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TO ADVERTISERS.

The following exhibit of our regular rates will be found of service:

1 Square	1 Time	$ 50
"	2 Times	75
"	3 "	1.00
"	1 Week	1.75
"	1 Month	4.00
"	3 Months	10.00
"	6 "	18.00
"	1 Year	30.00

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TOBACCONISTS' CONVENTION.

SECOND DAY.

[From the New York Tribune.]

The Convention came to order at 11 o'clock, President Lawrence in the chair. After the reading of the minutes, the Committee reported for deliberation, when

Mr. David McAlpine of New York, addressed the Convention upon the necessity of protesting to Congress the injustice of the present tax upon manufactured tobacco.

Mr. Blumenberg of Maryland, also explained the objects of the Convention. The New York half-dealers had been the cause of our trouble; but, if this "one-decasted Congress" had made blunders, the Convention should make none. They should act promptly. The speaker was very patriotic in his sentiments, and wished the Government to succeed in the war, but preferred to have its wars equalized as much as possible. The tax should be put on the raw material, instead of the manufactured article.

Dr. O'Neil followed with a few remarks in a similar vein, but considered that the leaf merchants of New York were willing to do their duty.

After some further remarks by Mr. McAlpine, the President reiterated his assertion of the previous day, that a change had taken place among the leaf-dealers in regard to the subject of taxation; when

Mr. Hoyt, representing the "cutting interest," made a few remarks upon the injustice of the tax, and urged the necessity of prompt and vigorous action on the part of the Convention to remedy the evil.

Remarks were made by other delegates.

The Committee on Organization then presented the following names for officers of the Central Tobacconists' Association.

President, Wm. K. Townsend of New York; Vice Presidents, Joseph Hall, New York; David C. McCammon, Philadelphia; Christian Ax, Maryland; David Campbell, N. J.; F. M. Brown, Conn.; Isaac A. Breier, Mass.; W. S. Hanlon, R. I.; J. W. Crane, Me.; Mr. Shott, Ohio; James E. Power, D. C. Recording Secretary, F. A. Schroeder, N. Y.; Corresponding Secretary, Edward Burke, N. Y.; Treasurer, David H McAlpine.

After a recess of half an hour, the Committee on Resolutions reported that they had read Mr. Burke's report, and would recommend the Convention to subscribe for one thousand printed copies of the same, to be distributed one to each member of Congress, and to others to whom it may be deemed advisable.

The committee on organization then presented their report. They proposed that the name of the organization should be "National" instead of "Central" Tobacconists' Association. This was agreed to. The chairman of the committee then read the constitution and by-laws which had been prepared, and these were unanimously adopted. It was then moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed by the chairman to revise the hastily prepared documents, and to have one thousand copies printed. Carried.

The Committee was then appointed, when it was agreed to refer anything relative to the future Association to the Executive Committee. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary were, on motion, appointed the Executive Committee, the following gentlemen being added to their number by a vote of the Convention: E. T. Moore, John J. Woodruff, T. B. McCoy, J. T. Crawford and O. Muegge, all of New York.

A vote of thanks was then rendered to the chair, after which Mr. J. W. Crane, of St. Louis, Mo., proposed three cheers for the flag of the Union, which were given with emphasis, the band playing Hail Columbia. After some further remarks, mainly of an unequivocal Union character, from various members, Mr. Valentine Gramm, of St. Louis, addressed the Convention in the German language. Other delegates gave utterance to Union sentiments, when the Convention adjourned sine die.

THE BRITISH REBEL ASSISTANCE FUND.

Lord Wharncliffe's Anxiety for Confederate Prisoners—Minister Adams' Reply—Secretary Seward's Plain Talk to John Bull.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8, 1864.—The President to-day sent a message to the Senate, in reply to Mr. Sumner's resolution calling upon him, if not incompatible with the public interest, to furnish to the Senate any information in his possession relative to a proposition of British subjects to give aid to the rebellion

Lord Wharncliffe informs Mr Adams that the Liverpool Bazaar produced sub at £17 000, and asks permission for an escort to go South to visit the military prisons within the Northern States, and distribute aid to their inmates. He denies that any political aid is aimed at, or any imputation that Confederate prisoners are deprived of such attentions as the ordinary rules enjoin. He says:

"The issue of the great contest will not be determined by individual suffering, be it greater or less, and you whose family ties interwove with American history cannot view with indifference the sufferings of American citizens, whatever their State or opinions."

