, with sketches of the Debates, induces the undersigned to persevere in their plan to extend it to a perfect form. They have resolved that the Congressional Globe shall not only embody the parliamentary annals of the country, but shall also furnish an Appendix, which will contain the finished speeches of the prominent speakers, on the most important subjects, written out by the members themselves, from the notes and printed sketches of the reporters.

The Congressional Globe, with an Index, will be published weekly, upon double royal paper, in octavo form, as heretofore, at One Dollar for the session. It may be subscribed for separately. The appendix of finished speeches will, also, be published for One Dollar. It is probable that the next session of Congress will continue nearly seven months; if so, the work will contain between four and five hundred pages, and will be the cheapest publication perhaps in the world. The next session of Congress will probably be the most eventful one which has occurred for many years, and will certainly be replete with interest, and its course will have great influence in fixing the destiny of the Republic for years to come. Immediately preceding, as it does, the next Presidential election, and containing the leading minds of all the contending parties in the country, deep and abiding interest will attend the debates. The whole drama will be faithfully exhibited in the Congressional Globe and the Appendix.

We have already provided for our reporting corps, eminent ability and skill in one branch of Congress, and we expect to obtain an adequate reinforcement of capable persons in the other, by the time it meets, to fulfill our own wishes and the expectations of the Members. No pains or cost on our part will be spared to accomplish it. As the work will be continued regularly, and be more permanent, authentic, and therefore highly useful, all who take an interest in the political affairs of the country will do well to begin their subscription with the next session.

**TERMS:**  
CONGRESSIONAL GLOBE.—1 copy during the Session, \$1 00 do do 11 copies during the Session, 10 00 APPENDIX.—Same price. The Congressional Globe will be sent to those papers that copy this Prospectus, if our attention shall be directed to it by a mark with a pen. Our Exchange List is so large that we would not observe it, probably, unless this be done.

Payment may be made by mail, postage paid, at our risk. The notes of any speculating Bank will be received.

No attention will be paid to any order, unless the money accompany it, or unless some responsible person, known to us to be so, shall agree to pay it before the Session expires.

BLAIR & RIVES, Washington, D. C. Oct. 22.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

In obedience to an order of the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel county, I will offer at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, at 9 o'clock, P. M. on THURSDAY the 10th day of December next, at the residence of the late General Richard Harwood, of Thomas, in Annapolis, a variety of articles of Household and Kitchen Furniture, and an extensive and valuable Library.

And on MONDAY the 14th of the same month of December, (if fair, and if not fair, on the next fair day thereafter), at 10 o'clock A. M. at the Upper Farm of the deceased, on Beard's Creek, and near the South River Bridge, in obedience to the same order, I will offer at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, a number of valuable Negroes, Horses and other Live Stock, Farming Utensils and Household and Kitchen Furniture.

TERMS OF SALE.—Purchasers to a amount not exceeding twenty dollars will be required to pay cash on the delivery of the articles sold; a credit of six months will be allowed on purchases exceeding in amount the sum of twenty dollars, the purchasers giving bond with approved security, for the payment of the purchase money, with interest from the day of sale.

THOS. S. ALEXANDER, Adm'r.  
W. J. R. Harwood, of Thor. Nov. 19—ts.

### PUBLIC SALE.

By virtue of an order from the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel county, the subscriber will offer at Public Sale, at the late residence of John W. Williams, on Greenburg's Point, on TUESDAY the 1st day of December next, at 11 o'clock M.

**THE PERSONAL ESTATE** of said Williams, consisting of Horses, Hogs, Cattle, Crop of Corn, Farming Utensils, Household and Kitchen Furniture, new Bateau; Also a Pair of Young Mules, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—For a sum of twenty dollars, or upwards, a credit of six months will be allowed, the purchaser giving bond, with good and sufficient security, with interest from date—under twenty dollars the cash to be paid.

MARIA A. WILLIAMS, Adm'r.  
Nov. 19.

### PROSPECTUS OF THE WASHINGTON MIRROR.

THE subscriber having purchased the Washington Mirror from its former proprietor, will in future be its conductor. The general plan of the Mirror is, we believe, satisfactory to all our subscribers—affording a comprehensive view of the city affairs in a manner unattempted by any other paper. This plan will be strictly adhered to. Our leading object being to lay hold of those local subjects and occurrences which have not been noticed in the daily papers, including Police Reports, and all such matter as is of general interest, we have engaged the valuable services of Mr. WILLIAM LLOYD GOSSETT as assistant editor, whose spirited and untiring exertions to establish this paper have been so eminently successful.

We propose to furnish brief abstracts of all judicial decisions which shall more particularly interest the citizens of this District. Also, a brief but comprehensive summary of Congressional proceedings.

We propose further, during the session of Congress, to publish an Evening Edition, by which arrangement our distant subscribers will receive the latest Congressional Intelligence one day and a half sooner than through any other Washington paper.

We intend, if possible, to furnish a weekly list of all New Patents; a Bank note Table, and Prices Current of Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown, corrected with the greatest accuracy; also, Stage, Steamboat, and Rail Road Registers.

We shall exert our best endeavours to elevate the literary character of the Mirror.—This can only be done by the co-operation of those minds which are able and willing to aid in the advancement of letters. We cannot, however, be so unjust to our subscribers as to make the Mirror an arena for the unskilful, since far more desirable, it must be allowed, would be judicious selections than mediocre originality.

We believe that the prospects of Washington demand such a paper as we intend to publish. She is already closely allied, by her rail road, to a great and flourishing city, and is destined to be her compeer, rather than rival, in exchanging the products of the country; by means of her stupendous canal, she is about to be thrown, as if were, into the centre of an immense territory, where the resources of industry defy the reach of imagination, and where an amount of capital must soon be created, which will furnish the most sanguine economist. Washington and Baltimore, as one mighty heart, must receive and return the current which will give vitality to the commerce of twenty millions of men.—Such, in fact, are our advantages, that prosperity must come in spite of causes which conspire to oppress us; but a sense of duty, carried out into action, will relieve our embarrassments, and produce results of incalculable magnitude.

We propose, then, to supply a paper in some degree adapted to the wants of an important community; a literary and miscellaneous family paper; a journal of current literature; a repository of commercial intelligence. And we appeal to an enlightened and liberal community to sustain us in our undertaking. Terms of the paper—two dollars, payable in all cases semi-annually in advance.

RUFUS DAVES, Washington, D. C. Nov. 5.