

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
WILL OPEN TO DAY:
SHAWLS! SHAWLS! SHAWLS!
200 BROCHES CASIMERE SHAWLS, bought at Auction, which will be sold at half price.
Also, 2000 yds BLACK SILKS, of superior make, extra bargains.
ALSO—
CLOAKS! CLOAKS! CLOAKS!
of our own Manufacturing—latest Paris styles.
200 Cloak and Shawl Department in second story.
Also, a general assortment of
FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS
AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES FOR CASH.
J. EDWARD BIRD & BRO.,
213 Baltimore st., near Charles.
d13-1m

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GENTLEMEN:
Will be opened this week. A beautiful assortment of
LADIES' GENTS' FINEST SHIRT, \$1.75.
ADAMS' Neck Ties
SHIRT MANUFACTORY,
Made to Order, or Ready Made,
116 W. Baltimore St., 1st Floor.
BOSOMS, WRISTBANDS AND COLLARS
STITCHED, &c.
MAKING SHIRTS, 75 CENTS EACH.
EXTENSIVE SALE OF
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WE ARE NOW OFFERING at retail a large and attractive stock of
CLOTH, BEAVER, and VELVET
CLOAKS
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The stock comprises all the latest novelties in Parisian and English designs, manufactured expressly for our retail trade.
Our past reputation shall be a future guarantee that we shall always endeavor to make this establishment the most attractive in this city in our line.
JOSEPH HICKERTON & CO.,
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Cloak and Mantilla Emporium.
E. W. JOY,
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I WOULD RESPECTFULLY call the attention of the public to my present stock of GOODS, my own Importation and Manufacture, which will be found more extensive and varied than usual, and offer to my customers the
NEWEST STYLES AND BEST MANUFACTURE.
at the smallest remunerative profit—my facilities being inferior to none. Ledy competition. 9-24
TRUSSES—TRUSSES—TRUSSES!
PISTOLS—PISTOLS—PISTOLS!
BOWIE KNIVES
MONEY BELTS.
FOR SALE BY
SAMUEL JACKSON,
104 Baltimore street.
d23-1m

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office for the grading, walling, arching, paving and relining of the tunnel from the northeast side of Washington to its intersection with the tunnel on the other side, and to the city, on the 15th, 18th, at 12 o'clock M., when the proposals will be opened in the presence of the Mayor, Register and Comptroller, and any others that may wish to attend.
Specifications and drawings can be seen at this office.
The work to be paid for out of the levy for the year 1862. By order,
D. C. SMITH, Clerk.
d12-1m

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
COURSE OF LECTURES
BEFORE
THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE
Will be commenced on TUESDAY EVENING, December 10th, and continue weekly thereafter, excepting Christmas week, until the course of twelve lectures are through.
Attendance joining the Institute will be entitled to six extra tickets for Ladies, and Juniors to three. Members of the Institute are entitled to one ticket to the lectures with two Ladies.
\$5.00 tickets for a gentleman and 2 Ladies. \$2.00 for a gentleman and 1 Lady. \$1.00 for a single admission to one lecture.
25¢ Tickets may be obtained at the Auditor's Office, at the Institute Hall.
S. SANDS MILLS,
S. MORRIS COCHRAN,
S. E. RICE,
D. W. HATFIELD,
GEORGE H. RODGERS,
Committee on Lectures.
OLD PAPERS for Wrapping purposes, for sale by the 100, at THE SOUTH office, 122 Baltimore street, up stairs.

LATEST NEWS

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.
FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Disastrous Conflagration at Charleston.
The steamer Adelaide, Capt. Cannon, arrived here this morning at 7 o'clock, and reports no flag of truce passed between Norfolk and Old Point yesterday, bringing down and taking in return a batch of letters, but no passengers were taken on either boat.

A copy of the Norfolk Day Book is said to have been received at Fortress Monroe by the flag of truce, which was reported to contain news of a great fire at Charleston. Passengers on board the boat this morning state that they were informed at the fortress that the paper in question contained the intelligence that a fearful fire broke out on Wednesday last in Charleston, S. C., which originated in a sash or planing mill, and lasted for 36 hours, and before its progress could be checked, the flames had consumed several blocks of buildings, claiming, among victims to its consuming fury, the elegant Catholic Cathedral, and the splendid structure known as the Mills' House, a favorite hotel of that city. The Theatre building, the Round Church (Episcopal), the Institute building, where the National Democratic Convention was held, and several other prominent structures were also destroyed. The fire baffled the efforts of the fire department of Charleston, but they were finally assisted by companies from Augusta, Ga., and Columbia, S. C., which had been telegraphed to come to their aid. It is also reported that the disastrous conflagration was the work of an incendiary, placed in their midst for that special purpose.