Mr. Adams replied that it has never been the desire of the Government to treat with unnecessary or vindictive severity any of the misguided individual participants in the deplorable rebellion who have fallen into its hands in the regular course of the war, and that he should greatly rejoice if the effects of such sympathy could be extended to mitigating to their more fatal ailment, as well as their bodily suffering, those contributing to put an end to a struggle which otherwise must likely be only protractinated by their kindness and misplaced sympathy.

Mr. Seward replies as follows to the application received through Mr. Adams:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 5 1864.

SIR: I have received your dispatch of the 18th of November, No 807, together with the papers therein mentioned, viz: a copy of a letter which was addressed to you on the 12th of November last, by Lord Wharncliffe, and a copy of your answer to that letter. You will now inform Lord Wharncliffe that permission for an escort of the committee described by him to visit the insurgents detained in the military prisons of the United States and distribute among them seventeen thousand pounds of British gold is disallowed.—Here it is expected that your correspondence with Lord Wharncliffe will end. That correspondence will not be made public.

On reading it the American public will be well aware that while the United States have ample means for the support of gifts here as well as for every other exigency of the war in which they are engaged, the insurgents who have blindly rushed into that condition, are suffering so much as to create that appeal for relief to charity either at home or abroad.—The American public will be intely to refer that the sum thus fondlessly tendered to the name of humanity, constitutes no large portion of the profits which its contributors may be justly supposed to have derived from the insurgents by exchanging with them arms and munitions of war for the essential productions of immoral and enervating slave labor.

Nor will any portion of the American people be disposed to regard the sum thus contributed only offered for the relief of captured insurgents, as a generous equivalent for the devastation and destitution which a civil war promoted and protracted by British subjects has spread throughout the States, which, before were eminently prosperous and happy.—Finally, in view of this last officious intervention in our domestic affairs, the American people can hardly avoid recall the warning of the Father of our Country directed against two great and intricately connected popular dangers, namely, sectional faction and foreign intrigue.

I do not think the insurgents have become debased, although they have sadly wandered from the ways of loyalty and patriotism I think that in coming with all our countrymen, they will rejoice to help expiate by their considerate and loyal disinvestment from the grave insult which Lord Wharncliffe and his associates, in their zeal for the overthrow of the United States, have prepared for the victims of this unnatural and hopeless rebellion.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM H. SEWARD

☞ The singular epithets of "bears" and "bulls" were first applied to speculators in stocks on the London Exchange about 1834. When two parties contract, the one to deliver and the other to take stocks on a future day at a specified price, it is the interest of the delivering party, in the interval, if possible, to depress stocks, and of the receiving party to raise them. The former is styled a bear, in allusion to the habit of that animal to pull things down with his paws, and the latter a "bull," from the custom of that beast to throw an object up with his horns.

☞ They are making great preparations in Sweden for rejoicings that are to take place to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the union between Sweden and Norway.

LOCAL NEWS.

Female School of Design—The annual commencement of the female department of the new school of Design, was held last night in the hall of the Institute. Orville Horwitz, Esq., presided, and John F. Morton, Esq., President of the Institute, distributed the diplomas. The Sisters' Band was present, and discovered excellent music. The following are the names of the young ladies, and their classes and awards of merit:

Elementary Class—Order of Merit—Mrs. S. E. Purvis, Mrs. Frances White, Misses L. Sarris, Mary Graff, Belle Middleton, Olivia Yeaton, Emily Parr, Mary Berger, Georgiana Losey, Hattie Peirce, Anna Storck, Theresa Mankin, Sarah Mankin, Mary Trott, Louisa Neutz, Edith S. Appleton, Johanna Sahlen, Josephine Woodward.

Crayon Drawing—Order of Merit—Mrs. H. Gassaway, Miss Mary Mislis, Jamie Corner, Hattie Patten, Emily Parr.

India Ink and Sepia—Order of Merit—Miss Kate Drinker, Jennie Crocker, Eliza Stevenson.

Oil Paintings—Order of Merit—Mrs. Henry Gassaway, Miss Lottie Bahler.

Water Colors—Miss Jennie Crocker.

Graduating Class—Order of Merit—Powell Drawing, (copies.) Miss E. Devalin, (from nature;) E. J. Davis, same; E. Devalin, Crayon Drawing, (copies;) Marian Tuttle, E. E. Dorsey, Georgiana Diffenderfer, (original,) E. Devalin, Belle Bolton, India Ink, (copies;) — Bishop, E. J. Davis, E. Devalin, Belle Bolton, (original;) E. J. Davis.

Water Colors—(copies)—Miss Caroline Crocker, E. J. Davis, E. Devalin, (original), Belle Bolton, E. Devalin.

Oil Painting—Miss Marian Tuttle, Caroline Crocker, A. Reader, Belle Bolton, E. Devalin, E. E. Dorsey, E. J. Davis.

Graduating Class—E. J. Davis, Marian Tuttle, Caroline Crocker, Miss Bishop, E. Devalin, Belle Bolton, O. Diffendaffer, A. Reeder, E. E. Dorsey. The ladies composing the graduating class received diplomas, and are the first young ladies that have graduated in the School of Design. Either of them are competent to enter upon the duties of teachers, and already put to blush scores of persons now styling themselves artists. The remarkable success of the young ladies is due to the talents and patience of Prof. D. A. Woodward, the Principal of the drawing schools. The Professor is regarded as the most finished artist in the country, and under his able superintendence the pupils of the School of Design have advanced in their studies to a degree truly wonderful.

Further Particulars—In Wednesday's issue we briefly alluded to a robbery having been committed in the dwelling of Mr. Wm. Crowley, residing on Strieker street; we have since learned the additional facts of the affair. About half past one o'clock on Tuesday morning, Mrs. C., who was sleeping with two of the children in another chamber, was awakened by the movement of some one in her room, and upon getting up, found one of the gas brackets in the passage burning.—Supposing that her son had occasion to get up, she went to his room, but found him asleep. She then awakened Mr. Crowley, who was in bed in another room with two of the children, acquainting him with what had taken place; they searched the house and discovered that it had been robbed of three or four coats, several pairs of pantaloons, vests, and other wearing apparel—the whole worth not less than $400. They also discovered that a side door of the back building was open, through which, no doubt, the guilty parties effected an entrance. In one of the rooms was a note addressed to Mr. Crowley, to the effect that he did not keep his house in proper order, and that he might soon expect another visit, when he would be robbed of his money. The writing seemed to have been done with a piece of charred wood.

Although the note was regarded as mere *braggadocia*, still it was shown to Marshal Carmichael, of the police force. About two o'clock yesterday morning a second visit was paid to the house, by way of fulfilling the caution, and robbed of a valuable gold watch valued at $125, and a pocket wallet which contained about $150. This wallet he had placed under his pillow on retiring to bed the previous night, and it was removed therefrom by the thief. The most outrageous feature, however, of the affair was the attempt to destroy the house by fire. A bureau drawer was opened, a dress and twelve yards of lawn taken therefrom, placed near the front window of the second story, one of which was opened and set on fire—doubtless with the intention of destroying the building as well as the inmates, consisting of nine persons, six of whom are children. The detectives of the city are now engaged in endeavoring to ferret out the guilty parties, and it is hoped they will succeed.

Sentenced to be Hanged—The Military Commission has completed its labors in the trial of Peter Bilieus, alias Peter Heiter, charged with having on the 16th of November last, wantonly murdered a little boy named Wm. T Toellner, by shooting him. The evidence in the case was conclusive, and the commission rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, and referred the case to Gen. Wallace, for manner. The General yesterday ordered that the accused be removed under strong guard from the city jail to Fort Mcllenry, and there held in solitary confinement in irons, under strict guard, until the 21st of the present month, when, between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock, he shall be hanged by the neck until dead. By the time that this article has been read by the many, the wretched man will be locked up in his dreary cell. He feigns insanity, but from careful examinations by competent judges his insanity is only feigned, with the hope of being pardoned.

The murder was a cowardly and most cold blooded one, and justice demands that the culprit shall pay the penalty of his crime. Bilieus is a native of Delaware, and was a member of Co. A, 1st Delaware Volunteer Infantry.

Lectures at the Maryland Institute—The lecture season at the Maryland Institute will be inaugurated on Tuesday night next, and will be continued on each Tuesday evening until the course is completed. The opening lecture will be delivered by Rev. A. A. Willits, D D., of Brooklyn; subject "The Wedding of Labor and Literature." The committee have secured, among others, the following distinguished lecturers:

Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, Bishop of Rhode Island.

Prof. John S. Hart, of Trenton, New Jersey.

Rev. Geo. P. Hays, D. D., of Baltimore, Md.

Prof. Alonzo Tripp, of Boston, Mass.

J. R. Gilmore, Esq., of Boston, Author of "Life Among the Pines, &c."

Rev. Thos Street, of New York

Hon G. W. Curtis, of New York

An Officer Shot At—Shortly after 1 o'clock last night, detective officer Cassell came near being killed at the Northern Central depot, by a man who discharged a pistol at him. The officer was endeavoring to arrest the man, who ran behind a car, and upon the other hastening after him, the desperado discharged a pistol at Cassell, the powder from the weapon scorching the face of the officer. The latter immediately drew his revolver and fired several shots at the man, neither of which, however, struck him. The rascal, although pursued by a number of persons, managed to escape.