There was no arrivals by sea yesterday, and all was quiet at the fortress.

FROM PORT PICKENS.
Pensioners of the Boardmaster.
From the Providence (R. I.) Evening Press.
Through the prompt attention of our correspondent on board the United States flag steamship Niagara, we are enabled, this afternoon, to present to our readers the first reliable particulars of the two days' bombardment at Pensacola, about which the Confederates have given us such characteristic reports.

FROM WASHINGTON.
We had the following items of news in the Washington correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer:
NEGATIVE SLAVES NOT TO BE ARRESTED BY SOLDIERS.
It is said that a delegation of Massachusetts gentlemen waited on Secretary Cameron, this morning, to present an earnest letter from Governor Andrew, complaining that Gen. Stone (the "hero of the Battle of Bull Run") had ordered the Massachusetts regiments under his command, at different times, to arrest slaves claimed as fugitives, on the bare word of claimants. A case was cited in which Col. Palmer, of the 7th regiment, had been ordered to direct the arrest of two negroes. Secretary Cameron received the complaint, and promised to have Gen. Stone instructed that Massachusetts volunteers, while they will aid in the enforcement of the laws, are not to be negro-catchers.

ORGANIZATION OF THE NAVY.
There is a great fluttering to-day among older Naval Officers, who are not disposed to retire gracefully from the service which they have advanced, and to relinquish \$7,000 per annum for the retired pay of \$1,300. They say that Dupont and Goldsborough and Foote, and all of the best officers in the navy, are thus to be discharged with them. But they omit to state that the President has ordered that the present system of subsistence be discontinued, and that the retired pay of the officers, and thus place our fleets under the command of men in the prime of life.

REPORT OF THE SUPREME COURT.
The Justices of the Supreme Court will meet tomorrow for consultation, and to select a Reporter to fill the vacancy existing by the resignation of Mr. Howard. The salary, with the profits accruing from the sale of "Reports," is about \$2,500.

RUSSIAN PROFITS.
General Writson, states that, having been, during this year, certainly at least two hundred and fifty regiments, and having visited most of the camps in the army of the Potomac, his observation has been that the present system of subsistence is demoralizing the army and degrading the men. Lipjars are sold in almost every camp, and many of the regimental sutlers are making monthly profits of from one to two thousand dollars.

THE NORTHERN MERCHANTS' CONVENTION.
The Northern merchants engaged in the Mediterranean trade are much excited about privateers from English ships, bearing the piratical "Stars and Bars." Colonel S. Biglow Lawrence, who will soon leave for his post as United States Consul-General at Florence, has stated the case at the Navy Department, and has been promised that a ship of war shall be sent out to look after our commerce.

CONFEDERATE ARMY FROM THE POTOMAC.
The latest intelligence proves that the Confederate pickets about half a mile this side of Fairfax Court House.

A BATTLE IMMINENT IN EASTERN KENTUCKY.
CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—The Gazette's Frankfort dispatch says that when the stage left Somerset at 11 o'clock on Wednesday last, it had been no fighting. The Postmaster wrote:
"We are expecting a fight hourly. The enemy is close upon us in force estimated at from 8,000 to 12,000 men. Our effective force is about 5,000. Both parties are citizens' companies of General Thomas' not having sent reinforcements to General Schoepff before this. But as it cannot now interfere with the plans, it is not improper to state that Gen. Bird's plan was that General Thomas should get in the rear of Zollicoffer."

Letters to-night express apprehensions of the result, should Zollicoffer force General Schoepff to an engagement before General Thomas arrives.

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THE SECOND DAY OF THE FIGHT.
SATURDAY, Nov. 23, 7:30 P. M.—As I commenced to write to-night, the whole sky is illuminated by the burning of the town of Warrenton. The night is grand, sublime, anything you choose to call it, only we are too tired to look it. The forts and batteries have just ceased firing. Fort Pickens must have fired over 1,000 shot and shell to-day.

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THE NAME OF THE NEW ARRIVAL IS THE HELLEN, commanded by Captain Westerdorf.
She left Charleston on the evening of the 2d inst., and Captain Westerdorf informs us that she passed safely out to sea without seeing any of the blockading squadron—the entrance to the port being quite clear of the Federal fleet. The Hellen is an American built bark of 240 tons, an extremely handsome vessel, quite new, and a "regular clipper," as her run from Charleston plainly shows. She has on board 1,100 barrels of rosin and 500 barrels of spirits of turpentine, but just previous to leaving Charleston she had stowed away 250 bales of cotton, which she was obliged to unship again, in consequence of the determination of the Charleston people not to let a bale of cotton go out of the port.

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