Billiard Contest—The billiard contest between Mr. Parker, of Chicago, and Mr. Kirtley, of this city, played last night in the saloon of Mr. Bowen, corner of North and Baltimore streets, resulted in favor of the former gentlemen, who beat his opponent upwards of one hundred points The game was for $500 - one thousand points—Parker to give Kirtley one hundred and fifty points The game was an exciting one, and was witnessed by a large and fashionable gentleman. The following were the returns made by the counters to tents:—Parker, 72, 65, 40, 39, 31, 26; Kirtley, 67, 51, 43, 38, 28, 27.

Dangerous Characters—There were received at the office of Col. Woolley yesterday, from Captain Pratt, Provost Marshal at Harper's Ferry, the following named persons, who are accused of being rebel sympathizers and dangerous characters: J. J. Cline, Abram Cooper, J. Newman, J. N. Lowers, John Rosenburger, Samuel W. Howe, and three men, each named Joseph Hough. The Houghs are accused of being concerned in the destruction of the houses at New Creek, during the late rebel raid on that place. The accused are now confined in the city jail.

Took the Oath.—James E. Stone, arrested on the 9 h of October last, charged with disloyalty, was released from custody yesterday upon taking the oath of allegiance. Sam'l and Richard Dorsey, Horatio Griffith, Frank Price and Sam Ryan, arrested November 27, were released from the city jail yesterday, upon taking the oath They had been arrested on the charge of being rebels, and running the blockade.

Funeral of Captain Waters—The funeral of this unfortunate gentleman, who was killed on Tuesday last on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, transpired yesterday, from his late residence on Eppleton street. The funeral was attended by the officers of the Franklin Lodge No 2, I. O. O. F., Salem Encampment No 2, I O O F., and Warren Lodge No. 51, Ancient and Accepted Masons

Forced to Disagree—George Merrell, formerly a captain in the Parnell Legion, arrested a few days since upon the charge of having defrauded a col red woman named Mary Powers, a resident of Calvert county, of $325, was released from the military prison upon refunding the money.

Released—Miller Jones, arrested on the 20th of November last, charged with running the blockade, and entering the Union lines without authority, was released from jail yesterday, there being no evidences to justify his further detention.

Banished—W. R Haughton, charged with having been engaged in blockade running, has been banished from this State by General Wallace, with orders not to recide south of Pennsylvania during the continuance of the war.

Locked Up.—Isaac White, charged with being a rebel Surgeon, was brought to the headquarters of Colonel Woolley, yesterday, for an examination, and he was locked up.

Fire—A few minutes past eight o'clock last night the roof of a dwelling, occupied by H. M. Snyder, situated on Franklin street, near Schroeder, was damaged by fire to the extent of $50 by a defect in the chimney—The property is owned by Mr. Joshua Carson, and is fully insured.

About half-past eight o'clock the engineer in the coal oil factory of Mr. Dubois, situated on the corner of Fremont and Russell streets, entered a room, and while applying a match to a gas burner the gas in the building ignited, and in an instant the room was in a blaze; in less than five minutes the flames had penetrated every portion of the building.

Major Allen, of the 2d Regular Artillery, stationed at Fort Federal Hill, being desirous of affording all the assistance possible to the firemen, dispatched a squad of soldiers, under charge of Lieut. Hewitt, to the scene of disaster, and by their generous conduct and hearty efforts succeeded in doing a vast amount of good. Two two-story and attic dwellings adjoining the oil factory, were set on fire and completely destroyed, with the household effects therein contained. The houses were occupied respectively by Mrs. Myers, a widow lady, who was in a few minutes rendered houseless and penniless by the conflagration, and Mr. Lightner, who also lost all his worldly effects. The oil factory, its contents and machinery were totally destroyed, involving a loss of upwards of $10,000, upon which Mr. Dubois has a policy of insurance of about $4,000

Relief of the Indigent Sick.—At the annual meeting of the "Society for the Relief of the Indigent Sick," held on the 26th ult., the following report of the Managers was rendered to the friends of this charitable enterprise, giving a brief outline of the operations during the past year:

"The managers in presenting their fortieth annual report to the benefactors and friends of this Association, thank you for the unwearied assistance you have tendered us for the past forty years, and we cannot now doubt your interest in and continued liberality towards this institution, which you have so long and so nobly sustained.

"We cannot but allude to the increased demands made upon your Managers. All are acquainted with the causes which now render an appeal to your benevolence more urgent than ever before. We feel confident that it will not be in vain.

"Through the instrumentality of your Managers 2725 families have been visited and relieved, 18 beneficiaries have died, 2 sent to the Almshouse, 1 to the Church Home and 1 to the hospital.

"We again thank you for your kind remembrance of us through the long past, and inform you with pleasure that a few of the beneficiaries of this useful institution still live to co-operate with the managers in the distribution of your bounty. Confident that you will continue to sustain this long tried institution while our beloved city shall need its help, we pray that the blessings of our Heavenly Father, and of those who were ready to perish, may ever rest upon you."

Charged with Robbery.—John Bishop and Wm. Causey, boys, were arrested last night on the charge of robbing Sylvester Lewis of $70, a pistol and a dirk knife. The property was stolen from the dwelling of Lewis, who resides at No. 202 Chestnut street. The boys were locked up in the Central station house for a hearing.

Sudden Death—At an early hour last night, a colored man named Wm. Richardson, residing in Stirling street, died suddenly in a tavern, No. 45 Lombard street, kept by Chas. Wilson. An inquest was held by Coroner Brewer, the jury rendering a verdict of death from causes unknown.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Last Night.—Mr. and Mrs. Watkins will close their brief, but brilliant engagement tonight at the Holliday street, and will present the drama of the Patriot Scout and the ever acceptable play of the Hidden Hand. This latter play was performed last night to a crowded audience, and the verdict expressed was, that it was the most pleasing adaptation of the story ever presented to our play goers. These persons who have read the story should see it in its dramatic form.

Front Street Theatre.—The wild dramas of Nick of the Woods and Six Degrees of Crime will be presented to-night at the above place of amusement. The principal characters will be sustained by Mr. and Miss Buchanan.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Before the Hon. Judge Giles. The following business occupied the attention of this Court yesterday:

The United States vs. The schooner Francis Hatch and cargo, seized in the port of Baltimore, on the 12th of November, 1864, alleged to have been proceeding from the port of New York to a port of Virginia declared by proclamation to be in insurrection. Case partially heard and postponed.

Court of Common Pleas—Before the Hon. Judge ——. The following business occupied the attention of this court on yesterday:

Edward M. Wise vs. Michael W. Templeman—action for damages claimed for an alleged assault committed upon a son of the plaintiff. Case tried before court. Held *sub curia*

Superior Court—Before Hon. Judge Martin. The following business occupied the attention of this Court on yesterday:

W. F. Dalrymple vs the Baltimore Marine Insurance Company—before reported. Verdict for plaintiff for $12,985 47. The jury were finally discharged.

Orphans' Court—Before the Hon Judges Anthon, Supplee and Hollmead. The following business occupied the attention of this Court yesterday:

Letters of administration were granted on the estate of Lewis H. Black to Ann M. Black, and on the estate of Amelia E. Williams to Stephen R Sterl

Criminal Court. Judge Dodd. John L. Thomas, Esq., State's Attorney, prosecuting. There was no cases tried yesterday. Adj'd until to-day.

[Reported for the Baltimore Clipper.]

TOWSONTOWN, Dec. 9, 1864

Circuit Court for Baltimore County. Before Hon Richard Grason, Judge. John T Ensor, Esq., prosecuting attorney for the State

Casper Granitz and John B. Damler, both indicted for an assault and battery, gave bail each in the sum of $200, with Peter Dill as bondsman.

His Honor here gave notice that the civil docket would be called on Wednesday next, provided a murder trial set for that day is not on trial, and notified the members of the Bar interested in the call of said docket to be present.

The Penitentiary was discharged until Monday morning, 10 o'clock, and the Court, after having transacted some little of general interest, adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock, when it will sit in Equity.

The magistrate's appeal docket will be taken up on Monday morning next

Reuben L. Price, Esq., a young, promising member of this bar, has been appointed Deputy State's Attorney for Baltimore County, by John T. Ensor, Esq., State's Attorney, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Frederick Pinkney.

☞ A German and his wife got in the cars the other day in Albany, and left their baggage and a baby in the seat The train went on, the baby screamed, the left mother was in a panic, and the conductor was blue. Things were righted at Schenectady

There are over 1 000 proprietors of cabs and carriages licensed in Dublin. There is a great improvement in the vehicle; the old "covered car" has almost entirely disappeared and cabs have been substituted

☞ Some rascals have mutilated the plaster cast of the Megatherium placed in the State Cabinet at Albany by Charles F Wadsworth, son of the late Gen Wadsworth. It is a life size copy of the specimen in the British Museum

☞ Six miners were suffocated at the Red Ash colliery, near Minersville, Pa., recently. They had gone to the mine to clear away the rubbish caused by a blast, when it all taken out a few hours afterwards, dead.

☞ Jeremiah Dodge, of Thetford, Vermont, formerly a prominent citizen in this county, committed suicide by cutting his throat on the morning of the 9 h ult. He had been insane for several years

☞ The "elder sister rages" Mr. Noah P. Sherry, of Clarkton, Geauga county, had 35 sheep out of a flock of 135 killed and wounded by dogs, in a single night last week.

☞ An edition of Tennyson's poems for the masses is to be published in England in semi monthly six penny parts. It will include a poem never before printed.

☞ The merchants of New Haven have just sent to the soldiers of their State three hundred and fifty pairs of gloves and one hundred pairs of mittens

☞ The New England Hospital for Women and Children in Boston was reopened lately at its new quarters, and is now in successful operation.

☞ The latest lunacy in Englishman, who has visited our shores, has given as his opinion that our young men are smoking them selves to death.

☞ The city of New Haven has voted an extra bounty of $500 to recruits, and has appropriated $160 000 for the purpose.

☞ If the storm of adversity whistles around you, whistle as bravely yourself; for I hope the two whistles may make melody

☞ The Newark (N. J.) papers complain of the increase of the lottery business in that city.

☞ The pay rolls of the four largest corporations in Lawrence, Mass., are at the rate of $2 700,000 per annum.

☞ A hundred thousand people flocked to Newgate street to see Muller hanged.

☞ Madrid is much tickled with a snow storm which recently whitened the city.

MARYLAND NEWS ITEMS

LAND SALES.—Mr James G. Redden has sold his farm, near town containing near 200 acres, to Mr. Jacob L Zook, of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, for $9,000. It is a healthy and desirable residence

Mr. Redden has also sold the "Mansion Farm," formerly the residence of the late Wm. Jones, near Hedgesstown, to Mr. J. W. Cline, of Cumberland county, Pa., but at what price we have not learned.

Mr. Redden also sold his Barrsville farm near the Delaware line, to Mr. Tobias Miller, of Cumberland county, Pa., containing 100 acres for $3,500.

We would advise all persons, whether residents here or elsewhere, who wish to purchase farms in this county, to do so speedily, before the price of lands go up. They are cheap at present, but how long they will remain so, now that Maryland is a free State, no one can tell.—*Denton Union*.

WASHINGTON COUNTY RAILROAD.—Engineers have been engaged, for some time in making surveys for the extension of this projected Railroad. Several routes have been already surveyed, passing at or near to Keedysville, three miles below Boonsboro', and one making this place a point. They are now engaged on a route which passes through Boonsboro', intersecting Potomac street near the Stone Church. Considerable of this property is being awakened among our citizens, in regard to this enterprise, as all must see the great advantages a railroad would be to the community. Let us seize the opportunity now offered us, to have communication with the Commercial metropolis of the State; for if last season it will be impossible to get such amount of stock subscribed be doubled immediately, and we have no doubt we can secure the benefits which will follow in the track of the iron horse as he whirls his onward way through the fertile fields of our beautiful valley.—*Boonsboro' Odd Fellow*.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—Albert Small, Esq., as Trustee, offers through the medium of our columns to-day, some very excellent real estate lying in this county, to which we invite the attention of capitalists and others desirous of making good investment of their surplus funds. See advertisement, and remember the day of sale.—*Odd Fellow*.

BRANDY.—We learn that the house of Mr. John Smith, in the Clearspring District, was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 29th ult. A great portion of its contents were saved. The fire was the result of an accident. Loss not known.—*Odd Fellow*.

WE ARE gratified to learn that application has been made to the Governor for the pardon of James Harris, colored, who was convicted in our Circuit Court for assisting his children to escape from the bondage of slavery, and sentenced to the State Penitentiary for the term of six years and six months. We sincerely hope he will receive his liberty, and be enabled to meet his children on free soil, without the fear of being incarcerated in the Penitentiary. His pardon, we know, will receive the approbation of the Union citizens of Allegany county.—*Cumberland Civilian*.

☞ The "City of Boston," a new screw steamer, built at Glasgow, for the Liverpool, New York and Philadelphia Steamship Company, was launched on the 14th ult. She is 252 feet long over all, 39 feet beam, and 27 feet 6 inches deep. She is 2,276 tons and 300 horse power. She will be ship rigged.

☞ A panic was lately caused in the Surry Theatre, London, by the thoughtlessness of a tipsy sailor who shouted "Fire." A general rush was made toward the doors, and the alarm was with difficulty allayed. No lives were lost, but several ladies fainted and a number of persons were severely crushed.

☞ The True Presbyterian, published in Louisville, Kentucky, and edited by Dr. Stuart Robinson, for many months in Canada for his country's good, has been suspended by order of General Burbridge, on account of its disloyal and treasonable course.

☞ It is estimated that 875,000,000 herrings are sold annually in the streets of London.

☞ The Wisconsin State prison is vacant, and the jailor is away on a vacation.

MINIATURE ALMANAC FOR 1864.

DECEMBER.	Sun rises	Sun sets.	Moon's Phases.
5-Monday....	7 21	4 39	
6-Tuesday....	7 21	4 39	
7-Wednesday	7 22	4 38	DECEMBER.
8-Thursday..	7 22	4 37	D. H. M.
9-Friday....	7 12	4 37	New 33 4 23 a
10-Saturday..	7 23	4 37	First qr 8 11 17 m
11-Sunday....	7 23	4 37	Full 15 9 17 m
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MARINE AFFAIRS.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, December 9, 1864.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Adelaide, Cannon, from Old Point, Va—to M N Falls.

Steamer Hiawatha, Fowler, from New York—mdse to J A Shriver.

Steamer Josephine Thompson, Moore, fm New York—mdse to J A Shriver

Schr Jane Sheriver, Jeannie, fm Philadelphia—mdse to J A Shriver.

Schr Isaac Herle, Gray, from Hangor—to Kelsey & Gray.

CLEARED.

Steamer Adelaide, Cannon, Old Point.

Steamer John S Shriver, Dennis, Philadelphia.

SAILED.

Ship Capreis, (Ir) Rotterdam—in tow of steaming Mary Shaw.

Schr Golden West, (Br) Nassau, N P.

ARRIVALS FROM BALTIMORE.

Schr Hampton Bells, Hampton, New York, 8th inst.

CLEARANCES FOR BALTIMORE.

Bark Mathilde, (Br) Treviranus, New York, 8th inst.

Schr Ocean Bird, Conir, New York, 8th instant.

Schr Rio Grande, Nelson, New York, 8th instant.

MEMORANDA.

Brig Gilmore Meredith, Snow, from Philadelphia for Port Royal, at Delaware Breakwater, 6th inst.

Schr Exchange, Sylvester, from Glouchester for Baltimore, arrived at New York, 8th inst.

Schr Presto, Briggs hence, for Providence, at Fall River, 7th inst.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALE AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

Furnished by Leonard J. Tormey, Stock and Bill Broker, No. 22 South Street.

14,600	American Gold (large)		241⅞
11,839	do	do (large)	241⅞
1,000	do	do (large)	241⅞
6,000	do	do (large)	241⅞
700	do	do (large)	241⅞
1,200	do	do (large)	241⅞
2,450	U. S. 6-20's		105⅝
1,750	do	do	105⅝
3,000	do	do	105⅝
300	Baltimore City 6's, '90		101
75	shares City Passenger R.		18⅝
200	shares Maryland Copper Co b30		76
50	shares Atlantic Coal Co. b30		1.40
50	shares Laurel Coal and Oil Co		5 25
1,000	do	do do b30	5.45
5,000	shares Western Md. R. R.		90
100	shares Santa Clara		23⅛

SECOND BOARD.

3,000	American Gold, (large)	s10	240⅞
2,000	do	do (large)	s6 240⅞
1,600	do	do (large)	240⅞
11,092	do	do (large)	241
4,000	do	do (large)	b30 240
950	do	do (large)	b30 241⅛
5,500	do	do (large)	s10 241⅛
4,500	do	do (large)	s10 241⅛
	10 shares Farmers' & Mechanics' bk		41⅛
1,000	Virginia 6's		56
500	do	do	56
1,500	North Carolina 6's		60
900	shares Bare Hill, b10		3.10
1,000	shares Atlantic Coal Co.,		1.90
200	shares Hampden Coal Co.		1.55
400	shares Santa Clara		23⅛
300	do	do b30	24⅛

Prices of Stocks and Bonds in N. York, Dec 9.

Through L. J. Tormey, Stock and Bill Broker, No 22 South Street.

	1st Bd.	2d Bd.
United States 6's, 1881, Coupon	116⅜	116
" " 5-20's	106⅝	106⅝
" " in currency	97⅜	97⅜
American Gold	241	240
Tennessee 6's	56	...
Virginia 6's	...	...
North Carolina 6's	...	...
Missouri 6's	62⅝	...
Canton Company	51⅜	50⅜
Cumberland Coal and Iron Co	108⅝	50
Quicksilver	58	58
New York Central Railroad	121⅜	121
Erie Railway Company	93⅝	94⅜
" Preferred	105⅝	105
Hudson River Railroad	115⅝	115
Harlem Railroad	...	...
Reading Railroad	126	126
Michigan Central Railroad	129⅛	129
Michigan S. and N. Ind R. R.	73⅜	72⅜
Illinois Central Railroad	130⅜	129⅜
Cleveland and Pittsburg R R.	114⅜	114⅜
Chicago and Northwestern R. R.	54⅜	54⅜
" Preferred	76⅜	76⅜
Cleveland and Toledo Railroad	116⅜	116⅜
Chicago and Rock Island R. R.	106⅜	106⅜
Milwaukee & Prairie du Chien	74	73
Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago	105⅜	105
St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute	...	...
Tone of the Market	Weak.	Dull.

By Telegraph from New York, 4 o'clock P. M.

American Gold	240
N. Y. Central	120⅜
Erie	93⅝
Southern	73
Pittsburg	110⅜
C. & N. Western	63
Rock Island	105⅜
Fort Wayne	105⅜
Cumberland Coal and Iron Company	50⅜
Canton Company	75⅜
Hudson	115
Reading Railroad	126
Tone of the market	Firm.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

December 9, 1864.

COFFEE—Rio is in more demand and very firm at 47@48 cents.

FLOUR—Inquiry more active and prices tending upwards. Sales included 100 bbls. Howard Street Super at $11 25, and 1,000 bbls shipping brands of Western Extra at $11 50 per bbl. We quote

Howard Street Super		@11 12½
" "	Shipping Ex.	11 50 @11 75
" "	Retailing Ex.	11 75 @12 00
" "	Family	12 00 @12 50
Ohio Super		11 00 @11 12½
" "	Shipping Extra	11 25 @11 50
" "	Retailing Extra	11 50 @11 75
" "	Family	12 00 @12 50
City Mills Standard Super		11 00 @11 00
" "	Shipbrands Extra	12 50 @13 00
Baltimore Family		14 00 @15 00
"	High-grades Extra	13 00 @14 00

Rye Flour—First quality is in fair demand at $9 50@9 75.

Corn Meal—City Mills quiet, but steady at $5.

GRAIN—Sales reported at $2 85 for prime Kentucky White Wheat, and at $2 80@2 90 for fair to prime Maryland do, and at $2 75@2 85 for Md. red; supply light and market firm. Corn remains quiet; sales of damp new White at $1 00@1 01; dry do at $1 03@1 07; old do. at $1 09; new Yellow at $1 00@1 02, and old do. at $1 06@1 07. Oats sold at 94 cents, weight, a decline of 2 cents. Rye inactive and nominal at $1 20.

PROVISIONS.—Very little doing and prices nominal, viz: Bacon Shoulders 20½@ic. Sides 22½@23 cents; Sugar-cured Hams 22@25 cts; plain do. 20 cts; Mess Pork $39@39 50; bulk Shoulders 18½ cts; Sides 19⅜ cts; sugar pickled Hams 29½ cts; Western Lard 23½@24 cts; and city refined 27 cts.

MOLASSES.—All varieties are held with more firmness and the demand is improving. We quote Cuba at 80@85c; New Orleans, 75@85 cents; English Island at 85@95 cts, and Porto Rico 90@100 cents.

SEEDS—Clover is in moderate demand at 9½@10c. Timothy is quoted at $3.62½@5.75, and Flaxseed at $2.60.

SALT.—Liverpool is dull and heavy—Ground Alum we quote at $2 40, and ordinary brands of fine at $1.40@1.50 Sack. Bulk is nominal at $1 75 ₩ bushel.

SUGARS.—Market very firm, owing to the reduced stock and advance in gold. We quote:

Cuba and P. L. fair to good refining		18½@20.00
" " "	good gr'y	21 0@22 00
" " "	prime gr'y	22.50@22 50
Porto Rico fair to good		21 00@21 50
" "	prime to good gr'y	23.50@24.00

WHISKY.—Sales reported at $1.99½; the inside figure for second hand 14 hoop packages.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8, 1864.

Receipts of Produce since our last, 181 bbls. Ashes 26,517 bbls. Flour, 2,466 bags Corn Meal, 300 bushels Wheat, 10,443 bushels corn 29 227 bushels Oats, 1,046 packages Provisions, and 378 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Are scarce and quiet at irregular prices.

COFFEE—Is in moderate demand, and held with much firmness.

COTTON—Is attracting more attention, at buoyant prices. Middling $1.28@1 30 ₩ lb. Sales to-day and resales since our last, 1,000 bales.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—State and Western Flour has been in good demand at a further advance of 10c. ₩ bbl—sales since our last am